# Enterprise COBOL V5+ IPCS (Interactive Problem Control System) Dump Format Enhancements

#### Requirement:

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Enterprise COBOL for z/OS
COBOL 5/6 Runtime(LE) March 2018 PTFs
UI54469 LE 2.1
UI54468 LE 2.2
UI54470 LE 2.3
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## Improve COBOL V5+ IPCS dump formatting: Overview

#### Description

Using IPCS under COBOL 4.2 and earlier, it was relatively easy to locate a program's Working Storage. Under COBOL 5, this is a multi-step manual process. This request is to improve COBOL 5's IPCS dump formatting routine to make this easier for customers.

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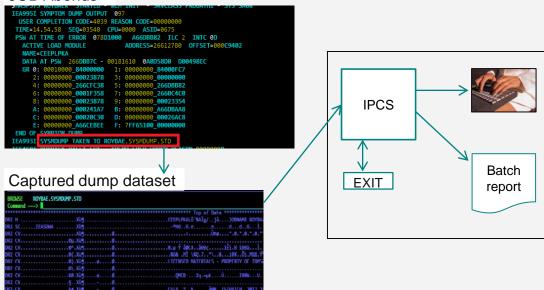
When COBOL programs have no "eye catchers" coded in their Working Storage sections, programmers have a hard time locating Working Storage in dumps without proper assistance from IPCS verb exits.

#### What is IPCS?

#### IPCS (Interactive Problem Control System from IBM)

- Can run under IPSF, BATCH or TSO
- Read Unformatted dumps (SVC, SYSMDUMP, stand-alone dumps) or Traces
- EXIT shipped with LE (Language Environment) to format COBOL control areas (For example, VERBEXIT LEDATA 'ALL')
  - SYS1.MIGLIB (Default installation dataset)

#### JOB Abends

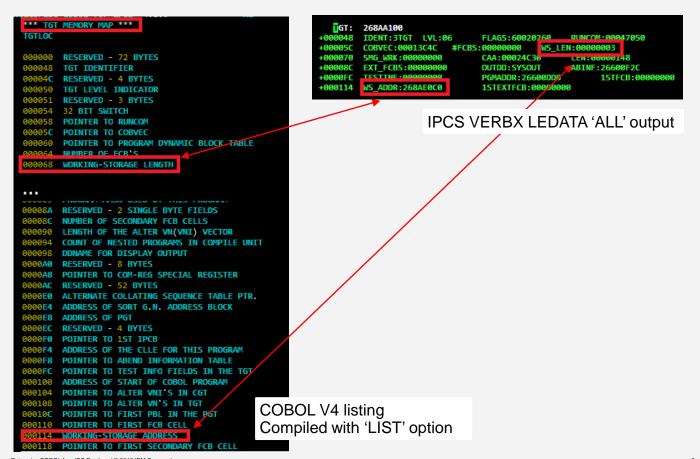


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#### TIP: Run IPCS on Batch

```
//USER1
      JOB ,
// MSGCLASS=S,TIME=(,09),REGION=0M,
// NOTIFY=&SYSUID
// EXEC PGM=TKJEFT01
//SYSPROC DD DSN=SYS1.SBLSCLI0,DISP=SHR
//SYSTSPRT DD SYSOUT=*
//IPCSPRNT DD SYSOUT=*
//IPCSTOC
        DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSUDUMP DD SYSOUT=*
//SYSTSIN DD *
                           DUMP dataset to read
IPCS
SETDEF DSN('USER.SYSMDUMP.STD') NOCONFIRM
                                       Comments (/* ... */)
DROPDUMP
/*# TPCSSEC: VERBX LEDATA 'ALL'
                                                     * /
VERBX LEDATA 'ALL'---
                   Any IPCS commands
/*
```

# How to locate COBOL V4 Working Storage?



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## How to locate COBOL V5+ Working Storage?

For example, COBOL 6 compiled with Rent

Q. Where are the storage locations of COBOL Identifiers?(UsrVar1/UsrVar2)?

X1.CBL **WSA** IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. PROGRAM-ID. X1. ENVIRONMENT DIVISION. COBOL Static area DATA DIVISION. WORKING-STORAGE SECTION. 01 UsrVar1 pic 999 value 111. WS-BASE-ADDRESS 01 UsrVar2 pic 999 value 222. PROCEDURE DIVISION. BEGIN. compute UsrVar2 = UsrVar1 / 0 WORKING-STORAGE stop run. **COBOL Identifier** END PROGRAM X1.

# How to locate COBOL V5+ Working Storage?

#### It is documented in COBOL 6.1 Migration Guide:

#### WORKING-STORAGE SECTION changes

You can use the following method to locate the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

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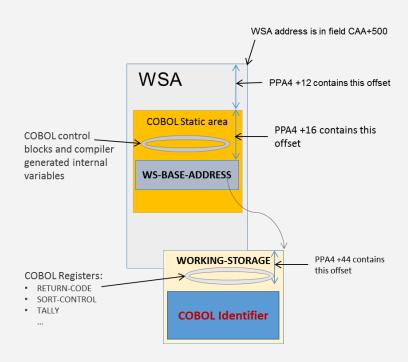
1. From the entry point of the COBOL program, find PPA1, PPA2, and PPA4.

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2. The fields in PPA4 provide information about the starting point address of the WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.

See the "COBOL V5 32-bit PPA4 layout" table in the z/OS Language Environment Vendor Interfaces. This layout applies to COBOL V5 and later programs. The major fields that we need are as follows: Offset Length Description

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#### Where is PPA4 in COBOL V5+?

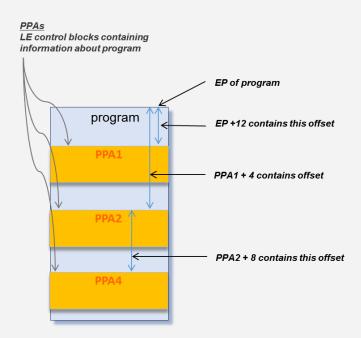
#### It is documented in Language Environment Vendor Interface:

#### Prolog information blocks

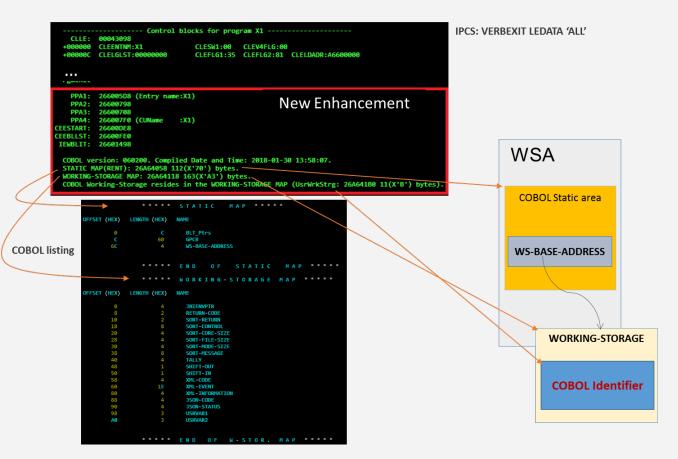
Program Prolog Area-1 (PPA1) appears for every Language Environment entry point.

There is a one-to-one correlation between a PPA1 and a DSA. The length of the name offset field (PPA1 offset 00) ranges from 32 to 255 bytes. Note that for the FASTLINK version, the value in this field is the offset to the name length field, divided by 2; therefore, the value of the field may range from X'10' to X'FF.

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#### **COBOL** Resources

#### **Enterprise COBOL**

#### Product Page:

https://www.ibm.com/us-en/marketplace/ibm-cobol

#### Documentation:

http://www.ibm.com/support/docview.wss?uid=swg27036733

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#### RFE community: Request For Enhancement

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rfe/?PROD ID=698

#### COBOL Café discussion Forum

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/community/forums/html/forum?id=11111111-0000-0000-0000-000000002281

# Thank you



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