

To: Distribution

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Subject: Copyright Notices on Source

In order to protect the rights of MIT and Honeywell in the Multics system, we must place a copyright notice at the top of every source program which is part of Multics.

These notices must come at the very beginning of the program.

A program has been written which will insert a comment containing the required notice at the beginning of a source segment. The program will not insert the notice if it is already in the source segment. This program will be run as part of the library updating process for all submitted segments except those in the author-maintained libraries.

Another version of the program has been written to go over the entire library archives and to add the notice to all segments in the library. This program will be run sometime before the end of the trial service period.

Programmers who wish to add the notice to their own programs before submission may execute the command

```
aid_copyright PATH
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to add the appropriate copyright notice to the segment PATH. The language suffix of PATH will be inspected, and one of the files "pl1.copyright", "alm.copyright", etc. will be inserted into PATH.

The PL/I notice looks like this:

```
/* *****
 *
 *
 * Copyright (c) 1972 by Massachusetts Institute of
 * Technology and Honeywell Information Systems, Inc.
 *
 *
 * ***** */
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