Gathering a Testcase for a Workbench Problem

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Gathering Testcase Information

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1537 Overview of AIX Support
1760 Using Program Services
2464 The AIX Support Family

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Please include the following in a testcase for a Workbench problem:

- A README which explains:
  - What you think the problem is.
  - Problem re-creation instructions, i.e., step-by-step instructions that can be followed with Workbench and that illustrate the problem. If the problem was re-created from the command line, then we need the exact syntax used. If a GUI/Motif interface was used, then we need the steps in the format of screen:menu or option:item.
  - How the problem manifests itself, i.e., what specific error codes/values/messages/etc. we can expect to see when the error has occurred.
  - If the problem appears to be a compiler problem (softdb, softcc, softref), then we need the steps for compiling. Also, we need the following files:

```
$HOME/.softinit        # if it exists
$HOME/.Xdefaults       # or whatever resource is used
core                   # if one exists
source code            # include ALL files!
/usr/softbench/menus   # that have been customized
/usr/softbench/config  # files that have been customized
```

– The output from the following commands:

```
lslpp -h X11dev.obj
lslpp -h "work*.obj"
```

Sending Testcase Information

The testcase can be sent on any type of media (diskette, 8mm, 1/4", Internet). The testcase can be faxed ONLY if it is not more than 15 lines of code.

Testcases may be sent by any of the methods below. Be sure to include the following information:

```
<customer name>
<problem or item #> <customer or branch office #>
<exact command used to copy to media>
<block size used, density setting used>
```

(You can determine the block size by typing

```
lsattr -E -l rmt# | grep block_size
```

The block size is listed after "block_size".)

Very Important: If the person sending in this testcase is not the person who reported the problem, be sure to include the name of the person who reported it. If the proper information is not on the package, then it takes valuable time to process and delays solving your problem.

Standard Mail or Overnight Delivery

Note: Look at the "file Naming Convention" section of this document and name testcases accordingly.

IBM Corp. / Zip 2900 / Bldg 42
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11400 Burnet Road
Austin, TX 78758-3493
Extension 3-4050

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Email Via Internet

Relatively small testcases can be sent via e-mail to aasc@austin.ibm.com. The allowable size of the testcase depends mostly on intermediate mail gateways. It is generally not advisable to send tescases larger than approximately 4MB via e-mail. Testcases sent via e-mail in the correct format are automatically processed, making them almost immediately available for analysis. See the "File Naming Convention" section of this document for more details.

FTP Via Internet

Sample file names for the tarred and compressed files:

```
ad1000.tar.Z          (item number.tar.Z)
1x234.001.tar.Z       (problem_report_#.branch_office_#.tar.Z)
1x234.1234567.tar.Z   (problem_report_#.customer_#.tar.Z)
```

FTP it to our testcase repository:

```
ftp 198.17.57.67       (or "ftp testcase.boulder.ibm.com")
login:  anonymous
password:  <your complete email address>
          (e.g., "customer@wallyworld.com")
bin                     (change to binary transfer mode)
cd aix
put 1x234.001.tar.Z   (for example)
ls -l
quit
```

File Naming Convention:

Note: Testcases should be archived into a compressed tar archive using relative path names. If FTPing, Do not create a separate directory on the testcase server.

Use of the following naming convention will allow our tools to automatically move the testcase to the proper directories and update the PMR to indicate that the testcase is available. Failure to use this naming convention could cause delays in processing the testcase.

If the testcase files cannot be associated with an existing PMR or XMENU item, they will be tagged as lost and eventually deleted.

Testcases associated with PMRs

```
ppppp.bbb.ccc.tar.Z
     |   |   |   | |
     |   |   |   | Indicates that the archive is compressed.
     |   |   |   | If you have the gzip command available,
     |   |   |   | this will be .gz rather than .Z.
     |   |   |   |
     |   |   |   Indicates a tar archive.
     |   |   |
     |   |   The 3 character country code.
     |   |   (May be omitted if the country code is 000.)
     |   |
     |   The 3 character branch office number.
     |
    The 5 character PMR number.
```

Testcases associated with XMENU items

```
xxxxxx.tar.Z
     |   | |
     |   | Indicates that archive is compressed.
     |   | If you have the gzip command available,
     |   | this will be .gz rather than .Z.
     |   |
     |   Indicates a tar archive.
     |
     The XMENU item number.
```

Creating a Compressed tar Archive

Testcases should be archived into a compressed tar archive using relative path names. The following is an example of how to create a compressed tar archive.

- Place the testcase files into a separate directory using commands similar to those in the following example. In this example, we'll use a directory named /tmp/testcase.

  ```
  cd /tmp
  mkdir testcase
  cp file1 file2 file3 testcase
  ```

- Execute one of the following commands to create the compressed tar archive. Using the gzip command (if available), will generally produce a significantly smaller file.

  ```
  With the gzip command:
  tar -cf- testcase | gzip -9 >9x999.999.999.tar.gz
  Without the gzip command:
  tar -cf- testcase | compress >9x999.999.999.tar.Z
  ```

Testcases should be archived into a compressed tar archive using relative path names. The following example will uuencode and send the compressed tar archive created in the previous section. You should substitute the correct filename when sending your testcase.

```
uuencode 9x999.999.999.tar.gz 9x999.999.999.tar.gz | \
mail -s "AIX_Testcase:9x999.999.999.tar.gz" aasc@austin.ibm.com
```

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