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TITLE

The WANG Loader

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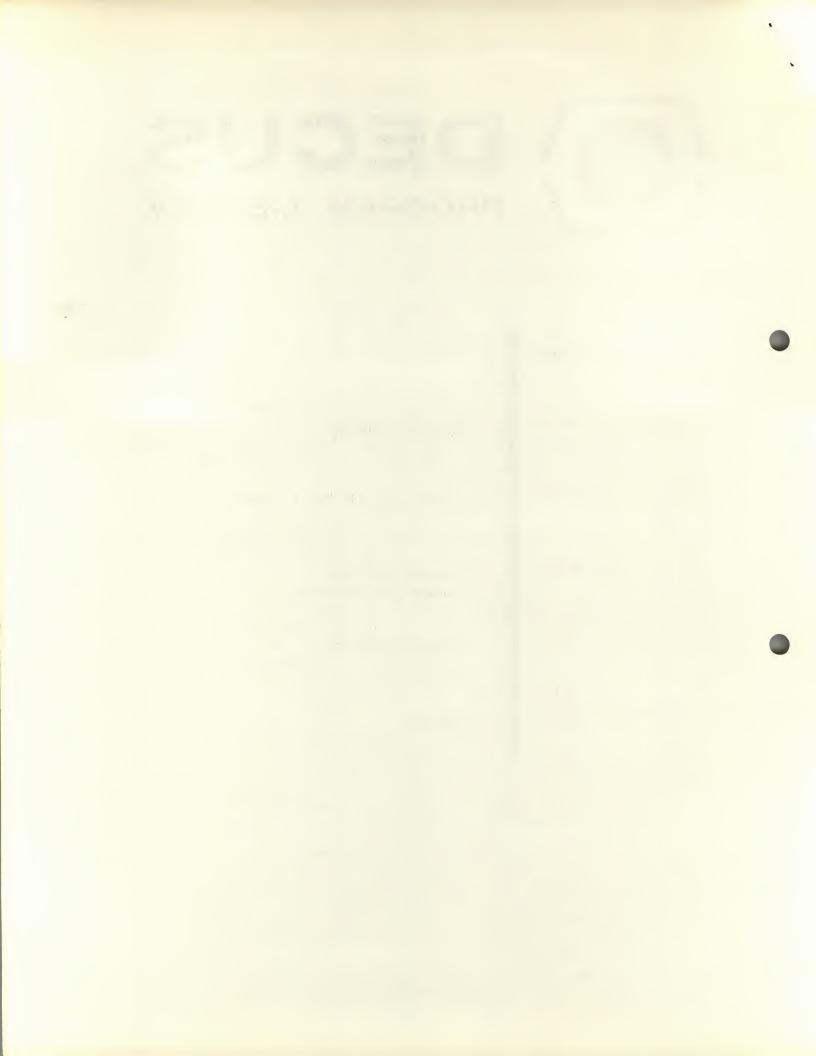
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SOURCE LANGUAGE

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DESCRIPTION

The initial instructions are loaded by hand. The tape is placed in the reader, with the special leader section ready to be read first. The reader is turned on and the start key is depressed.

The WANG Loader makes several passes through itself making changes, and building a larger program. Then, it proceeds to load the user program. Finally it changes itself to start the user program at the starting address.

OPERATION

The first section of the program reads one character, rotates 3 right, and DCA's I 17. The leader is such that register 17 is set to 16 each time the leader character is read. The last character of the leader is \emptyset which sets 17 to \emptyset .

The next section of tape loads the Pass 1 Program. When 25 is placed in 17 the next character is put into location 26 which transfers control to the Pass 1 Program at location 2.

The Pass 1 Program makes the changes to the Pass 2 Program. Now there are two read loops. The first reads a character rotates 4 left and saves bits \emptyset -7. The second reads bits 7-11 (bit 6 not used) and adds the saved bits making a 12-bit word. The first word read by the Pass 2 Program changes location 25 to DCA I $1\emptyset$ forming the Pass 3 Program. The first word read by the Pass 3 Program is the beginning address of the Program-1, which sets $1\emptyset$ to load the User Program.

The next section of tape is the User Program which is loaded by Pass 3 until it wraps around the high-end of core.

Locations Ø and 2-7 are set to HLT, l is set to the starting address of the User Program, lØ is set to 25 (forcing the next word into 26) and 26 is set to JMP I l which starts the User Program.

NOTE: The Initial program works by saving links from the previous character. The main program (Pass 1-4) does not need this so the coding of the tape avoids setting links.

LISTING

ADDR	INITI	AL		PASS	l	P.	ASS2		PAS	SS3		PASS	1			
ØØØØ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 1Ø		6	ņā .	1ØØ1 3Ø17 1Ø12	DCA TAD DCA	24 1 17 12						74Ø2 XXXX 74Ø2 74Ø2 74Ø2 74Ø2 74Ø2 74Ø2 25	START HLT HLT HLT HLT HLT	ADI	OR	
11 12 13 14 15				6Ø36 7ØØ6 7ØØ6	JMP KRB RTL RTL	11										
17		WOD.		25			24									
2Ø 21 22 23	5Ø2Ø 6Ø36	JMP KRB	2	ø												
24	7Ø12	RTR					1ØØ2	TAD	2	2110	DCA	1 10				
25 26	3417 5Ø2Ø			.7 20 500	2JMP	2	5Ø11	JMP	11	341%	DCA	1 10	56Ø1 J	MP	I	1

Instructions for using the BIN RIM Boot.

Load the following instructions beginning at location ØØ17:

ØØ17/	ØØ15
ØØ2Ø/	6Ø31
ØØ21/	5Ø2Ø
ØØ22/	6ø36
ØØ23/	7Ø1Ø
ØØ24/	7Ø12
ØØ25/	3417
0026/	5Ø2Ø

- 1. Place the tape in the reader.
- Load ØØ2Ø into the program counter.
- 3. Set the switch register to 7777.
- 4. Press start and start the tape reader.
- 5. When the loader is ready to load a bin tape it will print:

BIN LOADER IS READY LOCATION ØØØØ-ØØ26 ERASED

- 6. To load a bin tape, place it in the reader.
- 7. Start the reader, and press continue.
- 8. To load a rim tape set PC to 7756.
- 9. Place tape in reader.
- 10. Press start.

This tape uses The WANG Loader to load the BIN and RIM Loader and starts the BIN Loader. The BIN Loader loades a program that reads tape and echos. If this echo Program has loaded correctly the message will be typed. When it finishes it sets location \emptyset -26 to HLT. When the Teletype stops typing the BIN Loader will start when the CONTINUE key is depressed.

