

**PURPOSE**

Designates the current line to be a command that will not be executed.

DESCRIPTION

The “.” command is used to put descriptive remarks into a DATAPLOT program (or simply to delineate sections of code). It is equivalent to a C in FORTRAN and a REM in BASIC. The “.” comment is identical to the COMMENT command, with the “.” being the preferred way to enter comment lines. As with all DATAPLOT commands, the command must be separated from any other text on the line by at least one space.

SYNTAX

. <any text>
where <any text> can be any arbitrary character string.

EXAMPLES

```
. STRESS ANALYSIS  
. 10/7/79  
. ANALYSIS OF SPECIMENT 5
```

NOTE

The COMMENT CHARACTER command can be used to define an additional character to be used as a comment. Although this command is intended primarily for data files, it applies to commands as well.

DEFAULT

None

SYNONYMS

COMMENT

RELATED COMMANDS

COMMENT CHARACTER = Define a character to be used as a comment character.

APPLICATIONS

Macros

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

Pre-1987

PROGRAM

```
. THE FOLLOWING READS THE FILE BERGER1.DAT AND  
. PERFORMS A FIT.  
.   
SKIP 25  
READ BERGER1.DAT Y X  
FIT Y X
```