

Command: K n

'K' sets the number of screen lines to be listed to the display device before the display is paused as described in 'L' above. The value in MCB 256 is computed and stored. For example use 'K 5' if you wish a subsequent 'L'ist to produce five screen lines at a time.

4.2.3 Text Editing.

Once some text has been created there will inevitably be a need to edit some lines. Various commands are provided to enable lines to be amended, deleted, moved and renumbered:

Command: D (n,m)

All lines from n to m inclusive are deleted from the textfile. If m < n or less than two arguments are specified then no action will be taken; this is to help prevent careless mistakes. A single line may be deleted by making m = n; this can also be accomplished by simply typing the line number followed by RETURN.

Command: M n,m

This causes the text at line n to be entered at line m deleting any text that already exists there. Note that line n is left alone. So this command allows you to 'M'ove a line of text to another position within the textfile. If line number n does not exist then no action is taken.

Command: N (n,m)

Use of the 'N' command causes the textfile to be renumbered with a first line number of n and in line number steps of m. Both n and m must be present and if the renumbering would cause any line number to exceed 32767 then the original numbering is retained.

Command: F n,m,f,s

The text existing within the line range $n < x < m$ is searched for an occurrence of the string f - the 'find' string. If such an occurrence is found then the relevant text line is displayed and the Edit mode is entered - see below. You may then use commands within the Edit mode to search for subsequent occurrences of the string f within the defined line range or to substitute the string s (the 'substitute' string) for the current occurrence of f and then search for the next occurrence of f; see below for more details.

Note that the line range and the two strings may have been set up previously by any other command so that it may only be necessary to enter 'F' to initiate the search - see the example in Section 4. for clarification.

Command: E n

Edit the line with line number n. If n does not exist then no action is taken; otherwise the line is copied into a buffer and displayed on the screen (with the line number), the line number is displayed again underneath the line and the Edit mode is entered. All subsequent editing takes place with the buffer and not in the text itself; thus the original line can be recovered at any time.