COMMENT CHARACTER

PURPOSE

Specifies a character that designates a command or a line in a data file to be a comment line.

DESCRIPTION

This command is intended primarily for data files. Many operating systems have a default comment character (e.g., the # on Unix systems), so many user data files follow this convention. This command provides a way for DATAPLOT to read these files without the user having to change them.

SYNTAX

COMMENT CHARACTER <character>

where <character> is a single character to be used as the comment character. If more than one character is given, all characters after the first are ignored.

EXAMPLES

COMMENT CHARACTER #
COMMENT CHARACTER \
COMMENT CHARACTER @

NOTE 1

The COMMENT CHARACTER with no arguments sets the comment character to default.

NOTE 2

If a new character is defined as the comment character, the "." is still treated as a comment on command lines (but not in data files).

DEFAULT

The default comment character is a period (.).

SYNONYMS

None

RELATED COMMANDS

SUBSTITUTE CHARACTER	=	Define the substitute character.
TERMINATOR CHARACTER	=	Define the terminator character.
CONTINUE CHARACTER	=	Define the continuation character.
COMMENT CHECK	=	Specify whether data files are checked for comment characters.
COMMENT	=	Enter a comment.
.	=	Enter a comment.

APPLICATIONS

Macros, data input

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

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