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Preface

This manual provides users of the VMS operating system with detailed usage and reference information on DECtalk support routines supplied in the DTK\$ facility of the Run-Time Library.

Run-Time Library routines can only be used in programs written in languages that produce native code for the VAX hardware. At present, these languages include VAX MACRO and the following compiled high-level languages:

- VAX Ada
- VAX BASIC
- VAX BLISS-32
- VAX C
- VAX COBOL
- VAX COBOL-74
- VAX CORAL
- VAX DIBOL
- VAX FORTRAN
- VAX Pascal
- VAX PL/I
- VAX RPG
- VAX SCAN

Interpreted languages which can also access Run-Time Library routines include VAX DSM and DATATRIEVE.

Intended Audience

This manual is intended for system and applications programmers who want to call Run-Time Library routines.

Document Structure

This manual is organized into two parts as follows:

- Chapter 1 provides guidelines on using the DTK\$ DECtalk routines.
- The DTK\$ Reference Section provides detailed reference information on each DECtalk support routine contained in the DTK\$ facility of the Run-Time Library. This information is presented using the documentation format described in the *Introduction to the VMS Run-Time Library*. Routine descriptions appear in alphabetical order by routine name.

Associated Documents

The Run-Time Library routines are documented in a series of reference manuals. This manual provides an overview of the VMS Run-Time Library DECtalk (DTK\$) facility, along with detailed information on each DTK\$ routine. A general overview of the VMS Run-Time Library is presented in the *Introduction to the VMS Run-Time Library*. Descriptions of the other RTL facilities and their corresponding routines and usages are discussed in the following books:

- The *VMS RTL Library (LIB\$) Manual*
- The *VMS RTL Mathematics (MTH\$) Manual*
- The *VMS RTL General Purpose (OTS\$) Manual*
- The *VMS RTL Parallel Processing (PPL\$) Manual*
- The *VMS RTL Screen Management (SMG\$) Manual*
- The *VMS RTL String Manipulation (STR\$) Manual*

The VAX Procedure Calling and Condition Handling Standard, which is documented in the *Introduction to System Routines*, contains useful information for anyone who wants to call Run-Time Library routines.

Applications programmers of any language may refer to the *Guide to Creating VMS Modular Procedures* for the Modular Programming Standard and other guidelines.

High-level language programmers will find additional information about calling Run-Time Library routines in their language reference manual. Additional information may also be found in the language user's guide provided with your VAX language.

The *Guide to Using VMS Command Procedures* may also be useful.

For a complete list and description of the manuals in the VMS documentation set, see the *Overview of VMS Documentation*.

Conventions

Convention	Meaning
<code>RET</code>	In examples, a key name (usually abbreviated) shown within a box indicates that you press a key on the keyboard; in text, a key name is not enclosed in a box. In this example, the key is the RETURN key. (Note that the RETURN key is not usually shown in syntax statements or in all examples; however, assume that you must press the RETURN key after entering a command or responding to a prompt.)
<code>CTRL/C</code>	A key combination, shown in uppercase with a slash separating two key names, indicates that you hold down the first key while you press the second key. For example, the key combination CTRL/C indicates that you hold down the key labeled CTRL while you press the key labeled C. In examples, a key combination is enclosed in a box.
<code>\$ SHOW TIME</code> <code>05-JUN-1988 11:55:22</code>	In examples, system output (what the system displays) is shown in black. User input (what you enter) is shown in red.
<code>\$ TYPE MYFILE.DAT</code> <code>.</code> <code>.</code> <code>.</code>	In examples, a vertical series of periods, or ellipsis, means either that not all the data that the system would display in response to a command is shown or that not all the data a user would enter is shown.
<code>input-file, . . .</code>	In examples, a horizontal ellipsis indicates that additional parameters, values, or other information can be entered, that preceding items can be repeated one or more times, or that optional arguments in a statement have been omitted.
<code>[logical-name]</code>	Brackets indicate that the enclosed item is optional. (Brackets are not, however, optional in the syntax of a directory name in a file specification or in the syntax of a substring specification in an assignment statement.)
quotation marks apostrophes	The term quotation marks is used to refer to double quotation marks (""). The term apostrophe (') is used to refer to a single quotation mark.

Other conventions used in the documentation of Run-Time Library routines are described in the *Introduction to the VMS Run-Time Library*.

1 DECTalk Guidelines

This section discusses the Run-Time Library routines that control and perform various functions on DIGITAL's DECTalk device. The DECTalk routines are meant solely for use with DIGITAL's DECTalk device.

1.1 Overview of the DTK\$ Facility

The DECTalk device accepts alphanumeric text from a computer system and converts it to human-quality speech. DECTalk speaks this data through its internal speaker, an external audio system, or over the telephone.

The DTK\$ Facility consists of routines that control the functions of the DECTalk device. These routines not only control DECTalk's characteristics, but they also provide functional controls such as reading keys entered on a phone keypad or hanging up the phone. In general, the DTK\$ routines supply a simple interface between the user and the DECTalk device.

1.2 Controlling the DECTalk Environment

The DTK\$ facility supplies several routines that control the environment in which the DECTalk device functions. These routines are grouped according to function and described in the following subsections.

1.2.1 Initializing DECTalk

Before issuing any commands to the DECTalk device, you must first initialize it. The routine DTK\$INITIALIZE initializes a DECTalk device and returns its associated voice identifier. This routine also specifies a file specification or logical name to which the output associated with the DECTalk device is written.

1.2.2 The DECTalk Device

Once a DECTalk device has been initialized, you can select various operating modes for the device. One of these modes involves the specification of phonemic text; a phoneme is one of the smallest possible units of speech that can be used to distinguish one word from another.

DTK\$SET_MODE enables you to select any operating mode for DECTalk. The DTK\$SET_MODE routine controls how DECTalk processes text, according to the modes in the following list. Note that it is possible to perform a logical OR operation to set more than one mode at a time, and any mode that is not specified is reset.

- DTK\$M_SQUARE treats square brackets ([]) as phonemic text delimiters. The DTK\$M_SQUARE mode also lets the close parenthesis character ")", when it appears before a word, indicate an alternative pronunciation from the built-in dictionary.

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- DTK\$M_ASCII uses single-character phonemic translation instead of a multiletter translation. This is valid only for the DTC01 device.
- DTK\$M_MINUS pronounces a hyphen (-) as “minus.”
- DTK\$M_EUROPE uses European number format (where a comma separates the number from its decimal portion and periods mark off digits into groups of 3). This is valid only for the DTC03 device.
- DTK\$M_SPELL spells out all text instead of interpreting the text as words. This is valid only for the DTC03 device.

DTK\$SET_MODE can be used to set new modes, to examine the current mode settings, or to change the modes and later return them to their previous state.

The DTK\$SET_SPEECH_MODE routine toggles DECtalk’s speech on and off. In the case of turning the speech off, you can either cause DECtalk to stop speaking immediately or to stop speaking when the current text is completed.

DTK\$SET_VOICE controls the actual voice characteristics of the DECtalk device. The following is a list of the available voice mode settings for DECtalk, along with their characteristics.

Voice Mode	Characteristics
DTK\$K_VOICE_MALE	Standard male voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_FEMALE	Standard female voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_CHILD	Standard child voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_DEEP_MALE	Deep male voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_DEEP_FEMALE	Deep female voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_OLDER_MALE	Older male voice
DTK\$K_VOICE_LIGHT_FEMALE	Light female voice

The DTK\$SET_VOICE routine also enables you to control DECtalk’s speech rate, as well as the length of the pauses after commas and periods. The speech rate of the DECtalk device is measured in words per minute, and the valid range is 120 to 350 words per minute. The values that control the comma and period pauses are measured in milliseconds.

1.2.3 The Terminal

The DECtalk device enables you to connect a local terminal to the DECtalk device. The DTK\$ facility supplies two routines that you can use to control the local terminal.

The DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE routine determines the information that is displayed on the local terminal connected to the DECtalk device. The following is a list of modes that can be set or reset using DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE. Note that you can perform a logical OR operation to set more than one mode at a time, and any mode not specified is reset.

- DTK\$M_TEXT causes all spoken text to be printed on the terminal.

- DTK\$_PHONEME causes all spoken text to be converted to its phonemic equivalent and then printed on the terminal.
- DTK\$_RAWHOST causes all data received from the host to be transmitted, including escape sequences, to the terminal in exactly the form in which it is received.
- DTK\$_INHOST causes all text received from the host to be printed, including escape sequences, on the terminal. However, all control characters are first translated to a readable form.
- DTK\$_OUTHOST causes all characters sent to the host to be printed at the terminal. Before printing, control characters are converted to a readable form. This readable form is sometimes a mnemonic (for example, ESC for escape) and sometimes a letter that has meaning when used with the CTRL key (for example, C for CTRL/C).
- DTK\$_ERROR causes all DECtalk error messages to be printed on the terminal.
- DTK\$_TRACE causes all text received from the host to be printed on the terminal, including escape sequences. However, the escape sequences are first converted into their symbolic meaning before being printed.

The routine DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE controls the attributes of the local terminal. This routine can be used to set new modes, to examine the current mode settings, or to change the modes and later return them to their previous state. All of the following modes are valid.

DTK\$_HOST	When set, any characters typed on the local terminal are transmitted to the host computer.
DTK\$_SPEAK	When set, characters typed on the local terminal are spoken by DECtalk. (Note that they will be interspersed with characters sent from the host.)
DTK\$_EDITED	When set, text entered from the local terminal is processed one line at a time.
DTK\$_HARD	When set, text is echoed on the local terminal in a manner appropriate for hardcopy terminals. When this mode is not set, echoing is performed in a manner appropriate for video display terminals.
DTK\$_SETUP	When set, DECtalk speaks the set-up dialogue.
DTK\$_FILTER	When set, DECtalk does not transmit DECtalk-specific escape sequences to the local terminal. DECtalk also ignores most non-DECtalk escape sequences transmitted from the host computer.

Once again, it is possible to perform a logical OR operation to set more than one mode at a time. Any mode that is not specified is automatically reset.

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1.2 Controlling the DECTalk Environment

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When DECTalk speaks text, the speech rate for the device is much slower than the rate of data transmission. This may create a problem if a certain task in your program is contingent upon certain speech being complete. For example, it is quite likely that the DECTalk device will still be speaking some text while your program is already executing the next statement. The DTK\$ facility therefore provides you with indexes. An index is a number that you insert at an appropriate location in your text. Once DECTalk finishes speaking all text up to that index, the index value is returned to your program. Using this index, your program can then keep track of text that has already been spoken.

An index could be inserted, for example, following some instructional text regarding user input. Once DECTalk speaks the instructional text, it returns the index to the program, and this triggers the program to wait for the user's input. You can set an index using the DTK\$SET_INDEX routine. The index value must be in the range of 1 to 32767. The DTK\$RETURN_LAST_INDEX routine returns the last index spoken.

1.2.5 The Dictionary

DECTalk comes equipped with two dictionaries. The first of these is stored in ROM and therefore cannot be changed in any way. A certain amount of dynamic storage is allocated for a supplemental dictionary to which you can add your own words and pronunciations.

To load a word into this supplemental dictionary, you use the DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY routine. By specifying both the actual spelling of the word and its phonemic definition, you create a new entry in the supplemental dictionary.

1.2.6 Terminating DECTalk

To deassign the voice identifier that was assigned to the DECTalk device when it was initialized, you must call DTK\$TERMINATE. This routine terminates all use of the specified DECTalk device by deallocating the voice control block and all of its substructures.

1.3 Controlling DECTalk's Speech

The DTK\$ facility provides three different methods for specifying the text that DECTalk is to speak.

DTK\$SPEAK_TEXT sends the specified text to the DECTalk device to be spoken. You can optionally set one of the following modes:

- DTK\$K_IMMED returns control to the user immediately (this is the default).
- DTK\$K_WAIT waits until the text is completely spoken before returning control to the user.
- DTK\$K_STATUS waits until the text is completely spoken, and then returns a phone status.

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1.3 Controlling DECtalk's Speech

These modes can be set for `DTK$SPEAK_FILE`, which speaks the text contained in a specified file, and also for `DTK$SPEAK_PHONEMIC_TEXT`. This routine sends the specified phonemic text to the DECtalk device to be spoken. Phonemic text contains the phonemic representations of the words to be spoken; that is, the words are spelled as they are pronounced.

1.4 Controlling DECtalk for Telephone Use

One of the most common applications for DECtalk is to serve as an access to a remote database via the telephone. The `DTK$` facility therefore supplies several routines that improve the interface between DECtalk and the user.

1.4.1 The Telephone Keypad

The routine `DTK$SET_KEYPAD_MODE` enables and disables DECtalk's recognition of the telephone keypad. If keypad recognition is enabled with `autostop`, DECtalk stops speaking when a terminator is entered. Otherwise, keypad recognition is disabled immediately.

1.4.2 Input Using the Telephone Keypad

The routine `DTK$READ_KEYSTROKE` reads a key entered on the telephone keypad and returns that key's equivalent key code value. These key codes are in the form `DTK$K_TRM_xxx`, and they are defined in the `DIGITAL` supplied library `$DTKDEF`. The optional prompt argument enables you to specify some text that DECtalk speaks before waiting for input. The timeout argument controls the number of seconds that DECtalk waits for input.

`DTK$READ_STRING` reads a series of keys entered on a telephone keypad and returns the key series as a single string. Again, you can specify an optional prompt and a timeout value for this routine. The optional termination code argument returns the key code value of the terminating key entered.

1.4.3 Controlling the Telephone Functions

In addition to accepting user input, the `DTK$` facility also supplies routines that control the actual operation of the telephone.

`DTK$ANSWER_PHONE` waits for the phone connected to the DECtalk device to ring and then answers it. You can specify optional text that DECtalk speaks after answering the phone. The `DTK$` facility also supplies a routine for hanging up the phone: `DTK$HANGUP_PHONE`. This routine speaks an optional message (if specified) and then hangs up the phone.

`DTK$DIAL_PHONE` dials the specified number on the telephone. You can select either pulse dialing or tone dialing with the mode argument for this routine, and you can specify how many seconds DECtalk should wait for the phone to be answered. The text argument enables you to specify optional text that DECtalk speaks after the phone is answered.

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1.5 Exit Handlers

1.5 Exit Handlers

The DTK\$ facility supplies its own exit handler to terminate access to the DECtalk device. This exit handler hangs up the phone and resets any terminal characteristics changed by the DTK\$ facility. Users must not call any of the DTK\$ routines from within their own exit handlers.

DTK\$ Reference Section

This section provides detailed discussions of the routines provided by the VMS RTL DECtalk (DTK\$) Facility.

DTK\$ANSWER_PHONE

Number of seconds that DECtalk allows the phone to ring before answering. The optional **timeout** argument is the address of a signed longword containing this timeout value. There is no default value.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$ANSWER_PHONE waits for the phone connected to the DECtalk device to ring and then answers it. If the **number-of-rings** argument is not specified, DECtalk answers the phone after 1 ring. If both the **number-of-rings** argument and the **timeout** argument are specified, DECtalk answers the phone after the first argument occurs. For example, if you specify 2 rings and 30 seconds, DECtalk will answer after 2 rings. After the phone is answered, DECtalk speaks any optional text that you specified.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any condition value returned by \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.

DTK\$CHECK_HDWR_STATUS Check Hardware Status

The Check Hardware Status routine checks the DECTalk hardware for hardware malfunctions.

FORMAT **DTK\$CHECK_HDWR_STATUS** *voice-id ,hdwr-status*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

hdwr-status

VMS usage: **mask_longword**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Receives the hardware status of the DECTalk machine. The **hdwr-status** argument is the address of an unsigned longword bit mask that receives the status.

Valid values for **hdwr-status** are:

DTK\$_NOMALFUN1	No malfunctions on first test
DTK\$_NOMALFUN2	No malfunctions on second test
DTK\$_COMFAIL	Communication failure
DTK\$_INPBUFOVR	Input buffer overflow
DTK\$_NVRPRFAI	NVR operation failed
DTK\$_ERRPHOTRA	Phonemic transmission error
DTK\$_CONSEQERR	Control sequence error
DTK\$_DECTSFAI	Self-test failed

DTK\$CHECK_HDWR_STATUS

DESCRIPTION The DTK\$CHECK_HDWR_STATUS routine checks the DECtalk hardware (described by the **voice-id** argument) for hardware malfunctions and returns the status to the caller.

If more than one hardware malfunction occurs, you can invoke the DTK\$CHECK_HDWR_STATUS routine as many times as necessary to retrieve all error status codes. A status of "no malfunctions" indicates that there are no further error status codes to be retrieved.

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
LIB\$_xxxx	Any error from LIB\$GET_VM or LIB\$FREE_VM.

DTK\$DIAL_PHONE

text

VMS usage: **char_string**
type: **character string**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by descriptor**

Text to be spoken after the phone is answered. The **text** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the specified text.

timeout

VMS usage: **longword_signed**
type: **longword (signed)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Number of seconds to wait for the phone to be answered. The optional **timeout** argument is the address of a signed longword containing this timeout value. If omitted, DECtalk dials the phone and immediately returns control to the calling program.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$DIAL_PHONE dials the specified number on the telephone. If a call is currently active, DECtalk does not hang up the phone.

Note that this routine does not ensure that the phone is answered; it simply dials the specified telephone number. If the user specifies the optional **text** argument, DECtalk speaks this text before returning control to the calling program.

If the **timeout** argument is specified, the DTC01 device always waits for the specified number of seconds before returning control, even if the phone is answered before the specified number of seconds has elapsed. On the other hand, the DTC03 device interprets the **timeout** argument as the maximum number of seconds to wait before returning control to the calling program. That is, the DTC03 device returns control either when the phone is answered or when the **timeout** argument has expired, whichever occurs first.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_TOOLONG	Phone number is too long.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.
DTK\$_OFFHOOK	Phone is off hook (phone is already active).

DTK\$HANGUP_PHONE Hang Up the Phone

The Hang Up the Phone routine speaks an optional message and then hangs up the phone.

FORMAT **DTK\$HANGUP_PHONE** *voice-id [,text]*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

text

VMS usage: **char_string**
 type: **character string**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by descriptor**

Text to be spoken before hanging up the phone. The optional **text** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the specified text.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$HANGUP_PHONE hangs up the phone after speaking an optional message.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED	SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
	SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
	DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
	DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.

DTK\$INITIALIZE

DTK\$INITIALIZE Initialize DECtalk

The Initialize DECtalk routine initializes a DECtalk device and returns the device's assigned voice identifier.

FORMAT **DTK\$INITIALIZE** *voice-id ,output-device [,device-type]*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the newly created DECtalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword that receives this identifier.

output-device
VMS usage: **device_name**
type: **character string**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by descriptor**

File specification or logical name to which the output associated with the DECtalk device is written. The **output-device** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to this logical name.

device-type
VMS usage: **longword_signed**
type: **longword (signed)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Device type of the newly created DECtalk device. The optional **device-type** argument is the address of a signed longword that receives the device-type information. The two valid device types are:

DTK\$_DTC_01 For DECtalk I.
DTK\$_DTC_03 For DECtalk III.

If the device-type information is not received in time, the assigned **device-type** is DTK\$_DTC_UNKNOWN.

DTK\$INITIALIZE

DESCRIPTION DTK\$INITIALIZE creates a DECTalk device and returns its assigned voice identifier, **voice-id**. **Output-device** is the device to which the output associated with this newly created DECTalk is written.

If DTK\$INITIALIZE is called to create a second DECTalk on a device that already has a voice identifier associated with it, DTK\$INITIALIZE simply returns the identifier of the already existing DECTalk, along with the condition code DTK\$_VOIALREXI, which signifies that DECTalk already exists for this device.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED	SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
	SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$GETDVI.
	RMS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$PARSE.
	LIB\$_xxxx	Any error from LIB\$GET_VM or LIB\$GET_EF.
	LIB\$_INSVIRMEM	Insufficient virtual memory to allocate needed buffer.
	DTK\$_VOIALREXI	DECTalk already exists for this device.
	DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.

DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY

DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY Load a Word into the DECtalk Dictionary

The Load a Word into the DECtalk Dictionary routine loads a phonemic definition of a word into the DECtalk dictionary.

FORMAT **DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY** *voice-id ,text ,substitution*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECtalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

text
VMS usage: **char_string**
type: **character string**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by descriptor**

Word to be loaded into the DECtalk dictionary. The **text** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the specified word.

substitution
VMS usage: **char_string**
type: **character string**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by descriptor**

Phonemic definition of the word specified by the **text** argument. The **substitution** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the phonemic representation of the specified word.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY loads the phonemic definition of a specified word into the DECtalk dictionary.

DTK\$LOAD_DICTIONARY

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_NOROOM	No room in the dictionary to add the specified word.
DTK\$_DEFTOOLONG	Word definition is too long.

DTK\$READ_KEYSTROKE

Number of seconds to wait for input. The optional **timeout** argument is the address of a signed longword containing the specified number of seconds the DECtalk device waits for input. If the **timeout** argument is omitted, DTK\$READ_KEYSTROKE waits for input indefinitely.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$READ_KEYSTROKE reads a key entered on the phone keypad. If the optional **text** argument is specified, DECtalk speaks this text before waiting for input. If the keypad mode has not yet been set, this routine will set the phone keypad to auto-stop mode.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).
DTK\$_WINK	A wink has occurred.

DTK\$READ_STRING

Number of seconds DECTalk waits for input. The optional **timeout** argument is the address of a signed longword containing the number of seconds DECTalk waits for input. If the **timeout** argument is omitted, DTK\$READ_STRING waits for input indefinitely.

longword-integer-termin-code

VMS usage: **longword_signed**
type: **longword (signed)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

The DTK\$K_TRM_XXXX code for terminating key entered. The optional **longword-integer-termin-code** argument is the address of a signed longword that receives this code. The valid codes are located in DTKDEF.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$READ_STRING reads a series of keys entered on the phone keypad and stores them in **resultant-string**. If the optional **prompt-string** argument is specified, DECTalk speaks the specified text before waiting for input. The valid terminators are the number sign (#) and the asterisk (*). If the keypad mode has not yet been set, this routine will set the phone keypad to auto-stop mode.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).
DTK\$_WINK	A wink has occurred.

DTK\$RETURN_LAST_INDEX

DTK\$RETURN_LAST_INDEX Return Last Index Spoken

The Return Last Index Spoken routine returns the last index spoken.

FORMAT **DTK\$RETURN_LAST_INDEX** *voice-id ,p-index*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

p-index
VMS usage: **longword_signed**
type: **longword (signed)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Index to be returned. The **p-index** argument is the address of a signed longword that receives the index identifier.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$RETURN_LAST_INDEX returns the last index spoken. An index is inserted into the output stream with the DTK\$SET_INDEX routine.

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.

DTK\$SET_INDEX Insert an Index at the Current Position

The Insert an Index at the Current Position routine inserts an index into the current output stream.

FORMAT **DTK\$SET_INDEX** *voice-id ,p-index*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

p-index
 VMS usage: **longword_signed**
 type: **longword (signed)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Index to be inserted. The **p-index** argument is the address of a signed longword containing the index value. Valid values are in the range of 1 to 32767. An index of zero is reserved for use by DIGITAL.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$SET_INDEX inserts an index into the current position in the output stream. Allowable values for **p-index** are in the range of 1 to 32767. An index of zero is reserved for use by DIGITAL.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED	SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
	SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
	DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
	DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
	DTK\$_INVARG	Invalid argument.

DTK\$SET_KEYPAD_MODE

DTK\$SET_KEYPAD_MODE Turn the Phone Keypad On and Off

The Turn the Phone Keypad On and Off routine turns recognition of the telephone keypad on or off.

FORMAT **DTK\$SET_KEYPAD_MODE** *voice-id ,keypad-mode*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

keypad-mode
VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Mode that determines the status of the telephone keypad. The **keypad-mode** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this mode. The valid mode specifiers are:

DTK\$_KEYPAD_ON	Turns the keypad on.
DTK\$_KEYPAD_OFF	Turns the keypad off.
DTK\$_KEYPAD_AUTO	Turns the keypad on with autostop.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$SET_KEYPAD_MODE turns the recognition of the telephone keypad on or off. Depending upon the **keypad-mode** specified, the keypad can be turned on, off, or on with autostop. Autostop means that DECTalk stops speaking when a terminator is entered.

DTK\$SET_KEYPAD_MODE

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.
DTK\$_WINK	A wink has occurred.

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE

- DTK\$M_TRACE
- DTK\$M_DEBUG

It is possible to perform a logical OR operation on the bits in the bit mask together to set more than one mode at a time. Any mode not specified is reset.

old-mode

VMS usage: **mask_longword**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Current mode settings of the DECtalk device. The optional **old-mode** argument is the address of a longword bit mask that receives the current DECtalk settings.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE sets or resets the specified modes on the DECtalk device. It controls the information that is displayed on a video terminal connected to the DECtalk device. Note that any modes not explicitly set are reset by DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE.

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE has two optional parameters, **new-mode** and **old-mode**. By specifying different combinations of these arguments, you can use DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE in various ways.

- To use DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE to determine the current mode settings, use the following format:
DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE (voice_id ,old_mode)
- To use DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE to set the bits without regard to their current setting, use the following format:
DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode)
- To use DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE to save the current settings, set new modes, and later restore the original settings, use the following format:

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode ,save_old_settings)

This retrieves the current bit settings and then sets the mode according to the **new-mode** argument.

Later, to restore the mode to its former state, specify the following format:

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE (voice-id ,save_old_settings)

This sets the new mode settings according to those previously retrieved.

DTK\$SET_LOGGING_MODE

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.

DTK\$SET_MODE Set the Mode for the DECtalk Terminal

The Set the Mode for the DECtalk Terminal routine sets or resets the mode settings of the DECtalk terminal.

FORMAT **DTK\$SET_MODE** *voice-id* [*,new-mode*] [*,old-mode*]

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECtalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

new-mode

VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

DECtalk mode to be set. The optional **new-mode** argument is the address of a longword bit mask containing the specified mode. Valid values for **new-mode** are:

- DTK\$M_SQUARE
- DTK\$M_ASCII (valid for the DTC01 device only)
- DTK\$M_MINUS
- DTK\$M_EUROPE (valid for the DTC03 device only)
- DTK\$M_SPELL (valid for the DTC03 device only)

It is possible to perform a logical OR operation on the bits in the bit mask together to set more than one mode at a time. Any mode not specified is reset. If the **new-mode** argument is omitted, the current mode is unchanged.

old-mode

VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

DTK\$SET_MODE

Current mode settings of the DECtalk device. The optional **old-mode** argument is the address of a longword bit mask that receives the current DECtalk settings.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$SET_MODE controls the mode settings for the DECtalk device. Note that any modes not explicitly set are reset by DTK\$SET_MODE.

DTK\$SET_MODE has two optional parameters, **new-mode** and **old-mode**. By specifying different combinations of these arguments, DTK\$SET_MODE can be used in various ways.

- To use DTK\$SET_MODE to determine the current mode settings, use the following format:

```
DTK$SET_MODE (voice_id ,old_mode)
```

- To use DTK\$SET_MODE to set the bits without regard to their current setting, use the following format:

```
DTK$SET_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode)
```

- To use DTK\$SET_MODE to save the current settings, set new modes, and later restore the original settings, use the following format:

```
DTK$SET_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode ,save_old_settings)
```

This retrieves the current bit settings and then sets the mode according to the **new-mode** argument.

Later, to restore the mode to its former state, specify the following format:

```
DTK$SET_MODE (voice-id ,save_old_settings)
```

This sets the new mode setting according to those previously retrieved.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.

DTK\$SET_SPEECH_MODE

DESCRIPTION DTK\$SET_SPEECH_MODE starts or stops the speech of the DECtalk device. When stopping DECtalk's speech, the user can either stop the DECtalk device immediately or stop it after it has finished speaking. Because DTK\$SET_SPEECH_MODE is used to set a new speech mode, the **new-mode** argument is required.

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.

DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE

It is possible to perform a logical OR operation on these values to set more than one mode at a time. Any mode not specified is reset. If the **new-mode** argument is omitted, the current mode is unchanged.

old-mode

VMS usage: **mask_longword**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **write only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Current mode settings of the DECtalk device. The optional **old-mode** argument is the address of a longword bit mask that receives the current DECtalk settings.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE controls the mode settings for the video terminal connected to the DECtalk device. Note that any modes not explicitly set are reset by DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE.

DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE has two optional parameters, **new-mode** and **old-mode**. By specifying different combinations of these arguments, DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE can be used in various ways.

- To use DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE to determine the current mode settings, use the following format:
DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE (voice_id ,old_mode)
- To use DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE to set the bits without regard to their current setting, use the following format:
DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode)
- To use DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE to save the current settings, set new modes, and later restore the current settings, use the following format:

DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE (voice_id ,new_mode ,save_old_settings)

This retrieves the current bit settings and then sets the mode according to the **new-mode** argument.

Later, to restore the mode to its former state, specify the following format:

DTK\$SET_TERMINAL_MODE (voice-id ,save_old_settings)

This sets the new mode settings according to those previously retrieved.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.

DTK\$SET_VOICE

speech-rate

VMS usage: **longword_signed**
type: **longword (signed)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Rate at which DECtalk speaks, measured in words per minute. The optional **speech-rate** argument is the address of a signed longword containing this rate. The valid range of values for **speech-rate** is 120 to 350 words per minute.

comma-pause

VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Number of milliseconds by which to increase the time DECtalk pauses after a comma. The optional **comma-pause** argument is the address of a signed longword containing this number. A value of zero resets the pause time to the hardware default value.

period-pause

VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Number of milliseconds by which to increase the time DECtalk pauses after a period. The optional **period-pause** argument is the address of a signed longword containing this number. A value of zero resets the pause time to the hardware default value.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$SET_VOICE changes the DECtalk voice characteristics to match those specified. DTK\$SET_VOICE can change the voice type, the rate of speech, and the number of milliseconds DECtalk pauses after commas and periods.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIO.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVARG	Invalid argument.
OTSS\$_xxxx	Any error from OTS\$CVT_L_TU.

DTK\$SPEAK_FILE

DESCRIPTION	DTK\$SPEAK_FILE speaks the text contained in the specified file.
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CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIO.
RMS\$_xxxx	Any error generated by RMS.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.

DTK\$SPEAK_PHONEMIC_TEXT

completion-mode

VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
type: **longword (unsigned)**
access: **read only**
mechanism: **by reference**

Mode characteristic. The optional **completion-mode** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing the specified mode. Valid values for the **completion-mode** argument are:

DTK\$_IMMED	Return to the user immediately (default).
DTK\$_WAIT	Wait until the text is completely spoken.
DTK\$_STATUS	Wait until the text is completely spoken, and then return a phone status.

DESCRIPTION

DTK\$SPEAK_PHONEMIC_TEXT sends the specified phonemic representation of some text to the DECtalk device. This text contains the phonetic representations of the words to be spoken; that is, the words are spelled as they are pronounced. The DECtalk device then speaks this text.

CONDITION VALUES RETURNED

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIO.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).

DTK\$SPEAK_TEXT Speak the Specified Text

The Speak the Specified Text routine sends the specified text to the DECTalk device to be spoken.

FORMAT **DTK\$SPEAK_TEXT** *voice-id ,text [,completion-mode]*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS

voice-id
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECTalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

text
 VMS usage: **char_string**
 type: **character string**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by descriptor**

Text to be spoken. The **text** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the specified text.

completion-mode
 VMS usage: **longword_unsigned**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Mode characteristic. The optional **completion-mode** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing the specified mode. Valid values for the **completion-mode** argument are:

DTK\$_IMMED	Return to the user immediately (default).
DTK\$_WAIT	Wait until the text is completely spoken.
DTK\$_STATUS	Wait until the text is completely spoken, and then return a phone status.

DTK\$SPEAK_TEXT

DESCRIPTION DTK\$SPEAK_TEXT sends the specified text to the DECtalk device. The DECtalk device then speaks this text.

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIO.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid mode specified.
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).

DTK\$SPELL_TEXT Spell Text

The Spell Text routine causes DECtalk to pronounce each letter of the specified text.

FORMAT **DTK\$SPELL_TEXT** *voice-id ,text [,completion-mode]*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECtalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

text
 VMS usage: **char_string**
 type: **character string**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by descriptor**

Text to be spelled out by DECtalk. The **text** argument is the address of a descriptor pointing to the specified string.

completion-mode
 VMS usage: **mask_longword**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

The optional completion mode characteristic. The **completion-mode** argument is the address of a longword bit mask containing the specified mode. Valid values for the **completion-mode** argument are:

DTK\$K_IMMED	Return to the user immediately (default).
DTK\$K_WAIT	Wait until the text is completely spoken.
DTK\$K_STATUS	Wait until the text is completely spoken, then return a phone status.

DTK\$SPELL_TEXT

DESCRIPTION DTK\$SPELL_TEXT causes DECtalk to pronounce each letter of the specified text individually, rather than treat the text as a word. For example, DECtalk would normally pronounce USA as "oosa." Calling DTK\$SPELL_TEXT causes DECtalk to pronounce USA as "U, S, A."

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$QIOW.
DTK\$_INVVOID	Invalid voice-id .
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.
DTK\$_INVMODE	Invalid completion-mode specified.
DTK\$_ONHOOK	Phone is on the hook (inactive).

DTK\$TERMINATE Terminate DECtalk

The Terminate DECtalk routine terminates the use of an initialized DECtalk device.

FORMAT **DTK\$TERMINATE** *voice-id*

RETURNS VMS usage: **cond_value**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **write only**
 mechanism: **by value**

ARGUMENTS ***voice-id***
 VMS usage: **identifier**
 type: **longword (unsigned)**
 access: **read only**
 mechanism: **by reference**

Voice identifier of the DECtalk device. The **voice-id** argument is the address of an unsigned longword containing this identifier. The voice identifier is returned by the DTK\$INITIALIZE routine.

DESCRIPTION DTK\$TERMINATE terminates the use of the specified DECtalk device.

**CONDITION
VALUES
RETURNED**

SS\$_NORMAL	Normal successful completion.
SS\$_xxxx	Any error from \$DASSGN.
LIB\$_xxxx	Any error from LIB\$FREE_VM or LIB\$FREE_EF.
DTK\$_WRONUMARG	Wrong number of arguments.

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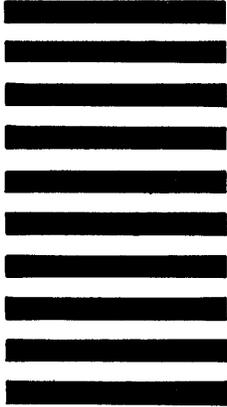
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