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Control Data Central Software Support has compiled a set of User Impact Statements to accompany the NOS 2.3 release. These user impact statements are designed to inform the end user of changes to existing software that may affect running programs and procedures. These documents are written for and designed to be distributed to all average end users and not the system analyst. The system analyst should still refer to the SRB for details on internal changes. The topics covered in the user impact statements are listed below. You may choose to distribute those that might be of interest to end users at your site. These are impact statements only and do not reflect the new augmentations and features available with NOS 2.3.

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USER IMPACT # 1

LIBEDIT RENAME Directive

LIBEDIT will no longer allow TEXT type records to be renamed via the RENAME directive. If an attempt is made to rename a PROC or TEXT record, it will be ignored and the following informative message will be written to the dayfile.

RENAME NOT ALLOWED FOR PROC OR TEXT RECORD.

Attempts to rename PROC records have been ignored prior to NOS 2.3. All other LIBEDIT directives either before or after this type of RENAME directive are processed normally.

USER IMPACT # 2

Noise Size Parameter for PE and GE Tape Requests

The noise size (NS) parameter is no longer supported for PE and GE tape requests. If the NS parameter is specified on the LABEL, REQUEST, or ASSIGN commands for tape formats other than I or SI, it is ignored and the dayfile message, 'NOISE SIZE IGNORED FOR PE/GCR', is issued.

The 'NS' specification can now be added to the COPY or TCOPY commands to allow tapes with non-standard size noise blocks to be copied.

USER IMPACT # 3

Detached Job Recovery

Prior to NOS 2.3, after recovering a detached job the message, 'ENTER GO TO CONTINUE', was displayed. At NOS 2.3, this prompt no longer exists and the recovered job is restarted automatically. Entering 'GO' is no longer necessary.

Entering 'GO' at this point may result in a type ahead response for input the executing program may want.

USER IMPACT # 4

Changes To Symbolic Name WEEKDAY

The numerical value returned for the symbolic name WEEKDAY has been changed to 1 through 7 for Monday through Sunday. Prior to NOS 2.3 it was 0 through 6 for Saturday through Friday.

Procedures that use this symbolic name should be reviewed prior to executing on NOS 2.3. The symbolic names MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, and SUN with fixed values 1 through 7 have been added for comparison with the symbolic name, WEEKDAY.

## USER IMPACT # 5

## Alternate CATLIST Security

This new feature adds a user specified file permission which prevents other users from obtaining CATLIST output for public (or permitted) files.

Unless otherwise specified, when a file is defined or saved, no information about the file will be available to other users via the CATLIST command. The commands affected by this feature are SAVE, DEFINE, and CHANGE.

SAVE (pfn/AC=ac)  
DEFINE (pfn/AC=ac)  
CHANGE (pfn/AC=ac)

where ac = Y Information will be made available to  
alternate users.  
N Information will not be made available to  
alternate users.

Again, the default for AC is N. A user may see the setting of this permission by using the CATLIST(LO=F) command.

Files created on previous systems will default to AC=N.