TERMINATOR CHARACTER

PURPOSE
Specifies the character which upon occurrence in subsequent command lines automatically terminates the command statement.

DESCRIPTION
This character allows multiple command statements to be “packed” on a single line. Normally, there is no reason to change the termination character. However, if you have text strings that contain a semi-colon, it will be necessary to change it (at least temporarily) so that these text strings do not cause a break into multiple command lines.

SYNTAX
TERMINATOR CHARACTER <character>
where <character> is a single character that specifies the desired termination character.

EXAMPLES
TERMINATOR CHARACTER #
TERMINATOR CHARACTER \ 
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NOTE 1
Be aware that a separator character found in a comment line (lines starting with “.” ” or with “COMMENT “”) causes all characters after the termination character to be treated as a separate command.

NOTE 2
The TERMINATOR CHARACTER with no arguments reverts the terminator character to default.

DEFAULT
The default terminator character is ; (a semi-colon).

SYNONYMS
SEPARATOR CHARACTER

RELATED COMMANDS
SUBSTITUTE CHARACTER = Specify the character for parameter substitution.
CONTINUE CHARACTER = Specify the characters that denote a continuation line.

APPLICATIONS
Concatenating command lines

IMPLEMENTATION DATE
Pre-1987

PROGRAM
TERMINATOR CHARACTER @
TITLE INSERT A SEMI-COLON (;) INTO A PLOT LABEL
PLOT X**2 FOR X = 1 1 9
TERMINATOR CHARACTER ;