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## Introduction

This memorandum documents the SIMH simulators. These simulators are freeware; refer to the license terms above for conditions of use. Support is not available. The best way to fix problems or add features is to read and modify the sources yourself. Alternately, you can send Internet mail to simh AT trailing-edge DOT com, but a response is not guaranteed.

The simulators use a common command interface. This memorandum describes the features of the command interface. The details of each simulator are documented in separate, machine-specific memoranda.

# 1 Running A Simulator

To start the simulator, simply type its name. (On VMS the simulators must then be defined as foreign commands in order to be started by name.) The simulator recognizes three command line switches: -q, -v, and -e. If -q is specified, certain informational messages are suppressed. The -v and -e switches pertain only to command files and are described in Section 3.13.

The simulator interprets the arguments on the command line, if any, as the file name and arguments for a DO command:

```
% pdp10 {switches} {<startup file> {arg,arg,...}}
```

If no file is specified on the command line, the simulator looks for a startup file consisting of the simulator name (including its path components) plus the extension .ini. If a startup file is specified, either on the command line or implicitly via the .ini capability, it should contain a series of non-interactive simulator command, one per line. These commands can be used to set up standard parameters, for example, disk sizes.

After initializing its internal structures and processing the startup file (if any), the simulator types out its name and version and then prompts for input with:

sim>

# 2 Compiling A Simulator

The simulators have been tested on VAX VMS, Alpha VMS, IA64 VMS, Alpha UNIX, NetBSD, FreeBSD, OpenBSD, Linux, Solaris, Windows 9x/NT/2000/XP/Win7/Win8, MacOS X, and OS/2. Porting to other environments will require changes to the operating system dependent code in the SIMH libraries (sim\_fio.c, sim\_timer.c, sim\_console.c, sim\_ether.c, sim\_sock.c, sim\_disk.c, sim\_serial.c).

The simulator sources are provided in a zip archive and are organized hierarchically. Source files for the simulator framework components are in the top level directory; source files for each simulator are in individual subdirectories. Note that the include files in the top level directory are referenced from the subdirectories, without path identifiers. Your build tool needs to search the top level directory for include files not present in the simulator-specific directory. File manifests for each simulator are given in that simulator's documentation.

The simulators recognize or require a few compile-time #defines:

- The 18b simulators require that the model name be defined as part of the compilation command line (i.e., PDP4 for the PDP-4, PDP7 for the PDP-7, PDP9 for the PDP-9, PDP15 for the PDP-15).
- The PDP-10 and IBM 7094 simulators use 64b integer variables, requiring that USE\_INT64 be defined as part of the compilation command line. Since 64b integer declarations vary, sim\_defs.h has conditional declarations for Windows (\_int64) and Digital UNIX (long). The default is GNU C (long long). If your compiler uses a different convention, you will have to modify sim\_defs.h.
- The PDP-10, PDP-11, and VAX simulators share common peripherals. To distinguish the target system, one of three variables must be defined on the command line: VM\_PDP10 for the PDP-10; VM\_PDP11 for the PDP-11; or VM\_VAX for the VAX.
- The PDP-11, and VAX simulators optionally support Ethernet. At present, Ethernet support has been tested only on Windows, Linux, OSX, NetBSD, OpenBSD, FreeBSD, Solaris, Alpha and IA64 VMS, but it should work in any host environment that supports the Pcap library (see the Ethernet readme file).
- The PDP-11 and VAX simulators support disks and sequential tape files greater than 2GB when the host OS is capable of manipulating files greater than 2GB.

The HP2100 Fast FORTRAN Processor (FFP) and 1000-F CPU options require 64b integer support. Define HAVE\_INT64 (not USE\_INT64) as part of the compilation command line if your host compiler supports 64b integers. On systems without 64b support, the 1000 F-Series CPU will be unavailable, and FFP extended-precision instructions (e.g., XADD) will be disabled; the remainder of the FFP instructions will work normally. There may be some compilation warnings.

# 2.1 Compiling Under UNIX/Linux/Mac OS-X

The sources originate on a Windows system and have CR-LF line endings. For use on other systems, the sources may need to be converted to LF line endings. This can be done with the UNZIP utility (unzip -a).

The supplied makefile will compile the simulators for UNIX and Unix like systems. The VAX and PDP-11 can be compiled with or without Ethernet support. The makefile will automatically build these simulators with Ethernet support if the necessary network components are available on the system which is doing the building. The recommended libpcap components are those packaged and provided by the host operating system vendor. Specific details about building with network support is documented in the Oreadme\_ethernet.txt in the top level directory of the simh source.

To compile with or without Ethernet support:

```
gmake {target|ALL|clean}
```

Notes for hand compilation:

- The default UNIX terminal handling model is the POSIX TERMIOS interface, which is supported by Linux, Mac OS/X, and Alpha UNIX. If your UNIX only supports the BSD terminal interface, BSDTTY must be defined as part of the compilation command line.

- The PDP-8, PDP-11, 18b PDP, PDP-10, and Nova simulators use the math library. If your UNIX does not link the math library automatically, you must add -lm to the compilation command line.

#### Examples:

- PDP-11 under TERMIOS UNIX:

```
% cc -DVM PDP11 pdp11 *.c scp.c sim *.c -lm -o pdp11
```

PDP-9 under TERMIOS UNIX:

```
% cc -DPDP9 pdp18b_*.c scp.c sim_*.c -lm -o pdp9
```

PDP-10 under BSD terminal UNIX:

```
% cc -DVM PDP10 -DUSE INT64 -DBSDTTY pdp10 *.c scp.c sim *.c -lm -o pdp10
```

## 2.2 Compiling Under Windows

## 2.2.1 Compiling with Ethernet Support

The Windows-specific Ethernet code uses the WinPCAP 4.x package. This package provides the libpcap functionality package that is freely available for Unix systems. Building simulators with built-in Ethernet support can be done if the required WinPcap components are available on your build system at compile time. These components are available by downloading the file: https://github.com/simh/windows-build/archive/windows-build.zip

This zip file contains a file called README.md which explains how to locate the unpacked zip file contents to build simulators with Ethernet support.

In order for a simulator (built with Ethernet support) to provide working Ethernet functionality at run time, WinPCAP must be installed on the system. In order to install the WinPcap package the following should be performed:

- Download V4.x from http://www.winpcap.org.
- Install the package as directed.

# 2.2.2 Compiling Under Visual C++

Visual C++ requires projects to be defined for each executable which is being built. You can define your own project for each simulator you are interested in, or you can use the predefined project definitions for this simulator release.

# 2.2.2.1 Using the predefined project definitions

The current simh source includes a directory "Visual Studio Projects" which contains the visual studio projects for all supported simulators. This directory contains a file named 0ReadMe\_Projects.txt which explains how to locate simh source files with respect to the related required build components provide in the windows\_build.zip file mentioned above in "Compiling with Ethernet Support".

These projects produce executables in the BIN\NT\Win32-Debug or BIN\NT\Win32-Release directories. All intermediate build files are kept in BIN\NT\Project\{simulator-name} directories.

## 2.2.2.2 Defining your own Visual C++ project definitions

Each simulator must be organized as a separate Visual C++ project. Starting from an empty console application,

- Add all the files from the simulator file manifest to the project.
- Open the Properties (Visual Studio Express 2008) box.
- Under C/C++, Category: General, add any required preprocessor definitions (for example, USE INT64).
- Under C/C++, Category: Preprocessor, add the top level simulation directory to the Additional Include Directories. For the VAX and PDP-10, you must also add the PDP-11 directory.
- Under Link, add wsock32.lib and winmm.lib at the end of the list of Object/Module Libraries.
- If you are building the PDP-11 and VAX with Ethernet support, you must also add the WinPCAP libraries (packet.lib, wpcap.lib) to the list of Object/Module libraries.

If you are using Visual C++ .NET, you must turn off /Wp64 (warn about potential 64b incompatibilities) and disable Unicode processing. You will also have to turn off warning 4996 ("deprecated" string functions), or lower the warning level to /W1. Otherwise, the compilations will generate a lot of spurious conversion warnings.

Alternatively, you can 'start' from a preexisting Visual Studio project which may have similar components to the project you are trying to create. Starting from such a project is done by copying the existing .vcproj file to a project file with a new name. The MOST IMPORTANT step of this process is to assure that the copy of the project file has a unique GUID. Generate a new GUID by invoking the guidgen.exe program from the Visual Studio directories (C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 9.0\Common7\Tools\guidgen.exe). Click on the Copy button to get the newly generated GUID into the clipboard. Open the target project file in a text editor (notepad) and replace the ProjectGUID value with the clipboard contents. Replace the Name value (PDP1 for example) with the name of your new simulator. Carefully do a global replace of all instances of the prior Name value (PDP1 in this case) with the name of your new simulator. Save the project file. The next step is to add the project file to the existing simh solution. Open the simh.sln with visual studio and in the Solution Explorer pane, right click on the Solution Simh and select Add->Existing Project. Browse and select your new project file. All other changes to the project file (the particular source and include files which make up your simulator) can be added or adjusted here.

# 2.2.3 Compiling Under MinGW

MinGW (Minimalist GNU for Windows) is a free C compiler available from http://www.mingw.org. Msys is a minimal set of Unix utilities to support MinGW, also available from <a href="http://www.mingw.org">http://www.mingw.org</a>. The distribution includes a batch file (build\_mingw.bat) that will build all the simulators from source. By default, the PDP-11 and VAX family simulators are built with Ethernet support if the necessary Winpcap components are available at build time. The compiled executables will be produced in the BIN directory which will be created if needed.

# 2.3 Compiling Under OpenVMS

Compiling on OpenVMS requires DEC C. The simulators that require 64b (PDP-10, VAX and others) will not compile on OpenVMS/VAX. The SIMH distribution includes an MMS command file descrip.mms that will build all the simulators from source. An example of hand compilation:

- PDP-8 under VMS:

```
$ cc scp.c,sim_*.c,[.pdp8]pdp8*.c
$ link/exec=pdp8 scp.obj,sim *.obj,[.pdp8]pdp8*.obj
```

## 3 Simulator Conventions

A simulator consists of a series of devices, the first of which is always the CPU. A device consists of named registers and one or more numbered units. Registers correspond to device state, units to device address spaces. Thus, the CPU device might have registers like PC, ION, etc., and a unit corresponding to main memory; a disk device might have registers like BUSY, DONE, etc., and units corresponding to individual disk drives. Except for main memory, device address spaces are simulated as unstructured binary disk files in the host file system. The SHOW CONFIG command displays the simulator configuration.

A simulator keeps time in terms of arbitrary units, usually one time unit per instruction executed. Simulated events (such as completion of I/O) are scheduled at some number of time units in the future. The simulator executes synchronously, invoking event processors when simulated events are scheduled to occur. Even asynchronous events, like keyboard input, are handled by polling at synchronous intervals. The SHOW QUEUE command displays the simulator event queue.

### 4 Commands

Simulator commands consist of a command verb, optional switches, and optional arguments. Switches take the form:

```
-<letter>{<letter>...}
```

Multiple switches may be specified separately or together: -abcd and -a -b -c -d are treated identically. Verbs, switches, and other input (except for file names) are case insensitive.

Any command beginning with semicolon (;) is considered a comment and ignored.

# 4.1 Loading and Saving Programs

The LOAD command (abbreviation LO) loads a file in binary loader format:

```
load <filename> {implementation options}
```

The types of formats supported are simulator specific. Options (such as load within range) are also simulator specific. The load command may not be meaningful or supported at all in some simulators.

The DUMP command (abbreviation DU) dumps memory in binary loader format:

```
dump <filename> {implementation options}
```

The types of formats supported are simulator specific. Options (such as dump within range) are also simulator specific. The dump command may not be meaningful or supported at all in some simulators.

# 4.2 Saving and Restoring State

The SAVE command (abbreviation SA) save the complete state of the simulator to a file. This includes the contents of main memory and all registers, and the I/O connections of devices:

```
save <filename>
```

The RESTORE command (abbreviation REST, alternately GET) restores a previously saved simulator state:

```
restore {-d} {-f} {-q} <filename>
```

#### Notes:

- 1) SAVE file format compresses zeroes to minimize file size.
- 2) The simulator can't restore active incoming telnet sessions to multiplexer devices, but the listening ports will be restored across a save/restore.
- 3) —d switch avoids detaching and reattaching devices during a restore
- 4) -f switch overrides the date timestamp check for attached files during a restore
- 5) –q suppresses warning messages about save file version information

# 4.3 Resetting Devices

The RESET command (abbreviation RE) resets a device or the entire simulator to a predefined condition. If switch -p is specified, the device is reset to its power-up state:

```
RESET reset all devices
RESET -p powerup all devices
RESET ALL reset all devices
RESET <device> reset specified device
```

Typically, RESET stops any in-progress I/O operation, clears any interrupt request, and returns the device to a quiescent state. It does not clear main memory or affect I/O connections.

# 4.4 Connecting and Disconnecting Devices

Except for main memory and network devices, units are simulated as unstructured binary disk files in the host file system. Before using a simulated unit, the user must specify the file to be accessed by that unit. The ATTACH (abbreviation AT) command associates a unit and a file:

```
ATTACH <unit> <filename>
```

If the -n switch is specified when an attach is executed, a new file is created, and an appropriate message is printed.

If the file does not exist, and the -e switch was not specified, a new file is created, and an appropriate message is printed. If the -e switch was specified, a new file is not created, and an error message is printed. If the -n switch was specified, a new file is created or the existing file is truncated to zero length.

If the -r switch is specified, or the file is write protected, ATTACH tries to open the file read only. If the file does not exist, or the unit does not support read only operation, an error occurs. Input-only devices, such as paper-tape readers, and devices with write lock switches, such as disks and tapes, support read only operation; other devices do not. If a file is attached read only, its contents can be examined but not modified.

If the –a switch is specified, is a sequential output only device (like a line printer, paper tape punch, etc.), the file being attached will be opened in append mode thus adding to any existing file data beyond what may have already been there.

For simulated magnetic tapes, the ATTACH command can specify the format of the attached tape image file:

```
ATTACH -f <tape unit> <format> <filename>
```

The currently supported tape image file formats are:

SIMH SIMH simulator format

Ell simulator format

TPC TPC format

P7B Pierce simulator 7-track format

The tape format can also be set with the SET command prior to ATTACH:

```
SET <tape_unit> FORMAT=<format>
ATT <tape_unit> <filename>
```

The format of an attached file can be displayed with the SHOW command:

```
SHOW <tape unit> FORMAT
```

For Telnet-based terminal emulators, the ATTACH command associates the master unit with a TCP/IP port:

```
ATTACH <unit> <port>
```

The port is a decimal number between 1 and 65535 that is not used by standard TCP/IP protocols.

For Ethernet emulators, the ATTACH command associates the simulated Ethernet with a physical Ethernet device:

```
ATTACH <unit> <physical device name>
```

The DETACH (abbreviation DET) command breaks the association between a unit and a file, port, or network device:

```
DETACH ALL detach all units
DETACH <unit> detach specified unit
```

The EXIT command performs an automatic DETACH ALL.

# 4.5 Examining and Changing State

There are four commands to examine and change state:

- EXAMINE (abbreviated E) examines state
- DEPOSIT (abbreviated D) changes state
- IEXAMINE (interactive examine, abbreviated IE) examines state and allows the user to interactively change it
- IDEPOSIT (interactive deposit, abbreviated ID) allows the user to interactively change state

All four commands take the form

```
command {modifiers} <object list>
```

Deposit must also include a deposit value at the end of the command.

There are four kinds of modifiers: switches, device/unit name, search specifier, and for EXAMINE, output file. Switches have been described previously. A device/unit name identifies the device and unit whose address space is to be examined or modified. If no device is specified, the CPU (main memory) is selected; if a device but no unit is specified, unit 0 of the device is selected.

The search specifier provides criteria for testing addresses or registers to see if they should be processed. A specifier consists of a logical operator, a relational operator, or both, optionally separated by spaces.

```
{<logical op> <value>} <relational op> <value>
```

where the logical operator is & (and), | (or), or ^ (exclusive or), and the relational operator is = or == (equal), ! or != (not equal), >= (greater than or equal), > (greater than), <= (less than or equal), or < (less than). If a logical operator is specified without a relational operator, it is ignored. If a relational operator is specified without a logical operator, no logical operation is performed. All comparisons are unsigned.

The output file modifier redirects command output to a file instead of the console. An output file modifier consists of @ followed by a valid file name.

Modifiers may be specified in any order. If multiple modifiers of the same type are specified, later modifiers override earlier modifiers. Note that if the device/unit name comes after the search specifier, the search values will interpreted in the radix of the CPU, rather than of the device/unit.

The "object list" consists of one or more of the following, separated by commas:

```
the specified register
register
register[sub1-sub2]
                             the specified register array locations,
                             starting at location subl up to and
                              including location sub2
                           the specified register array locations, starting at location subl up to but
register[sub1/length]
                             not including sub1+length
                             all locations in the specified register
register[ALL]
                             array
register1-register2
                          all the registers starting at register1
                             up to and including register2
address the specified location address1-address2 all locations starting at address1 up to
                             and including address2
                             all location starting at address up to
address/length
                             but not including address+length
STATE
                              all registers in the device
ALL
                              all locations in the unit
                               use the most recently referenced value as
Ś
                               an address to reference (indirect)
                               use the most recent referenced address
```

Switches can be used to control the format of display information:

```
-o or -8 display as octal
-d or -10 display as decimal
-h or -16 display as hexadecimal
-2 display as binary
```

Simulators typically provide these additional switches for address locations:

```
-a display as ASCII
-c display as character string
-m display as instruction mnemonic
```

...and accept symbolic input (see documentation with each simulator).

#### Examples:

```
ex 1000-1100 examine 1000 to 1100
ex . examine most recent address again
de PC 1040 set PC to 1040
ie 40-50 interactively examine 40:50
ie >1000 40-50 interactively examine the subset
of locations 40:50 that are >1000
ex rx0 50060 examine 50060, RX unit 0
ex rx sbuf[3-6] examine SBUF[3] to SBUF[6] in RX
ex r4,$ examine R4 and where it points
de all 0 set main memory to 0
de &77>0 set all addresses whose low order
bits are non-zero to 0
ex -m @memdump.txt 0-7777 dump memory to file
```

Note: to terminate an interactive command, simply type a bad value (eg, XYZ) when input is requested.

## 4.6 Evaluating Instructions

The EVAL command evaluates a symbolic instruction and returns the equivalent numeric value. This is useful for obtaining numeric arguments for a search command:

```
EVAL <expression>
```

#### Examples:

### On the VAX simulator:

'tad 300' fails, because with an implicit PC of 0, location 300 can't be reached with direct addressing.

Can't be parsed as an instruction or data

# 4.7 Running a Simulated Program

sim> eval tad 300

tad 300

The RUN command (abbreviated RU) resets all devices, deposits its argument (if given) in the PC, and starts execution. If no argument is given, execution starts at the current PC.

The GO command does *not* reset devices, deposits its argument (if given) in the PC, and starts execution. If no argument is given, execution starts at the current PC.

The CONTINUE command (abbreviated CO) does *not* reset devices and resumes execution at the current PC.

The STEP command (abbreviated S) resumes execution at the current PC for the number of instructions given by its argument. If no argument is supplied, one instruction is executed.

The BOOT command (abbreviated B) resets all devices and bootstraps the device and unit given by its argument. If no unit is supplied, unit 0 is bootstrapped. The specified unit must be attached.

As it initializes all of the I/O devices, the RUN command is almost never the proper command to use after a program has been started. The GO or CONTINUE commands are generally equivalent in hardware to running the CPU and is the usual way of resuming execution after a programmed halt. If an I/O reset is required before resuming execution, the RESET and GO commands are recommended instead of RUN. If RUN is entered a second time without an explicit RESET preceding it, a warning is printed on the simulation console:

```
Resetting all devices... This may not have been your intention. The GO and CONTINUE commands do not reset devices.
```

...before execution is resumed. The warning may be suppressed by adding the -Q switch to the RUN command.

## 4.7.1 Controlling the Simulation Rate

By default, the simulator runs as fast as possible (although at lower than normal priority) and will consume all available processing resources on the host system. This will raise power consumption (and the operating temperature) of many PC's and drain the battery of a laptop.

The SET THROTTLE command allows the user to reduce the effective execution rate to a specified number of instructions per second, or to a specified percentage of total host computing time:

```
SET THROTTLE xM set execution rate to x mips
SET THROTTLE xK set execution rate to x kips
SET THROTTLE x% limit simulator to x% of host time
SET THROTTLE insts/delay execute 'insts' instructions and then sleep for 'delay' milliseconds
```

Throttling is only available on host systems that implement a precision real-time delay function.

xM, xK and x% modes require the simulator to execute sufficient instructions to actually calibrate the desired execution rate relative to wall clock time. Very short running programs may complete before calibration completes and therefore before the simulated execution rate can match the desired rate.

The SET NOTHROTTLE command turns off throttling. The SHOW THROTTLE command shows the current settings for throttling.

Some simulators implement a different form of resource management called idling. Idling suspends simulated execution whenever the program running on the simulator is doing nothing, and runs the simulator at full speed when there is work to do. Throttling and idling are mutually exclusive.

## 4.8 Stopping the Simulator

Programs run until the simulator detects an error or stop condition, or until the user forces a stop condition.

## 4.8.1 Simulator Detected Stop Conditions

These simulator-detected conditions stop simulation:

- HALT instruction. If a HALT instruction is decoded, simulation stops.
- Breakpoint. The simulator may support breakpoints (see below).
- I/O error. If an I/O error occurs during simulation of an I/O operation, and the device stop-on-I/O-error flag is set, simulation usually stops.
- Processor condition. Certain processor conditions can stop simulation; these are described with the individual simulators.

## 4.8.2 User Specified Stop Conditions

Typing the interrupt character stops simulation. The interrupt character is defined by the WRU (where are you) console option and is initially set to 005 (^E).

## 4.8.3 Breakpoints

A simulator may offer breakpoint capability. A simulator may define breakpoints of different types, identified by letter (for example, E for execution, R for read, W for write, etc.). At the moment, most simulators support only E (execution) breakpoints.

Associated with a breakpoint are a count and, optionally, one or more actions. Each time the breakpoint is taken, the associated count is decremented. If the count is less than or equal to 0, the breakpoint occurs; otherwise, it is deferred. When the breakpoint occurs, the optional actions are automatically executed.

A breakpoint is set by the BREAK command:

```
BREAK {-types} {<addr range>{[count]}, {addr range...}}{;action;action...}
```

If no type is specified, the simulator-specific default breakpoint type (usually E for execution) is used. If no address range is specified, the current PC is used. As with EXAMINE and DEPOSIT, an address range may be a single address, a range of addresses low-high, or a relative range of address/length. Examples:

```
BREAK set E break at current PC

BREAK -e 200 set E break at 200

BREAK 2000/2[2] set E breaks at 2000,2001 with count = 2

BREAK 100; EX AC; D MQ 0 set E break at 100 with actions EX AC and D MQ 0

BREAK 100; delete action on break at 100
```

Currently set breakpoints can be displayed with the SHOW BREAK command:

```
SHOW {-types} BREAK {ALL|<addr range>{,<addr range>...}}
```

Locations with breakpoints of the specified type are displayed.

Finally, breakpoints can be cleared by the NOBREAK command.

If an action command must contain a semicolon, that action command should be enclosed in quotes so that the entire action command can be distinguished from the action separator.

### 4.8.4 Execution Time Limits

A simulator user may want to limit the maximum execution time that a simulator may run for. This might be appropriate to limit a runaway diagnostic which didn't achieve explicit success or failure within some user specified time. The RUNLIMIT command provides ways to limit execution.

RUNLIMIT n {CYCLES | MICROSECONDS | SECONDS | MINUTES | HOURS} NORUNLIMIT

Equivalently:

SET RUNLIMIT n {CYCLES | MICROSECONDS | SECONDS | MINUTES | HOURS} SET NORUNLIMIT

The run limit state can be examined with:

SHOW RUNLIMIT

If the units of the run limit are not specified, the default units are cycles. Once an execution run limit has been reached, any subsequent GO, RUN, CONTINUE, STEP or BOOT commands will cause the simulator to exit. A previously defined RUNLIMIT can be cleared with the NORUNLIMIT or the establishment of a new limit.

# 4.9 Halt on Output Data

In addition to breakpoints (halting the simulator on specific addresses), the simulator can halt when a specific string has been output to the console. The EXPECT command provides a way to define a rule which will stop execution and take actions when specific output has been generated by the simulated system.

```
EXPECT {dev:line} {[count]} {HALTAFTER=n,}"<string>" {actioncommand {; actioncommand} ...} NOEXPECT {dev:line}
SHOW EXPECT {dev:line}
```

<dev:line> specifies a particular device a line in that simulated device. If it is not specified, the simulated system's console device is the default device.

If a [count] is specified, the rule will match after the match string has matched count times.

The string argument must be delimited by quote characters. Quotes may be either single or double but the opening and closing quote characters must match. Data in the string may contain escaped character strings.

When expect rules are defined, they are evaluated against recently produced output as each character is output to the device. Since this evaluation processing is done on each output character, rule matching is not specifically line oriented. If line oriented matching is desired, then rules should be defined which contain the simulated system's line ending character sequence (i.e. "\r\n").

Once data has matched any expect rule, that data is no longer eligible to match other expect rules which may already be defined. Data which is output prior to the definition of an expect rule is not eligible to be matched against.

The NOEXPECT command removes a previously defined EXPECT command for the console or a specific multiplexer line.

The SHOW EXPECT command displays all of the pending EXPECT state for the console or a specific multiplexer line.

If an action command must contain a semicolon, that action command should be enclosed in quotes so that the entire action command can be distinguished from the action separator.

### 4.9.1 Switches

Switches can be used to influence the behavior of EXPECT rules

## 4.9.1.1 -p

Expect rules default to be one shot activities. That is, a rule is automatically removed when a match occurs unless the rule is designated as a persistent rule by using a –p switch when the rule is defined.

## 4.9.1.2 - c

If an expect rule is defined with the –c switch, it will cause all pending expect rules on the current device to be cleared when the rule matches data in the device output stream.

### 4.9.1.3 - r

If an expect rule is defined with the –r switch, the string is interpreted as a regular expression applied to the output data stream. This regular expression may contain parentheses delimited subgroups.

The syntax of the regular expressions available are those supported by the Perl Compatible Regular Expression package (aka PCRE). As the name implies, the syntax is generally the same as Perl regular expressions. See <a href="http://perldoc.perl.org/perlre.html">http://perldoc.perl.org/perlre.html</a> for more details.

If the PCRE package isn't available in the environment when a simulator is built, the local system's regular expression package (if available) is used and the regular expression syntax is limited to what may be provided there.

### 4.9.1.4 - i

If a regular expression expect rule is defined with the –i switch, character matching for that expression will be case independent. The –i switch is only valid for regular expression expect rules (-r).

## 4.9.1.5 Escaping String Data

The following character escapes are explicitly supported when expect rules are defined NOT using regular expression match patterns:

- \r Expect the ASCII Carriage Return character (Decimal value 13)
- \n Expect the ASCII Linefeed character (Decimal value 10)
- \f Expect the ASCII Formfeed character (Decimal value 12)
- \t Expect the ASCII Horizontal Tab character (Decimal value 9)
- \v Expect the ASCII Vertical Tab character (Decimal value 11)
- \b Expect the ASCII Backspace character (Decimal value 8)
- \\ Expect the ASCII Backslash character (Decimal value 92)
- \' Expect the ASCII Single Quote character (Decimal value 39)
- \" Expect the ASCII Double Quote character (Decimal value 34)
- \? Expect the ASCII Ouestion Mark character (Decimal value 63)
- \e Expect the ASCII Escape character (Decimal value 27)

as well as octal character values of the form:

 $n\{n\{n\}\}\$  where each n is an octal digit (0-7)

and hext character values of the form:

 $xh\{h\}$  where each h is a hex digit (0-9A-Fa-f)

## 4.9.2 Determining which output matched

When an expect rule matches data in the output stream, the rule which matched is recorded in the environment variable \_EXPECT\_MATCH\_PATTERN. If the expect rule was a regular expression rule, then the environment variable \_EXPECT\_MATCH\_GROUP\_0 is set to the whole string which matched and if the match pattern had any parentheses delimited sub-groups, the environment variables \_EXPECT\_MATCH\_GROUP\_1 thru \_EXPECT\_MATCH\_GROUP\_n are set to the values within the string which matched the respective sub-groups.

# 4.10 Injecting Input Data

The SEND command provides a way to insert input data in to the console device of a simulated system as if it were entered by a user:

```
SEND {AFTER=n,} {DELAY=n,}"<string>"
NOSEND
SHOW SEND
```

The string argument must be delimited by quote characters. Quotes may be either single or double but the opening and closing quote characters must match. Data in the string may contain escaped character strings.

The SEND command can also insert input into any serial device on a simulated system as if it was entered by a user.

```
SEND <dev>:line {AFTER=n,}{DELAY=n,}"<string>"
NOSEND <dev>:line
SHOW SEND <dev>:line
```

The NOSEND command removes any undelivered input data which may be pending on the CONSOLE or a specific multiplexer line.

The SHOW SEND command displays any pending SEND activity for the CONSOLE or a specific multiplexoer line.

## 4.10.1 Delay

Specifies a positive integer representing a minimal instruction delay between characters being sent. The value specified in a delay argument persists across SEND commands to the same device (console or serial device). The delay parameter can be set by itself with:

```
SEND {<dev>:line} {DELAY=n}
```

The default value of the delay parameter is 1000.

### 4.10.2 After

Specifies a positive integer representing a minimul number of instructions which must execute before the first character in the string is sent. The value specified as the after parameter persists across SEND commands to the same device (console or serial device). The after parameter value can be set by itself with:

```
SEND {<dev>:line} {AFTER=n}
```

If the after parameter isn't explicitly set, it defaults to the value of the delay parameter.

## 4.10.3 Escaping String Data

The following character escapes are explicitly supported:

- \r Sends the ASCII Carriage Return character (Decimal value 13)
- \n Sends the ASCII Linefeed character (Decimal value 10)
- \f Sends the ASCII Formfeed character (Decimal value 12)
- \t Sends the ASCII Horizontal Tab character (Decimal value 9)
- \v Sends the ASCII Vertical Tab character (Decimal value 11)
- \b Sends the ASCII Backspace character (Decimal value 8)
- \\ Sends the ASCII Backslash character (Decimal value 92)
- \' Sends the ASCII Single Quote character (Decimal value 39)
- \" Sends the ASCII Double Quote character (Decimal value 34)
- \? Sends the ASCII Question Mark character (Decimal value 63)
- \e Sends the ASCII Escape character (Decimal value 27)

as well as octal character values of the form:

 $n\{n\{n\}\}\$  where each n is an octal digit (0-7)

and hext character values of the form:

```
xh\{h\} where each h is a hex digit (0-9A-Fa-f)
```

## 4.11 Setting Device Parameters

The SET command (abbreviated SE) changes the status of one or more device parameters:

```
SET <device> <parameter>{=<value}, {<parameter>{=<value>},...}
```

or one or more unit parameters:

```
SET <unit> <parameter>{=<value>}, {<parameter>{=<value>},...}
```

Most parameters are simulator and device specific. Disk drives, for example, can usually be set WRITEENABLED or write LOCKED; if a device supports multiple drive types, the SET command can be used to specify the drive type.

All devices recognize the following parameters:

```
OCT sets the data radix = 8
DEC sets the data radix = 10
HEX sets the data radix = 16
```

## 4.12 Displaying Parameters and Status

The SHOW command (abbreviated SH) displays the status of one or more device parameters:

or one or more unit parameters:

There are two kinds of modifiers: switches and output file. Switches have been described previously. The output file modifier redirects command output to a file instead of the console. An output file modifier consists of @ followed by a valid file name.

All devices implement parameters RADIX (the display radix), MODIFIERS (list of valid modifiers), and NAMES (logical name). Other device and unit parameters are implementation-specific.

SHOW is also used to display global simulation state:

```
SHOW CONFIGURATION shows the simulator configuration and the status of all devices and units

SHOW DEVICES shows the simulator configuration shows the simulator configuration with descriptions

SHOW MODIFIERS shows all available modifiers show all logical names show QUEUE shows the simulator event queue
```

```
SHOW TIME
                            shows the elapsed time since the last RUN
SHOW VERSION
                             show the simulator version and options
                            shows the status of the named device
SHOW <device>
                            shows the status of the named unit
SHOW <unit>
SHOW THROTTLE
                           shows the current throttling mode
SHOW SHOW
                           shows the show options for all devices
SHOW ETHERNET
                           shows the status/availability of host
                            Ethernet devices
                            shows the status of host serial ports
SHOW SERIAL
SHOW MULTIPLEXER
                           shows the status of all multiplexer devices
                           which have been attached
SHOW DEFAULT
                            shows the current working directory
SHOW DEBUG
                           shows the debug state of the simulator
SHOW LOG
                            shows the logging state of the simulator
```

The SHOW DEVICES, SHOW CONFIGURATION, SHOW FEATURES will normally display all devices which exist in the simulator. These commands can optionally only display the enabled devices when the -E switch is on the command line (i.e. SHOW -E DEVICES).

SHOW QUEUE and SHOW TIME display time in simulator-specific units; typically, one time unit represents one instruction execution.

## 4.13 Altering the Simulated Configuration

In most simulators, the SET <device> DISABLED command removes the specified device from the configuration. A DISABLED device is invisible to running programs. The device can still be RESET, but it cannot be ATTAChed, DETACHED, or BOOTED. SET <device> ENABLED restores a disabled device to a configuration.

Most multi-unit devices allow units to be enabled or disabled:

```
SET <unit> ENABLED
SET <unit> DISABLED
```

When a unit is disabled, it will not be displayed by SHOW DEVICE.

The standard device names can be supplemented with logical names. Logical names must be unique within a simulator (that is, they cannot be the same as an existing device name). To assign a logical name to a device:

ASSIGN <device> <log-name> assign log-name to device

To remove a logical name:

DEASSIGN <device> remove logical name

To show the current logical name assignment:

SHOW <device> NAMES show logical name, if any

To show all logical names:

## 4.14 Console Options

Console options are controlled by the SET CONSOLE command.

The console terminal normally runs in the controlling window. Optionally, the console terminal can be connected to a Telnet port. This allows systems to emulate a VT100 using the built-in terminal emulation of the Telnet client.

```
SET CONSOLE TELNET=<port> connect console terminal to Telnet session on port
SET CONSOLE NOTELNET disable console Telnet
```

Normally a console terminal configured to listen to on a telnet port requires that a telnet connection be active for the simulator to run. A telnet console can have its contents written to a buffer and which will allow the simulator to run without an active telnet connection. When a telnet connection is established, the buffer contents is presented to the telnet session and execution continues as if the connection had been there all along. Console buffering can be enabled by the following command:

```
SET CONSOLE TELNET=BUFFERED{=bufsiz}
enable console buffering and optionally
set the buffer size to 'bufsiz'. The
default buffer size is 32768.

SET CONSOLE TELNET=NOBUFFER disable console buffering
```

Output to the console telnet session can be logged simultaneously to a file:

The console provides a limited key remapping capability:

```
SET CONSOLE WRU=<value> interpret ASCII code value as WRU

SET CONSOLE BRK=<value> interpret ASCII code value as BREAK

(0 disables)

SET CONSOLE DEL=<value> interpret ASCII code value as DELETE

SET CONSOLE PCHAR=<value> bit mask of printable characters in range

[31,0]
```

A simulator console can be connected to a serial port on the host system.

```
SET CONSOLE SERIAL=ser0 connect console to serial port ser0
SET CONSOLE SERIAL=COM1 connect console to serial port COM1
SET CONSOLE SERIAL=/dev/ttyS0 connect console to serial port /dev/ttyS0

The available Serial ports on the host system can be displayed with the command:

SHOW SERIAL display available serial ports on host
```

Serial port speed, character size, parity and stop bits can be indicated on the by appending the speed, character size, parity and stop bits to the serial port name:

```
SET CONSOLE SERIAL=ser0;2400-8N1
```

This will connect at 2400 with 8 bit characters, no parity and 1 stop bit. The default serial speed, character size, parity and stop bits is 9600-8N1.

Values are hexadecimal on hex CPU's, octal on all others.

The SHOW CONSOLE command displays the current state of console options:

```
SHOW CONSOLE Show all console options
SHOW CONSOLE TELNET Show console Telnet state
SHOW CONSOLE WRU Show value assigned to WRU
SHOW CONSOLE BRK Show value assigned to BREAK
SHOW CONSOLE DEL Show value assigned to DELETE
SHOW CONSOLE PCHAR Show value assigned to PCHAR
```

Both SET CONSOLE and SHOW CONSOLE accept multiple parameters, separated by commas, e.g.,

```
SET CONSOLE WRU=5, DEL=177 set code values for WRU and DEL
```

### 4.15 Remote Console

During simulator execution, it may occasionally be useful to enter commands to query or adjust some internal details of the simulator's configuration or operation. These activities could be achieved directly through the initiating session which started the simulator. However, a simulator may be running in the context of a background process and not actually have an interactive interface to the initiating process, or it may be inconvenient to access the initiating process. To support circumstances like this, a Remote Console facility can be enabled in the simulator. The remote console capability is configured with the following commands:

```
SET REMOTE TELNET=<port> enable remote console to connects via Telnet to port

SET REMOTE BUFFERSIZE=bufsize specify remote console command output buffer size

SET REMOTE NOTELNET disable remote console Telnet

SET REMOTE CONNECTIONS=n specify the number of concurrent remote console sessions available

SET REMOTE TIMEOUT=secs specify the remote console idle command timeout
```

The remote console configuration details can be viewed with the command:

```
SHOW REMOTE display remote console configuration
```

The remote console facility has two modes of command input and execution:

Single Command Mode: In single command mode you enter one command at a time and aren't concerned about what the simulated system is doing while you enter that command. The command is executed once you've hit return.

Multiple Command Mode: In multiple command mode you initiate your activities by entering the WRU character (usually ^E). This will suspend the current simulator execution. You then enter commands as needed and when you are done you enter a CONTINUE command. While entering Multiple Command commands, if you fail to enter a complete command before the timeout (specified by "SET REMOTE TIMEOUT=seconds"), a CONTINUE command is automatically processed and simulation proceeds.

A subset of normal simh commands are available for use in remote console sessions.

The Single Command Mode commands are: ATTACH, DETACH, PWD, SHOW, DIR, LS, ECHO, HELP

The Multiple Command Mode commands are: EXAMINE, IEXAMINE, DEPOSIT, EVALUATE, ATTACH, DETACH, ASSIGN, DEASSIGN, STEP, CONTINUE, PWD, SAVE, SET, SHOW, DIR, LS, ECHO, HELP

A remote console session will close when a EOF character is entered (i.e. ^D or ^Z).

### 4.15.1 Master Mode

Remote Console Master mode allows full control of simulator operation to performed over a remote TCP session. This mode is potentially useful for applications like a simulated CPU front panel interface or remote debugging with a GDB "Serial Stub".

Master mode is entered from a simulator command file with the following command:

SET REMOTE MASTER enter master mode

Operation in Remote Console Master mode requires that the simulator's console port be serviced via a telnet connect with a "SET CONSOLE TELNET=port" command. Both a telnet connection to the console port AND to the Remote Console port is required be a simulator will enter Master Mode.

A Master Mode session can return control to the initiating simulator command with:

SET REMOTE NOMASTER leave master mode

The Remote Console Master Mode commands are: EXAMINE, IEXAMINE, DEPOSIT, EVALUATE, ATTACH, DETACH, ASSIGN, DEASSIGN, STEP, CONTINUE, PWD, SAVE, CD, SET, SHOW, DIR, LS, ECHO, HELP, RUN, GO, BOOT, BREAK, NOBREAK, EXIT

# 4.16 Executing Command Files

The simulator can execute command files with the DO command:

DO <filename> {arguments...} execute commands in file

The DO command allows command files to contain substitutable arguments. The string %n, where n is between 1 and 9, is replaced with argument n from the DO command line. The string %0 is replaced with <filename>. The sequences \% and \\ are replaced with the literal characters % and \, respectively. Arguments with spaces can be enclosed in matching single or double quotation marks.

If the switch -v is specified, the commands in the file are echoed before they are executed.

If the switch -e is specified, command processing (including nested command invocations) will be aborted if a command error is encountered. (Simulation stop never abort processing; use ASSERT to catch unexpected stops.) Without the switch, all errors except ASSERT failures will be ignored, and command processing will continue.

DO commands may be nested up to ten invocations deep.

Several commands are particularly useful within command files. While they may be executed interactively, they have only limited functionality when so used.

## 4.16.1 Change Command Execution Flow

Commands in a command file execute in sequence until either an error trap occurs (when a command completes with an error status), or when an explicit request is made to start command execution elsewhere with the GOTO command:

```
GOTO <label>
```

Labels are lines in a command file which the first non whitespace character is a ":". The target of a GOTO is the first matching label in the current do command file which is encountered. Since labels don't do anything else besides being the targets of goto's, they could also be used to provide comments in do command files.

### 4.16.2 Subroutine Calls

Control can be transferred to a labeled subroutine with:

```
CALL <label>
EXIT

:label
ECHO subroutine called
RETURN
```

## 4.16.3 Pausing Command Execution

A simulator command file may wait for a specific period of time with:

```
SLEEP NUMBER[SUFFIX]...
```

Pause for NUMBER seconds. SUFFIX may be 's' for seconds (the default), 'm' for minutes, 'h' for hours or 'd' for days. NUMBER may be an arbitrary floating point number. Given two or more arguments, pause for the amount of time specified by the sum of their values. Note: A SLEEP command is interruptible with SIGINT (^C).

## 4.16.4 Displaying Arbitrary Text

The ECHO and ECHOF commands are useful ways of annotating command files.

### **4.16.4.1 ECHO** command

ECHO prints out its argument on the console (and log) followed by a newline.

```
ECHO <string> output string to console
```

If there is no argument, ECHO prints a blank line on the console. This may be used to provide spacing in the console display or log.

### 4.16.4.2 ECHOF command

ECHOF prints out its argument on the console (and log) followed by a newline.

```
ECHOF {-n} "string"|<string> output to console
ECHOF {-n} dev:line "string"|<string> output to specified line
```

If there is no argument, ECHOF prints a blank line. The –n switch suppresses the output of a newline character. If the string to be output is surrounded by quotes, the string within the quotes is interpreted as described in 4.10.3 prior to being output (without the surrounding quotes).

A command alias can be used to replace the ECHO command with the ECHOF command as described in 4.16.8

# 4.16.5 Testing Simulator State

The ASSERT command tests a simulator state condition expression and halts command file execution if the condition is false:

```
ASSERT <condition-expression>
```

If the result of the condition is false, an "Assertion failed" message is printed, and any running command file is aborted. Otherwise, the command has no effect.

The IF command tests a simulator state condition expression and executes one or more commands if the condition is true:

```
IF <condition-expression> <action>{; <action>...}
{ELSE <action>{; <action>...}}
```

If the result of the condition is true, the action command(s) are executed. Otherwise, the command has no effect. An optional ELSE command immediately following an IF command will have its command arguments executed if the IF condition wasn't satisfied.

If an action command must contain a semicolon, that action command should be enclosed in quotes so that the entire action command can be distinguished from the action separator.

## 4.16.5.1 Condition Expressions

### 4.16.5.1.1 Internal Simulator Variables Expressions

```
{NOT} {<dev>} <req>{<logical-op><value>}<conditional-op><value>
```

If <dev> is not specified, CPU is assumed. <reg> is a register (scalar or subscripted) belonging to the indicated device. The <conditional-op> and optional <logical-op> are the same as those used for "search specifiers" by the EXAMINE and DEPOSIT commands (see above). The <value>s are expressed in the radix specified for <reg>, not in the radix for the device.

If the <logical-op> and <value> are specified, the target register value is first altered as indicated. The result is then compared to the <value> via the <conditional-op>. If the NOT unary operator precedes the expression, the results value is inverted.

## 4.16.5.1.2 C Style Expressions

Comparisons can optionally be done with complete C style computational expressions which leverage the C operations in the below table and can optionally reference any combination of values that are constants or contained in environment variables or simulator registers. C style expression evaluation is initiated by enclosing the expression in parenthesis.

(	Open Parenthesis
)	Close Parenthesis
-	Subtraction
+	Addition
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulus
&&	Logical AND
	Logical OR
&	Bitwise AND
	Bitwise Inclusive OR
^	Bitwise Exclusive OR
>>	Bitwise Right Shift
<<	Bitwise Left Shift
==	Equality
!=	Inequality
<=	Less than or Equal
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or Equal
>	Greater than
!	Logical Negation
~	Bitwise Compliment

### 4.16.5.1.3 String Comparison Expressions

String Values can be compared with:

```
{-i} {NOT} "<string1>"|EnvVarName1 <compare-op> "<string2>"|EnvVarName2
```

The –i switch, if present, causes comparisons to be case insensitive. The -w switch, if present, causes comparisons to allow arbitrary runs of whitespace to be equivalent to a single space. The -i and -w switches may be combined. <string1> and <string2> are quoted string values which may have environment variables substituted as desired. Either string may be an environment variable name whose expanded value will be used in place of the explicitly quoted string. <compare-op> may be one of:

- equal EQU - equal - not equal NEQ - not equal - less than LSS - less than - less than or equal LEQ - less than or equal - greater than GTR - greater than >= - greater than or equal GEQ - greater than or equal

Comparisons are generic. This means that if both string1 and string2 are comprised of all numeric digits, then the strings are converted to numbers and a numeric comparison is performed. For example: "+1" EQU "1" will be true.

### 4.16.5.1.4 File Existence Test

File existence can be determined with:

Specifies a true (false {NOT}) condition if the file exists.

### 4.16.5.1.5 File Comparison Test

Files can have their contents compared with:

$$-F\{W\} \{NOT\}$$
"" == ""

Specifies a true (false {NOT}) condition if the indicated files have the same contents. If the -W switch is present, allows arbitrary runs of whitespace to be considered a single space during file content comparison.

## **4.16.5.2 Example Test of Simulator State**

A command file might be used to bootstrap an operating system that halts after the initial load from disk. The ASSERT command is then used to confirm that the load completed successfully by examining the CPU's "A" register for the expected value:

```
; OS bootstrap command file
;
ATTACH DSO os.disk
BOOT DS
; A register contains error code; 0 = good boot
ASSERT A=0
ATTACH MTO sys.tape
ATTACH MT1 user.tape
RUN
```

In the example, if the A register is not 0, the "ASSERT A=0" command will be echoed, the command file will be aborted with an "Assertion failed" message. Otherwise, the command file will continue to bring up the operating system.

Alternative, the IF command could be used to solve the same problem:

```
; OS bootstrap command file
;
ATTACH DSO os.disk
BOOT DS
; A register contains error code; O = good boot
IF NOT A=O ECHO Assertion Failed; EXIT AFAIL
ATTACH MTO sys.tape
ATTACH MT1 user.tape
RUN
```

Alternative, the IF command could have an arbitrarily complex C expression syntax to solve the same problem:

```
; OS bootstrap command file
;
ATTACH DSO os.disk
BOOT DS
; A register contains error code; 0 = good boot
IF NOT (((A*256)>>7)==0) ECHO Assertion Failed; EXIT AFAIL
ATTACH MTO sys.tape
ATTACH MT1 user.tape
RUN
```

# 4.16.6 Trapping on command completion conditions

Error traps can be taken when any command returns a non success status. Actions to be performed for particular status returns are specified with the ON command.

# 4.16.6.1 Enabling Error Traps

Error trapping is enabled with:

Error trapping is initially disabled.

## 4.16.6.2 Disabling Error Traps

Error trapping is disabled with:

set noon

disable error traps

### **4.16.6.3 ON Command**

To set the action(s) to take when a specific error status is returned by a command in the currently running do command file:

```
on <statusvalue> commandtoprocess{; additionalcommandtoprocess}
```

To clear the action(s) taken take when a specific error status is returned:

```
on <statusvalue>
```

To set the default action(s) to take when any otherwise unspecified error status is returned by a command in the currently running do command file:

```
on error commandtoprocess{; additionalcommandtoprocess}
```

To clear the default action(s) taken when any otherwise unspecified error status is returned:

on error

#### 4.16.6.3.1 Parameters

Error traps can be taken for any command which returns a status other than  $SCPE\_STEP$ ,  $SCPE\_OK$ , and  $SCPE\_EXIT$ .

ON Traps can specify any of these status values:

NXM, UNATT, IOERR, CSUM, FMT, NOATT, OPENERR, MEM, ARG, STEP, UNK, RO, INCOMP, STOP, TTIERR, TTOERR, EOF, REL, NOPARAM, ALATT, TIMER, SIGERR, TTYERR, SUB, NOFNC, UDIS, NORO, INVSW, MISVAL, 2FARG, 2MARG, NXDEV, NXUN, NXREG, NXPAR, NEST, IERR, MTRLNT, LOST, TTMO, STALL, AFAIL, NOTATT, AMBREG

These values can be indicated by name or by their internal numeric value (not recommended).

```
CONTROL-C Trapping
```

A special ON trap is available to describe action(s) to be taken when CONTROL\_C (aka SIGINT) occurs during the execution of simh commands and/or command procedures.

```
on CONTROL_C <action> perform action(s) after CTRL+C on CONTROL C restore default CTRL+C action
```

The default ON CONTROL\_C handler will exit nested DO command procedures and return to the simprompt.

Note 1: When a simulator is executing instructions entering CTRL+Cwill cause the CNTL+C character to be delivered to the simulator as input. The simulator instruction execution can be stopped by entering the WRU character (usually CTRL+E). Once instruction execution has stopped, CTRL+C can be entered and potentially acted on by the ON CONTROL\_C trap handler.

Note 2: The ON CONTROL\_C trapping is not affected by the SET ON and SET NOON commands.

## 4.16.7 Command arguments

```
Token "%0" expands to the command file name.

Token %n (n being a single digit) expands to the n'th argument

Token %* expands to the whole set of arguments (%1 ... %9)
```

The input sequence "%%" represents a literal "%". All other character combinations are rendered literally.

Omitted parameters result in null-string substitutions.

Tokens preceded and followed by % characters are expanded as environment variables, and if an environment variable isn't found then it can be one of the available Build-In variables.

# 4.16.7.1 DO command argument manipulation

The SHIFT command will shift the %1 thru %9 arguments to the left one position.

### 4.16.7.2 Built-In Variables

%DATE%	yyyy-mm-dd				
%TIME%	hh:mm:ss	hh:mm:ss			
%DATETIME%	yyyy-mm-dd	yyyy-mm-ddThh:mm:ss			
%LDATE%	mm/dd/yy (	mm/dd/yy (Locale Formatted)			
%LTIME%	hh:mm:ss a	hh:mm:ss am/pm (Locale Formatted)			
%CTIME%	Www Mmm dd	hh:mm:ss yyyy (Locale Formatted)			
%DATE YYYY%	УУУУ	(0000-9999)			
%DATE_YY%	УУ	(00-99)			
%DATE_MM%	mm	(01-12)			
%DATE_MMM%	mmm	(JAN-DEC)			
%DATE_MONTH%	month	(January-December)			
%DATE_DD%	dd	(01-31)			
%DATE_WW%	WW	(01-53) ISO 8601 week number			
%DATE_WYYYY%	УУУУ	(0000-9999) ISO 8601 week year number			
%DATE_D%	d	(1-7) ISO 8601 day of week			
%DATE_JJJ%	ززز	(001-366) day of year			
%DATE_19XX_YY%	УУ	A year prior to 2000 with the same calendar days as the current year			

	%DATE_19XX_YYYY%	УУУУ	A year prior to 2000 with the same calendar days as the current year
	%TIME HH%	hh	(00-23)
	%TIME MM%	mm	(00-59)
	%TIME SS%	SS	(00-59)
	%TIME MSEC%	msec	(000-999)
	%STATUS%	Status value	e from the last command executed
	%TSTATUS%	The text for	rm of the last status value
	%SIM VERIFY%	The Verify/	Verbose mode of the current Do command
file	_		
	%SIM_VERBOSE%	The Verify/	Verbose mode of the current Do command
file	_		
	%SIM QUIET%	The Quiet mo	ode of the current Do command file
	%SIM_MESSAGE%	The message	display status of the current Do
command f	ile		
	%SIM_NAME%	The name of	the computer that is being simulated.
	%SIM_BIN_NAME%	The name of	the simulator program binary
	%SIM_BIN_PATH%	The full pat	th of the simulator program binary

### 4.16.7.3 Environment Variables

Environment variables can be explicitly defined and subsequently available for command substitution:

SET ENV variablename=value

## 4.16.7.3.1 Gathering User Input Into an Environment Variable

Input from a user can be obtained by:

SET ENV -p "Prompt String" name=default

The -p switch indicates that the user should be prompted with the indicated prompt string and the input provided will be saved in the environment variable 'name'. If no input is provided, the value specified as 'default' will be used.

## 4.16.7.3.2 Arithmetic Expressions

Arithmetic Computations into a Variable

SET ENVIRONMENT -A name=expression

Expression can contain any of these C language operators:

(	Open Parenthesis
)	Close Parenthesis

-	Subtraction
+	Addition
*	Multiplication
/	Division
%	Modulus
&&	Logical AND
	Logical OR
&	Bitwise AND
	Bitwise Inclusive OR
^	Bitwise Exclusive OR
>> <<	Bitwise Right Shift
<<	Bitwise Left Shift
==	Equality
!=	Inequality
<=	Less than or Equal
<	Less than
!= <= < >= >	Greater than or Equal
	Greater than
!	Logical Negation
~	Bitwise Compliment

Operator precedence is consistent with C language precedence. Expression can contain arbitrary combinations of constant values, simulator registers and environment variables. For example:

```
sim> SET ENV -A A=7+2
sim> ECHO A=%A%
A=9
sim> SET ENV -A A=A-1
sim> ECHO A=%A%
A=8
```

### 4.16.8 Command Aliases

```
Commands can be aliases with environment variables. For example:
```

```
sim> set env echo=echof
sim> echo "Hello there"
Hello there
```

# 4.17 Executing System Commands

The simulator can execute operating system commands with the ! (spawn) command:

```
! <host operating system command>
```

If no operating system command is provided, the simulator attempts to launch the host operating system's command shell.

## 4.18 Getting Help

The HELP command prints out information about a command or about all commands:

```
HELP HELP 
Print all HELP messages
HELP <command>
Print HELP for command

HELP <device>
HELP <device> REGISTERS
HELP <device> ATTACH
HELP <device> SET
Print HELP for device specific attach
HELP <device> SHOW
Print HELP for device specific SHOW commands
```

## 4.19 Recording Simulator activities

The interactions performed with the simulator (at the "sim>" prompt) and the output that those interactions produce can be recorded to a log file/

```
SET LOG <filename> direct log output to file
SET LOG STDERR direct log output to stderr
SET LOG DEBUG direct log output to debug file
SET NOLOG disable output logging
```

Output produced by the simulated console device will also be written to the configured log file if the console is not provided via a telnet session (i.e. SET CONSOLE TELNET=port). The output produced by a console telnet session can also be written to the simulator log file with:

```
SET CONSOLE TELNET=LOG=LOG direct log output to log file
```

### **4.19.1** Switches

By default, log output is written at the end of the specified log file. A new log file can be created if the –N switch is used on the command line.

# 4.20 Controlling Debugging

Some simulated devices may provide debug printouts to help in diagnosing complicated problems. Debug output may be sent to a variety of places, or disabled entirely:

```
SET DEBUG STDOUT direct debug output to stdout
SET DEBUG STDERR direct debug output to stderr
SET DEBUG LOG direct debug output to log file
SET DEBUG <filename> direct debug output to file
SET NODEBUG disable debug output
```

### 4.20.1 Switches

Debug message output contains a timestamp which indicates the number of simulated instructions which have been executed prior to the debug event.

Debug message output can be enhanced to contain additional, potentially useful information.

### 4.20.1.1 -t

The -T switch causes debug output to contain a time of day displayed as hh:mm:ss.msec.

### 4.20.1.2 -a

The -A switch causes debug output to contain a time of day displayed as seconds.msec.

### 4.20.1.3 -r

The -R switch causes the time of day displayed due to the -T or -A switches to be relative to the start time of debugging. If neither -T or -A is explicitly specified, -T is implied.

## 4.20.1.4 -p

The -P switch adds the output of the PC (Program Counter) to each debug message.

### 4.20.1.5 -n

The -N switch causes a new/empty file to be written to. The default is to append to an existing debug log file.

### 4.20.1.6 -d

The -D switch causes data blob output to also display the data as RADIX-50 characters.

### **4.20.1.7** -e

The -E switch causes data blob output to also display the data as EBCDIC characters.

# 4.20.2 Device Debug options

If debug output is enabled, individual devices can be controlled with the SET command. If a device has only a single debug flag:

```
SET <device> DEBUG enable device debug output
SET <device> NODEBUG disable device debug output
```

If the device has individual, named debug flags:

```
SET <device> DEBUG enable all debug flags
SET <device> DEBUG=n1;n2;... enable debug flags n1, n2, ...
SET <device> NODEBUG=n1;n2;... disable debug flags n1, n2, ...
SET <device> NODEBUG disable all debug flags
```

If debug output is directed to stdout, it will be intermixed with normal simulator output.

# 4.20.3 Displaying Debug settings

The current debug settings for output destination, options and device specific debug settings can be displayed with:

# 4.21 Exiting the Simulator

EXIT (synonyms QUIT and BYE) returns control to the operating system. An optional numeric exit status may be provided on the EXIT command line that an operating system script may act on.

```
EXIT {status} return to the operating system
```

## 4.22 Manipulating Files within the Simulator

Tools to manipulate file containers and to transfer files/data into or out of a simulated environment are provided.

In general, these are tools natively found on the host operating system. They are explicitly support directly from SCP to allow for platform neutral scripts that either test or build running environments for simh users.

## 4.22.1 Manipulating File Archives

The **tar** command is provided to pack unpack archives as needed.

```
tar -czf xyz.tar.gz *.dsk archive disk image files
tar -xf xyz.tar extract files from an archive
```

# 4.22.2 Transferring data from the web

The **curl** command is provided to access data across the web.

```
curl -L <a href="https://github.com/simh/simh/archive/master.zip">https://github.com/simh/simh/archive/master.zip</a> --output

master.zip
```

# **Appendix 1: File Representations**

All file representations are little-endian. On big-endian hosts, the simulator automatically performs any required byte swapping.

### A.1 Hard Disks

Hard disks are represented as unstructured binary files of 16b data items for the 12b and 16b simulators, of 32b data items for the 18b, 24b, and 32b simulators, and 64b for the 36b simulators. Device simulations which use the sim\_disk library can also have hard disks which are Virtual Hard Disks (as described by the Microsoft Open Specification) and for Windows and Linux hosts can be raw host disks and/or CDROM devices.

## A.2 Floppy Disks

Floppy disks are represented as unstructured binary files of 8b data items. They are nearly identical to the floppy disk images for Doug Jones' PDP-8 simulator but lack the initial 256 byte header. A utility for converting between the two formats is easily written.

## A.3 Magnetic Tapes

SIMH format magnetic tapes are represented as unstructured binary files of 8b data items. Each record starts with a 32b record header, in little endian format. If the record header is not a special header, it is followed by n 8b bytes of data, followed by a repeat of the 32b record header. A 1 in the high order bit of the record header indicates an error in the record. If the byte count is odd, the record is padded to even length; the pad byte is undefined.

Special record headers occur only once and have no data. The currently defined special headers are:

0x00000000file mark0xFFFFFFFFend of medium0xFFFFFFFEerase gap

Magnetic tapes are endian independent and consistent across simulator families. A magnetic tape produced by the Nova simulator will appear to have its 16b words byte swapped if read by the PDP-11 simulator.

SIMH can read and write E11-format magnetic tape images. E11 format differs from SIMH format only for odd-length records; the data portion of E11 records is not padded with an extra byte.

SIMH can read TPC-format magnetic tape images. TPC format uses a 16b record header, with 0x0000 denoting file mark. The record header is not repeated at the end of the record. Odd-length records are padded with an extra byte. Some TPC formatted tapes have an end of medium indicated as a record length of 0xffff with no data following the record length.

SIMH can read Pierce-format seven-track magnetic tape images. Pierce format uses only 6 data bits, and one parity bit, in each byte. The high order bit indicates start of record. End of file is indicated by a record of one (occasionally two) bytes consisting of code 017 (octal).

SIMH can read and write AWS format tape images. AWS format uses a 3 16b (little endian) word record header which are a next record size, previous record size and a flag word. The flag word uses value 0x40 to flag tape marks, and 0xA0 for data records.

SIMH can directly read from TAR files. TAR files are read directly and presented through the tape interface as tape records of a fixed size. The default TAR record size is 10240. A specific record size can be specified by using the –B switch on the ATTACH command. Since the specified input file is merely presented as fixed sized records to the simulated system reading from a tape, other data could also be presented via this same mechanism. For example, if a system was able to read 80 byte card images from a tape drive, a binary input file could be attached with a –B 80 and it would be read 80 bytes at a time.

SIMH can present the content of local text and binary files on a pseudo tape device. This is achieved by using one of ANSI-VMS, ANSI-RT11, ANSI-RSTS or ANSI-RSX11 tape formats. The attach command for any ANSI format tape takes a list of file names (which may contain wildcards) and makes them available to a simulated system via the attached tape device presented as an ANSI labeled tape with each file having its attributes presented to the simulated OS. Text files can contain LF or CRLF line endings and they will be visible to an operating system which can read an ANSI tape as normal data in the expected form. Binary files are presented as fixed sized 512 byte records.

### A.4 Line Printers

Line printer output is represented by an ASCII file of lines separated by the newline character. Overprinting is represented by a line ending in return rather than newline.

## A.5 DECtapes

DECtapes are structured as fixed length blocks. PDP-1/4/7/9/15 DECtapes use 578 blocks of 256 32b words. Each 32b word contains 18b (6 lines) of data. PDP-11 DECtapes use 578 blocks of 256 16b words. Each 16b word contains 6 lines of data, with 2b omitted. This is compatible with native PDP-11 DECtape dump facilities, and with John Wilson's PUTR Program. PDP-8 DECtapes use 1474 blocks of 129 16b words. Each 16b word contains 12b (4 lines) of data. PDP-8 OS/8 does not use the 129th word of each block, and OS/8 DECtape dumps contain only 128 words per block. A utility, DTOS8CVT.C, is provided to convert OS/8 DECtape dumps to simulator format.

A known issue in DECtape format is that when a block is recorded in one direction and read in the other, the bits in a word are scrambled (to the complement obverse). The PDP-11 deals with this problem by performing an automatic complement obverse on reverse writes and reads. The other systems leave this problem to software.

The simulator represents this difference as follows. On the PDP-11, all data is represented in normal form. Data reads and writes are not direction sensitive; read all and write all are direction sensitive. Real DECtapes that are read forward will generate images with the correct representation of the data.

On the other systems, forward write creates data in normal form, while reverse write creates data in complement obverse form. Forward read (and read all) performs no transformations, while reverse read (and read all) changes data to the complement obverse. Real DECtapes that are read forward will generate data in normal form for blocks written forward, and complement obverse data for blocks written in reverse, corresponding to the simulator format.

# **Appendix 2: Debug Status**

The debug status of each simulated CPU and device is as follows:

```
legend:
                 y = runs operating system or sample program
                 d = runs diagnostics
                 h = runs hand-generated test cases
                 n = untested
                 - = not applicable
      System PDP-8 PDP-11 Nova PDP-1 18b PDP
device
CPU
               У
                            У
У
                                      У
                                      У
                                      У
fixed disk y floppy disk y drum -
                           h
                     У
                           У
                     У
                                 h
DECtape y mag tape y
                                  h
                     У
                                       У
                           У
                     У
     system 1401 2100 PDP-10 H316 MicroVAX 3900
device
CPU
                У
                           У
                     У
                                        У
FPU
FPU - y y -
EIS/CIS - y y -
console y y y h
paper tape - y n h
card reader y - -
line printer y y y h
clock - y y h
extra terminal - y y h
fixed disk - y - h
                     У
                            У
                                        У
                                        У
                                      У
                                       У
                                        У
                     <u>У</u>
floppy disk
                                       У
drum
                     У
DECtape
mag tape
               У
                     У
                           У
                                 h
                                       У
    system GRI 1620 i16 i32 SDS940
device
                 h y d
CPU
                                       d
                                 У
FPU
                           d
                                 У
                     У
CIS
                           _
console h y d paper tape h y d card reader - y -
                                 У
                                  У
-
                                      h
                           d
line printer - y d y
```

clock	h	_	d	У	n
extra terminal	-	_	h	У	h
hard disk	-	h	d	У	h
fixed disk	_	_	_	_	h
floppy disk	_	_	d	d	-
drum	_	_	_	_	h
DECtape	_	_	_	_	_
mag tape	_	_	d	У	h
system	LGP-30	3000	780		
device					
CPU	h	У	У		
FPU	-	У	У		
CIS	-	У	У		
console	h	У	У		
paper tape	h	_	_		
card reader	-	-	У		
line printer	-	У	У		
clock	-	У	У		
extra terminal	-	У	У		
hard disk	-	У	У		
fixed disk	-	-	-		
floppy disk	-	-	У		
drum	_	-	_		
DECtape	_	_	_		
mag tape	-	У	У		

# Revision History (covering Rev 2.0 to Rev 3.5)

Starting with Rev 2.7, detailed revision histories can be found in file sim\_rev.h.

#### Rev 3.5, Sep, 05

- Overhauled sources for readability
- Added VAX-11/780

#### Rev 3.4, May, 05

- Revised memory interaction model

#### Rev 3.3, Nov. 04

- Added PDP-11/VAX DHQ11 support
- Added PDP-11/VAX TM02/TM03 support
- Added PDP-11 model-specific emulation support
- Added full VAX support
- Replaced SET ONLINE/OFFLINE with SET ENABLED/DISABLED

#### Rev 3.2, Apr, 04

- Added LGP-30/LGP-21 simulator
- Added global SHOW modifier capability
- Added global SET DEBUG modifier
- Added global SHOW DEBUG, RADIX, MODIFIERS, NAME modifiers
- Added VAX extended physical memory support (Mark Pizzolato)
- Added VAX RXV21 support
- Revised terminal multiplexer library to support variable number of lines per multiplexer
- Added PDP-15 LT19 support (1-16 terminals)

#### Rev 3.1, Dec, 03

- Added Alpha/VMS, FreeBSD, Mac OS/X Ethernet library support
- Added Eclipse floating point and interval timer support (from Charles Owen)
- Added PDP-1 parallel drum support
- Added PDP-8 TSC8-75 and TD8E support
- Added H316/516 DMA/DMC, magtape, fixed head disk support
- Added PDP-8, PDP-15, 32b Interdata instruction history support

#### Rev 3.0, May, 03

- Added logical name support
- Added instruction history support
- Added multiple tape format support
- Added 64b address support
- Added PDP-4 EAE support
- Added PDP-15 FP15 and XVM support

### Rev 2.10, Nov, 02

- Added Telnet console capability, removed VT emulation
- Added DO with substitutable arguments (from Brian Knittel)
- Added ini initialization file (from Hans Pufal)
- Added guiet mode (from Brian Knittel)
- Added ! command (from Mark Pizzolato)
- Added Telnet BREAK support (from Mark Pizzolato)
- Added device enable/disable support
- Added optional simulator hooks for input, output, commands

- Added breakpoint actions
- Added magnetic tape simulation library
- Added PDP-11 KW11P programmable clock
- Added PDP-11 RK611/RK06/RK07 disk
- Added PDP-11/VAX TMSCP tape
- Added PDP-11/VAX DELQA Ethernet support (from David Hittner)
- Added PDP-11/PDP-10 RX211/RX02 floppy disk
- Added PDP-11/VAX autoconfiguration support
- Added PDP-10/PDP-11/VAX variable vector support
- Added PDP-1 DECtape
- Added PDP-1, PDP-4 Type 24 serial drum support
- Added PDP-8 RX28 support
- Added PDP-9 RB09 fixed head disk, LP09 line printer
- Added HP2100 12845A line printer
- Added HP2100 13183 magtape support
- Added HP2100 boot ROM support
- Added HP2100 interprocessor link support
- Added IBM 1620
- Added SDS 940
- Added Interdata 16b and 32b systems
- Added 16b DECtape file format support
- Added support for statically buffered devices
- Added magnetic tape end of medium support
- Added 50/60Hz support to line frequency clocks
- Added 7B/8B support to terminals and multiplexers
- Added BREAK support to terminals and multiplexers

#### Rev 2.9. Jan. 02

- Added circular register arrays
- Replaced ENABLE/DISABLE with SET ENABLED/DISABLED
- Replaced LOG/NOLOG with SET LOG/NOLOG
- Generalized the timer calibration package
- Added additional routines to the multiplexer library
- Added SET DISCONNECT, SHOW STATISTICS commands to multiplexers
- Re-implemented PDP-8 TTX as a unified multiplexer
- Implemented a PC queue in most simulators
- Added VAX simulator
- Added GRI-909 simulator
- Added Peter Schorn's MITS 8080/Z80 simulator
- Added Brian Knittel's IBM 1130 simulator
- Added HP2100 DQ, DR, MS, MUX devices
- Added SET VT/NOVT commands

#### Rev 2.8, Dec, 01

- Added DO command
- Added general breakpoint facility
- Added extended SET/SHOW capability
- Replaced ADD/REMOVE with SET ONLINE/OFFLINE
- Added global register name recognition
- Added unit-based register arrays
- Added Charles Owen's System 3 simulator
- Added PDP-11 I/O bus map
- Added PDP-11/VAX RQDX3
- Added PDP-8 RL8A
- Revised 18b PDP interrupt structure
- Revised directory and documentation structure

- Added support for MINGW environment

#### Rev 2.7, Sep. 01

- Added DZ11 (from Thord Nilson and Art Krewat) to PDP-11, PDP-10
- Added additional terminals to PDP-8
- Added TSS/8 packed character format to PDP-8
- Added sim sock and sim tmxr libraries
- Added sim grount and simulator exit detach all facilities
- Added Macintosh sim sock support (from Peter Schorn)
- Added simulator revision level, SHOW version
- Changed int64/uint64 to t int64/t uint64 for Windows
- Fixed bug in PDP-11 interrupt acknowledge
- Fixed bugs in PDP-11 TS NXM check, boot code, error status; added extended characteristics and status
- Fixed bug in PDP-11 TC stop, stop all functions
- Fixed receive interrupt while disconnected bug in DZ11
- Fixed multi-unit operation bugs, interrupt bugs in PDP-11
- RP, PDP-10 RP, PDP-10 TU
- Fixed carrier detect bug in PDP-11, PDP-10 DZ
- Fixed bug in PDP-8 reset routine
- Fixed conditional in PDP-18b CPU
- Fixed SC = 0 bug in PDP-18b EAE
- Fixed bug in PDP-7 LPT
- Upgraded Nova second terminal to use sim tmxr
- Upgraded PDP-18b second terminal to use sim tmxr
- Upgraded PDP-11 LTC to full KW11-L
- Removed hack multiple console support

### Rev 2.6b, Aug, 01

- Added H316/516 simulator
- Added Macintosh support from Louis Chrétien, Peter Schorn, and Ben Supnik
- Added bad block table option to PDP-11 RL, RP
- Removed register in declarations
- Fixed bugs found by Peter Schorn
  - endian error in PDP-10, PDP-11 RP
  - space reverse error in PDP-11 TS
  - symbolic input in 1401
- Fixed bug in PDP-1 RIM loader found by Derek Peschel
- Fixed bug in Nova fixed head disk

#### Rev 2.6a, Jun, 01

- Added PDP-9, PDP-15 API option
- Added PDP-9, PDP-15 second terminal
- Added PDP-10 option for TOPS-20 V4.1 bug fix
- Added PDP-10 FE CTRL-C option for Windows
- Added console logging
- Added multiple console support
- Added comment recognition
- Increased size of string buffers for long path names
- Fixed bug in big-endian I/O found by Dave Conroy
- Fixed DECtape reset in PDP-8, PDP-11, PDP-9/15
- Fixed RIM loader PC handling in PDP-9/15
- Fixed indirect pointers in PDP-10 paging
- Fixed SSC handling in PDP-10 TM02/TU45
- Fixed JMS to non-existent memory in PDP-8
- Fixed error handling on command file

#### Rev 2.6, May, 01

- Added ENABLE/DISABLE devices
- Added SHOW DEVICES
- Added examination/modification of register arrays
- Added PDP-10 simulator
- Added clock autocalibration to SCP, Nova, PDP-8, PDP-11, PDP-18b
- Added PDP-8, PDP-11, PDP-9/15 DECtape
- Added PDP-8 DF32
- Added 4k Disk Monitor boot to PDP-8 RF08 and DF32
- Added PDP-4/7 funny format loader support
- Added extension handling to the PDP-8 and -9/15 loaders
- Added PDP-11 TS11/TSV05
- Added integer interval timer to SCP
- Added filename argument to LOAD/DUMP
- Revised magnetic tape and DECtape bootstraps to rewind before first instruction
- Fixed 3 cycle data break sequence in PDP-8 RF
- Fixed 3 cycle data break sequence in 18b PDP LP, MT, RF
- Fixed CS1.TRE write, CS2.MXF,UPE write, and CS2.UAI in PDP-11 RP
- Fixed 4M memory size definition in PDP-11
- Fixed attach bug in RESTORE
- Fixed detach bug for buffered devices
- Updated copyright notices, fixed comments

#### Rev 2.5a. Dec. 00

- Added CMD flop to HP paper tape and line printer
- Added status input for HP paper tape punch and TTY
- Added Charles Owen's 1401 mag tape boot routine
- Added Bruce Ray's Nova plotter and second terminal modules
- Added Charles Owen's Eclipse CPU support
- Added PDP-9/PDP-15 RIM/BIN loader support
- Added PDP-9/PDP-15 extend/bank initial state registers
- Added PDP-9/PDP-15 half/full duplex support
- Moved software documentation to a separate file
- Fixed SCP handling of devices without units
- Fixed FLG. FBF initialization in many HP peripherals
- Fixed 1401 bugs found by Charles Owen
  - 4, 7 char NOPs are legal
  - 1 char B is chained BCE
  - MCE moves whole character, not digit, after first
- Fixed Nova bugs found by Bruce Ray
  - traps implemented on Nova 3 as well as Nova 4
  - DIV and DIVS 0/0 set carry
  - RETN sets SP from FP at outset
  - IORST does not clear carry
  - Nova 4 implements two undocumented instructions
- Fixed bugs in 18b PDP's
  - XCT indirect address calculation
  - missing index instructions in PDP-15
  - bank mode handling in PDP-15

### Rev 2.5, Nov, 00

- Removed Digital and Compag from copyrights, as authorized by Compag Sr VP Bill Strecker
- Revised save/restore format for 64b simulators
- Added examine to file

- Added unsigned integer data types to sim\_defs
- Added Nova 3 and Nova 4 instructions to Nova CPU
- Added HP2100
- Fixed indirect loop through autoinc/dec in Nova CPU
- Fixed MDV enabled test in Nova CPU

#### Rev 2.4, Jan, 99

- Placed all sources under X11-like open source license
- Added DUMP command, revised sim load interface
- Added SHOW MODIFIERS command
- Revised magnetic tape format to include record error flag
- Fixed 64b problems in SCP
- Fixed big endian problem in PDP-11 bad block routine
- Fixed interrupt on error bug in PDP-11 RP/RM disks
- Fixed ROL/ROR inversion in PDP-11 symbolic routines

#### Rev 2.3d, Sep, 98

- Added BeOS support
- Added radix commands and switches
- Added PDP-11 CIS support
- Added RT11 V5.3 to distribution kits
- Fixed "shift 32" bugs in SCP, PDP-11 floating point
- Fixed bug in PDP-11 paper tape reader
- Fixed bug in ^D handling

#### Rev 2.3c, May, 98

- Fixed bug in PDP-11 DIV overflow check
- Fixed bugs in PDP-11 magnetic tape bootstrap
- Fixed bug in PDP-11 magnetic tape unit select
- Replaced UNIX V7 disk images

#### Rev 2.3b, May, 98

- Added switch recognition to all simulator commands
- Added RIM loader to PDP-8 paper tape reader and loader
- Added second block bootstrap to PDP-11 magnetic tape
- Fixed bug in PDP-8 RF bootstrap
- Fixed bug in PDP-11 symbolic display
- Fixed bugs in PDP-11 floating point (LDEXP, STEXP, MODf, STCfi, overflow handling)

#### Rev 2.3a, Nov, 97

- Added search capability
- Added bad block table command to PDP-11 disks
- Added bootstrap to PDP-11 magnetic tape
- Added additional Nova moving head disks
- Added RT-11 sample software
- Fixed bugs in PDP-11 RM/RP disks
- Fixed bugs in Nova moving head disks
- Fixed endian dependence in 18b PDP RIM loader

#### Rev 2.3, Mar, 97

- Added PDP-11 RP
- Added PDP-1
- Changed UNIX terminal I/O to TERMIOS
- Changed magnetic tape format to double ended
- Changed PDP-8 current page mnemonic from T to C
- Added endian independent I/O routines

- Added precise integer data types
- Fixed bug in sim poll kbd
- Fixed bug in PDP-8 binary loader
- Fixed bugs in TM11 magnetic tape
- Fixed bug in RX11 bootstrap
- Fixed bug in 18b PDP ADD
- Fixed bug in 18b PDP paper tape reader
- Fixed bug in PDP-4 console
- Fixed bug in PDP-4, 7 line printer

#### Rev 2.2d, Dec. 96

- Added ADD/REMOVE commands
- Added unit enable/disable support to device simulators
- Added features for IBM 1401 project
- Added switch recognition for symbolic input
- Fixed bug in variable length IEXAMINE
- Fixed LCD bug in RX8E
- Initial changes for Win32
- Added IBM 1401

#### Rev 2.2b, Apr, 96

Added PDP-11 dynamic memory size support

#### Rev 2.2a, Feb, 96

- New endian independent magnetic tape format

#### Rev 2.2 Jan. 96

- Added register buffers for save/restore
- Added 18b PDP's
- Guaranteed TTI, CLK times are non-zero
- Fixed breakpoint/RUN interaction bug
- Fixed magnetic tape backspace to EOF bug
- Fixed ISZ/DCA inversion in PDP-8 symbol table
- Fixed sixbit conversion in PDP-8 examine/deposit
- Fixed origin increment bug in PDP-11 binary loader
- Fixed GCC longimp optimization bug in PDP-11 CPU
- Fixed unit number calculation bug in SCP and in Nova, PDP-11, 18b PDP moving head disks

#### Rev 2.1 Dec. 95

- Fixed PTR bug (setting done on EOF) in PDP-8, Nova
- Fixed RX bug (setting error on INIT if drive 1 is not attached) in PDP-8, PDP-11
- Fixed RF treatment of photocell flag in PDP-8
- Fixed autosize bug (always chose smallest disk if new file) in PDP-11, Nova
- Fixed not attached bug (reported as not attachable) in most mass storage devices
- Fixed Nova boot ROMs
- Fixed bug in RESTORE (didn't requeue if delay = 0)
- Fixed bug in RESTORE (clobbered device position)
- Declared static constant arrays as static const
- Added PDP-8, Nova magnetic tape simulators
- Added Dasher mode to Nova terminal simulator
- Added LINUX support

### Rev 2.0 May, 95

- Added symbolic assembly/disassembly

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