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## TREE-STRUCTURED INFORMATION FILE AND ITS SUBPROGRAM SUBTREE

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The goal of automatic documentation of computer programs is to establish procedures, called documentation programs, that can be implemented by computer programs. These documentation programs may be divided into two categories: postmortem and developmental documentation programs. In the former case, a computer program is presented as input for documentation without any preparation; in the latter case, the program to be documented must be developed so that it contains information necessary for the documentation.

This paper is concerned only with the development documentation programs. A document tree is defined as the syntactic representation of a document when it is divided into subdivisions such as chapters and sections. A developmental tree is defined as a tree of information obtained during the course of the development of a computer program. The task of documenting a computer program is then made equivalent to a transformation of its developmental tree into a document tree. When this transformation is performed by a computer program, the documentation can be achieved automatically.

There is no attempt made in this paper to define the document tree more precisely. Only its tree structure is assumed. Efforts are concentrated on the developmental tree, specifically a subtree of it; the subprogram tree is illustrated in more detail.

### GENERAL APPROACH

In the development of documentation programs, two objectives are paramount. Pieces of information about the program to be documented should be kept in a computer file during the development of the program, and this information should not be duplicated in the file. The importance of the first objective is obvious; the information should be in a computer-readable form for documentation. The importance of the second objective can be seen whenever a change is made during or after the development of the program to be documented. One can easily make the mistake of changing information in one place and forgetting about it in the other place. On the other hand, a change of information at a certain place may require changes in other information.

The goal of this project is to structure the developmental file of information in a tree structure (fig. 1) so that the nodes represent pieces of information. Any change in the

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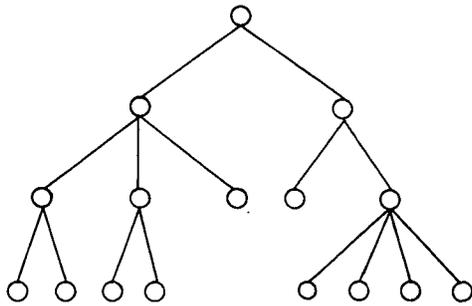


Figure 1.—Tree structure.

contents of a node may require changes in the subtree rooted in that node. In certain cases when the semantic structure is more complex, i.e., it may represent a directed graph, pointers may be used semantically.

The final documentation of a program is produced from its developmental tree of information. A special tree-traversing program, possibly interactive, selects out the contents of nodes or subtrees, invokes certain docu-

mentation programs to transform these data into special format, and stacks this information sequentially. The sequentially stacked information is processed by a listing program to produce the final printed document.

Obviously the main problem is the establishment of the developmental tree structure. At this time, a complete tree structure cannot be proposed. The definition of certain types of subtrees, however, has been accomplished. One of these, a source program subtree, is described in detail.

### FLOWCHARTING AND PROGRAM LISTINGS

Any large computer program should be segmented into subprograms, subroutines, and procedures. The size of a subprogram may depend on its complexity and on its source language. Documentation of a subprogram is usually done in three different forms: textual description, flowchart, and source language listing.

The information should be structured as a tree. A source program is compiled (assembled), which generates a relocatable program. Figure 2 then defines the tree.

Certain information such as size, entry points, and external references can be obtained from the compiler-generated relocatable program. The rest of the information should be put into the source program. Textual information can easily be placed into the source program by grouped comment lines. Thus the source program may be defined as a tree, as seen in figure 3.

To combine the flowchart with the source program creates some problems. A special



Figure 2.—Tree structure for subprogram.



Figure 3.—Tree structure for source program.

form called a sequence chart is used. This is not a complete flowchart in the standard sense, but it forces a tree on the otherwise graph-structured flowchart. Then there is no problem in listing a tree structure sequentially. The missing links of the graph structure, which appear as transfer statements in the source program, can be implemented by semantic comments. A special computer program for a source language can automatically flag these places.

Appendixes A, B, and C show the final printed forms of three different subprograms. The right side of the lists contains the actual program statements; the left side is stored internally as coded comments. The listing program takes care of this separation, but the actual sequential form is kept in the vertical direction. Those flow lines that represent the spanning tree of the program are shown with special characters, colons, periods, and asterisks. The groups of textual descriptions are separated by horizontal lines of asterisks. Both the names of the groups and the characters used for line drawing are made flexible by changing an internal table in the printing program. Special print programs are available: A "level" print gives only those lines that are not indented more than a certain input parameter. A "selective" print gives only a subtree; i.e., a defined group or a subtree of the body. The output of these print routines, formatted for a document processor, can be kept in the computer.

This form of documentation has been very helpful in the project from which these three examples were taken. During the debugging stage, it was easy to follow the sequence chart to locate a specific segment of a subprogram without turning pages back and forth.

Obviously, to get these forms, a good editing program capable of performing insertions and changes is needed. Appendixes D and E show appendix A in a developmental stage. In appendix D the initial sequence chart is defined. In appendix E an update procedure is shown. First the sequence chart is shown in a coding sheet geometrically; then its code is placed in front of it. The code for a line is composed by two fields. The first field defines either the depth of the text, 0 to 9, and blanks for program statements or contains special instructions, like group heading, change, and insert commands. The second field contains subcodes, such as line drawing codes for sequence charts and line numbers for updating commands. The text appears in the third field. In the actual input, the text field gets left adjusted. The lines will not be represented because they are already defined by codes.

This procedure for writing a program has the following advantages:

- (1) It provides an up-to-date documentation of the program in the developmental stage.
- (2) It forces a programmer to lay out his program so that it provides an automatic documentation at any level.
- (3) It provides a form for a project leader to define subprograms without details that can be inserted by other programmers.
- (4) It may be used for the present-day coded flowcharting programs.

Its main disadvantage is that it needs more work and discipline in the beginning.

## SUMMARY

Printed documents have syntactic tree structures, such as titles, chapters, and sections. The semantic contents of the document may have more complex graph structures, but these

structures are implemented by semantic references. A computer program has a graph structure also, but a spanning tree on this graph can be defined with semantic references to the missing links. This developmental tree of a program may have a different arrangement from a document tree. If the necessary information is contained in the developmental tree for the document tree, a transformation program can produce a document tree from the developmental tree. If the structures of the two trees are standardized, then this transformation can be achieved automatically. Otherwise, an interactive transformation routine can achieve a semiautomatic documentation.

# APPENDIX A-PRINTED SUBPROGRAM: EXAMPLE 1

SUBROUTINE EXPRES (\*, ISW)

```

*****
      TITLE
      EXPRESSION TRANSLATOR, INFIX TO PREFIX
*****
      ABSTRACT
      *** AUTHOR: C.K.MESZTENYI
      *** DATE: JULY 21, 1970
      *** LANGUAGE: FORTRAN 5
      *** PROJECT: FORMAL - SUBROUTINE
      *** SEARCH KEYS: NONE
*****
      DATA STRUCTURE
      FORMAL.CMMN
      FORMAL.PWORD

      *** ARGUMENT: * ERROR RETURN
                   ISW INPUT ARGUMENT
*****
      SPECIFICATION
      THIS IS A GENERALIZED EXPRESSION TRANSLATION ROUTINE FROM
      INFIX TO PREFIX FORM. IT ASSUMES THAT THE CALLING ROUTINE
      INITIALIZED THE SCANNER, THUS GSCANR GIVE THE CONSECUTIVE
      LOGICAL SYMBOLS. THE ROUTINE MAY BE CALLED FROM 4 DIFFERENT
      PLACES DEPENDING ON ISW:
      ISW = 0 PROCESS AN ASSIGN STATEMENT: VARIABLE = EXPRESSION ;
      = 1 TRANSLATE THE EXPRESSION PART FROM A READ-IN DATA
      WHICH MAY BE IN THE FORM: EXPRESSION ;
      OR VARIABLE = EXPRESSION ;
      = 2 PROCESS SUBSCRIPT EXPRESSION IN THE FORM:
      EXPRESSION )
      = 3 PROCESS AN EXPRESSION IN THE FORM:
      EXPRESSION )
      IN THE FIRST CASE, THE INFORMATIONS FOR THE VARIABLE ARE
      STORED IN N1,N2,N3. IN THE SECOND CASE, ONLY THE EXPRESSION
      PART IS RETAINED UPON RETURN. IN ALL CASES, THE TRANSLATED
      AND SIMPLIFIED EXPRESSION IS PLACED ABOVE THE PUSH-DOWN
      STACK WITH THE PUSH-DOWN STACK CONTAINING ONLY ONE ENTRY:
      A COMMA WITH A COUNT CORRESPONDING THE NUMBER OF
      EXPRESSIONS TO ACCOMODATE LISTS.
*****
      METHOD
      AFTER INITIALIZATION, THE LOGICAL BCD SYMBOLS ARE OBTAINED
      BY GSCANR AND PROCESSED ONE-BY-ONE IN A LOOP. PROCESSING A
      SYMBOL IS DONE AS FOLLOWS:
      FIRST, IT IS CHECKED IF THE SYMBOL IS IN CORRECT TEXT;
      THEN
      CONSTANTS- ARE LINKED IN ABOVE THE PUSH-DOWN STACK;
      VARIABLES - THEIR VALUES ARE OBTAINED FROM THE SYMBOL
      TABLE AND LINKED ABOVE THE PUSH-DOWN STACK.
      IF THE VARIABLE IS SUBSCRIPTED, OR IT IS A
      FUNCTION IDENTIFIER, THEN THE NAME IS LINKED
      IN ABOVE THE PUSH-DOWN STACK, AND A LEFT
      PARENTH. IS PLACED IN THE PUSH-DOWN STACK WITH
      COUNT=1.

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INCLUDE CMMN

INCLUDE PWORD

LEFT PARENTH, - IS PLACED IN THE PUSH-DOWN STACK WITH COUNT=0.  
 OPERATORS - THE PUSH-DOWN STACK IS EMPTIED OUT BY STKOUT UNTIL ITS TOP ELEMENT HAS PRECEDENCE NUMBER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN THE PRECEDENCE NUMBER OF THE OPERATOR. THEN THE OPERATOR IS PLACED IN THE PUSH-DOWN STACK. SIMPLIFICATION IS PERFORMED BY STKOUT.  
 RIGHT PARENTH., RIGH BRACKET - THE PUSH-DOWN STACK IS EMPTIED OUT BY STKOUT UNTIL THE MATCHING LEFT PARENTH. IS FOUND. IF THAT HAS A COUNT=0, IT IS DISCARDED TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT PARENTH. IF IT HAS A NON-ZERO COUNT, THEN IT INDICATES AN END OF SUBSCRIPTS (PAR.) OR END OF FUNCTION ARGUMENTS (BRACKET). IN CASE OF END OF SUBSCRIPTS, THE SUBSCRIPTS ARE COLLECTED AND THE VALUE OF THE SUBSCRIPTED VARIABLE IS OBTAINED FROM THE SYMBOL TABLE, WHICH IS LINKED IN. IN CASE OF END OF ARGUMENT LIST, THE FUNCTION IDENTIFIER IS OBTAINED AND LINKED IN  
 SEMICOLON - INDICATES THE END OF EXPRESSION. THE PUSH-DOWN STACK IS EMPTIED OUT BY STKOUT.

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 LOCAL VARIABLES

LOGICAL VARIABLE 'SB' IS TRUE WHENEVER THE SCANNED SYMBOL IS IN SUBSCRIPT LEVEL. 'SBC' VARIABLE CONTAINS THE DEPTH OF THIS LEVEL.  
 LOGICAL VARIABLE 'EQL' IS TRUE WHEN AN '=' HAD BEEN PROCESSED ALREADY, THUS IT MAY NOT APPEAR AGAIN. '=' MAY ALSO NOT APPEAR ON SUBSCRIPT LEVEL.  
 THE SYNTAX OF EXPRESSIONS IS CHECKED AT EVERY SCANNED SYMBOL BY MASKING 'TEST' WHICH WAS SET BY THE PREVIOUS SYMBOL. IF THE RESULT IS NOT ZERO THEN THE EXPRESSION HAS SYNTACTIC ERROR. IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE, 'A' DENOTES AN ALPHANUMERIC NAME, 'N' DENOTES A NUMERIC CONSTANT, 'I' DENOTES POSITIVE INTEGER:

SYMBOL	MASKING BITS (DEC.)	RESET TEST (DEC.)
INITIAL ASSIGN	---	1000000 (64)
INITIAL OTHERS	---	0100000 (32)
A	0001110 (14)	0001000 ( 8)
A{	0001110 (14)	0100000 (32)
AC	1001110 (78)	0100000 (32)
N	1001110 (78)	0000100 ( 4)
[I]	1001110 (78)	0000100 ( 4)
#I	1001110 (78)	0000100 ( 4)
(	1001110 (78)	0100000 (32)
=	1110101 (117)	0000001 ( 1)
UNARY +-	1011110 (94)	0010000 (16)
BINARY +-	1110001 (113)	0010000 (16)
* / **	1110001 (113)	0010000 (16)
,	1110001 (113)	0100000 (32)
) AS SEPARATOR	1110001 (113)	0000100 ( 4)
] AS END OF SUBS.	1110001 (113)	0000100 ( 4)
) AS END OF SUBS.	1110001 (113)	0000010 ( 2)



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* :
* :
* : ... IDENTIFIER NOT TERMINATED BY ( OR [
* :
* :
* : CHECK IF ITS VALUE MUST BE LINKED IN
* :
* : ... NO, GET ITS NAME AS VALUE
* :
* :
* :
* :
* : ... YES, GET VALUE FROM SYMBOL TABLE
* : IF UNASSIGNED, THEN GET
* : ITS NAME AS ITS VALUE
* :
* :
* : COPY EXPRESSION AND
* : LINK IT WITHOUT LEADING COMMA
* :
* :
* : IS IT A LIST
* :
* : ... YES, EMPTY PUSH-DOWN STACK
* : COMBINE COUNT FOR COMMA
* :
* :
* : LINK IN EXPRESSION
* :
* :
* : ... IDENTIFIER TERMINATED BY LEFT
* : PARENTHESIS : A(
* :
* :
* : SUBSCRIPTED VARIABLE, LINK IN NAME
* : AND PLACE '(' WITH COUNT 1 INTO THE
* : STACK. INCREASE SUBSCRIPT LEVEL
* :
* :
* :
* : --- IDENTIFIER TERMINATING WITH LEFT
* : BRACKET : AC
* :
* : GET FUNCTION IDENTIFIER,
* : BRANCH BY TYPE
* :
* :
* :
* : ... DIFFERENTIAL FUNCTION

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GO TO (130, 180, 190), ITC + 1
130 IF (AND(TEST,14) .NE. 0) CALL FMLERR($990,N1,1,1)
TEST=8
N2=0
140 IF (EQL .OR. S8) GO TO 160
150 IF (N2 .NE. 0) CALL ILINK1(NP,N2+7,N3)
J=6
IF (N2 .NE. 0) J=7
CALL ILINK1(NP,J,N1)
GO TO 30
160 CALL SYMBOL($990,1)
IF (EPTR .EQ. 0) GO TO 150
II=ICOPY0($990,EPTR)
I=NEXT(II)
J=LASTXX($990,II,1,0)
IF (H2(II) .EQ. 1) GO TO 170
CALL STKOUT($990,18)
IF (ITYP(NP) .GT. 17) CALL FMLERR($990,N1,1,1)
D(NP)=D(NP)+H2(II)-1
170 CALL RMOVF1(II)
CALL ILINKN(NP,I,J)
GO TO 30
180 IF (AND(TEST,14) .NE. 0) CALL FMLERR($990,N1,1,1)
PAR = PAR+1
TEST=32
NP=ILINK1(NP,17,1)
CALL ILINK1(NP,7,N1)
SB= .TRUE.
SBC=SBC+1
GO TO 30
190 IF (AND(TEST,78) .NE. 0) CALL FMLERR($990,N1,1,1)
I=IFUNCT(N1)
IF (I .EQ. 0) GO TO 210
BRT = BRT+1
IF (I .GT. 1) GO TO 200

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## APPENDIX B—PRINTED SUBPROGRAM: EXAMPLE 2

```
*****
TITLE
MAIN PROGRAM FOR INTERACTIVE FORMAL SYSTEM
```

```
*****
SEQUENCE CHART
INITIALIZE BY CALLING FMLOPT
:
LOOP TO GET NEXT INPUT LINE
* READ LINE
* :
* IF IT STARTS WITH 'C ' (COMMENT), GO TO GET NEXT
* LINE
* :
* IF IT STARTS WITH 'P ' (PRINT), GO TO 'P ' ENTRY
* :
* LOOP TO GET STATEMENT TYPE IN J
* *
* END OF LOOP
* J=0, IT IS AN ASSIGN STATEMENT
* :
* REPRINT ERASE,OPTION,ROLOUT,SAVE AND RESET
* STATEMENTS
* :
* :
* BRANCH BY TYPE
* :
* :... READ STATEMENT
* :
* :... PRINT STATEMENT
* :
* : 'P ' = PRINT
* :
* :... DUMP STATEMENT
* :
* :
* :... ERASE STATEMENT
* :
```

```
PARAMETER IDIM = 10
DIMENSION IN(14), INN(14), ITAB(IDIM)
EQUIVALENCE (IN(2), INN(1))
DATA INN(14) / ' ' /
DATA ITAB /'READ' PRINT DUMP ERASE OPTIONCOMMENT
+ , 'ROLOUTCOUNTSAVE RESET' /

99 CALL FMLOPT ('INT;',0)

110 READ 100, END=200, IN
100 FORMAT (13A6,A2)

IF (FLD(0,12,IN(1)) .EQ. 1005K) GO TO 110
IF (FLD(0,12,IN(1)) .EQ. 2505K) GO TO 22
J = 0

111 DO 111 I = 1, IDIM
IF (IN(I) .EQ. ITAB(I)) J = I

IF (J) ,60,
GO TO (121, 121, 121, 120, 120, 110, 120, 121, 120, 120), J

120 CONTINUE
PRINT 101, IN
101 FORMAT (XA6,':',13A6)

121 GO TO (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 110, 7, 8, 9, 10), J

1 CALL FMLIO1 (INN,0)
GO TO 110

2 CALL FMLIO2 (INN,0)
GO TO 110

22 FLD(0,6,IN(1)) = 0505K
CALL FMLIO2 (IN, 0)
GO TO 110

3 CALL ONDMP
K = 'P'
IF (INN(1) .NE. ' ') K = 0
CALL DUMP(K)
CALL OFFDMP
GO TO 110

4 CALL FMLERS (INN,0)
```

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*      :
*      :... OPTION STATEMENT
*      :
*      :... ROLOUT STATEMENT
*      :
*      :... NCOUNT STATEMENT
*      :
*      :... SAVE STATEMENT
*      :
*      :... RESET STATEMENT
*      :
*      ASSIGN STATEMENT
*      :
*      :
*      :
*      END OF FILE READ - STOP
*      :
*****

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GO TO 110
5  CALL FMLOPT (INN, 0)
   GO TO 110
7  CALL FMLOUT (INN,0)
   GO TO 110
8  CALL COUNT
   GO TO 110
9  CALL FMLSAV (INN)
   GO TO 110
10 CALL FMLRES (INN)
   GO TO 99
60 PRINT 102, IN
102 FORMAT (X14A6)
   CALL FMLASG (IN,0)
   GO TO 110
200 STOP
END

```





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*
*.... OPTION SWITCHES
*   XQTOPT = OPTION WORD FROM WXIT STATEMENT
*   PRODEX = EXPAND POWERS OVER PRODUCT
*   INTGSW = EVALUATE INTEGER VALUED FUNCTIONS
*   MATHSW = EVALUATE MATHEMATICAL FUNCTIONS
*   EXPDSW = USE DISTRIBUTIVE LAW
*   POWER  = EXPAND SUMS RAISED TO POS. INTEGERS
*   BASE   = 0,1,2,3 FOR BASE(0),(2),(10),(E)
*
*.... MISCELLANECUS
*   SIMPSW = USED BY STOUT ROUTINE FOR RECURSIVE
*           SIMPLIFICATION
*   BITSW  = USED BY STOUT ROUTINES
*   IOUNIT = I/O UNIT NUMBER IF I/O STATEMENTS
*   FTRARG = NUMBER OF FORTRAN TYPE ARGUMENTS
*   DEFARG = NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS IN A DEFINED
*           FUNCTION
*   DEFFUN = 1 IF DEFINED FUNCTION, 0 FOR VARIABLE
*   NK     = START OF ARGUMENT CHAIN IN C-D FOR LIST
*           OF VARIABLES
*   CBUF   = I/O BUFFER
*   NP     = PUSH-DOWN STACK POINTER IN C-D AREA

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*****

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*   NI,N2,N3,IY,
*
*   XQTOPT,PRODEX,INTGSW,MATHSW,EXPDSW,POWER,BASE,
*
*   SIMPSW,BITSW,IOUNIT,FTRARG,DEFARG,DEFFUN,NK,CBUF,NP
*
* LOGICAL INTGSW,MATHSW,POWER,SIMPSW,BITSW,PRODEX
* REFERENCES ON
END

```

## APPENDIX D—DEFINITION OF INITIAL SEQUENCE CHART

## Coding Form

The coding form is divided into three fields: Field 1 consists of one character, the general directive for input; field 2 contains special directives for flowchart elements and a label for program statements; field 3 contains the text.

An initial program is illustrated below:

```

T   EXPRESSION TRANSLATION
S   INITIALIZE
0D  LOOP TO PROCESS CONSECUTIVE SYMBOLS
1D  |   BRANCH BY TYPE OF SYMBOL
2B  |   |—INTEGER
2B  |   |—REAL
2B  |   |—IDENTIFIER
2BE |   |—SPECIAL CHARACTER
0   END OF LOOP
0   END OF TRANSLATION
    END

```

## Input Form

The actual input does not contain the lines; the text is left adjusted in field 3:

```

T   EXPRESSION TRANSLATION
S   INITIALIZE
0D  LOOP TO PROCESS CONSECUTIVE SYMBOLS
1D  BRANCH BY TYPE OF SYMBOL
2B  INTEGER
2B  REAL
2B  IDENTIFIER
2BE SPECIAL CHARACTERS
0   END OF LOOP
0   END OF TRANSLATION
    END

```

## Output Form

The initial program can be listed with line numbers as follows:

```

*****
1 =      EXPRESSION TRANSLATION
*****
      SEQUENCE CHART
2 = INITIALIZE

```

```

3 = LOOP TO PROCESS CONSECUTIVE SYMBOLS
4 = : BRANCH BY TYPE OF SYMBOL
5 = : ... INTEGER
6 = : ... REAL
7 = : ... IDENTIFIER
8 = : ... SPECIAL CHARACTERS
9 = END OF LOOP
10 = END OF TRANSLATION
11 =                                     END
    
```

**APPENDIX E—EXAMPLE OF AN UPDATING PROCEDURE**

```

+1
SUBROUTINE EXPRES (*, ISW)
+R7D
1B  | IDENTIFIER NOT TERMINATED BY ( OR [
1B  | IDENTIFIER TERMINATED BY (
1BE | IDENTIFIER TERMINATED BY [
+R8D
1B  | -
    | NEG = .TRUE.
1B  | +
    | J = 18
1B  | *
    | J = 19
1B  | **
    | J = 20
1BE | /
    | J = 19
    | I = -2
    
```

Note that the '+' is an insertion directive. The number following + indicates the line where the insertion is to be done. 'R' indicates that the levels of lines following to be inserted are defined relative to the line where the insertion occurs.

**DISCUSSION**

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** I notice that you have many comments noted through there. It seems to be about a two-to-one comment per statement. Is that about correct?

**MESZTENYI:** It depends on the program. It depends on the language, too. The comments should be semantic, not repeated as an equation.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** Do you think that some of the discussions about what we can get out of the compiler would fall into this?

**MESZTENYI:** I would like to have the compiler in the subroutine. I would like to do

that, but I would start here from the development point first, because this is where one defines the program first.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** It seems that the compiler could give you certain information, and you could add some personal comments and have better descriptive material. Is that true?

**MESZTENYI:** It depends on what standpoint you look at. As I look at it, I want an overall view from the beginning. Before I finish the program, I might want to give the specification a bigger flowchart type of definition that could be used right away.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** You are trying to get the flavor of the program that you are working on for a certain purpose. The compiler will only come out with standard words for any program. The compiler does not know what your program is, but you do. With personal comments added to the program, what you have would provide additional information.

**MESZTENYI:** I find it is hard for programmers to add something after they have written the program. When they write, they do not mind writing down their comments.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** I am working from the viewpoint that we now have difficulty at times getting any comments in, and if we provided a lead into the comments and they went down the list and it did not make too much sense to them from a general viewpoint, that they could add these rather well.

**MESZTENYI:** I agree that they could, and this is actually what is now done. I added this myself.

The other part I would like to focus on a little bit is the programming part. If you start from the sketch with those lines coming down and write, you make the programmer apply a little discipline to the subject of program placement. For example, I try to avoid any GO TO unless it is some kind of loop structure. I try to avoid going back. I find a loop for each logic curve that I process, but it is not a DO statement, and I jump directly back to the beginning. It probably would have been much nicer documenting it to go to the end of this loop and comment it, which goes back and gets the next one. In this way it forces the programmer to do a documented description because it is very hard to document a graph that points out the actual information. The text or the description of the program is sequential, but semantically it is a graph. A tree, which is sort of in-between, is much easier to represent. You have cross-references, but the form is still a tree, and this is what I tried to simulate.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** I think the speaker is trying to get the programmer to write down what is being accomplished and when. Once in the right-hand side, the language does not really matter. He is trying to read narrative text so that you get some concept of when things happen and what really is happening because the specification of the problem is written in a narrative form. He does that rather than deduce what was done from how something is being done. I do not think a programmer is going to do that very well because he is so involved in the mechanics that he cannot get out of them.

**MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE:** It seems to me that here is a case where we can go from the rationale of a subroutine and in an automated way feed in the programming language statements. Is this what you had in mind? I could see how you actually tried to develop your subroutine. I can see how you can start with the rationale of the subroutine

first and then by using the type of coding that you did, you could automatically call for the appropriate programming language statements.

**MESZTENYI:** Not automatically. I certainly think of more than just the semantic type of description that I want to accomplish. What I want to accomplish eventually is the statements.