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The Utility command

The CANDE Utility command

Sort of like the Run or Execute command

- > **But has much more capabilities**
- > **And is easier to use**

Instead of Run command

Saves entering the (“ and “)

- > **RUN *SYSTEM/DUMPALL (“INTER”)**
- > **U *SYSTEM/DUMPALL INTER**

- > **U *SYSTEM/PDIR XX= {SO- LASTA}**
- > **R *SYSTEM/PDIR (“XX= {SO- LASTA}”)**

- > **You can still file equate as normal**
U MYPROG MYPARAM;
FILE CARD = MYDATA; TASKSTRING = “ABC”

The utility part of the Utility command

You can use and/or alter your current workfile

- > **When the utility program is run CANDE sets a number of attributes and file equations for you**
- > **It also sets various bits in the TASKVALUE**
- > **Caution: “U” removes extraneous spaces (i.e. leading, trailing & duplicate spaces) “R” does not.**
 - So **R PROG (“A G ”)** is not equal to
U PROG A G

File equations

The following files are file-equated

- > **WORKFILE** - Name of work file(if any)
- > **WORKSOURCE** - Saved or unsaved work source
- > **NEWWORKSOURCE** - Potential new unsaved work source
- > **WORKOBJECT** - Saved or unsaved work object(if it has been compiled)
- > **NEWWORKOBJECT** - Potential new unsaved work object

What is it good for?

- > **Running Utility programs E.g. EDITOR**
- > **Starting compile WFLs**
- > **Editing files with an external program**
- > **Etc.**

Example programs

> Here are some simple utilities that I wrote over 20 years ago

- **G** – Gets a source and sets **MARKID** to <your initials>/MMDDYY.
If initials not entered then first 2 letters of your **USERCODE**.
Also sets the status bar text.
E.g. “U G MYFILE DD”
- **C** – Saves the source and starts ‘WFL/COMPILE/COBOL85 (“<myprog>”,”OBJECT/<myprog>”)



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Samples

> Here are some samples from Paul Kimpel

- **UCASE** -- up-cases the text in the workfile.
- **UNSTAR** -- removes the COBOL comment "*" from column 7 for otherwise blank lines in the workfile.
- **LISTER** -- a glorified CANDE WRITE utility. This will paginate either the work file or a named file after the "U". It's currently wired to Paul's laser printer with a particular PAGECOMP, but that's easy to replace either in the source or through file equation.



LISTER



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