

CHAPTER XIII

SDC Document Number Scheme

Almost all our software documents are distributed through the Software Distribution Center (SDC). Customers and DEC people order desired documents by specifying an Order Number to the SDC. This chapter describes the format of order numbers, the meaning of order numbers, and the method by which a writer can obtain order numbers for his/her documents.

Prior to November 1, 1976, all software documents were assigned order numbers of the following form:

DEC-xx-xxxxx-x-D

For example, a manual might have an order number:

DEC-11-ORUGA-C-D

Different parts of the order number specified different bits of information about the document. In the example above, the breakdown went as follows:

"DEC" merely specified that the manual was a DEC manual (pretty redundant information).

"11" specified that the manual was a PDP-11 manual.

"O" specified the type of manual (in this case, an overview or system manual).

"RUGA" specified a unique identifier (in this case, the RT-11 System Reference Manual).

"C" specified the revision level of the manual (A was the first version, B the first revision, C the second revision, and so on).

"D" specified that the item was a document (other letters in this position might specify that an item was a DECTape, or a disk, or other medium).

Effective November 1, 1976, all products sold by DEC (including software documents) are identified by a new order numbering scheme. This scheme is the Unified Numbering Code (UNC). Under the UNC, all DEC products are identified by an order number in the following format:

aa-bbbbc-de

As with the previous scheme, different parts of the UNC order number specify different bits of information about the item:

- aa is the inventory class code, and identifies the type of item.
- bbbb is the unique identifier, and is the main part of the order number identifying the item.
- c is the revision identifier, and identifies (obviously) the revision level of the item.
- d is the license identifier, and identifies the type of license under which the product is sold.
- e is the CPU identifier, and identifies the central processor for which the item is applicable.

All items sold by DEC are identified by an order number in the above format. All DEC corporate automated systems (parts ordering, inventory, etc.) recognize the above format. Below you will find a list of codes applicable to products produced by Software Documentation. Any document you write will be identified by a order number in the aa-bbbbc-de format. ALTHOUGH EXCEPTIONS TO THE FORMAT ARE RARE, THEY CAN EXIST; IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK YOUR SUPERVISOR WHEN ASSIGNING AN ORDER NUMBER TO A DOCUMENT.

aa - inventory class code

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|---|
| AA | System Manual or Handbook |
| AD | Addendum (update) to a document (usually one with an AA code) |
| AJ | Film strip, slide, or transparency |
| AV | Miscellaneous (letters, catalogs, templates, binders, etc). |

bbbb - unique identifier

This is always a number in the range 0000 through 9999, and is assigned by the SDC upon request. The number is unique to a document or update.

c - revision identifier

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| A | First version of a document |
| B | First revision of a document |
| C | Second revision of a document |
| D | Third revision of a document |

... and so on.

d - license identifier

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|---|
| T | Unrestricted distribution, no license required. Almost all manuals, handbooks, and updates fall into this category. |
| R | Restricted manual. This usually applies to Company Confidential manuals, and some user manuals for which a license is required. Ask your supervisor before requesting a license identifier. |

e - CPU identifier

| <u>Code</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| A | PDP-8 |
| B | DECsystem-10 |
| C | PDP-11 |
| E | PDP-9 and PDP-15 |
| J | XVM (PDP-15) |
| K | Cross-product (more than one CPU) |
| M | DECsystem-20 |

A more complete list of codes for all of Software Engineering is provided in the document Procedural Guide for Assigning Software Component Part Numbers, Order Number AV-0000A-TK, dated August 1976. You may obtain a copy by calling Marie Donnelly at the SDC in Maynard, x3378.

An example of a manual whose order number is already assigned under the UNC follows:

RSTS/E RMS-11 Utilities User's Guide, Order Number AA-0003A-TC

In the example, the "AA" identifies the item as a manual. The "0003" is the unique identifier, and the "A" shows that this is the first version of the manual. The "TC" shows that it is an unrestricted manual for the PDP-11.

For a period of time (probably about a year) after the UNC is established, many documents will carry a double number: the new UNC code will appear along with the old code (DEC-xx-xxxxx-x-D) if an old code existed for the manual. When ordering a manual, always use the UNC code.