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PDP-8 NEW SOFTWARE

FLAP (Floating Point Processor Assembler)

This Floating Point Processor Assembler for the Family of "8" computers is intended to be used in conjunction with FPP-12 hardware.

OS-8 is a prerequisite for running this software.

Customers may order the following software for the applicable fee:

Gl	Paper-Tape Binary	DEC-S8-UFPPA-A-PB	$ 5.00
Gl	Write-Up	DEC-S8-UFPPA-A-D	$10.00

FLAP and FPP-FLAP Support Library

The Floating Point Processor Math Support Library is now available.

Customers may order this software for the applicable fee.

Gl	Source Tape #1	DEC-S8-UMTHA-A-PA1	$ 5.00
Gl	Source Tape #2	DEC-S8-UMTHA-A-PA2	$ 5.00
Gl	Source DECtape	DEC-S8-UFPDA-A-UC	$50.00
Gl	Document	DEC-S8-UMTHA-A-D	$10.00

FOCAL-8 Programming Language Manual Change Notice (DEC-Ø8-LFCNA-A-DN)

This change notice for Programming Languages pertains to the section describing LIBRA and FNEW.

Customers may order this document for no charge.

Gl	Write-Up	DEC-Ø8-CFCNA-A-DN

NOTE: The following FOCAL-8 software is Category II support-
        software products that receive support for a fee. Cus-
        tomer's may order these programs for the applicable fee.

FOCAL-8 Overlay for Family of 8

This overlay to FOCAL-8 allows it to be used on other
models in the PDP-8 Family.

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-Ø8-LFOCA-A-PB	$10.00
R2	Listing	DEC-Ø8-LFOCA-A-LA	$15.00

FOCAL-8 and INIT

This FOCAL-8 runs on PDP-8E only and incorporates most
of the published patches to FOCAL '69.

An advantage of the new teletype IOT is to eliminate in-
put buffer overflow.

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-8E-LFOCA-A-PB	$15.00
R2	Listing	DEC-8E-LFOCA-A-LA	$30.00

FOCAL-8 Sources

All the sources for FOCAL-8 are contained on this one tape.

R2	DECtape ASCII	DEC-Ø8-LFCLA-A-UA	$600.00

The following two programs are 8K overlays to allow for more user program.

FOCAL-8 8K Overlay for Family of 8

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-08-LF8KA-A-PB	$ 5.00
R2	Listing	DEC-08-LF8KA-A-LA	$10.00

FOCAL-8 8K Overlay for PDP-8E

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-8E-LF8KA-A-PB	$ 5.00
R2	Listing	DEC-8E-LF8KA-A-LA	$10.00

The following three programs give four users access to FOCAL-8.

FOCAL-8 QUAD for Family of 8 with PTØ8 interface

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-08-LQPTA-A-PB	$10.00
R2	Listing	DEC-08-LQPTA-A-LA	$20.00

FOCAL-8 QUAD for Family of 8 with DCO2

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-08-LQDCA-A-PB	$10.00
R2	Listing	DEC-08-LQDCA-A-LA	$20.00

FOCAL-8 QUAD for PDP-8E with KL8E

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-08-LQUDA-A-PB	$10.00
R2	Listing	DEC-08-LQUDA-A-LA	$20.00

FOCAL-8 REPLACE and REMOVE

This program allows users to replace or remove FOCAL's extended functions.

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-08-LFRRA-A-PB	$10.00
R2	Listing	DEC-08-LFRRA-A-LA	$10.00

PDP-8 REVISED SOFTWARE

MI8E BOOTSTRAP DIAGNOSTIC (MAINDEC-8E-D1IO)

"Starting Address", as specified throughout the documentation, was changed to and will be specified as "Initial Address".

Customers may order this software for the applicable fee:

Paper Tape Binary	MAINDEC-8E-D1IB-PB1	$5.00
	MAINDEC-8E-D1IB-PB2	$5.00
Write-Up	MAINDEC-8E-D1IB-D	$5.00

MACRO-8 (DEC-Ø8-LMACA-A)

The MACRO-8 Assembler for a basic PDP-8 Family computer now contains the 8/E symbol table:

G2	Paper Tape Binary	DEC-Ø8-LMACA-A	$ 5.00
R2	Listing	DEC-Ø8-LMACA-A-LA	$20.00

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Customers may order this software for the applicable fee.

LAB-8E ADVANCED AVERAGER

Patch to correct Digital I/O IOT to disable interrupt

The following patches will disable the Digital I/O as
required at the end of a section.

Use this patch for   DEC-LB-U63B-PB1
                      DEC-LB-U63B-PB2
                      DEC-LB-U63B-PB3
                      DEC-LB-U63B-PB4
                and   DEC-LB-U64A-PB

LOCATION	NEW CONTENTS
7571	6500

Use this patch for all sections of DEC-LB-U61B-PB
                                and DEC-LB-U62A-PB

LOCATION	NEW CONTENTS
7566	6500

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E AUTO CORRELATION (DEC-LB-U41B-PB)

Programming note concerning batch mode

Users should be aware that the program may "hang up" in
batch mode if the sampling rate is too fast.

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E BASIC AVERAGER (DEC-LB-U6∅B-PB)

Patch to correct Digital I/O IOT to disable interrupt

The following patch will disable the Digital I/O as
required at the end of a section.

FIELD ∅   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS

              7566   65∅∅

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the next newsletter.

PST and LATENCY HISTOGRAM (DEC-LB-U4ØB-PB)

Patches to correct display errors

1. The first point of the display is wrong and the last
    point is not shown. Use the following patch to cor-
    rect this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              1134   7000
              1141   5774
              1174   773
               773   6052
               774   5373
               775   6055
               776   5777
               777   1175
              1175   7200
              1176   5342

2. Typeout and expansion between cursors adds 1 extra point.
    Use the following patch to correct this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              1421   7000
              1432   7000
              1507   7750

3. The initial display should show only a point display.
    Use the following patch to correct this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              1601   7201
              1602   3047
              1603   3046

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the next newsletter.

LAB-8E ADVANCED AVERAGER (DEC-LB-U63B-PB1) (DEC-LB-U61B-PB)

Note to avoid trigger section crash

The trigger section of section 1 can be destroyed by data
block links if the program is run from section 1. If the
channel selection, and size cause the data block links to
be stored over the trigger section, the trigger section
will crash when entered.

If this happens create a control tape and run from it.

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the next newsletter.

LAB-8E BASIC AVERAGER   (DEC-LB-U6ØB-PB)

Patch to enable program to run

The necessary patch for proper running is:

FIELD = Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS

            72Ø3   6531

28 microseconds is the maximum running time for the basic
averager, any faster and the data will be distorted.

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E TIME INTERVAL HISTOGRAM (DEC-LB-U42C-PB)

Patches to correct display errors

1. The first point of the display is wrong and the last
    point is not shown. Use the following patch to cor-
    rect this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              1134   7000
              1141   5775
              1175   773
               773   6052
               774   5373
               775   6055
               776   5777
               777   1142

2. Typeout and expansion between cursors adds 1 extra point.
    Use the following patch to correct this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              1421   7000
              1432   7000
              15Ø7   7750

3. Mintime adds to the total number of points displayed.
    Use the following patch to correct this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              3215   7000
              3216   7000
              3217   7000
              322Ø   7000

4. The initial display should show only a point display.
    Use the following patch to correct this.

    FIELD Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              16Ø1   72Ø1
              16Ø2   3Ø47
              16Ø3   3Ø46

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E ADVANCED AVERAGER

Patch for section II of (DEC-LB-U62A-PB)   (DEC-LB-U63B-PB2)
                        (DEC-LB-U64A-PB)   (DEC-LB-U61B-PB)

The following patch corrects section II when a Schmitt
trigger input is not present at startup.

          LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS

            6661   17

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E BASIC R/T (DEC-LB-U7ØB-PB)

Patch to clear schmitt trigger

There is a non-critical patch that can be incorporated to
clear the schmitt trigger when it is initialized.

FIELD = Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
            344   5376
            376   3ØØ3
            377   574Ø

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.

LAB-8E ADVANCED AVERAGER

Patch to correct trend plot

The trend plot is not plotted over the trend grid lines
correctly. Use the following to correct this condition
in DEC-LB-U63B-PB4 and section IV of DEC-LB-U61B-PB and
DEC-LB-U62A-PB.

FIELD = Ø   LOCATION   NEW CONTENTS
              6512   7ØØØ

              6545   377
              6546   7ØØ3

This problem will be corrected in the next revision which
will be announced in the newsletter.