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ABSTRACT

The outline presents six units of instruction for use in secondary schools and adult education programs to help prepare students with basic typewriting skills for employment as data entry operators. The units are: (1) introduction to punched card data processing, (2) nonbuffered card punch machines, (3) punched card verifiers, (4) buffered card punch/verifiers, (5) key-to-tape data recorders, and (6) key-to-disk data recorders. They are designed for use as follows: unit one as an introduction to any of the other units, unit three to follow unit two, and units two, four, five, and six, which do not build on the content of the other units, to be used in any sequence. Objectives for each unit are stated in behavioral terms. A two-column format lists topics necessary for an adequate presentation on the left and teaching methods on the right with textbook page references. A description is provided of instruction time required, facilities, application in secondary and adult education programs, classroom management, general teaching suggestions, and expected outcomes for the entire course. Also included are a three-page glossary and a 30-item bibliography of textbooks, references, films, transparencies, and programmed instructional units. (Author/MS)

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## Foreword

In today's sophisticated business environment, managers are seeking methods to speed up the process of collecting information and feeding it to the electronic computers for processing. Manufacturers of data processing equipment have responded to the needs of business by developing machines that store huge volumes of data and process them at high speeds. The capacities of these large computing systems require the data to be recorded very rapidly with 100 percent accuracy. As a result, the data entry operations field has grown and methods have diversified to keep step with the demands of the industry. The content of this publication may be used in secondary schools and adult education programs to assist in preparing individuals who wish to enter the data entry field or to upgrade personnel already working in the data processing area.

The development of materials designed to train workers for the field of data processing was initiated by Hobart H. Conover, Chief, Bureau of Business Education. Appreciation is expressed to Carl Appey, data processing instructor, Nassau County BOCES, Westbury, for preparing the instructional materials. Assistance relating to content was provided by Ronald W. Wing, associate in the Bureau of Business Education. The project was coordinated and the manuscript prepared for publication by Nelson S. Maurer, associate in the Bureau of Continuing Education Curriculum Development.

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## Message to the Instructor

*Career Preparation in Data Processing* is part of a cluster of occupational preparation related to the field of data processing. The principles and practices outlined in this guide are particularly important for persons who wish to enter the field of data entry operations or for individuals who wish to upgrade their present skills. The content builds on a base of elementary understandings and permits the student to apply his knowledge and refine his skills at each step of the educational process. Throughout the various units, the students progress should be evaluated in terms of the specific performance objectives.

The program may also be used as part of the occupational preparation for data processing clerical personnel. Secondary and adult students who are learning about or have experience in data processing can use the basic skills to develop a specialization that will be useful in their career development.

The instructor is urged to use this outline with his students in relation to their stage of development. Individual and small group learning activities should be utilized and improved upon with experience. While we feel that the elements of a successful program are contained in this publication, please let us know where future improvements can be made.

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## Introduction

The electronic data processing industry affects the lives of many people. The growth of the industry has been phenomenal. In 1970 there were about 40,000 computers in use and it has been estimated that the number will more than double in the next few years.

Lately, manufacturers of data processing equipment have been directing their attention to the small business market. Firms that previously used manual data processing systems can now afford to convert to an economical automated system. Also, larger companies already using electronic computing equipment are adopting direct data entry methods. Thus, the increase in the use of data processing equipment, the development of minicomputers and the adoption of direct entry systems have resulted in an increased demand for qualified operators of card-punch machines and data recorders using magnetic tape and disks.

### Purposes of Course

This course is designed to assist in the preparation of individuals for employment as data entry operators. Persons already performing clerical functions can use this course to upgrade their skills in order to gain a more profitable position. Also, people wishing to supplement their income may use this course to gain the skills necessary to obtain part-time employment.

### Course Description

*Career Preparation in Data Processing* in secondary schools and adult programs to prepare individuals for employment as data processing operators. The units in the course are:

- Unit 1 - Introduction to Data Processing
- Unit 2 - Nonbuffered Card Punch
- Unit 3 - Punched Card Verification
- Unit 4 - Buffered Card Punch
- Unit 5 - Key-to-Tape Data Recorder
- Unit 6 - Key-to-Disk Data Recorder

Unit 1 should be used as an introduction to the content of the succeeding units. Unit 3 should be used after Unit 2. Units 2, 4, 5, and 6 are "stand-alone" units and do not build on the content of other units and, therefore, may be used in any sequence desired. Because of the nature of the content of the buffered card punches, key-to-tape data recorders, and key-to-disk machines, students would understand the content better if they were presented after Unit 1.

### Time Required

The content for Unit 1 may be completed in approximately 3 to 4 hours. Any

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- Unit 6 - Key-to-Disk Data Recorders

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of the succeeding units. Unit 3 should be presented  
after Unit 2. Units 2, 4, 5, and 6 are "self-  
contained" and include the necessary skills and  
knowledge related to each specific machine. These  
units do not build on the contents contained in  
other units and, therefore, may be taught in any  
sequence desired. Because of the complex nature of  
buffered card punches, key-to-tape, and key-to-disk  
machines, students would understand Units 4, 5, and 6  
better if they were presented after Units 1 and 2.

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The content for Unit 1 may be presented in  
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units will need 30 to 40 hours of instructional time per machine provided pupils have completed successfully at least a half-year typewriting course. This includes the keyboard skills as well as the operation of the verifier. Verifier operations, however should not be emphasized, because employers give this type of work to their more experienced people and use the newly hired workers as data-entry operators.

When the nonbuffered card punch machines are taught first, the students have an easier time adjusting to the more sophisticated buffered card punches, key-to-tape, and key-to-disk devices. This procedure reduces the instructional time for the other machines to approximately 20 hours per device.

## Format of Guide

The two-column format is designed to assist in the planning and instructing process. The topics necessary for an adequate presentation are given in the left-hand column. Teaching methods and suggestions for making the presentation more effective are given in the right-hand column. Also, selected references are listed here with the complete citations given in the bibliography under the heading of Textbooks found on page 35.

At the top of each unit are listed the general objectives which are stated in terms of the activities that the student is able to do as a result of the instruction. The standards of achievement should be at least the minimum proficiency necessary for entry employment as data entry operators.

## Facilities

There should be one work station for each member of the class. If this is not possible due to economic or physical limitations, two work stations

for every three members should be. There should be a group demonstration will be used mainly during the first half of the course. Plan to have at least 100 square feet of space for each work station. Space is needed for storage of supplies and materials.

## Application in Secondary Schools

The content of this outline is applicable to instruction in courses of Auto and Office Practice when key-entry devices are used in local high schools and area centers. The units selected will depend on the equipment available, the level of proficiency of the students, the employment opportunities, and the prevalent in the area.

An area center may offer a key-entry course including the content of the instructional units, but the course should include related content from Office Practice and Automatic Data Processing. Such a course study should be submitted to the Curriculum Development for approval.

Units of this course may be offered as Office Practice and Automatic Data Processing when key-entry devices are used in comprehensive high schools. They may also be used as the content for short, one- or two-semester single-period course devoted to the use of key-entry devices. The units selected will depend upon the equipment available and the employment in the area.

## Application in Adult Education

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40 hours of instructional time pupils have completed success-year typewriting course. This skills as well as the operation of Verifier operations, however, is not recommended, because employers give this more experienced people and use them as data entry operators.

Buffered card punch machines are preferred. Students have an easier time with sophisticated buffered card and key-to-disk devices. This instructional time for the device is approximately 20 hours per device.

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In each unit are listed the general objectives stated in terms of the student is able to do as a result. The standards of achievement are the minimum proficiency necessary for students as data entry operators.

One work station for each member is not possible due to space limitations, two work stations

for every three members should be considered minimal. There should be a group demonstration area which will be used mainly during the first few sessions of the course. Plan to have at least 36 square feet of space for each work station. Additional space is needed for storage of supplies and teaching materials.

### *Application in Secondary Schools*

The content of this outline is suited for units of instruction in courses of Automatic Data Processing and Office Practice when key-entry devices are taught in local high schools and area occupational centers. The units selected will depend on the equipment available, the level of proficiency to be achieved, the employment opportunities, and job standards prevalent in the area.

An area center may offer a half-year course in key-entry devices including the content of these instructional units, but the course also needs to include related content from Office Practice and/or Automatic Data Processing. Such a proposed course of study should be submitted to the Bureau of Secondary Curriculum Development for approval.

Units of this course may be included in such offerings as Office Practice and Automatic Data Processing when key-entry devices are taught in comprehensive high schools. These units also may be used as the content for short courses of a half-year, single-period course devoted to the operation of key-entry devices. The units selected will depend upon the equipment available and opportunities for employment in the area.

### *Application in Adult Education*

The units of this guide may be used in an adult

education program for a single course or a series of courses. Units 1, 2, and 3 would provide suitable content for a course in keypunch operation for a school equipped with nonbuffered card punch machines and verifiers.

Unit 1, 2, 3, and 4 may be used in schools equipped with nonbuffered, buffered, and verifier card punch machines. These four units require approximately 60 to 80 hours of instruction. Because most adult education courses are from 30 to 40 hours in length, it is recommended that two courses be offered and the adult students be encouraged to follow one course with the other. When only one course is offered, the level of productive speed will be lower because some of the time usually devoted to proficiency development will have to be sacrificed.

When a school does not have enough machines of each type to accommodate the entire class at one time, the various machines will have to be taught concurrently. Because the total instructional time needed for all units is 90 to 120 hours, a series of three combinations should be offered which would provide instruction on all machines at the same time. The suggested course titles under such conditions would be, Key-Entry Device Operation 1, 2, and 3.

When a school has enough machines of the various types for individual use, specialized course for each machine may be offered. If the courses are not offered in series, the following 30 to 40 hour combination are suggested:

Course Title	Units Included
Keypunching 1	1 and 2
Keypunching 2	3 and 4
Key-to-Tape Operation	5
Key-to-Disk Operation	6

Adult education instructors review the revised Office Practice Manual to see how the course fits into the overall program. Also, Chapter IV, Teaching Methods, and Chapter V, Job Instruction Sheets, provide insights relative to the planning and presentation of information to students. Copies of the syllabus may be obtained from the business education.

### *Classroom Management*

In an installation that does not have enough machines of a given type for each student, where one student acts as the observer and the second student operates the machine. When the buddy system is used, short projects are recommended in order to reduce observation time to a minimum. Projects are likely to result in little learning for the observer and detract from the learning of the machine operator. Short time space projects where students exchange roles give the students time to review and digest the material they have learned. Provide short rest periods for the students. Students may be started on different projects in a rotation system.

Keyboard drilling is necessary to develop speed and accuracy, however, it is a boring task. To alleviate this, projects should be interspersed with the drilling sessions.

The use of simulators for keyboarding is not recommended except as a means of familiarization during keyboard familiarization. The use of keys on a simulator is quite different from a keypunch and thus the use of a simulator is mildly effective. A typewriter simulator also fails to give the

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#### *Classroom Management*

In an installation that does not have sufficient machines of a given type for each student, a buddy system where one student acts as an observer while the second student operates the machine may be used. When the buddy system is used, short instructional projects are recommended in order to keep the observation time to a minimum. Extended idle periods are likely to result in little learning for the observer and detract from the learning process of the machine operator. Short time spans where the two students exchange roles give the observer time to review and digest the material he has covered and provide short rest periods for the operator. Also, students may be started on different machines in a rotation system.

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for the operation of a key-entry device relative to card movement and programing.

## Teaching Suggestions

The following points are offered as a means of improving instruction.

- Review each unit well in advance of the class and obtain the instructional materials needed for an effective presentation. Whenever possible use instructional aids to clarify the presentation.
- Use a variety of learning experiences in order to challenge the different levels of student abilities.
- Take all opportunities to provide for individual or small group instruction.
- Keep the instruction flexible enough to permit each student to gain the skills and knowledges required to achieve his specific goals.
- Read trade magazines to keep up to date with new information and developments that are occurring in the field of data processing.

Instructors in adult programs may wish to adapt the teaching-learning conditions to their particular group, but the basic format of teaching principles through student involvement should prevail.

## Expected Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, graduates can expect to find employment in any of such businesses as commercial and savings banks;

utility companies; airlines and firms; local schools and universities; state, and Federal government agencies; oil and gasoline distribution houses and exchanges; and data processing bureaus.

Students who have acquired a knowledge and average keyboard skill of key-entry device can be easily operate other machines of a similar is no specific speed requirement look for when hiring key-entry device. A wide range of speed is expected because the work varies from using all alphabetic, or mixed data; jobs simple to complex; and source documents formal, well organized presentation of handwritten pieces of paper. Employers interested in hiring individuals should and use the proper techniques. In complex jobs speed is virtually new jobs where speed counts, they will develop with experience.



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Students who have acquired a good working knowledge and average keyboard skills on one type of key-entry device can be easily trained to operate other machines of a similar type. There is no specific speed requirement which employers look for when hiring key-entry device operators. A wide range of speed is expected and accepted because the work varies from using all numeric, all alphabetic, or mixed data; jobs range from simple to complex; and source documents vary from formal, well organized presentations to informal, handwritten pieces of paper. Employers are interested in hiring individuals who are accurate and use the proper techniques. They realize that in complex jobs speed is virtually impossible; in new jobs where speed counts, they know that speed will develop with experience.

# INTRODUCTION TO PUNCHED CARD DATA PROCESSING

## OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this unit, the student should be able to:

- Identify and explain the function of the various machines used in punched card accounting
- Explain the unit-record concept
- Identify and explain the physical characteristics of a punched card
- Explain the rules governing the recording of data in numeric, alphabetic, and alphanumeric
- Identify and explain the function of the physical characteristics of magnetic tapes and
- Identify employment opportunities for data entry operators

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

### Punched Card Accounting

Explain briefly how firms use the punched card accounting system to handle the steadily increasing data involved in the operations of many businesses.

#### A. Card punches

Identify and explain the functions of the various types of card punches commonly used for punched card accounting.

#### B. Other data recorders

1. Key-to-tape
2. Key-to-disk

Demonstrate the automated data processing cycle using a realistic application such as a payroll, charge account, or checking account. Describe the operations that take place at each station in order to give the students a clear understanding of the functions of the various pieces of equipment.

#### C. Peripheral unit-record machines

1. Interpreter
2. Sorter
3. Reproducer
4. Collator
5. Accounting machine

Use a systems flow chart to reinforce the concept of the data processing cycle. (Ref. G, pp. 33-41, 44-45, 67-73) \*

Use films and transparencies to assist in presenting these topics. See page 36.

#### D. Computers (with card input)

Compare the processing of punched cards in a manual installation with the processing techniques used in modern computers. (Ref. H, pp. 75-87)

\* Reference citations are shown on page 35.

## INTRODUCTION TO PUNCHED CARD DATA PROCESSING

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- explain the function of the various machines used in punched card accounting
- unit-record concept
- explain the physical characteristics of a punched card
- rules governing the recording of data in numeric, alphabetic, and alphanumeric fields
- explain the function of the physical characteristics of magnetic tapes and disk records
- employment opportunities for data entry operators

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Accounting

Explain briefly how firms use the punched card in handling the steadily increasing data involved in the operation of their businesses.

Machines

Identify and explain the functions of the various types of machines commonly used for punched card accounting.

Data recorders

magnetic tape

magnetic disk

Demonstrate the automated data processing cycle with a simple but realistic application such as a payroll, charge account, or checking account. Describe the operations that are being performed at each station in order to give the students a basic idea of the functions of the various pieces of equipment.

Unit-record

Use a systems flow chart to reinforce the concepts of the automated data processing cycle. (Ref. G, pp. 33-41, 44-48; Ref. H, pp. 52-63, 67-73)\*

Interpreter

Use films and transparencies to assist in presenting the various topics. See page 36.

Reducer

Director

Accounting machine

Compare the processing of punched cards in a unit record installation with the processing techniques used by electronic computers. (Ref. H, pp. 75-87)

(with card input)

These are shown on page 35.

# Introduction to Punched Card Data Processing

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- II. Unit-Record Concept
- A. The punched card
1. Physical characteristics
    - a. Corner cuts
    - b. Edges and corners
    - c. Stripes and colors
    - d. Columns and rows
  2. Card design
    - a. Fields
    - b. Factors to be considered
- B. Recording of Data
1. Types of fields
    - a. Numeric
    - b. Alphabetic
    - c. Alphanumeric (mixed)
  2. Rules for recording data
    - a. Left-justification
    - b. Right-justification
    - c. Left-zero fill
  3. Field terminology
    - a. High-order column
    - b. Low-order column (units)
    - c. Ten's, hundred's
- C. Functions of a punched card
1. Recording (storage)
  2. Sorting
  3. Calculating
  4. Reporting

Discuss the physical characteristics and design of the standard 5081 card and several different types of cards.

Discuss the characteristics and coding system of a punch card when the required data recorders are used. (pp. 51-53; Ref. B, pp. 9-10)

Explain how to record data onto cards.

Give a short manual simulation project to reinforce the rules that govern the recording of data. Give students a set of rule lines that correspond to the fields on a punched card. Ask students to pencil in data along the lines. This illustrates the techniques of left- and right-justification and left-zero fill. (Ref. F, pp. 122-134)

Explain the various functions of a punched card using a sample application previously used to illustrate the various functions of a punched card.

Explain how coding makes the recording and processing more efficient.

Have students start a glossary of data processing terminology that is consistent with the field list throughout the course. See Glossary on page 13.

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

pt  
ard  
characteristics  
er cuts  
and corners  
es and colors  
ns and rows  
gn  
s  
rs to be considered

Discuss the physical characteristics and design of a card by using the standard 5081 card and several different types of predesigned cards.

Discuss the characteristics and coding system of the 96-column punch card when the required data recorders are available. (Ref. A, pp. 51-53; Ref. B, pp. 9-10)

Data  
fields  
ic  
betic  
numeric (mixed)  
recording data  
justification  
-justification,  
zero fill  
minology  
order column  
order column (units)  
s, hundred's

Explain how to record data onto cards.

Give a short manual simulation project to reinforce the rules that govern the recording of data. Give students blank cards and have them rule lines that correspond to the field in a punched card. Ask students to pencil in data along the 12 edge which illustrates the techniques of left- and right-hand justification and left-zero fill. (Ref. F, pp. 122-134)

a punched card  
(storage)

Explain the various functions of a punched card. Refer to the sample application previously used to illustrate each of the functions of a punched card.

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Explain how coding makes the recording and processing of data more efficient.

Have students start a glossary of data processing terms using terminology that is consistent with the field. Add items to this list throughout the course. See Glossary on pages 32 to 34.

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- D. Magnetic tape and disk records
1. Physical characteristics
    - a. Reflective spots
    - b. Coating
    - c. Header and trailer records
    - d. Tape marks
    - e. Interblock gaps
    - f. Density
  2. Record design
    - a. Fields
    - b. Factors to be considered
- E. Employment opportunities
- F. Desirable characteristics of data entry operators
- Discuss the operation of key-to-tape and key-to-card this time only if these devices are needed to work with an individual machine for units 2 and/or 3.
- Explain the physical characteristics of magnetic tape and disk records. (Ref. D, pp. 184, 195-199)
- Explain the factors that influence the design of magnetic tape and disk records, such as control fields, sorting considerations, and record length.
- Discuss the different types of businesses in which employ data entry operators. Also, indicate the range and promotional opportunities that are available.
- Emphasize that accuracy is of prime importance in data entry. Speed and the attention to detail. Typewriting usually reduces the time needed to learn the operation of these devices.
- If your installation does not have enough magnetic tape for each student, implement a rotation system and give instruction to accommodate the different devices.*

## NONBUFFERED CARD PUNCH MACHINES

## OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this unit, the student should be able to:

- Punch numeric and alphabetic data into original cards
- Add data to punched cards

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Physical characteristics  
 Reflective spots  
 Coating  
 Header and trailer records  
 Tape marks  
 Interblock gaps  
 Density  
 Record design  
 Fields  
 Factors to be considered

Discuss the operation of key-to-tape and key-to-disk machines at this time only if these devices are needed to provide each student with an individual machine for units 2 and/or 4.

Employment opportunities

Discuss the different types of businesses in the local area that employ data entry operators. Also, indicate the present salary range and promotional opportunities that are available.

Physical characteristics of  
 Data entry operators

Emphasize that accuracy is of prime importance, followed by speed and the attention to detail. Typewriting proficiency usually reduces the time needed to learn the operation of key-entry devices.

*If your installation does not have enough machines of the required type for each student, implement a rotation system and adjust your instruction to accommodate the different devices.*

UNIT 2

NONBUFFERED CARD PUNCH MACHINES

At the end of this unit, the student should be able to:

Transfer numeric and alphabetic data into original cards  
 and punched cards

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## Nonbuffered Card Punch Machines

- Correct error cards
- Design and create a program control card utilizing automatic skipping, automatic duplication and alphabetic field definition
- Use a program card to control the punching of data
- Attain 95% accuracy in a 15-minute timed numeric keypunch project with a minimum speed per hour

### CONTENT

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- |     |  |  |
|-----|--|--|
| I.  | Functions of a Card Punch                            | Explain and illustrate each function of a card punch machine. Avoid detailed explanations at this time. Cover operating procedures at a later time.  |
|     | A. Creating original records                         |  |
|     | B. Adding data to records                            | Demonstrate card handling techniques such as jumping records.  |
|     | C. Correcting records                                |  |
|     | D. Duplicating records<br>(remaking damaged records) |  |
| II. | Operating Features of a Card Punch Machine           | Explain the operating features of nonbuffered machines. If your installation has more than one type of machine, explain the differences at each step. Do not go into details of keys and switches at this time. Refer to manuals for information on specific machines. |
|     | A. Main-line switch                                  |  |
|     | B. Card stations                                     | Place a student at each machine and have him punch a card for each function as they are explained.   |
|     | 1. Hopper  |  |
|     | 2. Card bed  |  |
|     | a. Punching station                                  |  |
|     | b. Reading station                                   |  |
|     | 3. Stacker — automatic card feed stop                |  |
|     | C. Keyboard  | Give students an opportunity to operate a card punch machine for a short time. This experience will give them a better understanding of the features which were discussed.   |
|     | 1. Numeric keys                                      |  |
|     | 2. Alphabetic keys                                   |  |
|     | 3. Special character keys                            |  |
|     | 4. Functional control keys                           | Point out that the normal shift of the keyboard is not used when punching without program control. Show how the shift key must be held down when punching digits.  |
|     | a. Shift keys  |  |
|     | b. Release, register, feed                           |  |
|     | c. Multipunch key                                    |  |



Machines

ards.

te a program control card utilizing automatic skipping, automatic duplication, and numeric field definition  
ard to control the punching of data  
racy in a 15-minute timed numeric keypunch project with a minimum speed of 5000 strokes.

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Card Punch  
Original records

Explain and illustrate each function of a card punch machine. Avoid detailed explanations at this time. Cover the actual operating procedures at a later time.

to records

Demonstrate card handling techniques such as juggling and fanning.

records

records  
(damaged records)

res of a Card Punch

Explain the operating features of nonbuffered card punch machines. If your installation has more than one type of machine, point out the differences at each step. Do not go into detail about all the keys and switches at this time. Refer to manufacturers' reference manuals for information on specific machines.

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d  
ching station  
ding station  
automatic card

Place a student at each machine and have him perform the various functions as they are explained.

op

keys  
tic keys  
character keys  
nal control keys

Give students an opportunity to operate a card punch machine for a short time. This experience will give them a sense of accomplishment. Select or design exercises and projects that emphasize the use of features which were discussed.

ft keys  
ease, register, feed  
tipunch key

Point out that the normal shift of the keyboard is alphabetic when punching without program control. Show how the numeric shift key must be held down when punching digits.

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## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- d. Duplicate key
  - e. Error reset
  - f. Left-zero
  - g. Skip
  - h. Alternate program (program 2)
- D. Backspace key
- E. Functional control switches
- 1. Auto feed
  - 2. Auto skip/dup
  - 3. Print
  - 4. Program select
  - 5. Clear
- F. Program unit
- 1. Column indicator
  - 2. Program drum
  - 3. Program control card
  - 4. Star wheels
  - 5. Program control lever
  - 6. Pressure-roll release lever
- G. Chip box and fuses
- III. Manual Keypunching
- A. Card feeding - Auto feed switch
- B. Keyboard shifting
- 1. Alphabetic data
  - 2. Numeric data
- C. Card stacking
- 1. Release key
  - 2. Clear switch

Show how to do the following:

- Add an algebraic sign to a numeric figure character by combining punches
- Repeat using the duplicate key
- Unlock the keyboard with the error-release key
- Feed cards with the auto-feed switch in the correct positions
- Print information along the top of a card
- Eject cards from the bed using the clear key

Explain the operation of the column indicator release lever. Discuss program control at a card station.

Show how to position the program control lever for automatic punching.

Give a short assignment in order that students become familiar with the various operating features of the machine. Include in the assignment items such as:

- Duplication - with and without error correction
- Manual insertion of cards in both punch and card stations
- Removal of cards from card stations using the release lever

Indicate the importance of concentrating on proper techniques. Point out that speed will be increased as the student becomes more familiar with the machine.

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Duplicate key  
 Error reset  
 Left-zero  
 Skip  
 Alternate program (program 2)  
 e key  
 al control switches  
 feed  
 skip/dup  
 t  
 ram select  
 r  
 unit  
 mm indicator  
 ram drum  
 ram control card  
 wheels  
 ram control lever  
 sure-roll release lever

Show how to do the following:

- Add an algebraic sign to a numeric field or create a special character by combining punches
- Repeat using the duplicate key
- Unlock the keyboard with the error-rest or backspace key
- Feed cards with the auto-feed switch in the ON and OFF positions
- Print information along the top of a card
- Eject cards from the bed using the clear switch

Explain the operation of the column indicator and pressure-roll release lever. Discuss program control at a later time.

and fuses

Show how to position the program control lever for manual punching.

punching  
 ding - Auto feed

Give a short assignment in order that students might familiarize themselves with the various operating features of the card punch machine. Include in the assignment items such as:

shifting  
 abetic data  
 ric data

- Duplication with and without error correction
- Manual insertion of cards in both punching and reading stations
- Removal of cards from card stations using the pressure-roll release lever.

cking  
 ase key  
 r switch

Indicate the importance of concentrating on accuracy and using the proper techniques. Point out that speed will improve with practice.

# Nonbuffered Card Punch Machine

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- IV. Numeric Keypunch Exercises
- A. Program unit with blank card
  - B. Home keys
  - C. Fingering
- V. Alphabetic Keyboard Exercises
- A. Home keys
  - B. Fingering
- VI. Program Control
- A. Program card function
    1. Automatic keyboard shifting
    2. Automatic skipping
    3. Automatic duplication
    4. Field definition
  - B. Program unit
    1. Program drum
    2. Program control lever
    3. Star wheels
    4. Program control card
  - C. Program codes (program 1)
    1. 12 punch
    2. 11 punch
    3. Zero punch
    4. One punch

Check each student's work to see that correct fingers are being used for both alphabetic and numeric

Select or design exercises which will familiarize the student with the numeric keyboard. Emphasize the importance of using the correct fingering technique. Point out the importance of developing rhythm and indicate that speed will come with practice. (Ref. E)

Have students mount a blank card on the program control unit of the numeric shift key.

Select or design exercises which will familiarize the student with the alphabetic keyboard. Emphasize the importance of using the correct fingering techniques. (Ref. F, telephone directory)

Use a short alphanumeric project in which the student performs each of the automatic functions to justify the use of program control. This project will show the student how the machine can eliminate their shifting, skipping, and other chores.

Demonstrate the techniques of mounting and dismounting the program control card.

Emphasize the importance of aligning the card properly on the program drum. (Ref. A, p. 29)

Explain program 1. (Ref. H., pp. 45-47)

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Check each student's work to see that correct fingering techniques are being used for both alphabetic and numeric key punching.

Exercises  
with blank card

Select or design exercises which will familiarize the students with the numeric keyboard. Emphasize the importance of accuracy and using the correct fingering technique. Point out the need of developing rhythm and indicate that speed will improve with practice. (Ref. E)

Have students mount a blank card on the program drum to avoid using the numeric shift key.

Board Exercises

Select or design exercises which will familiarize the students with the alphabetic keyboard. Emphasize the importance of accuracy and using the correct fingering techniques. (Ref. E, and local telephone directory)

function  
keyboard shifting  
skipping  
duplication  
definition

Use a short alphanumeric project in which the student must manually perform each of the automatic functions to justify the use of the program control. This project will show the students how the machine can eliminate their shifting, skipping, and duplicating chores.

drum  
control lever  
feels  
control card

Demonstrate the techniques of mounting and dismounting a program control card.

Emphasize the importance of aligning the card properly on the program drum. (Ref. A, p. 29)

es (program 1)

Explain program 1. (Ref. H, pp. 45-47)

h  
h  
nch  
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## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- D. Program control card design
1. High-order column code
  2. Balance of field codes
- E. Program switch on keyboard
- F. Mounting a program control card
1. Program control lever
  2. Clamping strip and handle
  3. Alining holes
- G. Alternate program control (program 2)
1. 4 punch
  2. 5 punch
  3. 6 punch
  4. 7 punch
- VII. Keyboard Proficiency
- A. Numeric and alphabetic keyboard exercises
- B. Application projects
- Select or design assignments that allow the program control proficiency. Use additional introduce each of the other functions. After familiar with the various functions, use a s which includes all the functions. (Ref. A,
- Explain program 2 after students have attain in using program 1. (Ref. A, pp. 34-35, 37; Point out that the alternate program control
- More than 80 columns are needed for d
  - More than one type of card is used in
- Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memori rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. D standards at the beginning of the practice s students become proficient, use timed exerci judging their competency. (Ref. A, pp. 13-3
- Check to see that students are not watching drill and project sessions.
- Intersperse application projects with keyboa variety of jobs to stimulate achievement.
- Have students save the data cards they have projects in this section to use in the unit of B, D, and E)
- Use an autotutorial system to help students speed. (Ref. Dart's Card-Punch Drills, if ava

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

control card design  
number column code  
of field codes

touch on keyboard

program control card  
control lever  
strip and handle  
holes

program control

accuracy  
alphabetic keyboard

projects

Select or design assignments that allow the students to develop program control proficiency. Use additional assignments to introduce each of the other functions. After students have become familiar with the various functions, use a summary assignment which includes all the functions. (Ref. A, pp. 22-29, 30-34)

Explain program 2 after students have attained a degree of proficiency in using program 1. (Ref. A, pp. 34-35, 37; Ref. H, pp. 45-47.) Point out that the alternate program control is used when:

- More than 80 columns are needed for data storage
- More than one type of card is used in the same batch

Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memorization of the keyboard, rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. Do not set time standards at the beginning of the practice sessions. As the students become proficient, use timed exercises as a way of judging their competency. (Ref. A, pp. 13-31)

Check to see that students are not watching the keyboard during the drill and project sessions.

Intersperse application projects with keyboard drills to provide a variety of jobs to stimulate achievement.

Have students save the data cards they have created from the projects in this section to use in the unit on verifying. (Ref. A, B, D, and E)

Use an autotutorial system to help students develop rhythm and speed. (Ref. Dart's Card Punch Drills, if available)

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## PUNCHED CARD VERIFIERS

## OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this unit, the student should be able to:

- Locate and correct errors in punched cards using the error notch as a guide
- Verify a deck of punched cards using program control with automatic skipping, automatic duplication, and numeric and alphabetic field definition
- Locate, identify, and correct all existing errors in a deck of punched cards in a 15 m verification project with a minimum speed of 5,000 strokes per hour

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

## I. Functions of a Card Verifier

*Students need keypunching skills and a knowledge of control for this unit.*

Discuss the importance of accuracy relative to the function of the card verifier.

Point out the advisability of having the cards verified by another worker.

## II. Operating Features

Explain and demonstrate the principles and operation of the card verifier. Limit the detailed explanation to the major features of the verifier.

## A. Main-line switch

Show the passage of a card through the different stations during the verifying operation.

## B. Card stations

1. Card hopper
2. Card bed
  - a. Verifying station.
  - b. Reading station
3. Card stacker

## C. Keyboard

1. Character keys
2. Functional control keys
  - a. Shift keys
  - b. Release, register, feed
  - c. Ver/dup key

Relate the keyboard and functional controls of the card verifier to the controls and functions of the card punch machine.

Demonstrate how to verify a simple job using the procedures associated with the different types of card verifiers.



## PUNCHED CARD VERIFIERS

this unit, the student should be able to:

detect errors in punched cards using the error notch as a guide  
of punched cards using program control with automatic skipping, automatic verify  
and numeric and alphabetic field definition  
verify, and correct all existing errors in a deck of punched cards in a 15 minute timed  
project with a minimum speed of 5,000 strokes per hour

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

*Students need keypunching skills and a knowledge of program control for this unit.*

Discuss the importance of accuracy relative to punched cards and the function of the card verifier:

Point out the advisability of having the cards of one operator verified by another worker.

Explain and demonstrate the principles and operating features of the card verifier. Limit the detailed explanations to the unique features of the verifier.

Show the passage of a card through the different card stations during the verifying operation.

Relate the keyboard and functional controls of the verifier to the controls and functions of the card punch machines.

Demonstrate how to verify a simple job using the various retry procedures associated with the different types of machines.

Card Verifier

features  
switch

stations  
hopper  
bed  
verifying station  
reading station  
stacker

letter keys  
functional control keys  
shift keys  
release, register, feed  
enter/dup key

CONTENT

TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- d. Error reset key (MP/ER)
- e. Skip key
- f. Alternate program (program 2)

Show how the error-reset key (MP/ER) is used on board when an error is detected.

D. Error light

E. Functional control switches

- 1. Auto feed
- 2. Auto skip/dup
- 3. Program select
- 4. Clear

Point out how automatic feeding is suspended card is detected.

F. Program unit

- 1. Column indicator
- 2. Program drum and program card
- 3. Program control lever
- 4. Pressure roll-release lever

Emphasize the importance of aligning the card program drum. (Ref. A, p. 29)

Show how the pressure-roll release lever is used on cards.

III. Operating Principles

A. Manual verification

Explain the difference between manual and automatic punched cards.

B. Automatic verification

Demonstrate the operation of a card verifier

C. OK notch

- Automatic card feeding
- Error-free card (OK notch)
- Error detection
  - Three attempts to verify
  - Error notch
  - Operator notation on error card
- With program control
- Without program control

E. Error notation

- 1. Error notch
- 2. Operator notation on card

Have students verify cards containing a variety of errors. Familiarize them with the different types of errors they may encounter.

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

error reset key (MP/ER)  
 stop key  
 alternate program  
 program 2)

Show how the error-reset key (MP/ER) is used to unlock the keyboard when an error is detected.

control switches  
 feed  
 skip/dup  
 program select

Point out how automatic feeding is suspended when an error card is detected.

indicator  
 program drum and program

Emphasize the importance of aligning the card properly on the program drum. (Ref. A, p. 29)

control lever  
 pressure roll-release lever

Show how the pressure-roll release lever is used to remove jammed cards.

principles  
 verification

Explain the difference between manual and automatic verification of punched cards.

verification

Demonstrate the operation of a card verifier including:

locking  
 light  
 indicating the error -  
 indicator  
 error reset key (MP/ER)  
 procedure

- Automatic card feeding
- Error-free card (OK notch)
- Error detection
  - Three attempts to verify
  - Error notch
  - Operator notation on error card
- With program control
- Without program control

notch  
 operator notation on card

Have students verify cards containing a variety of errors to familiarize them with the different types of error conditions that they may encounter.

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

3. Multiple errors in a single field-skip key
  4. Multiple error fields
    - a. Release key
    - b. Complete card remake
- IV. Operating Suggestions
- A. Starting a verifying operation
  - B. Stopping a verifying operation
  - C. Engaging the program reading mechanism
  - D. Spacing over blank columns
  - E. Feeding a single card
  - F. Locking keyboard
  - G. Suspending automatic verification on first card
- V. Verification Proficiency
- A. Numeric verification projects
  - B. Alphabetic verification projects

Suggest tips that students may use to improve their performance after they have gained some proficiency in the use of the punch card verifier. Giving students too much information will tend only to confuse them. Include such tips as:

- Use the functional controls when temporary interruptions occur instead of disengaging the mechanism.
- Place single cards to be verified directly in the verifier bed instead of the hopper.
- Use the verify/duplication key to space punch columns when the same columns are punched on a preceding card or when there is no preceding card.

Have students verify the cards they produced in unit 2. Also, new projects may be developed. Have students punch a deck of cards and then verify them.

Assign different keypunching projects to teams of students and then have them exchange decks for verification (A, D, and E)

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

errors in a single  
tip key  
error fields  
space key  
complete card remake

questions  
verifying operation  
verifying operation  
program reading

blank columns

single card

board

automatic verification  
card

proficiency  
verification projects

verification projects

Suggest tips that students may use to improve their performance after they have gained some proficiency in the operation of the card verifier. Giving students too much information at one time will tend only to confuse them. Include such tips as:

- Use the functional controls when temporary changes or interruptions occur instead of disengaging the reading mechanism.
- Place single cards to be verified directly into the card bed instead of the hopper.
- Use the verify/duplication key to space over unpunched columns when the same columns are unpunched in the preceding card or when there is no preceding card.

Have students verify the cards they produced from the assignments completed in unit 2. Also, new projects may be assigned where students will punch a deck of cards and then verify them.

Assign different keypunching projects to teams of two students and then have them exchange decks for verification. (Ref. A, B, D, and E)

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## BUFFERED CARD PUNCH/VERIFIERS

### OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this unit the student should be able to:

- Explain the functions of the buffered card punch/verifier
- Repunch (correct) error cards
- Add data to an existing card
- Design and create a program card with numeric and alphabetic field definition, automatic skipping, and left-zero insertion
- Store a program and punch out to verify memory
- Punch numeric and alphabetic data using program control with automatic skipping, automatic skipping, and left-zero insertion
- Verify a deck of punched cards using the procedures for single character correction, one field (field correction), and entire record correction
- Attain a minimum speed of 5,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in punch-verify assignment

### CONTENT

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| I. Functions of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier   | Demonstrate card handling techniques such as  |
| A. Creating original records                     | Explain and demonstrate functions of the buffered verifier. Place students at each of the demonstrators and ask them to perform the function as it is demonstrated. Point out the basic differences among the various verifiers in your installation. Detailed operating procedures should be given after they are able to perform the basic functions. |
| B. Adding data to punched records                |   |
| C. Correcting error records                      |   |
| D. Duplicating records (remaking damaged cards)  |   |
| E. Verifying punched cards                       |   |
| II. Advantages of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier | Discuss data storage when the card is complete. Demonstrate the advantage of immediate punching of a card on a nonbuffered verifier.  |
| A. Capable of storing data                       | Demonstrate how an error may be corrected during operation. Point out how this operation saves materials.   |
| B. Immediate error correction before punching    |   |

## BUFFERED CARD PUNCH/VERIFIERS

At the end of this unit the student should be able to:

Explain the functions of the buffered card punch/verifier

Identify (correct) error cards

Transfer data from an existing card

Create a program card with numeric and alphabetic field definition, automatic duplication, automatic skipping, and left-zero insertion

Program and punch out to verify memory

Program and punch out alphabetic data using program control with automatic skipping, automatic duplication, and automatic left-zero insertion

Correct a deck of punched cards using the procedures for single character correction, multiple errors in a field correction, and entire record correction

Perform a punching assignment at a minimum speed of 5,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in a 30-minute timed assignment

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Explain the function of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier

Demonstrate card handling techniques such as juggling and fanning.

Transfer data from original records

Explain and demonstrate functions of the buffered card punch/verifier. Place students at each of the demonstration machines and ask them to perform the function as it is explained. Point out the basic differences among the various types of card punch/verifiers in your installation. Detailed explanations of the operating procedures should be given after the students know how to perform the basic functions.

Transfer data from original records to punched records

Identify and correct error records

Identify and correct error records

Identify and correct error records (damaged cards)

Identify and correct error records (punched cards)

Explain the function of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier

Discuss data storage when the card is complete as contrasted to the immediate punching of a card on a nonbuffered machine.

Explain the function of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier

Demonstrate how an error may be corrected during the punching operation. Point out how this operation saves both time and materials.

Explain the function of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier

Explain the function of a Buffered Card Punch/Verifier

## Buffered Card Punch/Verifiers

### CONTENT

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- C. Immediate error correction during verification
  - D. Multiple program levels
  - E. High-speed card read-in
  - F. Single machine for both punch and verify operations
  - G. Some overlap of operations
- III. Operating Features,
- A. Main-line switch
  - B. Card stations
    - 1. Card hopper — input magazine
    - 2. Punch station — visible station
    - 3. Auxiliary input
    - 4. Stacker switch
  - C. Keyboard
    - 1. Character keys
      - a. Numeric arrangement
      - b. Alphabetic arrangement
      - c. Special characters
    - 2. Functional control switches
      - a. Punch/verify
      - b. Print
      - c. Auto feed
      - d. Auto skip/dup
      - e. Clear
      - f. Program mode dial
    - 3. Functional control keys and buttons
      - a. Read
      - b. Interpret

Compare the three-operator system using nonbuffered machines with the two-operator system using buffered machines. List the machines required for the operation and the handling of the data.

Discuss the need for more than two program levels. Explain how program control has been introduced.

Explain the operating features of the buffered machines in your installation. Use manufacturers' reference information relating to specific machines. Prepare a summary sheet which shows these variations.

Demonstrate only those controls which the student will use when using the machines.

Assign projects that involve the basic controls. In the other assignments introduce the additional controls one at a time. Avoid using large projects.

Have students concentrate on the operating procedure to gain proficiency at this point. When the student has a working knowledge of the machine's features, assign projects which will develop their proficiency.

Demonstrate how to shift the keyboard when program control is not used. Point out that this operation varies from machine to machine.



ifiers.

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

error correction.  
ification

Compare the three-operator system using nonbuffered machines with the two-operator system using buffered machines as to time required for the operation and the handling of the cards.

rogram levels

Discuss the need for more than two program levels after program control has been introduced.

card read-in

line for both punch  
operations

p of operations

res  
switch

Explain the operating features of the buffered card punch/ verifiers in your installation. Use manufacturers' reference manuals for information relating to specific machines. Prepare and distribute a summary sheet which shows these variations.

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pper — input magazine  
tation — visible

ry input  
switch

Demonstrate only those controls which the students need to begin using the machines.

er keys  
eric arrangement  
habetic arrangement .  
cial characters  
nal control switches  
ch/verify

Assign projects that involve the basic controls first. Then, have the other assignments introduce the additional controls a few at a time. Avoid using large projects.

nt  
o feed  
o skip/dup

Have students concentrate on the operating procedures rather than on proficiency at this point. When the students have a good working knowledge of the machine's features, assign exercises and projects which will develop their proficiency.

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gram mode dial  
nal control keys

Demonstrate how to shift the keyboard when program control is not used. Point out that this operation varies from machine to machine.

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- c. Backspace
    - (1) Character
    - (2) Field
    - (3) Record (home)
  - d. Left-zero control (right-justify)
  - e. Shift keys
  - f. Feed, register, release (eject)
  - g. Duplicate
  - h. Multiple punch
  - i. Program select
  - j. Skip
  - k. Verify correct (correct)
  - 4. Indicators
    - a. Interlock
    - b. Nonmatch
    - c. Program 2
    - d. Alphabetic shift
- IV. Manual Punching Operations
- A. Preparing for operation
    - 1. Fill hopper
    - 2. Main-line switch
    - 3. Clear card bed
    - 4. Set functional controls
    - 5. Clear data storage
    - 6. Enter constant data
      - a. Manual entry
      - b. Master card entry
      - c. Master card and manual entry
  - B. Punching new data cards (no program)
    - 1. Feed card
    - 2. Entering data-shifting
    - 3. Punching out card

Show how to operate the various backspace key appropriate use for each key.

Demonstrate how to clear memory in different Explain that memory is cleared to prevent the card being repeated on the following card.

Explain the conditions which cause each of the to light up. Demonstrate how to correct each the device to normal operation.

Assign a short project that involves all manual the next assignment include a field to be duplicated students are familiar with the machines, use which include the special functions of remaking correcting error cards, and adding data to existing

Demonstrate how to clear data storage by using clear switch.

Show how to investigate and correct card feed as:

- Cover over feed knives
- Small pieces of cards from a previous job objects in transport feed mechanism

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Backspace  
 (1) Character  
 (2) Field  
 (3) Record (home)  
 Left-zero control  
 (right-justify)  
 Shift keys  
 Feed, register, release  
 (eject)  
 Duplicate  
 Multiple punch  
 Program select  
 Skip  
 Verify correct (correct)  
 Indicators  
 Interlock  
 Nonmatch  
 Program 2  
 Alphabetic shift  
 Feeding Operations  
 Feeder for operation  
 Hopper  
 Line switch  
 Card bed  
 Functional controls  
 Data storage  
 Constant data  
 Manual entry  
 Master card entry  
 Master card and  
 Manual entry  
 New data cards  
 Jam  
 Card  
 Feeding data-shifting  
 Feeding out card

Show how to operate the various backspace keys. Identify the appropriate use for each key.

Demonstrate how to clear memory in different types of machines. Explain that memory is cleared to prevent the data for one card being repeated on the following card.

Explain the conditions which cause each of the operating indicators to light up. Demonstrate how to correct each problem and return the device to normal operation.

Assign a short project that involves all manual punching. Have the next assignment include a field to be duplicated. After students are familiar with the machines, use additional projects which include the special functions of remaking damaged cards, correcting error cards, and adding data to existing cards.

Demonstrate how to clear data storage by using the skip key or clear switch.

Show how to investigate and correct card feeding failures such as:

- Cover over feed knives
- Small pieces of cards from a previous jam or other foreign objects in transport feed mechanism

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TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- C. Remaking damaged cards
    - 1. Loading data from old card
    - 2. Feeding new card
    - 3. Duplicating data
    - 4. Punching out new card
  - D. Correcting error cards
    - 1. Loading data from error card
    - 2. Feeding new card
    - 3. Duplicating correct data
    - 4. Keying corrections manually
    - 5. Punching out new card
  - V. Numeric Keypunch Exercises
    - A. Numeric shift
      - 1. Program mode dial
      - 2. Shift key
    - B. Home keys
    - C. Fingering
  - VII. Combined Alphabetic and Numeric Drills
  - VIII. Program Control
    - A. Function of program card
      - 1. Shifting
      - 2. Automatic skipping
      - 3. Automatic duplication
      - 4. Field definition
      - 5. Left-zero insertion
- Damage to the 12- or 9-edge of a card
- Have students become proficient with punching manual and with program control, before going operations. Point out that punching skills are a job, whereas, verifier operation is of only to an employer.
- Have students become proficient using one type they start to operate another. Operating first another tends to be confusing.
- Assign projects which will familiarize student keyboard. Emphasize the importance of accurate fingering techniques.
- Point out the importance of accuracy and the d. Indicate that speed will develop with practice
- Check to see that the students' eyes are on the not on the keyboard.
- Assign projects that combine the use of the nu keyboards.
- Assign a short project which involves the manu of the program functions. Then, introduce the control.

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- Damage to the 12- or 9-edge of a card

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hing out new card

Have students become proficient with punching operations, both manual and with program control, before going into the verifier operations. Point out that punching skills are necessary to obtain a job, whereas, verifier operation is of only secondary interest to an employer.

ing error cards  
ing data from error card  
ing new card  
icating correct data  
ing corrections manually  
hing out new card

Have students become proficient using one type of machine before they start to operate another. Operating first one machine then another tends to be confusing.

unch Exercises  
shift  
ram mode dial  
ft key

Assign projects which will familiarize students with the numeric keyboard. Emphasize the importance of accuracy and correct fingering techniques.

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Point out the importance of accuracy and the development of rhythm. Indicate that speed will develop with practice.

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Check to see that the students' eyes are on the source document and not on the keyboard.

habetical and Numeric

Assign projects that combine the use of the numeric and alphabetic keyboards.

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omatic duplication  
d definition  
-zero insertion

Assign a short project which involves the manual performance of each of the program functions. Then, introduce the function of program control.

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

## B. Codes for program card

1. First column of field
2. Balance of field coding
3. Last column code for left-zero fields

Assign a series of projects with each one into function such as:

- Alpha and numeric fields, no blank fields
- Alpha and numeric fields with auto skipping
- Skipping and duplicating
- Left-zero insertion

## 4. Alternate program codes

- a. Program 2
- b. Multiple program levels

Assign projects that use several different forms for students with program card preparation.

Discuss alternate program control.

Point out that some machines have only two program levels. Some machines use different codes such as levels 12 for program 1 and levels 4, 5, 6, and 7 for program 2.

Other machines have the capability of storing several programs at the same time. These machines use different codes (12, 11, 0, and 1) but store the programs in different memory locations.

*Present both of the above concepts even though you have only one type of machine.*

## C. Storage of program codes

1. Setting functional controls
2. Inserting program card (auxiliary input)
3. Reading-in the card
4. Punching out program to verify proper loading.

Have students store several programs. Check to see if programs have been properly loaded.

~~D. Application projects~~

Assign projects that will help students develop program control using the functions of program control. (Ref. E)

## IX. Keyboard Proficiency

## A. Numeric keyboard drills

Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memorization, rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. Do

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Assign a series of projects with each one introducing a new function such as:

- Alpha and numeric fields, no blank fields
- Alpha and numeric fields with auto skipping
- Skipping and duplicating
- Left-zero insertion

Assign projects that use several different formats to familiarize students with program card preparation.

Discuss alternate program control.

Point out that some machines have only two program levels. These machines use different codes such as levels 12, 11, 0, and 1 for program 1 and levels 4, 5, 6, and 7 for program 2.

Other machines have the capability of storing up to six different programs at the same time. These machines use the same program codes (12, 11, 0, and 1) but store the programs in different memory locations.

*Present both of the above concepts even though your installation has only one type of machine.*

Have students store several programs. Check to see that the programs have been properly loaded.

Assign projects that will help students develop proficiency in using the functions of program control. (Ref. A, pp. 29-32; Ref. E)

Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memorization of the keyboard, rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. Do not set time

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- B. Alphabetic keyboard drills
- C. Application projects
- X. Verification
  - A. Need
    - 1. Accuracy of input
    - 2. Time and money savings
  - B. Cycle
    - 1. Keypunch to verifier to keypunch for corrections
    - 2. Advantages of combined machine
      - a. Fewer physical machines
      - b. Only two operators involved
      - c. Immediate card correction
  - C. Operations
    - 1. Manual verifying
    - 2. Duplicate verifying
    - 3. Bypassing
    - 4. Skipping
  - D. Procedures
    - 1. Machine setup
      - a. Card input
      - b. Functional controls
      - c. Program card

standards, at the beginning of the practice sessions students become proficient, use timed exercises judging their competency. (Ref. A, pp. 13-21)

Intersperse application projects with keyboard

Use an autotutorial system to help students do (Ref. Dart's Card Punch Drills)

Have students save the data cards they are making in the verification section.

Explain the operation of verification. This is done in a short time because most of the controls are already been explained and used by the student in operation.

Contrast performing the operations of punching using separate machines with doing the same operations on one machine. Emphasize the savings in time, money, and space for the operations performed on one machine.

Have students verify the cards they produced. Ask students to exchange cards to simulate a program. Most verifying jobs use program control, so it is not to have any manual assignments.

Have students concentrate on developing speed and accuracy. They have a good working knowledge of the verification process.

Demonstrate how to:
 

- Load a master card when using automatic



TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

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Intersperse application projects with keyboard drills.

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and money savings

Use an autotutorial system to help students develop rhythm and speed. (Ref. Dart's Card Punch Drills)

Have students save the data cards they are making for use in the verification section.

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punch for corrections  
antages of combined  
line

Explain the operation of verification. This topic may be covered in a short time because most of the controls and features have already been explained and used by the students in the punching operation.

Fewer physical machines  
Only two operators  
involved  
Immediate card  
correction

Contrast performing the operations of punching and verifying using separate machines with doing the same operations using one machine. Emphasize the savings in time, money, and space by having the operations performed on one machine.

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Have students verify the cards they produced in the punching section. Ask students to exchange cards to simulate a practical situation. Most verifying jobs use program control, so it is not necessary to have any manual assignments.

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ine setup  
Card input  
Functional controls  
Program card

Have students concentrate on developing speed and accuracy after they have a good working knowledge of the verifier.

Demonstrate how to:

- Load a master card when using automatic verification

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

2. Error detection
  - a. Error light
  - b. Keyboard locking
  - c. Retry procedure
  - d. Error correction
    - (1) single character correction
    - (2) field correction
    - (3) record correction
    - (4) auxiliary input
3. OK notch
  - a. Error-free card
  - b. Corrected card

- Suspend automatic verification for the group
- Correct errors

Have students verify cards containing errors of different types of error conditions which they



## KEY-TO-TAPE DATA RECORDERS

## OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this unit, the student should be able to:

- Explain the function of key-to-tape data recorders
- Mount, load, unload, and dismount a reel of tape proficiently
- Record numeric and alphabetic data onto a reel of magnetic tape manually and with program automatic skipping, automatic duplication, left-zero insertion, and numeric and alphabetic
- Verify a prerecorded reel of tape using single character correction and field correction
- Search a reel of tape and change data in an existing record, add data behind a specific out an existing record
- Design, enter, and verify a program which contains numeric and alphabetic field definition skipping, automatic duplication, and left-zero insertion
- Attain a minimum speed of 6,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in a record-verify assignment

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

detection \_\_\_  
 error light  
 keyboard locking  
 entry procedure  
 error correction  
 ) single character  
 correction  
 ) field correction  
 ) record correction  
 ) auxiliary input  
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 error-free card  
 corrected card

- Suspend automatic verification for the first card of a group
- Correct errors

Have students verify cards containing errors to show them the different types of error conditions which they may encounter.

UNIT 5

## KEY-TO-TAPE DATA RECORDERS

At the end of this unit, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the function of key-to-tape data recorders  
 2. Load, and dismount a reel of tape proficiently  
 3. Load and alphabetic data onto a reel of magnetic tape manually and with program control using  
 4. Program, automatic duplication, left-zero insertion, and numeric and alphabetic field definition  
 5. Record on a recorded reel of tape using single character correction and field correction  
 6. Erase a record of tape and change data in an existing record, add data behind a specific record, and blank  
 7. Program a record  
 8. Load and verify a program which contains numeric and alphabetic field definition, automatic  
 9. Program automatic duplication, and left-zero insertion  
 10. Program a tape speed of 6,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in a 30-minute timed  
 assignment

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## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- I. Introduction
- A. Functions
1. Data entry
  2. Verification
- B. Advantages of key-to-tape machines
1. Faster input
  2. Larger capacity
  3. Stable record sequence
  4. One machine doing work of two
- C. Disadvantages of key-to-tape machines
1. Difficulty in altering individual records
  2. Inability to visibly inspect data
- II. Components of the Key-to-Tape Machine
- A. Tape handler unit
1. Supply and takeup reels
  2. Read and write head
  3. Vacuum columns
- B. Tape handler control panel
1. On and off switch
  2. Tape load and unload buttons
  3. Record counter

*Introduce the topic of key-to-tape machines after the students have learned how to operate card punch machines. The advantages of data recording and machine functions are easier to understand when presented in this order.*

Discuss briefly the various operations that can be performed with the key-to-tape system. Detailed explanation should be given when the specific topic is taught.

Discuss the advantages of key-to-tape machines in the following items as:

- Speed of input
- Capacity
- Key punch and verifier operations

Discuss the disadvantages of key-to-tape machines in the following items as:

- Procedure for changing individual records
- Method of inspecting data

Demonstrate and explain the functions of the various components of key-to-tape machines. Some of the terminology may vary with machines but the concepts remain the same of the device. Refer to the individual manufacturer's manuals for specific operating procedures.

Explain, with each operation, the function of the various controls and indicators. As the students progress, present the additional controls which are needed for the operation of the machine and indicators which apply to the next operation.

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

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Discuss briefly the various operations that can be performed with the key-to-tape system. Detailed explanations can be given when the specific topic is taught.

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of key-to-tape

Discuss the advantages of key-to-tape machines including such items as:

input  
capacity  
record sequence  
machine doing work of two

- Speed of input
- Capacity
- Key punch and verifier operations

ages of key-to-tape

Discuss the disadvantages of key-to-tape machines including such items as:

difficulty in altering  
individual records  
difficulty to visibly  
edit data

- Procedure for changing individual records
- Method of inspecting data

the Key-to-Tape

Demonstrate and explain the functions of the various components of key-to-tape machines. Some of the terminology used in the outline may vary with machines but the concepts remain the same regardless of the device. Refer to the individual manufacturers' reference manuals for specific operating procedures.

per unit  
and takeup reels  
and write head  
in columns

per control panel  
off switch  
load and unload buttons  
counter

Explain, with each operation, the function of the keyboard switches and other functional controls and indicators. Include only those controls which are needed for the operation being presented. Then, as the students progress, present the additional controls, switches, and indicators which apply to the next operation.

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- C. Memory and control unit
1. Data buffers
  2. Program buffers
  3. Control unit

Demonstrate how data and programs remain in memory until information is entered

- D. Keyboard
1. Functional control switches
    - a. Mode switch
    - b. Program switch
    - c. Auto release switch
    - d. Auto dup/skip
    - e. Data/prog switch
  2. Display panel
    - a. Character display
    - b. Column indicator
    - c. Status indicators
  3. Character keys
  4. Functional controls keys
    - a. Shift
    - b. Backspace
    - c. Error
    - d. Left-zero
    - e. Duplicate
    - f. Program 1 and 2

Discuss the basic function of each area of the panel including:

- Mode setup
- Inquiry
- Machine status

Show how to translate machine coded displays.

Explain the meaning of the various error indicators and the corrective procedures necessary for each situation.

Demonstrate the use of the functional control keys used to record data.

Point out the interlocking condition on some machines when the backspace key is used.

### III. Key-to-Tape Operations

- A. Data entry
  1. Recording original data
  2. With and without program control
- B. Data verify
- C. Search
- D. Program entry
- E. Program verify

Define each of the functions briefly. Detailed instructions should wait until the students start specific operations.

Relate the various key-to-tape operations to those performed on card punch machines.

Encourage students to use the operator's reference manual supplied by the various manufacturers when setting up for different operations.

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Demonstrate how data and programs remain in memory until new information is entered.

Discuss the basic function of each area of the keyboard control panel including:

- Mode setup
- Inquiry
- Machine status

Show how to translate machine coded displays.

Explain the meaning of the various error indicators and show the corrective procedures necessary for each situation.

Demonstrate the use of the functional control keys when they are used to record data.

Point out the interlocking condition on some machines when the backspace key is used.

Define each of the functions briefly. Detailed explanations should wait until the students start specific operations.

~~Relate~~ the various key-to-tape operations to similar functions performed on card punch machines.

*Encourage students to use the operator's reference guides that are supplied by the various manufacturers when setting up the machines for different operations.*

## Key-to-Tape Data Recorders

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### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

#### IV. Tape Mounting and Dismounting

- A. Slide-down window
- B. Supply and takeup reels
- C. Read and write head
- D. Vacuums
- E. Tape load and unload buttons
- F. Rewind key/switch

Demonstrate the techniques for handling tape cleaning, and loading. Explain the variations of different machines.

Have students practice loading and unloading until they become proficient tape handlers.

#### V. Manual Data-Entry Procedures

- A. Functional Controls
  1. Mode switch
  2. Auto release
  3. Auto dup/skip
  4. Program switch
- B. Data entry
  1. Keyboard shifting
  2. Record release
- C. Termination of operation
  1. Tape mark
  2. Rewinding the tape
  3. Unloading and dismounting
- D. Application project

Describe the purposes and operation of:

- Auto release in off position
- Auto-dup/skip in off position
- Program in zero (off) position

Have students enter data into the memory. As data is entered, have students backspace and examine the memory for each column to give them practice in decoding.

Explain the function of the tape mark at the end of the tape.

Assign a short project that uses all types of data (numeric, and mixed) such as a simple name and address. Have students to become familiar with the operation of the machine.

#### VI. Tape Search

- A. Purpose
  1. Alter data
  2. Continue operation
  3. Delete data

Explain the necessity for a search operation. Describe the procedures used for tape with those used for data.

Discuss the purpose of the record identifier. Explain the use of codes with alphabetic fields relative to length.



TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

and Dismounting  
m window

Demonstrate the techniques for handling tape such as stacking, cleaning, and loading. Explain the variations that exist for different machines.

d takeup reels

Have students practice loading and unloading reels of tape until they become proficient tape handlers.

write head

and unload buttons

y/switch

entry Procedures

Describe the purposes and operation of:

l Controls

- Auto release in off position
- Auto-dup/skip in off position
- Program in zero (off) position

switch

release

dup/skip

ram switch

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board shifting  
d release

Have students enter data into the memory. As each character is entered, have students backspace and examine the character display for each column to give them practice in decoding.

on of operation

Explain the function of the tape mark at the end of the data file.

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oding and dismounting

on project

Assign a short project that uses all types of fields (alphabetic, numeric, and mixed) such as a simple name and address file to allow students to become familiar with the operating features of the machine.

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Explain the necessity for a search operation. Compare the search procedures used for tape with those used for punched cards.

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Discuss the purpose of the record identifier. Compare numeric codes with alphabetic fields relative to length and uniqueness.

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

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| <p>B. Functional controls</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mode switch</li> <li>2. Auto release</li> <li>3. Auto dup/skip</li> <li>4. Program switch</li> </ol> <p>C. Operational procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Record identifier</li> <li>2. Releasing to search</li> <li>3. Verifying found record</li> </ol> <p>VII. Numeric and Alphabetic Keyboard Exercises</p> <p>VIII. Program Control</p> <p>A. Function</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Field definition</li> <li>2. Automatic skip and dup control</li> <li>3. Automatic left-zero insertion</li> </ol> <p>B. Program codes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First column of field</li> <li>2. Balance of field</li> </ol> <p>C. Program design</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Record description form</li> <li>2. Program layout</li> </ol> <p>D. Program entry</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Functional controls</li> <li>2. Entry operation</li> </ol> | <p>Emphasize the need to "space fill" all columns the identifier does not occupy.</p> <p>Demonstrate the operating procedure. Show when record is not found.</p> <p>Explain why the tape must be backspaced and verifying the found record.</p> <p>Assign projects that will provide practice in and familiarization with the numeric and alphabetic techniques. Emphasize the importance of accuracy and correct techniques. Point out that speed will come with practice. (Ref. A and E)</p> <p>Have students use the manual project which shows the advantages of program control.</p> <p>Demonstrate how program control saves time and accuracy by automatically shifting the keyboard duplicating data, and determining the number of zeros in front of a number.</p> <p>Explain how the first column program code stands for automatic functions and denotes the beginning of a record.</p> <p>Explain the function of the balance of field (automatic shifting).</p> <p>Assign projects that give students practice in using record description forms and designing program layout for different applications.</p> |
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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- l controls  
switch  
release  
dup/skip  
am switch
- al procedures  
d identifier  
sing to search  
ying found record
- phabetic Keyboard
- definition  
tic skip and dup  
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operation
- Emphasize the need to "space fill" all columns of the record that the identifier does not occupy.
- Demonstrate the operating procedure. Show what happens when the record is not found.
- Explain why the tape must be backspaced and read again before verifying the found record.
- Assign projects that will provide practice in operating procedures and familiarization with the numeric and alphabetic keyboards. Emphasize the importance of accuracy and correct fingering techniques. Point out that speed will come with practice. (Ref. A and E)
- Have students use the manual project which they did previously to show the advantages of program control.
- Demonstrate how program control saves time and results in improved accuracy by automatically shifting the keyboard, skipping, and duplicating data, and determining the number of zeroes to be placed in front of a number.
- Explain how the first column program code starts and stops the automatic functions and denotes the beginning of the next field.
- Explain the function of the balance of field codes (keyboard shifting).
- Assign projects that give students practice in filling out record description forms and designing program layouts using several different applications.

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TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- E. Program verification
  - 1. Functional controls
  - 2. Procedure
    - a. Error detection
    - b. Error correction
  
- IX. Data Entry Using Program Control
  - A. Program design and entry
  
  - B. Operational procedures
    - 1. Functional controls
    - 2. Entry procedure
    - 3. Termination of operation
  
  - C. Application projects
  
- X. Data Verification with Program Control
  - A. Program design and entry
  
  - B. Operating procedure
    - 1. Functional controls
  
    - 2. Verification procedure
      - a. Error detection
      - b. Error correction
        - (1) Single character
        - (2) Entire field
      - c. End-of-record procedure
        - (1) No error
        - (2) Corrected record
    - 3. Termination of operation

Demonstrate how to correct an error.

Use the projects that the students did for program design as a basis for practice in verifying and storing programs.

Review how to design a program and enter it into the computer.

Discuss the setup for the first record of a job and the records.

Demonstrate the use of the shift, left-zero, and right-zero keys.

Use the same project for program control that the students previously did manually. This will help reinforce the advantages of program control.

Explain the need for verification.

Demonstrate how to start the operation by first entering the program into memory.

Explain and demonstrate how to correct a single character error in a field.

Explain how to erase the error record before starting a new record on the tape.

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Demonstrate how to correct an error.

- Use the projects that the students did for project design as a basis for practice in verifying and storing programs. (Ref. G)

Review how to design a program and enter it into memory.

Discuss the setup for the first record of a job and for the balance of the records.

Demonstrate the use of the shift, left-zero, skip, and release keys.

Use the same project for program control that the students previously did manually. This will help reinforce the points made on the advantages of program control.

Explain the need for verification.

Demonstrate how to start the operation by first reading the record into memory.

Explain and demonstrate how to correct a single error and multiple errors in a field.

Explain how to erase the error record before rewriting the correct record on the tape.

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- C. Application projects
- XI. Keyboard Proficiency
- A. Numeric and alphabetic keyboard drills
- B. Application projects

Have the students verify the project they use program control. Additional practice can come from future data entry projects.

Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memorized rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. Do this at the beginning of the practice sessions. As the student becomes proficient, use timed exercises as a way of increasing speed. (Ref. A, pp. 13-21)

Use an autotutorial system to help students learn keyboard drills. (Ref. Dart's Card Punch Drills)

## KEY-TO-DISK DATA RECORDERS

## OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this unit, the student should be able to:

- Explain the function of key-to-disk recorders
- Record numeric and alphabetic data using numeric and alphabetic field definition, automatic duplication, and left-zero insertion
- Open a keystation in write, read, and verify modes
- Perform a batch append operation
- Verify a batch of data using single character correction and field correction
- Open a batch in verify mode and make a search, delete a record, change data, and insert a record
- Design a record format layout that contains automatic skipping and duplicating, left-zero insertion, and numeric and alphabetic field definition and enter the format through the keystation
- Attain a minimum speed of 6,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in a 100-stroke verify assignment

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Emphasize the importance of accuracy, memorization of the keyboard, rhythm, and correct fingering techniques. Do not set time standards at the beginning of the practice sessions. As the students become proficient, use timed exercises as a way of judging their competency. (Ref. A; pp. 13-21)

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Use an autotutorial system to help students develop rhythm and speed. (Ref. Dart's Card Punch Drills)

UNIT 6

## KEY-TO-DISK DATA RECORDERS

In this unit, the student should be able to:

operation of key-to-disk recorders  
and alphabetic data using numeric and alphabetic field definition, automatic skipping, justification, and left-zero insertion  
operation in write, read, and verify modes  
append operation  
operation of data using single character correction and field correction  
verify mode and make a search, delete a record, change data, and insert a record  
format layout that contains automatic skipping and duplicating, left zero-insertion, alphabetic field definition and enter the format through the keystation  
at a speed of 6,000 strokes per hour with no more than 10 corrections in a 30-minute timed unit

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# Key-to-Disk Data Recorders

## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

- I. Introduction
  - A. Functions
    - 1. Creating new records
    - 2. Modifying existing records
    - 3. Verifying existing records
  - B. Advantages
    - 1. Computer controlled
    - 2. Automatic format control
    - 3. Quiet operation
    - 4. Large capacity
    - 5. Some overlap of operations
    - 6. Simplified handling of media
    - 7. Statistical feedback
- II. Components of the Key-to-Disk System
  - A. Supervisor station
    - 1. Console
    - 2. Printer
    - 3. Tape unit
    - 4. System residence disk
    - 5. Computer
  - B. Keystation
    - 1. Display unit
    - 2. Keyboard
- III. Keystation Concepts
  - A. Operating modes
    - 1. Write
    - 2. Read
    - 3. Verify
  - B. Variable record length
  - C. Automatic format control
    - 1. Keyboard shifting

Discuss briefly the various operations that can be performed by a key-to-disk system. Detailed explanations of the specific topic is taught.

Point out the advantages of a computer controlled system to checking errors, coordinating functions, and

Compare the noise level of the key-to-disk system with that of a keypunch machine.

Show how the total operation is speeded up because the system does not handle any media.

Discuss how to initialize the system at the start of a run.

Show a few sample production reports that can be generated at the supervisor station.

Demonstrate and explain the data flow cycle from the keypunch to tape.

Discuss the various types of keystation that are available on different machines.

Give a short demonstration of each operating mode to give the student an understanding of the capabilities of the system. Detailed explanations should be given when the differences between modes are taught.

Compare the advantages of a variable length record system with the fixed length concept of cards.

Relate the term program to format when describing the automatic format control function.



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## CONTENT

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

2. Automatic functions
- D. Keystation setup
1. Operator number
  2. Batch number
  3. Format number
- IV. Operating Features of Keystation
- A. Display unit
1. Power switch
  2. Screen adjustments
  3. Screen displays
- B. Keyboard
1. Indicators
  2. Mode keys
  3. Functional control keys
  4. Data keys
- V. Data-Entry Operations (write mode)
- A. New batch
1. Opening the keystation
  2. Entering data
    - a. First record of the batch
    - b. Balance of the batch
  3. Closing the batch

Explain the concept of prestoring the format a number to identify each.

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- Auto duplication
- Left-zero insertion

Explain the special features such as auto-bal control after the students have attained keys

## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Automatic functions

Explain the concept of prestoring the formats on disks and assigning a number to identify each.

Operator number  
Batch number  
Format number

Explain the need for using identifying numbers for each operator, batch, and format. Assign a permanent number to each student and have him use this number for his operator, batch, and format number. This method will minimize students' interfering with each other.

Features of Keystation  
Unit  
Power switch  
Screen adjustments  
Screen displays

Explain with the aid of a chalkboard diagram the location of items on a disk and how the computer keeps track of data during processing.

Show how to adjust the video screen for comfortable viewing.

Show the various messages that may appear on the screen. Do not explain in detail about each message at this time.

Indicators  
Function keys  
Functional control keys  
Alpha keys

Explain briefly the operation of the keyboard. Students should be already familiar with many of the functional controls from previous machines. If this is the first machine taught, hold the detailed explanations for the operations that utilize the specific key or keys.

Operations (write mode)  
Entering the keystation  
Entering data

Enter the format for the first few assignments so that the students can concentrate on becoming familiar with the operation of the keystation.

First record of the batch  
Balance of the batch  
Ending the batch

Introduce the various functions of a record format by using a series of projects involving:

- Alphabetic and numeric data
- Skipping
- Auto duplication
- Left-zero insertion

Explain the special features such as auto-balance and check-digit control after the students have attained keystation proficiency.

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- B. Batch append
  - 1. Reopening a batch
  - 2. Adding records
  - 3. Closing the batch

### VI. Functions of the Read Mode

- A. Examine data just written
- B. Examine data being verified
- C. Independent read mode to scan a batch which has been closed

### VII. Automatic Format Control

- A. Functions
  - 1. Record layout
  - 2. Physical characteristics of field
  - 3. Control of automatic operation
- B. Designing a record format
  - 1. Format layout form
  - 2. Field descriptors
- C. Entering a record format through the keystation
  - 1. Making corrections
  - 2. Assigning a format number

### VIII. Verify Mode

- A. Functions

### TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

Point out that the computer keeps track of the each batch entered so that only the batch number for a batch append operation. List the student supervisor's printer so students can check the

List the batch before and after it has been a

Have students change to read mode while entering the write mode and examine the data already on disk. Show students how to backspace to the batch and how to read forward.

Compare the functions of a record format with on a keypunch.

Assign a series of exercises so that the student familiar with all the design functions.

Explain alternate format control at a later time

Show how to correct an error if it is detected

- During the entry of the codes
- After the field has been entered

List each format on the supervisor station for its purpose. Cancel each format so the student numbers for all the exercises.

Have students record a batch of data. Then, demonstrate each of the functions performed

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## TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

1. Checking for accuracy
2. Search operation
  - a. Modify a record
  - b. Delete a record
  - c. Insert a record
  - d. Continue an operation

Discuss the need for the search operation. S  
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- B. Operational procedures
  1. Opening the batch
  2. Verifying the record
    - a. Error detection
    - b. Error correction
      - (1) Single character
      - (2) Entire field
  3. Closing the batch

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## IX. Keystation Operator Proficiency

- A. Numeric keyboard drills
- B. Alphabetic keyboard drills
- C. Application projects
  1. Alternate format control
  2. Special features
    - a. Auto-balance
    - b. Check-digit control

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Demonstrate the use of the reset and backspace-field key when correcting errors.

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Show how to close the keystation in mid-batch. Explain when this procedure would be used. Emphasize the importance of never leaving the batch open when the keystation is unattended.

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## Glossary

**Alining pin:** A pin at the bottom of the program drum for inserting the drum into the socket of the machine.

**Alphabetic field:** A field which contains letters and spaces only.

**Alphameric (Alphanumeric) field:** A field which can contain any combination of valid characters (letters, digits, special characters, spaces).

**Automated data processing:** A process where data are handled with a minimum of human intervention. The process depends on recording original information in such a way that further use can be made of it without later rerecording.

**Automation:** A process in which work is done with a minimum of manual effort, usually including feedback and self-control.

**Card column:** One of the 80 vertical divisions of a card, normally accommodating one letter, digit, or special character.

**Card hopper:** The part of a card processing machine into which cards to be processed are placed.

**Card stacker:** The part of a card processing machine into which cards enter after they are processed.

**Code:** A short representation of a numerical information or instruction.

**Coding:** Assigning of letters, digits to identify or classify data.

**Column indicator:** A device which indicates the next column to be punched.

**Common language:** Code language or machine language which machines can "interpret."

**Corner cut:** A diagonal cut at one corner of a punched card. A deck of cards uses this corner cut to ensure that the cards are all the same size.

**Data processing:** The basic functions of recording, classifying, sorting, and transmitting information.

**Duplication:** The automatic punching of one card into the next, normally by a card punch.

**Field:** One or more columns reserved for the recording of data of a specific type.

**File:** A collection of related records in a unit. When processing a deck of cards related to the



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a unit. When processing punched cards, a  
deck of cards related to the same job is a file.

**Flowchart:** A graphical representation of a sequence of operations, using a set of conventional symbols.

**Grouping:** The classifying or bringing together of related records by a sorting machine.

**Hardware:** The mechanical, magnetic, electric, and electronic devices used for processing data.

**Input:** Information which enters a machine for the purpose of being processed or to aid in processing.

**Interpreting:** Printing on a card data that have been punched into it.

**Machine code:** A code that a machine can "interpret."

**Magnetic disk:** An input/output device and storage media. The circular disk is coated with a substance that is capable of being magnetized. Data are recorded as magnetic spots on tracks on the disk.

**Magnetic tape:** An input/output device and storage media. A mylar strip of tape is coated on one side with a substance that can be magnetized. The data are recorded as magnetic spots along the length of tape.

**Merging:** Interfiling in sequence two sets of cards.

**9-edge:** The bottom edge of the card parallel with the "nine" punching positions.

**Output:** The results produced by a data processing system, usually in the form of magnetic tape, magnetic disk, punched cards, or documents.

**Program card:** A card which instructs a machine to perform certain operations.

**Program drum:** A cylindrical drum on which a program card is fastened.

**Program unit:** The complete mechanism which holds the program cards.

**Punching position:** One of the 12 columns into which a hole may be punched.

**Punching station:** The place on a card where holes are punched into the card.

**Reading station:** The place on a card where the holes punched into the card are read.

**Record:** A collection of related punched cards, a magnetic disk, or a magnetic tape.

**Recording media:** Punched cards, magnetic disk or other media on which data are recorded to be used as input to a processing system.

**Record format:** A layout that shows the logical and physical characteristics of a record.

**Reproducing:** Punching data automatically from one set of cards into another set.

**Selecting:** The process of extracting from a set of cards only those that contain the desired data.

**Sequencing:** The process of arranging data in alphabetic or numeric order.

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**Selecting:** The process of extracting from a stack of cards only those that contain certain desired data.

**Sequencing:** The process of arranging cards in either alphabetic or numeric order.

Software: Aids supplied by manufacturers to assist the user in efficient operation of electronic computer equipment.

Sorter: A machine that arranges or classifies punched cards according to a definite plan.

Source document: The original paper on which are recorded the details of a transaction.

Summary punching: The automatic process of punching one card containing data summarized from a group of cards.

Tabulating machine: A machine used for the printing of data recorded on punched cards. It is also called an accounting machine.

12-edge: The top edge of a punch

Verification: The process of checking of data which is recorded.

Verifier: A machine which is used to check the accuracy of recorded data.

Unit record: A record in which all items are punched on one card.

Zone punch: One of the top three bits in a card column (12, 11 or 10)

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