

# Introduction To REXX

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## What Is REXX?

- REXX - restructured extended executor
- REXX is a general purpose programming language
- A very powerful high level programming tool
- A language processor runs REXX programs
- REXX has the usual structured-programming instructions--IF, SELECT, DO WHILE, LEAVE, etc. And very useful built-in functions for accessing and using system interfaces and facilities

## Parts of REXX

- REXX KERNEL - SAA procedure language.
  - REXX is common to all IBM processing systems.
  - VSE partial SSA implementation.
- REXX/370 LIBRARY - common to VSE/VM/MVS.
  - Compiler supported for VM/MVS only.
    - I.E.. Compile on VM/MVS run on VSE.
  - Or interpretive execution on VSE/VM/MVS.
- VSE system dependent interfaces - provides access to VSE/ESA resources and subsystems.

## REXX Execution

- Catalogue REXX program into VSE library as a proc
- Run the program with a
  - // EXEC REXX=XXXXXXXX

## REXX VSE System Dependent

- Job control language interface.
- Console interface.
- Application framework.
- Batch job management capabilities.
- POWER interface.

## REXX VSE System Dependent

- VSE batch services like LIBR/IDCAMS.
- I/O functions for VSE library and VSE files.
- CICS interface with CICS/TS.
- TCP/IP sockets interface.

## ADDRESS JCL

- REXX extends the capabilities of VSE Job Control and offers a new dimension for JCL
  - Logical creation of JCL on the fly
  - JCL loops
  - Conditional checking using REXX facilities while building JCL
  - Issuing commands, trapping output, reformatting output and then customized output
  - The possibilities are endless

## ADDRESS JCL

- Use a REXX program to create JCL in the Stack to pass to VSE
- Example:
  - `/* REXX STACK FULL OF JCL */`
  - `PUSH '// assgn sys001,181'`
  - `PUSH '// assgn sys002,182'`
  - `PUSH '// assgn sys003,183'`
  - `EXIT 0`

## ADDRESS CONSOLE

- Enables you to automate and make more productive the operation of your VSE/ESA console.
- You activate & deactivate one or more console sessions.

## ADDRESS CONSOLE

```
ADDRESS CONSOLE  
' ACTIVATE NAME VSECONA PROFILE REXNORC '  
' MAP '  
RC=GETMSG(MSG., ' RESP' , , , 5)
```

## ADDRESS POWER

- Provides for VSE/POWER spool-access services requests, GET, PUT, and CTL

## ADDRESS POWER

```
myj ob. 0 = 9
myj ob. 1 = " * SS JOB JNM=MYJOB1, CLASS=Y, PRI=8, DISP=D"
myj ob. 2 = " * SS LST CLASS=Q, DISP=D"
myj ob. 3 = "// JOB MYJOB1"
myj ob. 4 = "// EXEC LIBR"
myj ob. 5 = "ACC S=PRD1.BASE"
myj ob. 6 = "LD ARX*.PHASE"
myj ob. 7 = "/*"
myj ob. 8 = "/&"
myj ob. 9 = " * SS EOJ"
ADDRESS POWER
'PUTQE RDR STEM MYJOB.'
```

## Batch Services

• LINK/LINKPGM commands environment allows calls/loads VSE batch utilities/ programs:

- LIBR
- IDCAMS
- DITTO
- ASSEMBLER/LNKEDT
- MSHP
- your own VSE batch programs, etc.

## Batch Services

```
/* A REXX invocation of IDCAMS */
CALL OUTTRAP output. /* Open output... */
CALL REXXIPT sysipt. /*input data stream */
sysipt.0 = 1          /* number of commands */
sysipt.1 = 'LISTCAT CLUSTER' /* command */
ADDRESS LINK 'IDCAMS MARGINS(1 80)'
IF RC > 4 Then
Do .....           /* analyze output. */
EXIT4
```

## EXECIO Command

- Controls the input and output of information to and from a file.
- Supported operations are DISKR, DISKW, and DISKRU.
- Can read VSE library members, SYSIPT data, or SAM files.
- Can write VSE library members, SYSLST, or SAM files.

## TCP/IP Functions

- CGI interface to create dynamic HTML
- Socket interface
  - CSI socket interface is quite simple but not operating system independent
  - IBM socket interface is more complicated, but is the compatible with VM and OS/390



## CGI – HTML Function

```
/* GET THE PASSED PARAMETERS      */
USERID=ARG(1)
PASSWORD=ARG(2)
DATA=ARG(3)
INLEN=LENGTH(DATA)
/* RETURN THE WEB PAGE HEADINGS   */
X=HTML(' <HTML><HEAD><TITLE>')
X=HTML(' VSE POWER LST QUEUE DISPLAY')
X=HTML(' </TITLE></HEAD>')
X=HTML(' <BODY TEXT="#993300" BGCOLOR="#66FF99">')
X=HTML(' <CENTER><H2><B><I><FONT COLOR="#000000">')
X=HTML(' VSE POWER LST QUEUE DISPLAY')
X=HTML(' </FONT></I></B></H2></CENTER><P><HR>')
X=HTML(' <BR><HR>')
X=HTML(' <FONT COLOR="#000066"><PRE>')
```

## CGI – HTML Function

```
/* INSERT THE LST QUEUE          */
CALL OUTTRAP OUT.
ADDRESS POWER
'SETUID SYSTCPIP'
'PDISPLAY LST, FULL=YES'
IF OUT.0 > 1 THEN DO
  DO I = 2 TO OUT.0 BY 2
    J = I + 1
    PARSE VAR OUT.I MSG REST1
    PARSE VAR OUT.I MSG JOB JOBNUM C1 C2 CLASS C3
    PARSE VAR OUT.J REST2
    LINK=' POWER/LST/' || CLASS || '/' || JOB || '/' || JOBNUM
    X=HTML(' <A HREF="' || LINK || "'>')
    X=HTML(REST1 || REST2 || '</A>')
  END
END
/* INSERT THE WEB FOOTER        */
X=HTML(' </BODY></HTML>')
EXIT
```

## Socket Function

```
TYPE=' TCP'  
LOPORT=0  
FOIP=' 166. 082. 131. 220'  
FOPORT=17302  
TIMEOUT=1500  
RC=SOCKET(TYPE, ' OPEN' , , FOIP, FOPORT, , TIMEOUT)  
DATA=' WPRTRN RDFSE  0020'  
RC=SOCKET(HANDLE, ' SEND' , DATA)  
RC=SOCKET(HANDLE, ' RECEI VE' )  
SAY BUFFER  
DATA=' WPRTRN QUI TE  0020'  
RC=SOCKET(HANDLE, ' SEND' , DATA)  
RC=SOCKET(HANDLE, ' CLOSE' )  
EXIT
```