

# GnuCOBOL Manual

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GnuCOBOL (formerly OpenCOBOL) is a free COBOL compiler and runtime. `cobc` translates COBOL source to executable using intermediate C together with a designated C compiler and linker. `cobcrun` is a module loader to run generated modules, `libcob` provides the necessary runtime.

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# 1 Getting started

## 1.1 Hello, world!

This is a sample program that displays “Hello, world!”:

```
----- hello.cob -----
      * Sample COBOL program
      IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
      PROGRAM-ID. hello.
      PROCEDURE DIVISION.
      DISPLAY "Hello, world!".
      STOP RUN.
-----
```

The compiler, `cobc`, is executed as follows:

```
$ cobc -x hello.cob
$ ./hello
Hello, world!
```

The executable file name (`hello` in this case) is determined by removing the extension from the source file name.

You can specify the executable file name by specifying the compiler option `-o` as follows:

```
$ cobc -x -o hello-world hello.cob
$ ./hello-world
Hello, world!
```

The program can be written in a more modern style, with free format code, inline comments, the `GOBACK` verb and an optional `END-DISPLAY` terminator:

```
----- hellonew.cob -----
*> Sample GnuCOBOL program
identification division.
program-id. hellonew.
procedure division.
display
    "Hello, new world!"
end-display
goback.
-----
```

To compile free-format code, you must use the compiler option `-free`.

```
$ cobc -x -free hellonew.cob
$ ./hellonew
Hello, new world!
```

## 2 Compile

This chapter describes how to compile COBOL programs using GnuCOBOL.

### 2.1 Compiler options

The compiler `cobc` accepts the options described in this section. The compiler arguments follow the general syntax `cobc options file [file ...]`. A complete list of options can be displayed by using the option `--help`.

#### 2.1.1 Help options

The following switches display information about the compiler:

- `--help, -h`  
Display help screen (see Appendix A [Appendix A], page 30). No further actions will be taken.
- `--version`  
Display compiler version, author package date and executable build date. `-V` will also display version. No further actions will be taken.
- `--info`  
Display build information along with the default and current compiler configurations. No further actions will be taken except for further display options.
- `-v`  
Verbosely display the programs invoked during compilation.
- `--list-reserved`  
Display reserved words (see Appendix B [Appendix B], page 39). A Yes/No output shows if the word is supported<sup>1</sup>, context sensitive and its aliases. The given options for reserved words specified for example by option `-std=dialect` will be taken into account. No further actions will be taken except for further display options.
- `--list-intrinsics`  
Display intrinsic functions (see Appendix C [Appendix C], page 58). A Y/N field shows if the function is implemented. No further actions will be taken except for further display options.
- `--list-system`  
Display system routines (see Appendix D [Appendix D], page 61). No further actions will be taken except for further display options.
- `--list-mnemonics`  
Display mnemonic names (see Appendix E [Appendix E], page 63). No further actions will be taken except for further display options.

#### 2.1.2 Build target

The compiler `cobc` treats files like `*.cob`, `*.cbl` as COBOL source code, `*.c` as C source code, `*.o` as object code, `*.i` as preprocessed code and `*.so` as dynamic modules and knows how to handle such files in the generation, compilation, and linking steps.

The special input name `-` takes input from `stdin` which is assumed to be COBOL source, and uses a default output name of `a.out` (or `a.so/c/o/i`, selected as appropriate) for the build type.

By default, the compiler builds a dynamically loadable module.

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<sup>1</sup> Support may be partial or complete.

The following options specify the target type produced by the compiler:

- E        Preprocess only: compiler directives are executed, comment lines are removed and COPY statements are expanded. The output is saved in file \*.i.
- C        Translation only. COBOL source files are translated into C files. The output is saved in file \*.c.
- S        Compile only. Translated C files are compiled by the C compiler to assembler code. The output is saved in file \*.s.
- c        Compile and assemble. This is equivalent to cc -c. The output is saved in file \*.o.
- m        Compile, assemble, and build a dynamically loadable module (i.e., a shared library). The output is saved in file \*.so.<sup>2</sup> This is the default behaviour.
- b        Compile, assemble, and combine all input files into a single dynamically loadable module. Unless -o is also used, the output is saved using the first filename as \*.so.
- x        Include the main function in the output, creating an executable image. The main entry point being the first program in the file.  
This option takes effect at the translation stage. If you give this option with -C, you will see the main function at the end of the generated C file.
- j, -job, -j=args, -job=args  
Run job after compilation. Either from executable with -x, or with cobcrun when compiling a module. Optional arguments args, if given, are passed to the program or module command line.
- I *directory*  
Add *directory* to copy/include search path.
- L *directory*  
Add *directory* to library search path.
- l *lib*    Link the library *lib*.
- D *define* Pass *define* to the COBOL compiler.
- o *file*    Place the output into *file*.

### 2.1.3 Source format

GnuCOBOL supports both fixed and free source format. The default format is the fixed format. This can be overridden either by the >>SOURCE [FORMAT] [IS] {FIXED|FREE} directive, or by one of the following options:

- free, -F    Free format. The program-text area starts in column 1 and continues till the end of line (effectively 255 characters in GnuCOBOL).
- fixed       Fixed format. Source code is divided into: columns 1-6, the sequence number area; column 7, the indicator area; columns 8-72, the program-text area; and columns 72-80 as the reference area.<sup>3</sup>

### 2.1.4 Warning options

- W        Enable every possible warning. This includes more information than -Wall would normally provide.

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<sup>2</sup> The extension varies depending on your host.

<sup>3</sup> Historically, fixed format was based on 80-character punch cards.



- `-Wall`      Enable all common warnings.
- `-Wwarning`  
            Enable single warning *warning*.
- `-Wno-warning`  
            Disable single warning *warning*.
- `-Warchaic`  
            Warn if archaic features are used, such as continuation lines or the `NEXT SENTENCE` statement.
- `-Wcall-params`  
            Warn if non-01/77-level items are used as arguments in a `CALL` statement. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.
- `-Wcolumn-overflow`  
            Warn if text after column 72 in `FIXED` format. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.
- `-Wconstant`  
            Warn inconsistent constant
- `-Wimplicit-define`  
            Warn if implicitly defined data items are used.
- `-Wlinkage`  
            Warn dangling `LINKAGE` items. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.
- `-Wobsolete`  
            Warn if obsolete features are used.
- `-Wparentheses`  
            Warn about any lack of parentheses around `AND` within `OR`.
- `-Wredefinition`  
            Warn about incompatible redefinitions of data items.
- `-Wstrict-typing`  
            Warn about type mismatch strictly.
- `-Wterminator`  
            Warn about the lack of scope terminator `END-XXX`. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.
- `-Wtruncate`  
            Warn on possible field truncation. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.
- `-Wunreachable`  
            Warn if statements are unreachable. This is *not* set with `-Wall`.

### 2.1.5 Configuration options

- `-std=diagnostic`  
            Compiler uses the given *dialect* to determine certain compiler features and warnings. See Appendix F [Compiler Configuration], page 64, and `config/*.conf`.  
            Note: The GnuCOBOL compiler tries to limit both the feature-set and reserved words to the specified compiler when the "strict" dialects are used. COBOL sources compiled with these dialects are therefore likely to compile with the specified compiler and vice versa: sources that were compiled on the specified compiler should compile without any issues with GnuCOBOL.  
            With the "non-strict" dialects GnuCOBOL will activate the complete feature-set where it doesn't directly conflict with the specified dialect, including reserved words.

COBOL sources compiled with these dialects therefore may work only with GnuCOBOL. COBOL sources may need a change because of reserved words in GnuCOBOL, otherwise offending words *word-1* and *word-2* may be removed by `-fno-reserved=word-1,word-1`.

COBOL-85, X/Open COBOL, COBOL 2002 and COBOL 2014 are always "strict".

`-std=default`

GnuCOBOL dialect, supporting many of the COBOL 2002 and COBOL 2014 features, many extensions found in other dialects and its own feature-set

`-std=cobol85`

COBOL-85 without any extensions other than the amendment Intrinsic Function Module (1989), source compiled with this dialect is likely to compile with most COBOL compilers

`-std=xopen`

X/Open COBOL (based on COBOL-85) without any vendor extensions, source compiled with this dialect is likely to compile with most COBOL compilers; will warn items that "should not be used in a conforming X/Open COBOL source program"

`-std=cobol2002, -std=cobol2014`

COBOL 2002 / COBOL 2014 without any vendor extensions, use `-Warchaic` and `-Wobsolete` if archaic/obsolete features should be flagged

`-std=ibm-strict, -std=ibm`

IBM compatible

`-std=mvs-strict, -std=mvs`

MVS compatible

`-std=mf-strict, -std=mf`

Micro Focus compatible

`-std=bs2000-strict, -std=bs2000`

BS2000 compatible

`-std=acu-strict, -std=acu`

ACUCOBOL-GT compatible

`-std=rm-strict, -std=rm`

RM/COBOL compatible

`-conf=<file>`

User-defined dialect configuration. See `-std=dialect` above.

You can override each single configuration entry by using compiler configuration options on the command line.

Examples:

`-frelax-syntax-checks`

`-frenames-uncommon-levels=warning`

`-fnot-reserved=CHAIN,SCREEN`

`-ftab-width=4`

See Appendix A [Compiler `cobc` options], page 30.

### 2.1.6 Listing options

**-t=file**   Generate and place the standard print listing into *file*.

**-T=file** Generate and place a wide print listing into *\*file*.

```
--tlines=lines
```

Specify lines per page in print listing, default = 55. Set to zero for no additional page breaks.

-ftsymbols

Generate symbol table in listing.

`-fno-theader`

Suppress all headers from listing while keeping page breaks.

`-fno-tmessages`

Suppress warning and error summary from listing.

-fno-tssource

Suppress actual source from listing (for example to only produce the cross-reference).

`-P, -Pdirectory, -P=file`

Generate and place a preprocessed listing (old format) into *filename.lst*, *directory/filename.lst*, *file*.

-Xref

-X Generate cross reference in the listing.

Here is an example program listing with the options `-t -ftsymbols`:

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LINE	PG/LN	A...B.....
------	-------	------------

```

000001      IDENTIFICATION      DIVISION.
000002      PROGRAM-ID.          prog.
000003      ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
000004      CONFIGURATION SECTION.
000005      DATA                  DIVISION.
000006      WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
000007      COPY 'values.cpy'.
000001C      78 I      VALUE 20.
000002C      78 J      VALUE 5000.
000003C      78 M      VALUE 5.
000008      01 SETUP-REC.
000009           05 FL1          PIC X(04).
000010           05 FL2          PIC ZZZZZ.
000011           05 FL3          PIC 9(04).
000012           05 FL4          PIC 9(08) COMP.
000013           05 FL5          PIC 9(04) COMP-4.
000014           05 FL6          PIC Z,ZZZ.99.
000015           05 FL7          PIC S9(05) SIGN LEADING SEPARATE.
000016           05 FL8          PIC X(04).
000017           05 FL9 REDEFINES FL8 PIC 9(04).
000018           05 FLA.
000019           10 FLB OCCURS I TIMES.
000020           15 FLC PIC X(02).

```

```

000021          10  FLD  PIC X(20).
000022          05  FLD1  PIC X(100).
000023          05  FLD2 OCCURS M TO J TIMES DEPENDING ON FL5.
000024          10  FILLER PIC X(01).
000025          05  FLD3  PIC X(3).
000026          05  FLD4  PIC X(4).
000027  PROCEDURE      DIVISION.
000028          STOP RUN.

```

The first part of the listing lists the program text. If the program text is a COPY the line number reflects the COPY line number and is appended with a 'C'.

When the wide list option -T is specified, the SEQUENCE columns (for fixed-form reference-format) are included in the listing.

The second part of the listing file is the listing of the Symbol Table:

```
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```

SIZE	TYPE	LVL	NAME	PICTURE
5204	GROUP	01	SETUP-REC	
0004	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL1	X(04)
0005	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL2	ZZZZZ
0004	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL3	9(04)
0004	NUMERIC	05	FL4	9(08) COMP
0002	NUMERIC	05	FL5	9(04) COMP
0008	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL6	Z,ZZZ.99
0006	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL7	S9(05)
0004	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FL8	X(04)
0004	ALPHANUMERIC-R	05	FL9	9(04)
0060	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FLA	
0040	ALPHANUMERIC	10	FLB	OCCURS 20
0002	ALPHANUMERIC	15	FLC	X(02)
0020	ALPHANUMERIC	10	FLD	X(20)
0100	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FLD1	X(100)
5000	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FLD2	OCCURS 5 TO 5000
0001	ALPHANUMERIC	10	FILLER	X(01)
0003	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FLD3	X(3)
0004	ALPHANUMERIC	05	FLD4	X(4)

If the symbol redefines another variable the TYPE is marked with 'R'. If the symbol is an array the OCCURS phrase is in the PICTURE field.

The last part of the listing file is the summary of warnings and an error in the compilation group:

```

0 warnings in compilation group
2 errors in compilation group

```

## 2.1.7 Debug switches

- debug, -d      Enable all run-time error checks.
- g              Produce C debugging information in the output.
- ftrace        Generate trace code (log executed procedures, if tracing is enabled).
- ftraceall     Generate trace code (log executed procedures and statements, if tracing is enabled).

- `-fsource-location`  
Generate source location code (implied by `-debug` or `-g`).
- `-fstack-check`  
Enable PERFORM stack checking (implied by `-debug` or `-g`).
- `-fdebugging-line`  
Enable debugging lines (D in indicator column; >>D directive).
- `-O`  
Enable optimization of code size and execution speed. See your C compiler documentation, for example `man gcc` for details.
- `-O2`  
Optimize even more.
- `-Os`  
Optimize for size. Optimizer will favour code size over execution speed.
- `-fnotrunc`  
Do not truncate binary fields according to PICTURE.

### 2.1.8 Miscellaneous

- `-ext <extension>`  
Add default file extension.
- `-fsyntax-only`  
Check syntax only; don't emit any output.
- `-fmfcomment`  
Treat lines with \* or / in column 1 as comment (fixed-form reference-format only).
- `-acucomment`  
Treat | as an inline comment marker.
- `-fsign=ASCII`  
Numeric display sign ASCII (default on ASCII machines).
- `-fsign=EBCDIC`  
Numeric display sign EBCDIC (default on EBCDIC machines).
- `-fintrinsics=[ALL|intrinsic function name(,name,...)]`  
Allow use of all or specific intrinsic functions without FUNCTION keyword.  
Note: defining this within your source with CONFIGURATION SECTION. REPOSITORY. is preferred.
- `-ffold-copy=LOWER`  
Fold COPY subject to lower case (default no transformation).
- `-ffold-copy=UPPER`  
Fold COPY subject to upper case (default no transformation).
- `-save-temps(=<dir>)`  
Save intermediate files (by default, in current directory).
- `-fimplicit-init`  
Do automatic initialization of the COBOL runtime system.

## 2.2 Multiple sources

This section describes how to compile a program from multiple source files.

This section also describes how to build a shared library that can be used by any COBOL program and how to use external libraries in COBOL programs.

### 2.2.1 Static linking

The easiest way of combining multiple files is to compile them into a single executable.

One way is to compile all the files in one command:

```
$ cobc -x -o prog main.cob subr1.cob subr2.cob
```

Another way is to compile each file with the option `-c`, and link them at the end. The top-level program must be compiled with the option `-x`.

```
$ cobc -c subr1.cob
$ cobc -c subr2.cob
$ cobc -c -x main.cob
$ cobc -x -o prog main.o subr1.o subr2.o
```

You can link C routines as well using either method:

```
$ cobc -o prog main.cob subrs.c
```

or

```
$ cobc -c subrs.c
$ cobc -c -x main.cob
$ cobc -x -o prog main.o subrs.o
```

Any number of functions can be contained in a single C file.

The linked programs will be called dynamically; that is, the symbol will be resolved at run time. For example, the following COBOL statement

```
CALL "subr" USING X.
```

will be converted into equivalent C code like this:

```
int (*func)() = cob_resolve("subr");
if (func != NULL)
    func (X);
```

With the compiler option `-fstatic-call`, more efficient code will be generated:

```
subr(X);
```

Please notice that this option only takes effect when the called program name is in a literal (like `CALL "subr"`). With a data name (like `CALL SUBR`), the program is still called dynamically.

### 2.2.2 Dynamic linking

There are two methods to achieve this: a driver program, or compiling the main program and subprograms separately.

#### 2.2.2.1 Driver program

Compile all programs with the option `-m`:

```
$ cobc -m main.cob subr.cob
```

This creates the shared object files `main.so` and `subr.so`.<sup>4</sup>

Before running the main program, install the module files in your library directory:

```
$ cp subr.so /your/cobol/lib
```

Set the runtime variable `COB_LIBRARY_PATH` to your library directory, and run the main program:

```
$ export COB_LIBRARY_PATH=/your/cobol/lib
```

(*Please notice:* You may set the variable via a runtime configuration file, see Appendix H [Runtime Configuration], page 71. You may also set the variable to directly point to the directory where you compiled the sources.)

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<sup>4</sup> The extension used depends on your operating system.

Now execute your program:

```
$ cobcrun main
```

### 2.2.2.2 Compiling programs separately

The main program is compiled as usual:

```
$ cobc -x -o main main.cob
```

Subprograms are compiled with the option `-m`:

```
$ cobc -m subr.cob
```

This creates a module file `subr.so`<sup>5</sup>.

Before running the main program, install the module files in your library directory:

```
$ cp subr.so /your/cobol/lib
```

Now, set the environment variable `COB_LIBRARY_PATH` to your library directory, and run the main program:

```
$ export COB_LIBRARY_PATH=/your/cobol/lib
$ ./main
```

### 2.2.3 Building library

You can build a shared library by combining multiple COBOL programs and even C routines:

```
$ cobc -c subr1.cob
$ cobc -c subr2.cob
$ cc -c subr3.c
$ cc -shared -o libsubrs.so subr1.o subr2.o subr3.o
```

### 2.2.4 Using library

You can use a shared library by linking it with your main program.

Before linking the library, install it in your system library directory:

```
$ cp libsubrs.so /usr/lib
```

or install it somewhere else and set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`:

```
$ cp libsubrs.so /your/cobol/lib
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/your/cobol/lib
```

Then, compile the main program, linking the library as follows:

```
$ cobc -x main.cob -L/your/cobol/lib -lsubrs
```

## 2.3 C interface

This chapter describes how to combine C programs with COBOL programs.

### 2.3.1 Writing Main Program in C

Include `libcob.h` in your C program and call `cob_init` before using any COBOL module. Do a cleanup afterwards, either by calling `cob_stop_run` (if your program should terminate) or by calling `cob_tidy` (if your program should execute further on without any more COBOL calls, calling both functions in this sequence can be done multiple times).

```
#include <libcob.h>

int
main (int argc, char **argv)
```

---

<sup>5</sup> The extension used depends on your operating system.

```

{
    /* initialize your program */
    ...

    /* initialize the COBOL run-time library */
    cob_init (argc, argv);

    /* rest of your program */
    ...

    /* Clean up and terminate - This does not return */
    cob_stop_run (return_status);
}

```

You can write `cobc_init(0, NULL)`; if you do not want to pass command line arguments to COBOL.

You can compile your C program as follows:

```
cc -c `cob-config --cflags` main.c
```

The compiled object must be linked with `libcob` as follows:

```
cc -o main main.o `cob-config --libs`
```

### 2.3.2 Static linking with COBOL programs

Let's call the following COBOL module from a C program:

```

----- say.cob -----
    IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
    PROGRAM-ID. say.
    ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
    DATA DIVISION.
    LINKAGE SECTION.
    01 hello PIC X(7).
    01 world PIC X(6).
    PROCEDURE DIVISION USING hello world.
        DISPLAY hello world.
        EXIT PROGRAM.
-----

```

This program accepts two arguments, displays them, and exits.

From the viewpoint of C, this is equivalent to a function having the following prototype:

```
extern int say(char *hello, char *world);
```

So, your main program will look like as follows:

```

----- hello.c -----
#include <libcob.h>

extern int say(char *hello, char *world);

int
main()
{
    int ret;
    char hello[8] = "Hello, ";
    char world[7] = "world!";

```



```

/* initialize the COBOL run-time library */
cob_init(0, NULL);

/* call the static module and store its return code */
ret = say(hello, world);

/* shutdown the COBOL run-time library, keep program running */
(void)cob_tidy();

return ret;
}
-----

```

Compile these programs as follows:

```

$ cc -c 'cob-config --cflags' hello.c
$ cobc -c -static say.cob
$ cobc -x -o hello hello.o say.o
$ ./hello
Hello, world!

```

### 2.3.3 Dynamic linking with COBOL programs

You can find a COBOL module having a specific name by using the C function `cob_resolve`, which takes the module name as a string and returns a pointer to the module function.

`cob_resolve` returns `NULL` if there is no module. In this case, the function `cob_resolve_error` returns the error message.

Let's see an example:

```

---- hello-dynamic.c -----
#include <libcob.h>

static int (*say)(char *hello, char *world);

int main()
{
    int ret;
    char hello[8] = "Hello, ";
    char world[7] = "world!";

    /* initialize the COBOL run-time library */
    cob_init(0, NULL);

    /* Find the module with PROGRAM-ID "say". */
    say = cob_resolve("say");

    /* If there is no such module, show error and exit. */
    if(say == NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "%s\n", cob_resolve_error());
        exit(1);
    }

    /* Call the module found ... */
    ret = say(hello, world);
}

```

```

    /* ...and exit with the return code. */
    cob_stop_run(ret);
}
-----

```

Compile these programs as follows:

```

$ cc -c 'cob-config --cflags' hello-dynamic.c
$ cobc -x -o hello hello-dynamic.o
$ cobc -m say.cob
$ export COB_LIBRARY_PATH=.
$ ./hello
Hello, world!

```

### 2.3.4 Static linking with C programs

Let's call the following C function from COBOL:

```

---- say.c -----
int say(char *hello, char *world)
{
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < 7; i++)
        putchar(hello[i]);
    for(i = 0; i < 6; i++)
        putchar(world[i]);
    putchar('\n');
    return 0;
}
-----

```

This program is equivalent to the program in `say.cob` above.

Note that, unlike C, the arguments passed from COBOL programs are not terminated by the null character (i.e., `'\0'`).

You can call this function in the same way you call COBOL programs:

```

---- hello.cob -----
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. hello.
ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
DATA DIVISION.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 hello PIC X(7) VALUE "Hello, ".
01 world PIC X(6) VALUE "world!".
PROCEDURE DIVISION.
CALL "say" USING hello world.
STOP RUN.
-----

```

Compile these programs as follows:

```

$ cc -c say.c
$ cobc -c -static -x hello.cob
$ cobc -x -o hello hello.o say.o
$ ./hello
Hello, world!

```

### 2.3.5 Dynamic linking with C programs

You can create a dynamically-linked module from a C program by passing an option `-shared` to the C compiler:

```
$ cc -shared -o say.so say.c
$ cobc -x hello.cob
$ export COB_LIBRARY_PATH=.
$ ./hello
Hello, world!
```

### 2.3.6 Redirecting output to a (FILE \*)

From a module written in C you can call `cob_set_runtime_option` to set the exact (FILE \*) which is used to write trace data to. In `common.h` is the following:

```
enum cob_runtime_option_switch {
    COB_SET_RUNTIME_TRACE_FILE           /* 'p' is FILE * */
    COB_SET_RUNTIME_DISPLAY_PRINTER_FILE /* 'p' is FILE * */
    COB_SET_RUNTIME_RESCAN_ENV           /* rescan environment variables */
    COB_SET_RUNTIME_DISPLAY_PUNCH_FILE   /* 'p' is FILE * */
};
COB_EXPIMP void cob_set_runtime_option (enum cob_runtime_option_switch opt, void *)
```

So from you C code you can tell the GnuCOBOL runtime to redirect TRACE output by:

```
cob_set_runtime_option (COB_SET_RUNTIME_TRACE_FILE, (void*)((FILE*)myfd));
```

You could also redirect all DISPLAY UPON PRINTER output to a file by:

```
cob_set_runtime_option (COB_SET_RUNTIME_DISPLAY_PRINTER_FILE, (void*)((FILE*)myfd));
```

You could also redirect all DISPLAY UPON SYSPUNCH output to a file by:

```
cob_set_runtime_option (COB_SET_RUNTIME_DISPLAY_PUNCH_FILE, (void*)((FILE*)myfd));
```

Another routine can be used to return the current value of the option.

```
COB_EXPIMP void *cob_get_runtime_option (enum cob_runtime_option_switch opt);
```

## 3 Customize

### 3.1 Customizing compiler

These settings are effective at compile-time.

Environment variables (default value in brackets):

**COB\_CC** C compiler ("gcc")

**COB\_CFLAGS**  
Flags passed to the C compiler ("-I\$(PREFIX)/include")

**COB\_LDFLAGS**  
Flags passed to the C compiler ("")

**COB\_LIBS** Standard libraries linked with the program ("-L\$(PREFIX)/lib -lcob")

**COB\_LDADD**  
Additional libraries linked with the program ("")

### 3.2 Customizing library

These settings are effective at run-time. You can set them either via the environment or by a runtime configuration file.

To set the global runtime configuration file export **COB\_RUNTIME\_CONFIG** to point to your configuration file. To set an explicit runtime configuration file for a single run via **cobcrun** you can use its option **-c file**, **--config=file**.

For displaying the current runtime settings you can use the option **-r**, **--runtime-env** of **cobcrun**.

For a complete list of runtime variables, aliases, their default values and options to set them see Appendix H [Runtime Configuration], page 71.

## 4 Optimize

### 4.1 Optimize options

There are five compiler options for optimization: `-O0`, `-O`, `-Os`, `-O2`, `-O3`. These options enable optimization at both translation (from COBOL to C) and compilation (C to assembly) levels.

Currently, there is no difference between these optimization options at the translation level.

The option `-O`, `-Os` or `-O2` is passed to the C compiler as is and used for C level optimization.

### 4.2 Optimize call

When a `CALL` statement is executed, the called program is linked at run time. By specifying the compiler option `-fstatic-call`, you can statically link the program at compile time and call it efficiently. (see Section 2.2.1 [Static linking], page 9)

### 4.3 Optimize binary

By default, data items of usage `binary` or `comp` are stored in big-endian form. On those machines whose native byte order is little-endian, this is not quite efficient.

If you prefer, you can store binary items in the native form of your machine. Set the config option `binary-byteorder` to `native` in your config file (see Chapter 3 [Customize], page 15).

In addition, setting the option `binary-size` to `2-4-8` or `1-2-4-8` is more efficient than others.

## 5 Debug

### 5.1 Debug options

The compiler option `-debug` can be used during the development of your programs. It enables all run-time error checking, such as subscript boundary checks and numeric data checks, and displays run-time errors with source locations.

## 6 Non-standard extensions

### 6.1 SELECT ASSIGN TO

A file may be assigned to a literal file, a file in a variable, or a file in an environment variable.

#### 6.1.1 Literal file.

Assign to a literal file.

Select *file* assign to `"/tmp/myfile.txt"`.

#### 6.1.2 <variable>

Assign to a file which name is read from a variable.

Select *file* assign to `my-file`.

```
01 my-file          pic x(512).
```

Move `"/tmp/myfile.txt"` to `my-file`.

Open output `<file>`.

#### 6.1.3 <environment variable>

Assign to a file in an environment variable.

```
export myfile=/tmp/myfile.txt
```

Select *file* assign to external `myfile`.

### 6.2 Indexed file packages

<This section is in progress.>

### 6.3 Extended ACCEPT statement

Extended ACCEPT statements allow for full control of items accepted from the screen. Items accept by line and column positioning.

All commands following WITH are optional.

```
ACCEPT variable-1
```

```
  LINE variable-2 | literal-1 COLUMN variable-3 | literal-2
```

```
  WITH
```

```
    AUTO-SKIP | AUTO
```

```
    BACKGROUND-COLOR variable-4 | literal-3
```

```
    BELL | BEEP
```

```
    BLINK
```

```
    FOREGROUND-COLOR variable-5 | literal-4
```

```
    LOWLIGHT | HIGHLIGHT
```

```
    PROMPT
```

```
    PROTECTED
```

```
    SIZE [IS] variable-6 | literal-5
```

```
    UPDATE
```

```
  ON EXCEPTION
```

```
    exception processing
```

```

    NOT ON EXCEPTION
      normal processing
END-ACCEPT.

```

### 6.3.1 LINE

The line number of *variable-2* or *literal-1* to accept the field.

### 6.3.2 COLUMN

The column number of *variable-3* or *literal-2* to accept the field.

### 6.3.3 AUTO-SKIP

The word `AUTO` may be used for `AUTO-SKIP`.

With this option the `ACCEPT` statement returns after the last character is typed at the end of the field. This is the same as if the Enter key were pressed.

Without this option the cursor remains at the end of the field and waits for the user to press Enter.

The Right-Arrow key returns from the end of the field. The Left-Arrow key returns from the beginning. See Section 6.4 [ACCEPT special], page 20.

The Alt-Right-Arrow and Alt-Left-Arrow keys never `AUTO-SKIP`.

### 6.3.4 BACKGROUND-COLOR

The background color is the color used behind the characters.

*Variable-4* or *literal-3* must be numeric. See file `screenio.cpy` for the color assignments to *variable-4* or *literal-3*.

### 6.3.5 BELL

The word `BEEP` may be used for `BELL`.

The system beeps when the cursor moves to accept from this field. On some systems, there is no sound. Some other method may indicate a beep, such a flashing screen or pop up window.

### 6.3.6 BLINK

The field blinks while the user enters the data. This can help small menu selection fields to stand out.

### 6.3.7 FOREGROUND-COLOR

The foreground color is the color used for the characters.

*Variable-5* or *literal-4* must be numeric. See file `screenio.cpy` for the color assignments to *variable-5* or *literal-4*.

### 6.3.8 LOWLIGHT

The `LOWLIGHT` and `HIGHLIGHT` phrases vary the intensity of the field.

`LOWLIGHT` displays with lower intensity and `HIGHLIGHT` displays with higher intensity. Having neither `LOWLIGHT` nor `HIGHLIGHT` displays at normal intensity.

These may have different levels of intensity, if at all, depending on the make and model of the screens.

### 6.3.9 PROMPT

Display the field with prompt characters as the cursor moves to accept from this field.



### 6.3.10 PROTECTED

PROTECTED is ignored.

### 6.3.11 SIZE

The size of *variable-1* to accept from the screen.

*Variable-6* or *literal-5* must be numeric.

SIZE <greater than zero>

If *variable-6* or *literal-5* is less than the length of *variable-1* then only the SIZE number of characters accept into the field. *Variable-1* pads with spaces after SIZE to the end of the field.

If *variable-6* or *literal-5* is greater than *variable-1*, then the screen pads with spaces after *variable-1* to the SIZE length.

SIZE ZERO

<SIZE option not specified>

The *variable-1* accepts to its field length.

### 6.3.12 UPDATE

The contents of *variable-1* displays on the screen as the ACCEPT begins. This allows the user to update the field without having to type it all again.

Without this option, the ACCEPT field is always blank.

### 6.3.13 ON EXCEPTION

Check the special register `cob-crt-status` for the special key that was pressed. This includes Escape, Tab, Back-Tab, F-keys, arrows, etc... See `screenio.cpy` for the values.

### 6.3.14 NOT ON EXCEPTION

Reset any F-key indicator because no special key was pressed.

## 6.4 ACCEPT special keys

Special keys are available for extended ACCEPT statements.

The COB-CRT-STATUS values are in the `screenio.cpy` copy file.

### 6.4.1 Arrow keys

The Left-Arrow key moves the cursor to the left. Without AUTO-SKIP the cursor stops at the beginning of the field. With AUTO-SKIP it returns with the COB-SCR-KEY-LEFT value of 2009. See Section 6.3 [Extended ACCEPT], page 18.

The Alt-Left-Arrow key is the same as Left-Arrow except that it never returns, even for AUTO-SKIP.

The Right-Arrow key moves the cursor to the right. Without AUTO-SKIP the cursor stops at the end of the field. With AUTO-SKIP it returns with the COB-SCR-KEY-RIGHT value of 2010. See Section 6.3 [Extended ACCEPT], page 18.

The Alt-Right-Arrow key is the same as Right-Arrow except that it never returns, even for AUTO-SKIP.

### 6.4.2 Backspace key

The Backspace key moves the cursor, and the remainder of the text, to the left.

### 6.4.3 Delete keys

The Delete key deletes the cursor's character and moves the remainder of the text to the left. The cursor does not move.

The Alt-Delete key deletes all text from the cursor to the end of the field.

### 6.4.4 End key

The End key moves the cursor after the last non-space character. Pressing the End key again moves the cursor to the end of the field. Repeated pressing moves the cursor back and forth.

### 6.4.5 Home key

The Home key moves the cursor to the first non-space character. Pressing the Home key again moves the cursor to the beginning of the field. Repeated pressing moves the cursor back and forth.

### 6.4.6 Insert key

The Insert key changes the insert mode.

The value of the insert mode is used in all following `ACCEPT` statements while the program is running.

When the insert mode is on, typed characters move the existing characters to the right until field is full. When it is off, typed characters type over existing characters.

Note: The insert mode is ignored for fields with a size of 1.

The insert mode can also be changed by the `COB_INSERT_MODE` setting at any time, see Appendix H [Runtime Configuration], page 71.

### 6.4.7 Tab keys

The Tab key returns from the `ACCEPT` with the `COB-SCR-TAB` value of 2007.

The Shift-Tab key returns with the `COB-SCR-BACK-TAB` value of 2008.

## 6.5 Extended `DISPLAY` statement

Extended `DISPLAY` statements allow for full control of items that display on the screen. Items display by line and column positioning.

```
DISPLAY variable-1 | literal-1 | figurative constant
  LINE line COLUMN column
  WITH BELL
    BLANK LINE | SCREEN
    ERASE EOL | EOS
    SIZE [IS] variable-2 | literal-2
END-DISPLAY.
```

### 6.5.1 BELL

Ring the bell. It is optional.

### 6.5.2 BLANK

Clear the whole line or screen. It is optional.

`BLANK LINE`

Clear the line from the beginning of the line to the end of the line.

**BLANK SCREEN**

Clear the whole screen.

**6.5.3 ERASE**

Clear the line or screen from LINE and COLUMN. It is optional.

**ERASE EOL**

Clear the line from LINE and COLUMN to the end of the line.

**ERASE EOS**

Clear the screen from LINE and COLUMN to the end of the screen.

**6.5.4 SIZE**

The size of *variable-1*, *literal-1*, or *figurative-constant* to display onto the screen. It is optional.

**SIZE *positive-integer***

If SIZE is less than the length of *variable-1* or *literal-1* then only the SIZE number of characters display.

If SIZE is greater than the length of *variable-1* or *literal-1*, then the screen pads with spaces after the field to the SIZE length.

Figurative constants display repeatedly the number of times in SIZE. Except that LOW-VALUES always positions the cursor (see SIZE ZERO below).

**SIZE ZERO**

<SIZE option not specified>

*Variable-1* or *literal-1* displays with the field length.

**6.5.5 Figurative Constants**

Certain figurative constants and values have special functions. All other figurative constants display as a single character.

**SPACE** Display spaces from LINE and COLUMN to the end of the screen. This is the same as WITH ERASE EOS.

**LOW-VALUE**

Position the cursor to LINE and COLUMN. The next DISPLAY statement does not need a LINE or COLUMN to display at that position.

**ALL X"01"**

Display spaces from LINE and COLUMN to the end of the line. This is the same as WITH ERASE EOL.

**ALL X"02"**

Clear the whole screen. This is the same as WITH BLANK SCREEN.

**ALL X"07"**

Ring the bell. This is the same as WITH BELL.

**6.6 CONTENT-LENGTH**

FUNCTION CONTENT-LENGTH returns the length of NUL byte terminated data given a pointer:

```

identification division.
program-id. zlen.
data division.
working-storage section.
01 ptr    usage pointer.
```

```

01 str    pic x(4) value z"abc".

*> Testing CONTENT-LENGTH
procedure division.

    set ptr to address of str
    display content-length(ptr)

goback.
end program hosted.

```

## 6.7 CONTENT-OF

FUNCTION CONTENT-OF returns an alphanumeric field given a pointer and optional length:

Data from pointer is returned as a COBOL field either by scanning for a NUL byte or using the optional length. Reference modification of result allowed.

```

identification division.
program-id. contents.
data division.
working-storage section.
01 ptr    usage pointer.
01 str    pic x(4) value z"abc".

*> Testing CONTENT-OF
procedure division.

    set ptr to address of str
    display content-of(ptr)
    display content-of(ptr, 2)
    display content-of(ptr)(2:2)

goback.
end program hosted.

```

## 7 System Routines

For a complete list of supported system routines, see Appendix D [System routines], page 61.

### 7.1 CBL\_GC\_GETOPT

CBL\_GC\_GETOPT provides the quite well-known option parser, getopt, for GnuCOBOL. The usage of this system routine is described by the following example.

```

identification division.
program-id. prog.

data division.
working-storage section.
    78 shortoptions value "jkl".

    01 longoptions.
        05 optionrecord occurs 2 times.
            10 optionname    pic x(25).
            10 has-value     pic 9.
            10 valpoint      pointer value NULL.
            10 return-value  pic x(4).

    01 longind      pic 99.
    01 long-only   pic 9 value 1.

    01 return-char pic x(4).
    01 opt-val     pic x(10).

    01 counter     pic 9 value 0.
```

We first need to define the necessary fields for getopt's shortoptions (so), longoptions (lo), longoption index (longind), long-only-option (long-only) and also the fields for return values return-char and opt-val (arbitrary size with trimming, see return codes).

The shortoptions are written down as an alphanumeric field (i.e., a string with arbitrary size) as follows:

```
"ab:c::d"
```

This means we want getopt to look for shortoptions named a, b, c or d and we demand an option value for b and we are accepting an optional one for c.

The longoptions are defined as a table of records with oname, has-value, valpoint and val.

- oname defines the name of a longoption.
- has-value defines if an option value is demanded (has-val = 1), optional (has-val = 2) or not required (has-val = 0).
- valpoint is a pointer used to specify an address to save getopt's return value to. The pointer is optional. If it is NULL, getopt returns a value as usual. If you use the pointer it has to point to a PIC X(4) field.
- The field val is a PIC X(4) character which is returned if the longoption was recognized.

The longoption structure is immutable! You can only vary the number of records.

Now we have the tools to run CBL\_GC\_GETOPT within the procedure division.

```

procedure division.
    move "version" to optionname    (1).
```

```

move 0          to has-value    (1).
move "v"        to return-value (1).

move "verbose"  to optionname   (2).
move 0          to has-value    (2).
move "V"        to return-value (2).

perform with test after until return-code = -1
  call 'CBL_GC_GETOPT' using
    by reference shortoptions longoptions longind
    by value long-only
    by reference return-char opt-val
  end-call

  display return-char end-display
  display opt-val      end-display
end-perform
stop run.

```

The example shows how we initialize all parameters and call the routine until CBL\_GC\_GETOPT runs out of options and returns -1.

The return-char might contain the following:

- regular character if an option was recognized
- '?' if we have an undefined or ambiguous option
- '1' if we have a non-option (only if first byte of so is '-')
- '0' if valpoint != NULL and we are writing the return value to the specified address
- '-1' if we don't have any more options (or reach the first non-option if first byte of so is '+')

The return-codes of CBL\_GC\_GETOPT are:

- 1 if we've got a non-option (only if first byte of so is '-')
- 0 if valpoint != NULL and we are writing the return value to the specified address
- -1 if we don't have any more options (or reach the first non-option if first byte of so is '+')
- 2 if we have got an truncated option value in opt-val (because opt-val was too small)
- 3 if we got a regular answer from getopt

## 7.2 CBL\_GC\_HOSTED

CBL\_GC\_HOSTED provides access to the following C hosted variables:

- `argc` to binary-long by value
- `argv` to pointer to char \*\*
- `stdin`, `stdout`, `stderr` to pointer
- `errno` giving address of errno in pointer to binary-long, use based for more direct access and conditional access to the following variables:
  - `tzname` pointer to pointer to array of two char pointers
  - `timezone` C long, will be seconds west of UTC
  - `daylight` C int, will be 1 during daylight savings

System will need to HAVE\_TIMEZONE defined for these to return anything meaningful. Attempts made when they are not available return 1 from CBL\_GC\_HOSTED.

It returns 0 when match, 1 on failure, case matters as does length, "arg" won't match.

The usage of this system routine is described by the following example.

```
HOSTED identification division.
  program-id. hosted.
  data division.
  working-storage section.
  01 argc  usage binary-long.
  01 argv  usage pointer.

  01 stdin usage pointer.
  01 stdout usage pointer.
  01 stderr usage pointer.

  01 errno usage pointer.
  01 err   usage binary-long based.

  01 domain usage float-long value 3.0.

  01 tzname usage pointer.
  01 tznames usage pointer based.
    05 tzs usage pointer occurs 2 times.

  01 timezone  usage binary-long.
  01 daylight  usage binary-short.

*> Testing CBL_GC_HOSTED
  procedure division.
  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using stdin "stdin"
  display "stdin          : " stdin
  call "feof" using by value stdin
  display "feof stdin     : " return-code

  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using stdout "stdout"
  display "stdout         : " stdout
  call "fprintf" using by value stdout by content "Hello" & x"0a"

  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using stderr "stderr"
  display "stderr         : " stderr
  call "fprintf" using by value stderr by content "on err" & x"0a"

  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using argc "argc"
  display "argc           : " argc

  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using argv "argv"
  display "argv           : " argv

  call "args" using by value argc argv

  call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using errno "errno"
  display "&errno         : " errno
```

```

set address of err to errno
display "errno          : " err
call "acos" using by value domain
display "errno after acos(3.0): " err ", EDOM is 33"

call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using argc "arg"
display "'arg' lookup      : " return-code
call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using null "argc"
display "null with argc    : " return-code
display "argc is still     : " argc

*> the following only returns zero if the system has HAVE_TIMEZONE set

call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using daylight "daylight "
display "'timezone' lookup   : " return-code

if return-code not = 0
    display "system doesn't has timezone"
else

    display "timezone is      : " timezone

    call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using daylight "daylight "
    display "'daylight' lookup    : " return-code
    display "daylight is        : " daylight

    set environment "TZ" to "PST8PDT"
    call static "tzset" returning omitted on exception continue end-call

    call "CBL_GC_HOSTED" using tzname "tzname"
    display "'tzname' lookup      : " return-code

    *> tzs(1) will point to z"PST" and tzs(2) to z"PDT"
    if return-code equal 0 and tzname not equal null then
        set address of tznames to tzname
        if tzs(1) not equal null then
            display "tzs #1          : " tzs(1)
        end-if
        if tzs(2) not equal null then
            display "tzs #2          : " tzs(2)
        end-if
    end-if

end-if

goback.
end program hosted.

```



### 7.3 CBL\_GC\_NANOSLEEP

CBL\_GC\_NANOSLEEP allows you to pause the program for nanoseconds. The actual precision depends on the system.

```
*> Waiting a half second
call "CBL_GC_NANOSLEEP" using "500000000" end-call

*> Waiting five seconds using compiler string catenation for readability
call "CBL_GC_NANOSLEEP" using "500" & "0000000" end-call
```

### 7.4 CBL\_GC\_FORK

CBL\_GC\_FORK allows you to fork the current COBOL process to a new one. The current content of the process' storage (including LOCAL-STORAGE) will be identical, any file handles get invalid in the new process, positions and file / record locks are only available to the original process.

This system routine is not available on Windows (exception: GCC on Cygwin).

Parameters: none Returns: PID (the child process gets '0' returned, the calling process gets the PID of the created children). Negative values are returned for system dependent error codes and -1 if the function is not available on the current system.

```
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
PROGRAM-ID. prog.
DATA DIVISION.
WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
01 CHILD-PID    PIC S9(9) BINARY.
01 WAIT-STS     PIC S9(9) BINARY.
PROCEDURE DIVISION.

CALL "CBL_GC_FORK" RETURNING CHILD-PID END-CALL
EVALUATE TRUE
  WHEN CHILD-PID = ZERO
    PERFORM CHILD-CODE
  WHEN CHILD-PID > ZERO
    PERFORM PARENT-CODE
  WHEN CHILD-PID = -1
    DISPLAY 'CBL_GC_FORK is not available '
      'on the current system!'
    END-DISPLAY
    PERFORM CHILD-CODE
    MOVE 0 TO CHILD-PID
    PERFORM PARENT-CODE
  WHEN OTHER
    MULTIPLY CHILD-PID BY -1 END-MULTIPLY
    DISPLAY 'CBL_GC_FORK returned system error: '
      CHILD-PID
    END-DISPLAY
END-EVALUATE

STOP RUN.

CHILD-CODE.
CALL "C$SLEEP" USING 1 END-CALL
DISPLAY "Hello, I am the child"
```

```

END-DISPLAY
MOVE 2 TO RETURN-CODE

CONTINUE.

PARENT-CODE.
  DISPLAY "Hello, I am the parent"
  END-DISPLAY
  CALL "CBL_GC_WAITPID" USING CHILD-PID RETURNING WAIT-STS
  END-CALL
  MOVE 0 TO RETURN-CODE
  EVALUATE TRUE
    WHEN WAIT-STS >= 0
      DISPLAY 'Child ended with status: '
        WAIT-STS
      END-DISPLAY
    WHEN WAIT-STS = -1
      DISPLAY 'CBL_GC_WAITPID is not available '
        'on the current system!'
      END-DISPLAY
    WHEN WAIT-STS < -1
      MULTIPLY -1 BY WAIT-STS END-MULTIPLY
      DISPLAY 'CBL_GC_WAITPID returned system error: ' WAIT-STS
      END-DISPLAY
  END-EVALUATE

CONTINUE.

```

## 7.5 CBL\_GC\_WAITPID

CBL\_GC\_WAITPID allows you to wait until another system process ended. Additionally you can check the process' return code.

Parameters: none Returns: function-status / child-status Negative values are returned for system dependent error codes and -1 if the function is not available on the current system.

```

CALL "CBL_GC_WAITPID" USING CHILD-PID RETURNING WAIT-STS
END-CALL
MOVE 0 TO RETURN-CODE
DISPLAY 'CBL_GC_WAITPID ended with status: ' WAIT-STS
END-DISPLAY

```

## Appendix A Compiler cobc options

The following list of options was extracted from `cobc --help` and shows all available compiler options with a short description.

### A.1 Options

- `-h, -help`  
display this help and exit
- `-V, -version`  
display compiler version and exit
- `-i, -info`  
display compiler information (build/environment) and exit
- `-v, -verbose`  
display compiler version and the commands invoked by the compiler
- `-vv, -verbose=2`  
like `-v` but additional pass verbose option to assembler/compiler
- `-vvv, -verbose=3`  
like `-vv` but additional pass verbose option to linker
- `-q, -brief`  
reduced displays, commands invoked not shown
- `-###`  
like `-v` but commands not executed
- `-x`  
build an executable program
- `-m`  
build a dynamically loadable module (default)
- `-j [args], -job[=args]`  
run program after build, passing *args*
- `-std=diect`  
warnings/features for a specific dialect *dialect* can be one of: default, cobol2014, cobol2002, cobol85, xopen, ibm-strict, ibm, mvs-strict, mvs, mf-strict, mf, bs2000-strict, bs2000, acu-strict, acu, rm-strict, rm; see configuration files in directory config
- `-F, -free`  
use free source format
- `-fixed`  
use fixed source format (default)
- `-O, -O2, -O3, -Os`  
enable optimization
- `-O0`  
disable optimization
- `-g`  
enable C compiler debug / stack check / trace
- `-d, -debug`  
enable all run-time error checking
- `-o file`  
place the output into *file*
- `-b`  
combine all input files into a single dynamically loadable module
- `-E`  
preprocess only; do not compile or link

- `-C` translation only; convert `COBOL` to `C`
- `-S` compile only; output assembly file
- `-c` compile and assemble, but do not link
- `-T file` generate and place a wide program listing into *file*
- `-t file` generate and place a program listing into *file*
- `--tlines=lines`  
specify lines per page in listing, default = 55
- `-P[=dir or file]`  
generate preprocessed program listing (`.lst`)
- `-Xref` generate cross reference through 'cobxref' (V. Coen's 'cobxref' must be in path)
- `-I directory`  
add *directory* to copy/include search path
- `-L directory`  
add *directory* to library search path
- `-l lib` link the library *lib*
- `-A options`  
add *options* to the `C` compile phase
- `-Q options`  
add *options* to the `C` link phase
- `-D define`  
define *define* for `COBOL` compilation
- `-K entry` generate `CALL` to *entry* as static
- `-conf=file`  
user-defined dialect configuration; see `-std`
- `-list-reserved`  
display reserved words
- `-list-intrinsics`  
display intrinsic functions
- `-list-mnemonics`  
display mnemonic names
- `-list-system`  
display system routines
- `-save-temps[=dir]`  
save intermediate files ; default: current directory
- `-ext extension`  
add file extension for resolving `COPY`

## A.2 Warning options

- W            enable all warnings
- Wall        enable most warnings (all except as noted below)
- Wno-warning            disable warning enabled by default, -W or -Wall
- Wextra      additional warnings only raised with -W or -Wall
- Wno-unfinished            do not warn if unfinished features are used ; *always active*
- Wno-pending            do not warn if pending features are mentioned ; *always active*
- Wobsolete            warn if obsolete features are used
- Warchaic            warn if archaic features are used
- Wredefinition            warn about incompatible redefinition of data items
- Wtruncate            warn about field truncation from constant assignments
- Wpossible-truncate            warn about possible field truncation ; *not set with -Wall*
- Woverlap            warn about overlapping MOVE of items
- Wpossible-overlap            warn about MOVE of items that may overlap depending on variables ; *not set with -Wall*
- Wparentheses            warn about lack of parentheses around AND within OR
- Wstrict-typing            warn strictly about type mismatch
- Wimplicit-define            warn about implicitly defined data items
- Wcorresponding            warn about CORRESPONDING with no matching items
- Winitial-value            warn if initial VALUE clause is ignored
- Wprototypes            warn about missing FUNCTION prototypes/definitions
- Warithmetic-osvs            warn if arithmetic expression precision has changed
- Wcall-params            warn about non 01/77 items for CALL parameters ; *not set with -Wall*
- Wconstant-expression            warn about expressions that always resolve to true/false

**-Wcolumn-overflow**  
warn about text after program-text area, **FIXED** format ; *not set with -Wall*

**-Wterminator**  
warn about lack of scope terminator **END-XXX** ; *not set with -Wall*

**-Wlinkage**  
warn about dangling **LINKAGE** items ; *not set with -Wall*

**-Wunreachable**  
warn about likely unreachable statements ; *not set with -Wall*

**-Wno-dialect**  
do not warn about dialect specific issues ; *always active*

**-Wothers** do not warn about different issues ; *always active*

**-Werror** treat all warnings as errors

**-Werror=warning**  
treat specified *warning* as error

### A.3 Compiler options

**-fsign=[ASCII|EBCDIC]**  
define display sign representation ; default: machine native

**-ffold-copy=[UPPER|LOWER]**  
fold **COPY** subject to value ; default: no transformation

**-ffold-call=[UPPER|LOWER]**  
fold **PROGRAM-ID**, **CALL**, **CANCEL** subject to value ; default: no transformation

**-fdefaultbyte=value**  
initialize fields without **VALUE** to value ; decimal 0..255 or any quoted character ;  
default: initialize to picture

**-fmax-errors=number**  
maximum number of errors to report before compilation is aborted ; default: 100

**-fdump=scope**  
dump data fields on abort, *scope* may be a combination of: **ALL**, **WS**, **LS**, **RD**, **FD**, **SC**

**-fcallfh=function**  
use external provided **EXTFH** interface module *function* for I/O

**-fintrinsics=[ALL|intrinsic function name(,name,...)]**  
intrinsics to be used without **FUNCTION** keyword

### A.4 Compiler dialect configuration options

**-freserved-words=value**  
use of complete/fixed reserved words

**-ftab-width=1..12**  
set number of spaces that are assumed for tabs

**-ftext-column=72..255**  
set right margin for source (fixed format only)

**-fpic-length=number**  
maximum number of characters allowed in the **PICTURE** character-string

- fword-length=1..63  
maximum word-length for COBOL (= programmer defined) words
- fliteral-length=*number*  
maximum literal size in general
- fnumeric-literal-length=1..38  
maximum numeric literal size
- fbinary-size=*value*  
binary byte size - defines the allocated bytes according to PIC, may be one of: 2-4-8, 1-2-4-8, 1-8
- fbinary-byteorder=*value*  
binary byte order, may be one of: native, big-endian
- fassign-clause=*value*  
set way of interpreting ASSIGN
- fscreen-section-rules=*value*  
which compiler's rules to apply to SCREEN SECTION item clauses
- ffilename-mapping  
resolve file names at run time using environment variables.
- fpretty-display  
alternate formatting of numeric fields
- fbinary-truncate  
numeric truncation according to ANSI
- fcomplex-odo  
allow complex OCCURS DEPENDING ON
- findirect-redefines  
allow REDEFINES to other than last equal level number
- flarger-redefines-ok  
allow larger REDEFINES items
- frelax-syntax-checks  
allow certain syntax variations (e.g. REDEFINES position)
- frelax-level-hierarchy  
allow non-matching level numbers
- fselect-working  
require ASSIGN USING items to be in WORKING-STORAGE
- fsticky-linkage  
LINKAGE-SECTION items remain allocated between invocations
- fmove-ibm  
MOVE operates as on IBM (left to right, byte by byte)
- fperform-osvs  
exit point of any currently executing perform is recognized if reached
- farithmetic-osvs  
limit precision in intermediate results to precision of final result (less accurate)
- fconstant-folding  
evaluate constant expressions at compile time

- fhostsign  
allow hexadecimal value 'F' for NUMERIC test of signed PACKED DECIMAL field
- fprogram-name-redefinition  
program names don't lead to a reserved identifier
- faccept-update  
set WITH UPDATE clause as default for ACCEPT dest-item, instead of WITH NO UPDATE
- faccept-auto  
set WITH AUTO clause as default for ACCEPT dest-item, instead of WITH TAB
- fconsole-is-crt  
assume CONSOLE IS CRT if not set otherwise
- fno-echo-means-secure  
NO-ECHO hides input with asterisks like SECURE
- fline-col-zero-default  
assume the first item in a field DISPLAY goes at LINE 0 COL 0, not LINE 1 COL 1
- fdisplay-special-fig-consts  
special behaviour of DISPLAY SPACE/ALL X'01'/ALL X'02'/ALL X'07'
- fbinary-comp-1  
COMP-1 is a 16-bit signed integer
- fnumeric-pointer  
POINTER is a 64-bit unsigned integer
- fmove-non-numeric-lit-to-numeric-is-zero  
imply zero in move of non-numeric literal to numeric items
- fcomment-paragraphs=support  
comment paragraphs in IDENTIFICATION DIVISION (AUTHOR, DATE-WRITTEN, ...)
- fmemory-size-clause=support  
MEMORY-SIZE clause
- fmultiple-file-tape-clause=support  
MULTIPLE-FILE-TAPE clause
- flabel-records-clause=support  
LABEL-RECORDS clause
- fvalue-of-clause=support  
VALUE-OF clause
- fdata-records-clause=support  
DATA-RECORDS clause
- ftop-level-occurs-clause=support  
OCCURS clause on top-level
- fsynchronized-clause=support  
SYNCHRONIZED clause
- fspecial-names-clause=support  
SPECIAL-NAMES clause
- fgoto-statement-without-name=support  
GOTO statement without name



`-fstop-literal-statement=support`  
STOP-literal statement

`-fstop-identifier-statement=support`  
STOP-identifier statement

`-fdebugging-mode=support`  
DEBUGGING MODE and debugging indicator

`-fuse-for-debugging=support`  
USE FOR DEBUGGING

`-fpadding-character-clause=support`  
PADDING CHARACTER clause

`-fnext-sentence-phrase=support`  
NEXT SENTENCE phrase

`-flisting-statements=support`  
listing-directive statements EJECT, SKIP1, SKIP2, SKIP3

`-ftitle-statement=support`  
listing-directive statement TITLE

`-fentry-statement=support`  
ENTRY statement

`-fmove-noninteger-to-alphanumeric=support`  
move noninteger to alphanumeric

`-fmove-figurative-constant-to-numeric=support`  
move figurative constants to numeric

`-fmove-figurative-space-to-numeric=support`  
move figurative constant SPACE to numeric

`-fmove-figurative-quote-to-numeric=support`  
move figurative constant QUOTE to numeric

`-fodo-without-to=support`  
OCCURS DEPENDING ON without to

`-fsection-segments=support`  
section segments

`-falter-statement=support`  
ALTER statement

`-fcall-overflow=support`  
OVERFLOW clause for CALL

`-fnumeric-boolean=support`  
boolean literals (B'1010')

`-fhexadecimal-boolean=support`  
hexadecimal-boolean literals (BX'A')

`-fnational-literals=support`  
national literals (N'UTF-16 string')

`-fhexadecimal-national-literals=support`  
hexadecimal-national literals (NX'265E')

`-fnational-character-literals=support`  
non-standard national literals (NC'UTF-16 string')

`-fhp-octal-literals=support`  
HP COBOL octal literals (%377)

`-facu-literals=support`  
ACUCOBOL-GT literals (#B #O #H #X)

`-fword-continuation=support`  
continuation of COBOL words

`-fnot-exception-before-exception=support`  
NOT ON EXCEPTION before ON EXCEPTION

`-faccept-display-extensions=support`  
extensions to ACCEPT and DISPLAY

`-frenames-uncommon-levels=support`  
RENAMES of 01-, 66- and 77-level items

`-fsymbolic-constant=support`  
constants defined in SPECIAL-NAMES

`-fconstant-78=support`  
constant with level 78 item (note: has left to right precedence in expressions)

`-fconstant-01=support`  
constant with level 01 CONSTANT AS/FROM item

`-fperform-varying-without-by=support`  
PERFORM VARYING without BY phrase (implies BY 1)

`-freferance-out-of-declaratives=support`  
references to sections not in DECLARATIVES from within DECLARATIVES

`-fprogram-prototypes=support`  
CALL/CANCEL with program-prototype-name

`-fcall-convention-mnemonic=support`  
specifying call-convention by mnemonic

`-fcall-convention-linkage=support`  
specifying call-convention by WITH ... LINKAGE

`-fnumeric-value-for-edited-item=support`  
numeric literals in VALUE clause of numeric-edited items

`-fincorrect-conf-sec-order=support`  
incorrect order of CONFIGURATION SECTION paragraphs

`-fdefine-constant-directive=support`  
allow >> DEFINE CONSTANT var AS literal

`-ffree-redefines-position=support`  
REDEFINES clause not following entry-name in definition

`-frecords-mismatch-record-clause=support`  
record sizes does not match RECORD clause

`-frecord-delimiter=support`  
RECORD DELIMITER clause

- fsequential-delimiters=*support*  
     BINARY-SEQUENTIAL and LINE-SEQUENTIAL phrases in RECORD DELIMITER
- frecord-delim-with-fixed-recs=*support*  
     RECORD DELIMITER clause on file with fixed-length records
- fmissing-statement=*support*  
     missing statement (e.g. empty IF / PERFORM)
- fzero-length-literals=*support*  
     zero-length literals, e.g. " and ""
- fxml-generate-extra-phrases=*support*  
     XML GENERATE's phrases other than COUNT IN
- fcontinue-after=*support*  
     AFTER phrase in CONTINUE statement
- fgoto-entry=*support*  
     ENTRY FOR GOTO and GOTO ENTRY statements where *support* is one of the following:  
     'ok', 'warning', 'archaic', 'obsolete', 'skip', 'ignore', 'error', 'unconformable'
- fnot-reserved=*word*  
     word to be taken out of the reserved words list
- freserved=*word*  
     word to be added to reserved words list
- freserved=*word:alias*  
     word to be added to reserved words list as alias
- fnot-register=*word*  
     special register to disable
- fregister=*word*  
     special register to enable

## Appendix B Reserved Words

The following list of reserved words was extracted from `cobc --list-reserved` and shows the reserved words, an implementation

**Please notice:** This list is highly specific to the option `-std=diaclect` and reserved word options (`-freserved=word`, `-fno-reserved=word`) in effect. You can get the list for a given *dialect* by calling `cobc -std=diaclect --list-reserved`.

### B.1 Common reserved words

Reserved word	Implemented	Aliases
3-D	Yes (C/S)	
ABSENT	Yes	
ACCEPT	Yes	
ACCESS	Yes	
ACTION	Yes (C/S)	
ACTIVE-CLASS	No	
ACTIVE-X	Yes (C/S)	
ADD	Yes	
ADDRESS	Yes	
ADJUSTABLE-COLUMNS	Yes (C/S)	
ADVANCING	Yes	
AFTER	Yes	
ALIGNED	No	
ALIGNMENT	Yes (C/S)	
ALL	Yes	
ALLOCATE	Yes	
ALLOWING	Yes (C/S)	
ALPHABET	Yes	
ALPHABETIC	Yes	
ALPHABETIC-LOWER	Yes	
ALPHABETIC-UPPER	Yes	
ALPHANUMERIC	Yes	
ALPHANUMERIC-EDITED	Yes	
ALSO	Yes	
ALTER	Yes	
ALTERNATE	Yes	
AND	Yes	
ANY	Yes	
ANYCASE	No	
APPLY	Yes (C/S)	
ARE	Yes	
AREA	Yes	AREAS
AREAS	Yes	AREA
ARGUMENT-NUMBER	Yes	
ARGUMENT-VALUE	Yes	
ARITHMETIC	Yes (C/S)	
AS	Yes	
ASCENDING	Yes	
ASCII	Yes (C/S)	
ASSIGN	Yes	

AT	Yes	
ATTRIBUTE	Yes (C/S)	
ATTRIBUTES	Yes (C/S)	
AUTO	Yes (C/S)	AUTO-SKIP, AUTOTERMINATE
AUTO-DECIMAL	Yes (C/S)	
AUTO-SKIP	Yes	AUTO, AUTOTERMINATE
AUTO-SPIN	Yes (C/S)	
AUTOMATIC	Yes	
AUTOTERMINATE	Yes	AUTO, AUTO-SKIP
AWAY-FROM-ZERO	Yes (C/S)	
B-AND	No	
B-NOT	No	
B-OR	No	
B-XOR	No	
BACKGROUND-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	BACKGROUND-COLOUR
BACKGROUND-COLOUR	Yes	BACKGROUND-COLOR
BACKGROUND-HIGH	Yes	
BACKGROUND-LOW	Yes	
BACKGROUND-STANDARD	Yes	
BAR	Yes (C/S)	
BASED	Yes	
BEEP	Yes	BELL
BEFORE	Yes	
BELL	Yes (C/S)	BEEP
BINARY	Yes	
BINARY-C-LONG	Yes	
BINARY-CHAR	Yes	
BINARY-DOUBLE	Yes	BINARY-LONG-LONG
BINARY-INT	Yes	BINARY-LONG
BINARY-LONG	Yes	BINARY-INT
BINARY-LONG-LONG	Yes	BINARY-DOUBLE
BINARY-SEQUENTIAL	Yes (C/S)	
BINARY-SHORT	Yes	
BIT	Yes	
BITMAP	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-END	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-HANDLE	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-NUMBER	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-START	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-TIMER	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-TRAILING	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-TRANSPARENT-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
BITMAP-WIDTH	Yes (C/S)	
BLANK	Yes	
BLINK	Yes (C/S)	
BLOCK	Yes	
BOOLEAN	No	
BOTTOM	Yes	
BOX	Yes (C/S)	
BOXED	Yes (C/S)	
BULK-ADDITION	Yes (C/S)	
BUSY	Yes (C/S)	

BUTTONS	Yes (C/S)	
BY	Yes	
BYTE-LENGTH	Yes (C/S)	
C	Yes (C/S)	
CALENDAR-FONT	Yes (C/S)	
CALL	Yes	
CANCEL	Yes	
CANCEL-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
CAPACITY	Yes (C/S)	
CARD-PUNCH	Yes (C/S)	
CARD-READER	Yes (C/S)	
CASSETTE	Yes (C/S)	
CCOL	Yes (C/S)	
CD	Yes	
CELL	Yes (C/S)	CELLS
CELL-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
CELL-DATA	Yes (C/S)	
CELL-FONT	Yes (C/S)	
CELL-PROTECTION	Yes (C/S)	
CELLS	Yes	CELL
CENTER	Yes (C/S)	
CENTERED	Yes (C/S)	
CENTERED-HEADINGS	Yes (C/S)	
CENTURY-DATE	Yes (C/S)	
CF	Yes	
CH	Yes	
CHAIN	No	
CHAINING	Yes	
CHARACTER	Yes	
CHARACTERS	Yes	
CHECK-BOX	Yes (C/S)	
CLASS	Yes	
CLASS-ID	No	
CLASSIFICATION	Yes (C/S)	
CLEAR-SELECTION	Yes (C/S)	
CLINE	Yes (C/S)	
CLINES	Yes (C/S)	
CLOSE	Yes	
COBOL	Yes (C/S)	
CODE	Yes	
CODE-SET	Yes	
COL	Yes	
COLLATING	Yes	
COLOR	Yes	
COLORS	Yes (C/S)	COLOURS
COLOURS	Yes	COLORS
COLS	Yes	
COLUMN	Yes	
COLUMN-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
COLUMN-DIVIDERS	Yes (C/S)	
COLUMN-FONT	Yes (C/S)	
COLUMN-HEADINGS	Yes (C/S)	

COLUMN-PROTECTION	Yes (C/S)	
COLUMNS	Yes	
COMBO-BOX	Yes (C/S)	
COMMA	Yes	
COMMAND-LINE	Yes	
COMMIT	Yes	
COMMON	Yes	
COMMUNICATION	Yes	
COMP	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL
COMP-0	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-0
COMP-1	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-1
COMP-2	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-2
COMP-3	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-3
COMP-4	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-4
COMP-5	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-5
COMP-6	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-6
COMP-N	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-N
COMP-X	Yes	COMPUTATIONAL-X
COMPUTATIONAL	Yes	COMP
COMPUTATIONAL-0	Yes	COMP-0
COMPUTATIONAL-1	Yes	COMP-1
COMPUTATIONAL-2	Yes	COMP-2
COMPUTATIONAL-3	Yes	COMP-3
COMPUTATIONAL-4	Yes	COMP-4
COMPUTATIONAL-5	Yes	COMP-5
COMPUTATIONAL-6	Yes	COMP-6
COMPUTATIONAL-N	Yes	COMP-N
COMPUTATIONAL-X	Yes	COMP-X
COMPUTE	Yes	
CONDITION	Yes	
CONFIGURATION	Yes	
CONSTANT	Yes	
CONTAINS	Yes	
CONTENT	Yes	
CONTINUE	Yes	
CONTROL	Yes	
CONTROLS	Yes	
CONVERSION	Yes (C/S)	
CONVERTING	Yes	
COPY	Yes	
COPY-SELECTION	Yes (C/S)	
CORR	Yes	CORRESPONDING
CORRESPONDING	Yes	CORR
COUNT	Yes	
CRT	Yes	
CRT-UNDER	Yes	
Csize	Yes (C/S)	
CURRENCY	Yes	
CURSOR	Yes	
CURSOR-COL	Yes (C/S)	
CURSOR-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
CURSOR-FRAME-WIDTH	Yes (C/S)	

CURSOR-ROW	Yes (C/S)	
CURSOR-X	Yes (C/S)	
CURSOR-Y	Yes (C/S)	
CUSTOM-PRINT-TEMPLATE	Yes (C/S)	
CYCLE	Yes (C/S)	
DASHED	Yes (C/S)	
DATA	Yes	
DATA-COLUMNS	Yes (C/S)	
DATA-POINTER	No	
DATA-TYPES	Yes (C/S)	
DATE	Yes	
DATE-ENTRY	Yes (C/S)	
DAY	Yes	
DAY-OF-WEEK	Yes	
DE	Yes	
DEBUGGING	Yes	
DECIMAL-POINT	Yes	
DECLARATIVES	Yes	
DEFAULT	Yes	
DEFAULT-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
DEFAULT-FONT	Yes	
DELETE	Yes	
DELIMITED	Yes	
DELIMITER	Yes	
DEPENDING	Yes	
DESCENDING	Yes	
DESTINATION	Yes	
DESTROY	Yes	
DETAIL	Yes	
DISABLE	Yes	
DISC	Yes (C/S)	
DISK	Yes (C/S)	
DISPLAY	Yes	
DISPLAY-COLUMNS	Yes (C/S)	
DISPLAY-FORMAT	Yes (C/S)	
DIVIDE	Yes	
DIVIDER-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
DIVIDERS	Yes (C/S)	
DIVISION	Yes	
DOTDASH	Yes (C/S)	
DOTTED	Yes (C/S)	
DOUBLE	Yes	FLOAT-LONG
DOWN	Yes	
DRAG-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
DROP-DOWN	Yes (C/S)	
DROP-LIST	Yes (C/S)	
DUPLICATES	Yes	
DYNAMIC	Yes	
EBCDIC	Yes (C/S)	
EC	Yes	
ECHO	Yes	
EGI	Yes	



ELEMENT	Yes (C/S)	
ELSE	Yes	
EMI	Yes	
EMPTY-CHECK	Yes	REQUIRED
ENABLE	Yes	
ENCODING	Yes (C/S)	
ENCRYPTION	Yes (C/S)	
END	Yes	
END-ACCEPT	Yes	
END-ADD	Yes	
END-CALL	Yes	
END-CHAIN	No	
END-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
END-COMPUTE	Yes	
END-DELETE	Yes	
END-DISPLAY	Yes	
END-DIVIDE	Yes	
END-EVALUATE	Yes	
END-IF	Yes	
END-JSON	Yes	
END-MODIFY	Yes (C/S)	
END-MULTIPLY	Yes	
END-OF-PAGE	Yes	EOP
END-PERFORM	Yes	
END-READ	Yes	
END-RECEIVE	Yes	
END-RETURN	Yes	
END-REWRITE	Yes	
END-SEARCH	Yes	
END-START	Yes	
END-STRING	Yes	
END-SUBTRACT	Yes	
END-UNSTRING	Yes	
END-WRITE	Yes	
END-XML	Yes	
ENGRAVED	Yes (C/S)	
ENSURE-VISIBLE	Yes (C/S)	
ENTRY	Yes	
ENTRY-CONVENTION	Yes (C/S)	
ENTRY-FIELD	Yes (C/S)	
ENTRY-REASON	Yes (C/S)	
ENVIRONMENT	Yes	
ENVIRONMENT-NAME	Yes	
ENVIRONMENT-VALUE	Yes	
EO	No	
EOL	Yes (C/S)	
EOP	Yes	END-OF-PAGE
EOS	Yes (C/S)	
EQUAL	Yes	EQUALS
EQUALS	Yes	EQUAL
ERASE	Yes (C/S)	
ERROR	Yes	

ESCAPE	Yes	
ESCAPE-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
ESI	Yes	
EVALUATE	Yes	
EVENT	Yes	
EVENT-LIST	Yes (C/S)	
EVERY	Yes (C/S)	
EXCEPTION	Yes	
EXCEPTION-OBJECT	No	
EXCEPTION-VALUE	Yes (C/S)	
EXCLUSIVE	Yes	
EXIT	Yes	
EXPAND	Yes (C/S)	
EXPANDS	No (C/S)	
EXTEND	Yes	
EXTERN	Yes (C/S)	
EXTERNAL	Yes	
EXTERNAL-FORM	Yes	
F	Yes (C/S)	
FACTORY	No	
FALSE	Yes	
FD	Yes	
FH--FCD	Yes (C/S)	
FH--KEYDEF	Yes (C/S)	
FILE	Yes	
FILE-CONTROL	Yes	
FILE-ID	Yes	
FILE-NAME	Yes (C/S)	
FILE-POS	Yes (C/S)	
FILL-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
FILL-COLOR2	Yes (C/S)	
FILL-PERCENT	Yes (C/S)	
FILLER	Yes	
FINAL	Yes	
FINISH-REASON	Yes (C/S)	
FIRST	Yes	
FIXED	Yes	
FIXED-FONT	Yes	
FIXED-WIDTH	Yes (C/S)	
FLAT	Yes (C/S)	
FLAT-BUTTONS	Yes (C/S)	
FLOAT	Yes	FLOAT-SHORT
FLOAT-BINARY-128	No	
FLOAT-BINARY-32	No	
FLOAT-BINARY-64	No	
FLOAT-DECIMAL-16	Yes	
FLOAT-DECIMAL-34	Yes	
FLOAT-EXTENDED	No	
FLOAT-INFINITY	No	
FLOAT-LONG	Yes	DOUBLE
FLOAT-NOT-A-NUMBER	No (C/S)	
FLOAT-SHORT	Yes	FLOAT

FLOATING	Yes	
FONT	Yes	
FOOTING	Yes	
FOR	Yes	
FOREGROUND-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	FOREGROUND-COLOUR
FOREGROUND-COLOUR	Yes	FOREGROUND-COLOR
FOREVER	Yes (C/S)	
FORMAT	No	
FRAME	Yes (C/S)	
FRAMED	Yes (C/S)	
FREE	Yes	
FROM	Yes	
FULL	Yes (C/S)	LENGTH-CHECK
FULL-HEIGHT	Yes (C/S)	
FUNCTION	Yes	
FUNCTION-ID	Yes	
FUNCTION-POINTER	No	
GENERATE	Yes	
GET	No	
GIVING	Yes	
GLOBAL	Yes	
GO	Yes	
GO-BACK	Yes (C/S)	
GO-FORWARD	Yes (C/S)	
GO-HOME	Yes (C/S)	
GO-SEARCH	Yes (C/S)	
GOBACK	Yes	
GRAPHICAL	Yes (C/S)	
GREATER	Yes	
GRID	Yes (C/S)	
GROUP	Yes	
GROUP-USAGE	No	
GROUP-VALUE	Yes (C/S)	
HANDLE	Yes	
HAS-CHILDREN	Yes (C/S)	
HEADING	Yes	
HEADING-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
HEADING-DIVIDER-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
HEADING-FONT	Yes (C/S)	
HEAVY	Yes (C/S)	
HEIGHT-IN-CELLS	Yes (C/S)	
HIDDEN-DATA	Yes (C/S)	
HIGH-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
HIGH-VALUE	Yes	HIGH-VALUES
HIGH-VALUES	Yes	HIGH-VALUE
HIGHLIGHT	Yes (C/S)	
HOT-TRACK	Yes (C/S)	
HSCROLL	Yes (C/S)	
HSCROLL-POS	Yes (C/S)	
I-O	Yes	
I-O-CONTROL	Yes	
ICON	Yes (C/S)	

ID	Yes	
IDENTIFICATION	Yes	
IDENTIFIED	Yes	
IF	Yes	
IGNORE	Yes	
IGNORING	Yes (C/S)	
IMPLEMENTS	No (C/S)	
IN	Yes	
INDEPENDENT	Yes (C/S)	
INDEX	Yes	
INDEXED	Yes	
INDICATE	Yes	
INHERITS	No	
INITIAL	Yes	
INITIALISE	Yes	INITIALIZE
INITIALISED	Yes	INITIALIZED
INITIALIZE	Yes	INITIALISE
INITIALIZED	Yes (C/S)	INITIALISED
INITIATE	Yes	
INPUT	Yes	
INPUT-OUTPUT	Yes	
INQUIRE	Yes	
INSERT-ROWS	Yes (C/S)	
INSERTION-INDEX	Yes (C/S)	
INSPECT	Yes	
INTERFACE	No	
INTERFACE-ID	No	
INTERMEDIATE	Yes (C/S)	
INTO	Yes	
INTRINSIC	Yes (C/S)	
INVALID	Yes	
INVOKE	No	
IS	Yes	
ITEM	Yes (C/S)	
ITEM-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
ITEM-TO-ADD	Yes (C/S)	
ITEM-TO-DELETE	Yes (C/S)	
ITEM-TO-EMPTY	Yes (C/S)	
ITEM-VALUE	Yes (C/S)	
JSON	Yes	
JUST	Yes	JUSTIFIED
JUSTIFIED	Yes	JUST
KEPT	Yes	
KEY	Yes	
KEYBOARD	Yes (C/S)	
LABEL	Yes	
LABEL-OFFSET	Yes (C/S)	
LARGE-FONT	Yes	
LARGE-OFFSET	Yes (C/S)	
LAST	Yes	
LAST-ROW	Yes (C/S)	
LAYOUT-DATA	Yes (C/S)	

LAYOUT-MANAGER	Yes	
LC_ALL	No (C/S)	
LC_COLLATE	No (C/S)	
LC_CTYPE	No (C/S)	
LC_MESSAGES	No (C/S)	
LC_MONETARY	No (C/S)	
LC_NUMERIC	No (C/S)	
LC_TIME	No (C/S)	
LEADING	Yes	
LEADING-SHIFT	Yes (C/S)	
LEFT	Yes	
LEFT-JUSTIFY	No	
LEFT-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
LEFTLINE	Yes	
LENGTH	Yes	
LENGTH-CHECK	Yes	FULL
LESS	Yes	
LIMIT	Yes	
LIMITS	Yes	
LINAGE	Yes	
LINAGE-COUNTER	Yes	
LINE	Yes	
LINE-COUNTER	Yes	
LINE-SEQUENTIAL	Yes (C/S)	
LINES	Yes	
LINES-AT-ROOT	Yes (C/S)	
LINKAGE	Yes	
LIST-BOX	Yes (C/S)	
LM-RESIZE	Yes	
LOC	Yes (C/S)	
LOCAL-STORAGE	Yes	
LOCALE	Yes	
LOCK	Yes	
LONG-DATE	Yes (C/S)	
LOW-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
LOW-VALUE	Yes	LOW-VALUES
LOW-VALUES	Yes	LOW-VALUE
LOWER	Yes (C/S)	
LOWERED	Yes (C/S)	
LOWLIGHT	Yes (C/S)	
MAGNETIC-TAPE	Yes (C/S)	
MANUAL	Yes	
MASS-UPDATE	Yes (C/S)	
MAX-LINES	Yes (C/S)	
MAX-PROGRESS	Yes (C/S)	
MAX-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
MAX-VAL	Yes (C/S)	
MEDIUM-FONT	Yes	
MEMORY	Yes (C/S)	
MENU	Yes	
MERGE	Yes	
MESSAGE	Yes	

METHOD	No	
METHOD-ID	No	
MIN-VAL	Yes (C/S)	
MINUS	Yes	
MODE	Yes	
MODIFY	Yes	
MODULES	Yes (C/S)	
MOVE	Yes	
MULTILINE	Yes (C/S)	
MULTIPLE	Yes	
MULTIPLY	Yes	
NAME	Yes (C/S)	
NAMESPACE	Yes (C/S)	
NAMESPACE-PREFIX	Yes (C/S)	
NATIONAL	Yes	
NATIONAL-EDITED	Yes	
NATIVE	Yes	
NAVIGATE-URL	Yes (C/S)	
NEAREST-AWAY-FROM-ZERO	Yes (C/S)	
NEAREST-EVEN	Yes (C/S)	
NEAREST-TOWARD-ZERO	Yes (C/S)	
NEGATIVE	Yes	
NESTED	Yes	
NEW	Yes	
NEXT	Yes	
NEXT-ITEM	Yes (C/S)	
NO	Yes	
NO-AUTO-DEFAULT	Yes (C/S)	
NO-AUTOSEL	Yes (C/S)	
NO-BOX	Yes (C/S)	
NO-DIVIDERS	Yes (C/S)	
NO-ECHO	Yes	
NO-F4	Yes (C/S)	
NO-FOCUS	Yes (C/S)	
NO-GROUP-TAB	Yes (C/S)	
NO-KEY-LETTER	Yes (C/S)	
NO-SEARCH	Yes (C/S)	
NO-UPDOWN	Yes (C/S)	
NONE	No (C/S)	
NONNUMERIC	Yes (C/S)	
NORMAL	Yes (C/S)	
NOT	Yes	
NOTAB	Yes (C/S)	
NOTHING	Yes	
NOTIFY	Yes (C/S)	
NOTIFY-CHANGE	Yes (C/S)	
NOTIFY-DBLCLICK	Yes (C/S)	
NOTIFY-SELCHANGE	Yes (C/S)	
NULL	Yes	NULLS
NULLS	Yes	NULL
NUM-COL-HEADINGS	Yes (C/S)	
NUM-ROWS	Yes (C/S)	

NUMBER	Yes	
NUMBERS	Yes	
NUMERIC	Yes	
NUMERIC-EDITED	Yes	
OBJECT	Yes	
OBJECT-COMPUTER	Yes	
OBJECT-REFERENCE	No	
OCCURS	Yes	
OF	Yes	
OFF	Yes	
OK-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
OMITTED	Yes	
ON	Yes	
ONLY	Yes	
OPEN	Yes	
OPTIONAL	Yes	
OPTIONS	Yes	
OR	Yes	
ORDER	Yes	
ORGANISATION	Yes	ORGANIZATION
ORGANIZATION	Yes	ORGANISATION
OTHER	Yes	
OTHERS	Yes (C/S)	
OUTPUT	Yes	
OVERFLOW	Yes	
OVERLAP-LEFT	Yes (C/S)	OVERLAP-TOP
OVERLAP-TOP	Yes (C/S)	OVERLAP-LEFT
OVERLINE	Yes	
OVERRIDE	No	
PACKED-DECIMAL	Yes	
PADDING	Yes	
PAGE	Yes	
PAGE-COUNTER	Yes	
PAGE-SETUP	Yes (C/S)	
PAGED	Yes (C/S)	
PARAGRAPH	Yes (C/S)	
PARENT	Yes (C/S)	
PARSE	Yes (C/S)	
PASCAL	Yes (C/S)	
PASSWORD	Yes (C/S)	
PERFORM	Yes	
PERMANENT	Yes (C/S)	
PF	Yes	
PH	Yes	
PHYSICAL	Yes	
PIC	Yes	PICTURE
PICTURE	Yes	PIC
PIXEL	Yes (C/S)	PIXELS
PIXELS	Yes	PIXEL
PLACEMENT	Yes (C/S)	
PLUS	Yes	
POINTER	Yes	

POP-UP	Yes (C/S)	
POS	Yes	
POSITION	Yes	
POSITION-SHIFT	Yes (C/S)	
POSITIVE	Yes	
PREFIXED	No (C/S)	
PRESENT	Yes	
PREVIOUS	Yes (C/S)	
PRINT	Yes (C/S)	
PRINT-NO-PROMPT	Yes (C/S)	
PRINT-PREVIEW	Yes (C/S)	
PRINTER	Yes (C/S)	
PRINTER-1	Yes (C/S)	
PRINTING	Yes	
PRIORITY	Yes	
PROCEDURE	Yes	
PROCEDURE-POINTER	Yes	PROGRAM-POINTER
PROCEDURES	Yes	
PROCEED	Yes	
PROCESSING	Yes (C/S)	
PROGRAM	Yes	
PROGRAM-ID	Yes	
PROGRAM-POINTER	Yes	PROCEDURE-POINTER
PROGRESS	Yes (C/S)	
PROHIBITED	Yes (C/S)	
PROMPT	Yes	
PROPERTIES	Yes (C/S)	
PROPERTY	Yes	
PROTECTED	Yes (C/S)	
PROTOTYPE	No	
PURGE	Yes	
PUSH-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
QUERY-INDEX	Yes (C/S)	
QUEUE	Yes	
QUOTE	Yes	QUOTES
QUOTES	Yes	QUOTE
RADIO-BUTTON	Yes (C/S)	
RAISE	Yes	
RAISED	Yes (C/S)	
RAISING	No	
RANDOM	Yes	
RD	Yes	
READ	Yes	
READ-ONLY	Yes (C/S)	
READERS	Yes (C/S)	
RECEIVE	Yes	
RECORD	Yes	
RECORD-DATA	Yes (C/S)	
RECORD-TO-ADD	Yes (C/S)	
RECORD-TO-DELETE	Yes (C/S)	
RECORDING	Yes	
RECORDS	Yes	



RECURSIVE	Yes (C/S)	
REDEFINES	Yes	
REEL	Yes	
REFERENCE	Yes	
REFERENCES	Yes	
REFRESH	Yes (C/S)	
REGION-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
RELATION	No (C/S)	
RELATIVE	Yes	
RELEASE	Yes	
REMAINDER	Yes	
REMOVAL	Yes	
RENAMES	Yes	
REPLACE	Yes	
REPLACING	Yes	
REPORT	Yes	
REPORTING	Yes	
REPORTS	Yes	
REPOSITORY	Yes	
REQUIRED	Yes (C/S)	EMPTY-CHECK
RESERVE	Yes	
RESET	Yes	
RESET-GRID	Yes (C/S)	
RESET-LIST	Yes (C/S)	
RESET-TABS	Yes (C/S)	
RESUME	No	
RETRY	Yes	
RETURN	Yes	
RETURNING	Yes	
REVERSE	Yes	
REVERSE-VIDEO	Yes (C/S)	
REVERSED	Yes	
REWIND	Yes	
REWRITE	Yes	
RF	Yes	
RH	Yes	
RIGHT	Yes	
RIGHT-ALIGN	Yes (C/S)	
RIGHT-JUSTIFY	No	
RIMMED	Yes (C/S)	
ROLLBACK	Yes	
ROUNDED	Yes	
ROUNDING	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-COLOR	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-COLOR-PATTERN	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-DIVIDERS	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-FONT	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-HEADINGS	Yes (C/S)	
ROW-PROTECTION	Yes (C/S)	
RUN	Yes	
S	Yes (C/S)	
SAME	Yes	

SAVE-AS	Yes (C/S)	
SAVE-AS-NO-PROMPT	Yes (C/S)	
SCREEN	Yes	
SCROLL	Yes (C/S)	
SCROLL-BAR	Yes (C/S)	
SD	Yes	
SEARCH	Yes	
SEARCH-OPTIONS	Yes (C/S)	
SEARCH-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
SECONDS	Yes (C/S)	
SECTION	Yes	
SECURE	Yes (C/S)	
SEGMENT	Yes	
SEGMENT-LIMIT	Yes	
SELECT	Yes	
SELECT-ALL	Yes (C/S)	
SELECTION-INDEX	Yes (C/S)	
SELECTION-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
SELF	No	
SELF-ACT	Yes (C/S)	
SEND	Yes	
SENTENCE	Yes	
SEPARATE	Yes	
SEPARATION	Yes (C/S)	
SEQUENCE	Yes	
SEQUENTIAL	Yes	
SET	Yes	
SHADING	Yes (C/S)	
SHADOW	Yes (C/S)	
SHARING	Yes	
SHORT-DATE	Yes (C/S)	
SHOW-LINES	Yes (C/S)	
SHOW-NONE	Yes (C/S)	
SHOW-SEL-ALWAYS	Yes (C/S)	
SIGN	Yes	
SIGNED	Yes	
SIGNED-INT	Yes	
SIGNED-LONG	Yes	
SIGNED-SHORT	Yes	
SIZE	Yes	
SMALL-FONT	Yes	
SORT	Yes	
SORT-MERGE	Yes	
SORT-ORDER	Yes (C/S)	
SOURCE	Yes	
SOURCE-COMPUTER	Yes	
SOURCES	No	
SPACE	Yes	SPACES
SPACE-FILL	No	
SPACES	Yes	SPACE
SPECIAL-NAMES	Yes	
SPINNER	Yes (C/S)	

SQUARE	Yes (C/S)	
STANDARD	Yes	
STANDARD-1	Yes	
STANDARD-2	Yes	
STANDARD-BINARY	Yes (C/S)	
STANDARD-DECIMAL	Yes (C/S)	
START	Yes	
START-X	Yes (C/S)	
START-Y	Yes (C/S)	
STATEMENT	No (C/S)	
STATIC	Yes (C/S)	
STATIC-LIST	Yes (C/S)	
STATUS	Yes	
STATUS-BAR	Yes (C/S)	
STATUS-TEXT	Yes (C/S)	
STDCALL	Yes (C/S)	
STEP	Yes (C/S)	
STOP	Yes	
STRING	Yes	
STRONG	No (C/S)	
STYLE	Yes (C/S)	
SUB-QUEUE-1	Yes	
SUB-QUEUE-2	Yes	
SUB-QUEUE-3	Yes	
SUBTRACT	Yes	
SUBWINDOW	Yes	
SUM	Yes	
SUPER	No	
SUPPRESS	Yes	
SYMBOL	No (C/S)	
SYMBOLIC	Yes	
SYNC	Yes	SYNCHRONISED, SYNCHRONIZED
SYNCHRONISED	Yes	SYNC, SYNCHRONIZED
SYNCHRONIZED	Yes	SYNC, SYNCHRONISED
SYSTEM-DEFAULT	Yes	
SYSTEM-INFO	Yes (C/S)	
SYSTEM-OFFSET	Yes	
TAB	Yes (C/S)	
TAB-TO-ADD	Yes (C/S)	
TAB-TO-DELETE	Yes (C/S)	
TABLE	Yes	
TALLYING	Yes	
TAPE	Yes (C/S)	
TEMPORARY	Yes (C/S)	
TERMINAL-INFO	Yes (C/S)	
TERMINATE	Yes	
TERMINATION-VALUE	Yes (C/S)	
TEST	Yes	
TEXT	Yes	
THAN	Yes	
THEN	Yes	
THREAD	Yes	

THREADS	Yes	
THROUGH	Yes	THRU
THRU	Yes	THROUGH
THUMB-POSITION	Yes (C/S)	
TILED-HEADINGS	Yes (C/S)	
TIME	Yes	
TIME-OUT	Yes (C/S)	TIMEOUT
TIMEOUT	Yes	TIME-OUT
TIMES	Yes	
TITLE	Yes (C/S)	
TITLE-POSITION	Yes (C/S)	
TO	Yes	
TOP	Yes	
TOWARD-GREATER	Yes (C/S)	
TOWARD-LESSER	Yes (C/S)	
TRADITIONAL-FONT	Yes	
TRAILING	Yes	
TRAILING-SHIFT	Yes (C/S)	
TRAILING-SIGN	No	
TRANSFORM	Yes	
TRANSPARENT	Yes (C/S)	
TREE-VIEW	Yes (C/S)	
TRUE	Yes	
TRUNCATION	Yes (C/S)	
TYPE	Yes	
TYPDEF	No	
U	Yes (C/S)	
UCS-4	Yes (C/S)	
UNBOUNDED	Yes (C/S)	
UNDERLINE	Yes (C/S)	
UNFRAMED	Yes (C/S)	
UNIT	Yes	
UNIVERSAL	No	
UNLOCK	Yes	
UNSIGNED	Yes	
UNSIGNED-INT	Yes	
UNSIGNED-LONG	Yes	
UNSIGNED-SHORT	Yes	
UNSORTED	Yes (C/S)	
UNSTRING	Yes	
UNTIL	Yes	
UP	Yes	
UPDATE	Yes	
UPDATERS	Yes (C/S)	
UPON	Yes	
UPPER	Yes (C/S)	
USAGE	Yes	
USE	Yes	
USE-ALT	Yes (C/S)	
USE-RETURN	Yes (C/S)	
USE-TAB	Yes (C/S)	
USER	Yes (C/S)	

USER-DEFAULT	Yes	
USING	Yes	
UTF-16	Yes (C/S)	
UTF-8	Yes (C/S)	
V	Yes (C/S)	
VAL-STATUS	No	
VALID	No	
VALIDATE	Yes	
VALIDATE-STATUS	No	
VALIDATING	Yes (C/S)	
VALUE	Yes	VALUES
VALUE-FORMAT	Yes (C/S)	
VALUES	Yes	VALUE
VARIABLE	Yes (C/S)	
VARIANT	Yes	
VARYING	Yes	
VERTICAL	Yes (C/S)	
VERY-HEAVY	Yes (C/S)	
VIRTUAL-WIDTH	Yes (C/S)	
VOLATILE	Yes	
VPADDING	Yes (C/S)	
VSCROLL	Yes (C/S)	
VSCROLL-BAR	Yes (C/S)	
VSCROLL-POS	Yes (C/S)	
VTOP	Yes (C/S)	
WAIT	Yes	
WEB-BROWSER	Yes (C/S)	
WHEN	Yes	
WIDTH	Yes (C/S)	
WIDTH-IN-CELLS	Yes (C/S)	
WINDOW	Yes	
WITH	Yes	
WORDS	Yes	
WORKING-STORAGE	Yes	
WRAP	Yes (C/S)	
WRITE	Yes	
WRITERS	Yes (C/S)	
X	Yes (C/S)	
XML	Yes	
XML-DECLARATION	Yes (C/S)	
Y	Yes (C/S)	
YYYYDDD	Yes (C/S)	
YYYYMMDD	Yes (C/S)	
ZERO	Yes	ZEROES, ZEROS
ZERO-FILL	No (C/S)	
ZEROES	Yes	ZERO, ZEROS
ZEROS	Yes	ZERO, ZEROES

## B.2 Extra (obsolete) context sensitive words

AUTHOR, DATE-COMPILED, DATE-MODIFIED, DATE-WRITTEN, INSTALLATION, REMARKS, SECURITY

### B.3 Internal registers

Register	Implemented	Definition
'ADDRESS OF' phrase	Yes	USAGE POINTER
COB-CRT-STATUS	Yes	PICTURE 9(4) USAGE DISPLAY VALUE ZERO
DEBUG-ITEM	Yes	PICTURE X(n) USAGE DISPLAY
'LENGTH OF' phrase	Yes	CONSTANT USAGE BINARY-LONG
NUMBER-OF-CALL-PARAMETERS	Yes	USAGE BINARY-LONG
RETURN-CODE	Yes	GLOBAL USAGE BINARY-LONG VALUE ZERO
SORT-RETURN	Yes	GLOBAL USAGE BINARY-LONG VALUE ZERO
TALLY	Yes	GLOBAL PICTURE 9(5) USAGE BINARY VALUE ZERO
WHEN-COMPILED	Yes	CONSTANT PICTURE X(16) USAGE DISPLAY
XML-CODE	Yes	GLOBAL PICTURE S9(9) USAGE BINARY VALUE 0
JSON-CODE	Yes	GLOBAL PICTURE S9(9) USAGE BINARY VALUE 0

## Appendix C Intrinsic Functions

The following list of intrinsic functions was extracted from `cobc --list-intrinsics` and shows the names of the available functions, an implementation note and the number of parameters.

Intrinsic	Function	Implemented
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Parameters
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ABS	Yes	1
ACOS	Yes	1
ANNUITY	Yes	2
ASIN	Yes	1
ATAN	Yes	1
BOOLEAN-OF-INTEGER	No	2
BYTE-LENGTH	Yes	1 - 2
CHAR	Yes	1
CHAR-NATIONAL	No	1
COMBINED-DATETIME	Yes	2
CONCAT	Yes	Unlimited
CONCATENATE	Yes	Unlimited
CONTENT-LENGTH	Yes	1
CONTENT-OF	Yes	1 - 2
COS	Yes	1
CURRENCY-SYMBOL	Yes	0
CURRENT-DATE	Yes	0
DATE-OF-INTEGER	Yes	1
DATE-TO-YYYYMMDD	Yes	1 - 3
DAY-OF-INTEGER	Yes	1
DAY-TO-YYYYDDD	Yes	1 - 3
DISPLAY-OF	No	1 - 2
E	Yes	0
EXCEPTION-FILE	Yes	0
EXCEPTION-FILE-N	No	0
EXCEPTION-LOCATION	Yes	0
EXCEPTION-LOCATION-N	No	0
EXCEPTION-STATEMENT	Yes	0
EXCEPTION-STATUS	Yes	0
EXP	Yes	1
EXP10	Yes	1
FACTORIAL	Yes	1
FORMATTED-CURRENT-DATE	Yes	1
FORMATTED-DATE	Yes	2
FORMATTED-DATETIME	Yes	4 - 5
FORMATTED-TIME	Yes	3 - 4
FRACTION-PART	Yes	1
HIGHEST-ALGEBRAIC	Yes	1
INTEGER	Yes	1
INTEGER-OF-BOOLEAN	No	1
INTEGER-OF-DATE	Yes	1
INTEGER-OF-DAY	Yes	1
INTEGER-OF-FORMATTED-DATE	Yes	2
INTEGER-PART	Yes	1

LENGTH Yes 1 - 2  
LENGTH-AN Yes 1  
LOCALE-COMPARE Yes 2 - 3  
LOCALE-DATE Yes 1 - 2  
LOCALE-TIME Yes 1 - 2  
LOCALE-TIME-FROM-SECONDS Yes 1 - 2  
LOG Yes 1  
LOG10 Yes 1  
LOWER-CASE Yes 1  
LOWEST-ALGEBRAIC Yes 1  
MAX Yes Unlimited  
MEAN Yes Unlimited  
MEDIAN Yes Unlimited  
MIDRANGE Yes Unlimited  
MIN Yes Unlimited  
MOD Yes 2  
MODULE-CALLER-ID Yes 0  
MODULE-DATE Yes 0  
MODULE-FORMATTED-DATE Yes 0  
MODULE-ID Yes 0  
MODULE-PATH Yes 0  
MODULE-SOURCE Yes 0  
MODULE-TIME Yes 0  
MONETARY-DECIMAL-POINT Yes 0  
MONETARY-THOUSANDS-SEPARATOR Yes 0  
NATIONAL-OF No 1 - 2  
NUMERIC-DECIMAL-POINT Yes 0  
NUMERIC-THOUSANDS-SEPARATOR Yes 0  
NUMVAL Yes 1  
NUMVAL-C Yes 2  
NUMVAL-F Yes 1  
ORD Yes 1  
ORD-MAX Yes Unlimited  
ORD-MIN Yes Unlimited  
PI Yes 0  
PRESENT-VALUE Yes Unlimited  
RANDOM Yes 0 - 1  
RANGE Yes Unlimited  
REM Yes 2  
REVERSE Yes 1  
SECONDS-FROM-FORMATTED-TIME Yes 2  
SECONDS-PAST-MIDNIGHT Yes 0  
SIGN Yes 1  
SIN Yes 1  
SQRT Yes 1  
STANDARD-COMPARE No 2 - 4  
STANDARD-DEVIATION Yes Unlimited



STORED-CHAR-LENGTH Yes 1  
SUBSTITUTE Yes Unlimited  
SUBSTITUTE-CASE Yes Unlimited  
SUM Yes Unlimited  
TAN Yes 1  
TEST-DATE-YYYYMMDD Yes 1  
TEST-DAY-YYYYDDD Yes 1  
TEST-FORMATTED-DATETIME Yes 2  
TEST-NUMVAL Yes 1  
TEST-NUMVAL-C Yes 2  
TEST-NUMVAL-F Yes 1  
TRIM Yes 1 - 2  
UPPER-CASE Yes 1  
VARIANCE Yes Unlimited  
WHEN-COMPILED Yes 0  
YEAR-TO-YYYY Yes 1 - 3

## Appendix D System routines

The following list of system routines was extracted from `cobc --list-system` and shows the names of the available system routines along with the number of parameters.

System routine	Parameters
SYSTEM	1
CBL_AND	3
CBL_ALARM_SOUND	0
CBL_BELL_SOUND	0
CBL_CHANGE_DIR	1
CBL_CHECK_FILE_EXIST	2
CBL_CLOSE_FILE	1
CBL_COPY_FILE	2
CBL_CREATE_DIR	1
CBL_CREATE_FILE	5
CBL_DELETE_DIR	1
CBL_DELETE_FILE	1
CBL_EQ	3
CBL_ERROR_PROC	2
CBL_EXIT_PROC	2
CBL_FLUSH_FILE	1
CBL_GET_CSR_POS	1
CBL_GET_CURRENT_DIR	3
CBL_GET_SCR_SIZE	2
CBL_IMP	3
CBL_NIMP	3
CBL_NOR	3
CBL_NOT	2
CBL_OPEN_FILE	5
CBL_OR	3
CBL_READ_FILE	5
CBL_READ_KBD_CHAR	1
CBL_RENAME_FILE	2
CBL_SET_CSR_POS	1
CBL_TOLOWER	2
CBL_Toupper	2
CBL_WRITE_FILE	5
CBL_XOR	3
CBL_GC_FORK	0
CBL_GC_GETOPT	6
CBL_GC_HOSTED	2
CBL_GC_NANOSLEEP	1
CBL_GC_PRINTABLE	1 - 2
CBL_GC_WAITPID	1
CBL_OC_GETOPT	6
CBL_OC_HOSTED	2
CBL_OC_NANOSLEEP	1
C\$CALLED BY	1
C\$CHDIR	2
C\$COPY	3
C\$DELETE	2

C\$FILEINFO	2
C\$GETPID	0
C\$JUSTIFY	1 - 2
C\$MAKEDIR	1
C\$NARG	1
C\$PARAMSIZE	1
C\$PRINTABLE	1 - 2
C\$SLEEP	1
C\$TOLOWER	2
C\$TOUPPER	2
EXTFH	2
X"91"	3
X"E4"	0
X"E5"	0
X"F4"	2
X"F5"	2

## Appendix E System names

The following list of system names was extracted from `cobc --list-mnemonics` and shows the system names categorized by their type.

### E.1 System names: device

SYSIN, SYSIPT, STDIN, SYSOUT, SYSLIST, SYSLST, SYSPCH, SYSPUNCH, STDOUT, PRINT, PRINTER, PRINTER-1, SYSERR, STDERR, CONSOLE

### E.2 System names: feature

C01, C02, C03, C04, C05, C06, C07, C08, C09, C10, C11, C12, S01, S02, S03, S04, S05, CSP, FORMFEED, TOP, CALL-CONVENTION

### E.3 System names: switch

SWITCH-0, SWITCH-1, SWITCH-2, SWITCH-3, SWITCH-4, SWITCH-5, SWITCH-6, SWITCH-7, SWITCH-8, SWITCH-9, SWITCH-10, SWITCH-11, SWITCH-12, SWITCH-13, SWITCH-14, SWITCH-15, SWITCH-16, SWITCH-17, SWITCH-18, SWITCH-19, SWITCH-20, SWITCH-21, SWITCH-22, SWITCH-23, SWITCH-24, SWITCH-25, SWITCH-26, SWITCH-27, SWITCH-28, SWITCH-29, SWITCH-30, SWITCH-31, SWITCH-32, SWITCH-33, SWITCH-34, SWITCH-35, SWITCH-36

## Appendix F Compiler Configuration

The following list was extracted from `config/default.conf`.

```
# Value: any string
name: "GnuCOBOL"

# Value: enum
standard-define                                0
#      CB_STD_OC = 0,
#      CB_STD_MF,
#      CB_STD_IBM,
#      CB_STD_MVS,
#      CB_STD_BS2000,
#      CB_STD_ACU,
#      CB_STD_85,
#      CB_STD_2002,
#      CB_STD_2014

# Value: int
tab-width:                                     8
text-column:                                   72
# Maximum word-length for COBOL words / Programmer defined words
# Be aware that GC checks the word length against COB_MAX_WORDLEN
# first (currently 63)
word-length:                                   63

# Maximum literal size in general
literal-length:                                8191

# Maximum numeric literal size (absolute maximum: 38)
numeric-literal-length:                        38

# Maximum number of characters allowed in the character-string (max. 255)
pic-length:                                    255

# Value: 'mf', 'ibm'
#
assign-clause:                                  mf

# If yes, file names are resolved at run time using
# environment variables.
# For example, given ASSIGN TO "DATAFILE", the file name will be
# 1. the value of environment variable 'DD_DATAFILE' or
# 2. the value of environment variable 'dd_DATAFILE' or
# 3. the value of environment variable 'DATAFILE' or
# 4. the literal "DATAFILE"
# If no, the value of the assign clause is the file name.
#
filename-mapping:                              yes
```

```

# Alternate formatting of numeric fields
pretty-display:                yes

# Allow complex OCCURS DEPENDING ON
complex-odo:                    no

# Allow REDEFINES to other than last equal level number
indirect-redefines:            no

# Binary byte size - defines the allocated bytes according to PIC
# Value:      signed  unsigned  bytes
#            -----  -
# '2-4-8'      1 - 4      same      2
#              5 - 9      same      4
#              10 - 18     same      8
#
# '1-2-4-8'    1 - 2      same      1
#              3 - 4      same      2
#              5 - 9      same      4
#              10 - 18     same      8
#
# '1--8'       1 - 2      1 - 2      1
#              3 - 4      3 - 4      2
#              5 - 6      5 - 7      3
#              7 - 9      8 - 9      4
#              10 - 11     10 - 12     5
#              12 - 14     13 - 14     6
#              15 - 16     15 - 16     7
#              17 - 18     17 - 18     8
#
binary-size:                    1-2-4-8

# Numeric truncation according to ANSI
binary-truncate:                yes

# Binary byte order
# Value: 'native', 'big-endian'
binary-byteorder:                big-endian

# Allow larger REDEFINES items
larger-redefines-ok:            no

# Allow certain syntax variations (eg. REDEFINES position)
relax-syntax-checks:            no

# Perform type OSVS - If yes, the exit point of any currently
# executing perform is recognized if reached.
perform-osvs:                    no

# Compute intermediate decimal results like IBM OSVS
arithmetic-osvs:                no

```

```
# MOVE like IBM (mvc); left to right, byte by byte
move-ibm:                                no

# SELECT RELATIVE KEY and ASSIGN fields must be in WORKING-STORAGE
select-working:                          no

# If yes, linkage-section items remain allocated
# between invocations.
sticky-linkage:                          no

# If yes, allow non-matching level numbers
relax-level-hierarchy:                   no

# If yes, evaluate constant expressions at compile time
constant-folding:                        yes

# Allow Hex 'F' for NUMERIC test of signed PACKED DECIMAL field
hostsign:                                no

# If yes, set WITH UPDATE clause as default for ACCEPT dest-item,
# except if WITH NO UPDATE clause is used
accept-update:                           no

# If yes, set WITH AUTO clause as default for ACCEPT dest-item,
# except if WITH TAB clause is used
accept-auto:                             no

# If yes, DISPLAYs and ACCEPTs are, by default, done on the CRT (i.e., using
# curses).
console-is-crt:                          no

# If yes, allow redefinition of the current program's name. This prevents its
# use in a prototype-format CALL/CANCEL statement.
program-name-redefinition:               yes

# If yes, NO ECHO/NO-ECHO/OFF is the same as SECURE (hiding input with
# asterisks, not spaces).
no-echo-means-secure:                    no

# If yes, the first item in a field screen ACCEPT/DISPLAY (e.g. DISPLAY x UPON
# CRT) is located after the previous ACCEPT/DISPLAY (as though LINE 0 COL 0 had
# been specified).
line-col-zero-default:                   yes

# If yes, DISPLAY SPACES acts as ERASE EOS, DISPLAY X"01" acts as ERASE EOL,
# DISPLAY X"02" acts as BLANK SCREEN and DISPLAY X"07" acts as BELL. Note
# DISPLAY LOW-VALUE is excluded from this; it will always just position the
# cursor.
display-special-fig-consts:              no

# If yes, COMP-1 is a signed 16-bit integer and any PICTURE clause is ignored.
binary-comp-1:                           no
```

```

# If yes, POINTER is handled as BINARY-DOUBLE UNSIGNED instead of its own class
numeric-pointer:                no

# auto-adjust to zero like MicroFocus does
move-non-numeric-lit-to-numeric-is-zero: no

# What rules to apply to SCREEN SECTION items clauses
screen-section-rules:           gc

# Dialect features
# Value: 'ok', 'warning', 'archaic', 'obsolete', 'skip', 'ignore', 'error',
#       'unconformable'

alter-statement:                obsolete
comment-paragraphs:            obsolete
call-overflow:                 archaic
data-records-clause:           obsolete
debugging-mode:                ok
use-for-debugging:             ok
listing-statements:            skip    # may be a user-defined word
title-statement:               skip    # may be a user-defined word
entry-statement:               ok
goto-statement-without-name:    obsolete
label-records-clause:          obsolete
memory-size-clause:            obsolete
move-noninteger-to-alphanumeric: error
move-figurative-constant-to-numeric: archaic
move-figurative-space-to-numeric: error
move-figurative-quote-to-numeric: obsolete
multiple-file-tape-clause:     obsolete
next-sentence-phrase:          archaic
odo-without-to:                warning
padding-character-clause:       obsolete
section-segments:              ignore
stop-literal-statement:        obsolete
stop-identifier-statement:     obsolete
synchronized-clause:          ok
special-names-clause:          ok
top-level-occurs-clause:       ok
value-of-clause:               obsolete
numeric-boolean:               ok
hexadecimal-boolean:           ok
national-literals:             ok
hexadecimal-national-literals: ok
national-character-literals:   warning

acu-literals:                  unconformable
hp-octal-literals:             unconformable
word-continuation:             warning
not-exception-before-exception: ok
accept-display-extensions:     ok

```



```

renames-uncommon-levels:          ok
symbolic-constant:                ok
constant-78:                      ok
constant-01:                      ok
perform-varying-without-by:       ok
reference-out-of-declaratives:    warning
program-prototypes:               ok
call-convention-mnemonic:         ok
call-convention-linkage:          ok
numeric-value-for-edited-item:    ok
incorrect-conf-sec-order:          ok
define-constant-directive:         archaic
free-redefines-position:          warning
records-mismatch-record-clause    warning
record-delimiter:                  ok
sequential-delimiters:             ok
record-delim-with-fixed-recs:     ok
missing-statement:                warning
zero-length-literals:             ok
xml-generate-extra-phrases:       ok
continue-after:                   ok
goto-entry:                       warning

# use complete word list; synonyms and exceptions are specified below
reserved-words:                    default

# not-reserved:
# Value: Word to be taken out of the reserved words list
not-reserved:    TERMINAL
# reserved:
#   Entries of the form word-1=word-2 define word-1 as an alias for default
# reserved word word-2. No spaces are allowed around the equal sign.
reserved:        AUTO-SKIP=AUTO
reserved:        AUTOTERMINATE=AUTO
reserved:        BACKGROUND-COLOUR=BACKGROUND-COLOR
reserved:        BEEP=BELL
reserved:        BINARY-INT=BINARY-LONG
reserved:        BINARY-LONG-LONG=BINARY-DOUBLE
reserved:        CELLS=CELL
reserved:        COLOURS=COLORS
reserved:        EMPTY-CHECK=REQUIRED
reserved:        EQUALS=EQUAL
reserved:        FOREGROUND-COLOUR=FOREGROUND-COLOR
reserved:        HIGH-VALUES=HIGH-VALUE
reserved:        INITIALISE=INITIALIZE
reserved:        INITIALISED=INITIALIZED
reserved:        LENGTH-CHECK=FULL
reserved:        LOW-VALUES=LOW-VALUE
reserved:        ORGANISATION=ORGANIZATION
reserved:        PIXELS=PIXEL
reserved:        SYNCHRONISED=SYNCHRONIZED
reserved:        TIMEOUT=TIME-OUT

```

```
reserved:    VALUES=VALUE  
reserved:    ZEROES=ZERO  
reserved:    ZEROS=ZERO
```

## Appendix G Module loader cobcrun options

The following list of options was extracted from `cobcrun --help` and shows all available options for the module loader with a short description.

- `-h, -help`  
display this help and exit
- `-V, -version`  
display cobcrun and runtime version and exit
- `-i, -info`  
display runtime information (build/environment)
- `-c file, -config=file`  
set runtime configuration from *file*
- `-r, -runtime-config`  
display current runtime configuration (value and origin for all settings)
- `-M module, -module=module`  
set entry point module name and/or load path where `-M module` prepends any directory to the dynamic link loader library search path and any basename to the module preload list (`COB_LIBRARY_PATH` and/or `COB_PRELOAD`)

## Appendix H Runtime configuration

The following list was extracted from `config/runtime.cfg`.

### H.1 General instructions

The initial `runtime.cfg` file is found in the `$COB_CONFIG_DIR`, which defaults to `installdir/gnucobol/config` (see `cobcrun --info` for the local path that is configured). The environment variable `COB_RUNTIME_CONFIG` may define a different runtime configuration file to read.

If settings are included in the runtime environment file multiple times then the last setting value is used, no warning occurs.

Settings via environment variables always take precedence over settings that are given in runtime configuration files. And the environment is checked after completing processing of the runtime configuration file(s)

All values set to string variables or environment variables are checked for `${envvar}` and replacement is done at the time of the setting. You can also specify a default value for the case that `envvar` is not set: `${envvar:default}` (the format `${envvar:-default}` is supported, too).

Any environment variable may be set with the directive `setenv`.

Example: `setenv COB_LIBARAY_PATH ${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}`

Any environment variable may be unset with the directive `unsetenv` (one var per line).

Example: `unsetenv COB_LIBRARAY_PATH`

Runtime configuration files can include other files with the directive `include`.

Example: `include my-runtime-configuration-file`

To include another configuration file only if it is present use the directive `includeif`. You can also use `${envvar}` inside this.

Example: `includeif ${HOME}/mygc.cfg`

If you want to reset a parameter to its default value use `reset parametername`.

Most runtime variables have boolean values, some are switches, some have string values, integer values (if not explicit noted: unsigned) and some are size values. The boolean values will be evaluated as following: to true: 1, Y, ON, YES, TRUE (no matter of case) to false: 0, N, OFF A 'size' value is an unsigned integer optionally followed by K, M, or G for kilo, mega or giga.

For convenience a parameter in the `runtime.cfg` file may be defined by using either the environment variable name or the parameter name. In most cases the environment variable name is the parameter name (in upper case) with the prefix `COB_`.

For a complete list of the settings in use see `cobcrun --runtime-config`.

Note: If you want to \*slightly\* speed up a program's startup time, remove all of the comments from the actual real configuration file that is processed.

### H.2 General environment

```
Environment name: COB_DISABLE_WARNINGS
Parameter name:  disable_warnings
Purpose:         turn off runtime warning messages
Type:           boolean
```

```

        Default: false
        Example: DISABLE_WARNINGS TRUE

Environment name: COB_ENV_MANGLE
  Parameter name: env_mangle
    Purpose: names checked in the environment would get non alphanumeric
             change to '_'
    Type: boolean
    Default: false
    Example: ENV_MANGLE TRUE

Environment name: COB_SET_DEBUG
  Parameter name: debugging_mode
    Purpose: to enable USE ON DEBUGGING procedures that were active
             during compile-time because of WITH DEBUGGING MODE,
             otherwise the code generated will be skipped
    Type: boolean
    Default: false
    Example: COB_SET_DEBUG 1

Environment name: COB_SET_TRACE
  Parameter name: set_trace
    Purpose: to enable COBOL trace feature
    Type: boolean
    Default: false
    Example: SET_TRACE TRUE

Environment name: COB_TRACE_FILE
  Parameter name: trace_file
    Purpose: to define where COBOL trace output should go
    Type: string : $$ is replaced by process id
    Default: stderr
    Example: TRACE_FILE ${HOME}/mytrace.$$

Environment name: COB_TRACE_FORMAT
  Parameter name: trace_format
    Purpose: to define format of COBOL trace output
    Type: string
    Default: "%P %S Line: %L"
             %P is replaced by Program-Id/Function-Id minimal length 29
             with prefix
             %I is replaced by Program-Id/Function-Id variable length,
             without prefix
             %L is replaced by Line number, right justified, length 6
             %S is replaced by statement type and name
             %F is replaced by source file name
    Example: TRACE_FORMAT "Line: %L %S"
    Note: format of GC2.2 and older:
          "PROGRAM-ID: %I Line: %L %S"

Environment name: COB_DUMP_FILE
  Parameter name: dump_file

```

Purpose: to define where COBOL dump output should go  
 Note: The -fdump=all compile option prepares for dump  
 Type: string : \$\$ is replaced by process id  
 Default: stderr  
 Example: DUMP\_FILE \${HOME}/mytrace.log

Environment name: COB\_DUMP\_WIDTH  
 Parameter name: dump\_width  
 Purpose: to define COBOL dump line length  
 Type: integer  
 Default: 100  
 Example: dump\_width 120

Environment name: COB\_CURRENT\_DATE  
 Parameter name: current\_date  
 Purpose: specify an alternate Date/Time to be returned to ACCEPT clauses this is used for testing purposes or to tweak a missing offset partial setting is allowed  
 Type: numeric string in format YYYYDDMMHH24MISS or date string  
 Default: the operating system date is used  
 Example: COB\_CURRENT\_DATE "2016/03/16 16:40:52"  
 current\_date YYYYMMDDHHMMSS+01:00

### H.3 Call environment

Environment name: COB\_LIBRARY\_PATH  
 Parameter name: library\_path  
 Purpose: paths for dynamically-loadable modules  
 Type: string  
 Note: the default paths ./installpath/extras are always added to the given paths  
 Example: LIBRARY\_PATH /opt/myapp/test:/opt/myapp/production

Environment name: COB\_PRE\_LOAD  
 Parameter name: pre\_load  
 Purpose: modules that are loaded during startup, can be used to CALL COBOL programs or C functions that are part of a module library  
 Type: string  
 Note: the modules listed should NOT include extensions, the runtime will use the right ones on the various platforms, COB\_LIBRARY\_PATH is used to locate the modules  
 Example: PRE\_LOAD COBOL\_function\_library:external\_c\_library

Environment name: COB\_LOAD\_CASE  
 Parameter name: load\_case  
 Purpose: resolve ALL called program names to UPPER or LOWER case  
 Type: Only use UPPER or LOWER

Default: if not set program names in CALL are case sensitive  
 Example: LOAD\_CASE UPPER

Environment name: COB\_PHYSICAL\_CANCEL

Parameter name: physical\_cancel

Purpose: physically unload a dynamically-loadable module on CANCEL, this frees some RAM and allows the change of modules during run-time but needs more time to resolve CALLs (both to active and not-active programs)

Alias: default\_cancel\_mode, LOGICAL\_CANCEL (0 = yes)

Type: boolean (evaluated for true only)

Default: false

Example: PHYSICAL\_CANCEL TRUE

## H.4 File I/O

Environment name: COB\_VARSEQ\_FORMAT

Parameter name: varseq\_format

Purpose: declare format used for variable length sequential files  
 - different types and lengths precede each record  
 - 'length' is the data length, does not include the prefix

Type: 0 means 2 byte record length (big-endian) + 2 NULs  
 1 means 4 byte record length (big-endian)  
 2 means 4 byte record length (local machine int)  
 3 means 2 byte record length (big-endian)

Default: 0

Example: VARSEQ\_FORMAT 1

Environment name: COB\_FILE\_PATH

Parameter name: file\_path

Purpose: define default location where data files are stored

Type: file path directory

Default: . (current directory)

Example: FILE\_PATH \${HOME}/mydata

Environment name: COB\_LS\_FIXED

Parameter name: ls\_fixed

Purpose: Defines if LINE SEQUENTIAL files should be fixed length (or variable, by removing trailing spaces)

Alias: STRIP\_TRAILING\_SPACES (0 = yes)

Type: boolean

Default: false

Example: LS\_FIXED TRUE

Environment name: COB\_LS\_NULLS

Parameter name: ls\_nulls

Purpose: Defines for LINE SEQUENTIAL files what to do with data which is not DISPLAY type. This could happen if a LINE

SEQUENTIAL record has COMP data fields in it.  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Note: The TRUE setting will handle files that contain COMP data in a similar manner to the method used by Micro Focus  
 Example: LS\_NULL = TRUE

Environment name: COB\_SYNC  
 Parameter name: sync  
 Purpose: Should the file be synced to disk after each write/update  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Example: SYNC: TRUE

Environment name: COB\_SORT\_MEMORY  
 Parameter name: sort\_memory  
 Purpose: Defines how much RAM to assign for sorting data if this size is exceeded the SORT will be done on disk instead of memory  
 Type: size but must be more than 1M  
 Default: 128M  
 Example: SORT\_MEMORY 64M

Environment name: COB\_SORT\_CHUNK  
 Parameter name: sort\_chunk  
 Purpose: Defines how much RAM to assign for sorting data in chunks  
 Type: size but must be within 128K and 16M  
 Default: 256K  
 Example: SORT\_CHUNK 1M

## H.5 Screen I/O

Environment name: COB\_BELL  
 Parameter name: bell  
 Purpose: Defines how a request for the screen to beep is handled  
 Type: FLASH, SPEAKER, FALSE, BEEP  
 Default: BEEP  
 Example: BELL SPEAKER

Environment name: COB\_REDIRECT\_DISPLAY  
 Parameter name: redirect\_display  
 Purpose: Defines if DISPLAY output should be sent to 'stderr'  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Example: redirect\_display Yes

Environment name: COB\_SCREEN\_ESC  
 Parameter name: screen\_esc



Purpose: Enable handling of ESC key during ACCEPT  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Note: is only evaluated if COB\_SCREEN\_EXCEPTIONS is active  
 Example: screen\_esc Yes

Environment name: COB\_SCREEN\_EXCEPTIONS  
 Parameter name: screen\_exceptions  
 Purpose: enable exceptions for function keys during ACCEPT  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Example: screen\_exceptions Yes

Environment name: COB\_TIMEOUT\_SCALE  
 Parameter name: timeout\_scale  
 Purpose: specify translation in milliseconds for ACCEPT clauses  
 BEFORE TIME value / AFTER TIMEOUT  
 Type: integer  
 0 means 1000 (Micro Focus COBOL compatible), 1 means 100  
 (ACUCOBOL compatible), 2 means 10, 3 means 1  
 Default: 0  
 Note: the minimum and possible maximum value depend on the  
 screenio library used  
 Example: timeout\_scale 3

Environment name: COB\_INSERT\_MODE  
 Parameter name: insert\_mode  
 Purpose: specify default insert mode for ACCEPT; 0=off, 1=on  
 Type: boolean  
 Default: false  
 Note: also sets the cursor type (if available)  
 Example: insert\_mode Y

Environment name: COB\_MOUSE\_FLAGS  
 Parameter name: mouse\_flags  
 Purpose: specify which mouse events will be sent as function key  
 to the application during ACCEPT and how they will be  
 handled  
 Type: int (by bits)  
 Default: 1  
 Note: 0 disables the mouse cursor, any other value enables it,  
 any value containing 1 will enable internal handling (click  
 to position, double-click to enter).  
 See copy/screenio.cpy for list of events and their values.  
 Alias: MOUSE\_FLAGS  
 Example: 11 (enable internal handling => 1, left press => 2,  
 double-click => 8; 1+2+8=11)

Environment name: COB\_MOUSE\_INTERVAL  
 Parameter name: mouse\_interval  
 Purpose: specifies the maximum time (in thousands of a second)  
 that can elapse between press and release events for them

to be recognized as a click.

Type: int (0 - 166)

Default: 100

Note: 0 disables the click resolution (instead press + release are recognized), also disables positioning by mouse click

Environment name: COB\_DISPLAY\_PRINT\_PIPE

Parameter name: display\_print\_pipe

Purpose: Defines command line used for sending output of DISPLAY UPON PRINTER to (via pipe)  
This is very similar to Micro Focus COBPRINTER

Note: Each executed DISPLAY UPON PRINTER statement causes a new invocation of command-line (= new process start).  
Each invocation receives the data referenced in the DISPLAY statement and is followed by an end-of-file condition.  
COB\_DISPLAY\_PRINT\_FILE, if set, takes precedence over COB\_DISPLAY\_PRINT\_PIPE.

Alias: COBPRINTER

Type: string

Default: not set

Example: print 'cat >>/tmp/myprt.log'

Environment name: COB\_DISPLAY\_PRINT\_FILE

Parameter name: display\_print\_file

Purpose: Defines file to be appended to by DISPLAY UPON PRINTER

Note: Each DISPLAY UPON PRINTER opens, appends and closes the file.

Type: string : \$\$ is replaced by process id

Default: not set

Example: display\_printer '/tmp/myprt.log'

Environment name: COB\_DISPLAY\_PUNCH\_FILE

Parameter name: display\_punch\_file

Purpose: Defines file to be created on first DISPLAY UPON SYSPUNCH/SYSPCH

Note: The file will be only be closed on runtime exit.

Type: string : \$\$ is replaced by process id

Default: not set

Example: display\_punch './punch\_\$\$out'

Environment name: COB\_LEGACY

Parameter name: legacy

Purpose: keep behavior of former runtime versions, currently only for setting screen attributes for non input fields

Type: boolean

Default: not set

Example: legacy true

Environment name: COB\_EXIT\_WAIT

Parameter name: exit\_wait

Purpose: to wait on main program exit if an extended screenio DISPLAY was issued without an ACCEPT following

Type: boolean  
Default: true  
Example: COB\_EXIT\_WAIT off

Environment name: COB\_EXIT\_MSG  
Parameter name: exit\_msg  
Purpose: string to display if COB\_EXIT\_WAIT is processed, set to ''  
if no actual display but an ACCEPT should be done  
Type: string  
Default: 'end of program, please press a key to exit' (localized)  
Example: COB\_EXIT\_MSG ''

## H.6 Report I/O

Environment name: COB\_COL\_JUST\_LRC  
Parameter name: col\_just\_lrc  
Purpose: If true, then COLUMN defined as LEFT, RIGHT or CENTER  
will have the data justified within the field limits  
If false, then the data is just copied into the column as is  
Type: boolean  
Default: TRUE  
Example: col\_just\_lrc True

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