

Appendix A. Language Command Syntax

This Appendix gives the syntax of each command of the system. The printout is from the "HELP" message file. The commands are listed alphabetically (with some very new ones added on the end) and are printed exactly as they would appear on the display terminal. This appendix was produced by changing the command device to the hardcopy terminal, an option available to any user.

ROTATE	GETDSK	GROUP	DELETE	PUTLIB	GETLIB	FILMING
UNFILM	RESUME	READ	WRITE	RENAME	MOVE	PATHNOV
RESTART	SCALE	FIX	GETCON	PUTDSK	TEXT	SHADE
SHADE2	HARP	FILL	INTERP	SETOUT	SETORG	SETDELA
SMOOTH	SETINT	CORE	COLOR	COMPILE	DIRDSK	DIRCORE
DIRCON	DIRALL	HELP	TREE	CLEAR	BYE	COPY
BLEND	TYPE	PRINT	XLIST	LIST	PROMPT	SKIP
GOTO	RETURN	HATT	FLAP	HIDE	SOFTROT	DASHES
POINTS	LINES	OPEND	GETPOIN	PUTPOIN	EXIT	REMARK
INPUT	RESET	PENSLN	FENOFF	GETINT	FSOR	FSOFF
DELP01						

*HELP HELP

SYNTAX: HELP COMMAND-NAME

HELP IS HERE TO ANSWER SYNTAX QUESTIONS.
CERTAIN ABBREVIATIONS HAVE BEEN USED WHICH WILL, HOPEFULLY,
AID UNDERSTANDING:

ANAME	IS ANY PICTURE OR MACRO NAME
PNAME	IS ANY PICTURE NAME (GROUP OR SINGLE PICTURE)
LNAME	IS ANY SINGLE PICTURE (USUALLY CALLED A "LEAF")
GRNAME	IS ANY GROUP NAME
MNAME	IS ANY MACRO NAME
DRNAME	IS ANY DISK FILE NAME

NAMES MAY BE ABBREVIATED TO ENOUGH LETTERS TO INSURE UNIQUENESS.

DEV	IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ANALOG DEVICES OR VARIABLES
	DIALS 0-9 (D0-D9)
	JOYSTICK (JS OR JX, JY, JZ)
	SONIC PEN (SP OR SX, SY, SZ)
	VARIABLES A-Z (A-Z)

EXPR	IS A MIX OF NUMBERS, DEVS AND ARITHMETIC OPERATORS WHICH ALWAYS EVALUATES TO A SINGLE NUMBER.
	THE OPERATORS ARE +, -, *, /.

EXAMPLES:

A
D7
200
A+D7/200+35-B-K/17

EXPRESSIONS ARE CURRENTLY EVALUATED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
WITH NO OPERATOR PRECEDENCE SO THAT 20+2/2 IS 11 NOT 21.

ALL COMMANDS EXCEPT ON, IF, CALL, AND DO ARE DOCUMENTED. THE DESCRIPTIONS MAY BE CONSULTED BY TYPING HELP FOLLOWED BY THE COMMAND NAME. MACRO SYNTAX ALSO IS NOT DOCUMENTED AT THIS TIME.

REMEMBER TO USE THE PANIC BUTTON IF THINGS GET OUT OF HAND, AND THAT THE WORST YOU CAN DO IS STALL THE COMPUTER.

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HELP RESET

SYNTAX: RESET FRAME

RESET IS THE SAME AS FIX EXCEPT THAT THE ORIGINAL VALUES OF THE ROTATION MATRIX, ORIGIN, SCALE, INTENSITY, ETC. ARE RESTORED.

SWITCHES:
 SAME AS FIX

EXAMPLE: RESET/R PROP

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HELP RETURN

SYNTAX: RETURN

RETURN POPS UP ONE LEVEL IN A MACRO BEING EXECUTED AND THUS PROVIDES CONVENIENT EXIT TO THE END OF THE MACRO.

EXAMPLE: TON:<Y=0
 SAB:<Y=Y+1
 IF Y GT 10, EXIT
 IF Y GT 5, FROM Y*Y
 IF Y GT 1, RETURN>
 IF Y LT 10, GOTO SAB
 FROM *THOSE HERE THE SQUARES OF 5 THROUGH 10*>

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HELP GETHIT

SYNTAX: GETHIT N, X, Y, Z, K

GETHIT GIVES THE STATUS OF A LIGHTPEN HIT WHERE N=THE NUMBER OF THE POINT IN THE LIST, X, Y, Z ARE THE RESPECTIVE COORDINATES, AND K IS ZERO IF IT IS A DRAWN POINT, ONE IF IT IS THE INITIAL POINT OF A VECTOR (FOLLOWING A JUMP), AND MINUS ONE IF IT IS THE LAST POINT. OF COURSE, N, X, Y, Z, AND K CAN BE ANY VARIABLES.

EXAMPLE: GETHIT F, U, V, W, G

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HELP GETLIB

SYNTAX: GETLIB PNAME1, PNAME2

GETS PNAME1 FROM NON-DISPLAYED DATA STRUCTURE (I. E. PUTLIB'D) AND PUTS IT INTO THE DISPLAYED DATA STRUCTURE AFTER PNAME2. IF NO PNAME2, THEN PNAME1 BECOMES THE FIRST ELEMENT IN THE DATA STRUCTURE. PNAME1 MUST HAVE BEEN PUTLIB'D OR GOTTEN BY .BIN FORMAT IN GETDSK. PNAME2 MUST BE DISPLAYED.

EXAMPLES: GETLIB SAM
 GETLIB MARY, SAM

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HELP GETPOI

SYNTAX: GETPOIN LNAME, N, X, Y, Z, K

GETPOIN GETS A POINT FROM AN LNAME. THE X, Y, Z COORDINATES OF THE POINT INDICATED BY THE EXPRESSION N ARE RETURNED IN VARIABLES INDICATED HERE BY X, Y, Z. N RANGES FROM 1 (THE FIRST POINT) TO THE LAST VECTOR IN THE LNAME (DEPENDS ON HOW BIG THE PICTURE IS). K IS A VARIABLE IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS INDICATED:

K=0 DRAWN VECTOR
K=1 NON-DRAWN VECTOR (JUMP)
K=-1 END OF LIST (LAST VECTOR)

EXAMPLE: GETPOIN NITCH, 20, G, H, I, K
 THIS WILL GET THE COORDINATES IN DECIMAL OF THE TWENTIETH VECTOR IN NITCH AND PLACE THEM IN VARIABLES G, H, I AND INDICATE WHETHER THIS LINE WAS DRAWN, A JUMP OR THE END OF THE LIST, IN VARIABLE K.

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HELP GOTO

SYNTAX: GOTO MNAME+EXPRESSION

GOTO IS USED TO TRANSFER CONTROL TO NAMED MACROS EITHER INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL TO THE MACRO BEING EXECUTED.

EXAMPLE: TOM:<X=0
 SAM:<X=X+1>
 IF F50=0, GOTO SAM>
 THIS EXAMPLE WILL INCREMENT VARIABLE X UNTIL F50 IS PUSHED

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HELP FSON

SYNTAX: FSON EXPR1,EXPR2,EXPR3,...

FSON TURNS ON (SETS TO ONE) FUNCTION SWITCHES CORRESPONDING TO EXPR1,EXPR2, ETC. FSON DOES NOT WORK WITH FS15 OR THE PANIC BUTTON.

EXAMPLE: FSON 0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14
THIS TURNS ON THE EVEN FUNCTION SWITCHES SO THAT THEY LIGHT UP.

HELP GETCOM

SYNTAX: GETCOM DNAME,EXT

GETCOM IS THE SAME AS GETDSK EXCEPT IT TAKES DNAME FROM THE COMMON AREA ON THE DISK (I30,1).

GETCOM IS EQUIVALENT TO:
GETDSK DNAME,EXT(I30,1)

HELP GETDSK

SYNTAX: GETDSK DNAME,EXT(I30,X)

GETDSK GETS THE DNAME FROM THE DISK AREA INDICATED BY *(I30,X)* (DEFAULT IS YOUR AREA). IF NO .EXT, IT DEFAULTS TO .DEC. DNAME BECOMES THE NAME OF THE THING YOU ARE GETDSK'ING.

EXTENSIONS:

.DEC DECIMAL MODE
.BIN BINARY MODE
.VGN VECTOR GENERAL FORMAT
.CST CHARACTER SET (AUTOMATICALLY CALLED BY "TEXT")
.BLN PRESENT BLEND FORMAT
.MAC MACRO FORMAT (FOR MACROS, NOT FOR PICTURES)

NOTE THAT .DEC, .VGN, .BLN COME UP ON THE SCREEN. .BIN PICTURES ARE PUT INTO THE NON-DISPLAYED DATA STRUCTURE (PUTLIB'D) AND MUST BE GOTTEN BY GETLIB TO BE SEEN. .BIN ALSO PRESERVES THE SETUPS OF DIALS, ETC FOR ROTATE, MOVE, SCALE, ETC., WHEREAS THE OTHERS DO NOT.

EXAMPLES: GETDSK WITCH
GETDSK WITCH.DEC
GETDSK WITCH,DEC(I30,10)
GETDSK DRAN.MAC
GETDSK ROM2.CST
GETDSK OHIO1.BLN

HELP FIX

SYNTAX: FIX PNAME

FIX FREEZES THE POSITION OF A PICTURE OR THE VALUE OF A PNAME'S MODIFIER ACCORDING TO THE SWITCH OPTIONS. NO SWITCH FIXES EVERYTHING. FIX ALSO REMOVES DEV ASSIGNMENTS IF ANY.

SWITCHES:

NONE	FIXES ALL OF THE BELOW
/R	FIXES ROTATION
/S	FIXES SCALE
/M	FIXES MOVE
/P	FIXES PATHMOV
/I	FIXES INTENSITY
/C	FIXES CUTOFF PLANE
/H	FIXES HIDE FEATURE
/O	FIXES SETORG

EXAMPLES: FIX/R COPTER
 FIX GLOBE

HELP FLAP

SYNTAX: FLAP PNAME,EXPR1,EXPR2

FLAP PUTS BOUNDS ON THE ROTATION ANGLE. THE BOUNDS ARE GIVEN BY EXPR1 (THE HIGHER BOUND) AND EXPR2 (THE LOWER BOUND). FLAP WILL SETTLE FASTER IF

FLAP PNAME,0,0

IS TYPED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE FLAP COMMAND WITH THE DESIRED BOUNDS.

EXAMPLE: ROTATE WING,X,D0,D1,D2
 FLAP WING,100,-120

HELP FSOFF

SYNTAX: FSOFF EXPR1,EXPR2,EXPR3, ETC.

FSOFF TURNS OFF THE FUNCTION SWITCHES CORRESPONDING TO THE EXPRESSIONS.

EXAMPLE: FSOFF 1,3,5,7,9,11,13
 THIS TURNS OFF THE ODD FUNCTION SWITCHES. (NOTE THAT FS15 IS NOT USER PROGRAMMABLE.)

HELP DASHES

SYNTAX: DASHES LNAME

DASHES CHANGES THE LNAME'S VECTORS TO DASH NODE.

SWITCHES:

NONE DASHES MODE
/R DOTS NODE (REALLY SHORT DASHES)

EXAMPLE: DASHES DIAMON

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HELP DELETE

SYNTAX: DELETE ANAME

DELETES THE ANAME FROM CORE, REMOVES THE NAME AND RECLAIMS THE STORAGE THE ANAME TOOK. DOES NOT PRESENTLY WORK WITH GROUPS.

SWITCHES:

NONE AS ABOVE
/D DELETES ON YOUR DISK AREA.

EXAMPLES:

DELETE GLOBE
DELETE JSDRAW
DELETE/D WITCH.DEC

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HELP DELPO1

SYNTAX: DELPO1

DELPO1 DELETES THE LAST PREVIOUSLY PUT POINT IN AN OPEN'D LIST. IT TAKES THE LNAME FROM THE OPENO COMMAND ISSUED.

EXAMPLE: <PUTPO1 D0/16,D1/16,D2/16,1
IF FS1, DELPO1
SKIP -2>

THIS CAUSES VECTORS TO BE DRAWN UNLESS FS1 IS PUSHED.

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HELP DIRALL

SYNTAX: DIRALL

DIRALL GIVES THE USER THE DISK DIRECTORIES OF EVERYONES' AREAS.

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HELP BYE

SYNTAX: BYE

BYE LOGS USER OUT IF HE TYPES *YES* TO *CONFIRM*. LOGIN MUST BE USED TO REENTER SYSTEM. BYE IS USEFUL FOR CHANGING DISK AREAS WHILE RUNNING THE GRAPHICS SYMBIOSIS SYSTEM.

HELP CLEAR

SYNTAX: CLEAR

CLEAR SIMPLY CLEARS THE VT05 SCREEN.

HELP COPY

SYNTAX: COPY LNAME1, LNAME2

COPY CAUSES LNAME2 (THE NEW NAME) TO SHARE THE DATA OF LNAME1 (THE OLD NAME). ANY COMMAND THAT DOES NOT MODIFY DATA LISTS (E.G. ROTATE, SCALE, MOVE, ETC) MAY BE THEN INDEPENDENTLY BE USED ON EITHER LNAME. COMMANDS THAT ALTER DATA LISTS (E.G. SMOOTH, SOFTROT) WILL MODIFY BOTH COPIES. COPY MAY BE USED TO REFLECT A PICTURE AROUND AN AXIS BY USING THE SINGLE DIMENSIONAL SCALE.

EXAMPLE: COPY GLOBE, WORLD
 ROTATE GLOBE, X, D0, D1, D2
 ROTATE WORLD, Z, D9
 SCALE WORLD, D6

HELP COLOR

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SYNTAX: COLOR LNAME, EXPR

COLOR SETS UP THE LNAME FOR USE WITH THE COLOR WHEEL. THE EXPR MUST EVALUATE TO 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, OR THE LNAME WILL BE BLANKED. ZERO INDICATES ALL COLORS, THAT IS, WHITE. THE OTHER VALUES INDICATE ONE OF THE FOUR SEPARATE COLOR WHEEL COLORS. THE CHOICE OF WHICH MUST BE DONE AFTER THE COLOR WHEEL IS SPINNING. COLORS MAY BE MIXED BY USING THE COPY COMMAND AND SETTING THE COPY TO A DIFFERENT COLOR THAN THE ORIGINAL. IF THE IMAGE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE PURE COLORS, TOO MUCH PICTURE IS BEING DISPLAYED AND THE NUMBER OF VECTORS BEING DRAWN MUST BE REDUCED IN THIS CASE.

EXAMPLES: COLOR LEAF, 1
 COLOR BUMP, 4

HELP EXIT

SYNTAX: EXIT

EXIT IS A SUPER RETURN. IT ACTS LIKE A "*" WITHIN A MACRO AND RETURNS CONTROL TO "*" (I.E. VT05) LEVEL.

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HELP FILL

SYNTAX: FILL OUTLINE, FILL-LINES, FILL-CHARACTER, SPEED, DEGREES

FILL TAKES A LNAME AS AN OUTLINE, BUILDS A NEW LNAME COMPOSED OF THE FILL CHARACTER RANDOMLY PLACED WITHIN THE OUTLINE UNTIL FS 13 IS PUSHED. THE FILL CHARACTER SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF A SMALL NUMBER OF VECTORS IF MANY ARE NEEDED TO FILL THE OUTLINE. DEGREES (/P ONLY) INDICATES THE ANGLE AT WHICH THE FILL CHARACTER IS ROTATED. THE DEV FOR SPEED CONTROLS THE RATE AT WHICH THE FILL CHARACTER IS REPEATED.

SWITCHES:

NONE FILL CHARACTER IS RANDOMLY ROTATED AS IT IS PLACED WITHIN OUTLINE.
/P FILL CHARACTER IS PLACED AT ANGLE INDICATED BY DEGREES.

EXAMPLE:

FILL SQUARE, HAIR, CURL, D0
FILL /P HILL, FOREST, TREE, D0, 45

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HELP FILMING

SYNTAX: FILMING

SETS SINGLE FRAMING MODE ("F" IS ENOUGH TO TRIGGER THIS COMMAND)

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HELP GROUP

SYNTAX: GROUP PNAME1,PNAME2,GNAME

GROUPS PNAME1, PNAME2 AND EVERYTHING BETWEEN THEM INTO A GROUP NAMED GNAME. PNAME1 MUST BE DISPLAYED. PUTLIB/GETLIB SEQUENCES MAY BE USED TO ALTER GROUP STRUCTURE BY ELIMINATING OR ADDING PICTURES IF NECESSARY. ANY COMMAND WHICH WILL WORK ON PNAME1 WILL WORK ON GROUPED PICTURES.

EXAMPLE: GROUP AIRPLAN,PROP,PLANE

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HELP HIDE

SYNTAX: HIDE

HIDE MAY BE USED TO HIDE THE REAR SURFACES OF SPECIALLY PREPARED 3-D SHADED PICTURES. THE SURFACES MUST BE SET BY SETINT/S, DRAWN COUNTER-CLOCKWISE AS THEY ROTATE INTO VIEW, AND BE SHADED BY SHADE /3, /4, 5 OR /6.

EXAMPLE: SHADE/5 STEEPL,TOM,4
 SETINT/S TOM,D9
 HIDE TOM

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HELP INTERP

SYNTAX: INTERP OUTLINE,SHADE-LINES,EXPR

INTERP CREATES A NEW PICTURE BY RUNNING LINES BETWEEN THE VECTORS OF THE OUTLINE. THE NEW LINES ARE SPACED AS INDICATED BY THE EXPR. THE OUTLINE MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE JUMP IN IT, BUT MAY HAVE MORE.

EXAMPLE: INTERP FLUFF,STUFF,30

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HELP LINES

SYNTAX: LINES LNAME

LINES PUTS LNAME'S VECTORS IN REGULAR DRAWING MODE. IT IS USED TO RECOVER FROM DASHES AND POINTS MODES.

EXAMPLE: LINES DIAMON

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HELP LIST

SYNTAX: LIST

LIST CAUSES LINES OF MACROS TO BE ECHOED DURING EXECUTION. IT IS A USEFUL DEBUGGING TOOL. LIST IS SUPPRESSED BY XLIST.

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HELP MOVE

SYNTAX: MOVE PNAME,ORIGIN

MOVES PNAME TO PLACE INDICATED BY ORIGIN. ORIGIN IS NEW X,Y,Z POSITION AND IS SPECIFIED BY DEV,DEV+1, AND DEV+2.

EXAMPLE: MOVE NITCH,JS
MOVE TOM,F

THE FIRST EXAMPLE MOVES THE NITCH ACCORDING TO JX,JY,AND JZ.
THE SECOND EXAMPLE MOVES TOM ACCORDING TO VARIABLES F,G,AND H.

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HELP OPENO

SYNTAX: OPENO LNAME

OPENO IS NECESSARY TO ALLOCATE THE CORE MEMORY NECESSARY TO CREATE A PICTURE. IT SETS THE LNAME FOR DELFO1 AND PUTFO1 ALSO.

EXAMPLES: OPENO SAM
OPENO 4A

THE SECOND EXAMPLE ILLUSTRATES THE USE OF THE "*" FEATURE (SEE HELP MACRO).

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HELP PATHMOV

SYNTAX: PATHMOV PNAME,LNAME,SPEED

PATHMOV MOVES PNAME TANGENTIALLY ALONG LNAME ACCORDING TO THE SPEED INDICATED BY A DEV.

THE FIGURE MUST BE ROTATING IF TANGENTIAL QUALITY IS DESIRED. OTHERWISE, FIGURE WILL BE ORIENTED ALONG PATH JUST AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY. THE FIGURE ALSO SHRINKS AS IT MOVES INTO THE Z AXIS.

EXAMPLE: PATHMOV BFLY,TSINE,D0

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HELP PENOFF

SYNTAX: PENOFF

PENOFF TURNS THE LIGHT PEN OFF.

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-HELP PENSEN

SYNTAX: PENSEN LNAME

PENSEN MAKES A LNAME SENSITIVE TO LIGHT PEN HITS, AND TURNS OFF THE PREVIOUS PENSEN ASSIGNMENT. ONLY ONE LNAME MAY BE PENSEN'D AT A TIME.

EXAMPLE: PENSEN TARGET

***HELP POINTS**

SYNTAX: POINTS LNAME

POINTS CHANGES LNAME'S VECTORS TO DISPLAY ONLY THE ENDPOINTS.

EXAMPLE: POINTS MOREY

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HELP PRINT

SYNTAX: PRINT DNAME, EXT(30,X)

PRINT IS THE SAME AS TYPE BUT IT CREATES HARDCOPY ON THE DECFRITER INSTEAD OF DISPLAY ON THE VTOS. PRINT RUNS AS A SUBJECT AND CANNOT BE EASILY STOPPED.

EXAMPLE: PRINT DRAW.MAC
PRINT WITCH.DEC(30,1)

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HELP PUTDSK

SYNTAX: PUTDSK DNAME, EXT

PUTDSK PUTS DNAME OUT TO YOUR AREA ON THE DISK IN THE FORMAT INDICATED BY THE EXTENSION.

EXTENSIONS:

.BIN BINARY
.DEC DECIMAL (DEFAULT)
.MAC MACRO
.VGN VECTOR GENERAL FORMAT

.BIN PRESERVES DEVICE ASSIGNMENTS AND OTHER MOTION INFORMATION. THE OTHERS DO NOT. .VGN AND .BIN MAY BE USED WITH ANY LNAME. .DEC MAY ONLY BE USED WITH 3-D NON-SHADED DATA. YOU CANNOT WRITE ON ANYONE ELSE'S AREA.

EXAMPLES: PUTDSK DRAW.MAC
PUTDSK WITCH.VGN
PUTDSK BLOB.BIN
PUTDSK GLOBE
PUTDSK WITCH.DEC

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HELP PUTLIB

SYNTAX: PUTLIB PNAME

PUTS PNAME INTO NON-DISPLAYED DATA STRUCTURE. REMOVES PNAME FROM HIGHER GROUPS IF ANY. PNAME MUST BE DISPLAYED. ALL COMMANDS WORK ON PUTLIB'D PICTURES EXCEPT THOSE EXPLICITLY STATED NOT TO BY THE COMMAND DESCRIPTION ITSELF.

EXAMPLE: PUTLIB OUTLINE

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HELP PUTPOI

SYNTAX: PUTPOIN X, Y, Z, K

PUTPOIN PUTS A POINT INTO THE LNAME INDICATED BY AN OPENO. X, Y, Z ARE ANY EXPRESSIONS DETERMINING THE X, Y, AND Z COORDINATES OF THE POINT IN DECIMAL (RANGE -2048 TO 2047). K INDICATES THE FOLLOWING:

K=0 DRAW THE VECTOR
 K=1 MOVE TO A NEW PLACE BUT DO NOT DRAW (JUMP)
 K=-1 END OF LIST

NOTE THAT (UNLIKE GETPOIN) IF K=-1, THE LAST X, Y, Z ARE IGNORED (I. E. THE LAST POINT SHOULD BE SPECIFIED

PUTPOIN 0, 0, 0, -1

TO TERMINATE THE LIST). ALSO NOTE THAT THE FIRST POINT AUTOMATICALLY IS STORED AS K=1

EXAMPLE: PUTPOIN D0/16, D1/16/D2/16, 1
 PUTPOI A, B, C, 0
 PUTPOI 0, 0, 0, -1

THIS WILL CREATE A PICTURE WITH A LINE DRAWN FROM THE INSTANTANEOUS POSITIONS OF D0, D1, AND D2 TO THE POSITIONS OF THE VARIABLES A, B, AND C. (THE /16 IS NECESSARY BECAUSE DIALS ARE READ LEFT JUSTIFIED.)

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HELP READ

SYNTAX: READ DOSDEVICE

READ CHANGES THE READ DEVICE FOR TYPE AND PRINT TO THE NEW PDP-11 DIRECTORY DEVICE.

SWITCH:

NONE FOR TYPE JOB
 /P FOR PRINT JOB

EXAMPLE: READ/P DF
 PRINT GRASS. MAP(30, 4)

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HELP REMARK

SYNTAX: REMARK * ANY TEXT YOU WANT FOR COMMENTS
 UNTIL A DELIMITER IS SEEN!*

THE FIRST CHARACTER AFTER THE COMMAND IS TAKEN AS A DELIMITER AND ALL THE FOLLOWING TEXT UNTIL THE DELIMITER IS SEEN AGAIN IS TAKEN AS COMMENTS. REMARK IS USEFUL FOR DOCUMENTING MACROS.

EXAMPLE: REMARK % THIS MACRO MAKES FLIES FLY
 ON DIAL 0, AND THE JOYSTICK
 %

HELP RENAME

SYNTAX: RENAME ANAME1, ANAME2

RENAME REPLACES ANAME1 WITH ANAME2 IN THE NAME TABLE. IT IS USEFUL IF A NAME HAS TO BE CHANGED TO BRING ANOTHER COPY OF A CORE RESIDENT PICTURE INTO CORE, OR TO PUTDSK A MODIFIED PICTURE WHOSE NAME IS ALREADY ON THE DISK.

SWITCHES:

NONE AS ABOVE
/D RENAMES DISK FILE ON YOUR AREA

EXAMPLES:

GETDSK WITCH
RENAME WITCH, OLDLADY
GETDSK WITCH
NOW THERE ARE TWO COPIES OF WITCH IN MEMORY.

RENAME/D WITCH, DEC, LADY, DEC
WITCH, DEC IS NOW CALLED LADY, DEC ON THE DISK.

HELP RESTART

SYNTAX: RESTART

RESTART RE-INITIALIZES THE ENTIRE GRASS SYSTEM.

HELP RESUME

SYNTAX: RESUME

USED ONLY TO RETURN FROM VT05 INPUT MODE TO A MACRO IN EXECUTION OR TO A FS15-INTERRUPTED GETDSK.

EXAMPLE:

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*GETDSK GLOBE
      (PUSH FS15)
#ROTATE GLOBE, X, D0
@RESUME
      (FINISH GETDSK)
* .. ETC
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ALSO SEE *WAIT* WHICH IS USED FOR GETTING VT05 INPUT WHEN IN A MACRO.

HELP ROTATE

SYNTAX: ROTATE PNAME, AXIS, SPEED, TILT, ORIGIN

ROTATE TAKES THE PNAME AND ROTATES IT ACCORDING TO THE AXIS (MUST BE INDICATED AS 'X', 'Y', OR 'Z') AT THE SPEED (OR WITH /D, THE ANGLE) INDICATED BY A DEV. IF INCLUDED, THE TILT MODIFIES THE AXIS ACCORDING TO THE SETTING OF A DEV. IF INCLUDED, ORIGIN TAKES DEV, DEV+1, AND DEV+2 FOR THE ORIGIN OF THE AXIS OF ROTATION.

SWITCHES:

NONE	FAST ROTATION
/S	SLOW ROTATION
/D	DEV INDICATES ANGLE OF ROTATION INSTEAD OF SPEED

EXAMPLES:

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ROTATE PROP,X,D9
ROT/S GLOBE,A
ROT/D CUBE,Z,D8
ROTATE GLOBE,X,D9,D1
ROTATE BLADE,Z,D0,D1,D2
ROTATE SAH,X,D0,D1,A
ROTATE/D FRED,R,L,F

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HELP SCALE

SYNTAX: SCALE PNAME, FACTOR

SCALES PNAME BY FACTOR INDICATED BY A DEV.

SWITCHES:

NONE	USES HARDWARE SCALE WHICH SCALES TO PICTURE'S 0,0,0 AS MODIFIED BY MOVE, ROTATE, ETC.
/X	SCALES ALONG X AXIS (SINGLE DIMENSIONAL SCALING).
/Y	SCALES ALONG Y AXIS
/Z	SCALES ALONG Z AXIS
/A	SINGLE DIMENSIONAL SCALING ON DEV, DEV+1 AND DEV+2

SCALING WITH SWITCHES ALSO ALLOWS THE ORIGIN OF SCALE TO BE RESET BY USING SETORG COMMAND

EXAMPLES:

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SCALE TOH,D0
SCALE/X NOSE,D9
SCALE/Y SPIRAL,J

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THE LAST LINE TAKES J FOR X SCALE, K FOR Y SCALE AND L FOR Z SCALE.

HELP SETCUT

SYNTAX: SETCUT, PNAME, VALUE

SETCUT SETS THE CUTOFF PLANE ACCORDING TO THE VALUE SPECIFIED BY A DEV. IF DEV IS SET TO BE SLIGHTLY NEGATIVE, THEN VARYING THE INTENSITY SET BY SETINT WILL MOVE THE CUTOFF PLANE WITH RESPECT TO THE Z-AXIS.

EXAMPLE: SETCUT GLOBE, D8

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HELP SETDELA

SYNTAX: SETDELA DELAY

THE DELAY, INDICATED BY A DEV, IS USED TO SLOW DOWN GETDSK FOR .DEC AND .VGN MODES. SETDELA REMAINS SET FOR THE REST OF YOUR SESSION OR UNTIL RESET BY, FOR EXAMPLE

A=0
SETDELA A

EXAMPLE: SETDELA D8

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HELP SETINT

SYNTAX: SETINT PNAME, VALUE

SETINT SETS THE INTENSITY OF THE PNAME AS INDICATED BY THE DEV USED FOR VALUE.

SWITCHES:

NONE CHANGES INTENSITY FOR ENTIRE PNAME
/S FOR USE WITH 3-D SHADED OBJECTS ONLY. FS13
IS USED TO GO FROM SURFACE TO SURFACE,
SETTING THE INTENSITY ON THE DEV INDICATED.

EXAMPLE: SETINT GLOBE, D8
SETINT/S CUBE, D9

SYNTAX: SHADE OUTLINE, SHADE-LINES, SPACING, DEGREES

SHADE HAS MANY OPTIONS. THE OUTLINE IS ALWAYS A 3-D DATA LNAME (WHICH SHOULD BE PLANAR FOR THE EXPECTED EFFECT). SHADE LINES ARE BUILT IN A NEW LNAME ACCORDING TO THE SWITCH INDICATED. SPACING IS AN EXPRESSION WHICH CONTROLS HOW FAR THE LINES ARE SPACED APART (3 IS THE DEFAULT). DEGREES INDICATES THE ANGLE OF THE SHADING LINES (/P, /N, /3, AND /4 MODES ONLY)

SWITCHES:

NONE	2-D AUTO-INCREMENT SHADING. VERY ECONOMICAL FOR FILLING CONVEX AREAS DRAWN IN X-Y PLANE ONLY. (ONE WORD PER VECTOR.)
/P	PARALLEL 2-D SHADING. BETTER QUALITY SHADING THAN AUTO-INCREMENT MODE. (TWO WORDS PER VECTOR.)
/M	2-D AUTO-INCREMENT SHADING WHICH OBSERVES JUMPS. (E. G. IT WILL SHADE A DONUT CORRECTLY WHEREAS NO-SWITCH MODE WILL NOT). (ONE WORD PER VECTOR PLUS JUMPS.)
/N	PARALLEL /M MODE (TWO WORDS PER VECTOR PLUS JUMPS.)
/3	3-D SHADING WHICH LEAVES OUTLINE VISIBLE. INCLUDES HIDDEN SURFACE AND INTENSITY INFORMATION. (THREE WORDS PER VECTOR.) ALL THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHADING REQUIRES CLOSED SURFACES IN A PLANE WITH THE ENDPOINTS REPEATED IN THE CASE OF ADJACENT PLANES. IF HIDDEN SURFACE EFFECT IS DESIRED IN THE CONVEX CASE, SURFACES MUST BE SPECIFIED IN A COUNTER-CLOCKWISE ORDER AS THE OBJECT IS ROTATED INTO VIEW.
/4	LIKE /3 EXCEPT THAT THE OUTLINE IS REMOVED.
/5	OPTIMIZED /3. THIS IS THE ONE NORMALLY USED.
/6	OPTIMIZED /4.

EXAMPLES: SHADE/5 WITCH, OLDLADY
 SHADE/P BOX, PLANE, 10, 45
 SHADE BLOB, NENBLOB, 17

HELP SKIP

SYNTAX: SKIP EXPRESSION

SKIP IS USED TO TRANSFER CONTROL WITHIN A MACRO FOR LOOPING EXPRESSION MUST EVALUATE TO A NUMBER WHICH, IF NEGATIVE, SKIPS BACKWARDS THAT NUMBER OF LINES; IF POSITIVE, CONTROL SKIPS FORWARD THAT NUMBER OF LINES. NUMBERS LARGER THAN POSSIBLE WITHIN THE MACRO WILL RESULT IN TRANSFER TO THE FIRST STATEMENT OF THE PROGRAM IF NEGATIVE, OR PAST THE LAST (AND THUS EFFECTIVELY A RETURN) IF POSITIVE.

EXAMPLE: <X=X+1
 PROMPT X
 IF FS1=0, SKIP -2>
 THIS EXAMPLE WILL INCREMENT X AND PRINT IT UNTIL FS1 IS PUSHED.

HELP SMOOTH

SYNTAX: SMOOTH LNAME, NUMBER

SMOOTH USES A MODIFIED QUADRATIC SMOOTHING TECHNIQUE TO SMOOTH THE 3-D LNAME THE NUMBER OF TIMES INDICATED BY AN EXPRESSION.

EXAMPLES: SMOOTH PATH, 7
 SMOOTH GLOBE, 11/8-A*00

HELP TREE

SYNTAX: TREE

TREE GIVES THE USER A DIAGRAM OF HIS DATA STRUCTURE. IT LISTS THE PICTURES AND GROUPS IN THE DISPLAYED STRUCTURE BY NAME, INDICATING GROUPING LEVELS AND HIERARCHIES BY TABS. TREE ALSO CHECKS OUT THE DATA STRUCTURE AND INFORMS THE USER BY AN ERROR MESSAGE IF HIS DATA STRUCTURE CONTAINS IMPROPER GROUPS (GROUPS ACROSS LEVELS, FOR INSTANCE) WHICH WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS IF COMPOUND TRANSFORMATIONS WERE APPLIED. IF THE ERROR MESSAGE IS SEEN, THE USER SHOULD PUTLIB ALL HIS PICTURES AND THEN GETLIB THEM ONE BY ONE, GROUPING WHERE NECESSARY, AND CHECKING THE INTEGRITY OF THE STRUCTURE BY USING TREE PERIODICALLY.

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HELP TYPE

SYNTAX: TYPE DNAME. EXT(I30,X)

TYPE TYPES THE DNAME FROM THE AREA INDICATED BY "(I30,X)". THE DNAME IS TYPED ON THE VT05 AND MAY BE RECORDED BY TYPING: "C". IF NO "(I30,X)" IS INDICATED, THE DEFAULT IS TO YOUR AREA.

EXAMPLES: TYPE DRAM.MAC
TYPE WITCH.DEC

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HELP UNFILM

SYNTAX: UNFILM

RESETS TO NORMAL RUN MODE AFTER FILMING WAS USED. ("U" IS ENOUGH TO TRIGGER THIS COMMAND.)

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HELP WAIT

SYNTAX: WAIT

WAIT CAUSES THE MACRO TO WAIT FOR THE USER TO TYPE ON THE VT05. IT INHIBITS THE EXECUTION OF THE MACRO UNTIL THE USER TYPES "RESUME." WAIT IS USEFUL FOR INTERACTION WITH THE USER DURING THE USE OF A LONG MACRO.

EXAMPLE: <...
PROMPT "TYPE HELP FOLLOWED BY THE COMMAND NAME"
PROMPT "IF THERE IS A COMMAND THAT YOU DO NOT GROW."
PROMPT "TYPE RESUME WHEN YOU WISH TO CONTINUE WITH THIS
PROMPT "SELF-HELP MACRO"
WAIT
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HELP WARP

SYNTAX: WARP LNAME, DEV1, DEV2

WARP CHANGES THE SHAPE OF LINE SEGMENTS ACCORDING TO THE POSITION OF THE DEVS. WARP IS MUCH EASIER TO USE IF THE WARP MACRO IS USED. THIS MACRO GETS A CURSOR, SETS THE DIALS FOR MOVING THE CURSOR AND ALLOWS THE USER TO SWITCH WARP MODES. THE LNAME MUST NOT BE IN MOTION OR BE SCALD (IF IT IS, USE SOFTROT). THE WARP MACRO OVERLAY IS FAIRLY SELF-EXPLANATORY.

SWITCHES:

.NONE	WARPS LINE BUT PRESERVES ENDPOINTS
/B	WARPS LINE BETWEEN CHOSEN POINTS (USE WARP MACRO)
/M	TRANSLATES PART OF PICTURE BETWEEN JUMPS TO CURSOR POSITION

EXAMPLE: USE WARP MACRO

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HELP WRITE

SYNTAX: WRITE DOSDEVICE

WRITE IS THE SAME AS READ EXCEPT THAT IT CHANGES THE PUTDSK DEVICE.

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HELP COMPIL

SYNTAX: COMPIL MNAME1, MNAME2

COMPIL RESOLVES %LABEL PSEUDO-LABELS IN MNAME1. IF A MACRO HAS PSEUDO-LABELS, COMPIL MUST BE USED BEFORE IT CAN BE EXECUTED. PSEUDO-LABELS ARE USED TO ELIMINATE THE TASK OF COUNTING LINES FOR SKIP ARGUMENTS IN LONG MACROS. MNAME1 IS AUTO-DELETED. IF MNAME1 IS CALLED FROM THE DISK, OR PUTDSK'D BEFORE IT IS COMPIL'D IT MUST HAVE THE EXTENSION .MCS.

EXAMPLE: GLOB:<IF FS1, SKIP %FLUFF
SKIP -1
%FLUFF: DIRCOR>
COMPIL GLOB, CGLOB

CGLOB NOW LOOKS LIKE:
CGLOB:<IF FS1, SKIP 2
SKIP -1
DIRCOR>

GLOB IS AUTO-DELETED AND CGLOB CAN BE EXECUTED.

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