# JCL and Programming On the MVS Turnkey System

This assumes you've already set up, run, connected to, and logged in to an MVS Turnkey system. If not, you can find instructions here.

## **About**

A job to be run consists of two parts:

- 1. JCL to tell the mainframe how to run the program, and
- 2. The actual program, written in a language with a supporting compiler on the mainframe.

// JCL comes first, and is prefixed by two slashes
The program source follows.



The JCL message class must be set to 'H', or you won't be able to see the output from your jobs.

The 'H' indicates to the system that the output should be 'Held', making it available for viewing in the OUTLIST utility, in Data Set Utilities.

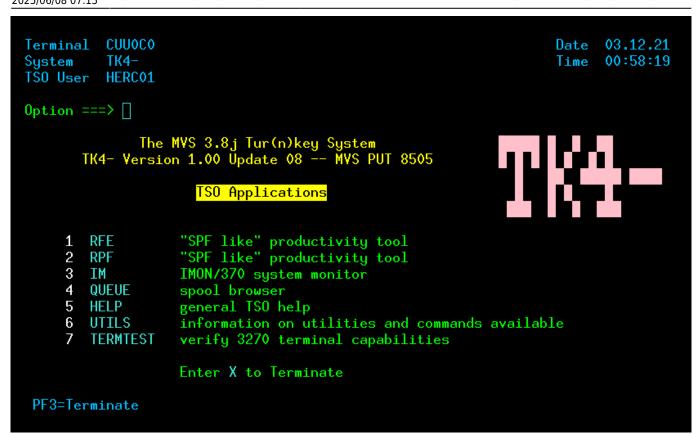
# **COBOL**

COBOL first appeared in 1959. The latest stable release was in 2014. It's meant to be "English-like" in syntax.

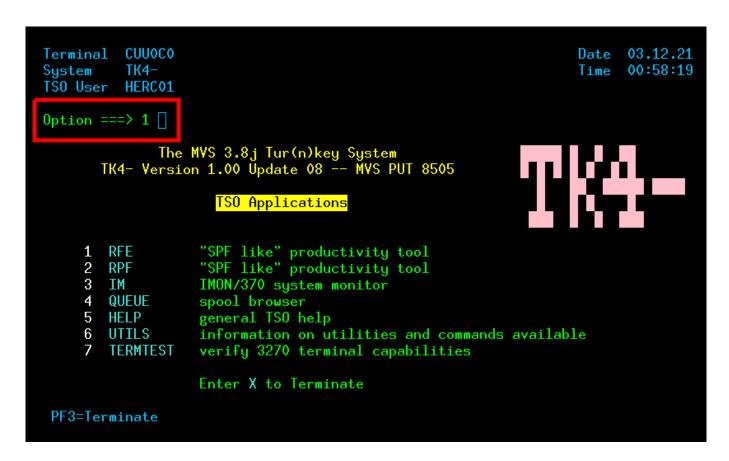
COBOL is still widely deployed. For example, as of 2017, about 95 percent of ATM swipes use COBOL code, and it powers 80 percent of in-person transactions.

## **Create and Submit the Job**

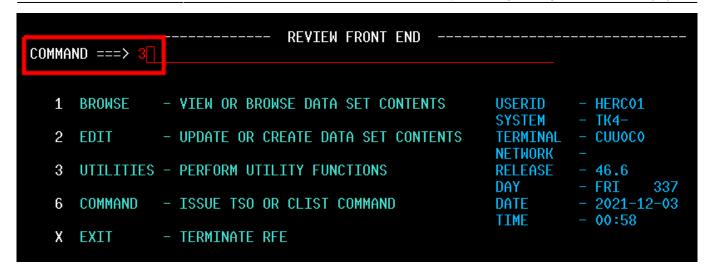
Your starting point should be the main screen:



Enter '1' to access the RFE tool:



Enter '3' to access utility functions:



Enter '4' to access the Data Set list:



Enter 'SYS2.JCLLIB' to filter the Data Set list:

```
RFE DSLIST
COMMAND ===>
     blank - display data set list
     ALLOC - allocate a new data set
    Data set name prefix ==> SYS2.JCLLIB
     Volume serial number ==>
     Data set selection codes
          A - Allocate like
                                                  C - Catalog
                              B - Browse
         D - Delete
                              E - Edit
                                                  I - Info
         L - Listcat
                              R - Rename
                                                  S - Short info
          U - Uncatalog
                                  View
                                                  Z - Compress
```

Tab to the detail line for SYS2.JCLLIB, then enter 'e' in the S column, for Edit:

```
RFE DSLIST
                                                                       Row 1 of 2
                                                                  Scroll ===> 0
Command ===>
S DATA-SET-NAME- VOLUME ALTRK USTRK ORG FRMT % XT LRECL BLKSZ REFDT CREDT EXPDT
  SYS2.JCLLIB
                 MVSRES
                            60
                                  47 PO FB
                                                       80 19040 21337 13314
                           60 TRKS ALLOC
                                                                    1 EXTENTS
  **END**
             TOTALS:
                                                47 TRKS USED
```

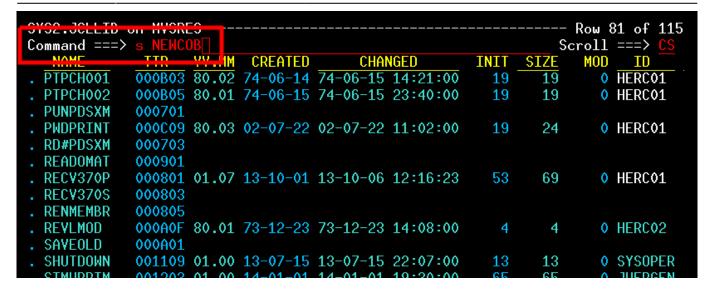
The Data Set list will display:

SYS2.JCLLIB on MYSRES Row 1 of 115								
Command ===>							Sc	croll ===> <mark>CS</mark>
NAME	TTR	VV.MM	CREATED	CHAI	NGED	INIT	SIZE	MOD ID $\overline{}_{T}$
. \$\$\$INDEX	002E01	01.02	14-11-12	16-09-17	14:55:58	135	138	0 JUERGEN
. \$HISTORY	000103							
. ADDALIAS	000105							
. ADDUSER	000B0D	80.02	74-06-28	74-06-28	13:25:00	79	17	O HERCO1 I
. ADDUSERP			74-06-28			17	17	O HERCO1 I
. ALGSAMP1			14-12-18			84	84	O LEVEL I
. ALGSAMP2			14-12-18			57	57	O LEVEL I
. ALGSAMP3			14-12-18			100	100	O LEVEL I
. ALGSAMP4		02.01	14-12-18	14-12-18	12:00:00	896	896	O LEVEL I
. ALLALIAS	000D0B							
. AMASPZAP	000107							
. AMDPRDMP	000109							
. BAT#EDIT	000201							
. BSPHRCMD	000203	01.06	13-10-02	13-10-06	11:36:03	8	26	O HERCO1 I
. BSPOSCMD	000205							
. BSPVTMWT		80.00	73-12-23	73-12-23	14:06:00	4	4	0 HERC02
. BYPASSNQ	000207							
. CHGPWD		80.02	74-06-28	74-06-28	14:18:00	17	23	0 HERC01
. CLIPDASD	000209							
. COMPPROC	000301							
. COMPRESS	000303							
. CONFIGSE	000A09	80.01	73-06-16	73-06-16	12:48:00	29	14	0 HERC01
CODVAA4	AAADA4	04 40	74 AC 44	74 AC 4F	14.01.00	04	04	A UEDCA4

If you press [F8] (page down) a few times, you'll see several Data Sets with names that begin with 'TEST'. These are test programs for various languages:

. THPEMHP	VVVHV5			
. TESTALG	001301			
. TESTCOB	000E03			
. TESTFORT	000E05			
. TESTGCC	00110B 01.00 13-12-22 13-12-22 20:30:00	37	37	O JUERGEN
. TESTJCC	001801 01.00 14-11-12 14-11-12 17:45:00	37	37	0 TK4-
. TESTPL1	000E07			
. TESTRPG	000E09			
. TESTSIMU	001201 01.00 14-01-05 14-01-05 06:00:00	151	151	O JUERGEN
. TESTSORT	000F01			
. TESTWATE	001703 01.00 14-09-30 14-09-30 22:00:00	19	19	0 JUERGENI
TSORATCH	000903			

We'll be using TESTCOB as a template for our COBOL job. We don't want to use it directly, creating a copy instead. The first thing to do is to create a new, empty Data Set, with the name NEWCOB:



The new, empty Data Set opens in REVEDIT.

Next, we indicate that we want to populate it with a copy of the contents of TESTCOB:

```
COMMAND ===> COPY TESTCOB | SCROLL ===> CS | SCROLL ===>
```

The editor will display the copied text:

```
REVEDIT 33 LINE(S) COPIED
                                                      COLUMNS 00001 00072
COMMAND ===>
                                                          SCROLL ===>
     * ****ZAP***AUTOSAYE******** TOP OF DATA ********************
000001 //TESTCOB JOB
                    (SETUP),
000002 //
                    TEST COBOL',
000003 //
                    CLASS=A.
000004 //
                    MSGCLASS=A.
                    MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
000005 //
000007 //*
000008 //* NAME: SYS2.JCLLIB(TESTCOB)
000009 //*
000010 //* DESC: TEST COBOL INSTALLATION
000011 //*
000012 //**********************************
000013 //HELOWRLD EXEC COBUCLG
000014 //COB.SYSIN DD *
000015
        001
            IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
000016
        002
            PROGRAM-ID. 'HELLO'.
            ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
000017
        003
000018
        004
            CONFIGURATION SECTION.
000019
        005
            SOURCE-COMPUTER.
                             IBM-360.
000020
        006
            OBJECT-COMPUTER. IBM-360.
000021
        0065 SPECIAL-NAMES.
        0066
                CONSOLE IS CNSL.
000022
000023
        007
            DATA DIVISION.
000024
        008
            WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
000025
        009
                HELLO-CONST PIC X(12) VALUE 'HELLO, WORLD'.
000026
        075
            PROCEDURE DIVISION.
            000-DISPLAY.
        090
000027
000028
        100
                DISPLAY HELLO-CONST UPON CNSL.
000029
        110
                STOP RUN.
000030 //LKED.SYSLIB DD DSNAME=SYS1.COBLIB.DISP=SHR
000031 //
                   DD DSNAME=SYS1.LINKLIB,DISP=SHR
000032 //GO.SYSPRINT DD SYSOUT=A
000033 //
     ****ZAP****AUTOSAYE******* BOTTOM OF DATA *****************
```

Make a few edits to the copied text. First, in line 0001, change TESTCOB to NEWCOB:

In line 0002, update the description:

Finally, in line 0004, change the MSGCLASS to 'H':

(This will ensure that the output from the job is retained and viewable after we run it)

Save your changes:

```
DEVENTE 33 LINE(S) COPIED
                                   COLUMNS 00001 00072
COMMAND ===>
                                      SCROLL ===>
           (SETUP),
000001 //NEWCOB
000002 //
             "NEW COBOL".
000003 //
             CLASS=A.
000004 //
             MSGCLASS=H,
             MSGLEVEL=(1,1)
000005 //
000007 //*
000008 //* NAME: SYS2.JCLLIB(TESTCOB)
000009 //*
000010 //* DESC: TEST COBOL INSTALLATION
000011 //*
```

Submit the job:

```
REVEDIT DATA SAVED
                                              COLUMNS 00001 00072
COMMAND ===> SUBMIT
                                                  SCROLL ===>
            ---AUTOSAVE******* TOP OF DATA *******************
000001 //NEWCOB JOB
                 (SETUP),
000002 //
000003 //
                 'NEW COBOL',
                 CLASS=A.
000004 //
                 MSGCLASS=H.
000005 77
                 MSGLEVEL=(1.1)
000007 //*
000008 //* NAME: SYS2.JCLLIB(TESTCOB)
000009 //*
000010 //* DESC: TEST COBOL INSTALLATION
000011 //*
000012 //**********************************
```

You'll see a confirmation message, indicating that the job has been submitted:

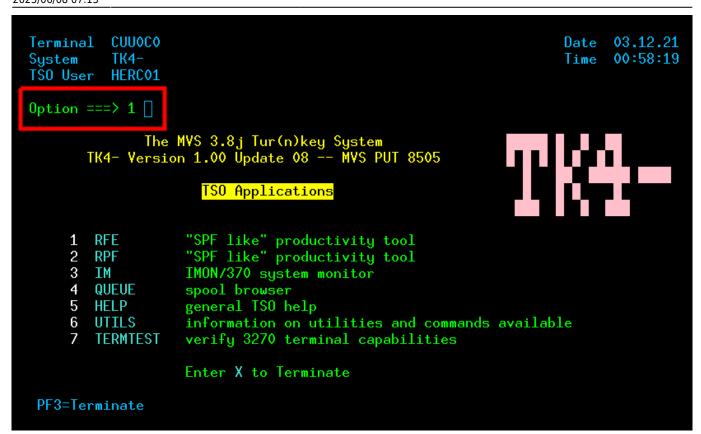
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JOB NEWCOB(JOBOOOO6) SUBMITTED
```

#### **Check the Results**

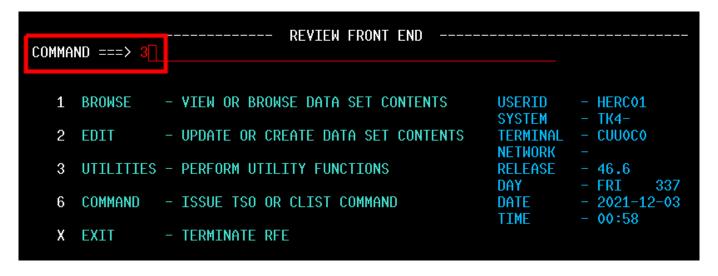
If you aren't already on the main screen, press [F3] until it's displayed:

```
Terminal
           CUUOCO
                                                                           Date 03.12.21
Sustem
           TK4-
                                                                           Time
                                                                                  00:58:19
TSO User HERC01
Option ===> [
                The MVS 3.8j Tur(n)key System
        TK4- Version 1.00 Update 08 -- MVS PUT 8505
                        TSO Applications
                     "SPF like" productivity tool
"SPF like" productivity tool
IMON/370 system monitor
     1
        RFE
     2
         RPF
     3
         ΙM
     4
                     spool browser
        QUEUE
     5
        HELP
                     general TSO help
     6
        UTILS
                     information on utilities and commands available
         TERMTEST
                     verify 3270 terminal capabilities
                      Enter X to Terminate
 PF3=Terminate
```

Enter '1' to access the RFE tool:



Enter '3' to access utility functions:



Enter '8' to access held job output:

```
DATA SET UTILITIES

1 LIBRARY - PDS COMPRESS AND MEMBER MANAGEMENT

2 DATASET - CREATE, DELETE, RENAME, CATALOG OR UNCATALOG DATA SET

3 MOVE/COPY - MOVE OR COPY PDS MEMBERS OR DATA SET CONTENTS

4 DSLIST - PROCESS DATA SETS FROM A CATALOG OR VTOC LIST

5 SPFSTATS - ADMINISTER STATISTICS OF LIBRARY MEMBERS

8 OUTLIST - DISPLAY, DELETE OR PRINT HELD JOB OUTPUT
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Enter 'ST \*', indicating that you want to display all held jobs:

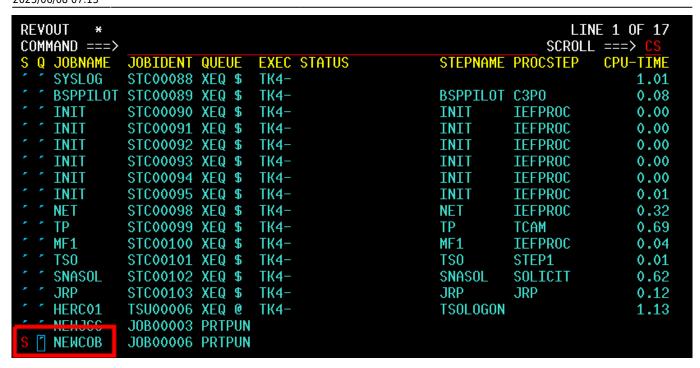
```
COMMAND ===> ST * SCROLL ===> CS
S Q JOBNAME JOBIDENT QUEUE EXEC STATUS
HERCO1 TSU00006 XEQ @ TK4- TSOLOGON 1.10
```

You'll see 'NEWCOB', the job you recently submitted, at the end of the list:

REVOUT * COMMAND ===>	П				1 0F 17 ===> CS
	JOBIDENT QUEUE	EXEC STATUS	STEPNAME		CPU-TIME
* * SYSLOG	STC00088 XEQ \$	TK4-			0.99
* * BSPPILOT	STC00089 XEQ \$	TK4-	<b>BSPPILOT</b>	C3P0	0.08
' INIT	STC00090 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.00
' INIT	STC00091 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.00
' INIT	STC00092 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.00
' INIT	STC00093 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.00
' INIT	STC00094 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.00
' INIT	STC00095 XEQ \$	TK4-	INIT	IEFPR0C	0.01
1 NET	STC00098 XEQ \$	TK4-	NET	IEFPR0C	0.32
î î TP	STC00099 XEQ \$	TK4-	TP	TCAM	0.69
7 MF1	STC00100 XEQ \$	TK4-	MF1	IEFPR0C	0.04
7 TSO	STC00101 XEQ \$	TK4-	TS0	STEP1	0.01
* * SNASOL	STC00102 XEQ \$	TK4-	SNASOL	SOLICIT	0.59
′ ′ JRP	STC00103 XEQ \$	TK4-	JRP	JRP	0.11
f HERC01	TSU00006 XEQ @	TK4-	TS0L0G0N		1.11
* NEWJCC	JOBO0003 PRTPUN				
* NEWCOB	JOBO0006 PRTPUN				

Enter 'S' in the S column for the NEWCOB job:

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Job output is displayed:

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```
SYS21337.T010558.RA000.HERC01.J0B00006 ----
                                                               Line 1 Col 2 81
Command ===>
                                                               Scroll ===>
                                                                 70
      10
                                              50
                20
                          30
                                    40
                                                       60
                                                                           80
                                               J E S 2
                                                        J 0 B
                                                                L O G
                  IEF677I WARNING MESSAGE(S) FOR JOB NEWCOB
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                                                             ISSUED
01.03.49 JOB
                  $HASP373 NEWCOB STARTED - INIT 1 - CLASS A - SYS TK4-
IEF403I NEWCOB - STARTED - TIME=01.03.49
               6
01.03.49 JOB
               6
01.03.49 JOB
                  IEC130I SYSPUNCH DD STATEMENT MISSING
               6
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  IEC130I SYSLIB
                                   DD STATEMENT MISSING
01.03.49 JOB
                  IEC130I SYSPUNCH DD STATEMENT MISSING
               6
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  IEFACTRT - Stepname
                                       Procstep
                                                 Program
                                                          Retcode
01.03.49 JOB
                             HELOWRLD
                                                 IKFCBL00
               6
                  NEWCOB
                                       COB
                                                          RC= 0000
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  NEWCOB
                             HELOWRLD LKED
                                                 IEWL
                                                          RC= 0000
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  +HELLO, WORLD
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  NEWCOB
                             HELOWRLD GO
                                                 PGM=*.DD
                                                          RC= 0000
                  IEF404I NEWCOB - ENDED - TIME=01.03.49
01.03.49 JOB
               6
01.03.49 JOB
               6
                  $HASP395 NEWCOB
                                  ENDED
         //NEWCOB
                   J0B
                        (SETUP),
                        'NEW COBOL',
         //
                        CLASS=A,
         77
         11
                        MSGCLASS=H,
         //
                        MSGLEVEL=(1,1),
                       USER=HERC01.PASSWORD=
         //
                                                       GENERATED BY GDL
         ***
         *** NAME: SYS2.JCLLIB(TESTCOB)
         *** DESC: TEST COBOL INSTALLATION
         //HELOWRLD EXEC COBUCLG
         XXCOBUCLG PROC SOUT="*"
   3
   4
         XXCOB EXEC
                      PGM=IKFCBL00,
                      PARM="LOAD, SUPMAP, SIZE=2048K, BUF=1024K"
   5
         XXSYSPRINT
                     DD SYSOUT=&SOUT
   6
         XXSYSUT1 DD UNIT=SYSDA, SPACE=(460, (700, 100))
         XXSYSUT2 DD UNIT=SYSDA, SPACE=(460, (700, 100))
   8
         XXSYSUT3 DD UNIT=SYSDA, SPACE=(460, (700, 100))
         XXSYSUT4 DD UNIT=SYSDA, SPACE=(460, (700, 100))
   9
         XXSYSLIN DD DSNAME=&LOADSET,DISP=(MOD,PASS),UNIT=SYSDA,
  10
                        SPACE=(80,(500,100))
                                                                    7828K FREE
```

Press [F8] to page down, and you'll see the 'Hello World' output:

```
SYS21337.T010558.RA000.HERC01.J0B00006 ----
                                                        --- Line 118 Col 2 81
 Command ===>
                                                              Scroll ===>
       10
                20
                          30
                                   40
                                             50
                                                      60
                                                                          80
                                                                70
2. Jobstep of job: NEWCOB
                                   Stepname: LKED
                                                        Program name: IEWL
         elapsed time 00:00:00,04
                                                       CPU-Identifier:
                                                                       TK4-
                                                Virtual Storage used:
             CPU time
                       00:00:00,02
                                                                       264K
           corr. CPU:
                       00:00:00.02
                                    CPU time has been corrected by 1 / 1,0
      I/O Operation
     Number of records read via DD * or DD DATA:
      140......22 DMY.......0 180......10 148......17 148.......0 170.......0 DM
                                         Charge for step (w/o SYSOUT):
**********************
IEF236I ALLOC. FOR NEWCOB GO HELOWRLD
IEF237I 180 ALLOCATED TO PGM=*.DD
HELLO, WORLD

HELLO, WORLD

HELLO, WORLD

HELLOWRLD - STEP WAS EXECUTED - COND CODE 0000
         SYS21337.T010349.RA000.NEWCOB.GODATA
IEF285I
IEF285I
         VOL SER NOS= WORKO2.
         JES2.J0B00006.S00104
IEF285I
                                                    SYSOUT
IEF373I STEP /GO
                     / START 21337.0103
IEF374I STEP /GO
                     / STOP 21337.0103 CPU
                                              OMIN 00.00SEC SRB
                                                                  OMIN 00.00S
            ALLOCATED TO SYS00001
IEF237I 180
IEF285I
         SYS21337.T010349.RA000.NEWCOB.R0000001
                                                                  *----0
                                                    KEPT
IEF285I
         VOL SER NOS= WORKO2.
         SYS21337.T010349.RA000.NEWCOB.GODATA
IEF285I
                                                    DELETED
IEF285I
         VOL SER NOS= WORKO2.
IEF375I
         JOB /NEWCOB
                    / START 21337.0103
                    / STOP 21337.0103 CPU
        JOB /NEWCOB
IEF376I
                                              OMIN 00.07SEC SRB
                                                                  OMIN 00.02S
  CB545 V2 LVL78 01MAY72
                                       IBM OS AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD COBOL
   1
00001
         001
              IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
00002
         002
                           THELLO".
              PROGRAM-ID.
00003
         003
              ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
00004
         004
              CONFIGURATION SECTION.
00005
         005
              SOURCE-COMPUTER.
                               IBM-360.
                               IBM-360.
00006
         006
              OBJECT-COMPUTER.
00007
         0065 SPECIAL-NAMES.
                                                                   7828K FREE
```

Press [F3] several times to return to the main screen.

## **FORTRAN**

FORTRAN first appeared in 1957. The latest stable release was in 2018. It's widely used in scientific and engineering applications.

Follow the COBOL instructions, with the following differences:

- 1. Copy 'TESTFORT' instead of 'TESTCOB', and name it 'NEWFORT' instead of 'NEWCOB'.
- 2. When you edit NEWFORT, change the job name and description to indicate NEWFORT instead of

NEWCOB.

# PL/1

You may also see the name written as 'PL/I'. It first appeared in 1964, and the latest stable release was in 2019.

Follow the COBOL instructions, with the following differences:

- 1. Copy 'TESTPL1' instead of 'TESTCOB', and name it 'NEWPL1' instead of 'NEWCOB'.
- 2. When you edit NEWPL1, change the job name and description to indicate NEWPL1 instead of NEWCOB.

There's an additional change, and it's important:

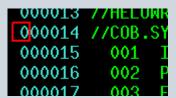


There's a critical "gotcha" in Pl/1 programs. MVS requires a JOBLIB statement in the JCL, and it's not included in the turnkey sample programs. The following additional line is required in the Data Set. This should be added as a new line at the end of the JCL section:

//JOBLIB DD DSN=SYS1.PL1LIB,DISP=SHR

To add a new line in the editor, enter an 'I' in the first column of a row, and the new row will be inserted after. Example location:





You can also delete a line by entering a 'D' in the same location.

# C

C first appeared in 1972, and the latest stable release was in 2018. It's the most actively used "old language" by far, heavily used in operating system and kernel development, device drivers, and embedded development.

It's a dangerous language: Memory management is tricky. But, it's also extremely powerful, as it's well suited for getting close to the hardware.

Follow the COBOL instructions, with the following differences:

- 1. Copy 'TESTJCC' instead of 'TESTCOB', and name it 'NEWJCC' instead of 'NEWCOB'. **Use TESTJCC** as your copy source, not TESTGCC. The GCC compiler ABENDs (throws an error) in the MVS Turnkey system.
- 2. When you edit NEWJCC, change the job name and description to indicate NEWJCC instead of NEWCOB.

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