ICAM Foundation Webinar Macro Programming

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ICAM Foundation Webinar: Modules

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MODULE 1 : The ICAM macro language - Fundamentals

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MODULE1:APT Instructions

- APT : Automatically Programmed Tool
- APT File : a set of manufacturing instructions
- Each APT line represent one manufacturing instruction
- APT contains tool paths (or cutter location)
- First CAM system generation was APT-based

Example – Samples of APT Instructions

```
LOADTL / 5
COOLNT / FLOOD
FEDRAT / 11.8110, IPM
GOTO   / 1,2,3
GOTO   / 3.45500, 3.05000, -1.33800, 0.70710, 0.70710, 0.00000
PPRINT / 'This is an APT command'
CLAMP  / BAXIS, ON
SPINDL / 70.0000, RPM, CLW
MODE   / CONTUR, ON
```

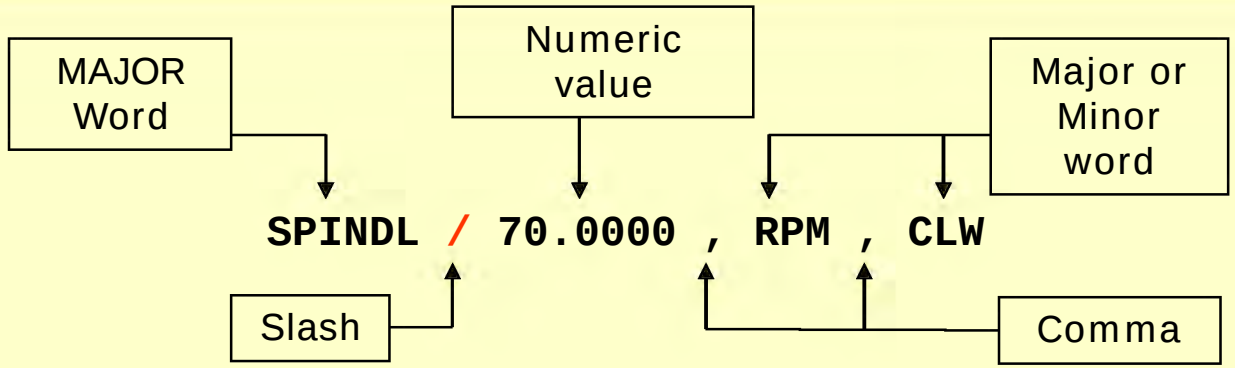
I, J, K

Common Error
GOTO instructions are referenced to part origin, not the machine origin!

MODULE 1: APT Instructions

MAJOR word	: Main instruction subject (Only one per line)
MINOR word	: Arguments of the main instruction subject
/	: Separation between the major word and its arguments
,	: Separation between arguments

Example – Translation of APT instruction in machine instruction (G Code)



In ISO, this APT command turns on the spindle clockwise at 70.0000 RPM. On most ISO controllers, a post-processor would translate this as:

SPINDL / 70.0000 , RPM , CLW ⟶ **S70 M3**

MODULE 1 : Macros - Introduction

There are four main applications for macros

1) Supporting CAM aptsource syntax to CAM-POST standard

Without Macro

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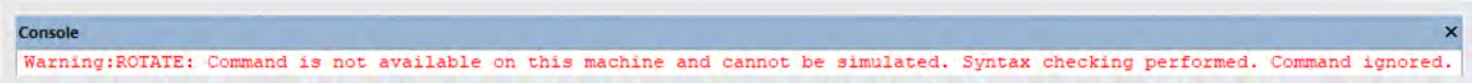


With Macro

ROTATE/CAXIS,90

```
G0 C90
```

MODULE 1 : Macros - Introduction

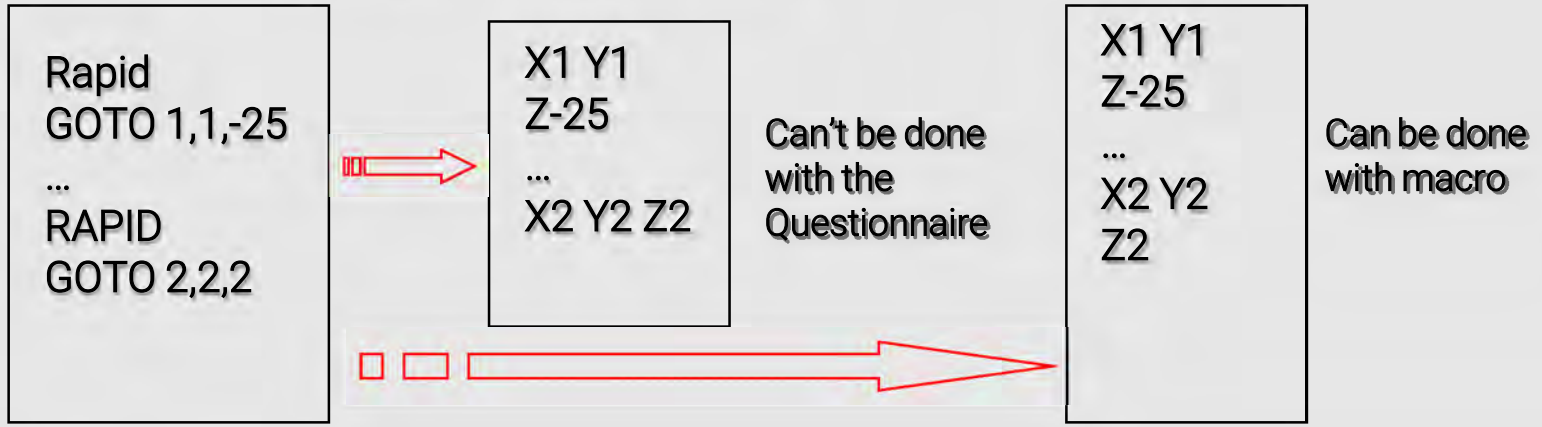
2) Modifying the commands functions of the CL file:

Without Macro:
SPINDL / OFF ⇒ M5

With Custom Macro:
SPINDL / OFF ⇒ M9
M5

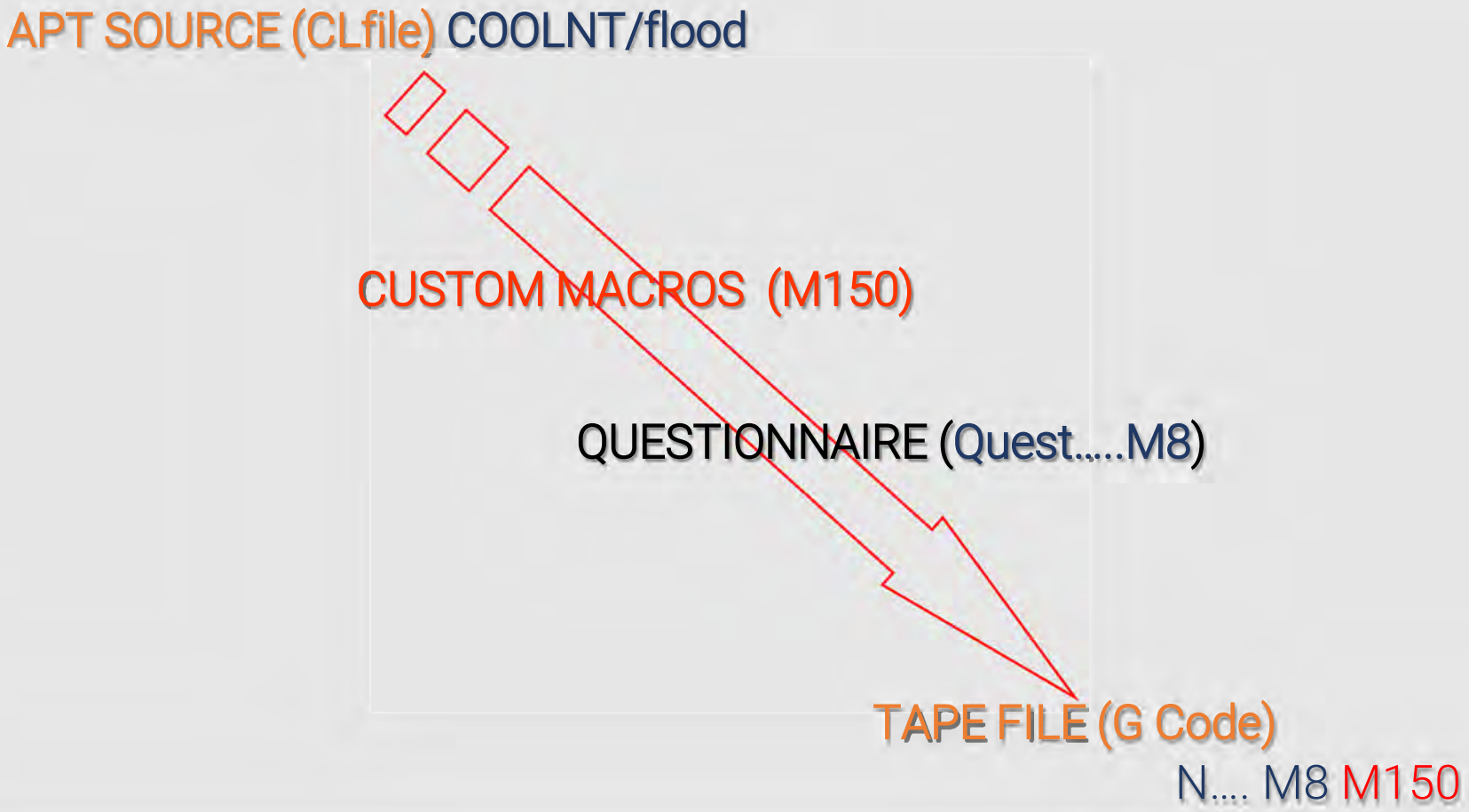
3) Support non-standard features or functions:
Example: MILL / … , TURN / … PROBE / …

4) Realize impossible output from Questionnaire:



MODULE 1 : Macro - Processing order

CAM-POST Processing order



MODULE 1 : Macros - Introduction

CAM-POST macro language is similar to most programming languages. It uses the following types of data:

- VARIABLES
- FUNCTIONS
- BRANCHING CONTROL (IF, CASE)
- LOOPING CONTROL (WHILE, DO, REPEAT)

MODULE 1 : Macro data types

- **REAL** – any numeric value (integer or fractional)
  Examples: 0
  15
  0.2253

- **STRING** – any character string (including an empty string)
  Examples: ‘ ‘
  '0.2253’
  'This is a string’

- **LOGICAL** – either *true* or *false* (system constants)
  Examples: $TRUE
  $FALSE

- **RECORD** – any major word
  Examples: GOTO
  COOLNT
  FEDRAT

- **KEYWORD** – any minor word
  Examples: RPM
  FLOOD
  CCLW

- **SEQUENCE** – an ordered set of data elements of any type
  Examples: {RPM,1200,CLW,MAXRPM,4000}
  {ON}
  {}

MODULE 1 : Macro variables

Variable Type	Variable Format	Example
User Defined	AZ, 0…9, _	MY_VAR01
Predefined Global	%Gnn	%G1,%G05,%G23
Predefined Local	%Lnn	%L2,%L03,%L23
$P argument	$Pnn	$P1,$P02,$P23
System	$name	$XC,$PI,$T

MODULE 1 : Explicit variable declaration

DECLAR / *variable_scope*, *variable_type*, *variable_name(s)* [= *initial_value(s)*]

Examples:

```
DECLAR/GLOBAL,REAL,FIRST_TOOL=0
DECLAR/GLOBAL,STRING,OP_NAME,OP_COMMENTS='N/A'
DECLAR/LOCAL,TMP
```

- *variable_scope* : GLOBAL or LOCAL
- *variable_type* : REAL, STRING, LOGICAL, SEQUENCE, RECORD or KEYWORD
- *variable_name* :
  - max. 32 characters
  - only alphanumeric characters and underscore
  - must begin with a letter
- *variable_assignment* (optional): initial value preceded by an equal sign

Array variables:

- number of array elements specified within parentheses
- cannot be initialized on the declaration line

Example:

```
DECLAR/GLOBAL,REAL,TOOLS_USED(50)
```

MODULE 1 : System variables

- Examples:

System variable category	Examples
Constants (read-only)	$TRUE, $FALSE, $PI
Machine and CL coordinates (read-only)	$XM, $YM, $ZM, $AM, $CM, $XC, $YC, $ZC, $IC, $JC, $KC $NXM, $NYM, $NZM,$NAM, $NCM, $NXC, $NYC, $NZC $LXM, $LYM, $LZM, $LAM, $LCM, $LXC, $LYC, $LZC
Motion-related	$LCS, $TCP, $MULTAX, $TLMODE, $RAPID
Macro control	$MTNMAC, $CYCMAC, $TAPMAC, $OEMAC, $REGMAC
Look-ahead	$LOOK, $LOOKAH, $ILOOK, $OELOOK, $TLOOK, $MLOOK
Coolant, spindle, feedrate, tool compensation	$COOLNT, $S, $SDIR, $F, $FMODE, $TCL, $DCOMP, $TCF
Tooling-related	$T, $NT, $FT, $TLNAME, $TLSUM
Canned cycle-related	$CYTYPE, $CYAPT, $CYCLRP, $CYDPTH, $CYDWEL
Miscellaneous	$SEQNO, $TAPEN, $CLNAME, $DATE, $OPNAME, $PID

MODULE 1 : Operators

- Numeric operators:

Operator	Function	Examples
+	Addition	%G00+%L21
-	Subtraction	%G01–2
*	Multiplication	$P1*10
/	Division	%L00/5
**	Exponentiation	%L00**2
//	String concatenation	%L12//'.TXT'
:	Sub-string / sub-sequence	$P2(1:3)
( )	Grouping	%L01/(%L02+1)
{ }	Sequence	{$P1,$P2,$P3}

MODULE 1 : Operators

- Assignment operators:

Operator	Function	Examples
=	Assignment	%G00=10.5
+=	Addition assignment	I+=1 (same as I=I+1)
-=	Subtraction assignment	I-=1 (same as I=I-1)
*=	Multiplication assignment	%L01*=2 (same as %L01=%L01*2)
/=	Division assignment	%G01/=2 (same as %G01=%G01/2)

MODULE 1 : Operators

- Logical (*Boolean*) operators:

Operator		Function	Examples	
ANSI	C		ANSI	C
.EQ.	==	Equal	%G01.EQ.0	%G01 == 0
.NE.	!=	Not equal	%G01.NE.0	%G01 != 0
.GT.	>	Greater than	%G01.GT.0	%G01 > 0
.GE.	>=	Greater than or equal to	%G01.GE.0	%G01 >= 0
.LT.	<	Less than	%G01.LT.0	%G01 < 0
.LE.	<=	Less than or equal to	%G01.LE.0	%G01 <= 0
.NOT.	!	Logical NOT	.NOT.$FEOF()	!$FEOF()
.AND.	&&	Logical AND	I.GT.0.AND.I.LE.3	I > 0 && I <= 3
.OR.	||	Logical OR	J.EQ.1.OR.J.EQ.2	J == 1 || J = = 2

MODULE 1 : Functions

- Examples:

Function category	Examples
Mathematical functions	$FSIN, $FCOS, $FSQRT, $FLN
Numeric functions	$FABS, $FFRAC, $FINT, $FMOD, $FMAX, $FMIN
Geometric, vector and matrix functions	$FGPLPT3, $FVCROSS, $FVDOT, $FMX, $FMXMULT
Conversion functions	$FATOF, $FCVINT, $FCVREAL
Character string and sequence functions	$FMATCH, $FEDIT, $FLEN, $FTOUPER, $FTOLOWR
File and directory functions	$FACCESS, $FDIRNAM, $FBASNAM, $FEOF
CL data parsing functions	$FGET, $FCL, $FSIZE, $FGETARG, $FCLASS, $FSUBCL
Miscellaneous functions	$FDIALOG, $FINFO, $FLOOK, $FDIST, $FDK, $FIK

MODULE 2 : The ICAM macro language – Output string formatting

2.1. Numeric formats

2.2. String formats

2.3. Minor word formats

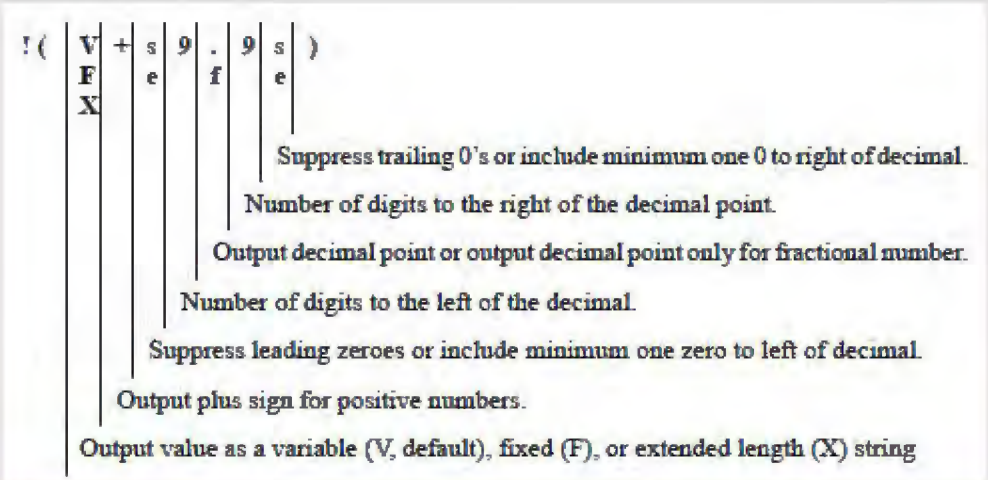
2.4. Logical formats

2.5. Wildcard formats

2.6. Specific register formats

2.7. Specific register values

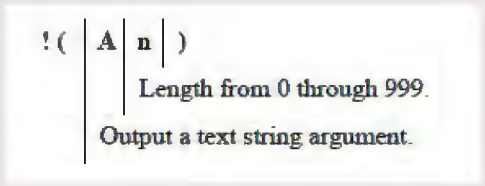
MODULE 2 : Numeric formats



Example:

String format	Argument=12.345	Argument=0.52	Argument=10	Argument=0.0001
'X!(s3.4s)'	X12.345	X.52	X10.	X.0001
'X!(+s3.4s)'	X+12.345	X+.52	X+10.	X+.0001
'X!(3.4)'	X012.3450	X000.5200	X010.0000	X000.0001
'X!(e3.4s)'	X12.345	X0.52	X10.	X0.0001
'X!(s3.4e)'	X12.345	X.52	X10.0	X.0001
'X!(e3.4e)'	X12.345	X0.52	X10.0	X0.0001
'X!(s3f4s)'	X12.345	X0.52	X10	X0.0001
'X!(s34)'	X123450	X5200	X100000	X1
'X!(s3)'	X12	X1	X10	X0
'X!(3)'	X012	X001	X010	X000
'X!(X+s3.4s)'	X+ 12.345	X+ .52	X+ 10.	X+ .0001
'X!(F+s3.4s)'	X+12.345	X +.52	X+10.	X +.0001

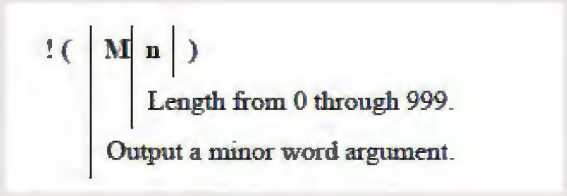
MODULE 2 : String formats



Example:

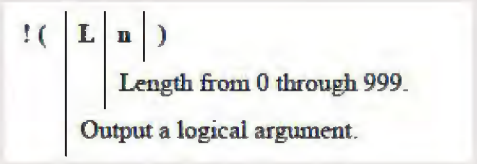
String format	Argument='ABC'	Argument='abc'	Argument='abcdef'
'***!(A)***'	'***ABC***'	'***abc***'	'***abcdef***'
'***!(a)***'	'***abc***'	'***abc***'	'***abcdef***'
'***!(A4)***'	'***ABC ***'	'***abc ***'	'***abcd***'
'***!(A8)***'	'***ABC ***'	'***abc ***'	'***abcdef ***'

MODULE 2 : Minor word and logical formats



Example:

```
Statements:
  $P1=ON
  PPRINT/'Coolant is !(M).',$P1
Produce:
  Coolant is ON.
```



Example:

```
Statements:
  %L9=$TRUE
  PPRINT/'The current setting of %L9=!(L).',%L9
Produce:
  The current setting of %L9=TRUE.
```

MODULE 2 : TAB and wildcard formats

!(| T | *n* |)

Position from 0 through 999.

Tab to a position.

Example:

```
Statement:
  PPRINT/'(Tool !(S6): !(T16)!(A)',$T,$TLNAME
Produces:
  (Tool 12:       10mm drill)
```

!(| * |)

Output an argument using the default formatting rules.

Type of argument	Format
Numeric	!(s9f9s)
Minor	!(M)
Text string	!(A)
Logical	!(L)

MODULE 2 : Using Registers formats

!(| @ | n |)

Register index from 1 through 99.

Output numerical argument in tape format.

!(| @ | x |)

Register type as defined in Figure 5-1

Output numerical argument in tape format

! | @ | x

Register type as defined in Figure 5-1.

Output numerical argument in tape format.

General Description / Registers

E...	Pos	Descriptor	Name	Precisio
☑	1	Ns6	N	6.0
☑	2	Gs3f1	G	3.1
☑	3	Xs3.4s	X	3.4
☑	4	Ys3.4s	Y	3.4
☑	5	Zs3.4s	Z	3.4
☑	6	As4.3s	A	4.3
☑	7	Cs4.3s	C	4.3
☑	8	Is3.4s	I	3.4
☑	9	Js3.4s	J	3.4
☑	10	Ks3.4s	K	3.4

Example:

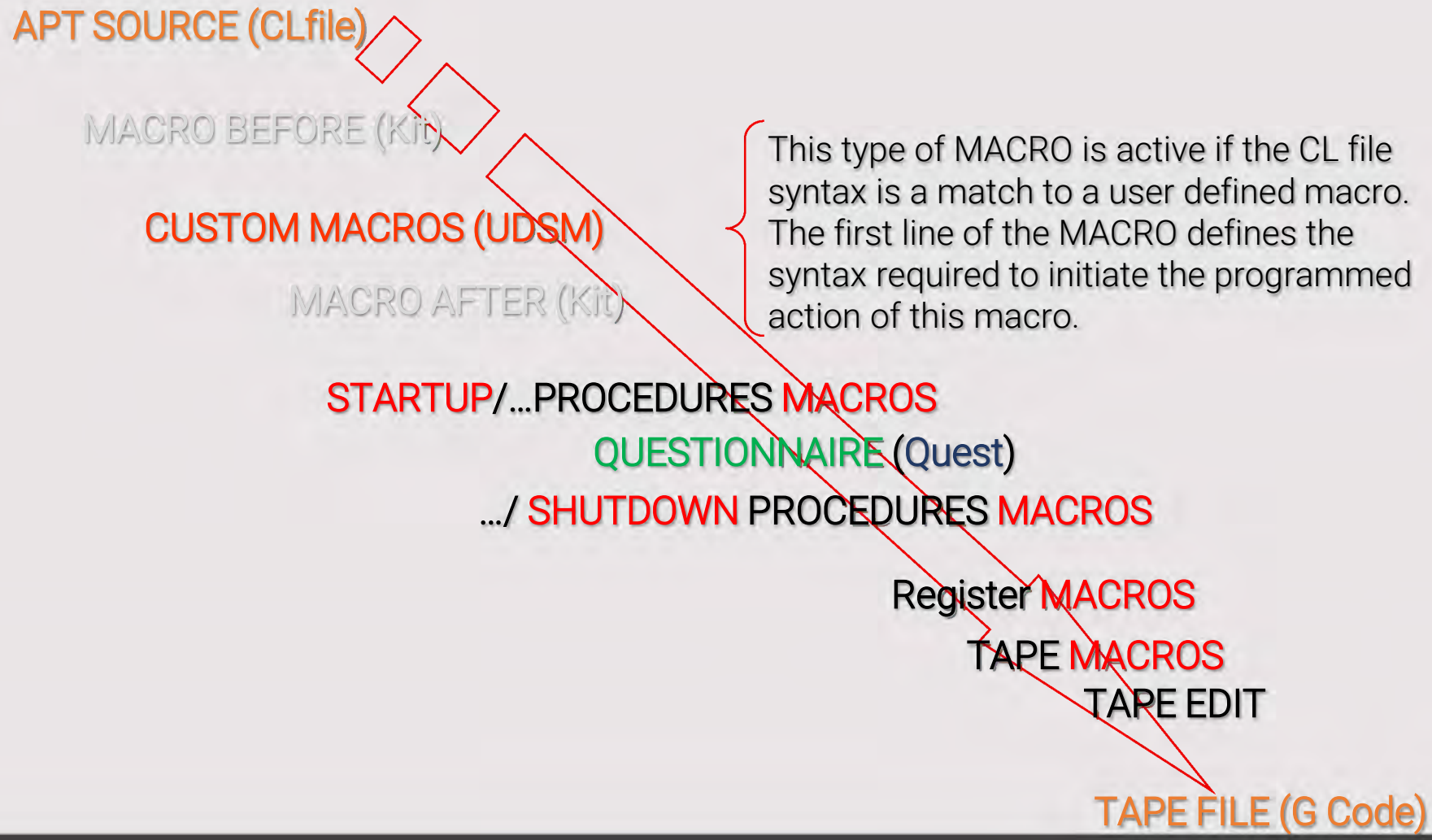
```
INSERT/'!(@3)',$XM
INSERT/'!(@X)',$XM      will generate:   X3.6833
INSERT/'!@X'
```

MODULE 3: User-defined Syntax macros

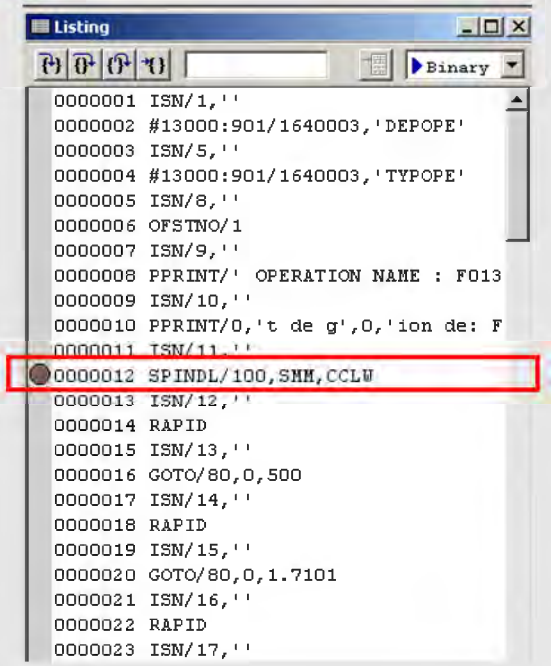
3.1. The Syntax Definition Line (SDL)
    3.1.1. SDL arguments
    3.1.2. Required arguments
    3.1.3. Optional arguments
3.2. The OUTPUT command
3.3. The TERMAC command
3.4. Adding user-defined syntax macros to a post

MODULE 3 : Macro – Processing order

CAM-POST Processing order



MODULE 3 : Macro – Processing order



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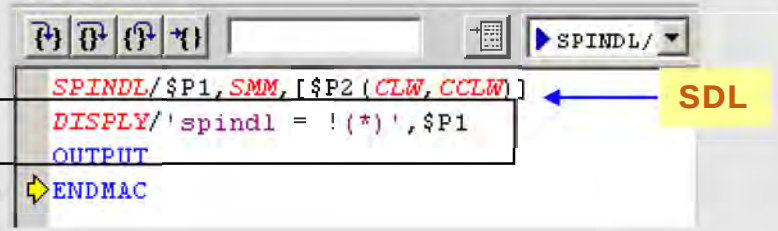
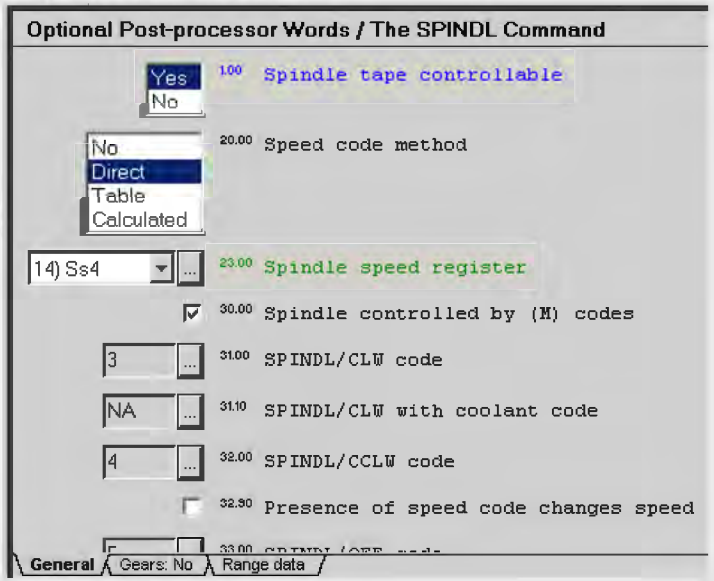
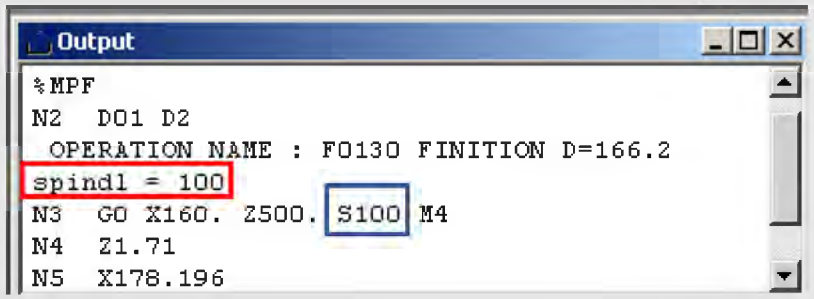


Existing Macro: YES

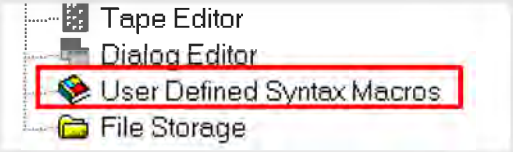
Questionnaire



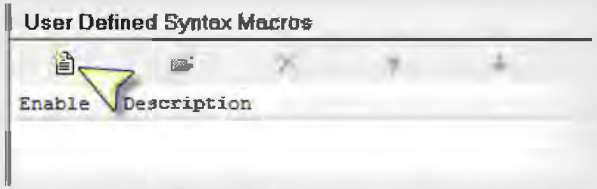


MODULE 3 : Adding user-defined syntax macros to a post

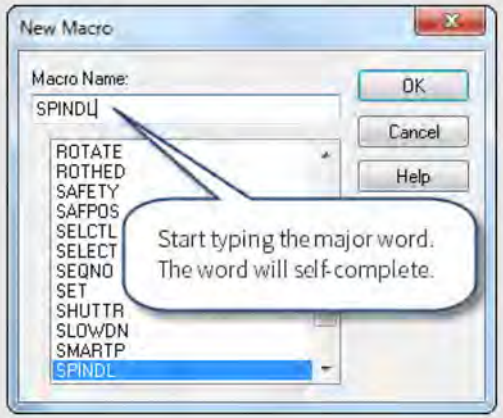
- Select *Post-processor Customization → User Defined Syntax Macros*



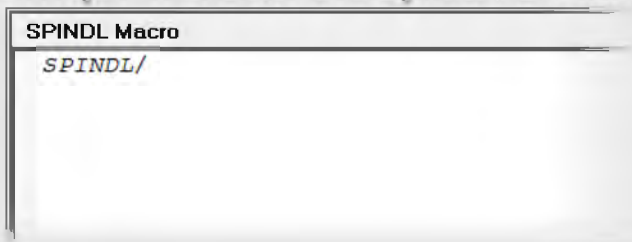
- Click *Add* button



- Start typing the major word (e.g. SPINDL) the macro will be built on. It will self-complete.

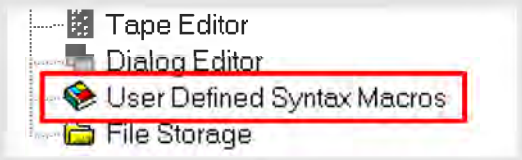


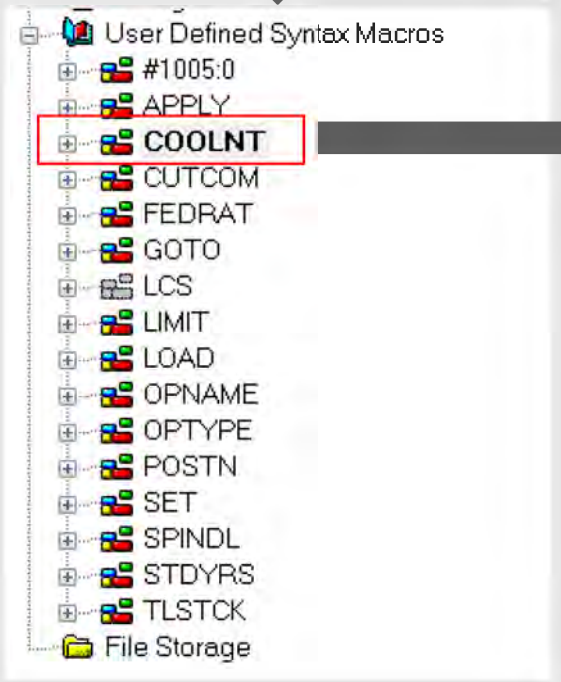
- The ICAM macro editor opens with the major word on the Syntax Definition Line. Add the required and optional arguments.

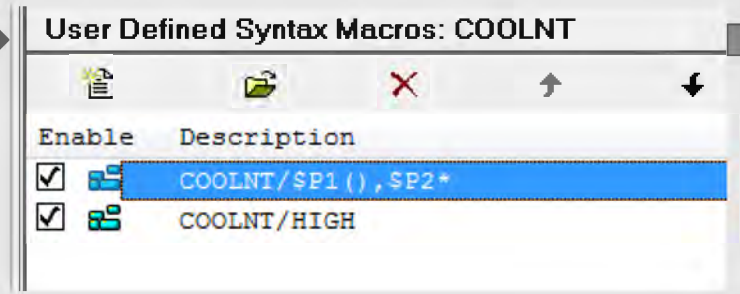


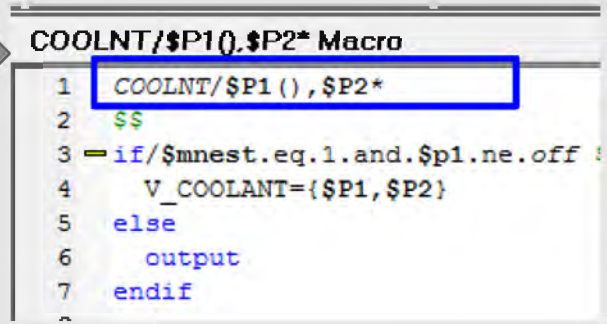
MODULE 3 : The Syntax Definition Line (SDL)

- The SDL is used to *match* a "target" CL command about to be processed
- The SDL is the first non-comment line in any user-defined macro
- The remaining macro lines (i.e. the *body*) contain the actions to be taken when matching occurs
- A user-defined macro *must* have an SDL but *may not* have a body









MODULE 3 : The Syntax Definition Line (SDL)

MAJOR WORD / argument1, (argument n1, ...), [argument n2, ...]

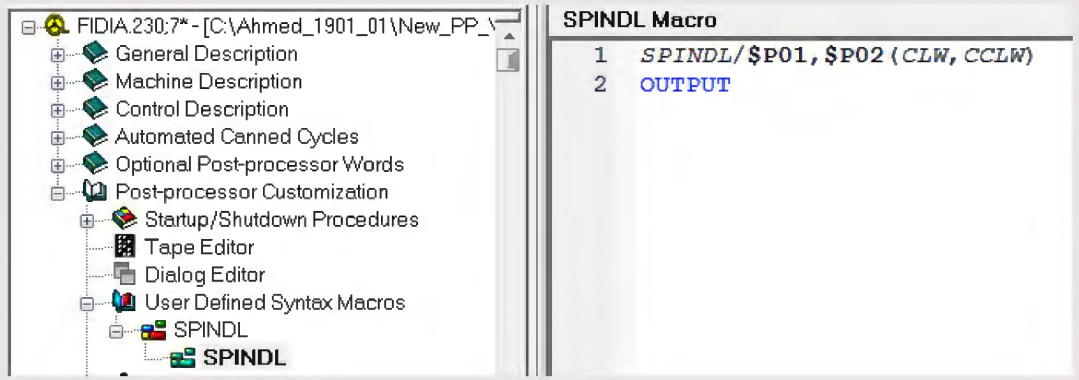
- The SDL always begins with a *major word*, optionally followed by a slash "/" and zero or more comma-separated arguments (e.g. **COOLNT/ON,LOW**)
- Arguments can be required (always present) or optional (may or may not be present)
  - Arguments between (...) MUST appear
  - Arguments between [...] are OPTIONAL and may appear in ANY order
- Arguments can be minor words, numbers or strings
- An SDL with no arguments (e.g. **RAPID**, **GOHOME**, **OPSTOP**, etc.) matches the major word only if coded without arguments
- A user-defined macro *must* have an SDL but *may not* have a body

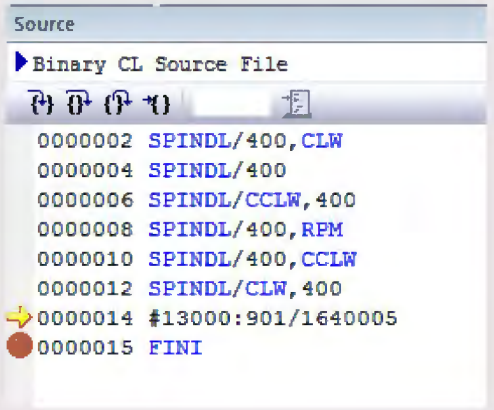
MODULE 3 : The Syntax Definition Line (SDL)

- SDL arguments are either $P variables (matching anything) or hard-coded minor words (matching only themselves). Example: **FEDRAT/IPM,$P1**
- $P variables take the value of the "matched" arguments on the actual CL record
- The type of each $P argument is indicated by optional characters immediately after the $P number
- These characters are:
  - ❑ open and closed parentheses ()
  - ❑ two single quotes or apostrophes "
  - ❑ a question mark ?
  - ❑ an asterisk *

Form	Examples	Description
minor_word	CLW	Matches the minor word specified
$P*n*	$P4	Matches any number
$P*n*()	$P5()	Matches any minor word
$P*n*(*minor_word*)	$P1(BRKCHP)	Matches the minor word listed
$P*n*(*minor_word,minor_word,...*)	$P1(ON,FLOOD,THRU)	Matches any of the minor words listed
$P*n*"	$P1"	Matches any string
$P*n*?	$P12?	Matches any single argument of any type
$P*n**	$P6*	Matches zero or more arguments of any type

MODULE 3 : Example 1 – Required SDL arguments





Syntax Definition Line (SDL):

SPINDL/$P01,$P02(CLW,CCLW)

Post-processor commands:

SPINDL/ 400, CLW .....

SPINDL/ 400 .....

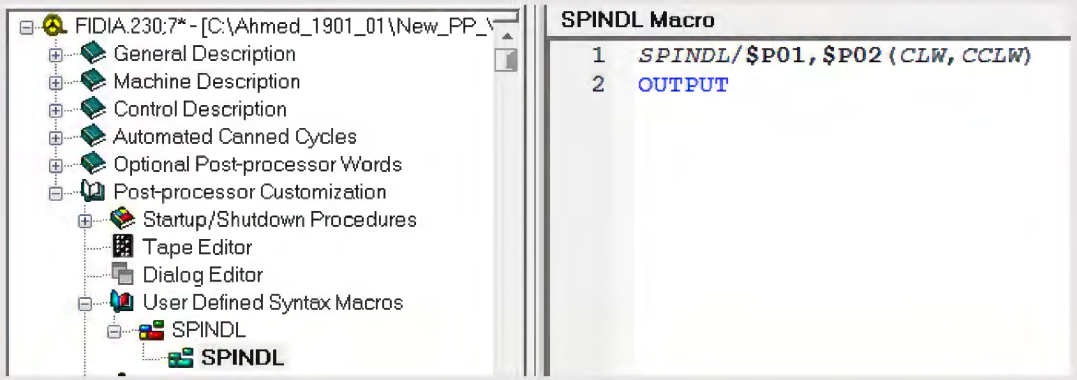
SPINDL/ CCLW, 400 .....

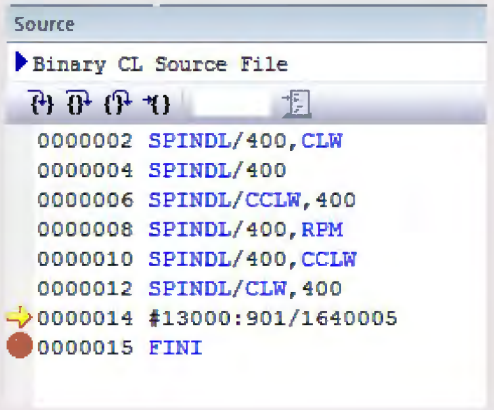
SPINDL/ 400, RPM .....

SPINDL/ 400, CCLW .....

SPINDL/ CLW, 400 .....

MODULE 3 : Example 1 – Required SDL arguments





Syntax Definition Line (SDL):

SPINDL/$P01,$P02(CLW,CCLW)

Post-processor commands:

SPINDL/ 400, CLW ✓

SPINDL/ 400 ✗

SPINDL/ CCLW, 400 ✗

SPINDL/ 400, RPM ✗

SPINDL/ 400, CCLW ✓

SPINDL/ CLW, 400 ✗

MODULE 3: Example 2 – Writing a correct SDL

Post-processor commands:

LOADTL / 1, OSETNO, 1
LOADTL / 1,LENGTH, 12.0,MANUAL
LOADTL / 1, MANUAL
LOADTL / 2, OSETNO, 2, LARGE
LOADTL / 4, OSETNO, 4, SMALL
LOADTL / 5, LENGTH, 100

Required Syntax Definition Line (SDL):

LOADTL / ……

MODULE 3 : Example 2 – Writing a correct SDL

Post-processor commands:

LOADTL	1	OSETNO	1				
LOADTL	1			LENGTH	12.0	MANUAL	
LOADTL	1					MANUAL	
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LOADTL	5			LENGTH	100		

Required Syntax Definition Line (SDL):

LOADTL / $P1, [OSETNO,$P2], [LENGTH,$P3], [MANUAL], [$P4(SMALL,LARGE)]

MODULE 3 : The OUTPUT command

- Used to instruct GENER to process the trapped CL record "*as-is*"
- Example:

```
SPINDL/ON
AIR/ON
SPINDL/ON
```

```
SPINDL/ON
AIR/ON
OUTPUT
```

(both macros have the same results)

- Any modifications made to $P arguments are ignored
- OUTPUT *should not* be used when the trapped CL record is required to be modified in any way
- Example:

```
SPINDL/RPM,$P01,$P02(CLW,CCLW)
IF/$P01.LE.$MAXRPM
  OUTPUT
ELSE
  SPINDL/RPM,$MAXRPM,$P02
ENDOF/IF
```

- Variation:

```
SPINDL/RPM,$P01,$P02(CLW,CCLW)
SPINDL/RPM,$FIF($P01.LE.$MAXRPM,$P01,$MAXRPM),$P02
```

MODULE 3 : The TERMAC command

- Used to **exit** a macro
- There is an implicit **TERMAC** at the end of each macro (no need to end a macro with **TERMAC**)
- Can be used to *force* the current macro to exit prematurely when a specific condition occurs
- Can be used in any type of macro (user-defined or Startup/Shutdown)

- Example:

```
PROBE/$P1(ON,OFF)
IF/$FMATCH($TLTAB(20,$TI),'PROBE').EQ.''
  TERMAC
ENDOF/IF
INSERT/$FIF($P1.EQ.ON,'O9832','O9833')
```