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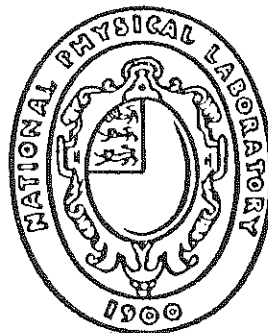
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Abstract

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## 1. Introduction

SOAP is a program which acts as an editor. It reads an Algol 60 program as data, cleans it up, and outputs it in a form which displays its structure. SOAP is written in Algol 60.

There is no standard for specifying the best layout for published Algol programs. The Algorithms Sections of various journals, e.g. Comm. ACM, Comp. J., Numer. Math., BIT, generally conform to their own standard but no two of them are the same. SOAP edits programs differently from all these journals, the method it uses makes it easier for the reader to find the extent of any statement or comment and easier to find the declaration of any identifier.

The general rule which is adopted in the editor is:- "if a structure extends over more than one line, subsequent lines are indented." Comments, declarations, for statements and assignment statements all satisfy the rule. Conditional statements are one exception: the structure is traced as follows:- start at 'if', evaluate the boolean expression, if the value is true then first trace the indented statement and then jump to the first basic symbol under 'if' which is not 'else'; if the value is false jump to the next symbol under 'if' and so on. Labels are another exception: they stick out a little so that it is easy to find them (note that they are nearly always indented less than the 'goto'; the only exceptions are jumps into the middle of conditional or compound statements). The declarations and statements of a block are not indented if the 'begin' and 'end' have themselves been indented (i.e. after 'then' or 'do'). This suppresses unnecessary indentation.

Indentation is achieved by outputting zero or more tabulation characters at the beginning of each line. Henceforth normal KDF9 usage is adopted and a tabulation character is called a tab.

Experience of writing Algol programs has been the main factor in determining the properties of SOAP. Other causes have been (1) what could be programmed fairly simply, (2) modifications shown to be desirable after a few test runs of SOAP, (3) discussions with other programmers.

## 2. How to use SOAP

SOAP is an Algol 60 program and its call tape on KDF9 is:-

```
K
JXRS810--KPU;
PROGAREA 3200;
IN 8.
OUT 8; L.
→
```

The Algol program which is to be edited can be read either from 8-hole paper tape or from the 'Prompt' system on the disc. The output can be sent to either an 8-hole paper tape punch or a line printer.

SOAP starts by reading a data tape from an 8-hole paper tape reader. The syntax of this data tape is as follows:-

```
<data tape> ::= <output device number> <number of programs>
               <list of programs> →
<output device number> ::= 10; / 30;
<number of programs> ::= <integer> ;
```

```

<list of programs> ::= <length of output line> <program> /
                    <length of output line> <program> <list of programs>
<length of output line> ::= <integer>;
<program> ::= 20 <Algol program> /
              120; [<twelve character identifier of Algol program in
                    Prompt system >];

```

This looks far more complicated than it really is; the following data tape was used to obtain the listing of SOAP given in Appendix 1:-

```
10; 1; 100; 120; [JXRS810--APU]; ->
```

Note that minus signs in the program identifier have the usual 'Prompt' meaning.

SOAP is kept as a compiled program on the NPL magnetic tape DE021BIN.

### 3. Program Failures

SOAP may fail while it is running. This section explains the possible causes.

#### (1) The initial data is incorrect

Most errors in the data tape will cause SOAP to fail and print a message on the printer or output device. The message is either 'error in initial data' or 'error in data'.

#### (2) The Algol program is incorrect

SOAP will edit most Algol programs even incorrect ones, however it is possible for SOAP to print a message 'fail n' and stop editing. The possible values of 'n' and the reasons for the failure are given below:-

'n'	Reason
100, 106, 109	The value of 'length of output line' is too small.
108, 111	A library call is not followed by a comment.
110	The number of ' <u>begin</u> 's is not equal to the number of ' <u>end</u> 's.
107, 112	There is some other error in the Algol program.
113	One of the lines in a comment is too long.
Any other number	You have found an error in SOAP, please contact the author so that it may be put right.

#### (3) Failures while finding the Algol program on the disc.

A message 'FAIL n IN FINDPROG' is output

'n'	Reason
1	Invalid character inside the string on the datatape.
2	Not twelve characters inside the string.
3,4	Error in SOAP
5	Program to be edited is not on the disc.
10,11	Prompt error.

(4) Failures while reading the Algol program from the disc

A message 'FAIL n IN READPROG' is output

'n'	Reason
0, 10	Prompt error.
4	More ' <u>begin</u> 's than ' <u>end</u> 's in the program.

#### 4. What SOAP does

This section is a list of some of the properties of an Algol program after it has been edited by SOAP.

##### 4.1 One statement per line

All statements occupy at least one line; the only exception is an unlabelled dummy statement immediately before 'end', e.g.:-

```
statement;  
statement;  
statement;  
;  
statement  
end
```

##### 4.2 Corresponding 'begin'/'end' symbols are lined up

Corresponding 'begin's and 'end's are on a line by themselves and indented to the same extent. The declarations and statements of nested blocks and compound statements start with one more tab than the 'begin' and 'end'; e.g.:-

```
begin  
  statements;  
  begin  
    declarations;  
    statements  
  end;  
  statements  
end
```

##### 4.3 Long statements are tabbed in after the first line

Any statement which is too long to go on one line is indented on subsequent lines. The line is broken at the last space character outside a string; e.g.:-

```
statement;  
this statement is too long to go on one line and is  
  indented on later lines;  
statement
```

#### 4.4 For statements

The controlled statement of a for statement starts on a new line and is indented; e.g.:-

```
for i := for list do
  for j := for list do
    statement;
statement
```

#### 4.5 Conditional statements

In a conditional statement the statement after 'then' starts on a new line with an extra tab. 'else' is put on a new line under 'if'; if the statement after 'else' is a conditional statement it starts immediately after the 'else', otherwise it is put on a new line and indented; e.g.:-

```
if conditional expression then
  statement

else if conditional expression then
  statement

else
  statement;

statement
```

#### 4.6 Conditional expressions

If a conditional expression is not enclosed in brackets it is treated in a similar way to conditional statements; e.g.:-

```
a := b :=

if condition then
  expression

else
  expression;

p (if condition then expression else expression)
```

#### 4.7 Labels on separate lines

A label is put on a separate line with 'half a tab' less than the statement being labelled; that is, it is indented less than the following statement but more than the corresponding 'begin' and 'end'. e.g.:-

```
begin
  statement;

label:

statement
```



4.8 Extra dummy line after a procedure declaration

Every procedure declaration is followed by a dummy line; e.g.:-

```
procedure p (formal);  
  
    real  
        formal;  
  
        statement;  
  
    declaration;
```

4.9 Comments are copied with extra dummy lines

A comment starting with 'comment' is copied as it was written except that (1) it has an empty line before and after it, (2) it is moved so that it lines up with the declarations or statements it follows, (3) tab is replaced by space; e.g.:-

```
statement;  
  
    comment note that there is a dummy line before and after  
            this comment, note also that every line after the first  
            is indented;  
  
statement
```

4.10 Each declaration is on a separate line

All variables, arrays, switch elements, etc. are declared and specified on a separate line, e.g.:-

```
real  
    alpha,  
    beta;  
  
array  
    square 1,  
    square 2 [1 : n, 1 : n],  
    rectangle [0 : m, 0 : n];
```

5. More properties of SOAP

The properties of SOAP which have been described are those applicable with programs in pure Algol 60. This section describes facilities which are concerned with the special features of KDF9 Algol.

### 5.1 Input from paper tape or disc

The Algol program which is to be edited can be read from 8-hole KDF9 paper tape or from the disc if it is in the Prompt operating system.

### 5.2 Output to paper tape or line-printer

The Algol program which has been edited can be output either on a paper tape punch or onto a line printer.

### 5.3 Putting the Algol program back into 'Prompt'

If the Algol program is read from the 'Prompt' system, an 'Establish' message is output at the start of the program so that the edited version can be reinput if desired.

### 5.4 Gaps on the output tape

If the Algol program is output onto paper tape, a gap of 50 characters is output after every 32 lines.

### 5.5 Code bodies and library calls

Procedures with code bodies can also be edited. Algol and Usercode library calls are reproduced if they are followed by 'Facsimile' type comments which specify them. These two facilities are not available if the Algol program was read from paper tape.

## 6. Method

SOAP does its editing by partially analysing the syntax of the Algol program. Inside the editor there are separate procedures to edit different syntactic parts of an Algol program, e.g. block, statement, specifications or declarations, comments, bracketed structures. These procedures call one another in a mutually recursive way, e.g. while editing a program it is possible that at one point:- 'block' calls 'statement' calls 'block' calls 'specifications or declarations' calls 'proc declaration' calls 'statement'. The recursive procedures have no parameters called by name, and a compound statement (not a block) as body; they communicate their results using a small number of variables which are global to SOAP. These features simplify a manual rewriting of SOAP into an assembly language, because the recursive procedures can be written as subroutines which stack the return address on entry, and unstack it on exit.

SOAP makes a single pass through the Algol program, it reads one basic symbol at a time using the procedure 'read symbol' and outputs one line at a time using the procedure 'out line'.

The methods and techniques used in SOAP were originally developed for the Babel compiler. (Babel is a high-level computer language and compiler being developed at NPL).

## 7. Size and Speed

The version of SOAP written to deal with full KDF9 Algol is compiled into about 3000 words of KDF9 code in the Kidsgrove Algol system. SOAP itself is about 2000 words and the rest (mainly input/output routines) is about 1000 words.

SOAP needs runtime space for arrays, variables and stacks of about 1700 words. The largest item is 640 words for an input buffer from the disc.

The KDF9 Kidsgrove Algol version of SOAP edits itself into 1400 lines of Algol and takes 130 seconds.

#### 8. Acknowledgements

The first version of SOAP was written by M. Shimell (University College Oxford) and R.S. Scowen. The program described here is an extended and modified version of the original.

The procedures to find and read an Algol program from the disc were written by A. Hillman.

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#### 9. A listing of SOAP

This section is a listing of SOAP which has been produced by applying it to itself. Thus the listing shows both what SOAP does and how it is done.

The line at the top of each page is not part of the output: it has been included in order to show how far each page is indented.















comment At any point in the Algol program being edited, these integer variables have the following values:-

- 'b ctr', 'e ctr' - the number of begins and ends that have occurred so far
- 'bs' - the current basic symbol
- 'depth' - the current nested block depth, ie. 'b ctr' - 'e ctr'
- 'i' - this is used as the controlled variable in a for statement
- 'lc' - the next symbol to be output will be put in 'buffer[lc]'
- 'line number' - the value of this variable is the number of lines which are to be output before the next gap
- 'start of string' - this variable is used in the procedures 'read string' and 'copy string'. Its value indicates the start of the current string in the output buffer and is needed if the string is too long to be put on one line
- 'tabs' - the number of tab symbols which must start the next line to be output
- 'tabspace' - the number of space symbols equivalent to one tab symbol;

integer

- bctr,
- bs,
- depth,
- ectr,
- i,
- lc,
- linenumber,
- startofstring,
- tabs,
- tabspace;



comment Each one of these variables represents a KDF9 pseudo basic symbol and has the appropriate constant value;

integer

algol,  
endmessage,  
exit,  
kdf9,  
library,  
segment,  
tabdummy;

comment A list of the procedures in algol edit.

read symbol  
out line ( integer value od, integer array buffer, integer value ic )  
nbs  
boolean letter or digit  
identifier or label  
scan ( integer value symbol 1, integer value symbol 2 )  
next line  
comment statement  
out ! ( integer value char )  
out ( integer value char )  
clear full line ( integer value symbol )  
specifications or declarations ( boolean value declarations )  
proc declaration  
fail ( integer value n )  
expression ( integer value symbol )  
for variable and list  
if clause  
statement  
possible label(boolean value inserting a dummy statement is possible)  
copy string  
read string  
copy square brackets  
copy round brackets  
block ( boolean value inner )  
call library  
code body  
;







procedure nextline;

comment 'next line' outputs the next line of the edited Algol program and  
stores in 'buffer' the tab symbols at the beginning of the next line;

begin

integer

1,

J;

if linenumber = 0 then

begin

if od = 10 then

begin

outline(od, buffer, lc - 1);

gap(od, 50);

end

else

begin

buffer[lc] := newline;

outline(od, buffer, lc);

end;

linenumber := 31;

end

else

begin

linenumber := linenumber - 1;

buffer[lc] := newline;

outline(od, buffer, lc);

end;

lc := tabspace X tabs;

for i := 1 step tabspace until lc do

begin

buffer[i] := tab;

for j := i + 1 step 1 until i + tabspace - 1 do

buffer[j] := tabdummy;

end for i;

lc := lc + 1;

end nextline;



procedure commentstatement;

comment 'comment statement' edits a comment from the basic symbol comment up to the semicolon;

begin

nextline;

tabs := tabs + 1;

out(bs);

label9 ;

if lc > 150 then

fail(113);

readsymbol;

if bs ≠ semicolon then

begin

if bs = newline then

nextline

else if bs = tab then

out1(space)

else

out1(bs);

goto label9;

end;

out1(semicolom);

tabs := tabs - 1;

nextline;

nextline;

nbs;

end comment statement;

procedure out1(char);

value

char;

integer

char;

comment 'out 1' inserts the symbol 'char' into the output buffer and increases the counter 'lc' by one;

begin

buffer[lc] := char;

lc := lc + 1

end out 1;



```

.....

procedure clearfullline(symbol);
  value
    symbol;
  integer
    symbol;

  comment   clear full line is called when an edited line is too long to be
              output on a single line. It looks for the latest occurrence of the
              symbol specified by the parameter 'symbol', and splits the line at
              this point. It outputs the first part of the line and puts the
              remaining characters at the beginning of the next line. The
              procedure fails if it is unable to find a point at which the line
              can be split;

  begin
  integer
    j,
    k;
  j := lc - 1;
  for k := 1 step 1 until linelimit - tabspace * (tabs - 1) + 1 do
    begin
      if buffer[j] = symbol then
        goto label4;
      s[k] := buffer[j];
      j := j - 1;
    end;
  fail(100);
label4 :;
  lc := j;
  if symbol = semicolon then
    out1(semicolon);
  tabs := tabs + 1;
  nextline;
  lc := lc - 1;
  for j := 1 step 1 until k - 1 do
    buffer[lc + j] := s[k - j];
  lc := lc + k;
  tabs := tabs - 1;
  end clear full line;

```

procedure specifications or declarations (declarations);

value  
 declarations;

boolean  
 declarations;

comment If the parameter of 'specifications or declarations' is false,  
 then this procedure edits the value and specification part of a  
 procedure declaration. If the parameter is true, then the procedure  
 edits a list of declarations separated by semicolons;

begin

label13 ;

if bs = procedure and declarations then

begin  
 prodeclaration;  
goto label13;  
end

else if bs = switch and declarations then

begin  
 scan(becomes, becomes);  
 nbs  
end

else if bs = library then

begin  
 calllibrary;  
goto label13  
end

else if bs = comment then

begin  
 commentstatement;  
goto label13;  
end

else if bs = real or bs = integer or bs = boolean or bs = array or bs = switch or bs = label or bs =  
string or bs = own or bs = value or bs = procedure then

begin  
 out(bs);  
 nbs;  
goto label13;  
end;

if lc ≠ tabspace x tabs + 1 then

begin  
 tabs := tabs + 1;  
 nextline;

label14 ;

scan(comma, semicolon);

if bs = semicolon then  
 tabs := tabs - 1;

nextline;

if bs = comma then

begin  
 nbs;  
goto label14;  
end;

nbs;

goto label13;

end;

end specifications or declarations;

procedure procdeclaration;

comment 'proc declaration' edits a procedure declaration. The call of  
statement must be extended if it is necessary to take account of  
procedures with code bodies;

begin  
scan(semicolon, semicolon);  
tabs := tabs + 1;  
nextline;  
nbs;  
specificationsordeclarations(false);  
if bs = segment then  
    scan(semicolon, semicolon)  
else  
    begin  
        if bs = kdf9 then  
            codebody  
        else  
            statement;  
        if bs = semicolon then  
            out(bs)  
        else  
            fail(107);  
    end;  
tabs := ntabs[depth];  
nextline;  
nextline;  
nbs;  
end proc declaration;

procedure fail(n);

value  
n;

integer  
n;

comment 'fail' outputs the current line and a brief failure message.  
It then looks for the end of the program and exits to the label  
'failure'.

The procedures in which the various failure numbers are generated are :-

- 100 clear full line
  - 101 read string
  - 102 copy square brackets
  - 103 copy round brackets
  - 104 block
  - 105 identifier or label
  - 106 out
  - 107 proc declaration
  - 108 call library
  - 109 read string
  - 110 block
  - 111 code body
  - 112 code body
  - 113 comment statement
  - 114 read symbol
  - 114 for variable and list
  - 117 if clause
- ;

begin

lc :=

if lc > linelimit then  
linelimit

else

lc;

nextline;

print( [ fail ], n);

label6 ;;

readsymbol;

if bs = begin then

bctr := bctr + 1

else if bs = end then

ectr := ectr + 1;

if bctr = ectr then

goto failure

else

goto label6;

end fail;

```
procedure expression(symbol);  
  value  
    symbol;  
  integer  
    symbol;  
  
  comment . This procedure edits a conditional or simple expression. It  
    stops when the current basic symbol is end or 'comma' or atop  
    or while or 'symbol';  
  
  begin  
  if bs = if then  
    begin  
      tabs := tabs + 1;  
      nextline;  
      label19 :;  
      ifclause;  
      expression(else);  
      tabs := tabs - 1;  
      nextline;  
      out1(else);  
      nbs;  
      if bs = if then  
        begin  
          out1(space);  
          goto label19  
        end;  
      tabs := tabs + 1;  
      nextline;  
      expression(symbol);  
      tabs := tabs - 2  
      end  
    else  
      begin  
        label20 :;  
        if bs = lrbracket then  
          copyroundbrackets  
        else if bs = lsqbracket then  
          copysquarebrackets;  
        if bs = end or bs = comma or bs = step or bs = while or bs = symbol then  
  
        else  
          begin  
            out(bs);  
            nbs;  
            goto label20  
          end;  
        end;  
      end expression;  
    end
```















```
if bs  $\neq$  end then
    fail(104);
if inner then
    tabs := tabs - 1;
nextline;
out(end);
ectr := ectr + 1;
depth := depth - 1;
if depth = 0 then
    begin
        nextline;
        out(endmessage);
        nextline;
        if id = 120 then
            begin
                nbs;
                if bs  $\neq$  endmessage then
                    fail(110);
                end
            end
        end
    else
        begin
            label10 ;;
            readsymbol;
            if bs = newline then
                goto label10;
            if bs = tab then
                begin
                    out(space);
                    goto label10
                end;
            if bs  $\neq$  end and bs  $\neq$  else and bs  $\neq$  semicolon then
                begin
                    out(bs);
                    goto label10
                end;
            end
        end block;
```









comment Assign suitable values to the variables representing pseudo basic symbols;

```
algol := 192;  
endmessage := 190;  
exit := 240;  
kdf9 := 176;  
library := 208;  
segment := 224;  
tabdummy := 254;
```

comment Assign suitable values for the elements of 'spa' and 'spb' arrays.  
This part of 'algol edit' is partly a matter of taste;

for i := 0 step 1 until 255 do

    spb[i] := spa[i] := 0;

for i := plus,

    minus,  
    multiply,  
    divide,  
    intdiv,  
    lessthan,  
    ltequal,  
    equals,  
    gtequal,  
    greaterthan,  
    notequal,  
    becomes,  
    and,  
    or,  
    not,  
    then,  
    else,  
    colon,  
    eqv,  
    imp,  
    step,  
    until,  
    while do  
        spb[i] := spa[i] := 1;

for i := real,

    integer,  
    boolean,  
    procedure,  
    comment,  
    if,  
    for,  
    goto,  
    own,  
    end,  
    rstrbracket,  
    comma,  
    semicolon,  
    switch do  
        spa[i] := 1;

for i := do,

    lstrbracket do  
        spb[i] := 1;

for i := kdf9,

    library,  
    segment do  
        spa[i] := 1;

```
comment Assign the initial values to the global variables of 'algor edit';

bctr := depth := ectr := 0;
bs := - 1;
lc := 1;
linenumber := tabs := 0;
tabapace := 6;
if id = 120 then
    begin
        findprog(20, discbuffer);
        printtitle(od);
    end;
nextline;
start ;
nbs;
if bs  $\neq$  begin then
    begin
        out(bs);
        goto start
    end;
nextline;
block(true);
end algoledit;
```



Distribution

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