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Lets begin...



Introduction

Today we will talk about modifying the behavior of assembler SYSIN, SYSLIB, and SYSPRINT handling.

This is accomplished by writing an assembler "exit" load module that is called by the assembler during its processing of all of its external files.

We will see specific example for modifying SYSIN, SYSLIB, and SYSPRINT.





Introduction

Here are a few examples of why we might want to do this.

- Implement "C" style comments and #ifdef
- Implement a bi-lingual C / Assembler input stream and macros
- Implement labels such as MY_LABEL:
- Remove ASA carriage controls and replace them with blank lines to enable prettier viewing of listings.







What we will cover

- 1. What exits do?
- 2. What are they useful for?
- 3. What exits are there?
- 4. How to build and invoke the exits
- 5. Two concrete examples
- 6. Where can I learn more about this?

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1) What exits do

- Provide a way to modify the flow of source code, object data, symbolic data, and listings during the assembly process.
- Provide a way to alter the meaning of the data streams. For example, you could define new source code rules or alter the appearance of the listings.
- Exits are called by the assembler during processing using standard linkages and formal, documented APIs. We will focus on z/OS today.





2) What are they useful for?

- Exits can supply additional input
 - Inject new records
 - Can add new data sources
- Exits can modify inputs and outputs
 - Can alter the content of records
 - Can suppress records
- Exits can extract information from the assembly and save it elsewhere
 - Enforce coding standards

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Data sources may be from more than just SYSIN and SYSLIB.

Given appropriate calls, just about any data source can be accessed.



3) What exits are there?

- There are seven exits, in four categories
 - Source and Library
 - Listing and Term
 - Punch and Object
 - ADATA

We will talk about each of these...

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There are seven exits.

The Source and Library exits provide the ability to control SYSIN and SYSLIB input.

Listing and Term provide control over SYSPRINT and SYSTERM output.

Punch and Object provide control over SYSPUNCH and SYSLIN object deck creation.

ADATA provides control over SYSADATA creation.

In general, they can add, modify, delete, and extract information in all the assembler's data streams.

They can also provide alternate ways of processing the data, for example, by using different DCBs or DDNAMEs.



Source Exit

- Provides new SYSIN records
- Changes SYSIN records
- Deletes SYSIN records
- Potential uses:
 - Enforcing coding standards.
 - Reading source more than 72 bytes wide.
 - Implement your own definition of a "blank" line.
 - Implement "C" /* */ comments and #ifdef
 - Extend the language, such as providing a new syntax like LABEL:

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Checking for programmer ID or control information out near column 60. Absorb records from a VB dataset and convert them to RECFM=FB Change a blank line to be blank in only columns 1-60, say Implement bi-lingual C/ASM. Support multi-line /* */ Implement #ifdef, #ifndef, #else, #endif

Provide LABEL: SYSIN syntax



Library Exit

- Provides new SYSLIB macro/copy records
- Changes SYSLIB macro/copy records
- Deletes SYSLIB macro/copy records
- Potential uses:
 - Same benefits as for Source exit
 - Substituting different macro libraries

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Note that the Library exit is pretty much the same as the Source exit, but it gives the same controls over MACRO and COPY code inclusion.



Listing & Term Exits

- Provide new SYSPRINT and SYSTERM records
- Changes SYSPRINT and SYSTERM records
- Deletes SYSPRINT and SYSTERM records
- Potential uses:
 - "Remove" ASA carriage control and supply blanks lines instead to make listings more readable on displays and text editors
 - Convert listings directly to HTML
 - Annotate listings

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Punch & Object Exits

- Provides new SYSLIN and SYSPUNCH records
- Changes SYSLIN and SYSPUNCH records
- Deletes SYSLIN and SYSPUNCH records
- Potential uses:
 - Extract information from object records
 - Could write different data to SYSLIN and SYSPUNCH
 - Alter object records





ADATA Exits

- Provides new SYSADATA records
- Changes SYSADATA records
- Deletes SYSADATA records
- Potential uses:
 - Extract information from object records
 - Thin out ADATA information
 - Collect data for debuggers



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4) How to build and invoke an exit

- You can have one load module for each exit or one for all of them.
- Assemble the exit and then Link-Edit it into a load module with AMODE31 and REUS.
 - //LKED.SYSLMOD DD DSN=MY.LOADLIB(MYEXIT),...
- Add the loadlib to the assembler's JOBLIB or STEPLIB, or place the module in the LNKLIST.
 - //ASM.STEPLIB DD// DD DSN=MY.LOADLIB,DISP=SHR
- The exit's load module name is specified by the assembler's JCL PARM='xxxEXIT(MYEXIT)'

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To me, having one load module makes sharing of common code easier to write and maintain.

You can also write it as a re-entrant module if you wish.

The example that I give here is reusable but not reentrant.

Having the REUS (or RENT) option is important. When it is present then the assembler will LOAD the module only once and just branch to it on each call. If it is not REUS then it will be LOADed on every call and the performance will be pretty bad.



5) Two concrete examples

- Sample Source and Library exit to implement a new syntax
 - LABEL:
 - Shows how to alter records
- Sample Listing exit to "convert" ASA carriage control to blank lines
 - Makes listings easier to read on many text editors
 - Shows how to alter and inject records

The point of these examples is to illustrate how we can alter and inject records. These could be extended to implement many other strategies such as a bi-lingual C/ASM SYSIN stream.

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Next we are going to talk about two simple exits.

The LABEL: exit illustrates how we can alter a SYSIN/SYSLIB record.

The SYSPRINT exit shows how we can alter and inject new records.



The following slides will illustrate an implementation of our sample exit that converts





Many programmers are used to coding

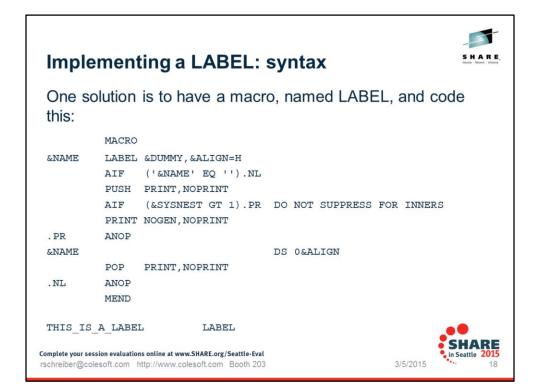
THIS_IS_A_LABEL DS OH

or

THIS_IS_A_LABEL EQU *

But these are (I think) ugly.





One fairly elegant way to do "labels" is with a LABEL macro. The opcode, LABEL, is placed out in column 36 to make is seems to be a comment. This has the advantage of not needing an exit to implement it.



Or, perhaps, better yet...

THIS IS A LABEL:

- To do this requires the use of the Source and probably Library exit too.
 - Source exit handles: from SYSIN
 - Library exit handles: from SYSLIB, macros and copy code

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One alternative is have the exit convert some thing like this into something that the assembler likes.

I tend to ignore listings for the most part and want the SYSIN and SYSLIB records to be pretty.



- Each exit is called for three functions
 - OPEN
 - Provides the ability to perform post-open processing, like opening a different dataset
 - We just return R15=0 to indicate to use normal SYSIN/SYSLIB datasets.
 - CLOSE
 - Provides an opportunity to clean up.
 - We just return R15=0 to indicate operation (none) succeeded.

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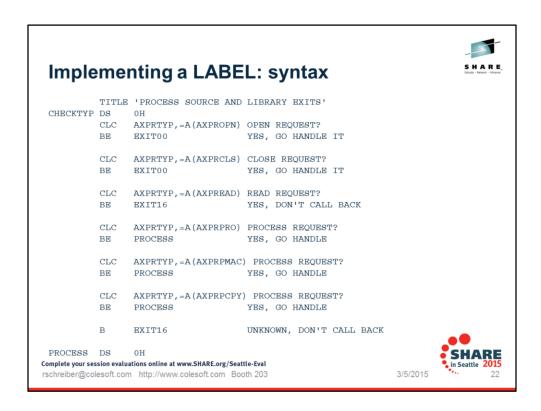
The READ operations is not called when the assembler wants to read data. It is called...



- Uses Source and Library exits
 - Processes SYSIN, MACRO, COPY statements

 - Replace <u>:</u> with <u>DS 0H</u> or <u>EQU *</u> or whatever you want
 - Return with R15=0 to hand modified card image to assembler





This is the beginning of the code for the Source and Library sample exits.

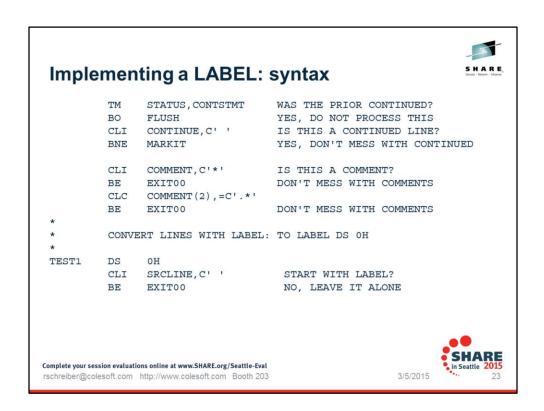
Both exits start executing at label CHECKTYP.

The EXIT00 routine will return with RC=0 and REASON=0 indicating that we are done "not" modifying the SYSIN and SYSLIB dataset specifications.

The EXITO4 routine (discussed later) will return with RC=0 and REASON=4.

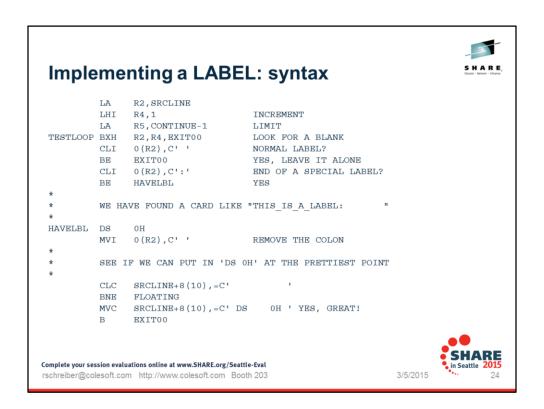
The EXIT16 routine will return with RC=16 and REASON=0.

The three calls to PROCESS are the meat of this and will cause further actions.



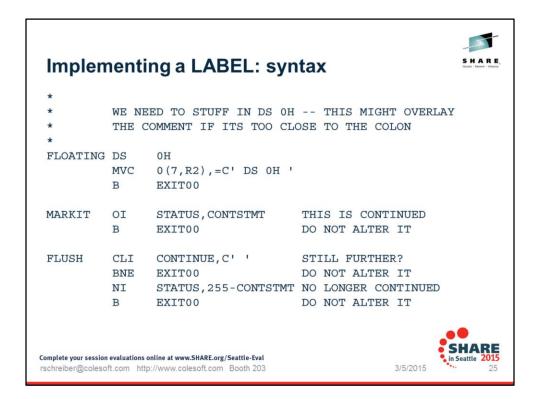
Here we avoid process continued statements and comment cards.

At test1 we begin analyzing the statement to see if it has a label.



Here we have dertermined that the statement does indeed have a label and forward scan it to see if it has a colon.

If the label was short then we try to place the DS 0H in column 10 and then exit.



If that did not work then we jam the DS 0H over where the colon was, and exit.



5.2 Implementing FBA carriage control conversion

- Provides a way to directly convert carriage controls for SYSPRINT to blank lines
 - Avoids needing a program to post-process your SYSPRINT.
- Useful when you specify //SYSPRINT DD PATH= to place listing in an HFS directory and they you can use OMVS cat to display it.

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This Listing exit provides the conversion of ASA carriage controls to blank lines.

In my shop I place the SYSPRINT data into an HFS file that is available to me via the z/OS SAMBA server. Then I use my Windows system to map a drive to that directory and then use my favorite ASCII editor to browse the listing.

You could also do this with Linux.

Here is how it works...



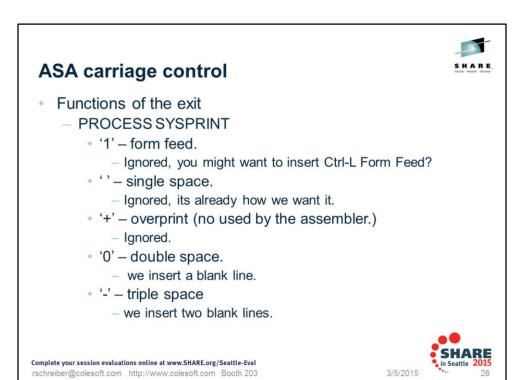
ASA carriage control

- · Functions of the exit
 - OPEN
 - Just return R15=0 to indicate to use normal SYSPRINT dataset.
 - CLOSE
 - Just return R15=0 to indicate operation (none) succeeded.

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Here we basically want to ignore Open and Close since we don't need to remap them to a different DCB or DDNAME.

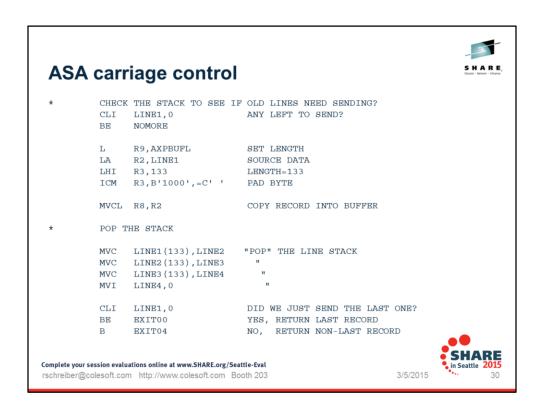


For 0 and – we will be inserting one or two blank lines in front of the current line.

This will require injecting new records into SYSPRINT.



Similar to the Source and Library exits we ignore Open and Close and honor Process.



The code operates by maintaining a stack of blank and output lines.

If the stack is empty then we reload it with the current record. (NOMORE)

LINE1 gets the output line and its also copied to LINES2-4.

If LINE1 has a x'00' then we have emptied the stack and tell the assembler to move onto its next output record.

If LINE1 is non-zero then we tell the

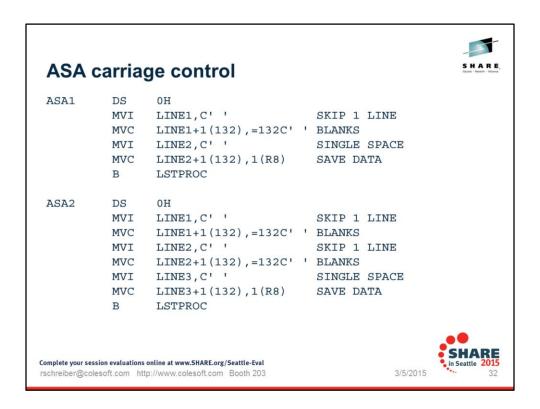


ASA carriage control

NOMORE DS OH MVI LINE1,0 RESET ALL THE LINES MVI LINE2,0 MVI LINE3,0 MVI LINE4,0 CLI SRCLINE, C'0' CARRIAGE SKIP? BE ASA1 YES, ONE BLANK LINE CLI SRCLINE, C'-' CARRIAGE SKIP? BE ASA2 YES, TWO BLANK LINES

B EXITOO RETURN WITH LAST RECORD





Here we handle adding one line and the data to the stack (of two)



AXPXITP upon entry – via R1

```
-----XDC-CDF ISPF INTERFACE -----
XDC ===> FORMAT R1?
_ 00000000_0001AA94 8f (A.S.ROBTEST) --- AXPXITP+0, @R1+0, @R5+0, PRIVATE+18A94
                   +AXPXITP DSECT
      +0
      +0 0001AAB0
                     +AXPRIP DS A
                                            Pointer to Request Information (see be
     +00@R5
+00@R1 0001AAB0
                          1AAB0
                                           *....*
     +4 00041C8C +AXPBUFP DS A
+8 0001AAEC +AXPERRP DS A
                                             Pointer to Buffer
                                            Pointer to Error Buffer
Length of Error Buffer
      +8 0001AAEC
                      +AXPERRBUFL EQU 255
      +8
    to indicate end-of-list
    +18
                   +AXPBASL EQU *-AXPRIP Length of base
```

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AXPRIL control block for SYSPRINT call

```
TCB#5 RB#1 ------XDC-CDF ISPF INTERFACE ------
XDC ===> FORMAT .AXPRIL
_ 00000000_0001AAB0 8f (A.S.ROBTEST) --- AXPRIL+0, @R10+0, @R3+0, @R1+1C, @R11+1C, @R5+1C,
           AXPXITP+1C, PRIVATE+18AB0
                               +AXPRIL DSECT
                                                             Request Information List
                                                          Request information List
EXIT list version number
Exit Parameter List Version 3
EXIT Type (see values below)
SOURCE (SYSIN)
LIBRARY (SYSLIB)
        +0 00000003
                              +AXPLVER DS F
                               +AXPVER3 EQU 3
        +4
         +4 00000003
                               +AXPTYPE DS
                               +AXPTSRC EQU 1
         +4
         +4
                               +AXPTLIB EQU 2
                                                          LISTING (SYSPRINT)
PUNCH (SYSPUNCH)
OBJECT (SYSLIN)
ADATA (SYSADATA)
TERM (SYSTERM)
                               +AXPTLST EQU 3
         +4
                               +AXPTPUN EQU 4
                              +AXPTOBJ EQU 5
         +4
                              +AXPTAD EQU 6
         +4
         +4
                              +AXPTTRM EQU 7
        +8 00000005
                               +AXPRTYP DS F
                                                             Request Type (see values below)
        +8
                               +AXPRPRO EQU 5
                                                            PROCESS - exit receives control to inspect
                                                                        and/or modify record provided by
                                                                         the assembler (Not LIBRARY exit)
```



```
Sample test program
 // EXEC PGM=ASM90, PARM='INEXIT(MYEXIT), LIBEXIT(MYEXIT)'
 //SYSIN DD *
 TEST
            CSECT
            USING *,15
            SPACE 1
            DS
                   20X
            SPACE 2
                   4,THIS_IS_A_LABEL
            SPACE 3
 THIS_IS_A_LABEL:
            DC CL20'SOME TEXT'
            END TEST
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```

This is a tiny program that illustrates the features we have implemented.



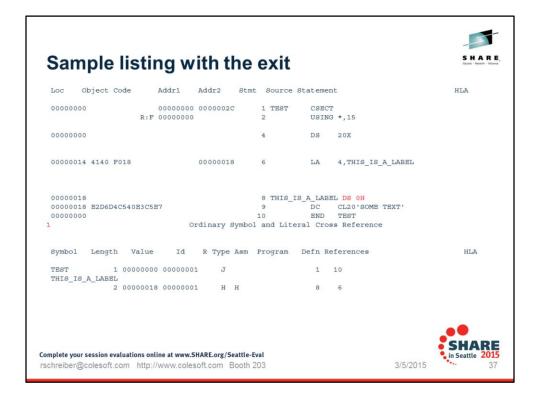
Sample listing without the exit

```
Active Usings: None
Object Code
                         Addr1
                                 Addr2
                                         Stmt Source Statement
                                                                          HLA
                                         1 TEST CSECT
000000000
                     00000000 0000002C
                   R:F 00000000
                                                       USING *,15
                                         4 DS 20X
6 LA 4,THIS_IS_A_LABEL
000000000
-00000014 0000 0000
                              00000000
 ** ASMA044E Undefined symbol - THIS_IS_A_LABEL
 ** ASMA435I Record 6 in ROB.ROBEXITT.JOB08902.D0000101.? on volume:
 ** ASMA142E Operation code not complete on first record
** ASMA435I Record 8 in ROB.ROBEXITT.JOB08902.D0000101.? on volume:
                                                DC CL20'SOME TEXT'
END TEST
 00000018 E2D6D4C540E3C5E7
                                            9
 00000000
                                           10
ordinary Symbol and Literal Cross Reference
-Symbol Length Value Id R Type Asm Program Defn References
OTEST 1 00000000 00000001 J
                                                       1 10
 THIS IS A LABEL
  ***UNDEFINED*** 00000000
OStatements Flagged
0 6(P1,6), 8(P1,8)
```

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Auditing information

The assembler produces the following report to assist auditing the use of exits:

Input/Outp	ut Exit	Statistics	3			
Exit Type	Name	Calls	Records		Diagnostic	
			Added	Deleted	Messages	
LIBRARY	MYEXIT	2	0	0	0	
LISTING	MYEXIT	164	31	0	0	
SOURCE	MYEXIT	12	0	0	0	

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It does not produce a count of the number of records that were modified.



7) Where can I learn more about this?

- IBM High Level Assembler for z/OS & z/VM & z/VSE
 - SG26-4641
 - Chapter 4 Providing user exits

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The example exits that we present here do not include all the source code to build it. You can visit our web site to download the full source code.



Summary

- We have learned that Assembler exits can be a powerful tool to enhance the assembler language.
- We can implement "C" style comments and bi_lingual C/ASM
- · We can use these to enforce coding standards.
- We can use these to produce better listings, especially for non-z/OS data streams.





Full Source Code

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