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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 SYSTEM 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

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.

5.1 Implementing a LABEL: syntax

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

```
THIS_IS_A_LABEL:
```

to

```
THIS_IS_A_LABEL      DS    0H
```

Implementing a LABEL: syntax

Many programmers are used to coding

```
THIS_IS_A_LABEL DS 0H
```

or

```
THIS_IS_A_LABEL EQU *
```

But these are (I think) ugly.

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Implementing a LABEL: syntax



One solution is to have a macro, named LABEL, and code this:

```
MACRO
&NAME LABEL &DUMMY, &ALIGN=H
AIF ('&NAME' EQ '') .NL
PUSH PRINT, NOPRINT
AIF (&SYSNEST GT 1) .PR DO NOT SUPPRESS FOR INNERS
PRINT NOGEN, NOPRINT
.PR ANOP
&NAME DS 0&ALIGN
POP PRINT, NOPRINT
.NL ANOP
MEND

THIS_IS_A_LABEL LABEL
```

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

Implementing a LABEL: syntax

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.

Implementing a LABEL: syntax

- 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...

Implementing a LABEL: syntax

- Uses Source and Library exits
 - Processes SYSIN, MACRO, COPY statements
 - Scan for xxxxxxxxxxxx: starting in column 1
 - Replace : with DS 0H or EQU * or whatever you want
 - Return with R15=0 to hand modified card image to assembler

Implementing a LABEL: syntax



```
TITLE 'PROCESS SOURCE AND LIBRARY EXITS'
CHECKTYP DS 0H
CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPROP) OPEN REQUEST?
BE   EXIT00              YES, GO HANDLE IT

CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPRCLS) CLOSE REQUEST?
BE   EXIT00              YES, GO HANDLE IT

CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPREAD) READ REQUEST?
BE   EXIT16              YES, DON'T CALL BACK

CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPRPRO) PROCESS REQUEST?
BE   PROCESS              YES, GO HANDLE

CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPRPMAC) PROCESS REQUEST?
BE   PROCESS              YES, GO HANDLE

CLC  AXPRTYP,=A(AXPRPCPY) PROCESS REQUEST?
BE   PROCESS              YES, GO HANDLE

B    EXIT16              UNKNOWN, DON'T CALL BACK

PROCESS DS 0H
```

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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 EXIT04 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.

Implementing a LABEL: syntax



```
TM      STATUS,CONTSTMT      WAS THE PRIOR CONTINUED?
BO      FLUSH                 YES, DO NOT PROCESS THIS
CLI      CONTINUE,C' '        IS THIS A CONTINUED LINE?
BNE      MARKIT               YES, DON'T MESS WITH CONTINUED

CLI      COMMENT,C'*'         IS THIS A COMMENT?
BE       EXIT00                DON'T MESS WITH COMMENTS
CLC      COMMENT(2),=C' .*'    DON'T MESS WITH COMMENTS
BE       EXIT00                DON'T MESS WITH COMMENTS

*
*      CONVERT LINES WITH LABEL: TO LABEL DS 0H
*
TEST1    DS      0H
CLI      SRCLINE,C' '         START WITH LABEL?
BE       EXIT00                NO, LEAVE IT ALONE
```

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Here we avoid process continued statements and comment cards.

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

Implementing a LABEL: syntax



```

LA      R2,SRCLINE
LHI     R4,1          INCREMENT
LA      R5,CONTINUE-1 LIMIT
TESTLOOP BXH R2,R4,EXIT00 LOOK FOR A BLANK
CLI     0(R2),C' '    NORMAL LABEL?
BE      EXIT00        YES, LEAVE IT ALONE
CLI     0(R2),C': '   END OF A SPECIAL LABEL?
BE      HAVELBL       YES

*
*      WE HAVE FOUND A CARD LIKE "THIS_IS_A_LABEL:      "
*
HAVELBL DS      0H
MVI     0(R2),C' '    REMOVE THE COLON

*
*      SEE IF WE CAN PUT IN 'DS 0H' AT THE PRETTIEST POINT
*

CLC     SRCLINE+8(10),=C' '
BNE     FLOATING
MVC     SRCLINE+8(10),=C' DS      0H ' YES, GREAT!
B       EXIT00
    
```

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Here we have determined 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.

Implementing a LABEL: syntax



```
*
*      WE NEED TO STUFF IN DS 0H -- THIS MIGHT OVERLAY
*      THE COMMENT IF ITS TOO CLOSE TO THE COLON
*
FLOATING DS      0H
          MVC     0(7,R2),=C' DS 0H '
          B       EXIT00

MARKIT   OI      STATUS,CONTSTMT      THIS IS CONTINUED
          B       EXIT00              DO NOT ALTER IT

FLUSH    CLI     CONTINUE,C' '        STILL FURTHER?
          BNE     EXIT00              DO NOT ALTER IT
          NI      STATUS,255-CONTSTMT NO LONGER CONTINUED
          B       EXIT00              DO NOT ALTER IT
```

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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 then 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.

ASA carriage control



- Functions of the exit
 - PROCESS SYSPRINT
 - '1' – form feed.
 - Ignored, you might want to insert Ctrl-L Form Feed?
 - ' ' – single space.
 - Ignored, its already how we want it.
 - '+' – overprint (no used by the assembler.)
 - Ignored.
 - '0' – double space.
 - we insert a blank line.
 - '-' – triple space
 - we insert two blank lines.

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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.

ASA carriage control



```
TITLE 'PROCESS LISTING EXIT'

CHECKLST DS    0H

CLC    AXPRTYP,=A (AXPROP) OPEN REQUEST?
BE     EXIT00          YES, GO HANDLE IT

CLC    AXPRTYP,=A (AXPRCLS) CLOSE REQUEST?
BE     EXIT00          YES, GO HANDLE IT

CLC    AXPRTYP,=A (AXPRPRO) PROCESS REQUEST?
BE     LSTPROC         YES, GO HANDLE

B      EXIT16          UNKNOWN, DON'T CALL AGAIN

LSTPROC DS    0H
```

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

ASA carriage control



```
*      CHECK THE STACK TO SEE IF OLD LINES NEED SENDING?
      CLI   LINE1,0          ANY LEFT TO SEND?
      BE    NOMORE

      L      R9,AXPBUFL      SET LENGTH
      LA     R2,LINE1        SOURCE DATA
      LHI    R3,133          LENGTH=133
      ICM    R3,B'1000',='C' ' PAD BYTE

      MVCL   R8,R2           COPY RECORD INTO BUFFER

*      POP THE STACK

      MVC    LINE1(133),LINE2 "POP" THE LINE STACK
      MVC    LINE2(133),LINE3  "
      MVC    LINE3(133),LINE4  "
      MVI    LINE4,0           "

      CLI    LINE1,0          DID WE JUST SEND THE LAST ONE?
      BE     EXIT00           YES, RETURN LAST RECORD
      B      EXIT04           NO, RETURN NON-LAST RECORD
```

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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	0H	
	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	EXIT00	RETURN WITH LAST RECORD

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ASA carriage control



```
ASA1      DS      0H
          MVI     LINE1,C' '          SKIP 1 LINE
          MVC     LINE1+1(132),=132C' ' BLANKS
          MVI     LINE2,C' '          SINGLE SPACE
          MVC     LINE2+1(132),1(R8)   SAVE DATA
          B       LSTPROC

ASA2      DS      0H
          MVI     LINE1,C' '          SKIP 1 LINE
          MVC     LINE1+1(132),=132C' ' BLANKS
          MVI     LINE2,C' '          SKIP 1 LINE
          MVC     LINE2+1(132),=132C' ' BLANKS
          MVI     LINE3,C' '          SINGLE SPACE
          MVC     LINE3+1(132),1(R8)   SAVE DATA
          B       LSTPROC
```

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

AXPXITP upon entry – via R1



```

TCB#5 RB#1 -----XDC-CDF ISPP INTERFACE -----
XDC ==> FORMAT R1?
- 00000000_0001AA94 8f (A.S.ROBTST) --- AXPXITP+0, @R1+0, @R5+0, PRIVATE+18A94
- +0 +AXPXITP DSECT
- +0 0001AAB0 +AXPRIP DS A Pointer to Request Information (see be
- +0@R5
- +0@R1 0001AAB0 1AAB0 *....*
- +4 00041C8C +AXPBUFF DS A Pointer to Buffer
- +8 0001AABC +AXPERRP DS A Pointer to Error Buffer
- +8 +AXPERRBUFL EQU 255 Length of Error Buffer
- +C 0001ABEC +AXPSIP DS A Pointer to Exit Information(see below)
- +10 00019D48 +AXPDCBP DS A Pointer to DCB (MVS/CMS only)
- +14 00019E98 +AXPAIP DS A -> Assembler Info Block(see below)
- +18 80019EBC +AXPHSIP DS A Pointer to Services Interface
- +18 +* block (see below) - bit 0 set on
- +18 +* 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,
- AXPTITP+1C, PRIVATE+18AB0
-
- +0 +AXPRIL DSECT Request Information List
- +0 00000003 +AXPLVER DS F EXIT list version number
- +4 +AXPVER3 EQU 3 Exit Parameter List Version 3
- +4 00000003 +AXPTYPE DS F EXIT Type (see values below)
- +4 +AXPTSRC EQU 1 SOURCE (SYSIN)
- +4 +AXPTLIB EQU 2 LIBRARY (SYSLIB)
- +4 +AXPTLST EQU 3 LISTING (SYSPRINT)
- +4 +AXPTPUN EQU 4 PUNCH (SYSPUNCH)
- +4 +AXPTOBJ EQU 5 OBJECT (SYSLIN)
- +4 +AXPTAD EQU 6 ADATA (SYSADATA)
- +4 +AXPTTRM EQU 7 TERM (SYSTEM)
- +8 00000005 +AXPTTYP DS F Request Type (see values below)
- +8 +AXPRPRO EQU 5 PROCESS - exit receives control to inspect
- +8 +* and/or modify record provided by
- +8 +* the assembler (Not LIBRARY exit)
```

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Sample test program



```
// EXEC PGM=ASM90, PARM= ' INEXIT (MYEXIT) , LIBEXIT (MYEXIT) '
//SYSIN DD *
TEST      CSECT
          USING *,15
          SPACE 1
          DS    20X
          SPACE 2
          LA     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

```

1 Active Usings: None
0 Loc Object Code Addr1 Addr2 Stmt Source Statement HLA
000000000 00000000 0000002C 1 TEST CSECT
R:F 00000000 2 USING *,15
000000000 4 DS 20X
-00000014 0000 0000 00000000 6 LA 4,THIS_IS_A_LABEL
** ASMA044E Undefined symbol - THIS_IS_A_LABEL
** ASMA435I Record 6 in ROB.ROBEXITT.JOB08902.D0000101.? on volume:
-
8 THIS_IS_A_LABEL:
** ASMA142E Operation code not complete on first record
** ASMA435I Record 8 in ROB.ROBEXITT.JOB08902.D0000101.? on volume:
00000018 E2D6D4C540E3C5E7 9 DC CL20'SOME TEXT'
00000000 10 END TEST
1 Ordinary Symbol and Literal Cross Reference
-Symbol Length Value Id R Type Asm Program Defn References
0TEST 1 00000000 00000001 J 1 10
THIS_IS_A_LABEL
***UNDEFINED*** 00000000 U 6
0Statements Flagged
0 6(P1,6), 8(P1,8)

```

Sample listing with the exit



Loc	Object Code	Addr1	Addr2	Stmt	Source Statement	HLA
00000000		00000000	0000002C	1	TEST CSECT	
	R:F 00000000			2	USING *,15	
00000000				4	DS 20X	
00000014	4140 F018		00000018	6	LA 4,THIS_IS_A_LABEL	
00000018				8	THIS_IS_A_LABEL DS OH	
00000018	E2D6D4C540E3C5E7			9	DC CL20'SOME TEXT'	
00000000				10	END TEST	
1					Ordinary Symbol and Literal Cross Reference	

Symbol	Length	Value	Id	R Type	Asm	Program	Defn	References	HLA
TEST	1	00000000	00000001	J			1	10	
THIS_IS_A_LABEL	2	00000018	00000001	H	H		8	6	

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Auditing information



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

Input/Output Exit Statistics

Exit Type	Name	Calls	---Records---		Diagnostic Messages
			Added	Deleted	
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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