

STP data-2

Block	Function	Task
EWT	Event wait table	JSH
GRT	Generic resource table	JCM, DQM
ILT	ISP link table	IQM
IP	Define path table	IQM
IST	ISPMAN status table	IQM
JSQBM	JSQ bit map	JSH
JXT	Job execution table	JSH
LCT	Link configuration table	SCP
LIT	Link interface table	SCP
LXT	Link extension table	SCP
MST	Memory segment table	JSH
PDI	PDM information table	PDM
PDS	Permanent dataset table	PDM, EXP
PHR	Physical request table	DQM, TQM, IQM
PXT	Processor execution table	JSH
QDT	Queued dataset table	JSH
REPLY	Inter task commun. reply header	all
REQST	Inter task commun. request header	all
RIT	Registered ID table	IQM
RQT	Disk queue manager request table	DQM
SAC	SSD active table	DQM, EXEC
SDT	System dataset table	SCP, EXP, JSH
SDR	System directory	EXP
SGP	SSD queued packet table	DQM
STS	System task suspend table	all
SXT	System execution table	all
TDT	Tape device table	TQM
TNT	Table name table	EXP
TQP	Task queued packet for EXEC	all
TX	User task execution table	JSH, EXP
UDT	User channel driver table	IQM
VPT	ISP virtual circuit pointer	ISP

Trace	Function	
DQMT	Disk queue manager trace	DQM
ITCT	Inter task communication trace	all
TQMT	Tape queue manager trace	TQM

Pool	Function	
POOL1	Working storage	SPM, JCM, SCP, LOG
POOL2	Not used	
POOL3	Tape labels	TQM
POOL4		IQM
POOL5		IQM

Installation parameters	all
Task software stacks	all
Task IDs	all
STP stop buffer	all
STP-EXEC communication area	all
DSC/DXT buffers in high mem. - static	PDM
Station buffers in high mem. - dynamic	JSH, SCP

Common subroutines-1

Block	Entry	Function
BFGAN	BFGAN	Manage system buffers
BTAD	BTAD	Binary to ASCII decimal conversion
CCOPY	CCOPY	Character copy routine
CHAINS	(J)CHAIN(F)	(JTA) chain (front) routine
CHKSM	CHKSUM	Compute check sum
CLEAR	CLEAR	Clear an area of memory
CONFIG	CONFIG	Process operator CONFIG command
CONVTS	CONVTS	Convert Rtc to timestamps
COPY	COPY	Copy a block of memory
CRACKER	IND	Analyse JOB statement
DCJXT	DCJXT	Decrement no. of jobs awaiting JXT
FIXJXP	FIXJXO	Convert JXT offset to ordinal
FNDJB	FNDJB	Find a job on an SDT queue
GETOWN	GETOWN	Get owner of a PDN
GETPARM	GETPARM	Generalized parameter routine
GTMEM	GTMEM	Allocate memory from an STP pool
GTTCB	GTTCB	Allocate TCB in the JTA
GTTXT	GTTXT	Allocate TXT in STP
IJTSUB		Inter job transfer subroutines
	IJDQD	Drop queued data
	IJFQM	Find queued messages
	IJFRB	Find receiving buffer
	IJPQM	Process queued message
	IJSMT	Send message to target
JMEM	JMEM(DE)AL	(De)allocate JTA memory
JTADNT	(REL)GETDNT	Release/allocate a DNT in the JTA
LGMSG	LGMSG	Enter message in log file
MSGQUE	MSGQUE	Enqueue a station message
PACKETQ	(PT)GTPKT	(De)enqueue MIOP packet
QMSG		Interactive message management
	ENQMSG	Enqueue a message
	FREMSG	Free a message string
	NXTMSG	Fetch next message
QUEUES	(EQ)DESD2	(En)dequeue SDT entry
REQRPL		Inter-task communication
	GETREPLY	Get asynchronous reply
	GETREQ	Get asynchronous request
	PUTREPLY	Put asynchronous reply
	PUTREQ	Put asynchronous request
	TSKREQ	Synchronous task request/reply
	REREPLY	Intermediate reply
RLMEM	RLMEM	Release memory from STP pool
RLTXT	RLTXT	Release TXT from STP and TCB from JTA
SD2PDD	SD2PD	Move SDT fields to PDD
STPDAT	(GET)RELDAT	(Get)release DAT pages from STP
STPERR	ERROR(0)1	STP error conditions (hangs COS)
STPMEM	(P)JMEM(DE)AL	(Partial) De)allocate memory from STP pool
STPTIME		Time conversion routines
	RT2JD	Rtc value to Julian date
	JD2RT	Julian date to Rtc

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Dump analysis work aid

This work aid has been produced to assist analysts in the analysis of COS dumps. It is hoped that it will also prove to be a useful tool for every day use on site as it gives information which is otherwise only available in the standard reference documents which are not conveniently portable.

The information to make up the aid was derived primarily from the reference manuals SM 0040, SM 0042, SM 0043, SM 0044, SM 0045 and also from consulting the COS listings.

The aid has been specifically put together for the dump analysis work shop to be held in Mendota Heights from August 19-23, 1985, and it is expected that it will be reviewed in the light of comments obtained from users at the workshop. Any other user is welcome to write to the author:

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Although considerable effort has been expended to ensure that the aid is accurate and in line with the COS 1.14 release, it must be emphasized that this is not a company supported training or reference document, and that any reliance on the aid is at the discretion of the analyst and that no undertaking is implied to fix errors or maintain this aid for future or earlier releases of the COS operating system.

The aid has pages on each of the major components of COS software

The minor items of COS software such as DEC, MEP, SPM, JCM, FVD are not discussed. TQM and IQM have been omitted from this version, because the author has insufficient experience of these components to provide a summary. Contributions of pages on these topics would be most welcome.

In a document of this sort space is clearly at a premium, and therefore to keep it short, many documentation features are used without explanation, as the experienced COS analyst should recognize them immediately. However, as the aid will probably be used by less experienced COS analysts, where space permits, some key facts about parts of the operating system have been stated.

System Task Data

Task	ID	XA	Pr	Description
Z	00	4740	77	Startup task
SCP	01	4760	07	Station call processor
EXP (UEP)	02	5000	11	User exchange processor
PDM	03	5020	14	Permanent dataset manager
DEC	04	5040	20	Disk error corrector
DQM	05	5060	02	Disk queue manager
LOG (MSG)	06	5100	05	Log manager
MEP	07	5120	10	Exec message processor
SPM	10	5140	24	System performance monitor
JSH	11	5160	13	User task scheduler (Job)
JCM	12	5200	12	Job class manager
TQM	13	5220	03	Tape queue manager
STG	14	5240	06	Stager
FVD	15	5260	15	Flush volatile device
IQM	16	5300	04	ISP queue manager

System tasks are interruptible programs which have higher priority than user tasks and which communicate with EXEC via EXEC requests. Their function is to provide management services to EXEC, while allowing EXEC to service interrupts. The priority order indicates which can pre-empt others following an exchange. This order inhibits user service requests from pre-empting physical I/O management for example.

DQM > TQM > IQM > LOG > STG > SCP > MEP > EXP > JCM > JSH > PDM > DEC > SPM > Z

Task	Req. to task	Rep. to task	Comment
Z	00	01	Only EXEC starts Z Z does one thing at a time
SCP	30	30	Number of stations
EXP	00	NE@JXT+20	Only EXEC starts EXP Can handle 1 request/job+
PDM	NE@JXT+20	01	Can handle 1 request/job+ PDM does one thing at a time
DEC	NE@EQT	NE@EQT	Can handle errors on all equip.
DQM	NE@EQT	NE@EQT	Can handle a request for all equip
MSG	NE@JXT	NE@JXT	Can handle 1 request/job
MEP	00	24	Only EXEC starts MEP
SPM	00	14	Only EXEC starts SPM
JSH	40	NE@JXT+5	Can handle 1 reply/job+
JCM	12	05	Somewhat arbitrary
TQM	NE@TDT+5	NE@TDT+5	Can handle 1 request/tape+
STG	40	40	See SCP
FVD	02	02	Number of volatile devices
IQM	40	40	See SCP

Each system task can accept a maximum number of requests queued to it concurrently, or put a maximum number of replies concurrently. Most tasks are apparently multi-threaded and can start another request, while waiting for another one to complete. Others can only do one thing at a time (Z, PDM). Some do not accept requests from other tasks and are started by EXEC (EXP, MEP, SPM).

STP data-1

System tasks have a large common data area before their code. This data is generally accessible to all tasks although in general although many task may read the data, only one is responsible for the altering of the data. Some of the data indeed is read only, and if changed at assembly time, allows the COS analyst to change system defaults without having to change executable code.

If STP causes a COS hang (as is often the case), an analysis of this data area will normally lead the analyst to the code causing the problem. It is essential however that the data structures be examined together with the data structures in EXEC. Only by considerable study of dumps of COS data structures, can the analyst become familiar with the normal state of these data structures, and hence be able to recognize abnormal situations.

In the list which follows, the names of the major tables in the STP data area are given in alphabetical order. However the tasks using the data structures is also given.

The most significant of the data structures in determining problems is often the most complicated structures ie the memory pools, the SDT or the DSC/DXT. Note that the DSC/DXT are disk resident data structures and that there are no supported tools for dumping these structures. The author can provide an unsupported tool (FDSC). If the problem is user related, or EXP related, a dump of the user JTA is almost always required.

The most useful data in building up a mental picture of activity in the system immediately prior to the crash are the traces. The inter task communication trace (a 1.14 feature) enables the analyst to quickly build up a picture of STP activity. This feature is not documented in the reference documentation associated with the 1.14 release but there are notes available from software training on this topic. The DQM trace, and the TQM trace may also be useful, if the analyst has determined that the problem lies in one of these tasks.

The first data structure to look at following the EXEC stop buffer is the STP STOP buffer. If STP has stopped, this will point you at the code in the task or common subroutine being executed at the time of the crash. Locating this piece of code in the listing is a simple and sometimes sufficient measure to solving the problem. Unfortunately this invariably points to a further data abnormality which has to be explained by further research.

Block	Function	Task
AUT	Active user table (interactive use)	SCP, EXP, Z
CALL	EXP call table	EXP (read only)
CNT	Configuration table	Z
CSD	Job class structure definition	JCM, JSH
DAT	STP dataset allocation table	EXP, PDM, SCP, DQM
DCT	Device channel table	Z
DRT	Device reservation table	DQM
DXI	Dataset extension table map	PDM
EQP	EXEC reply packet table for STP	DQM, EXEC
EQT	Equipment table	DQM