As Cool as Ice: Analyzing Your RACF® Data Using DFSORT™ and ICETOOL

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The Shortest Overview of the RACF Data Base Unload Utility (IRRDBU00) and RACF SMF Unload Utility (IRRADU00) That You Will Ever Hear From Me
The Shortest Overview of IRRxxxU00 Ever

- The RACF Database Unload Utility (IRRDBU00) and the RACF SMF Unload Utility (IRRADU00) convert security information from its terse and cryptic format to a “flat file” format.

  - Unloaded format is easy to read and import into data-analysis tools such as DB2®, Microsoft® Excel®, SAS®, DFSORT, and even ISPF edit or browse.
  - Everything is unloaded, with the exception of security-sensitive fields (such as passwords and keys) and information which is “reserved for IBM use”.
  - The output of these utilities is documented in “RACF Macros and Interface”.
  - RACF ships default 30+ sample reports in ‘SYS1.SAMPLIB(IRRICE)’.
An Introduction to DFSORT
An Introduction to DFSORT: A Few Notes

- All of the DFSORT information contained within this presentation is derived from:
  - *DFSORT: Getting Started (SC26-7527)*
  - *DFSORT Application Programming Guide (SC26-7523)*

- This focus of this session is that subset of DFSORT’s functionality which is most used when doing basic analysis of RACF information. This is only a small subset of the many functions available with DFSORT and DFSORT’s ICETOOL.

- These examples may or may not work if you are using a sort product other than DFSORT. Consult your OEM sort product vendor for questions on other sort products.
An Introduction to DFSORT: The Big Picture

- IBM’s DFSORT is a high-performance product that you can use to sort data, merge data, copy data, select data, reformat data, and create reports.

- DFSORT works on information that is contained within data sets.

- A **record** is a collection of related information that is managed as a unit, such as an employee record.

- A **field** is a specific portion of a record that defines a particular category of data, such as an employee’s name.

  - In DFSORT, each field is identified by a starting position, a length, and a data type (format).
  - DFSORT supports a large number of data types, such as CH, ZD, PD, BI, FS, UFF, SFF, Y2K, etc.).
  - DFSORT can also parse delimited fields, such as CSV data, into fixed fields.
An Introduction to DFSORT: Sorting Data

- As its name implies, sorting is one of the main functions of DFSORT, and is invoked with the SORT statement:

  SORT FIELDS=(startingPosition,length,dataType,sortOrder)
  - sortOrder: ‘A’ for ascending, ‘D’ for descending
  - dataType: ‘CH’ for character (EBCDIC) data

- For example, to sort the output of the RACF SMF Unload Utility by the type of record:

  SORT FIELDS=(5,8,CH,A)
An Introduction to DFSORT: Sorting Data…

- You can sort on multiple fields by specifying multiple sort fields.

- For example, to sort on the type of record, the date, and the time, code:

```
SORT FIELDS=(5,8,CH,A,32,10,CH,A,23,8,CH,A)
```

- Tip: If all of the fields have the same data type, you can code the FORMAT= keyword, which applies the specified data type to all of the fields in the statement:

```
SORT FORMAT=CH,FIELDS=(5,8,A,32,10,A,23,8,A)
```
An Introduction to DFSORT: Selecting Records

- DFSORT can be used to select records using the INCLUDE and OMIT statements.
  - INCLUDE COND=(startingPosition,length,dataType,testType,value)
  - OMIT COND=(startingPosition,length,dataType,testType,value)

- You can specify either a constant value (C’YES ‘) or another field in the record (39,4,CH) for the value.

- You can code multiple selection criteria, joined together with the Boolean AND and OR operators
  - INCLUDE COND=(startingPosition,length,dataType,testType,value,AND|OR, startingPosition,length,dataType,testType…)
  - OMIT COND=(startingPosition,length,dataType,testType,value,AND|OR, startingPosition,length,dataType,testType…)

- You can code only one INCLUDE or OMIT statement per sort operation
An Introduction to DFSORT: Selecting Records...

- You must code a SORT, MERGE, or COPY statement with your INCLUDE or OMIT statement
  - SORT FIELD=COPY or OPTION COPY can be used instead of SORT FIELDS=(....) if you don’t want to or need to sort the input data

- Example: Select all of the RACF Database Unload records (‘0200’ in columns 5-8) which define users who have the SPECIAL, OPERATIONS, or AUDITOR attribute (‘YES ‘ in columns 44-46, 49-51, or 390-392)

```plaintext
SORT    FIELDS=(10,8,CH,A)             INCLUDE COND=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200',AND,   (44,3,CH,EQ,C'YES',OR, 49,3,CH,EQ,C'YES',OR, 390,3,CH,EQ,C'YES'))
```
An Introduction to DFSORT: The Substring Operator

- You can use the DFSORT substring ("SS") comparison test to find a specified character string anywhere in a field

```
INCLUDE COND=(10,44,CH,SS,C'\*')
```
- selects any record in which the character ‘*’ appears within columns 10 to 53

- Consider this example:

```
INCLUDE COND=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'0500',AND,
    266,4,CH,EQ,C'NO',AND,
    (10,249,SS,EQ,C'\*'),OR,
    10,249,SS,EQ,C'\%',OR,
    10,249,SS,EQ,C'&'))
```
- Which finds all general resource profiles (record type '0500') which are not generic (record offset 266 contains 'NO') but have a generic character in the name (the "SS" operands)
An Introduction to DFSORT: Reformatting Records

- DFSORT allows extensive reformatting of records using the OUTREC statement and/or the INREC statement
  - The OUTREC statement defines the format of the output record
  - The OUTREC statement indicates:
    - What columns are to be copied to the output data set (startingPosition,length)
    - What other data is to be inserted into the record
      - Constant values
      - System generated data
      - Edited or converted numeric values
      - Justified or squeezed data
      - Sequence numbers
      - Results of arithmetic expressions

- Example: To copy the user ID, programmer name, and owner of the IRRDBU00 User Basic Data record, with a blank between each field, code:
  ```
  SORT    FIELDS=COPY
  INCLUDE COND=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200')
  OUTREC FIELDS=(1,4,10,8,X,78,20,X,30,8)
  OPTION   VLSHRT
  ```
  We’ll talk about what “1,4” means in a moment
An Introduction to DFSORT: Reformatting Records...

- One very powerful feature of OUTREC is the ability to insert text into a record during the reformatting processing
  - Can be very useful in transforming data into more usable forms

- Example: To copy the user ID, programmer name, and owner of the IRRDBU00 User Basic Data record, with a blank between each field, you would code:

```
SORT      FIELDS=COPY
INCLUDE COND=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200')
OUTREC FIELDS=(1,4,C'The owner of ID ',10,8,C' is ',30,8,C' and is assigned to ',79,20)
OPTION    VLSHRT
```
An Introduction to DFSORT: Reformatting Records...

The owner of ID AUDTR01 is MARKN and is assigned to EXTERNAL AUDITOR 01
The owner of ID AUDTR02 is MARKN and is assigned to EXTERNAL AUDITOR 02
The owner of ID A6 is MARKN and is assigned to #########################
The owner of ID BBB4 is MARKN and is assigned to #########################
The owner of ID FRED is MARKN and is assigned to FRED THE OPERATOR

- Some other powerful features of OUTREC are the ability to:
  - Reformat different records in different ways using IFTHEN clauses
  - Overlay selected bytes of a record using OVERLAY fields
  - Extract delimited fields (such as CSV) into fixed fields
  - Justify and squeeze data
An Introduction to DFSORT: OUTFIL

- The OUTFIL statement allows you to create one or more output data sets from a single pass of your input data
  - The output data sets can be complete copies of the input data set or may contain only selected records
    - You can select the records go into each output data set
      - Based on values within the record
      - Based on relative record number
      - “Round robin” or “one rotation” assignment
      - Every “nth” record
    - You can reformat the selected records in various ways
  - Very useful if you want to partition your RACF data base information or SMF
  - OUTFIL can also be used to create reports.
An Introduction to DFSORT: OUTFIL...

To put all of the IRRADU00 ACCESS records in one data set, all of the JOBINIT records into a second data set, and the remaining records into a third data set, you could code:

```
//SELECT EXEC PGM=SORT
//SYSOUT DD SYSOUT=* 
//SORTIN DD DISP=SHR, DSN=MARKN.TEST.IRRADU00
//ACCESS DD DISP=SHR, DSN=MARKN.ACCESS.IRRADU00
//JOBINIT DD DISP=SHR, DSN=MARKN.JOBINIT.IRRADU00
//OTHERS DD DISP=SHR, DSN=MARKN.OTHERS.IRRADU00
//SYSIN DD *
  SORT FIELDS=copy
  OUTFIL FNAMES=ACCESS, INCLUDE=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'ACCESS')
  OUTFIL FNAMES=JOBINIT, INCLUDE=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'JOBINIT')
  OUTFIL FNAMES=OTHERS, SAVE
/*/
An Introduction to DFSORT: Symbols

- DFSORT allows you to define symbols that can be used to replace fields, constants, and output columns in DFSORT and ICETOOL statements with easy-to-read labels
  - USBD_OPER could be used as a symbol for 44,1,CH

- The RACFICE package on the “Downloads” section of the RACF website (http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zos/racf/) contains DFSORT symbols for all of the IRRADU00 and IRRDBU00 fields. Using these symbols you can specify:

```
SORT FIELDS=(USBD_NAME,A)
INCLUDE COND=(GRBD_RECORD_TYPE,EQ,C'0500',AND,
             GRBD_GENERIC,EQ,C'NO', AND,
             (GRBD_NAME,SS,EQ,C'*',OR,
              GRBD_NAME,SS,EQ,C'%',OR,
              GRBD_NAME,SS,EQ,C'&')))```

An Introduction to DFSORT: Variable Length Records

- In z/OS, there are two data set structures:
  - *Fixed-length* records, in which all records in the data set have the same length (RECFM=F, or FB) and
  - *Variable-length* records, in which the records in the data set do not have to have the same size records (RECFM=V, VB, VS, or VBS). Each record must have a length which is less than the maximum record length specified for the data set.
    - Each variable length record is prefixed with a four-byte *record descriptor word* (RDW) that contains the length of the record in the first two bytes.

- When specifying the starting position, the RDW must be included.
  - … which means that you must add 4 to all of the starting positions documented for the IRRADU00 and IRRDBU00 output in *RACF Macros and Interfaces*. The DFSORT Symbols mentioned previously already have the RDW built into their starting positions.
DFSORT’s ICETOOL Utility
An Introduction to ICETOOL: The Big Picture

- ICETOOL is a multipurpose DFSORT utility that extends and simplifies the use of DFSORT

- ICETOOL allows the processing of multiple input and output data sets within the same job step

- ICETOOL processing is controlled by thirteen ICETOOL operators.

- All of the power of DFSORT, as well as additional functions, are available to you through ICETOOL!
# An Introduction to ICETOOL: ICETOOL Operators

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ICETOOL Operator</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>COPY</td>
<td>Copies a data set to one or more output data sets.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>COUNT</td>
<td>Counts the records in a data set or sets a return code based on the count.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEFAULTS</td>
<td>Prints the DFSORT installation defaults.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DISPLAY</td>
<td>Print fields values with titles, headings, sections, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MODE</td>
<td>Sets the ICETOOL error option: STOP, CONTINUE or SCAN. STOP is the default.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OCCURS</td>
<td>Print field values and their counts with titles, headings, etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>RANGE</td>
<td>Prints the count of values in a specified range.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SELECT</td>
<td>Selects records based on value counts.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SORT</td>
<td>Sorts a data set to one or more output data sets.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SPLICE</td>
<td>Performs various join and match operations.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATS</td>
<td>Prints minimum, maximum, total, and average values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UNIQUE</td>
<td>Prints a count of unique values.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>VERIFY</td>
<td>Identifies invalid decimal values.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
An Introduction to ICETOOL: ICETOOL Operators…

- All of the sample ICETOOL reports that are shipped in member IRRICE of ‘SYS1.SAMPLIB’ were written using just these ICETOOL operators:
  - COPY
  - SORT
  - DISPLAY
  - OCCURS
An Introduction to ICETOOL: SORT

- The SORT operator allows you to sort data, select the records which are of interest, reformat the records, etc.

- The syntax is:

  ```
  SORT FROM(indd) USING(cntl) TO(outdd)
  ```

- ...where
  - `indd` is the input data set DD name
  - `outdd` is the output data set DD name
  - `cntl` is the one to four character prefix for the DD name that contains the DFSORT control statements
    - The DD name is formed by appending “CNTL” to the USING value
An Introduction to ICETOOL: SORT…

- Let’s create a realistic example. To create a report that lists all of the users who have either SPECIAL, OPERATIONS, or AUDITOR, we have to find all of the user basic data records (which have ‘0200’ in columns 5 to 9) and which have a ‘Y’ in column 44, column 49, or column 390.

- The DFSORT INCLUDE statement which does this is:

```plaintext
INCLUDE COND= ((44,1,CH,EQ,C'Y',OR, 49,1,CH,EQ,C'Y',OR, 390,1,CH,EQ,C'Y'),AND, 5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200')
```
An Introduction to ICETOOL: DISPLAY

- The DISPLAY operator allows you to:
  - Select the information that is going to be in your report
  - Specify single line or multi-line column headings
  - Specify the title elements

- The syntax is:

  ```
  DISPLAY FROM(indd) ON(field,<parms>) LIST(listdd) options
  ```

- ...where
  - indd is the DD name of the input data set
  - field is the starting position, length and data type of the field that is to be in displayed the report
  - listdd is the DD name of the report data set
  - ON(field) can be (and usually is) repeated, once for each field in the report, up to 20 times
An Introduction to ICETOOL: DISPLAY…

- For processing RACF data, the options that are most of interest are:
  - ON(starting_position,length,datatype), which identifies a field to be processed
  - HEADER('string1', 'string2', 'string3'), which specifies a one, two, or three line column heading for each ON field
  - TITLE('string'), which puts a title on the report
  - PAGE, which puts the page number on the report
  - DATE[(format)], which puts the current date, in various forms, on the report
  - TIME[(format)], which puts the current time, in various forms, on the report
  - BLANK, which suppresses leading zeros in numeric fields
  - WIDTH, which sets the line length (width) of the report as 121 to 2048 bytes

- There are many other DISPLAY operands… see “DFSORT: Getting Started” or “DFSORT Application Programming Guide” for details.
An Introduction to ICETOOL: DISPLAY…

- Continuing our example: To create a report which lists all of the users who have either SPECIAL, OPERATIONS, or AUDITOR, along with their name (from columns 79 to 98) and their user ID (from columns 10 to 17), you code this ICETOOL DISPLAY operator:

  ```plaintext
  DISPLAY FROM(TEMP0001) LIST(PRINT) -
  PAGE -
  TITLE('User IDs With Extraordinary Global Authorities') -
  DATE(YMD/) -
  TIME(12:) -
  BLANK -
  ON(10,8,CH) HEADER('User ID') -
  ON(79,20,CH) HEADER('User Name') -
  ON(44,4,CH) HEADER('Special') -
  ON(49,4,CH) HEADER('Operations') -
  ON(390,4,CH) HEADER('Auditor')
  ```
An Introduction to ICETOOL: JCL

//REPORT    EXEC PGM=ICETOOL
//TOOLMSG   DD SYSOUT=* 
//DFSMSG    DD SYSOUT=* 
//DBUDATA   DD DISP=SHR, DSN=USER01.IRRDBU00 
//TEMP0001  DD DISP=(NEW,DELETE), SPACE=(CYL, (5,1,0)), UNIT=SYSALLDA 
//PRINT     DD SYSOUT=* 
//TOOLIN    DD * 

SORT FROM(DBUDATA) TO(TEMP0001) USING(RACF)
DISPLAY FROM(TEMP0001) LIST(PRINT) - 

PAGE - 
  TITLE('User IDs With Extraordinary Global Authorities') - 
  DATE(YMD/) - 
  TIME(12:) - 
  BLANK - 
  ON(10,8,CH) HEADER('User ID') - 
  ON(79,20,CH) HEADER('User Name') - 
  ON(44,4,CH) HEADER('Special') - 
  ON(49,4,CH) HEADER('Operations') - 
  ON(390,4,CH) HEADER('Auditor')

/* 
//RACFCNTL  DD * 
  SORT FIELD=(5,8,CH,A) 
  INCLUDE COND=((44,1,CH,EQ,C'Y',OR, 
     49,1,CH,EQ,C'Y',OR, 
     390,1,CH,EQ,C'Y'),AND, 
     5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200')

/*
### Sample RACFICE Report: Output

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>User ID</th>
<th>User Name</th>
<th>Special</th>
<th>Operations</th>
<th>Auditor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AUDTR01</td>
<td>EXTERNAL AUDITOR 01</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AUDTR02</td>
<td>EXTERNAL AUDITOR 02</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FRED</td>
<td>FRED THE OPERATOR</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IBMUSER</td>
<td></td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MARKN</td>
<td></td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SYSPRG1</td>
<td>SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER 1</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
An Introduction to ICETOOL: OCCURS

- The OCCURS (or OCCUR) operator prints each unique value and its count (how many records it appears in) for the field you specify. You can use various options (title elements, headings, etc.) as for DISPLAY.

- The syntax is:

  OCCURS  FROM(indd)  ON(field<,parms>)
  ON(VALCNT<,parms>)  options

- ...where
  - indd is the DD name of the input data set
  - field is the starting position, length and data type of the field to be displayed in the report
    - VALCNT is a special keyword for the count field
  - ON(field) can be (and usually is) repeated, once for each field up to 10 times
An Introduction to ICETOOL: OCCURS…

- Example: Create a report which counts all of the RACF events by hour
  - The time is in hh:mm:ss format starting in column 23

- The ICETOOL OCCURS statement for this is:

```plaintext
OCCURS FROM(IRRADU00) LIST(PRINT) -
    PAGE -
    TITLE('RACF Activity by Hour') -
    DATE(YMD/) -
    TIME(12:) -
    BLANK -
    ON(23,2,CH) HEADER('Hour') -
    ON(VALCNT) HEADER('RACF Events Logged')
```
Sample RACFICE Report: OCCURS Output

- 1 -  RACF Activity by Hour  05/02/06  08:46:51 pm

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Hour</th>
<th>RACF Events Logged</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00</td>
<td>756</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>01</td>
<td>160</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02</td>
<td>170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>03</td>
<td>214</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04</td>
<td>220</td>
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<td>398</td>
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<td>11</td>
<td>448</td>
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<tr>
<td>12</td>
<td>378</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>704</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>1308</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15</td>
<td>762</td>
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<td>17</td>
<td>516</td>
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<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>260</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19</td>
<td>296</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>160</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Selecting Records Using Relative Dates

- **DFSORT allows you to select records based on a relative date, such as:**
  - 30 days ago
  - 60 days from now

- **For IRRDBU00 and IRRADU00 output, the format of a DFSORT relative date is:**
  - DATE1(-)-d for past dates or DATE1(-)+d for future dates
    - DATE1 is the DFSORT date format for YYYYxMMxDD dates
    - (-) is the separator
      - IRRDBU00 and IRRADU00 dates are in the format yyy-mm-dd
    - “-d” is the number of days prior to the current date; “+d” is the number of dates after the current date (not particularly useful for IRRADU00 and IRRDBU00 output)
Selecting Records Using Relative Dates…

- Example: Find all of the user IDs which have been defined in the past 90 days
  
  In the past, this was usually done by writing a program which generated the DFSORT selection statements which would have hard-coded date values
  
  - See the “ULAST90” example in ‘SYS1.SAMPLIB(IRRICE)’
Selecting Records Using Relative Dates…

- **DFSORT INCLUDE Statement:**
  ```plaintext
  SORT      FIELDS=COPY
  INCLUDE COND=(5,4,CH,EQ,C'0200',AND,
  19, 10, CH,GE, DATE1(-) - 90)
  OPTION   VLSHRT
  ```

- **Output:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>User ID</th>
<th>Owner</th>
<th>Special</th>
<th>Operations</th>
<th>Auditor</th>
<th>Last Date</th>
<th>Last Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2006-03-28</td>
<td>OMVSKERN</td>
<td>IBMUSER</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>2006-03-28</td>
<td>10:32:45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006-04-05</td>
<td>ZOS17</td>
<td>IBMUSER</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>2006-04-05</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
What RACF DB Reports Are in RACFICE?

- Users who have extraordinary global/group RACF attributes
- Discrete data set/general resource profiles which contain generic characters
- Users who have more than 20 group connections
- Count of user/group/data set/general resource (by class) profiles
- User IDs with group privileges above USE
- Data set standard and general resources with a UACC of other than NONE
- Data set standard and conditional access lists with ID(*) of other than NONE
- General resource standard and conditional access lists with ID(*) of other than NONE
- Users who have explicit RRSF associations defined
- User IDs with an OMVS segment
- OS/390 UNIX super users (UID of zero)
- OS/390 UNIX UIDs which are used more than once
- HLQs with excessive generic profiles
- HLQs with excessive fully-qualified generic profiles
- User profiles defined in the past 90 days
What SMF RACFICE Reports are in RACFICE?

- Events associated with a specific user
- User IDs with excessive incorrect passwords
- Terminals with excessive incorrect passwords
- Accesses allowed due to WARNING mode profiles
- Accesses allowed because the user has OPERATIONS
- Users who are using Automatic Command Direction
- Users who are directing command explicitly
- User who log on with LOGON BY
- RACLINK audit records
- Users who are using password synchronization
- Access violations
An Introduction to DFSORT: Sources of Information

- **Sources of Information**
  - The DFSORT website at [www.ibm.com/storage/dfsort](http://www.ibm.com/storage/dfsort) which contains samples, tricks, Q&A, papers, etc.
  - The DFSORT library at [www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/srtmpub.html](http://www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/srtmpub.html), which has links to all of the DFSORT books and papers

- **DFSORT: Getting Started** is an excellent tutorial on DFSORT, DFSORT’s ICETOOL, and DFSORT Symbols

- For complete information on the newer (April 2006) DFSORT/ICETOOL functions (such as relative dates), see: [www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/peug/](http://www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/peug/)

- For complete information on the December 2004 DFSORT/ICETOOL functions (such as IFTHEN and OVERLAY), see: [www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/pdug/](http://www.ibm.com/servers/storage/support/software/sort/mvs/pdug/)
Advanced DFSORT
Advanced Uses of DFSORT

- One can get very creative with DFSORT. For example, the first record in your RACF data base is the ICB (“Inventory Control Block”) and has a wealth of control information about your RACF environment. You can use DFSORT to reformat this record into something more readable.

```plaintext
OPTION COPY
ALTSEQ CODE=(005C)
OUTFIL STARTREC=1,ENDREC=1,LINES=255,
HEADER2=(3/,C'ICB information',20X,C'Page:',PAGE=(EDIT=(TTT)),3/),
BUILD=(C'Number of BAM Blocks=',5,4,HEX,/,
C'RBA of highest CIB=',9,6,HEX,/,
C'RBA of first block in sequence set=',15,6,HEX,/,
C'RBA of first BAM block =',21,6,HEX,2,/,
C'ICBFLAGS=X<',27,1,HEX,C'>',/,
C' Dataset Extended=',
27,1,CHANGE=(3,B'1........',C'YES',B'0........',C'NO'),/,
...
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- The result:

  ICB information Page:001
  Number of BAM Blocks=00000001
  RBA of highest CIB=00000001A000
  RBA of first block in sequence set=00000000E000
  RBA of first BAM block =00000000C000
  ICBFLAGS=X<30>
    Dataset Extended=NO
    Resident data blocks=YES
    Data set format=NEW
    HPCS Write in Progress=NO
  Number of templates=05
  BAM high water mark=00000000C000
  ICBSTAT=X<3D>
    Bypass RACINIT stats=NO
    Bypass Data set statistics=YES
    No TAPEVOL statistics=YES
    No DASD volume statistics=YES
    No terminal statistics=YES
    No ADSP protection=NO
    EGN=YES
  ICBSTAT1=X<30>
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- Here’s another example: You can take parse “delimited” records and reformat them. For example, you can take the IRRDBUILD/RACDBUILD DB2 Load Utility Statements, which are of the format:

  INIT_EVENT_TYPE POSITION(1:8) CHAR(8)

- ... and create a DFSORT Symbol statement which looks like this:

  INIT_EVENT_TYPE,5,8,CH

- The Challenge:
  - The DB2 Load Utility statement is of the form: starting position:ending position
  - the DFSORT symbol is startingposition, length
  - The DFSORT starting position includes the RDW (4), the DB2 Load utility statement does not
  - There is lot of other information in the IBM-supplied DB2 Load utility statements for IRRDBU00 and IRRADU00
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- The DFSORT statements which does the conversion are:

```
OPTION COPY
   INCLUDE COND=(1,60,SS,EQ,C'POSITION(','AND,
                     1,60,SS,NE,C'AUTHID_NAME')
   INREC IFOUTLEN=80,
   IFTHEN=(WHEN=INIT,
           PARSE=(
                      %01=(STARTAT=NONBLANK,ENDBEFR=C' ',FIXLEN=20),
                      %02=(STARTAFT=C' (',ENDBEFR=C': ',FIXLEN=4),
                      %03=(ENDBEFR=C') ',FIXLEN=4)),
           BUILD=(%01,X,%02,UFF,ADD,+4,EDIT=(IIIT),X,
                   %03,UFF,SUB,%02,UFF,ADD,+1,EDIT=(IIIT),X,C'CH'))),
   IFTHEN=(WHEN=INIT,BUILD=(1,33,SQZ=(SHIFT=LEFT,MID=C', ')))
```
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