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Question - 1:

I am trying to pass value of an variable, from panel to rexx program, the main issue is the leading and trailing spaces are removed, we are getting only the data item, ex: 33 . (exclude .)

in this sinario we need to get length of that field as 6(2 for leading and 2 for trailing spaces) but i am getting only 2 bytes as length, can any one can help in this

Ans:

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Question - 2:

What do unusual return codes such as -3 and 0196 mean?

Basically they are either decimalised abend codes or indicate a problem with the environment.

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Question - 3:

How to pass parms to ISPF Edit macro?

On the command line in the editor, just use the name of the macro and list the paramters behind it. E.g. if you have a macro called FINDALL and it expects 3 parameters you would specify in the commandline: FINDIT parm1 parm2 parm3 When you code the MACRO the first line should be like: Address ISREDIT "MACRO (parm1, parm2, parm3)". Since you are working with REXX you could have used: Address ISREDIT "MACRO (parm)" You then parse the parm like this: Parse (UPPER) Arg parm parm1 parm2 parm3

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Question - 4:

How to code the db2 queries using rexx, and also plz send some link and examples using db2 queries?

REXX doesn't have support to DB2. But still you can access it thru some TSO CPs. One of the commercial CP is REXXTOOLS/MVS. If your shop has that s/w installed you could able to access DB2.

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I want to code a REXX Program in order to load many tables in a database simultaneously in a batch fashion. Currently batch codes ar available in which only one job is submitted at a time and this loads only one table. My requirement is that many tables should be loaded at a time when one Job is submitted and can this be done using REXX Tool?

Not exactly sure what you are asking. Can a REXX exec submit multiple jobs via the internal reader? Yes. Can you update multiple tables in a RDBMS? Yes, however referential integrity could be compromised and RDBMS

overhead could be a serious issue.

Let's assume that you have that you are seeking to load DB tables from a 100K+ 1NF file which has some 6257 bytes per recode You would use REXX (CMSPIPES) to split the file while keeping a common key. You would split this 1nf record in 3nf tables. You would need to know the data and some aspects on how it will be used --- Remember Data Privacy is important too.

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Question - 6:

Suppose If there are a set of statements and each has a word "value" in it, If I want to display all these statements so that the word "value" is aligned, then how do I code this in REXX.

e.g - The value of X is Y.
Wot is its value?
Do u know its value?
I want to know its value?

Ans:

/**REXX**/ ADDRESS TSO "ALLOC DD(INP1) DA('input-dataset') SHR REUS' "EXECIO * DISKR INP1 (STEM IN1. FINIS" MAX_OFFSET = 0 $INP_OFFSET = 0$ $\overline{DOI} = 1 \text{ TO IN1.0}$ PARSE UPPER VAR IN1.I INP INP_OFFSET = POS("VALUE",INP)
IF INP_OFFSET > MAX_OFFSET THEN $MAX_OFFSET = INP_OFFSET$ **END END** DO I = 1 TO IN1.0 PARSE UPPER VAR IN1.I INP Z = POS("VALUE",INP)SAY LEFT(SUBSTR(IN1.I,1,(Z - 1)),(MAX_OFFSET - 1))||, SUBSTR(IN1.I,Z,20) "FREE DD(INP1)" View All Answers

Question - 7:

How to code rexx in jcl to read in a lpar

cpu usage file and select 1. date, time 2. some system names 3. cpu usage for each system. The input file has hourly reporting. The output file (CSV)is for excel use. Run in batch mode. Output in FB?

Ans:

to get the system time and date , u can use following code time = time() date = date() $\,$

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Question - 8:

i am getting error while editing macro, its not even entering into the macro, getting error like 31 *-* "EDIT DATASET("DSN"("MEM")) MACRO("CHGLINE")" +++ RC(-3) +++? any idea Why?

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You must turn on ISPEXEC Address. Address ISPEXEC "EDIT dataset(xx) macro(mmm)"

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Question - 9:

Suppose i want to code a rexx program in order to get the inputfile and output files of jcl. i want code snippet or the coding for this?

Ans:

will only give the datasetnames of all allocated datasets. LISTA STATUS will give you the ddname followed by all datasets that are allocated to the ddname for all the datasets.

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Question - 10:

How to Run My Rexx Exec?

Make sure the Exec starts with the /* REXX */ comment. TSO EXEC 'hlq.your.dsn(member)' runs Rexx in exactly the same way as it would a CLIST. TSO EX yourlib(member) E uses a suffix of EXEC and the TSO profile prefix to form a full DSN of 'your_prefix.yourlib.EXEC(member)' The SYSEXEC concatenation can be used to run execs using TSO execname. The SYSPROC concatenation will do just as well, but is really intended for CLISTS. TSO %execname parameter_string allows you to pass a parameter string to the exec, note that this string is only a single argument, not multiple arguments as can be used when calling from within an exec. The '%' instructs TSO to not use loadlib concatenations when constructing the search path.

For running Rexx in batch:

Create a batch environment for the Exec to run in with PGM=IRXJCL, PGM=IKJEFT01 or PGM=IKJEFT1B IRXJCL is a straight batch environment IKJEFT01 and IKJEFT1B are the TSO in batch programs. Put the Rexx exec libraries in the SYSEXEC DD concatenation. Call your exec via the PARM='yourprog' or as input in the

SYSTSIN DD

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Question - 11:

How to find or access the current level of a GDG?

You may use this CALL BPXWDYN "ALLOC DD(ddn) SHR DSN("gdg"(0)") RTDSN(GDGN)" Afterwards GDGD contains the name of the actual gdg data

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Question - 12:

How to access data in control blocks such as jobname?

Use the Storage() function to extract the data from control blocks /* REXX Get taskname from TCB */ cvt = storage(10,4) /* FLCCVT-PSA data area */ tcbp = storage(d2x(c2d(cvt)),4) /* CVTTCBP */ tcb = storage(d2x(c2d(tcbp)+4),4) tiot = storage(d2x(c2d(tcb)+12),4) /* TCBTIO */ say strip(storage(d2x(c2d(tiot)),8)) /* TIOCNJOB */

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Question - 13:

How to access data held on the JES spool?

Ans:

Held output (JES2 or JES3) can be captured by outtrapping the output of the following command "OUTPUT jobname PRINT(*) KEEP". Use command HELP OUTPUT for more information. Furthermore there are output tools you can buy like SDSF, IOF, (E)JES, etc. But not all of these have got a rexx interface.

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