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CP/M DYNAMIC DEBUGGING TOOL (DDT) USER'S GUIDE

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$\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$ Dynamic Debugging Tool (DDI)
User"s Guide

## I. Introduction.

The DDT proaram allows dynamic interactive testing and debugging of programs generated in the $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$ environment. The debuqqer is initiated by typing one of the following commands at the CP/M Console Command level

DDT
DOT filename. HEX
DDI filename.COM
where "filename" is the name of the program to be loaded and tested. In both cases, the DDT proaram is brouqht into main memory in the place of the Console Command Processor (refer to the CP/M Interface Guide for standard memory orqanization), and thus resides directly below the Basic Disk Operating System portion of $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$. The BDOS starting address, which is located in the address field of the JMP instruction at location 5 H , is altered to reflect the reduced Transient Program Area size.

The second and third forms of the DDT command shown above perform the same actions as the first, except there is a subsequent automatic load of the specified HEX or COM file. The action is identical to the sequence of commands

DDT
Ifilename. HEX or Ifilename.COM
R
where the I and fi commands set up and read the specified program to test (see the explanation of the $I$ and $R$ commands below for exact details).

Upon initiation, DDI prints a sign-on message in the format
nnK DDI-s VER m.m
where $n$ is the memory size (which must match the CP/M system being used), $s$ is the hardware system which is assumed, corresponding to the codes

D - Digital Research standard version
M - MDS version
I - IMSAI standard version
0 - Omron systems
S - Digital Systems standard version
and m.m is the revision number.

Following the sign on message, DDT prompts the operator with the character "-" and waits for imput commands from the console. The operator can type any of several single character conmands, terminated by a carriage return to execute the command. Each line of input can be line-edited using the standard CP/M controls

| rubout | remove the last character typed |
| :--- | :--- |
| ctl-U | remove the entire line, ready for re-typing |
| ct1-C | system reboot |

Any command can be up to 32 characters in length (an automatic carriaqe return is inserted as the 33rd character), where the first character determines the command type

| A | enter assembly lanquage mnemonics with operands |
| :--- | :--- |
| D | display memory in hexadecimal and ASCII |
| F | fill memory with constant data |
| G | begin execution with optional breakpoints |
| I | set up a standard input file control block |
| L | list memory using assembler mnemonics |
| M | move a memory segment from source to destination |
| R | read program for subsequent testing |
| S | substitute memory values |
| T | trace program execution |
| U | untraced program monitoring |
| X | examine and optionally alter the CPU state |

The command character, in some cases, is followed by zero, one, two, or three hexadecimal values which are separated by commas or sinqle blank characters. All DDT numeric output is in hexadecimal form. In all cases, the commands are not executed until the carriage return is typed at the end of the command.

At any point in the debug run, the operator can stop execution of DDT using either a ctl-C or G0 (jmp to location 0000H), and save the current memory image using a SAVE command of the form

SAVE n filename.COM
where n is the number of pages ( 256 byte blocks) to be saved on disk. The number of blocks can be determined by taking the high order byte of the top load address and converting this number to decimal. For example, if the highest address in the Transient Program Area is 1234 H then the number of pages is 12 H , or 18 in decimal. Thus the operator could type a ctl-C during the debug run, returning to the Console Processor level, followed by

SAVE $18 \mathrm{X.COM}$
The memory image is saved as X.COM on the diskette, and can be directly executed by simply typing the name $X$. If further testing is required, the memory image can be recalled by typing

DDI X.COM
which reloads previously saved program from loaction 100 H through page 18 (12FFH). The machine state is not a part of the COM file, and thus the proaram must be restarted from the beginning in order to properly test it.

## II. DDI COMMANDS.

The individual conmands are aiven below in some detail. In each case, the operator must wait for the prompt character ( - ) before entering the command. If control is passed to a program under test, and the program has not reached a breakpoint, control can be returned to DDT by executing a RST 7 from the front panel (note that the rubout key should be used instead if the program is executing a T or U conmand). In the explanation of each command, the command letter is shown in some cases with numbers separated by commas, where the numbers are represented by lower case letters. These numbers are always assumed to be in a hexadecimal radix, and from one to four digits in lenath (longer numbers will be automatically truncated on the right).

Many of the commands operate upon a "CPU state" which corresponds to the proqram under test. The CPU state holds the reqisters of the program being debugged, and initially contains zeroes for all registers and flags except for the program counter (P) and stack pointer (S), which default to 100H. The program counter is subseguently set to the starting address given in the last record of a HEX file if a file of this form is loaded (see the $I$ and $R$ commands).

1. The A (Assemble) Command. DDI allows inline assembly language to be inserted into the current memory image using the A command which takes the form

## As

where $s$ is the hexadecimal starting address for the inline assembly. DDT prompts the console with the address of the next instruction to fill, and reads the console, looking for assembly language memonics (see the Intel 8080 Assembly Language Reference Card for a list of memonics), followed by register references and operands in absolute hexadecimal form. Each sucessive load address is $\boldsymbol{x}$ inted pefore reading the console. The A command terminates when the first empty line is input from the console.

Upon completion of assembly language input, the operator can review the memory segment usinq the DDr disassembler (see the L comand).

Note that the assembler/disassembler portion of DOT can be overlayed by the transient program being tested, in which case the DDT program responds with an error condition when the A and L commands are used (refer to Section IV).
2. The D (Display) Command. The D command allows the operator to view the contents of memory in hexadecimal and ASCII formats. The forms are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{D} \\
& \mathrm{DS} \\
& \mathrm{Ds}, \mathrm{f}
\end{aligned}
$$

In the first case, memory is displayed from the current display address (initially 100 H ), and continues for 16 display lines. Each display line takes the form shown below
aảa bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb bb ccccccccceccccccc
where aaaa is the display address in hexadecimal, and bb represents data present in memory starting at aaaa. The ASCII characters starting at aaaa are given to the right (represented by the sequence of $c^{\prime} s$ ), where non-graphic characters are printed as a period (.) symbol. Note that both upper and lower case alphabetics are displayed, and thus will appear as upper case symbols on a console device that supports only upper case. Each display line gives the values of 16 bytes of data, except that the first line displayed is truncated so that the next line begins at an address which is a multiple of 16 .

The second form of the D comand shown above is similar to the first, except that the display address is first set to address s. The third form causes the display to continue from address $s$ through address $f$. In all cases, the display address is set to the first address not displayed in this command, so that a continuing display can be accomplished by issuing successive D commands with no explicit addresses.

Excessively long displays can be aborted by pushing the rubout key.
3. The F (Fill) Command. The F command takes the form
Fs,f,c
where $s$ is the starting address, $f$ is the final address, and $c$ is a hexadecimal byte constant. The effect is as follows: DDT stores the constant $c$ at address $s$, increments the value of $s$ and tests against $f$. If $s$ exceeds $f$ then the operation terminates, otherwise the operation is repeated. Thus, the fill command can be used to set a memory block to a specific constant value.
4. The G (Go) Command. Program execution is started using the $G$ comand, with up to two optional breakpoint addresses. The G command takes one of the forms

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { G } \\
& \text { Gs } \\
& G s, b
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& G s, b, c \\
& G, b \\
& G, b, c
\end{aligned}
$$

The first form starts execution of the program under test at the current value of the program counter in the current machine state, with no breakpoints set (the only way to regain control in DDI is through a RST 7 execution). The current program counter can be viewed by typing an $X$ or $X P$ command. The second form is similar to the first except that the program counter in the current machine state is set to address $s$ before execution begins. The third form is the same as the second, except that proqram execution stops when address $b$ is encountered ( $b$ must be in the area of the program under test). 'The instruction at location $b$ is not executed when the breakpoint is encountered. The fourth form is identical to the third, except that two breakpoints are specified, one $a t b$ and the other at $c$. Encountering either breakpoint causes execution to stop, and both breakpoints are subsequently cleared. The last two forms take the program counter from the current machine state, and set one and two breakpoints, respectively.

Execution continues from the starting address in real-time to the next breakpoint. That is, there is no intervention between the starting address and the break address by DDF. Thus, if the proaram under test does not reach a breakpoint, control cannot return to DDT without executing a RST 7 instruction. Upon encountering a breakpoint, DDF stops execution and types
*d
where $d$ is the stop address. The machine state can be examined at this point using the X (Examine) command. The operator must specify breakpoints which differ from the program counter address at the beginning of the $G$ command. Thus, if the current program counter is 1234 H , then the commands

G,1234
and
G400,400
both produce an immediate breakpoint, without executing any instructions whatsoever.
5. The I (Input) Command. The I command allows the operator to insert a file name into the default file control block at 5CH (the file control block created by $C P / M$ for transient programs is placed at this location; see the CP/M Interface Guide). The default $F C B$ can be used by the program under test as if it had been passed by the CP/M Console Processor. Note that this file name is also used by DDT for reading additional HEX and COM files. The form of the I command is

Ifilename
or

If the second form is used, and the filetype is either $H E X$ or $C O M$, then subsequent $R$ commands can be used to read the pure binary or hex format machine code (see the $R$ command for further details).
6. The L (List) Command. The L comand is used to list assembly lanquaqe mnemonics in a particular program region. The forms are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{L} \\
& \mathrm{LS} \\
& \mathrm{LS}, \pm
\end{aligned}
$$

The first command lists twelve lines of disassembled machine code from the current list address. The second form sets the list adoress to $s$, and then lists twelve lines of code. The last form lists disassembled code from s throuqh address f . In all three cases, the list address is set to the next unlisted location in preparation for a subsequent $L$ comand. Upon encountering an execution breakpoint, the list address is set to the current value of the program counter (see the $G$ and $T$ commands). Again, lond typeouts can be aborted using the rubout key during the list process.
7. The in (Move) Command. The $M$ command allows block movement of proaram or data areas from one location to another in memory. The form is

$$
M s, f, d
$$

where $s$ is the start address of the move, $f$ is the final address of the move, and $d$ is the destination address. Data is first moved from $s$ to $d$, and both addresses are incremented. If $s$ exceeds $f$ then the move operation stops, otherwise the move operation is repeated.
8. The R (Read) Command. The R command is used in conjunction with the I command to read $C O M$ and HEX files from the diskette into the transient program area in preparation for the debug run. The forms are

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{R} \\
& \mathrm{R} 6
\end{aligned}
$$

where $b$ is an optional bias address which is added to each proaram or data address as it is loaded. The load operation must not overwrite any of the system parameters from 000H throuqh 0 FFH (i.e., the first page of memory). If $b$ is cmitted, then $b=0000$ is assumed. The $R$ command requires a previous $I$ command, specifying the name of a HEX or COM file. The load address for each record is obtained from each individual HEX record, while an assumed load address of 100 H is taken for $C O M$ files. Note that any number of $R$ commands can be issued following the I command to re-read the program under test,
assuming the tested proqram does not destroy the default area at 5CH. Further, any file specified with the filetype "COM" is assumed to contain machine code in pure binary form (created with the LOAD or SAVE command), and all others are assumed to contain machine code in Intel hex format (produced, for example, with the ASM command).

Recall that the command
DDP filename.filetype
which initiates the DDI program is equivalent to the commands
DOI
-Ifilename.filetype
-R
Whenever the $R$ command is issued, DDF responds with either the error indicator "?" (file cannot be opened, or a checksum error occurred in a HEX file), or with a load message taking the form

> NEXT PC nnn pppp
where nnnn is the next address following the loaded program, and pppp is the assumed program counter (100B for COM files, or taken from the last record if a HEX file is specified).
9. The $S$ (Set) Command. The $S$ command allows memory locations to be examined and optionally altered. The form of the command is

Ss
where $s$ is the hexadecimal starting address for examination and alteration of memory. DDT responds with a numeric prompt, qiving the memory location, along with the data currently held in the memory location. If the operator types a carriage return, then the data is not altered. If a byte value is typed, then the value is stored at the prompted address. In either case, DDI' continues to prompt with successive addresses and values until either a period (.) is typed by the cperator, or an invalid input value is detected.
10. The $T$ (Trace) Command. The $T$ comand allows selective tracing of program execution for 1 to 65535 program steps. The forms are

$$
T
$$

In

In the first case, the CPU state is displayed, and the next proaram step is executed. The program terminates inmediately, with the termination address
displayed as
*hhhh
where hhhh is the next address to execute. The display address (used in the D command) is set to the value of H and L , and the list address (used in the L command) is set to hhhh. The CPU state at program termination can then be examined using the X command.

The second form of the $T$ command is similar to the first, except that execution is traced for $n$ steps ( $n$ is a hexadecimal value) before a program breakpoint is occurs. A breakpoint can be forced in the trace mode by typing a rubout character. The CPU state is displayed before each program step is taken in trace mode. The format of the display is the same as described in the X command.

Note that proqram tracing is discontinued at the interface to $\mathrm{CP} / \mathrm{M}$, and resumes after return from $C P / M$ to the program under test. Thus, $C P / M$ functions which access I/O devices, such as the diskette drive, run in real-time, avoiding $I / O$ timing problems. Programs running in trace mode execute approximately 500 times slower than real time since DDF gets control after each user instruction is executed. Interrupt processing routines can be traced, but it must be noted that commands which use the breakpoint facility ( $G, 7$, and U) accomplish the break using a RST 7 instruction, which means that the tested program cannot use this interrupt location. Further, the trace mode always runs the tested program with interrupts enabled, which may cause problems if asynchronous interrupts are received during tracing.

Note also that the operator should use the rubout key to get control back to DDT during trace, rather than executing a RST 7, in order to ensure that. the trace for the current instruction is completed before interruption.
11. The U (Untrace) Command. The U command is identical to the T command except that intermediate program steps are not displayed. The untrace mode allows from 1 to 65535 ( 0 FFFFH ) steps to be executed in monitored mode, and is used principally to retain control of an executing proaram while it reaches steady state conditions. All conditions of the $T$ command apply to the $U$ command.
12. The $X$ (Examine) Command. The $X$ command allows selective display and alteration of the current $C P U$ state for the program under test. The forms are
X

Xr
where $r$ is one of the 8080 CPU registers

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { C } & \text { Carry Flag } \\
2 & \text { Zero Flag } \tag{0/1}
\end{array}
$$

| M | Minus Flag | $(\emptyset / 1)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| E | Even Parity Flag | $(\emptyset / 1)$ |
| I | Interdiqit Carry | $(\emptyset / 1)$ |
| A | Accumulator | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FF})$ |
| B | BC register pair | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FFFF})$ |
| D | DE reqister pair | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FFFF})$ |
| H | HL register pair | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FFFF})$ |
| S | Stack Pointer | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FFFF})$ |
| P | Program Counter | $(\emptyset-\mathrm{FFFF})$ |

In the first case, the CPU register state is displayed in the format
CfZfmfefif $A=b b B=d d d d \quad D=d d d d H=d d d d ~ S=d d d d P=d d d d$ inst
where $f$ is a or 1 flag value, bb is a byte value, and dddd is a double byte quantity corresponding to the register pair. The "inst" field contains the disassembled instruction which occurs at the location addressed by the CPU state's program counter.

The second form allows display and optional alteration of register values, where $r$ is one of the registers given above (C, Z, M, E, I, A, B, D, H, S, or P). In each case, the flag or register value is first displayed at the console. The DDT program then accepts input from the console. If a carriage return is typed, then the flag or register value is not altered. If a value in the proper range is typed, then the flag or register value is altered. Note that BC, DE, and HL are displayed as register pairs. Thus, the operator types the entire register pair when $B, C$, or the $B C$ pair is altered.
III. IMPLEMENTATION NOTES.

The organization of DDT allows certain non-essential portions to be overlayed in order to gain a larger transient program area for debugging large programs. The DDT program consists of two parts: the DDI nucleus and the assembler/disassembler module. The DDT nucleus is loaded over the Console Command processor, and, although loaded with the DDT nucleus, the assembler/disassembler is overlayable unless used to assemble or disassemble.

In particular, the BDOS address at location 6 H (address field of the JMP instruction at location 5 H ) is modified by DDT to address the pase location of the DDI nucleus which, in turn, contains a JMP instruction to the BDOS. Thus, programs which use this address field to size memory see the logical end of memory at the base of the DDI nucleus rather than the base of the BDOS.

The assembler/disassembler module resides directly below the DDT nucleus in the transient program area. If the $A, L, T$, or $X$ commands are used during the debugging process then the DDF proqram again alters the address field at 6H to include this module, thus further reducing the logical end of memory. If a program loads beyond the beginning of the assembler/disassembler module, the $A$ and $L$ commands are lost (their use produces a "?" in response), and the
trace and display ( $T$ and $X$ ) commands list the "inst" field of the display in hexadecimal, rather than as a decoded instruction.

## IV. AN EXAMPLE.

The following example shows an edit, assemble, and debug for a simple program which reads a set of data values and determines the largest value in the set. The largest value is taken from the vector, and stored into "LARGE" at the termination of the program



```
: TEST DATA
VECT: DB 2,8,4,3,5,6,1,5
LEN EQU s-VECT ;LENGTH
LARGE: ISS I ILARGEST VALUE ON EXIT
*EN ENH
ASM SCANS Start Assembiler
CPAM ASSEMBLER - VER 1.g
0122
GGZH USE FACTOR
END OF ASGEMBLY
Assembly Cumplete - Loak at Program Listing
YPE SCAN,FRN
```



EDT SEAH. HEX: Start Debugger losing hex format machine code
Sk int veg 1. a
NEXT PC
FE: 9000
-
last Load address +1
next instruction

${ }^{-8 F}$ $\qquad$ Examue registers before debug run
P=0006 in, Change PC to 100
-i., Look at vesisters again
PC clanged.

$\xrightarrow{-100}$

-A11E, ever inline assembly mode to chance the JMP to 0000 into a RST 7 , which 2116. RST? 2 will cause the Prog
-117, (single carriage return stops assemble mode)
-1.213, List code at 113H to check that RST 7 was property inserted
$\begin{array}{llll}0113 & \text { STA } & 0121 \\ 0116 & \text { ROT } & 07\end{array}$


-I Execute Drogram for one slop. initial CPu state, before 2 is arecukd
 - T, Trece one sep asain (note OSU in B) auromatic breakpoint

${ }^{-}$Im Trace again (Register Cis cleared)
 -T3, Trace three steps


 -1119 Display memous sarting at $119 H$. a119 $0260 \quad 04 \overline{03} \quad 05 \quad 06$ a1 Pregram dak


-IS. Troce 5 stes from curreat cpu stak

EG20MOEOI $A=02 \quad B=0880 \quad D=0008 \quad H=911 A \quad 5=0100 \quad P=910 E$ RCR
COZQMEEOII $A=02 \quad 8=0700 \quad \mathrm{D}=0080 \quad \mathrm{H}=811 \mathrm{~A} \quad \mathrm{~S}=8100 \mathrm{P}=010 \mathrm{~F}$ JWZ 9107 Breakpoint


-45 , Trace whthait listing intenmedlate states
 $-x$, cou state at end of $U S$.

-2 Run Program from current PC until completion (in real-time) * Q11: breakpoint at $116 H$, caused by executing RST 7 in machine cade - EPustate at end of Program

-II examine and change program counter

$$
5=5116
$$

$\stackrel{U}{2}_{2}$

I16 Trace 10 (hexadecimal) steps

-A193, Insert a "hot patch". vito
0109 sic 10152 the machine code to change the Jun to JC
$0 \mathrm{OCO}_{2}$
Piegramshould have moved the value from $A$ into $C$ since $A>C$. Since this case was not executed,
-50, Stop DDT so that a version of the patched program can be saved it appears that the JNC should have been a JC instruction
SAME 1 SCAN. COM 2 Program resides on first pose, so save 1 page.
AMD SCAN. COM, Restart wo with the saved memace image to continue testing EEK INT YER 1.0
NEXT PG
0290100
-Lice, List some code



```
0122 00, 
412322
4124 2%
0125 6% 
0126 0%, Sud of the S Command
01277E*2
-104,
```


-L
0113 STA 0121
0116 RST 07
0117 NOP
0118 NOP
0119 STAX B
011A NOP
0I1B INR B
G11C INK E
011D ECR B
G11E M\&I B.01
0120 DCR B
-xp
P=8116 100, Reset the PC
-I2 Single Step, and untch data values
C0Z1MBEIIL A=83 B=0003 D=8000 H=0121 S=0100 P=0100 MY1 B.08*0102
-I,
C0Z1MOEII1 A=03 B=6803 D=0000 H=0:21 S=0100 P=0102 MYI C,00*0104
-I, Count set larget*set

```

```

H.0119%018?
-I
COZ1MEEIII A=03 B=0800 D=0000 H=0ilg S=0100 P=0107 MOV
A.N*108

```


SAVE 1 SCAN COM
GUILT SEAN E OM

Save memory image

DEF TINT YER 1.0
NEXT PC
0250 0100
- KF
\(f=0100_{2}\)
\(-116\)

-1.16, Run from loon to completion
* 0116
-ic: look at Carry (accidental typo)
\(\mathrm{Ci}_{2}\)
- \({ }^{\text {P. Look at CPu state }}\)

\(\xrightarrow{-5121}\) Look at" Large" - it appears to be correct.
\(0121 \quad 062\)
0122002
\(012322 \cdot 2\)
-白白 stop DDT
ED SCAN.ASM, Reedit the source program, and make both changes
* AGUE
* \(\overline{\text { ET }}\)

; LARGER VALUE IN C?
; LARGER Value in C?
*3

NFOUND JUMP IF LARGER VALUE NOT FOUND
NFOUND ; JUMP IF LaRGER Value not found
*E \(_{2}\)

ASM SCAN. AAZ.: Re-ascemble, selecting scurce from disk \(k\)
CP/M ASSEMBLER - VER 1.0
Wx to disk A
print to \(Z\) (selects uo print file)
0122
OO2H USE FACTOR
END OF ASSEMBLY
IDT SCAN HEX, Re-kun debunger to check changes
16K THT YER 1. 0
HEXT PC
01210006
\(\xrightarrow{-116}\)
0116 JAF 0000 chece to evsure end is still at llbH
0119 STAX B
BIIA NOP
Q11B INR B
- (rubant)
-6100.116 , Go from beqiuning with breakpoint at and
*0116 brcakpoint reacled
- 1121 , Look at "Laeke"
correct value Compated


- (rubout) abouts long typeat
-G0, stop DOT, debua session Complete```

