

Supermax System V

Running Pascal Assembler Compiler

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1.2 Running Supermax Pascal-Assembler Compiler

1. Introduction.

This manual describes the use of the Pascal to Assembler compiler pta and the program pac, which creates a load module from a Pascal source code and external procedures and functions written in Pascal or C. See the Pascal C Interface Manual for writing external procedures and functions in C.

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2. The Compiler.2.1 Running the Compiler.

There exist two Pascal compilers which translate from Pascal source code to assembler source code. The compilers are located in the files /pbin/pta and /pbin/pta20. /pbin/pta is generates code to run on a Supermax with a mc68000 processor, (which can also run on a mc68020 processor). /pbin/pta20 generates code to run on a mc68020 processor (which cannot run on a mc68000 processor). Both compilers check the value of the environment TARGETMC which must be set to either 68000 or 68020. If the value of TARGETMC differs from 68000 /pbin/pta terminates without compiling; if the value is different from 68020 /pbin/pta20 terminates without compiling.

Both compilers may execute in either parameter mode or in dialog mode.

When +q is given as parameter the compilers ask questions (user input shown underlined):

```
$ pta +q
Source code file:      tst.p
Asm-code file:        tst.s
List option (t/l/ /q): l
List file:             tst.list
Conditions:           d
Statistics (y/n):     y
```

Source code file:

The source code file is the file containing the source code of the Pascal program. It will normally (but not necessarily) be of type p.

Asm-code file:

The asm-code file is the file in which the translated program i.e. the assembler source code should be stored. It must be of type s.

List option:

The listoption may be used to control the list output produced by the compiler. The listoptions recognized by the compiler are T (t), L (l), and Q (q). The listoption may be changed during a compilation using the L and Q compile time options (see section 2.2).

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If L, l, T, or t is specified as the listoption, and the compiler is executed in dialog mode the compiler will ask for the name of the file in which to store a source listing of the compiled program.

If L (l) is specified as the listoption, the compiler will produce a source listing of the compiled program including the number of each source line compiled, as well as the block level (the number of RECORDs, BEGINS, REPEATs, and statement CASEs minus the number of ENDS, UNTILs, and OTHERWISEs processed) before the line is compiled. Error messages will appear in the list file just after the line in which the error was detected.

If T (t) is specified as the listoption, the compiler will produce the same output as mentioned under L above, but after each record declaration the size of the record will be output.

The Q (q) listoption suppresses all output except error messages.

If an illegal listoption is specified or if no listoption is specified, the compiler will use the output device to keep the operator informed about the progress of the compilation by displaying the source line number and the name of the procedure currently being compiled plus a dot for each line compiled. Error messages will appear on the output device together with a printout of the line in which the error was detected.

Conditions:

Conditions is simply a number of capital letters that control the conditional compilation, see section 2.2. If the program contains compiler directives such as (*\$XH*)....(*\$X-*), the code between the two compiler directives will be compiled only if the letter H is among the letters given in the conditions parameter.

Statistics:

If the statistics question is answered 'y' or 'Y' the generated code will contain instructions that count the number of times each procedure/function is called. The result will be placed in a file called profile.out after normal termination of the compiled program.

The parameter mode corresponding to the dialog mode shown in the start of the section is:

```
$ pta -i tst.p -o tst.s -Ll -T tst.list -Cd -py
```

The default values are:

for `asmcode` - the name of the source code file with type `s` instead of `p`

for `listop` - blank

for `cond` - no conditions

for `stat` - `n`

Compilation may be aborted at any time by entering a `ctrl c` at the terminal that was used to start the compilation. Using `ctrl c` will not kill other Pascal programs running in the background on the same terminal, and no trace dump will be produced.

2.2 Compile Time Options.

The compilers may be instructed to generate code according to certain options; in particular, it may be requested to insert or omit run-time test instructions, and it may be requested to include files. Compiler directive are written as comments and are designated as such by a `$`-character as the first character of the comment:

```
(*<option sequence>*)
```

The option sequence is a sequence of instructions separated by commas. Each instruction consists of a letter, designating the option, followed either by a plus (+) if the option is to be activated or a minus (-) if the action is to be passivated, or by a digit, or by a filename. Example:

```
(*C+,Ideclfile*)
```

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Illegal syntax in a compiler directive is not reported by the compiler, but the results are unpredictable.

The following options are currently available:

- B causes the compiler to generate line numbers referring to the lines in the listing of the program produced by the compiler and not (as default) relative to the source code file, the line originates from. (Also see option D).
- C causes the compiler to generate I/O check instructions after each statement which performs any I/O. The instruction checks to see if the I/O operation was accomplished successfully. In the case of an unsuccessful I/O operation the program will be terminated with a Supermax I/O error message. Note that no I/O check instructions are generated after RESET, REWRITE, LOCK, or CHAIN procedure calls.

When automatic I/O checking is off, the user must check the value of the IORESULT function after each I/O operation.

- C+ I/O check instructions are generated (default).
- C- I/O check instructions are not generated.
- D causes the compiler to generate line numbers in the assembler code. If a run time error occurs the program will print the number for the source line corresponding to the code that was executed when the error occurred, along with the name of the file containing the source code. Each line number generated occupies 6 bytes in the final code.
 - D+ line number are generated (default).
 - D- line number are not generated.
- F includes a file containing global declarations (to be used in several modules of one program) into the compilation. The characters between 'F' and the terminating '*' are taken as the file name of the source file to be included. The comment must be

closed at the end of the file name, therefore no other options can follow the file name.

Example: (*\$F/usr/abc/decl.p*)

- G determines whether Pascal GOTO statements are allowed within the program. This option may be used to restrict novice programmers from using the GOTO statement in situations where structured constructs like FOR, WHILE, REPEAT, and CASE statements would be more appropriate

G+ allows the use of the GOTO statement.

G- causes the compiler to generate a syntax error upon encountering a GOTO statement (default).

- I includes a source file into the compilation. The characters between 'I' and the terminating '*' are taken as the file name of the source file to be included. The comment must be closed at the end of the file name, therefore no other options can follow the file name.

Example: (*\$I/usr/an/test.p*)

The compiler cannot keep track of nested inclusions, that is, an included file is not allowed to have an include file compiler directive. This would result in a fatal syntax error. If nested inclusions are wanted, the Pascal pre-processor can be used. Note that files included by \$I are included during the compilation, while files included by the pre-processor are included before compilation.

- L controls whether the compiler should generate a program listing of the following source text. This directive is analogous to the L listoption discussed in section 2.1. The default value of this option is set by the listoption when the compiler is started.

L+ start output of source listing in the list file.

L- stop output of source listing.

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M This option only has meaning if the heapsize of the pta compiler is different from zero (otherwise the heap is only limited by the size of memory, see section 4). The option causes the compiler to output the number of bytes remaining in the heap of the compiler. This number gives the user a hint as to whether a compiler run time error 'Heap overflow' may be expected if the program is expanded. The heap grows with each declaration of an identifier. The heap size can be changed by the program setheap (see section 4).

N This letter must be followed by two digits. These digits are taken as an integer, and the number of lines per page in a program listing is set to this number.

For example (*\$N30*)

O This option controls the optimization of the final assembler code. A variety of peephole optimization is performed including; jump to next ins.; jump; constant propagation; etc.

O+ turns optimization on (default).

O- turns optimization off.

Programs compiled with the O option set will run slightly faster and require less code.

P causes the compiler to skip to a new page on the printer if the compiler is generating a source listing on the printer at the time when the P compiler directive is encountered.

Q is the 'quiet compiler' option which can be used to suppress the output to the output device of procedure names, line numbers, and dots detailing the progress of the compilation. This compiler directive is analogous to the Q listoption discussed in section 2.1. The default value of this option is set by the listoption when the compiler is started.

Q+ causes the compiler to suppress output to the output device.

Q- causes the compiler to output procedure names, line numbers, and dots to the console device.

- R This option controls whether the compiler should output additional code to perform checking on array and string subscripts and assignments to variables of subrange types.

R+ turns range checking on (default).

R- turns range checking off.

Programs compiled with the R option set will run slightly faster and require less code; however, if an invalid index occurs or an invalid assignment is made, the program will not be terminated with a run time error. Until a program has been completely tested and is known to be correct, it is usually best to compile with the R+ option set. Note that certain string indexing errors (index<0 or >255) are detected even if range checking is disabled.

- S This option makes it possible to use arbitrary ascii characters in strings and as character constants. S must be followed by a character. This character is denoted an escape character. In strings and character constants this escape character can be given followed by two hexadecimal digits. The two hexadecimal digits specify an ascii character. When a character no longer should be used as escape character the escape character can be deleted by the compile time option S followed by -. Default escape character is '-'. Example:

```
(*S\$\*)  
writeln('error\07'); (* writes error and beeps *)  
(*S\$-*)
```

- U,V both options are generated by the Pascal Pre-processor making the compiler able to print correct line numbers and filenames on discovering syntax errors. These options should not be used by the programmer.

- X specifies code which is to be compiled only under certain conditions. This directive takes the form (*\$Xn*), where n is either a capital letter or a minus sign. If n is a capital letter the following code is compiled only if that letter was given in

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the conditions parameter when the compiler was started (see section 2.1). If n is a minus sign the following code is compiled unconditionally. This conditional compilation facility is useful if two almost identical versions of a program are desired; for example, certain statements producing test output may be conditionally compiled so that it is easy to switch from a test version of a program to a non-test version. Conditional compilation can also be obtained using Pre-processor commands.

Example:

Assume that the following program resides in the file tst.p:

```
PROGRAM TEST;
BEGIN
  WRITELN('COMMON');
  (*$XT*) WRITELN('TTT'); (*$X-*)
  WRITELN('COMMON');
  (*$XQ*) WRITELN('QQQ'); (*$X-*)
  WRITELN('COMMON');
END.
```

If this program is compiled in the following manner:

```
$ pta -i tst.p
```

it will be equivalent with the following program:

```
PROGRAM TEST;
BEGIN
  WRITELN('COMMON');
  WRITELN('COMMON');
  WRITELN('COMMON');
END.
```

If the program is compiled as follows:

```
$ pta -i tst.p -CQ
```

it will be equivalent with the following program:

```
PROGRAM TEST;  
BEGIN  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
  WRITELN('QQQ');  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
END.
```

If, finally, the program is compiled this way:

```
$ pta -i tst.p -CQT
```

it will be equivalent with the following program:

```
PROGRAM TEST;  
BEGIN  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
  WRITELN('TTT');  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
  WRITELN('QQQ');  
  WRITELN('COMMON');  
END.
```


3. The pac Program.

pac is a program which depending on what types of files and what options are given executes on or more of the programs ppp, pta (or pta20), as (or as20), and ld in order to compile a pascal program. In addition to this pac can take c-routines as input and using the appropriate c-compiler create a relocatable file.

pac will check if the environment TARGETMC is set to 68000 or 68020. If not pac terminates without compiling. Otherwise pac uses the value of the environment in selecting which programs to run and which standard libraries to use in the link fase.

pac works as follows:

- a file of type p is sent through the preprocessor before output from the preprocessor is sent on to the compiler.
- a file of type pp is given directly to the compiler.
- if a file of type p and the option -P is given to pac the file will be given directly to the compiler.

The following options can be given to pac:

- o after -o the name of the resulting file is given.
- L may be followed by l, L, t, T, q or space. If space is written the preprocessor and the compiler will output a dot for each line. If q is written output will be suppressed and if l,L,T or t is given the compiler will produce a listing of the program. If -T option is not given the listing will be placed in <xxx>.list given the name of the sourcefile is <xxx>.p.
- T must be followed by a space and the name of the file in which the program listing should be placed, if listoption t, T, l, or L has been given.
- C the letters written following C are given to the compiler as conditions.

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- P type p files are given directly to the compiler
- p the compiler generates statistical code
- S pac stops after having generated the assembly language code
- c pac stops after having produced the relocatable file (type o)
- O the optimizer is evoked after compilation af C-modules
- v verbose: pac keeps score on standard output what fase it is currently executing.

Example:

```
$ pac -o tst tst.p tst1.p ext.c -CM
```

First pac will send tst.p and tst1.p to the preprocessor which will be executed with listoption q. Output from the preprocessor will be used as input for the compiler and the modules will be compiled using condition M. Then the assembler is evoked and the relocatable modules tst.o and tst1.o are created.

Next the cc program will be evoked in order to compile ext.c and ext.o is created.

Finally the linker will be evoked to link together the created relocatable files and the runtime libraries.

Note: when pac executes the linker one and only one of the relocatable modules must contain a main program.

4. Stack and Heap.

All loadmodules contain a stacksize which can be changed by the program `chstack` (see Supermax Operating System User's Manual Section 8). In addition a Pascal loadmodule contains a heapsize which can be changed by the program `setheap` (see section 4.3).

4.1 How to determine stacksize.

Every loadmodule - be it a module originating from a Pascal, C, or other language source code - makes use of a so-called stack. The stack is used by a running program to store values concerning the specific subroutines currently executed, for instance parameters, local variables, the return address, and for functions also the return value.

A running process uses segment 13 as stack area. Segment 2 contains the actual code of the program and segment 3 contains data. Data consists of all globally declared variables and the static structures of those relocatable modules that were linked together to form the loadmodule. What Pascal programs are concerned segment 3 also contains the heap area.

Every time a subroutine is invoked stack area is reserved for this call of the routine, and when the program returns from the routine the area is given free. If for instance a routine requires N bytes of stack area and it is called recursively, the amount of bytes available on the stack prior to the initial call of the routine must be at least N times the number of levels in the recursion.

The necessary size of the stack depends on the specific program. Pascal programs containing a call of the standard procedure `CHAIN` always require a stack of at least 8 K ($0x2000$) bytes due to the demands of the routine used by the pascal run time system to make a new process.

A review of the routines a program is built of often makes it possible to determine a relevant stack size for the program. Consider the following pieces of a pascal program:

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```
.  
.
type large = array (1..10,1..1000) of integer;
var big : large;
.
procedure eat_stack(big:large);
begin
.
.
end;
begin (* main program *)
.
.
  eat_stack(big);
.
.
end.
```

When `eat_stack` is called the program requires stack area to store the call-by-value parameter `big` - this parameter alone takes up $10 \times 1000 \times 2 = 20000$ bytes and using a stack size less than this will cause an error during run time.

If `big` had been declared as a call-by-reference (`var`) parameter it would have taken up only 4 bytes on the stack (being the address of `big`).

The stack size of a program can be set/read/changed by the program `chstack`:

```
$ chstack tst
```

outputs the current amount of bytes allocated as stack when the program `tst` is called.

```
$ chstack -s 0x4000 tst
```

sets/changes the stack size to 0x4000 bytes.

4.2 Dynamic stack allocation.

Some Supermax machines support so-called dynamic allocation of stack space, meaning that a running program can allocate more stack space when needed. Thus the size set by `chstack` is no more an ultimate upper limit on the stack.

The routines that utilize dynamic stack allocation have been implemented in the pascal assembler system analogous to the way it works for C programs.

The routines used depend on the environment `STACKCHECK`. `STACKCHECK` can be set to three different values:

```
STACKCHECK=ON (default)
STACKCHECK=OFF
STACKCHECK=TEST (only mc68020)
```

If `STACKCHECK=ON` or the environment is not set at all or it is set to something different than the three above mentioned values the compiler `/pbin/pta` (or `/pbin/pta20`) will generate code, that uses the C-routine `spgrow` to allocate stack space. If `STACKCHECK=TEST` the compiler will generate code using a special quicker facility in the operating system to allocate stack space (this facility is of now only implemented in operating systems for mc68020 processors). If `STACKCHECK=OFF` no code for dynamic stack space allocation will be generated.

If the machine does not support dynamic stack space allocation the stack size of the program should be set using `chstack`. For further information on stack sizes see "Supermax Operating System, System V, Reference Manual", `exec(2)`, bottom of page 3.

4.3 The heap.

If a Pascal program uses heap space (run time storage allocation), that is if the program contains `call(s)` of the standard subroutine `NEW`, it can either be allowed to allocate storage up to a limit set in the loadmodule or unlimited (only limited by the storage available).

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The limit set in the loadmodule can be 0 (zero) which is default or a value greater than 0. The default value 0 causes the program to dynamically allocate storage when it is needed, and the allowed amount is unlimited. If the limit is greater than 0 the allowed amount of heap space is allocated when the program is started. Programs with no limit run slightly slower than programs with a limit.

The program `/sbin/setheap` can be used to change the limit in the loadmodule. It can be run in either parameter or dialog mode. When `+q` is given to the program it asks questions (user input showed underlined):

```
$ setheap +q  
Enter file name: tst  
Enter heap size: 0x00a000
```

Thereafter the heapsize in the loadmodule `tst` is `a000` hexadecimal.

The analogous parameter mode is:

```
$ setheap -i tst -h 0xa000
```

The heapsize can be given in octal, decimal or hexadecimal notation. An octal number must be preceded by `'0'`, and a hexadecimal by `'0x'` or `'0X'`.

5. Implementation Size Limits.

The following is a list of limitations imposed upon the user by the current implementation of the Supermax Pascal Assembler Compiler:

- 1) The maximum number of characters in a STRING variable is 255.
- 2) The maximum number of characters in a LONGSTRING variable is 32767.
- 3) The maximum number of characters in a CSTRING variable is 32767.
- 4) The maximum number of procedures or functions is 512.
- 5) The maximum number of nested blocks is 13.
- 6) The maximum number of internal object code in a procedure or function is 16000. Approx. 50k final code.
- 7) Local variables in a procedure or function can occupy a maximum of 1024K.
- 8) A set element must be in the range from 0 to 4079.

Appendix A. Compile Time Error Messages.

Errors with numbers > 400 cause the compiler to terminate.

- 1: error in simple type
- 2: identifier expected
- 4: ')' expected
- 5: ':' or '..' expected
- 6: symbol illegal in context (may be missing ';' on the line above or ';' in front of ELSE)
- 7: error in parameter list
- 8: 'OF' expected
- 9: '(' expected
- 10: error in type
- 11: '(.' expected
- 12: '.)' expected
- 13: 'END' expected
- 14: ';' expected
- 15: integer expected
- 16: '=' expected
- 17: 'BEGIN' expected
- 18: error in declaration part
- 19: error in <field list>
- 20: ',' expected
- 21: '.' expected
- 50: error in constant
- 51: ':=' expected
- 52: 'THEN' expected
- 53: 'UNTIL' expected
- 54: 'DO' expected
- 55: 'TO' or 'DOWNTO' expected in FOR-statement
- 56: 'EXITIF' expected
- 57: 'ENDLOOP' expected
- 58: error in <factor> (bad expression)
- 59: error in variable

- 101: identifier declared twice
- 102: low bound exceeds high bound
- 103: identifier is not of the appropriate class (may be a type identifier used where a variable is required)

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- 104: undeclared identifier
- 105: sign not allowed
- 106: number expected
- 107: incompatible subrange types
- 108: file not allowed here
- 109: type must not be real
- 110: <tagfield> type must be scalar or subrange
- 111: incompatible with <tagfield> part
- 113: index type must be a scalar or a subrange
- 114: base type must not be real
- 115: base type must be a scalar or a subrange
- 116: error in type of standard procedure parameter
- 117: unsatisfied forward reference
- 119: re-specified parameters not ok for a forward or global declared procedure
- 120: function result type must be scalar, subrange or pointer
- 121: file value parameter not allowed
- 122: a forward declared function's result type cannot be respecified
- 123: missing result type in function declaration
- 125: error in type of standard function parameter
- 126: number of parameters does not agree with declaration
- 127: illegal parameter substitution
- 128: result type does not agree with declaration
- 129: type conflict of operands
- 130: expression is not of set type
- 131: tests on equality allowed only
- 132: strict inclusion not allowed
- 133: file comparison not allowed
- 134: illegal type of operand(s)
- 135: type of operand must be boolean
- 136: set element type must be scalar or subrange
- 137: set element types must be compatible
- 138: type of variable is not array
- 139: index type is not compatible with the declaration
- 140: type of variable is not record
- 141: type of variable must be file or pointer
- 142: illegal parameter solution
- 143: illegal type of loop control variable
- 144: illegal type of expression
- 145: type conflict

- 146: assignment of files not allowed
- 147: label type incompatible with selecting expression
- 148: subrange bounds must be scalar
- 149: index type must not be integer
- 150: assignment to standard function is not allowed
- 152: no such field in this record
- 153: type error in read
- 154: actual parameter must be a variable
- 155: control variable cannot be formal or non-local
- 156: multidefined case label
- 158: no such variant in this record
- 159: real or string tagfields not allowed
- 160: previous declaration was not forward
- 161: procedure has allready been forward declared
- 162: parameter size must be constant
- 163: missing variant in declaration
- 165: multidefined label
- 166: multideclared label
- 167: undeclared label
- 168: undefined label
- 169: error in base set
- 173: externaloption not specified when compilation was started
- 174: parameter universal declared in non external procedure
- 175: only files and unpacked array may be universal declared
- 176: parameter declared as cstring in non-external procedure
- 177: parameter of type power must be variable declared in external procedure declaration
- 178: comparison not allowed on cstring
- 180: constant outside range
- 181: division by zero in constant expression
- 182: overflow in constant expression
- 183: case constant to large

- 190: inclusion of global declarations not allowed in external module
- 191: inclusion of global declarations must be before other declarations
- 192: only one inclusion of global declarations allowed
- 193: only procedure/function declarations allowed in subprograms
- 194: global procedure/function declaration not allowed in external module

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- 195: only procedure/function declarations allowed after const, type or var declarations in external module or only procedure/function declarations allowed in subprograms
- 196: external declaration of routines allowed only on level 1
- 201: error in real number - digit expected
- 202: string constant must not exceed source line
- 203: integer constant exceeds range
- 204: illegal hexadecimal character

- 250: too many scopes of nested identifiers
- 251: too many nested procedures or functions
- 253: procedure too long
- 254: CASE statement too long
- 258: var declaration too big

- 397: implementation restriction
- 398: implementation restriction
- 399: implementation restriction

- 400: illegal character in text
- 401: unexpected end of input
- 403: 'PROGRAM' expected
- 408: include control comment not allowed in inclusion file
- 409: error in parameters to the Pascal compiler omitted

- 500: too many generated identifiers (This maximum is well beyond half a million!)

- 10xxx: error during open of inclusion file
- 11xxx: error during open of source file
- 12xxx: error during create/open of assembler-code file
- 15xxx: error during output to assembler-code file
- 16xxx: error during input from source file
- 18xxx: error during open of list file

In the error messages with numbers ≥ 10000 the last three digits represent the Supermax Operating System error code (see Supermax System Operation Guide Appendix A).

Appendix B. Run Time Error Messages & Their Handling.

When a Pascal-Assembler program is run, run time exception may occur. If an exception condition is detected it is reported in the following way:

Run-time error - dump:

Exception cause <exception text>

Execution stopped at line <no> in (sub)program <name>

Call trace:

line number procedure name (sub)program name

After this heading a trace of the called procedures will occur.

<exception text> will be replaced by one of the following depending on the detected exception:

- ILL. INS. (illegal instruction)
- FLOAT (float error)
- BUSEERROR
- ADDRESS
- ALPHABETIC COMPARISON
- ZERODIV (division by zero)
- RANGE (invalid index or range of variable exceeded)
- OVERFLOW (arithmetic overflow)
- I/O
- COPY (more than 255 characters in record in sequential file)
- CONCAT
- EXIT
- HEAP CREATION
- HEAP OVERFLOW
- HEAP ALLOCATION
- HEAP DEALLOCATION
- LONG TO SHORT STRING ERROR
- STRING LENGTH TOO LONG
- TEXT LIBRARY HAS NOT BEEN LOADED
- UNKNOWN

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<no> is the source line number where the exception occurs. However if the D option has been toggled off the line number is the line of the routine where the exception occurs.

<name> is the name of the program, subprogram or external Pascal routine where the exception occurs.

A Supermax I/O error code appears when an I/O operation fails, and I/O checking has not been disabled through a (*\$C-*) compiler option.

Note that when a run time error occurs, all open files will be closed, and if the files are sequential ones that have been opened with a REWRITE call, end-of-file will be at the current file position.

User handling of run time errors.

The Pascal-assembler system's run time error handling is performed by an internal subroutine, `postmortem`, written in C. This routine consists of three calls of other subroutines:

```
preerr();      /* dummy routine - delivered empty */
dump(outfile); /* writes run time error dump */
posterr();     /* dummy routine - delivered empty */
```

`preerr` and `posterr` are dummy routines that can be rewritten by users, who wish to handle runtime errors differently. If f.ex. the C-routine `exit` is called in `preerr`, this will cause the programs in which this version of `preerr` is linked to terminate with no dump, when a run time error occurs.

The `dump` routine is called with a parameter of type `FILE` (a stream). The pascal system uses `stderr`.

Three internal variables are available to the user:

`int Pexcno` - contains the number of the exception which caused the run-time error

`struct buseinf *Pinfo` - contains additional information on buserrors and address errors

(see Supermax Operation System, section 2, `signal(2)`)

If these variables are used the c-module must contain the following inclusion:

```
#include <signal.h>
```

The following example is taken from the run time routine for the compiler pta itself (the compilers are written in Pascal):

```

/*****
/*      module: p-prepost.c                      */
/*  written by: abc  date: 01.08.1987           */
/*  copyright (c) 1987 by Dansk Data Elektronik A/S */
*****/

```

```
static char *-v=" (#) p-prepost.c 01.08.1987";
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pta.h>
#include <signal.h>
```

```
extern struct iob LIST;
extern int Pexcno;
```

```
preerr()
```

```
{
  closf(3,&LIST); /* close LIST file when exiting */
  if (Pexcno == SIGINT)
  {
    fprintf(stderr, "\ncompilation terminated - interrupt key pressed\n");
    exit(Pexcno);
  }
}
```

```
posterr()
```

```
{
  if (Pexcno)
    fprintf(stderr, "\ncompilation terminated - completion code %d\n", Pexcno);
  exit(Pexcno);
}
```

These routines cause the compiler to skip writing a dump when it was terminated by pressing the ctrl c keys.

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When the compiler is linked the module `p_prepost.o` is given explicitly to the linker causing this module to be linked to the compiler instead of the empty `preerror` and `posterr` routines found in the library `/lib/libpa.a` (or `/lib20/libpa.a`).

Appendix C. Necessary files.

The Pascal Assembler System consists of the following files:

/pbin/pta	- Pascal to Assembler compiler (mc68000)
/pbin/pta20	- Pascal to Assembler compiler (mc68020)
/pbin/pac	- control program for compilation
/pbin/ppp	- pascal pre-processor
/pbin/setheap	- used to change the heapsize
/lib/libpa.a	- run time routines for Pascal (mc68000)
/lib20/libpa.a	- run time routines for Pascal (mc68020)
/lib/libpext.a	- library containing the external standard routines
/lib/libopen.a	- routines simulating Mikfile modes on files
/lib/liblingua.a	- routines for language independence (mc68000)
/lib20/liblingua.a	- routines for language independence (mc68020)
/pbin/extdecl.p	- the declarations of the external standard routines

Furthermore the following files are required:

mc68000:

/bin/as
/bin/ld
/lib/crt0.o
/lib/libc.a
/lib/libm.a

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mc68020:

```
/bin/as20  
/bin/ld  
/lib20/crt0.o  
/lib20/libc.a  
/lib20/libm.a
```

Besides the above mentioned files, it is of course required to have a C-compiler system if one wants to write and use own C-routines.

Along with the Pascal-Assembler System the following files are supplied:

```
/nlslib/pta/uk      - text file containing the syntax error messages  
  
/usr/lib/alphabet/dk - table on the Danish alphabet used for alphabetic comparison on strings.
```