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12.1 The Required Word Set Layers

The words of the Required Word Set are grouped to show like characteristics. No implementation requirements should be inferred from this grouping.

Nucleus layer

! * */ */MOD + +! - / /MOD 0< 0= 0> 1+ 1- 2+
2- 2/ < = > >R ?DUP @ ABS AND C! C@ CMOVE
CMOVE> COUNT D+ D< DEPTH DNEGATE DROP DUP EXECUTE
EXIT FILL I J MAX MIN MOD NEGATE NOT OR OVER PICK
R> R@ ROLL ROT SWAP U< UM* UM/MOD XOR

Device layer

BLOCK BUFFER CR EMIT EXPECT FLUSH KEY SAVE-BUFFERS
SPACE SPACES TYPE UPDATE

Interpreter layer

#> #S #TIB ' (-TRAILING . .(<# >BODY >IN
ABORT BASE BLK CONVERT DECIMAL DEFINITIONS FIND
FORGET FORTH FORTH-83 HERE HOLD LOAD PAD QUIT SIGN
SPAN TIB U. WORD

Compiler layer

+LOOP , ." : ; ABORT" ALLOT BEGIN COMPILE CONSTANT
CREATE DO DOES> ELSE IF IMMEDIATE LEAVE LITERAL LOOP
REPEAT STATE THEN UNTIL VARIABLE VOCABULARY WHILE _
['] [COMPILE]]

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12.2 The Required Word Set Glossary

!	16b addr -- 16b is stored at addr.	79	"store"
#	+d1 -- +d2 The remainder of +d1 divided by the value of BASE is converted to an ASCII character and appended to the output string toward lower memory addresses. +d2 is the quotient and is maintained for further processing. Typically used between <# and #> .	79	"sharp"
#>	32b -- addr +n Pictured numeric output conversion is ended dropping 32b. addr is the address of the resulting output string. +n is the number of characters in the output string. addr and +n together are suitable for TYPE .	79	"sharp-greater"
#S	+d -- 0 0 +d is converted appending each resultant character into the pictured numeric output string until the quotient (see: #) is zero. A single zero is added to the output string if the number was initially zero. Typically used between <# and #> .	29	"sharp-s"
#TIB	-- addr The address of a variable containing the number of bytes in the text input buffer. #TIB is accessed by WORD when BLK is zero. {{0..capacity of TIB}} See: "input stream"	U,83	"number-t-i-b"
'	-- addr Used in the form: ' <name> addr is the compilation address of <name>. An error condition exists if <name> is not found in the currently active search order.	M,83	"tick"
(-- -- (compiling) Used in the form: (ccc) The characters ccc, delimited by) (closing parenthesis), are considered comments. Comments are not otherwise processed. The blank following (is not part of ccc. (may be freely used while interpreting or compiling. The number of characters in ccc may be zero to the number of characters remaining in the input stream up to the closing parenthesis.	I,M,83	"paren"
*	w1 w2 -- w3 w3 is the least-significant 16 bits of the arithmetic product of w1 times w2.	79	"times"

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- `*/` `n1 n2 n3 -- n4` 83 "times-divide"
n1 is first multiplied by n2 producing an intermediate 32-bit result. n4 is the floor of the quotient of the intermediate 32-bit result divided by the divisor n3. The product of n1 times n2 is maintained as an intermediate 32-bit result for greater precision than the otherwise equivalent sequence: `n1 n2 * n3 /`. An error condition results if the divisor is zero or if the quotient falls outside of the range `{-32,768..32,767}`.
See: ["division, floored"](#)
- `*/MOD` `n1 n2 n3 -- n4 n5` 83 "times-divide-mod"
n1 is first multiplied by n2 producing an intermediate 32-bit result. n4 is the remainder and n5 is the floor of the quotient of the intermediate 32-bit result divided by the divisor n3. A 32-bit intermediate product is used as for `*/`. n4 has the same sign as n3 or is zero. An error condition results if the divisor is zero or if the quotient falls outside of the range `{-32,768..32,767}`.
See: ["division, floored"](#)
- `+` `w1 w2 -- w3` 79 "plus"
w3 is the arithmetic sum of w1 plus w2.
- `+!` `w1 addr --` 79 "plus-store"
w1 is added to the w value at addr using the convention for `+`. This sum replaces the original value at addr.
- `+LOOP` `n --` C,I,83 "plus-loop"
 `sys -- (compiling)`
n is added to the loop index. If the new index was incremented across the boundary between `limit-1` and `limit` then the loop is terminated and loop control parameters are discarded. When the loop is not terminated, execution continues to just after the corresponding `DO`. `sys` is balanced with its corresponding `DO`. See: [DO](#)
- `,` `16b --` 79 "comma"
ALLOT space for 16b then store 16b at HERE 2- .
- `-` `w1 w2 -- w3` 79 "minus"
w3 is the result of subtracting w2 from w1.
- `-TRAILING` `addr +n1 -- addr +n2` 79 "dash-trailing"
The character count +n1 of a text string beginning at addr is adjusted to exclude trailing spaces. If +n1 is zero, then +n2 is also zero. If the entire string consists of spaces, then +n2 is zero.
- `.` `n --` M,79 "dot"
The absolute value of n is displayed in a free field format with a leading minus sign if n is negative.

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." -- C,I,83 "dot-quote"
 -- (compiling)
 Used in the form:
 ." ccc"
 Later execution will display the characters ccc up to but
 not including the delimiting " (close-quote). The blank
 following ." is not part of ccc.

.(-- I,M,83 "dos-paren"
 -- (compiling)
 Used in the form:
 .(ccc)
 The characters ccc up to but not including the delimiting)
 (closing parenthesis) are displayed. The blank following .(
 is not part of ccc.

/ n1 n2 -- n3 83 "divide"
 n3 is the floor of the quotient of n1 divided by the divisor
 n2. An error condition results if the divisor is zero or if
 the quotient falls outside of the range {-32,768..32,767}.
 See: ["division, floored"](#)

/MOD n1 n2 -- n3 n4 83 "divide-mod"
 n3 is the remainder and n4 the floor of the quotient of n1
 divided by the divisor n2. n3 has the same sign as n2 or is
 zero. An error condition results if the divisor is zero or
 if the quotient falls outside of the range
 {-32,768..32,767}. See: ["division, floored"](#)

0< n -- flag 83 "zero-less"
 flag is true if n is less than zero (negative).

0= w -- flag 83 "zero-equals"
 flag is true if w is zero.

0> n -- flag 83 "zero-greater"
 flag is true if n is greater than zero.

1+ w1 -- w2 79 "one-plus"
 w2 is the result of adding one to w1 according to the
 operations of + .

1- w1 -- w2 79 "one-minus"
 w2 is the result of subtracting one from w1 according to the
 operation of - .

2+ w1 -- w2 79 "two-plus"
 w2 is the result of adding two to w1 according to the
 operation of + .

2- w1 -- w2 79 "two-minus"
 w2 is the result of subtracting two from w1 according to the

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2/ n1 -- n2 83 "two-divide"
n2 is the result of arithmetically shifting n1 right one
bit. The sign is included in the shift and remains
unchanged.

: -- sys M,79 "colon"
A defining word executed in the form:
 : <name> ... ;
Create a word definition for <name> in the compilation
vocabulary and set compilation state. The search order is
changed so that the first vocabulary in the search order is
replaced by the compilation vocabulary. The compilation
vocabulary is unchanged. The text from the input stream is
subsequently compiled. <name> is called a "colon
definition". The newly created word definition for <name>
cannot be found in the dictionary until the corresponding ;
or ;CODE is successfully processed.

An error condition exists if a word is not found and cannot
be converted to a number or if, during compilation from mass
storage, the input stream is exhausted before encountering ;
or ;CODE . sys is balanced with its corresponding ; .
See: ["compilation"](#) ["9.4 Compilation"](#)

; -- C,I,79 "semi-colon"
 sys -- (compiling)
Stops compilation of a colon definition, allows the <name>
of this colon definition to be found in the dictionary, sets
interpret state and compiles EXIT (or a system dependent
word which performs an equivalent function). sys is
balanced with its corresponding : . See: [EXIT :](#)
["stack, return"](#) ["9.4 Compilation"](#)

< n1 n2 -- flag 83 "less-than"
flag is true if n1 is less than n2.
-32768 32767 < must return true.
-32768 0 < must return true.

<# -- 79 "less-sharp"
Initialize pictured numeric output conversion. The words:
 # #> #S <# HOLD SIGN
can be used to specify the conversion of a double number
into an ASCII text string stored in right-to-left order.

= w1 w2 -- flag 83 "equals"
flag is true if w1 is equal to w2.

> n1 n2 -- flag 83 "greater-than"

flag is true if n1 is greater than n2.
 -32768 32767 > must return false.
 -32768 0 > must return false.

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>BODY addr1 -- addr2 83 "to-body"
 addr2 is the parameter field address corresponding to the
 compilation address addr1. See: ["9.2 Addressable Memory"](#)

>IN -- addr U,79 "to-in"
 The address of a variable which contains the present
 character offset within the input stream {{0..the number of
 characters in the input stream}}. See: [WORD](#)

>R 16b -- C,79 "to-r"
 Transfers 16b to the return stack. See ["9.3 Return Stack"](#)

?DUP 16b -- 16b 16b 79 "question-dupe"
 or 0 -- 0
 Duplicate 16b if it is non-zero.

@ addr -- 16b 79 "fetch"
 16b is the value at addr.

ABORT 79
 Clears the data stack and performs the function of QUIT .
 No message is displayed.

ABORT" flag -- C,I,83 "abort-quote"
 -- (compiling)
 Used in the form:
 flag ABORT" ccc"
 When later executed, if flag is true the characters ccc,
 delimited by " (close-quote), are displayed and then a
 system dependent error abort sequence, including the
 function of ABORT , is performed. If flag is false, the
 flag is dropped and execution continues. The blank
 following ABORT" is not part of ccc.

ABS n -- u 79 "absolute"
 u is the absolute value of n. If n is -32,768 then u is the
 same value. See: ["arithmetic, two's complement"](#)

ALLOT w -- 79
 Allocates w bytes in the dictionary. The address of the
 next available dictionary entry is updated accordingly.

AND 16b1 16b2 -- 16b3 79
 16b3 is the bit-by-bit logical 'and' of 16b1 with 16b2.

BASE -- addr U,83

The address of a variable containing the current numeric conversion radix. {{2..72}}

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BEGIN -- C,I,79

-- sys (compiling)

Used in the form:

BEGIN ... flag UNTIL

or

BEGIN ... flag WHILE ... REPEAT

BEGIN marks the start of a word sequence for repetitive execution. A BEGIN-UNTIL loop will be repeated until flag is true. A BEGIN-WHILE-REPEAT will be repeated until flag is false. The words after UNTIL or REPEAT will be executed when either loop is finished. sys is balanced with its corresponding UNTIL or WHILE .

See: ["9.9 Control Structures"](#)

BLK -- addr U,79 "b-l-k"

The address of a variable containing the number of the mass storage block being interpreted as the input stream. If the value of BLK is zero the input stream is taken from the text input buffer. {{0..the number of blocks available -1}}

See: [TIB "input stream"](#)

BLOCK u -- addr M,83

addr is the address of the assigned buffer of the first byte of block u. If the block occupying that buffer is not block u and has been UPDATEed it is transferred to mass storage before assigning the buffer. If block u is not already in memory, it is transferred from mass storage into an assigned block buffer. A block may not be assigned to more than one buffer. If u is not an available block number, an error condition exists. Only data within the last buffer referenced by BLOCK or BUFFER is valid. The contents of a block buffer must not be changed unless the change may be transferred to mass storage.

BUFFER u -- addr M,83

Assigns a block buffer to block u. addr is the address of the first byte of the block within its buffer. This function is fully specified by the definition for BLOCK except that if the block is not already in memory it might not be transferred from mass storage. The contents of the block buffer assigned to block u by BUFFER are unspecified.

C! 16b addr -- 79 "c-store"

The least-significant 8 bits of 16b are stored into the byte at addr.

C@ addr -- 8b 79 "c-fetch"
8b is the contents of the byte at addr.

CMOVE addr1 addr2 u -- 83 "c-move"
Move u bytes beginning at address addr1 to addr2. The byte at addr1 is moved first, proceeding toward high memory. If u is zero nothing is moved.

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CMOVE> addr1 addr2 u -- 83 "c-move-up"
Move the u bytes at address addr1 to addr2. The move begins by moving the byte at (addr1 plus u minus 1) to (addr2 plus u minus 1) and proceeds to successively lower addresses for u bytes. If u is zero nothing is moved. (Useful for sliding a string towards higher addresses).

COMPILE -- C,83
Typically used in the form:
 : <name> ... COMPILE <namex> ... ;
When <name> is executed, the compilation address compiled for <namex> is compiled and not executed. <name> is typically immediate and <namex> is typically not immediate. See: ["compilation"](#)

CONSTANT 16b -- M,83
A defining word executed in the form:
 16b CONSTANT <name>
Creates a dictionary entry for <name> so that when <name> is later executed, 16b will be left on the stack.

CONVERT +d1 addr1 -- +d2 addr2 79
+d2 is the result of converting the characters within the text beginning at addr1+2 into digits, using the value of BASE , and accumulating each into +d1 after multiplying +d1 by the value of BASE . Conversion continues until an unconvertible character is encountered. addr2 is the location of the first unconvertible character.

COUNT addr1 -- addr2 +n 79
addr2 is addr1+1 and +n is the length of the counted string at addr1. The byte at addr1 contains the byte count +n. Range of +n is {0..255} See: ["string, counted"](#)

CR -- M,79 "c-r"
Displays a carriage-return and line-feed or equivalent operation.

CREATE -- M,79
A defining word executed in the form:

CREATE <name>

Creates a dictionary entry for <name>. After <name> is created, the next available dictionary location is the first byte of <name>'s parameter field. When <name> is subsequently executed, the address of the first byte of <name>'s parameter field is left on the stack. CREATE does not allocate space in <name>'s parameter field.

D+ wd1 wd2 -- wd3 79 "d-plus"
wd3 is the arithmetic sum of wd1 plus wd2.

D< d1 d2 -- flag 83 "d-less-than"
flag is true if d1 is less than d2 according to the operation of < except extended to 32 bits.

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DECIMAL -- 79
Set the input-output numeric conversion base to ten.

DEFINITIONS -- 79
The compilation vocabulary is changed to be the same as the first vocabulary in the search order.
See: ["vocabulary, compilation"](#)

DEPTH -- +n 79
+n is the number of 16-bit values contained in the data stack before +n was placed on the stack.

DNEGATE d1 -- d2 79 "d-negate"
d2 is the two's complement of d1.

DO w1 w2 -- C,I,83
 -- sys (compiling)
Used in the form:
DO ... LOOP
or
DO ... +LOOP
Begins a loop which terminates based on control parameters. The loop index begins at w2, and terminates based on the limit w1. See LOOP and +LOOP for details on how the loop is terminated. The loop is always executed at least once. For example: w DUP DO ... LOOP executes 65,536 times. sys is balanced with its corresponding LOOP or +LOOP .
See: ["9.9 Control Structures"](#)

An error condition exists if insufficient space is available for at least three nesting levels.

DOES> -- addr C,I,83 "does"
 -- (compiling)
Defines the execution-time action of a word created by a high-level defining word. Used in the form:
: <name> ... <create> ... DOES> ... ;

sys -- (compiling)
Used in the form:
flag IF ... ELSE ... THEN

or

flag IF ... THEN

THEN is the point where execution continues after ELSE , or IF when no ELSE is present. sys is balanced with its corresponding IF or ELSE . See: [IF](#) [ELSE](#)

TIB -- addr 83 "t-i-b"
The address of the text input buffer. This buffer is used to hold characters when the input stream is coming from the current input device. The minimum capacity of TIB is 80 characters.

TYPE addr +n -- M,79
+n characters are displayed from memory beginning with the character at addr and continuing through consecutive addresses. Nothing is displayed if +n is zero.
See: ["9.5.4 TYPE"](#)

U. u -- M,79 "u-dot"
u is displayed as an unsigned number in a free-field format.

U< u1 u2 -- flag 83 "u-less-than"
flag is true if u1 is less than u2.

UM* u1 u2 -- ud 83 "u-m-times"
ud is the unsigned product of u1 times u2. All values and arithmetic are unsigned.

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UM/MOD ud u1 -- u2 u3 83 "u-m-divide-mod"
u2 is the remainder and u3 is the floor of the quotient after dividing ud by the divisor u1. All values and arithmetic are unsigned. An error condition results if the divisor is zero or if the quotient lies outside the range corresponding BEGIN . See: [BEGIN](#)

UPDATE -- 79
The currently valid block buffer is marked as modified. Blocks marked as modified will subsequently be automatically transferred to mass storage should its memory buffer be needed for storage of a different block or upon execution of FLUSH or SAVE-BUFFERS .

VARIABLE -- M,79
A defining word executed in the form:

VARIABLE <name>

A dictionary entry for <name> is created and two bytes are ALLOTTed in its parameter field. This parameter field is to be used for contents of the variable. The application is responsible for initializing the contents of the variable which it creates. When <name> is later executed, the address of its parameter field is placed on the stack.

VOCABULARY -- M,83

A defining word executed in the form:

VOCABULARY <name>

A dictionary entry for <name> is created which specifies a new ordered list of word definitions. Subsequent execution of <name> replaces the first vocabulary in the search order with <name>. When <name> becomes the compilation vocabulary new definitions will be appended to <name>'s list.

See: [DEFINITIONS](#) ["search order"](#)

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WHILE flag -- C,I,79
sys1 -- sys2 (compiling)

Used in the form:

BEGIN ... flag WHILE ... REPEAT

Selects conditional execution based on flag. When flag is true, execution continues to just after the WHILE through to the REPEAT which then continues execution back to just after the BEGIN . When flag is false, execution continues to just after the REPEAT , exiting the control structure. sys1 is balanced with its corresponding BEGIN . sys2 is balanced with its corresponding REPEAT . See: [BEGIN](#)

WORD char -- addr M,83

Generates a counted string by non-destructively accepting characters from the input stream until the delimiting character char is encountered or the input stream is exhausted. Leading delimiters are ignored. The entire character string is stored in memory beginning at addr as a sequence of bytes. The string is followed by a blank which is not included in the count. The first byte of the string is the number of characters {0..255}. If the string is longer than 255 characters, the count is unspecified. If the input stream is already exhausted as WORD is called,

then a zero length character string will result.

If the delimiter is not found the value of >IN is the size of the input stream. If the delimiter is found >IN is adjusted to indicate the offset to the character following the delimiter. #TIB is unmodified.

The counted string returned by WORD may reside in the "free" dictionary area at HERE or above. Note that the text interpreter may also use this area. See: ["input stream"](#)

XOR 16b1 16b2 -- 16b3 79 "x-or"
16b3 is the bit-by-bit exclusive-or of 16b1 with 16b2.

[-- I,79 "left-bracket"
 -- (compiling)
Sets interpret state. The text from the input stream is subsequently interpreted. For typical usage see LITERAL .
See: [\[](#)

['] -- addr C,I,M,83 "bracket-
 -- (compiling) tick"
Used in the form:
 ['] <name>
Compiles the compilation address addr of <name> as a literal. When the colon definition is later executed addr is left on the stack. An error condition exists if <name> is not found in the currently active search order.
See: [LITERAL](#)

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[COMPILE] -- C,I,M,79 "bracket-
 -- (compiling) compile"
Used in the form:
 [COMPILE] <name>
Forces compilation of the following word <name>. This allows compilation of an immediate word when it would otherwise have been executed.

] -- 79 "right-bracket"
Sets compilation state. The text from the input stream is subsequently compiled. For typical usage see LITERAL .
See: [\[](#)

