

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 \
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 ;
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