# IBM 1620 Simulator Usage 30-Jan-2007 

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This memorandum documents the IBM 1620 simulator. This simulator is based on Geoff Kuenning's 1620 simulator, which is used by permission.

## 1 Simulator Files

```
sim/ scp.h
    sim_console.h
    sim_defs.h
    sim_fio.h
    sim_rev.h
    sim_sock.h
    sim_timer.h
    sim_tmxr.h
    scp.c
    sim_console.c
    sim_fio.c
    sim_sock.c
    sim_timer.c
    sim_tmxr.c
sim/i1620/ i1620_defs.h
    i1620_cpu.c
    i1620_fp.c
    i1620_tty.c
    i1620_pt.c
    i1620_cd.c
    i1620_lp.c
    i1620_dp.c
    i1620_sys.c
```


## 2 IBM 1620 Features

The IBM 1620 simulator is configured as follows:

```
device names simulates
CPU IBM 1620 Model 1 or Model 2 CPU with 20K to 60K memory
Model 1 options: indirect addressing, automatic divide,
    edit instructions, floating point
Model 2 options: indexing, binary capability, floating
    point
TTY IBM console terminal
PTR IBM }1621\mathrm{ paper tape reader
PTP IBM }1624\mathrm{ paper tape punch
CDR,CDP IBM 1622 card reader/punch
LPT IBM 1443 line printer
DP IBM }1311\mathrm{ disk pack with four drives
```

The IBM 1620 simulator implements many unique stop conditions. On almost any kind of error the simulator stops:

- Unimplemented opcode
- Reference to non-existent device
- Invalid digit
- Invalid alphameric character
- Invalid P address digit
- Invalid Q address digit
- Indirect address limit exceeded
- Invalid odd address
- Invalid even address
- Invalid function
- Invalid indicator
- Invalid return address register
- Skip to unpunched carriage control tape channel
- Card reader hopper empty
- Overflow with arithmetic stop switch set
- I/O error with I/O stop switch set
- Invalid disk drive
- Invalid disk sector address
- Invalid disk sector count
- Invalid disk buffer address
- Disk address compare error
- Disk cylinder overflow error
- Disk write check error
- Field exceeds memory
- Record exceeds memory
- Floating point mantissa exceeds maximum length
- Floating point mantissas not the same length
- Floating point exponent check with arithmetic stop switch set
- Floating point exponent missing high flag

The LOAD command is used to load a line printer carriage-control tape. The DUMP command is not implemented.

### 2.1 CPU

The CPU options include the CPU model (Model 1 or Model 2), a number of special features, and the size of main memory.

```
SET CPU IA
SET CPU NOIA
SET CPU EDT
SET CPU NOEDT
SET CPU DIV
SET CPU NODIV
SET CPU IDX
SET CPU NOIDX
SET CPU BIN
SET CPU NOBIN
SET CPU FP
SET CPU NOFP
SET CPU MOD1
SET CPU MOD2
SET CPU 20K
SET CPU 40K
SET CPU 60K
```

```
enable indirect addressing
disable indirect addressing
enable extra editing instructions
disable extra editing instructions
enable divide instructions
disable divide instructions
enable indexing
disable indexing
enable binary instructions
disable binary instructions
enable floating point instructions
disable floating point instructions
set Model 1
set Model 2
set memory size = 20K
set memory size = 40K
set memory size = 60K
```

Model 1 options include IA, EDT, DIV, and FP; the first three are on by default. Model 2 options include IDX, BIN, and FP; IA, EDT, and DIV are standard on the Model 2.

If memory size is being reduced, and the memory being truncated contains non-zero data, the simulator asks for confirmation. Data in the truncated portion of memory is lost. Initially, the CPU is a Model 1, memory size is 20 K , and indirect addressing, editing instructions, and divide are enabled.

Memory is implemented as 5 bit BCD digits, as follows:

| 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| flag | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 |
|  | $<-----$ | digit |  | $----->$ |

In $B C D$, the decimal digits $0-9$ are (hex) values $0 \times 0,0 \times 1,0 \times 2,0 \times 3,0 \times 4,0 \times 5,0 \times 6,0 \times 7,0 \times 8,0 \times 9$, respectively. $0 x A$ is record mark, $0 \times C$ non-punching blank, and $0 \times F$ group mark, respectively.

CPU registers include the visible state of the processor. The 1620 has no interrupt system.

| name | size | comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IR1 | 16 | instruction storage address register (PC) |
| IR2 | 16 | return register |
| PR1 | 16 | processor register 1 |
| PAR | 16 | P address register (OR2) |
| QAR | 16 | Q address register (OR1) |
| SS1 | 1 | sense switch 1 |
| SS2 | 1 | sense switch 2 |
| SS3 | 1 | sense switch 3 |
| SS 4 | 1 | sense switch 4 |
| HP | 1 | high/positive indicator |
| EZ | 1 | equal/zero indicator |
| ARCHK | 1 | arithmetic check (overflow) indicator |
| EXPCHK | 1 | exponent check indicator |
| RDCHK | 1 | read check indicator |
| WRCHK | 1 | write check indicator |
| ARSTOP | 1 | arithmetic check stop switch |
| IOSTOP | 1 | I/O check stop switch |
| IND [0:99] | 1 | indicator array |
| IAE | 1 | indirect address enable (Model 2 only) |
| IDXE | 1 | indexing enable (Model 2 only) |
| IDXB | 1 | indexing band select (Model 2 only) |
| IR1Q[0:63] | 16 | IR1 prior to last branch; most recent IR1 change first |
| WRU | 8 | nterrupt character |

The CPU can maintain a history of the most recently executed instructions. This is controlled by the SET CPU HISTORY and SHOW CPU HISTORY commands:

```
SET CPU HISTORY
SET CPU HISTORY=0
SHOW CPU HISTORY=n
```

clear history buffer
disable history
SET CPU HISTORY=n enable history, length = n
SHOW CPU HISTORY print CPU history
print first $n$ entries of $C P U$ history

The maximum length for the history is 65536 entries.

### 2.2 Console Typewriter (TTY)

The console typewriter (TTY) is a half-duplex console. The typewriter registers are:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| COL | 7 | current column |
| TIME | 24 | polling interval |

When the 1620 CPU requests input from the keyboard, a greater than sign ( $>$ ) is printed. The CPU hangs waiting for input until the return/enter key is pressed. The typewriter has no errors.

### 2.3 1621 Paper Tape Reader (PTR)

The paper tape reader (PTR) reads data from a disk file. The POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be read. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance the reader.

The paper tape reader supports the BOOT command. BOOT PTR starts the standard paper tape boot sequence at location 0 .

The paper tape reader implements these registers:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| POS | 32 | position in the input file |

Error handling is as follows:

| error | IOCHK | processed as |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| not attached | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| end of file | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| OS I/O error | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| parity error | 1 | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
|  | 0 | set RDCHK indicator |

### 2.4 1624 Paper Tape Punch (PTP)

The paper tape punch (PTP) writes data to a disk file. The POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be written. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance the punch.

The paper tape punch implements these registers:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| POS | 32 | position in the output file |

Error handling is as follows:
error IOCHK processed as

```
not attached x set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
OS I/O error x set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
invalid char 1
set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
set WRCHK indicator
```


### 2.5 1622 Card Reader/Punch (CDR, CDP)

The IBM 1622 card/reader punch is simulated as two independent devices: the card reader (CDR) and the card punch (CDP).

The card reader supports the BOOT command. BOOT CDR starts the standard card boot sequence at location 0.

The card reader reads data from a disk file, while the punch writes data to a disk file. Cards are simulated as ASCII text lines with terminating newlines. For each device, the POS register specifies the number of the next data item to be read or written. Thus, by changing POS, the user can backspace or advance these devices.

The card reader registers are:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LAST | 1 | last card indicator |
| POS | 32 | position |

The card punch registes are:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| POS | 32 | position |

Card reader error handling is as follows:

| error | IOCHK | processed as |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| end of file | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| not attached | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| OS I/O error | $x$ | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |
| invalid char | 1 | set RDCHK indicator, report error, stop |

Card punch error handling is as follows:

```
error IOCHK processed as
not attached x set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
OS I/O error x set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
invalid char 1 set WRCHK indicator, report error, stop
    0 set WRCHK indicator
```


### 2.61443 Line Printer (LPT)

The IBM 1443 line printer (LPT) writes its data, converted to ASCII, to a disk file. The line printer can be programmed with a carriage control tape. The LOAD command loads a new carriage control tape:

```
LOAD <file> load carriage control tape file
```

The format of a carriage control tape consists of multiple lines. Each line contains an optional repeat count, enclosed in parentheses, optionally followed by a series of column numbers separated by commas. Column numbers must be between 1 and 12; a column number of zero denotes top of form. The following are all legal carriage control specifications:

```
<blank line> no punch
(5)
1,5,7,8
(10)2
1,0
```

```
5 lines with no punches
```

5 lines with no punches
columns 1, 5, 7, 8 punched
columns 1, 5, 7, 8 punched
10 lines with column 2 punched
10 lines with column 2 punched
column 1 punched; top of form

```
column 1 punched; top of form
```

The default form is 66 lines long, with column 1 and the top of form mark on line 1, and the rest blank.
The line printer registers are:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LBUF $[0: 119]$ | 7 | line buffer |
| BPTR | 7 | buffer pointer |
| PCTL | 8 | saved print control directive |
| PRCHK | 1 | print check indicator |
| PRCH9 | 1 | channel 9 indicator |
| PRCH12 | 1 | channel 12 indicator |
| POS | 32 | position |
| CCT $[0: 131]$ | 32 | carriage control tape array |
| CCTP | 8 | carriage control tape pointer |
| CCTL | 8 | carriage control tape length (read only) |

Error handling is as follows:

| error | IOCHK | processed as |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| not attached | $x$ | set PRCHK, WRCHK, report error, stop |
| OS I/O error | $x$ | set PRCHK, WRCHK, report error, stop |
| invalid char | 1 | set PRCHK, WRCHK, report error, stop |
|  | 0 | set PRCHK, WRCHK |

### 2.7 1311 Disk Pack (DP)

The disk pack controller supports 4 drives, numbered 0 through 3. Disk pack options include the ability to enable address writing (formatting).

```
SET DPn ADDROFF set unit n address enable off
SET DPn ADDRON set unit n address enable on
```

Units can also be set ENABLED or DISABLED.

Unlike most simulated disks, the 1311 includes explicit representation for sector addresses. This is to support non-standard formats, such as the inclusion of the drive number in the sector address. As a result, 1311 sectors are 105 digits long: 5 address digits and 100 data digits. If the 1311 has not been formatted, the addresses are zeroes and are synthesized, if needed, based on the sector number.

The disk pack controller implements these registers:

| name | size | comments |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ADCHK | 1 | address check (compare error) indicator |
| WLRC | 1 | wrong length record check indicator |
| CYLO | 1 | cylinder overflow check indicator |
| ERR | 1 | disk error indicator |
| DPSTOP | 1 | disk check stop |

Error handling is as follows:

```
error
DPCHK
x
```

```
processed as
```

processed as
set ERR indicator, report error, stop

```
set ERR indicator, report error, stop
```

1311 data files are buffered in memory; therefore, end of file and OS I/O errors cannot occur.

## 3 Symbolic Display and Input

The IBM 1620 simulator implements symbolic display and input. Display is controlled by command line switches:

```
-c display as single character (alphameric for CPU and
DP, ASCII for others)
-s display as flag terminated alphameric string (CPU and
DP only)
-m display instruction mnemonics (CPU and DP only)
-d display }50\mathrm{ characters per line, with flags denoted by
"_" on the line above
```

Input parsing is controlled by the first character typed in or by command line switches:

```
' or -c character (alphameric for CPU and DP, ASCII for others)
" or -s alphameric string (CPU and DP only)
alphabetic instruction mnemonic (CPU and DP only)
numeric octal number
```

Instruction input is free format and consists of an opcode and up to three operands:
op $\{+/-\} p p p p p\{(i d x)\},\{+-\} q q q q q\{(i d x)\}, f l a g s$
The $p$ address and, if present, the $q$ address, are always decimal. A plus sign is ignored; a minus sign denotes indirect addressing (or a negative immediate operand). If indexing is enabled, addresses may be indexed; index registers are decimal numbers between 1 and 7. The flags field is used to set extra flags on the instruction. It consists of digit numbers in ascending order, with no separators. For example,

```
AM -12345(5),67890,110
```

translates into

$$
\overline{11} \overline{1} 2 \overline{345678} 90
$$

The flag over digits 3 and 5 specify the $P$ index register; the flag over digit 6 specifies the $P$ indirect address; the flag over digit 7 marks the end of the immediate $Q$ operand; and the flags over digits 1 and 10 are specified by the third field.

## 4 Character Sets

The IBM 1620 uses single digits to represent numbers, and pairs of digits to represent characters (alphameric coding). Only a small number of the 256 possible alphameric codings have legitimate values. Further, the translation between alphameric and devices varied from device to device. The simulator implements a code called 1620 ASCII, which allows all 64 possible card codes to be represented by upper case ASCII characters. In addition, lower case alphabetic characters are accepted on input as equivalent to upper case. In the RN column, small "f" denotes the flag bit.

| Card code | PT code | RA | RN | LPT WA | ASCII representation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| <blank> | C | 0 | 0 | blank | blank |
| 1 | 1 | 71 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 2 | 72 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | C21 | 73 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 4 | 74 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5 | C41 | 75 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | C42 | 76 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | 421 | 77 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | 8 | 78 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 9 | C81 | 79 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| $2+8$ | C82 | ? 0 A | A | na | $\wedge$ |
| $3+8$ | 821 | 33 | B | $=$ | = (or \#) |
| $4+8$ | C84 | 34 | C | @ | @ (or ') |
| $5+8$ | 841 | 70 | 0 | 0 | : |
| $6+8$ | 842 | ? 0 E | E | na | > |
| $7+8$ | C8421 | ? 0 F | F | na | \{ |
| 12 | XOC | 10 | 0 | + | + (or \&) |
| $12+1$ | XO1 | 41 | 1 | A | A |
| $12+2$ | XO2 | 42 | 2 | B | B |
| $12+3$ | XOC21 | 43 | 3 | C | C |
| $12+4$ | XO4 | 44 | 4 | D | D |
| $12+5$ | XOC41 | 45 | 5 | E | E |
| $12+6$ | XOC42 | 46 | 6 | F | F |
| $12+7$ | X0421 | 47 | 7 | G | G |
| $12+8$ | XO8 | 48 | 8 | H | H |
| $12+9$ | XOC81 | 49 | 9 | I | I |
| $12+2+8$ | XOC82 | ? 5A | ? f+A | na | ? |
| $12+3+8$ | X0821 | 3 | ? $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{B}$ | . | . |
| $12+4+8$ | XOC84 | 4 | C | ) | ) |
| $12+5+8$ | X0841 | 40 | 0 | na | [ |
| $12+6+8$ | X0842 | ? 5E | ? f + E | na | < |
| $12+7+8$ | XOC8421 | 5 F | $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{F}$ | na | \} |
| 11 | X | 20 | $\mathrm{f}+0$ | - | - |
| $11+1$ | XC1 | 51 | $\mathrm{f}+1$ | J | J |
| $11+2$ | XC2 | 52 | $\mathrm{f}+2$ | K | K |


| $11+3$ | X21 | 53 | $\mathrm{f}+3$ | L | L |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $11+4$ | XC4 | 54 | $\mathrm{f}+4$ | M | M |
| $11+5$ | X41 | 55 | f+5 | N | N |
| $11+6$ | X42 | 56 | $\mathrm{f}+6$ | 0 | 0 |
| $11+7$ | XC421 | 57 | $\mathrm{f}+7$ | P | P |
| $11+8$ | XC8 | 58 | $\mathrm{f}+8$ | Q | Q |
| $11+9$ | X81 | 59 | $\mathrm{f}+9$ | R | R |
| $11+2+8$ | X82 | 5A | $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{A}$ | na | ! |
| $11+3+8$ | XC821 | 13 | $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{B}$ | \$ | \$ |
| $11+4+8$ | X84 | 14 | $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{C}$ | * | * |
| $11+5+8$ | XC841 | 50 | $\mathrm{f}+0$ | - | ] |
| $11+6+8$ | XC842 | ? 5E | ? f+E | na | ; |
| $11+7+8$ | X8421 | 5F | $\mathrm{f}+\mathrm{F}$ | na | - |
| 0 | $\bigcirc$ | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $0+1$ | OC1 | 21 | 1 | / | / |
| $0+2$ | OC2 | 62 | 2 | S | S |
| $0+3$ | 021 | 63 | 3 | T | T |
| $0+4$ | OC4 | 64 | 4 | U | U |
| $0+5$ | 041 | 65 | 5 | V | V |
| $0+6$ | 042 | 66 | 6 | W | W |
| $0+7$ | OC421 | 67 | 7 | X | X |
| $0+8$ | OC8 | 68 | 8 | Y | Y |
| $0+9$ | 081 | 69 | 9 | Z | Z |
| $0+2+8$ | 082 | 0A | A | na | \| |
| $0+3+8$ | OC821 | 23 | B | , | , |
| $0+4+8$ | 084 | 24 | C | ( | ( (or \%) |
| $0+5+8$ | OC841 | 60 | 0 | na | ~ |
| $0+6+8$ | OC842 | OE | E | na | $\backslash$ |
| $0+7+8$ | 08421 | OF | F | na | " |
|  |  |  |  | 2 | ? |
|  |  |  |  | 12 | ! |
|  |  |  |  | 22 | \| |
|  |  |  |  | 32 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  | 35 | : |
|  |  |  |  | 36 | blank |
| $11+0$ |  | 50 |  | - |  |

