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One Card Core Save Program

The recovery procedure for a system crash has been to reboot the system by using the entry to the absolute Octal Package (loc. 17401). This entry causes the contents of core to be copied on a specified portion of disc prior to loading the Octal Package from disc. However, if during the crash, the link to the Octal Package is destroyed, the alternatives were to, a) bring a new copy of the system from disc by using the one card bootstrap, or b) to reload the system from cards. Unfortunately, either option destroyed the contents of core without a prior core save, thus preventing a diagnosis of the nature of the crash.

The Core Save Program fits in one card and it is punched in bootstrap format and therefore loadable by the Bootstrap (Key-In) Loader. The program loads at loc. 17550-17567, it is self-executing and copies core locations 20 through 17377 on the reserved "core save" area of disc.

In case of an unrecoverable crash (link to the octal package is destroyed) the Core Save Program Card may be loaded from the card reader prior to the bootstrap process, thus saving the core image for future diagnosing. Note that the program exits with a jump to location 1, thereby allowing more cards to be read.

Core Save Program Listing

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CØRE:ØCT 20  
RANGE:ØCT 17360  
DISKA:ØCT 2413  
START:LDA CØRE  
LAC1  
LDA RANGE  
TCA  
LRCL  
RSFD  
JMP *-1  
LDA DISKA  
WTFD  
JMP *-1  
RRCL  
JMP 1  
JMP *-2
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