

# **PDP-1 Simulator Usage**

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This memorandum documents the PDP-1 simulator.

## 1 Simulator Files

```
sim/          scp.h
              sim_console.h
              sim_defs.h
              sim_fio.h
              sim_rev.h
              sim_sock.h
              sim_timer.h
              sim_tmxr.h
              scp.c
              sim_console.c
              sim_fio.c
              sim_sock.c
              sim_timer.c
              sim_tmxr.c

sim/pdp1/     pdp1_defs.h
              pdp1_clk.c
              pdp1_cpu.c
              pdp1_dcs.c
              pdp1_drm.c
              pdp1_dt.c
              pdp1_lp.c
              pdp1_stddev.c
              pdp1_sys.c
```

## 2 PDP-1 Features

The PDP-1 is configured as follows:

device name(s)	simulates
CPU	PDP-1 CPU with up to 64KW of memory optional automatic multiply/divide optional 16-channel sequence break system optional PDP-1D extended features
CLK	1Khz time-sharing clock (PDP-1D)
PTR, PTP	integral paper tape reader/punch
TTI, TTO	console typewriter
LPT	Type 62 line printer
DRM	Type 24 serial drum
DRP	Type 23 parallel drum
DT	Type 550 Microtape (DECTape)
DCS, DCSL	Type 630 Data Communications Subsystem

The PDP-1 simulator implements the following unique stop conditions:

- An unimplemented instruction is decoded, and register STOP\_INST is set

- More than IND\_MAX indirect addresses are detected during memory reference address decoding
- More than XCT\_MAX nested executes are detected during instruction execution
- I/O wait, and no I/O operations outstanding (i.e, no I/O completion will ever occur)
- A simulated DECTape runs off the end of its reel

The LOAD command supports RIM format tapes and BLK format tapes. If the file to be loaded has an extension of .BIN, or switch -B is specified, the file is assumed to be BLK format; otherwise, it defaults to RIM format. LOAD takes an optional argument that specifies the starting address of the field to be loaded:

```
LOAD lisp.rim          load RIM format file lisp.rim
LOAD ddt.rim 70000    load RIM format file ddt.rim into
                     the field starting at 70000
LOAD -B macro.blk     load BLK format file macro.blk
```

The DUMP command is not implemented.

## 2.1 CPU

The only CPU options are the presence of hardware multiply/divide and the size of main memory.

```
SET CPU MDV          enable multiply/divide
SET CPU NOMDV        disable multiply/divide
SET CPU SBS16        enable 16-channel sequence break system
SET CPU NOSBS16      disable 16-channel sequence break system
SET CPU PDP1C        set CPU to standard PDP-1C
SET CPU PDP1DS45     set CPU to PDP-1D, serial# 45 (BBN)
SET CPU PDP1DS48     set CPU to PDP-1D, serial# 48 (Stanford)
SET CPU 4K           set memory size = 4K
SET CPU 8K           set memory size = 8K
SET CPU 12K          set memory size = 12K
SET CPU 16K          set memory size = 16K
SET CPU 20K          set memory size = 20K
SET CPU 24K          set memory size = 24K
SET CPU 28K          set memory size = 28K
SET CPU 32K          set memory size = 32K
SET CPU 48K          set memory size = 48K
SET CPU 64K          set memory size = 64K
```

If memory size is being reduced, and the memory being truncated contains non-zero data, the simulator asks for confirmation. Data in the truncated portion of memory is lost. Initial memory size is 64K. Setting the CPU to PDP-1D also enables multiply/divide and the 16-channel sequence break system.

CPU registers include the visible state of the processor as well as the control registers for the interrupt system.

name	size	comments
PC	16	program counter
AC	18	accumulator
IO	18	IO register
OV	1	overflow flag
PF	6	program flags<1:6>
SS	6	sense switches<1:6>
TA	16	address switches

TW	18	test word (front panel switches)
EXTM	1	extend mode
RNGM	1	ring mode (PDP-1D only)
L	1	link (PDP-1D #45 only)
RM	1	restrict mode (PDP-1D)
RMASK	1	restrict memory mask (PDP-1D)
RTB	18	restrict trap buffer (PDP-1D #45 only)
RNAME[0:3]	2	rename map (PDP-1D #45 only)
IOSTA	18	IO status register
SBON	1	sequence break enable
SBRQ	1	sequence break request
SBIP	1	sequence break in progress
SBSREQ	16	pending sequence break requests
SBSENB	16	enabled sequence break levels
SBSACT	16	active sequence break levels
IOH	1	I/O halt in progress
IOS	1	I/O synchronizer (completion)
PCQ[0:63]	16	PC prior to last jump or interrupt; most recent PC change first
STOP_INST	1	stop on undefined instruction
SBS_INIT	1	initial state of sequence break enable
EXTM_INIT	1	initial state of extend mode
XCT_MAX	8	maximum XCT chain
IND_MAX	8	maximum nested indirect addresses
WRU	8	interrupt character

The CPU can maintain a history of the most recently executed instructions. This is controlled by the `SET CPU HISTORY` and `SHOW CPU HISTORY` commands:

<code>SET CPU HISTORY</code>	clear history buffer
<code>SET CPU HISTORY=0</code>	disable history
<code>SET CPU HISTORY=n</code>	enable history, length = n
<code>SHOW CPU HISTORY</code>	print CPU history
<code>SHOW CPU HISTORY=n</code>	print first n entries of CPU history

The maximum length for the history is 65536 entries.

If the 16-channel sequence break system is enabled, devices can be assigned to any break level between 0 (the default) and 15, with the following command:

```
SET <dev> SBSLVL=n          assign device to sequence break level n
```

Because each PDP-1 configuration was unique, there are no default assignments for the 16-channel sequence break system.

## 2.2 Programmed I/O Devices

### 2.2.1 Paper Tape Reader (PTR)

The paper tape reader (PTR) reads data from or a disk file. The POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be read. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance the reader.

The paper tape reader supports the `BOOT` command. `BOOT PTR` copies the RIM loader into memory and starts it running. `BOOT PTR` loads into the field selected by `TA<0:3>` (the high order four bits of the address switches).

The paper tape reader recognizes one switch at ATTACH time:

```
ATT -A PTR <file>          convert input characters from ASCII
```

By default, the paper tape reader does no conversions on input characters.

The paper tape reader implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF	8	last data item processed
DONE	1	device done flag
RPLS	1	return restart pulse flag
POS	32	position in the input file
TIME	24	time from I/O initiation to interrupt
STOP_IOE	1	stop on I/O error

Error handling is as follows:

error	STOP_IOE	processed as
not attached	1	report error and stop
	0	out of tape
end of file	1	report error and stop
	0	out of tape
OS I/O error	x	report error and stop

## 2.2.2 Paper Tape Punch (PTP)

The paper tape punch (PTP) writes data to a disk file. The POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be written. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance the punch.

The paper tape punch recognizes one switch at ATTACH time:

```
ATT -A PTP <file>          output characters as ASCII text
```

By default, the paper tape punch punches files with no conversions.

The paper tape punch implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF	8	last data item processed
DONE	1	device done flag
RPLS	1	return restart pulse flag
POS	32	position in the output file
TIME	24	time from I/O initiation to interrupt
STOP_IOE	1	stop on I/O error

Error handling is as follows:

error	STOP_IOE	processed as
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not attached	1	report error and stop
	0	out of tape
OS I/O error	x	report error and stop

### 2.2.3 Console Typewriter Input (TTI), Output (TTO)

The Typewriter is a half-duplex electric typewriter (originally a Friden Flexowriter, later a Sorobon-modified IBM B). It has only a single buffer and a single carriage state but distinct input and output done and interrupt flags. The typewriter input (TTI) polls the console keyboard for input. The typewriter output (TTO) writes to the simulator console window.

The Typewriter recognizes one option:

SET TTO ET	Expensive Typewriter mode
SET TTO NOET	normal mode

In Expensive Typewriter mode, ribbon changes are output as strings ([red], [black]) to indicate which mode the program is in (red for command, black for text). In normal mode, ribbon changes are ignored.

The typewriter input implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF	6	typewriter buffer (shared)
UC	1	upper case/lower case state (shared)
DONE	1	input ready flag
POS	32	number of characters input
TIME	24	keyboard polling interval

The typewriter output implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF	6	typewriter buffer (shared)
UC	1	upper case/lower case state (shared)
RPLS	1	return restart pulse flag
DONE	1	output done flag
POS	32	number of characters output
TIME	24	time from I/O initiation to interrupt

### 2.2.4 Type 62 Line Printer (LPT)

The line printer (LPT) writes data to a disk file. The POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be written. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance the printer.

The line printer can be disabled and enabled with the SET LPT DISABLED and SET LPT ENABLED commands, respectively.

The line printer implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF	8	last data item processed

PNT	1	printing done flag
SPC	1	spacing done flag
RPLS	1	return restart pulse flag
BPTR	6	print buffer pointer
POS	32	position in the output file
TIME	24	time from I/O initiation to interrupt
STOP_IOE	1	stop on I/O error
LBUF[0:119]	8	line buffer

Error handling is as follows:

error	STOP_IOE	processed as
not attached	1	report error and stop
	0	out of tape or paper
OS I/O error	x	report error and stop

## 2.2.5 Type 550/555 Microtape (DECtape) (DT)

The PDP-1 uses the Type 550 Microtape (later renamed DECtape), a programmed I/O controller. PDP-1 DECtape format has 4 18b words in its block headers and trailers.

DECtapes drives are numbered 1-8; in the simulator, drive 8 is unit 0. DECtape options include the ability to make units write enabled or write locked.

SET DTn WRITEENABLED	set unit n write enabled
SET DTn LOCKED	set unit n write locked

Units can also be set ENABLED or DISABLED.

The DECtape controller can be disabled and enabled with the SET DT DISABLED and SET DT ENABLED commands, respectively.

The Type 550 supports PDP-8 format, PDP-11 format, and 18b format DECtape images. ATTACH assumes the image is in 18b format; the user can other choices with switches:

-t	PDP-8 format
-s	PDP-11 format
-a	autoselect based on file size

The DECtape controller is a data-only simulator; the timing and mark track, and block header and trailer, are not stored. Thus, the WRITE TIMING AND MARK TRACK function is not supported; the READ ALL function always returns the hardware standard block header and trailer; and the WRITE ALL function dumps non-data words into the bit bucket.

The DECtape controller implements these registers:

name	size	comments
DTSA	12	status register A
DTSB	12	status register B
DTDB	18	data buffer
DTF	1	DECtape flag
BEF	1	block end flag



ERF	1	error flag
LTIME	31	time between lines
DCTIME	31	time to decelerate to a full stop
SUBSTATE	2	read/write command substate
POS[0:7]	32	position, in lines, units 0-7
STATT[0:7]	18	unit state, units 0-7
STOP_OFFR	1	stop on off-reel error

It is critically important to maintain certain timing relationships among the DECtape parameters, or the DECtape simulator will fail to operate correctly.

- LTIME must be at least 6
- DCTIME needs to be at least 100 times LTIME

Acceleration time is set to 75% of deceleration time.

## 2.2.6 PDP-1D Timesharing Clock (CLK)

The PDP-1D implements a timesharing clock, which operates at 1Khz. The clock has a readable counter and generates interrupts at 32 ms and 1 minute intervals. There is no other visible state. The clock is disabled by default.

The clock implements these registers:

name	size	comments
CNTR	16	clock counter, range 0-59999 <sub>10</sub>

The clock requires the 16-channel sequence break system and is assigned to two different SBS levels:

```
SET CLK SBS32MS=n      assign 32 msec interrupt to SBS level n
SET CLK SBS1MIN=n     assign 1 minute interrupt to SBS level n
```

## 2.2.7 Type 630 Data Communications Subsystem (DCS, DCSL)

The Type 630 Data Communications Subsystem provides up to 32 asynchronous interfaces. The Type 630 consists of two independent devices: DCS for the scanner, and DCSL for the individual lines. The terminal multiplexer performs input and output through Telnet sessions connected to a user-specified port. The ATTACH command specifies the port to be used:

```
ATTACH DCS <port>      set up listening port
```

where port is a decimal number between 1 and 65535 that is not being used for other TCP/IP activities. The number of lines can be changed with SET DCL LINES command:

```
SET DCS LINES=n        set number of lines to n, where n is 1-32
```

Each line (each of unit of DCSL) can be set to one of four modes: UC, 7P, 7B, or 8B.

mode	input characters	output characters
UC	lower case converted to upper case, high-order bit cleared	lower case converted to upper case, high-order bit cleared, non-printing characters suppressed
7P	high-order bit cleared	high-order bit cleared,

		non-printing characters suppressed
7B	high-order bit cleared	high-order bit cleared
8B	no changes	no changes

The default mode is UC. Finally, each line supports output logging. The SET DCSLn LOG command enables logging on a line:

```
SET DCSLn LOG=filename          log output of line n to filename
```

The SET DCSLn NOLOG command disables logging and closes the open log file, if any.

Once DCS is attached and the simulator is running, the multiplexer listens for connections on the specified port. It assumes that the incoming connections are Telnet connections. The connections remain open until disconnected either by the Telnet client, a SET DCS DISCONNECT command, or a DETACH DCS command.

Other special commands:

SHOW DCS CONNECTIONS	show current connections
SHOW DCS STATISTICS	show statistics for active connections
SET DCSLn DISCONNECT	disconnects the specified line.

The multiplexer scanner (DCS) implements these registers:

name	size	comments
BUF[0:31]	8	input buffer, lines 0 to 31
FLG[0:31]	1	line ready flag, lines 0 to 31
SCNF	1	scanner ready flag
SCAN	5	scanner line number
SEND	5	output line number

The individual lines (DCSL) implement these registers:

name	size	comments
TIME[0:31]	24	time from I/O initiation to interrupt, lines 0 to 31

The multiplexer does not support save and restore. All open connections are lost when the simulator shuts down or DSC is detached.

## 2.3 Drums

The PDP-1 supports two drums: the Type 23 parallel drum (DRP) and the Type 24 serial drum (DRM). Both use device addresses 061-064; accordingly, only one can be enabled at a time. By default, the Type 24 serial drum is enabled, and the Type 23 parallel drum is disabled. The PDP-1D requires the Type 23 parallel drum.

### 2.3.1 Type 24 Serial Drum (DRM)

The serial drum (DRM) implements these registers:

name	size	comments
DA	9	drum address (sector number)

MA	16	current memory address
DONE	1	device done flag
ERR	1	error flag
WLK	32	write lock switches
TIME	24	rotational latency, per word
STOP_IOE	1	stop on I/O error

Error handling is as follows:

error	STOP_IOE	processed as
not attached	1	report error and stop
	0	drum not ready

Drum data files are buffered in memory; therefore, end of file and OS I/O errors cannot occur.

### 2.3.2 Type 23 Parallel Drum (DRP)

The parallel drum (DRP) implements these registers:

name	size	comments
TA	12	track address
RDF	5	read field
RDE	1	read enable flag
WRF	5	write field
WRE	1	write enable flag
MA	16	current memory address
WC	12	word count
BUSY	1	device busy flag
ERR	1	error flag
TIME	24	rotational latency, per word
STOP_IOE	1	stop on I/O error

Error handling is as follows:

error	STOP_IOE	processed as
not attached	1	report error and stop
	0	drum not ready

Drum data files are buffered in memory; therefore, end of file and OS I/O errors cannot occur.

## 3 Symbolic Display and Input

The PDP-1 simulator implements symbolic display and input. Display is controlled by command line switches:

-a	display as ASCII character
-c	display as three packed FIODEC characters
-m	display instruction mnemonics

Input parsing is controlled by the first character typed in or by command line switches:

' or -a	ASCII character
" or -c	three packed FIODEC characters
alphabetic	instruction mnemonic
numeric	octal number

Instruction input uses modified PDP-1 assembler syntax. There are six instruction classes: memory reference, shift, skip, operate, IOT, and LAW.

Memory reference instructions have the format

```
memref {I} address
```

where I signifies indirect reference. The address is an octal number in the range 0 - 0177777.

Shift instructions have the format

```
shift shift_count
```

The shift count is an octal number in the range 0-9.

Skip instructions consist of single mnemonics, eg, SZA, SZS4. Skip instructions may be or'd together

```
skip skip skip...
```

The sense of a skip can be inverted by including the mnemonic I.

Operate instructions consist of single mnemonics, eg, CLA, CLI. Operate instructions may be or'd together

```
opr opr opr...
```

IOT instructions consist of single mnemonics, eg, TYI, TYO. IOT instructions may include an octal numeric modifier or the modifier I:

```
iot modifier
```

The simulator does not check the legality of skip, operate, or IOT combinations.

Finally, the LAW instruction has the format

```
LAW {I} immediate
```

where immediate is in the range 0 to 07777.

## 4 Character Sets

The PDP-1's first console was a Frieden Flexowriter; its character encoding was known as FIODEC. The PDP-1's line printer used a modified Hollerith character set. The following table provides equivalences between ASCII characters and the PDP-1's I/O devices. In the console table, UC stands for upper case. The console table also applies to ASCII mode for the paper tape reader and punch.

ASCII	PDP-1 console	PDP-1 line printer
000 - 007	none	none

bs	075	none
tab	036	none
012 - 013	none	none
ff	013	none
cr	077	none
016 - 037	none	none
space	000	000
!	{OR} UC+005	none
"	UC+001	none
#	{IMPLIES} UC+004	none
\$	none	none
%	none	none
&	{AND} UC+006	none
'	UC+002	none
(	057	057
)	055	055
*	{TIMES} UC+073	072
+	UC+054	074
,	033	033
-	054	054
.	073	073
/	021	021
0	020	020
1	001	001
2	002	002
3	003	003
4	004	004
5	005	005
6	006	006
7	007	007
8	010	010
9	011	011
:	none	none
;	none	none
<	UC+007	034
=	UC+033	053
>	UC+010	034
?	UC+021	037
@	{MID DOT} 040	{MID DOT} 040
A	UC+061	061
B	UC+062	062
C	UC+063	063
D	UC+064	064
E	UC+065	065
F	UC+066	066
G	UC+067	067
H	UC+070	070
I	UC+071	071
J	UC+041	041
K	UC+042	042
L	UC+043	043
M	UC+044	044
N	UC+045	045
O	UC+046	046
P	UC+047	047
Q	UC+050	050
R	UC+051	051

S	UC+022	022
T	UC+023	023
U	UC+024	024
V	UC+025	025
W	UC+026	026
X	UC+027	027
Y	UC+030	030
Z	UC+031	031
[	UC+057	none
\	{OVERLINE} 056	{OVERLINE} 056
]	UC+055	none
^	{UP ARROW} UC+011	{UP ARROW} 035
ˆ	UC+040	UC+040
˘	{RT ARROW} UC+020	036
a	061	none
b	062	none
c	063	none
d	064	none
e	065	none
f	066	none
g	067	none
h	070	none
i	071	none
j	041	none
k	042	none
l	043	none
m	044	none
n	045	none
o	046	none
p	047	none
q	050	none
r	051	none
s	022	none
t	023	none
u	024	none
v	025	none
w	026	none
x	027	none
y	030	none
z	031	none
{	none	none
	UC+056	076
}	none	none
~	UC+003	013
del	075	none