

Software Product Description

PRODUCT NAME: COS-310, Version 8, Commercial Operating System-310

SPD 5.98.6

DESCRIPTION:

COS-310 is one of Digital Equipment Corporation's DATASYSTEM 300 Series Commercial Operating Systems. It is an applications development tool for EDP users who wish to implement data management functions for small-to-medium size commercial applications. The software provides a minicomputer system configuration with the DIBOL Business Oriented Language, system generation and maintenance programs, SORT/MERGE utility, and system monitor with device handlers.

These programs constitute a self-contained disk-resident operating system. System features include: direct data access capability, CRT cursor control, User File Directories, and a large library of error messages.

COS-310 Monitor — COS-310 provides program operation master control through the system monitor. For memory economy, the monitor resides in two segments: one memory-resident and the other residing on the system device. The monitor includes a comprehensive set of commands which control program loading, editing, and file directories.

The monitor contains handlers for all I/O devices supported by COS-310. The COS-310 monitor device options include line printers, CRT console terminals, and floppy disk storage devices.

Editor — The system's editor consists of a basic source language editor as part of the monitor. It is an interactive editor with line numbers followed by the information to be inserted, deleted, or changed. The COS-310 editor provides automatic sequencing and resequencing of line numbers by simple commands. Input for the editor can originate from the console keyboard. Output from the editor can be a listing of a file on the console display or the line printer.

In the program development stage, the user can save and quickly recall programs from the system device. In operational mode, the user can batch commands to the monitor into a file to be executed as a job stream.

DIBOL Language — Digital Equipment Corporation's Business Oriented Language (DIBOL) is translated by the system's compiler "COMP" into DS300 interpretive code. Translation is from English-like source coding statements into object program routines.

The language permits data manipulation, arithmetic expressions, subscripting, arrays, record overlay, memory clear, file initialization, branching and tracing, program chaining, and printing overlapped with processing.

The language syntax is divided into two sections: a data definition section and a procedure section. The procedure section of the language consists of procedural verbs, each with comprehensive arguments. Some of the verbs are: PROC, XMIT, READ, WRITE, GOTO, IF, CALL, RETURN, FORMS, STOP, CHAIN, ACCEPT, DISPLAY, TRAP, and INCR.

SORT — COS-310 SORT is a multiphase sort which can reorder a data file containing fixed length records into a specified sequence. The user can specify up to eight fields (with sub-fields) of a fixed length record as a sort key. A file can be sorted in either the ascending or descending sequence of the contents of the fields in each record.

The SORT has merge file capability. For a multivolume sort, each volume must be sorted and then merged. Both SORT and MERGE are parameterized by a "Sort Control Program."

PIP (Peripheral Interchange Program) — PIP is a utility program that transfers files from one device to another. It can replace an existing file with a new file and allow data files to be combined. It can accept input from disk and produce output on terminal, disk, or the line printer.

SYSGEN (SYSTEM GENERation) — SYSGEN is a conversational utility program that allows the user to configure or modify the current system using simple English statements. It provides the following optional features: specifies disk and line-printer I/O handlers in the system, takes new logical unit assignments from the operator's terminal, and prints a table of current unit assignments. The user can specify the number of columns used on the line printer, either 80 or 132 columns. SYSGEN can transfer the system to another device for installation startup.

DFU (Data File Utility) — DFU allows the user to designate and examine logical unit assignments. The use of logical unit assignments for data files provides data file device independence to the programs using COS-310. Logical unit assignments may be input to DFU from the operator's keyboard, from a command

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file stored on the system device, or from the edit buffer. The current logical unit assignments can be displayed or printed.

PRINT — PRINT is a utility for the creation of report programs. Using a parameter file which describes the report, PRINT will generate a DIBOL program which will produce that report.

FLOW (FLOWchart generator) — FLOW is a utility program designed to assist in the program documentation process. FLOW will generate a printed flowchart from the DIBOL commands. The FLOW commands may optionally be included in the DIBOL source program.

Debugging Aids — COS-310 includes several features which facilitate DIBOL program debugging. The DIBOL language itself incorporates a TRACE/NO TRACE feature. When program tracing is enabled, each DIBOL statement executed causes a line to be printed containing the source file line number of the statement. This is useful and time-saving when tracking the order of statement execution. In addition to the TRACE feature, more complex program debugging techniques may be implemented using DDT (DIBOL Debugging Technique). The features of DDT include: breakpoint, variable examination, subroutine call traceback, and iteration. Data records may be edited with the use of DAFT (Dump and Fix techniques). DAFT provides the capability to search for, examine, list and change records. DAFT may also be used to make minor changes to a data file. The COS-310 program CREF (Cross Reference) is also an aid to program development. It provides an alphabetical listing of all symbols used in the DIBOL program, the line number where each symbol is defined, and all the line numbers where each symbol is used.

File Conversion Program — FILEX is a utility program that converts COS-300/310 formatted files stored on DECtape or RK05 disk into OS/8 formatted files and vice versa. In addition, FILEX can convert a COS-310 file stored on a flexible diskette or RK05 onto a flexible diskette in a format directly readable by the IBM 3740 series data entry terminal and the IBM System/32. IBM files on flexible diskettes can be converted to COS-310 format provided they are single volume and there are no bad tracks on the diskette media.

MINIMUM HARDWARE REQUIRED:

One of the following:

- DATASYSTEM 310
- DATASYSTEM 308
- DECstation 78/50, 78/70, 88/50, 88/70, or 88/80

OPTIONAL HARDWARE:

- Up to a system total of two dual drive floppy disk systems
- One LA180, LQP, or LA35 printer (LA35 on DS310 configuration only).
- Additional memory up to a system total of 64K bytes on DS310 configurations only
- RK8-E with up to four (4) RK05 disk drives on DS310 configuration only

PREREQUISITE SOFTWARE:

None

OPTIONAL SOFTWARE:

COS-310/2780 Communications Software (on DS310 configurations only)

TRAINING CREDITS:

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X = RX02 Dual Density Floppy Diskette
Y = RX01 Floppy Diskette

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gle-use license, binaries, documentation, and support services). Systems are also available which include a single-use license only (no binaries, no documentation, and no support services).

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Users of COS-310 whose specified Support Category warrant has expired may order the following software update at the then current charge for such update, for use under the existing license. Except where the media is designated as Z, the update is distributed in source or binary form on the appropriate medium. A software update where the media is designated as Z grants the user of COS-310 the right to copy the previously ordered QF310-H or QF310-W software update for use on an additional single CPU for which a COS-310 license has been obtained.

QF310 -H— Binaries, documentation (media: X, Y)

QF310 -H— Right to copy for single use (under existing license), no binaries, no documentation, no support services (media: Z)

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QF310 -W— Binaries, documentation (media: X, Y)

Miscellaneous Options:

QF310 -G— Pre-delivery kit (media: Z)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

None

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