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Question # 1

Can you give us a complete list of the Fortran commands and what they do?

Answer:-

No, but there are too many pages involved, and copyright problems with the standard Fortran manuals sold by computer software vendors. You're stuck with the text and Web pages, buying something else from a bookstore, or buying a Fortran package for your PC.

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Question # 2

Do we need to prompt the user for input on our programs?

Answer:-

Yes Always! In this section, any programmed "read" from the terminal must be preceded by writing some intelligible message asking for input.

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Question # 3

How should one spell FORTRAN/Fortran?

Answer:-

FORTTRAN is generally the preferred spelling for discussions of versions of the language prior to the current one ("90"). Fortran is the spelling chosen by X3J3 and WG5. In this document a feeble effort has been made to capitalize accordingly (e.g. vast existing software ... FORTRAN vs. generic Fortran to mean all versions of the standard, and specifically the modern dialect, ISO 1539:1991).

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Question # 4

How does Fortran 90 relate to FORTRAN 77?

Answer:-

With a few minor exceptions, Fortran 90 is a superset of X3.9-1978 FORTRAN.

But this does not mean that all "77" codes will port sans changes. Many (if not most) programmers employed constructs beyond the '77 standard, or rely on unspecified behavior (say, assuming that an OPEN of an existing file will position the file pointer to just past the last record already written) which has changed (that is to say, has become specified).

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Question # 5

Why do you put so many lines of empty space in your programs?

Answer:-

I hope the lines aren't totally empty. They should contain a "c" in column one. These "blank" lines are just to make the comments stand out from Fortran code lines or to highlight key blocks of a program.

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Question # 6

What directory is used by the compiler for compiling a Fortran Program? Where does f77 live?

Answer:-

For the work in this section, you should assume that everything happens in whatever directory you are in when you type the "f77". Type "pwd" if you don't know the answer to this question. The executable file called "f77" resides both in /bin and /usr/bin on these machines. This is very unusual. To locate an executable file use the "whereis" command (e.g. "whereis f77"). Unfortunately the manual pages on f77 aren't connected properly and are listed under IBM's other name for their compiler, "xlf". Try "man xlf" for more information on the compiler, but don't expect too much. IBM likes to force people to buy manuals and special CD-ROM packages.

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