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Thoroughbred *Basic*[™]

Q When I start *Basic* I get a message that the installation record is in use or being edited by another user. Why? This does not happen if I am logged in as root.

A You only have read permissions on IDDBD. Assigning read/write permissions will resolve the problem.

Q How can I tell in *Basic* what type of data (numeric or string) is defined for a specific field?

A Use the ATR function. The attr-number is 2 for precision. A numeric field will return a number 1 or greater. Using the example formats and snippet of code will produce the following results:

```
00010 FORMAT INCLUDE #UTCUST
00020 LET A$ = ATR("#UTCUST",1,2)      !"1" is CUST-CODE field number;"2" is the attr
                                        !number
00030 PRINT A$                        !Returns "0" because CUST-CODE is an
                                        !alphanumeric field.
00040 LET A$ = ATR("#UTCUST",10,2)    !"10" is the CREDIT-LIMIT field number
00050 PRINT A$                        !Returns 1+ actual precision of 0 because
                                        !CREDIT-LIMIT is a numeric field defined as 6.0
                                        !in the IDOL-IV format
```

Thoroughbred Network *Basic*[™]

Q Why am I receiving "Unable to get data server information for host name..." when trying to run Network *Basic* from both the clients and the server?

A Check the following:

- (1) Verify that you can ping the server by Name and IP address.
- (2) The server IP address must be static.
- (3) The "hosts" and "SERVER.MAP" files are defined correctly.
- (4) There are no extra "tsserv" processes running.
- (5) Remove any extra TSSERV.EXE programs.
- (6) Verify correct permissions to the TSSERV.EXE program.
- (7) Verify the validity of the path, removing any unnecessary information and reboot.

Q Why am I receiving an Error 103 in my OP application running on Network *Basic* while invoicing an order?

A Printing the TCB(3) variable in *Basic* revealed that the number of FDTs (File Descriptor Tables) for *Basic* was not set high enough. You need to create an IPLINPUT file called IPLSERV.TXT in the same path where the "TSSERV.EXE" is located. The DataServer portion of the Network *Basic* will use this file when accessing data.

Example IPLSERV.TXT:

```

CNF 1,2,1,## <-----## is the number of files you need to open
PTN 1,60000
PRM WINDOWCOUNT = 0
PRM SYSTEM = 20
PRM STACK = 2
DEV D0,1,,,,1,,
DEV T0,5,,,,,TTY
IPL 1,2,T0
END

```

Solution-IV™ Accounting

Q How is the Garnishments flag used?

A Garnishments during Gross to Net will work as follows:

The garnishment will be calculated by taking the total earnings and subtracting out all taxes as well as all deductions that do not have an "N" for the "Take before garnish" question in the employee deduction record. This number will be the base to use. Then the number will be multiplied by the percent in the deduction record. For example:

Your system is set up as follows: The Garnishment deduction is set to 10%; Earnings = \$1,000; All taxes = \$300;

All deductions with the garnish question set to "Y" = \$100;

All deductions with the garnish question set to "N" = \$50.

Therefore $\$1,000 - \$300 - \$100 = \$600 * 10\% = \$60$. This garnishment deduction will be \$60. The \$50 for the deductions with the "Take before garnish" flag set to "N" are taken after the Garnishment calculation is completed, giving a final check amount of $\$1,000 - \$300 - \$100 - \$60 - \$50 = \490 .

Q I mistakenly set period two to end 02-28-2000 in the GL parameters. When I did postings for 02-29-2000 all my data was posted to period 3. How do I change this?

A Before doing anything, make a backup of your current system! Then, change the period end date in the GL Parameters for period 2 to the correct date (02-29-2000). Next, use multi record maintenance on GLLDETL1 to change the posting period numbers from 3 to 2 if the posting date is 02-29-2000. Finally run GLPRBLD1, to fix your financial statements so that they match what is in the detail file.

Thoroughbred Source-IV™

Q How do I copy a Source-IV source from one library to another?

A Under the option of Library Source Maintenance:

Select the library name that contains the source program and select **Enter**.

Type the library name that you want the program to be copied to (over the existing name).

Select **Enter** and choose **COPY**.

You then get a window where you can enter in the program name (or range of programs) to be copied.

TbredComm™

Q How do I create an autologin script that logs into a host and then telnets to one machine and then telnets another machine?

A There are no logins or passwords on the first two machines. However, when you get to the first host a message displays host:[port]:. In the script you need a line to wait for "host:[port]:" prompt. Unfortunately, you can't have brackets in the script. You would need to change the prompt. To telnet you would do the following in your script:

```
send telnet server_name$cr
```

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