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### **Extensive Set of Macros for Structured Programming in OS/360 Assembly Language [STRCMACS]**

#### **The problem:**

It is necessary to obtain consistent and accurate assembly language programming methods.

#### **The solution:**

The development of consistent assembly language structured programming techniques has been enhanced by the use of assembly macros developed for structured programming.

#### **How it's done:**

Two techniques are usually identified with structured programming: One is the replacing of branch instructions with standard control structures, and the other is developing a program by progressively refining descriptions of components in terms of more primitive components.

To assist in achieving these two techniques, a system of assembly language macros, STRCMACS,

has been developed. These macros provide a method of grouping statements into various control structures and conceptual units. Several other features are included to simplify design and coding.

#### **Notes:**

1. This set of macros was written for IBM OS/360 Assembly language.
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