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Thoroughbred *Basic*[™]

- Q** Where does my IPLINPUT file have to reside in order for me to use a modem attached to my workstation's COM port? I currently have the file on the server, but *Basic* attempts to access the server's COM port.
- A** You need to have the IPLINPUT file on the workstation in order to access that workstation's COM port.
- Q** Moving the IPLINPUT file to the workstation seems to work correctly, but I am unable to get a response from the modem. Why?
- A** Use TTY + the port# instead of COM + the port# in your IPLINPUT file i.e. `DEV T2,7,,,,,TTY1`. Use the following program to test the port and modem:

```

10 OPEN(1) "T2"                !Opens the com port defined on the DEV line
30 PRINT(1) "ATDT7325601377"  !Initialization string + phone no
40 INPUT(1,TIM=60,ERR=100) R$ !60 second wait
50 PRINT R$;
   IF POS("CONNECT"=R$)=0      !Connection response
      GOTO 00040
999 END

```

- Q** Why does the following produce an ERR=167?

```

FORMAT INCLUDE #ARFIDAT1, OPT="NONE"
LET #ARFIDAT1=" "
LET #ARFIDAT1.IDAT-DATE=BIN(INT(DTN("010199","MMDDYY")*10000),6)

```

- A** You are using a Format, which performs the date conversion on its own. If you `LET #ARFIDAT1.IDAT-DATE="010199"` you will not get the ERR=167 and you will get your desired results.

TS ODBC DataServer[™]

- Q** Why am I getting a **control file locked...** message when I try to expose data?
- A** First, verify that no other processes are running the Expose Utility. If not, you need to remove the lock record from the ODBC configuration file by entering the following lines of code from a *Basic* Ready prompt:
- ```

OPEN(1) "ODDCNTRL"
REMOVE(1,KEY="LCK")
END

```
- Q** Why am I getting a message **invalid directory** when I try to create the ODBC control file information in the expose utility for the first time?
- A** Verify that there is a hierarchical directory in your IPLINPUT file.

## Thoroughbred IDOL-IV™

- Q** If I do a CONNECT METHOD from a post process on a field in a Format, how do I know what maintenance mode the screen was in (add/change/delete/inquiry)?
- A** Use the System Variable #IDSV.PRE-POST-PROC-FLAGS in the method. The value will be a " 1" for ADD, " 2" for CHANGE, " 3" for DELETE, and " 4" for INQUIRY. Note the space before each value.
- Q** How do I make a file auto-expanding upon creation in IDOL-IV?
- A** You set the Number of Records = 0 in the Link definition. The file will be auto-expanding when it is created in file maintenance or through your application. You can also convert existing Data files to auto-expanding, by using the *Basic* utility \*TPSD and setting the Number of Records = 0.
- Q** How do I display the view description but not the Object View name in Multi-Record Maintenance?
- A** From inside the view, press **F7** and choose "View edit." Now place a "D" in the "BORDER HEADING" option.
- Q** What file can I use to read for a display of valid printers?
- A** The link is IDPRTSEL and the file is IDDBD. You can use a LOOKUP VIEW in your message so they will only be able to enter the correct printer choice.

## Thoroughbred *Script-IV*™

- Q** How do I prevent the **Page-Down** key from doing anything on an INPUT SCREEN Directive in my script?
- A** Put a post-process in the script that checks for this key and ignores it. For example:

```

MAINLINE
 INPUT SCREEN screenname
 POST PROCESS ALL, CHECK-TERM
CHECK-TERM
 IF TERM-KEY = -16 THEN
 LET screen.FIELD=screen.FIELD - 1
 ENDIF

```

- Q** How do I setup VIEW\$[7] for a SELECT WHEN statement for a CONNECT VIEW?
- A** Use the following example code. It will select the records from the data file where the STATE field = "NJ":

```

MAINLINE
 DIM VIEW$[18]
 LET VIEW$[7]="WHEN #UTCUST.STATE="+QUO+"NJ"+QUO
 CONNECT VIEW UTCUST

```

## Thoroughbred VIP™/GWW™

- Q** I have a .HM. menu I converted to GUI. When I view the menu in VIP from the Windows Start Menu, I see my options in a different order than they are in character mode. Why?
- A** The order is correct from the WorkStation Manager™. The order on the Start menu is in alphabetical order, a Windows standard we must conform to.

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