

## PRINTING OUTPUT

### Features of Printed Output

The following characteristics must be considered when designing and preparing REPORTS. **Remember that the following is not applicable for TAPE of DISK.**

- 1) Use of Edit Symbols : Edited symbols are used to make data field clearer, neater, and more readable. For example 00450 could be written as \$450.00.
- 2) Spacing of Forms. The line that is printed must be properly spaced for ease of reading. Example such as single space, double space, new page.
- 3) Alignment of Information. Printed output is more easily interpreted when fields are spaced evenly across the page.
- 4) Headings. Report Name, Page Number, Date, Time.

### The Editing Functions

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1. Printing of decimal points where decimal alignment is implied.
2. Suppressing of leading zeros.
3. Printing of dollar signs and commas.
4. Printing of asterisks for check protection.
5. Printing of plus or minus signs
6. Printing of debit or credit symbols for account applications.
7. Printing of spaces or zeros as separators within fields.

### Printing Decimal Points

A sending field with *PICTURE* 99v99 takes *FOUR* storage positions, since implied decimal points do not use storage, whereas the corresponding report-item takes *FIVE* positions since a real decimal point does. Example, 12.34 takes five positions when it is printed.

**Suppressing of Leading Zeros**

Nonsignificant or leading zeros are zeros appearing in the leftmost positions of a field and having no significant value. For example, the 00367 should be printed as 367. This is called **suppressing of leading zeros**.

The edit symbol 

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 is used to suppress leading zeros and to replace them with blanks or spaces.

Examples : 0378 will be printed as b378  
 0006 will be printed as bbb6  
 0000 will be printed as bbbb

What about 108 ???

When suppressing leading zeros, the sending field must be defined as numeric. The receiving field should accept *the same number of integers* as are in the sending field. PICTURE ZZZ is a three-position storage area that may accept three integers and will suppress all leading zeros.

Examples of Zero Suppression			
Sending Field		Report-Item	
Picture	Contents	Picture	Edited Results
9(3)	109	ZZZ	109
9(3)	007	Z(3)	Bb7
9(3)	000	ZZZ	Bbb
9(3)	007	Z99	B07
9(4)	0082	Z999	B082
99v99	02^38	ZZ.99	B2.38
99v99	00^03	ZZ.99	bb.03
99v99	00^05	Z9.99	B0.05
9(3)v99	008^27	Z(3)	b8
9(3)	027	Z(3).99	B27.00
9(3)	018	Z(3).ZZ	B18.00
9(3)	000	Z(3).ZZ	Bbbbb

Note : B and b in the above table indicates Blank positions.

**Printing Dollar and Commas**

Dollar signs and commas are editing symbols frequently used in conjunction with the suppression of leading zeros and the printing of decimal points, since many numeric quantities often appear on printed reports as dollars and cents figures.

Examples of Dollar Signs and Comma Insertion			
Sending Field		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Edited Results
9(4)v99	3812^34	\$9,999.99	\$3,812.34
99v99	05^00	\$ZZ.99	\$b5.00
999v99	000^05	\$ZZZ.99	\$bbb.05
9(4)v99	0003^82	\$Z,ZZZ.99	\$bbbb3.82

Note : b Denotes Blank position.

**Printing Asterisks ( \* ) for Check Protection**

Use *check protection symbol*, the asterisks ( \* ) in place of blanks when leading zeros are to be suppressed. For example writing \$\*\*\*.05 instead of \$ .05. To print an asterisk instead of a blank symbol when zero suppression is to be

performed, use 

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 instead of 

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 in each position.

Asterisks are zero suppression characters that replace each nonsignificant zero and comma with \* instead of a space.

Examples of zero Suppression with Asterisk Insertion			
Sending Field		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
9(3)v99	123^45	\$***.99	\$123.45
9(3)v99	012^34	\$***.99	\$*12.34
9(5)v99	00234^56	\$**,***.99	\$***234.56

**Printing Plus or Minus Signs**

A PIC of 9's is used to define an unsigned numeric field that will contain positive numbers. A PIC clause with a leading S defines a field that is signed. PIC S99, for example, defines a two-digit signed field. To Store -120 in a numeric field the PIC clause should be S9(3).

To print a minus sign for a negative sending, use the symbol



This minus may be placed *either* to the right *or* to the left of the report item. A minus sign will be printed in corresponding position *only* if the sending field is negative.

Examples of Minus Sign Insertion			
Sending Filed		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
S999	-123	-999	-123
S999	-123	999-	123-
999	123	-999	B123
S999	+123	-999	B123
S99v99	-02^34	ZZ.99-	B2.34-

Note: B indicates Blank position.

**Printing Either a Minus or Plus Sign**

To print either a plus sign or a minus sign for all values, the edit symbol



is used. A + sign will be generated for positive or unsigned quantities, and a - sign will be generated for negative quantities. Once a sign is generated, the sending field should have an S in its PIC clause for it to be interpreted as a signed number.

Examples of Plus or Minus Sign Insertion			
Sending Field		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
S999	+123	+999	+123
S999	+123	999+	123+
S999	-123	+999	-123
S999v99	-0387^25	+Z,ZZZ.99	-bb387.25

Note: b Indicates Blank Position

**Printing Debit and Credit Symbols For Accounting Applications**

The edit symbol 

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 for debit or 

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 for credit is used in place of minus sign.

IF the amount is to be *debited* to the account when it is *negative*, DB will be used.

IF the quantity to be *credited* to an account when it is *negative*, CR will be used.

Again, The sending field should have an S in its PIC clause for it to be interpreted as a signed number.

Note: The DB, and CR symbols **MUST** always be specified to the **RIGHT** of the report item.

Examples of CR or DB Insertion			
Sending Field		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
S999	-123	999CR	123CR
S999	-123	999DB	123DB
S999	+123	999CR	123bb
S999	+123	999DB	123bb

Note: b denotes Blank positions

**Printing Spaces or Zeros as Separators within Fields**

Any field, whether nonnumeric or numeric, may be edited by placing blanks as separators within the field. The Edited symbol 

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 in a PICTURE clause of a report item will cause a space to be inserted in a corresponding position.

Zeros may also be inserted into fields for editing purpose. The edit symbol 

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In the PICTURE clause of a report item will cause a 0 to be inserted in a corresponding position of the receiving field without loss of characters from the sending field

Examples of Blanks and Zeros as Separators				
Sending Field			Report Item	
Identifier	PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
SSNO	9(9)	012232345	999BB99BB999	012 23 2345
NAME	X(10)	PASMITHbbb	XBXB(8)	P A SMITH
QTY-IN	999	153	99900	15300

In Summary, Editing may be performed in 2 ways

1. By moving a sending field to a report item.
2. By performing an arithmetic operation and placing the result in report item.

ADD ..... Giving report-item

Invalid Operation ADD WS-TOTAL TO TOTAL-OUT.

More Examples in the book pages 208 – 209 ( Self Test )

243 - 245 ( Chapter Self test )

REVIEW of EDITED Operations			
Sending Field		Report Item	
PICTURE	Contents	PICTURE	Contents
9(6)	123456	\$ZZZ,ZZZ.99	\$123,456.00
9999v99	0012^34	\$Z,ZZZ.99	\$ 12.34
9(5)v99	00001^23	\$**,***.99	\$*****1.23
S9(6)	- 012345	+Z(6)	- 12345
S9(6)	+ 123456	-Z(6)	123456
S9999v99	+ 1234^56	+Z(4).99	+1234.56
S999	- 123	ZZZ-	123-
9(6)	123456	99BBBB9999	12 3456
S99	- 05	\$ZZ.99DB	\$ 5.00DB
999	123	999000	123000
S99v99	- 12^34	\$ZZ.99CR	\$12.34CR