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Orientation

What is VA FileMan?

VA FileMan is the database management system for the Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture user (VistA) environment. VA FileMan creates and maintains a database management system that includes features such as:

- Report writer
- Data dictionary manager
- Scrolling and screen-oriented data entry
- Text editors
- Programming utilities
- Tools for sending data to other systems
- File archiving

VA FileMan can be used as a standalone database, as a set of interactive or “silent” routines, or as a set of application utilities; in all modes, it is used to define, enter, and retrieve information from a set of computer-stored files, each of which is described by a data dictionary.

VA FileMan is a public domain software package that is developed and maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is widely used by VA medical centers and in clinical, administrative, and business settings in this country and abroad.



CAUTION: Programmer access in VistA is defined as DUZ(0)="@". It grants the privilege to become a developer in VistA. Programmer access allows you to work outside many of the security controls enforced by VA FileMan, enables access to all VA FileMan files, access to modify data dictionaries, etc. It is important to *proceed with caution* when having access to the system in this way.

How to Use this Manual

The *VA FileMan Technical Manual* provides information about the technical structure of VA FileMan. It includes the following information about VA FileMan:

- [Implementation and Maintenance](#)
- [Files](#)
- [Routines and Callable Routines/Entry Points/Application Programming Interfaces \(APIs\)](#)
- [Exported Options](#)
- [Cross-References](#)
- [Archiving and Purging](#)
- [External Relationships](#)
- [Internal Relationships](#)
- [Package-Wide Variables](#)

- [Globals](#)
- [Security](#)



REF: For VA FileMan installation instructions in the VistA environment, see the *VA FileMan Installation Guide* and any national patch description of the patch being released.

Intended Audience

The intended audience of this manual is all key stakeholders. The stakeholders include the following: It also contains material specifically intended for VA's Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) systems managers and application developers.

- Information Resource Management (IRM)—System administrators at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) sites who are responsible for computer management and system security on the VistA M Servers.
- Product Development (PD)—VistA legacy development teams.
- Product Support (PS).

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Documentation Disclaimer

This manual provides an overall explanation of VA FileMan and the functionality contained in VA FileMan 22.0; however, no attempt is made to explain how the overall VistA programming system is integrated and maintained. Such methods and procedures are documented elsewhere. We suggest you look at the various VA Internet and Intranet Websites for a general orientation to VistA. For example, visit the Office of Information and Technology (OI&T) VistA Development Intranet website.



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- Various symbols are used throughout the documentation to alert the reader to special information. [Table 2](#) gives a description of each of these symbols:

Table 2. Documentation symbol descriptions

Symbol	Description
	NOTE / REF: Used to inform the reader of general information including references to additional reading material.
	CAUTION / RECOMMENDATION / DISCLAIMER: Used to caution the reader to take special notice of critical information.

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 - Patient and user names are formatted as follows:
 - *<Application Name/Abbreviation/Namespace>*PATIENT,[*N*] and
 - *<Application Name/Abbreviation/Namespace>*USER,[*N*]

Where “*<Application Name/Abbreviation/Namespace>*” is defined in the Approved Application Abbreviations document and “*N*” represents the first name as a number value or spelled out and incremented with each new entry. For example, in VA FileMan (FM) test patient and user names would be documented as follows:

- FMPATIENT,ONE; FMPATIENT,TWO; FMPATIENT,THREE; FMPATIENT,14, etc.
 - FMUSER,ONE; FMUSER,TWO; FMUSER,THREE; FMUSER,14, etc.
- “Snapshots” of computer online displays (i.e., screen captures/dialogues) and computer source code, if any, are shown in a *non*-proportional font and enclosed within a box.
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 - Emphasis within a dialogue box is **bold** typeface and highlighted in blue (e.g., **STANDARD LISTENER: RUNNING**).
 - Some software code reserved/key words are **bold** typeface with alternate color font.
 - References to “**<Enter>**” within these snapshots indicate that the user should press the **Enter** key on the keyboard. Other special keys are represented within **< >** angle brackets. For example, pressing the **PF1** key can be represented as pressing **<PF1>**.

- Author's comments are displayed in italics or as "callout" boxes.



NOTE: Callout boxes refer to labels or descriptions usually enclosed within a box, which point to specific areas of a displayed image.

- All uppercase is reserved for the representation of M code, variable names, or the formal name of options, field/file names, and security keys (e.g., DIEXTRACT).



NOTE: Other software code (e.g., Delphi/Pascal and Java) variable names and file/folder names can be written in lower or mixed case (e.g., CamelCase).

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VA FileMan Coding Conventions

Non-Standard M Features

Z-commands and Z-functions are avoided throughout VA FileMan routines. For certain purposes (e.g., allowing terminal breaking and spooling to a Standard Disk Processor [SDP] disk device), VA FileMan executes lines of *non*-standard M code out of the MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM file (#.7). The *non*-standard code used (if any) depends on the answer to the prompt:

Figure 1. Type of M system prompt

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TYPE OF MUMPS SYSTEM YOU ARE USING:
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This prompt appears during the DINIT initialization routine. Answering OTHER to this question ensures that VA FileMan uses only standard M code.

VA FileMan also makes use of *non*-standard M code that is stored in the %ZOSF global:

- If VA FileMan is installed on a system that contains Kernel, it uses the %ZOSF global created by Kernel.
- If it is being used without Kernel (i.e., standalone), the necessary %ZOSF nodes are set for many operating systems by running DINZMGR in the Manager account.



REF: For details, see the “System Management” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

String-valued subscripts (up to 30 characters long) are used extensively but only in the \$ORDER collating sequence approved by the MUMPS Development Committee (MDC). Non-negative integer and fractional canonic numbers collate ahead of all other strings.

The \$ORDER function is used at several points in VA FileMan’s code. VA FileMan routines assume that reference to an undefined global subscript level sets the naked indicator to that level, rather than leaving it undefined. In all other respects, the VA FileMan code conforms to the 1995 ANSI Standard for the M language with Type A extensions.

Routine, Variable, and Global Names

In keeping with the convention that all programs that are a part of the same application or utility package should be namespaced, all VA FileMan routine names begin with DI or DD. (The “Device Handling for Standalone VA FileMan” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual* explains that some DI* routines are renamed in the Manager account.) The DINIT routine initializes VA FileMan. The DI routine itself is the main option reader.




REF: For more information on the DI routine, see the “^DI: Programmer Access” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.

Except in DI, the routines do *not* contain unargumented or exclusive KILL commands. All multi-character local variable names created by VA FileMan routines begin with % or the letter **D**, or consist of one uppercase letter followed by one numeral [except that IO(0), by convention, contains the \$I value of the signon device]. Since VA FileMan uses single character variable names extensively, do *not* use them in code that is executed from within VA FileMan programming hooks unless their use is documented in the hook’s description or you NEW them. Also, do *not* expect single character variables to return unchanged after calling a VA FileMan entry point.

The following local variables are of special importance in the VA FileMan routines:

Table 3. VA FileMan routine variables and default values

Variable	Description	Default Value
DT	If defined, it is assumed to be the current date. For example: June 1, 1987 is DT=2870601.	Today’s date; derived from \$H
DTIME	If defined, it is the integer value of the number of seconds the user has to respond to a timed read.	300
DUZ	If defined, it is assumed to be the User Number; a positive	0

Variable	Description	Default Value
	number uniquely identifying the current user.	
DUZ(0)	<p>If defined, it is assumed to be the FileMan Access Code, which is a character string describing the user's security clearance with regard to files, templates, and data fields within a file.</p> <p> REF: See the "Data Security" section in the <i>VA FileMan Advanced User Manual</i>.</p> <p>Setting DUZ(0) equal to the at-sign ("@") overrides all security checks and allows special programmer features that are described later. If the user's M implementation supports terminal break, a developer is allowed to break execution at any point, whereas a user who does <i>not</i> have programmer access can only break during output routines.</p>	""
U	If defined, it is equal to a single caret ("^") character.	"^"

VA FileMan routines explicitly refer to the following globals:

Table 4. VA FileMan routine global references

Global	Description
^DD	All attribute dictionaries.
^DDA	Data dictionary audit trail.
^DI	Data types.
^DIA	Data audit trail.
^DIAR	Archival activity and Filegrams.
^DIBT	Sort templates and the results of file searches.
^DIC	Dictionary of files.
^DIE	Input templates.
^DIPT	Print templates and Filegram templates.
^DIST	ScreenMan forms and blocks and Alternate Editors.
^DISV	Most recent lookup value in any file or subfile (by DUZ).
^DIZ	Default location for new data files as they are created.
^DOPT	Option lists.
^DOSV	Statistical results.
^%ZOSF	M vendor-specific executable code.

The routines use the ^UTILITY and ^TMP globals for temporary scratch space. The ^XUTL global is also used if you are running some M implementations.

Delimiters within Strings

The caret (“^”) character is conventionally used to delimit data elements that are strung together to be stored in a single global node. A corollary of this rule is that the routines almost never allow input data to contain carets; the user types a caret (“^”) to change or terminate the sequence of questions being asked. Within ^-pieces, semicolons (“;”) are usually used as secondary delimiters, and colons (“:”) as tertiary delimiters.

VA FileMan routines use the local variable **U** as equal to the single caret (“^”) character.

Canonic Numbers

VA FileMan recognizes only canonic numbers. A canonic number is a number that does *not* begin or end with meaningless zeroes. For example, 7 is a canonic number, whereas 007 and 7.0 are *not* canonic numbers.

How to Obtain Technical Information Online

Exported VistA M Server-based software file, routine, and global documentation can be generated through the use of Kernel, MailMan, and VA FileMan utilities.



NOTE: Methods of obtaining specific technical information online are indicated where applicable under the appropriate section.

Help at Prompts

VistA M Server-based software provides online help and commonly used system default prompts. Users are encouraged to enter question marks at any response prompt. At the end of the help display, you are immediately returned to the point from which you started. This is an easy way to learn about any aspect of the software.

Obtaining Data Dictionary Listings

Technical information about VistA M Server-based files and the fields in files is stored in data dictionaries (DD). You can use the List File Attributes option [DILIST] on the Data Dictionary Utilities menu [DI DDU] in VA FileMan to print formatted data dictionaries.



REF: For details about obtaining data dictionaries and about the formats available, see the “List File Attributes” section in the “File Management” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

Assumptions

This manual is written with the assumption that the reader is familiar with the following:

- VistA computing environment:
 - Kernel—VistA M Server software
 - VA FileMan data structures and terminology—VistA M Server software
- Microsoft® Windows environment
- M programming language

Reference Materials

Readers who wish to learn more about VA FileMan should consult the following documents:

- *VA FileMan Release Notes*
- *VA FileMan Installation Guide*
- *VA FileMan Technical Manual* (this manual)
- *VA FileMan User Manual* (PDF and HTML format)
- *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual* (PDF and HTML format)
- *VA FileMan Developer's Guide* (PDF and HTML format)



REF: Zip files of the VA FileMan documentation in HTML format are located on the VA FileMan Intranet Product website and VDL at: <http://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=5>.

Using a Web browser, open the **HTML** documents “table of contents” page (i.e., index.shtml). The *VA FileMan User Manual*, the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*, and the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide* are all linked together.

VistA documentation is made available online in Microsoft® Word format and in Adobe® Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF). The PDF documents *must* be read using the Adobe® Acrobat Reader, which is freely distributed by Adobe® Systems Incorporated at: <http://www.adobe.com/>

VistA software documentation can be downloaded from the VA Software Document Library (VDL) at: <http://www.va.gov/vdl/>



REF: VA FileMan manuals are located on the VDL at: <http://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=5>

VistA documentation and software can also be downloaded from the Product Support (PS) Anonymous Directories.

1 Introduction

VA FileMan is a database management system (DBMS) consisting of computer routines written in American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard M, along with associated files. Developed with portability as a goal, VA FileMan runs on all major implementations of ANSI M and on hardware platforms ranging from PCs to mainframes.

Developers and non-developers use VA FileMan alike. VA FileMan can be used as a standalone database or as a set of application utilities. In either mode, it is used to define, enter, and retrieve information from a set of computer-stored files, each of which is described by the data dictionary.

VA FileMan is a public domain software package and is widely used in clinical, administrative, and business settings in the United States and abroad.

2 Implementation and Maintenance

VA FileMan is initialized with the DINIT routine, followed by an install using the Kernel Distribution and Installation system (KIDS) as directed in the *VA FileMan Installation Guide*. DINIT only needs to be run once; it is nondestructive to a system if run again. Standalone VA FileMan sites do *not* perform the KIDS install.

VA FileMan routines and globals occupy approximately 3.5 MB of memory. The size of the globals, particularly those that store file data, increases when VA FileMan is used.

Since VA FileMan provides the DBMS upon which all files in Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) are based, it *must* be present on all VistA systems. The current version of VA FileMan is designed for complete backward compatibility; files and applications developed under prior versions remain usable.

If used with Kernel, all or part of the VA FileMan options can be given to users. Those who are able to use programmer mode can also invoke the main menu from the M prompt. Anyone can use applications developed with VA FileMan, whether or not direct access to VA FileMan itself is allowed.



REF: For more information on programmer mode, see the “^DI: Programmer Access” section in the “Developer’s Tools” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.

When used with Kernel, VA FileMan allows the user to print multiple copies. In order to do this, a temporary storage location *must* be allocated on the system with a corresponding DEVICE file (#3.5) entry that uses a sequential disk processor (SDP) device type.



REF: The *Kernel Systems Management Guide* contains specific instructions on how to set up an SDP device for different operating systems.

The ^DISV global contains the most recent lookup value for files and subfiles; it is used to process <Spacebar><Enter> input. The ^DOSV global contains results of statistical operations. These globals can grow to considerable size and should be monitored. It is safe to periodically KILL these globals. Users should *not* be logged on to the system when the globals are KILLed in order to minimize inconvenience and avoid data corruption.

The site manager *must* monitor the proliferation of routines with names like ^DISZnnnn where “nnnn” is a four-digit number with leading zeros. These routines are created when compiled sorts are run. Ordinarily, they are deleted after the sort completes, but, if the system goes down or the job fails with an

error, they can remain. When users are *not* on the system, the routine ENRLS^DIOZ can be run to clean up these routines and to release the “*nnnn*” numbers for reuse.



REF: For more information on the ENRLS^DIOZ utility, see the “COMPILED ROUTINE File Cleanup: ENRLS^DIOZ()” section in the “System Management” section in the “Tools” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

3 Files


This section lists all the VA FileMan files, file numbers, global locations, and a brief description of each. Data exported with standalone VA FileMan is also indicated.

VA FileMan uses files numbered between 0 and 2..


VA FileMan files should *not* be altered, per VHA Directive 10-93-142.




Table 5. VA FileMan File List



File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
.11	INDEX	^DD("IX",	The INDEX file stores information about New-Style cross-references defined on a file. Whereas Traditional cross-references are stored under the 1 nodes of the ^DD for a particular field, New-Style cross-references are stored in this file and can consist of one field (simple cross-references), as well as more than one field (compound cross-references).
.2	DESTINATION	^DIC(.2	The DESTINATION file documents the location where data is used.
.31	KEY	^DD("KEY",	The KEY file stores information about keys on a file or subfile. A key is a set of one or more fields that uniquely identifies a record in a file. If more than one set of fields can uniquely identify a record, one of those sets should be designated the primary key; all others should be designated secondary keys. The primary key is the principal means of identifying records in the file. To allow VA FileMan to enforce key uniqueness, the database designer <i>must</i> define a regular index that consists of all the fields that make up the key. This index is called the uniqueness index. All key fields <i>must</i> have values. They cannot be null.
.4	PRINT TEMPLATE	^DIPT(The PRINT TEMPLATE file stores VA FileMan PRINT templates. Exported PRINT templates include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAPTIONED • FILE SECURITY CODES • DI-PKG-DEFAULT-DEFINITION • DDXP FORMAT DOC • DDXP FORMAT DOC HDR
.401	SORT TEMPLATE	^DIBT(The SORT TEMPLATE file stores VA FileMan SORT, SEARCH, and INQUIRE templates.
.402	INPUT TEMPLATE	^DIE(The INPUT TEMPLATE file stores VA FileMan INPUT templates.

File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
.403	FORM	^DIST(.403	The FORM file stores forms used by VA FileMan to display screens. The DDXP FF FORM1 and various forms used by ScreenMan's Form Editor utility are exported.
.404	BLOCK	^DIST(.404	The BLOCK file stores blocks used to build forms for screen display. Blocks are exported for use with the forms sent with VA FileMan.
.44	FOREIGN FORMAT	^DIST(.44	The FOREIGN FORMAT file holds specifications for sending data to an application outside of M. Several Foreign Formats are exported.
.46	IMPORT TEMPLATE	^DIST(.46,	The IMPORT TEMPLATE file holds specifications for importing information from an application outside of M into a VA FileMan file.
.5	FUNCTION	^DD("FUNC"	The FUNCTION file stores the computed functions available in VA FileMan. The functions described in the <i>VA FileMan Advanced User Manual</i> are exported.  REF: For more information on functions, see the "VA FileMan Functions" section in the "Tools" section in the <i>VA FileMan Advanced User Manual</i> .
.6	DD AUDIT	^DDA(The DD AUDIT file stores the changes made to data dictionaries.
.7	MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM	^DD("OS"	The MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM file stores the operating systems recognized by VA FileMan along with operating system-specific data. This data is exported.
.81	DATA TYPE	^DI(.81	The DATA TYPE file stores information about the DATA TYPEs known to VA FileMan. Several DATA TYPEs are exported.
.83	COMPILED ROUTINE	^DI(.83	The COMPILED ROUTINE file contains a list of numbers (to be used to create compiled Sort routines) and a flag to indicate whether a number is currently in use.
.84	DIALOG	^DI(.84	The DIALOG file contains text used to "talk" to the user (error messages, help text, prompts). Entries under IEN 10,000 are exported by VA FileMan and are used in VA FileMan routines.
.85	LANGUAGE	^DI(.85	The LANGUAGE file is used to reference subentries in the DIALOG file for user dialogue in foreign languages and contains M code used to perform data transformations for such things as dates and numbers to non-English formats.

File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
1	FILE	^DIC(The FILE file stores the name, number, global name or location, package name, security access, and developer of VA FileMan created files. Data for the VA FileMan files is exported.
1.1	AUDIT	^DIA(The AUDIT file stores the date and time, user's name, and old and new data values of changes made to audited fields.
1.11	ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY	^DIAR(1.11	The ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY file stores information about and status of archiving and extract activities.
1.12	FILEGRAM HISTORY	^DIAR(1.12	The FILEGRAM HISTORY file stores information and status of Filegrams.
1.13	FILEGRAM ERROR LOG	^DIAR(1.13	The FILEGRAM ERROR LOG file stores information about Filegram errors and the text of the affected Filegram.
1.2	ALTERNATE EDITOR	^DIST(1.2	The ALTERNATE EDITOR file stores information about the editors that can be used to edit VA FileMan's WORD-PROCESSING-type fields. Data for the Line Editor and the Screen Editor is exported.
1.521	SQLI_SCHEMA	^DMSQ("S",	The SQLI_SCHEMA file stores a set of tables and domains; a subset of catalog and environment.
1.52101	SQLI_KEY_WORD	^DMSQ("K",	The SQLI_KEY_WORD file stores the SQL identifiers that <i>cannot</i> be used for column and table names. SQL, ODBC, and vendors all have lists of restricted words, which should be put in this table before SQLI table generation.
1.5211	SQLI_DATA_TYPE	^DMSQ("DT",	The SQLI_DATA_TYPE file stores a set of values from which all domains of that type can be drawn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PRIMARY_KEY—Set of all primary keys (in SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file [#1.5216], type P). • CHARACTER—Set of all character strings of length less than 256. • INTEGER—Set of all cardinal numbers. • NUMERIC—Set of all real numbers. • DATE—Set of all date valued tokens. • TIME—Set of all time valued tokens. • MOMENT—Set of all tokens that have both a date and a time value. • BOOLEAN—Set of all tokens that evaluate to true or false only. • MEMO—Set of all character strings of length greater than 255.

File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
1.5212	SQLI_DOMAIN	^DMSQ("DM",	<p>The SQLI_DOMAIN file stores the set from which all objects of that domain <i>must</i> be drawn. In SQLI, all table elements (SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file [#1.5216]) have a domain that restricts them to their domain set. For each DATA TYPE there is a domain of the same name, representing the same set. Other domains have different set membership restrictions.</p> <p>Each domain has a DATA TYPE, which determines the rules for comparing values from different domains, and the operators that can be used on them.</p> <p>The PRIMARY_KEY DATA TYPE and domain is unique to SQLI. It is used to relate primary keys to foreign keys unambiguously.</p> <p> REF: For information on table elements, see the SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file (#1.5216).</p>
1.5213	SQLI_KEY_FORMAT	^DMSQ("KF",	<p>The SQLI_KEY_FORMAT file stores strategies for converting base values into key values. Soundex and uppercase conversion are common examples. This implies that comparisons of key values with base values <i>must</i> be preceded by conversion of the base value to a key value. Key formats are frequently lossy; they <i>cannot</i> be converted uniquely back to base format.</p>
1.5214	SQLI_OUTPUT_FORMAT	^DMSQ("OF",	<p>The SQLI_OUTPUT_FORMAT file stores strategies for converting base values to external values. In VA FileMan, they are used to convert references to pointers to their text values. They are also used for the SET OF CODES type.</p> <p>SQLI projects POINTER TO A FILE and SET OF CODES as calls to \$\$GET1^DIQ, VARIABLE-POINTERS into calls to \$\$EXTERNAL^DILFD.</p> <p>Vendors and other users of SQLI can implement their own conversions to improve performance.</p>
1.5215	SQLI_TABLE	^DMSQ("T",	<p>The SQLI_TABLE file stores the descriptor of a set of table elements: includes name and file number (see the SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file [#1.5216]). Each ^DD(DA) represents a table in a relational model of VA FileMan. Further, each index represents a table.</p> <p>Each schema contains multiple tables. Each table contains just one primary key, but</p>

File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
			multiple columns, foreign keys and indices.
1.5216	SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT	^DMSQ("E",	<p>The SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file contains the names and domains of primary keys, columns, and foreign keys. Each represents the relational concept of an attribute, whose essential characteristics are a name (unique by relation) and a domain.</p> <p> REF: For more information, see the SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY, SQLI_COLUMN, and SQLI_FOREIGN KEY files.</p>
1.5217	SQLI_COLUMN	^DMSQ("C",	<p>The SQLI_COLUMN file stores a set of formatting and physical structure specifications. Each column specification has a column type table element (SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file) that contains the relational specifications, name, and domain. The column specification contains those attributes required to locate the value in the global structure and to project the value to the user.</p> <p> REF: For information on table elements, see the SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file (#1.5216).</p>
1.5218	SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY	^DMSQ("P",	<p>The SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY file stores a chosen set of columns that uniquely identify a table. In the relational model (as in set theory) the columns of a primary key are <i>not</i> ordered. In SQLI, they <i>must</i> be, in order to map to the quasi-hierarchical model of M globals.</p> <p>VA FileMan subfiles (Multiples) have a primary key element for each parent plus one for the subfile. Each contains a pointer to its primary key table element (SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file), a sequence, and a column in the local base table (SQLI_COLUMN file).</p> <p> REF: For information, see the SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT and SQLI_COLUMN files above.</p>
1.5219	SQLI_FOREIGN_KEY	^DMSQ("F",	<p>The SQLI_FOREIGN_KEY file stores a set of columns in a table that match the primary key of another table. They represent an explicit join of the two tables. Each foreign key element points to its table element (SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT file [#1.5216]), a column in the local table (SQLI_COLUMN file), and a primary key element of a foreign</p>

File #	File Name	Global Location	Description
			<p>table (SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY file). The primary key table element of the foreign table has the domain of that table, which makes the connection.</p> <p> REF: For more information, see the SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT, SQLI_COLUMN, and SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY files.</p>
1.52191	SQLI_ERROR_TEXT	^DMSQ("ET",	<p>The SQLI_ERROR_TEXT file stores a numbered list of error messages, auto-generated by ERR^DMSQU.</p>
1.52192	SQLI_ERROR_LOG	^DMSQ("EX",	<p>The SQLI_ERROR_LOG file stores a log of all errors encountered while compiling SQLI. It generates the error text table (SQLI_ERROR_TEXT file) on a LAYGO basis; errors are added only when they occur. If DBS errors triggered the error, the DIALOG file reference is also saved.</p> <p> REF: For more information, see the SQLI_ERROR_TEXT and DIALOG files.</p>

The DINIT routines install the files listed in [Table 5](#).

Another set of init routines (DIPKINIT), called by DINIT during installation, is sent with each release of VA FileMan. These routines install the PACKAGE file (#9.4), if you are running a version of Kernel prior to Version 8.0 or if you are running standalone VA FileMan without Kernel. The PACKAGE file (#9.4) is necessary to build inits using DIFROM. A single entry for DIPK is created in the PACKAGE file (#9.4) by the DIPKINITs.



REF: For more information on DIFROM, see the “DIFROM” section in the “Developer’s Tools” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.



CAUTION: The Kernel Installation and Distribution System (KIDS) replaced the use of DIFROM as the method of exporting software packages in the VA. The version of DIFROM released with VA FileMan 22.0 does *not* transport the new Key and Index structures and should *not* be used to transport any file making use of these new features.

3.1 Pointer Map

Figure 2 is a diagram of the pointer relationships between fields in VA FileMan’s files. This pointer map reflects the relationships that exist in a VA FileMan environment running Kernel 8.0. As files are added to a system, new pointer relationships can be created; thus, the actual map for different operational systems can vary.

The diagram in Figure 2 was created using the Map Pointer Relations option on the Data Dictionary Utilities submenu.



REF: For more information about creating and reading this map, see the “Map Pointer Relations option” section in the “List File Attributes” section in the “File Management” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

Figure 2. VA FileMan Pointer Map

FILE (#) POINTER FIELD	POINTER TYPE	(#) FILE POINTER FIELD	FILE POINTED TO
L=Laygo S=File not in set *=Truncated m=Multiple		N=Normal Ref. C=Xref. v=Variable Pointer	
KEY (#.31) UNIQUENESS INDEX (N)->		.11 INDEX	
ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY (#1.11) PRINT TEMPLATE (N)->		.4 PRINT TEMPLA*	
FILEGRAM HISTORY (#1.12) FILEGRAM (N)->		FILE DESTINATION FI*	-> FILE -> FILE
ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY (#1.11) SEARCH TEMPLATE (N L)->		.401 SORT TEMPL* FILE	-> FILE
KERNEL SITE PARAMETE (#4.3) USER CHARACTERISTICS T* (N S)->		.402 INPUT TEMP*	
KERNEL SYSTEM PARAME (#8989.3) USER CHARACTERISTICS T* (N S)->		FILE	-> FILE
FORM (#.4031) PAGE:HEADER BLOCK (N L)->		.404 BLOCK	
PAGE:BLOCK:BLOCK NAME (N C L)->			
PRINT TEMPLATE (#.4) EXPORT FORMAT (N)->		.44 FOREIGN FOR*	
		.46 IMPORT TEMP*	

		PRIMARY FILE	-> FILE
		CREATOR	-> NEW PERSON
		IMPORT:FILE*	-> FILE

		.6 DD AUDIT USER	-> NEW PERSON

SORT TEMPLATE (#.4014)		.81 DATA TYPE	
SORT FIEL:DATA TYPE F* (N)->			
PRINT TEMPLATE (#.42)			
EXPORT FIELD:DATA TYPE (N)->			

SQLI_ERROR_LOG (#1.52192)		.84 DIALOG	
FILEMAN_ERROR (N C)->		PACKAGE	-> PACKAGE

DIALOG (#.847)		.85 LANGUAGE	
TRANSLATION:LANGUAGE . (N C)->			
NEW PERSON (#200)			
LANGUAGE (N S)->			
KERNEL SITE PARAMETE (#8989.3)			
DEFAULT LANGUAGE (N S)->			

File/Package(Cont):		Date: SEP 8,1994	

FILE (#)	POINTER	(#) FILE	
POINTER FIELD	TYPE	POINTER FIELD	FILE POINTED TO

	L=Laygo	S=File not in set	N=Normal Ref.
	*=Truncated	m=Multiple	C=Xref.
			v=Variable Pointer

VARIABLE-POINTER (#.12)			
. (N S)->			
PRINT TEMPLATE (#.4)		1 FILE	
FILE (N)->			
DESTINATION FILE ... (N)->			
SORT TEMPLATE (#.401)		DEVELOPER	-> NEW PERSON
FILE (N)->			
INPUT TEMPLATE (#.402)			
FILE (N)->			
IMPORT TEMPLATE (#.46)			
PRIMARY FILE (N)->			
IMPORT FIELDS:FILE ... (N)->			
ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY (#1.11)			
FILE (N)->			
DESTINATION FILE (N)->			
FILEGRAM HISTORY (#1.12)			
FILE (N)->			
PACKAGE (#9.402)			
AFFECTS R:FILE AFFECT* (N S C)->			
*FILE (N S)->			
*PRINT TEMPLATE:FILE.. (N S)->			
*INPUT TEMPLATE:FILE.. (N S)->			
*SORT TEMPLATE:FILE .. (N S)->			
SCREEN TE:FILE (N S)->			
BUILD (#9.64)			
FILE (N S)->			

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BUILD COM:BUILD COMPO* (N S )->
BUILD:ENTRIES:FILE* .. (N S )->
INSTALL (#9.714)
FILE ..... (N S C )->
BUILD COM:BUILD COMPO* (N S C )->
DUPLICATE RESOLUTION (#15.1)
FILE TO BE CHECKED ... (N S C )->
DUPLICATE:FILE FOR IN* (N S C )->
DINUM FIL:DINUM FILE * (N S C )->
NEW PERSON (#200.032)
ACCESSIBLE FILE ..... (N S C )->
LOCAL KEYWORD (#8984.1)
ASSOCIATED FILE ..... (N S C )->
LOCAL SYNONYM (#8984.3)
ASSOCIATED FILE ..... (N S C )->
LOCAL LOOKUP (#8984.4)
NAME ..... (N S C )->

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1.1 AUDIT
USER -> NEW PERSON
MENU OPTION US* -> OPTION
v PROTOCOL or OP* -> OPTION
-> PROTOCOL

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File/Package(Cont):

Date: SEP 8,1994

FILE (#)	POINTER FIELD	POINTER TYPE	(#) FILE POINTER FIELD	FILE POINTED TO
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L=Laygo S=File not in set N=Normal Ref. C=Xref.
*=Truncated m=Multiple v=Variable Pointer

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1.11 ARCHIVAL A*
FILE -> FILE
ARCHIVER -> NEW PERSON
SELECTOR -> NEW PERSON
PURGER -> NEW PERSON
USER PERFORMIN* -> NEW PERSON
DESTINATION FI* -> FILE

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1.12 FILEGRAM H*
FILE -> FILE
MESSAGE -> MESSAGE

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NEW PERSON (#200)
PREFERRED EDITOR .... (N S ) ->

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1.2 ALTERNATE E*

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SQLI_TABLE (#1.5215)
T_SCHEMA ..... (N L)->

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1.521 SQLI_SCHE*

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SQLI_DOMAIN (#1.5212)
DM_DATA_TYPE ..... (N C )->
SQLI_KEY_FORMAT (#1.5213)
KF_DATA_TYPE ..... (N C )->

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1.5211 SQLI_DAT*
D_OUTPUT_FORMAT ->SQLI_OUTPUT_FO*

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SQLI_OUTPUT_FORMAT (#1.5214) OF_DATA_TYPE (N)->		
SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT (#1.5216) E_DOMAIN (N C)->	1.5212 SQLI_DOM* DM_DATA_TYPE DM_TABLE DM_OUTPUT_FORM*	-> SQLI_DATA_TYPE -> SQLI_TABLE ->SQLI_OUTPUT_FO*
SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY (#1.5218) P_KEY_FORMAT (N)->	1.5213 SQLI_KEY* KF_DATA_TYPE	-> SQLI_DATA_TYPE
SQLI_DATA_TYPE (#1.5211) D_OUTPUT_FORMAT (N)-> SQLI_DOMAIN (#1.5212) DM_OUTPUT_FORMAT (N)-> SQLI_COLUMN (#1.5217) C_OUTPUT_FORMAT (N C)->	1.5214 SQLI_OUT* OF_DATA_TYPE	 -> SQLI_DATA_TYPE
SQLI_DOMAIN (#1.5212) DM_TABLE (N C)-> SQLI_TABLE (#1.5215) T_MASTER_TABLE (N C)-> SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT (#1.5216) E_TABLE (N C)->	1.5215 SQLI_TAB* T_SCHEMA T_MASTER_TABLE	 -> SQLI_SCHEMA -> SQLI_TABLE
SQLI_COLUMN (#1.5217) C_TABLE_ELEMENT (N C)-> SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY (#1.5218) P_TBL_ELEMENT (N C)-> SQLI_FOREIGN_KEY (#1.5219) F_TBL_ELEMENT (N C)->	1.5216 SQLI_TAB* E_DOMAIN E_TABLE	 -> SQLI_DOMAIN -> SQLI_TABLE
SQLI_COLUMN (#1.5217) C_PARENT (N C)-> SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY (#1.5218) P_COLUMN (N C)-> SQLI_FOREIGN_KEY (#1.5219) F_CLM_ELEMENT (N)->	1.5217 SQLI_COL* C_TABLE_ELEMENT C_PARENT C_OUTPUT_FORMAT	 ->SQLI_TABLE_ELE* -> SQLI_COLUMN ->SQLI_OUTPUT_FO*
SQLI_FOREIGN_KEY (#1.5219) F_PK_ELEMENT (N)->	1.5218 SQLI_PRI* P_TBL_ELEMENT P_COLUMN P_KEY_FORMAT	->SQLI_TABLE_ELE* -> SQLI_COLUMN ->SQLI_KEY_FORMAT
	1.5219 SQLI_FOR* F_TBL_ELEMENT F_PK_ELEMENT F_CLM_ELEMENT	->SQLI_TABLE_ELE* ->SQLI_PRIMARY_K* -> SQLI_COLUMN

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SQLI_ERROR_LOG (#1.52192)
ERROR ..... (N C L)-> | 1.52191 SQLI_ER* |
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                        | 1.52192 SQLI_ER* |
                        | ERROR | -> SQLI_ERROR_TE*
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4 Routines and Callable Routines/Entry Points/Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)

This section lists and briefly describes the VA FileMan routines (see [Table 6](#)). VA FileMan routines should *not* be altered, per Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 10-93-142.

The callable entry points/Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for those VA FileMan routines that can be invoked from other applications are shown in the “Callable Entry Point” column in [Table 6](#).



REF: The callable routines/APIs, ScreenMan, and Database Server (DBS) calls are described in detail (including their function, required variables, and any restrictions) in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*:

- Callable routines/APIs—See the “Major APIs” and “Other APIs” sections in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.
- ScreenMan—See the “ScreenMan” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.
- Database Server (DBS) calls—See the “Database Server (DBS)” section in the “Major APIs” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.



REF: The Direct mode utilities, which can only be called directly from M and ScreenMan-specific utilities, are listed in Sections [4.1](#) and [4.2](#), and are also described in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.



REF: Routine mapping is described in Section [4.3](#).

Table 6. VA FileMan Routine and Callable Entry Points

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
%DT		See DIDT for callable entry points and description.
%DTC		See DIDTC for callable entry points and description.
%RCR		See DIRCR for callable entry points and description.
DDBR	EN^DDBR WP^DDBR BROWSE^ DDBR DOCLIST^ DDBR	Routines responsible for displaying ASCII text on a terminal screen, for viewing only.
DDBR0 DDBR1 DDBR2 DDBR3 DDBR4 DDBRAHT DDBRAHTE DDBRAHTJ		

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DDBRAHTR DDBRAP DDBRGE DDBRP DDBRS		
DDBRT	\$\$TEST^ DDBRT	
DDBRU DDBRU2 DDBRWB		
DDBRZIS	CLOSE^ DDBRZIS OPEN^ DDBRZIS POST^ DDBRZIS	
DDFIX		Routine that checks nodes in the data dictionary and the FILE file (#1).
DDGF DDGF0 DDGF1 DDGF2 DDGF3 DDGF4 DDGFADL DDGFAPC DDGFASUB DDGFBK DDGFBSEL DDGFEL DDGFFLD DDGFFLDA DDGFFM DDGFH DDGFHBK DDGFLOAD DDGFORD DDGFPG DDGFSV DDGFU DDGFUPDB DDGFUPDP		Routines used to create and edit ScreenMan forms.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DDGLIB0 DDGLIBH DDGLIBW DDGLIBW1		Routines that manage the screen for VA FileMan's screen-oriented utilities.
DDIOL	EN^DDIOL	Routine that any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writes text to the screen. • Writes text in ScreenMan's Command Area. • Loads text into an array, depending on the environment in which it is called.
DDMAP DDMAP1 DDMAP2		Routines that generate a graphic display of the pointer relationships among a specified group of package files to an output device.
DDMP DDMP1 DDMP2 DDMP5M DDMP5M1 DDMPU	FILE^DDMP	Routines used by the Import Tool.
DDR DDR0 DDR1 DDR2 DDR3 DDR4		Routines that contain the RPCs for the VA FileMan Delphi components.
DDS DDS0 DDS01 DDS02 DDS1 DDS10 DDS11 DDS2 DDS3 DDS4 DDS41 DDS5 DDS6 DDS7 DDSBOX DDSCAP DDSCLONE	DDS	Routines used to compile and run forms for data viewing and editing—ScreenMan.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DDSCLONF DDSCOM DDSCOMP DDSDBLK DDSDEL DDSDFRM DDSFO DDSIT DDSLIB DDSM DDSM1 DDSMSG DDSOPT DDSPRNT DDSPRNT1 DDSPRNT2 DDSPTR DDSR DDSR1 DDSRSEL DDSRUN DDSSTK DDSU		
DDSUTL	MSG^ DDSUTL REFRESH^ DDSUTL REQ^ DDSUTL UNED^ DDSUTL	
DDSVAL	\$\$GET^ DDSVAL PUT^ DDSVAL	
DDSVALF	\$\$GET^ DDSVALF PUT^ DDSVALF	
DDSVALM DDSWP DDSZ		

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DDSZ1 DDSZ2 DDSZ3		
DDU DDUCHK DDUCHK1 DDUCHK2 DDUCHK3 DDUCHK4 DDUCHK5		Routines responsible for running the data dictionary checking utility.
DDW DDW1 DDW2 DDW3 DDW4 DDW5 DDW6 DDW7 DDW8 DDW9 DDWC DDWC1 DDWF DDWG DDWH DDWK DDWT1		Routines responsible for full screen text editing.
DDXP DDXP1 DDXP2 DDXP3 DDXP31 DDXP32 DDXP33 DDXP4 DDXP41 DDXP5 DDXPLIB		Routines responsible for the data export to a Foreign Format tool.
DI		Routine for direct entry into VA FileMan.
DIA DIA1		Routines responsible for gathering fields to be edited.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIA2 DIA3		
DIAC	DIAC	Routine that determines file access.
DIALOG	BLD^ DIALOG \$\$EZBLD^ DIALOG	Routines to build VA FileMan dialogues and their functions.
DIALOGU		
DIAR DIARA DIARB DIARCALC DIARR DIARR1 DIARR2 DIARR3 DIARR4 DIARR5 DIARR6 DIARU DIARX		Routines responsible for VA FileMan archiving.
DIAU		Routine used for auditing.
DIAX DIAXD DIAXERR DIAXF DIAXM DIAXM1 DIAXM2 DIAXM3 DIAXMS DIAXP DIAXT DIAXU	EN^DIAXU	Routines responsible for extracting data to a VA FileMan file.
DIB	EN^DIB	Routine that creates a new file.
DIBT DIBT1 DIBTEDT		Routine that stores a SORT template.
DIC	DIC FIND^DIC	Routines that perform VA FileMan lookups or return an ordered list of records.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DICE0 DICE1 DICE2 DICE3 DICE4 DICE7		
DICF DICF0 DICF1 DICF2 DICF3 DICF4 DICF5 DICFIX DICFIX1		Routines responsible for DBS Finder functions.
DICL DICL1 DICL10 DICL2 DICL3 DICLIB DICLIX DICLIX0 DICLIX1		Routines responsible for DBS Lister functions.
DICM DICM0 DICM1 DICM2 DICM3		Routines responsible for performing transforms on the lookup value to attempt to find a match on the lookup indexes. For example, transforms date to internal format.
DICN	FILE^DICN YN^DICN	Routines that allow adding a new entry to a file.
DICN0 DICN1		
DICOMP DICOMP0 DICOMP1 DICOMPV DICOMPW DICOMPX		Routines that evaluate computed field expressions.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DICOMPY DICOMPZ		
DICQ DICQ1	DQ^DICQ	Routines responsible for help on lookups.
DICR		Routine responsible for recursive calls for cross-references on triggered fields.
DICRW DICRW1	DT^DICRW	Routines that select a file.
DICU DICU1 DICU11 DICU2 DICUF DICUIX DICUIX1 DICUIX2		Routines containing utilities used during lookups.
DID	EN^DID FIELD^DID FIELDLST^ DID FILE^DID FILELST^ DID \$\$GET1^DID	Routines for data dictionary listings.
DID1		Standard data dictionary listing.
DID2		Modified data dictionary listing.
DIDC		Condensed data dictionary listing.
DIDG		Global Map data dictionary listing.
DIDH		Headers for the data dictionary listings.
DIDH1		
DIDX		Brief data dictionary listing.
DIDT	%DT DD^%DT	Routine responsible for the Date/Time validation. <i>Must</i> be stored in the Manager account as %DT.
DIDTC	%DTC C^%DTC NOW^%DTC H^%DTC DW^%DTC	Routine responsible for the Date/Time operations. <i>Must</i> be stored in the Manager account as %DTC.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
	YMD^%DTC COMMA^ %DTC S^%DTC YX^%DTC HELP^%DTC	
DIDU DIDU1 DIDU2		Routines responsible for data dictionary functions.
DIE	DIE CHK^DIE FILE^DIE HELP^DIE \$\$KEYVAL^ DIE UPDATE^ DIE VAL^DIE VALS^DIE WP^DIE	Routines responsible for the Enter or Edit File Entries option and for DBS filing and help retrieval functions.
DIE0 DIE1 DIE17 DIE2 DIE3 DIE9 DIED DIEF DIEF1 DIEFU DIEFW DIEH DIEH1 DIEKMSG DIEQ DIEQ1		
DIENV DIENVSTP DIENVWRN		Environment check routines.
DIET DIETED		Routine that displays an INPUT template and performs VA FileMan auditing function.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIEV DIEV1 DIEVK DIEVK1 DIEVS		Routines responsible for data validation functions.
DIEZ DIEZ0 DIEZ1 DIEZ2 DIEZ3 DIEZ4	DIEZ EN^DIEZ	Routines that compile INPUT templates.
DIFG DIFG0 DIFG0A DIFG0B DIFG1 DIFG2 DIFG3 DIFG3A DIFG4 DIFG4A DIFG5 DIFG6 DIFG7 DIFGA DIFGA1 DIFGB	DIFG	Routines responsible for Filegrams.
DIFGG	EN^DIFGG	
DIFGG2		
DIFGG4 DIFGGI DIFGGSB DIFGGSB1 DIFGGSB2 DIFGGU DIFGO DIFGSRV		
DIFROM DIFROM0 DIFROM1	DIFROM	Routines responsible for generating init packages for export and supporting Kernel's KIDS functions.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIFROM11 DIFROM12 DIFROM2 DIFROM3 DIFROM4 DIFROM41 DIFROM42 DIFROM5 DIFROM6 DIFROM7 DIFROMH DIFROMH1 DIFROMS DIFROMS1 DIFROMS2 DIFROMS3 DIFROMS4 DIFROMS5 DIFROMSB DIFROMSC DIFROMSD DIFROMSE DIFROMSI DIFROMSK DIFROMSL DIFROMSO DIFROMSP DIFROMSR DIFROMSS DIFROMSU DIFROMSV DIFROMSX DIFROMSY		
DIG		Routine responsible for the Scattergram option on the Statistics submenu.
DIH		Routine responsible for the Histogram option on the Statistics submenu.
DII DII1		Routines responsible for the main menu in standalone VA FileMan and for the Inquire to File Entries option.
DIIS DIISS		Routines responsible for device selection for standalone VA FileMan. Stored in the Manager account as %ZIS and %ZISS.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIK	DIK IXALL^DIK IX^DIK IX1^DIK ENALL^DIK EN^DIK EN1^DIK	Routines that perform file re-indexing and entry deletion.
DIK1		
DIKC DIKC1 DIKC2 DIKCDD DIKCFORM DIKCP DIKCP1 DIKCP2 DIKCP3 DIKCU DIKCU1 DIKCU2 DIKCUTL DIKCUTL1 DIKCUTL2 DIKCUTL3		Routines responsible for defining, printing, and executing the logic for New-Style indices.
DIKK DIKK1 DIKK2 DIKKDD DIKKFORM DIKKP DIKKUTL DIKKUTL1 DIKKUTL2 DIKKUTL3 DIKKUTL4		Routines responsible for defining, printing, and verifying the integrity of Keys.
DIKZ DIKZ0 DIKZ1 DIKZ11 DIKZ2	DIKZ EN^DIKZ	Routines responsible for VA FileMan's cross-reference compiler.
DIL		Routines responsible for processing PRINT templates or

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIL0 DIL1 DIL11 DIL2 DILL		fields.
DILF	CLEAN^DILF \$\$CREF^ DILF DA^DILF DT^DILF FDA^DILF \$\$IENS^ DILF \$\$OREF^ DILF \$\$VALUE1^ DILF VALUES^ DILF	Routine that contains VA FileMan's library of functions.
DILFD	\$\$EXTERNAL ^DILFD \$\$FLDNUM^ DILFD PRD^DILFD RECALL^ DILFD \$\$ROOT^ DILFD \$\$VFIELD^ DILFD \$\$VFILE^ DILFD	
DILIBF		
DIM DIM1 DIM2 DIM3 DIM4	DIM	Routines responsible for the M syntax checker.
DINIT		Routines that initialize VA FileMan.
DINIT*		Numerous routines starting with "DINIT" are used in the initialization process.
DINTEG		Routines used for integrity checking of VA FileMan routines.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DINTEG*		Several routines starting with "DINTEG" are used during integrity checking.
DINVDTM DINV1DTM DINVMSM DINVONT DINVVXD DINV1VXD		Routines that DINZMGR saves as %ZOSV and, for some operating systems, %ZOSV1, during a standalone VA FileMan installation.
DINZMGR DINZMGR1 DINZDTM DINZMSM DINZONT DINZVXD		Routines that rename routines in the Manager account and set up ^%ZOSF nodes for standalone VA FileMan.
DIO DIO0 DIO1		Routines responsible for building sort logic, executing the sort, and performing output functions.
DIO2	DT^DIO2	
DIO3 DIO4 DIOS DIOS1		
DIOC		Routine responsible for checking code to check query conditions.
DIOQ		Routine responsible for determining sort (query) optimization numbers.
DIOU		Routines responsible for generic VA FileMan code generation utilities.
DIOZ	^DIOZ	Routines responsible for compiling SORT templates.
DIP DIP0 DIP1 DIP10 DIP100 DIP11 DIP12 DIP2 DIP21 DIP22 DIP23	EN1^DIP	Routines that: process sorting specifications, edit SORT templates, process the FROM and TO sort range, edit PRINT templates, process PRINT templates, and initialize the printing process.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIP3 DIP31 DIP4 DIP5		
DIPKINIT		Routines that install a new data dictionary for the PACKAGE file (#9.4). The data dictionary brings no data.
DIPKI*		There are numerous routines starting with "DIPKI" used in the PACKAGE file (#9.4) initialization. (During VA FileMan Installation, DINIT automatically installs the PACKAGE file at sites <i>not</i> running Kernel 8.0 or later.)
DIPT	DIPT DIBT^DIPT	Routine that displays PRINT and SORT templates.
DIPTED		Routine used for the ScreenMan-based PRINT template editor.
DIPZ	DIPZ EN^DIPZ	Routines that compile PRINT templates.
DIPZ0 DIPZ1 DIPZ2		
DIQ	EN^DIQ Y^DIQ D^DIQ DT^DIQ \$\$GET1^DIQ GETS^DIQ	Routines that retrieve data and support DBS Retriever and DD Retriever functions.
DIQ1	EN^DIQ1	
DIQG DIQGDD DIQGDD0 DIQGDDF DIQGDDT DIQGDDU DIQQQ DIQGU DIQGU0		
DIQQ DIQQ1 DIQQQ		Routines that provide help on various subjects.
DIR DIR0 DIR01	DIR	Routines responsible for the standard reader used in VA FileMan.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIR02 DIR03 DIR0H DIR0K DIR0W DIR1 DIR2 DIR3 DIRQ		
DIRCR	XY^%RCR	Routine that moves arrays. <i>Must</i> be stored in the Manager account as %RCR.
DIS	EN^DIS	Routines responsible for the Search File Entries option.
DIS0 DIS1 DIS2 DIS3		
DISZ*		Temporary routines compiled for SORT templates and deleted after use (<i>not</i> exported with VA FileMan routines).
DIT DIT0 DIT1 DIT2 DIT3 DITP DITR DITR1		Routines responsible for the Transfer Entries option. Also used by the Compare/Merge option and by DIFROM.
DITC DITC0 DITC1 DITC2 DITC3		Routines responsible for allowing a user to select data values during the compare/merge process.
DITM DITM1 DITM2 DITMGM1 DITMGM2 DITMGM2A DITMGM2B DITMGM2C DITMGMRG DITMGMRI		Routines used to compare/merge two records located within a single file.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DITMU1 DITMU2 DITMU3 DITMU4		
DITP		Routine responsible for transferring pointers.
DIU DIU0 DIU1		Routines responsible for the Utility Functions option.
DIU2	EN^DIU2	
DIU20 DIU21 DIU3 DIU31 DIU4 DIU5		
DIUTL		General utility routines used internally by VA FileMan.
DIV DIVC DIVR DIVR1 DIVU		Routines that verify field data.
DIVRE DIVRE1		Routine that checks for required field data.
DIWE	EN^DIWE	Routines responsible for VA FileMan's Line Editor and display of word processing output. They also provide for use of Alternate Editors.
DIWE1 DIWE11 DIWE12 DIWE2 DIWE3 DIWE4 DIWE5		
DIWF	DIWF EN1^DIWF EN2^DIWF	Routine used for printing forms.
DIWP DIWW	DIWP DIWW	Routines responsible for display of word processing output.
DIX		Routines used for the Statistics option.

Routine	Callable Entry Point	Description
DIXC		Routine used for the Descriptive Statistics option.
DMSQ DMSQD DMSQE DMSQF DMSQF1 DMSQF2 DMSQP DMSQP1 DMSQP2 DMSQP3 DMSQP4 DMSQP5 DMSQP6 DMSQS DMSQT DMSQT1 DMSQU		Routines used to build and maintain an SQL mapping to VA FileMan data. Allows access to VA FileMan data using an SQL interface.



REF: For details on all VA FileMan callable routines/entry points/APIs, see the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide*.

4.1 Direct Mode Utilities

In addition to the callable entry points shown in [Table 6](#), there are a few other entry points into VA FileMan routines. Unlike the callable entry points, these entries ***cannot be used within application programs***. Only users with programmer access can invoke the following direct mode utilities from the M prompt:

- C^DI
- D^DI
- P^DI
- Q^DI



REF: For more information on these direct mode utilities, see the “^DI: Programmer Access” section in the “Developer Tools” section in the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide*.

4.2 ScreenMan-Specific Utilities

The following are ScreenMan-specific utilities:

- ^DDGF
- CLONE^DDS
- PRINT^DDS
- RESET^DDS



REF: For more information on these ScreenMan-specific utilities, see the “Prog. Mode Utilities” section in the “ScreenMan Forms” section in the “ScreenMan” section in the *VA FileMan Developer’s Guide*.

4.3 Mapping Routines

Routine mapping is at the discretion of the systems manager. The RTHIST routines provide a method for each site to determine the extent to which certain routines are used.

The following list is provided as a *recommendation only*:

- In the MGR account:
 - %DT, %DTC, %RCR
- In the VAH account:
 - DDBR*
 - DDIOL
 - DDS, DDS0*, DDS1*, DDSCOM, DDSR*, DDSU
 - DDW4, DDW5, DDW6, DDWT1
 - DIAC, DIALOG*
 - DIC, DIC0, DIC1*, DIC2, DIC3
 - DICA, DICA1, DICA2, DICA3
 - DICD
 - DICF*
 - DICL*
 - DICM*
 - DICN*
 - DICQ*
 - DICR, DICRW
 - DICU*
 - DIE, DIE0, DIE1, DIE2, DIE3, DIE9, DIE17
 - DIED
 - DIEF*

- DIEH*
- DIEQ*
- DIEV*
- DIK, DIK1, DIKC, DIKC1, DIKC2, DIKCU, DIKCU1, DIKCU2
- DIL*
- DIO*
- DIP, DIP0, DIP1*, DIP2, DIP21, DIP22, DIP3*, DIP4, DIP5
- DIQG, DIQGQ, DIQGU*
- DIW*
- DIR, DIR0, DIR01, DIR1, DIR2, DIR3, DIRQ



CAUTION: DIEZ*, DIFRO*, DIKZ*, DIOZ*, DIPZ* *must not* be mapped.

5 Exported Options

5.1 Standalone VA FileMan

The exported menu structure of VA FileMan is displayed in [Figure 3](#).

The following options are provided to standalone VA FileMan users

- Enter or Edit File Entries
- Print File Entries
- Search File Entries
- Modify File Attributes
- Inquire To File Entries

Utility Functions:

- Verify Fields
- Cross-Reference A Field or File
- Identifier
- Re-Index File
- Input Transform (Syntax)
- Edit File
- Output Transform
- Template Edit
- Uneditable Data
- Mandatory/Required Field Check
- Key Definition

Other Options:

- Filegrams:
 - Create/Edit Filegram Template
 - Display Filegram Template
 - Generate Filegram
 - View Filegram
 - Specifiers
 - Install/Verify Filegram

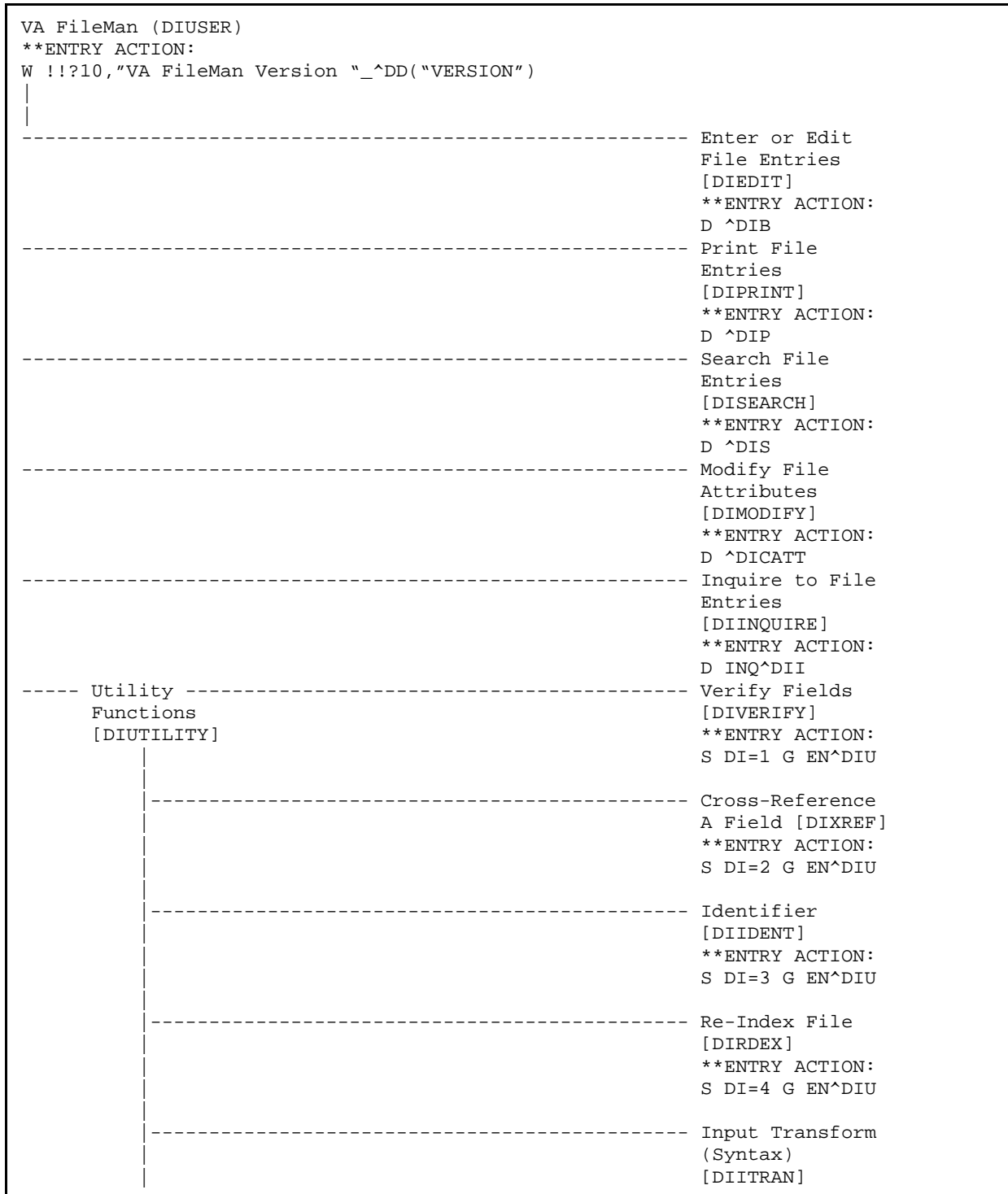
- Archiving:
 - Select Entries to Archive
 - Add/Delete Selected Entries
 - Print Selected Entries
 - Create Filegram Archiving Template
 - Write Entries to Temporary Storage
 - Move Archived Data to Permanent Storage
 - Purge Stored Entries
 - Cancel Archival Selection
 - Find Archived Entries
- Auditing:
 - Fields Being Audited
 - Data Dictionaries Being Audited
 - Purge Data Audits
 - Purge DD Audits
 - Turn Data Audit On/Off
- ScreenMan:
 - Edit/Create a Form
 - Run a Form
 - Delete a Form
 - Purge Unused Blocks
- Statistics:
 - Descriptive Statistics
 - Scattergram
 - Histogram
- Extract Data to FileMan File
 - Select Entries to Extract
 - Add/Delete Selected Entries
 - Print Selected Entries
 - Modify Destination File
 - Create Extract Template
 - Update Destination File
 - Purge Extracted Entries
 - Cancel Extract Selection

- Validate Extract Template
- Data Export To Foreign Format
 - Define Foreign File Format
 - Select Fields For Export
 - Create Export Template
 - Export Data
 - Print Format Documentation
- Import Data
- Browser
- Data Dictionary Utilities
 - List File Attributes
 - Map Pointer Relations
 - Check/Fix DD Structure
- Transfer Entries
 - Transfer File Entries
 - Compare/Merge File Entries

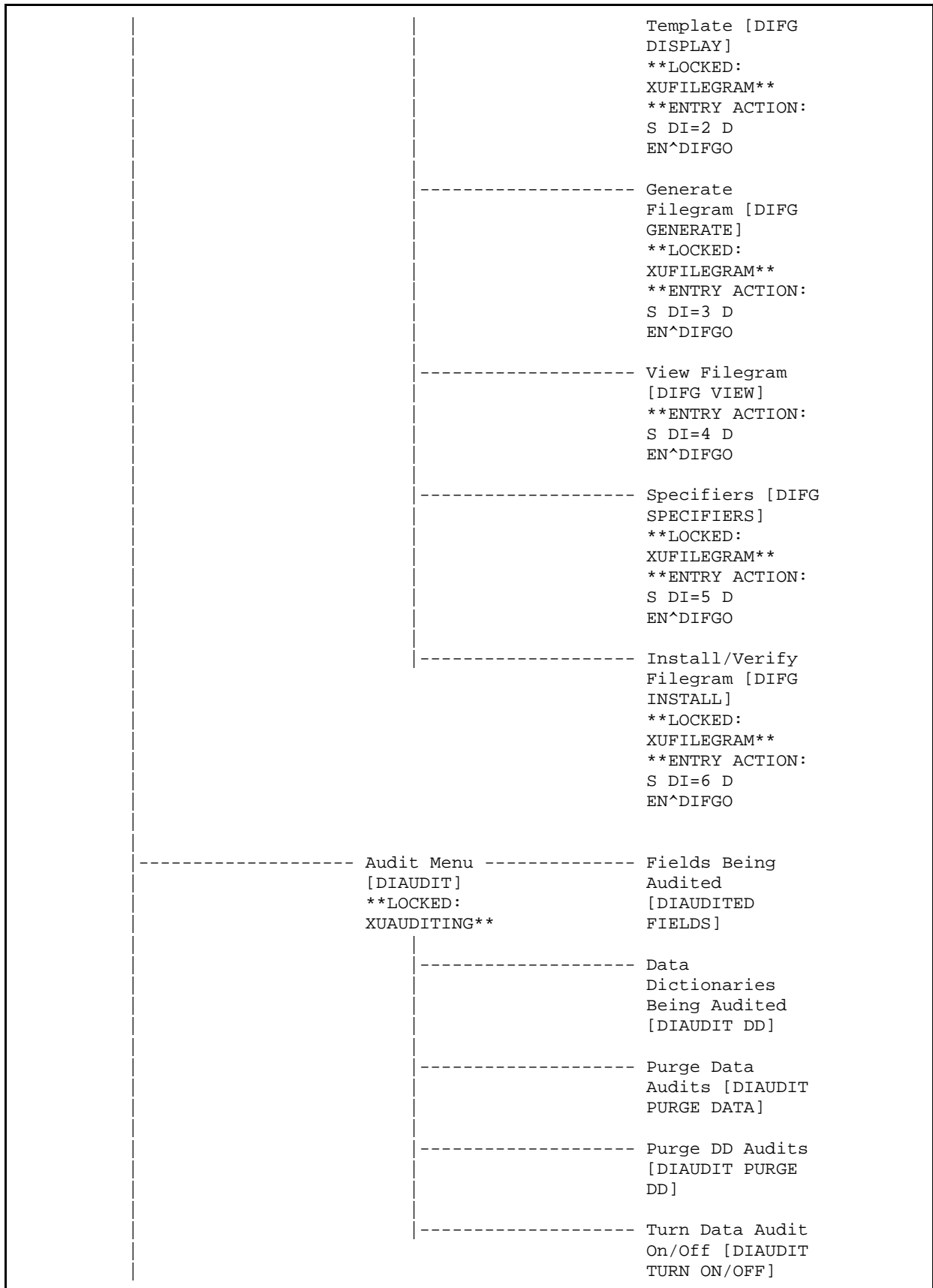
5.2 VA FileMan with Kernel

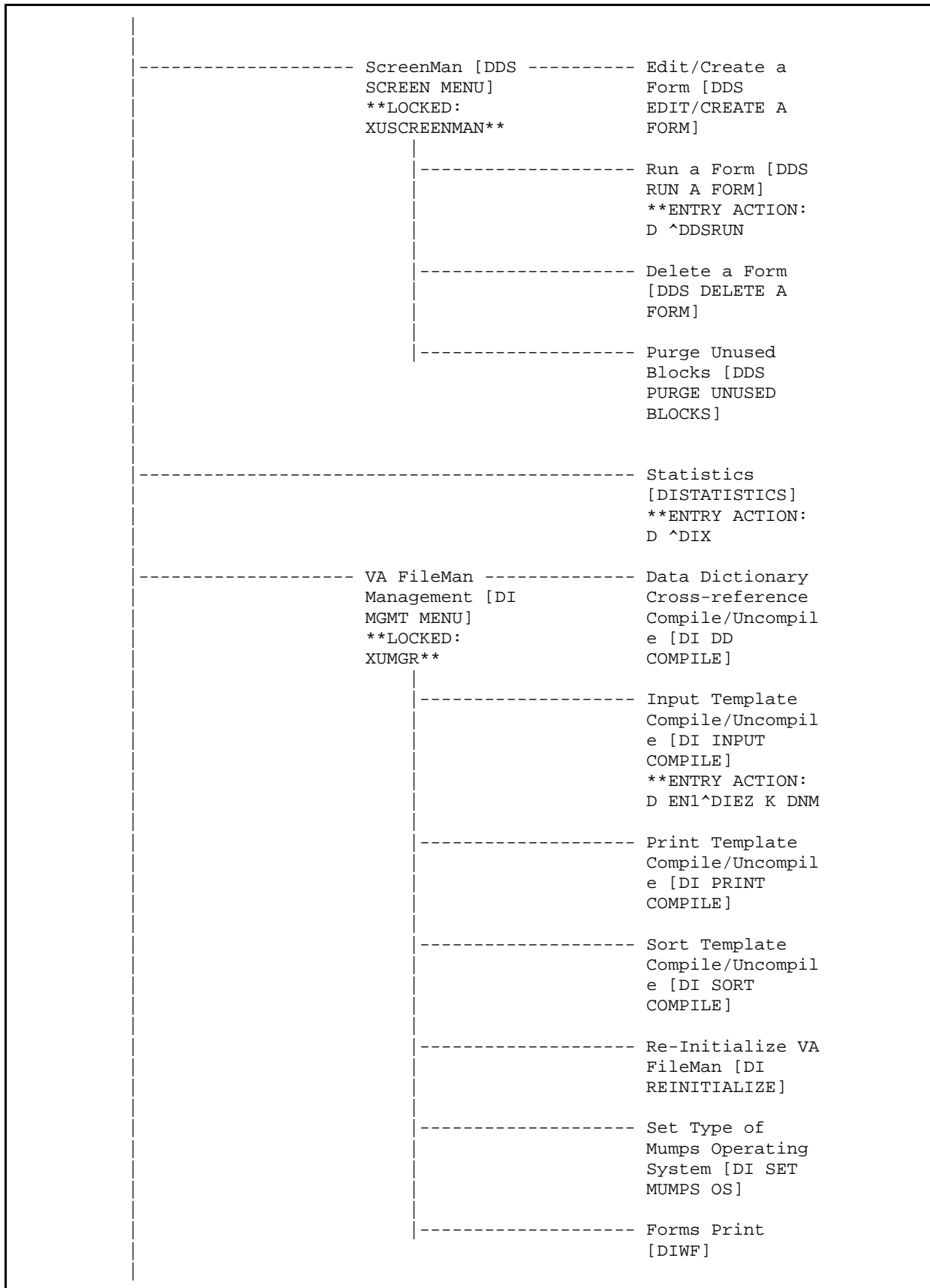
VA FileMan exports the options listed in [Figure 3](#). They are installed if Kernel exists on your system. The top-level VA FileMan menu option, DIUSER, can be found on Kernel's EVE menu. The top-level menu option, DMSQ MENU, is *not* attached to any other existing menu; it is standalone, and can be assigned as needed.

Figure 3. VA FileMan exported options diagram



		**ENTRY ACTION: Q:DUZ(0)'='@" S DI=5 G EN^DIU
		----- Edit File [DIEDFILE] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=6 G EN^DIU
		----- Output Transform [DIOTRAN] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=7 G EN^DIU
		----- Template Edit [DITEMP] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=8 G EN^DIU
		----- Uneditable Data [DIUNEDIT] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=9 G EN^DIU
		----- Mandatory/Required Field Check [DIFIELD CHECK] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=10 G EN^DIU
		----- Key Definition [DIKEY] **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=11 D EN^DIU
----- Data Dictionary Utilities [DI DDU]		----- List File Attributes [DILIST] **ENTRY ACTION: D ^DID
		----- Map Pointer Relations [DI DDMAP]
		----- Check/Fix DD Structure [DI DDUCHK]
		----- Transfer Entries [DITRANSFER] **ENTRY ACTION: D ^DIT
----- Other Options [DIOTHER]	----- Filegrams [DIFG] **LOCKED: XUFILEGRAM**	----- Create/Edit Filegram Template [DIFG CREATE] **LOCKED: XUFILEGRAM** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=1 D EN^DIFGO
		----- Display Filegram





<p>----- Data Export to Foreign Format [DDXP EXPORT MENU]</p>	<p>----- Define Foreign File Format [DDXP DEFINE FORMAT] **LOCKED: DDXP-DEFINE** **ENTRY ACTION: D 1^DDXP</p> <p>----- Select Fields for Export [DDXP SELECT EXPORT FIELDS] **ENTRY ACTION: D 2^DDXP</p> <p>----- Create Export Template [DDXP CREATE EXPORT TEMPLATE] **ENTRY ACTION: D 3^DDXP</p> <p>----- Export Data [DDXP EXPORT DATA] **ENTRY ACTION: D 4^DDXP</p> <p>----- Print Format Documentation [DDXP FORMAT DOCUMENTATION] **ENTRY ACTION: D 5^DDXP</p>
<p>----- Extract Data To Fileman File [DIAX EXTRACT MENU] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **EXIT ACTION: K DIAX</p>	<p>----- Select Entries to Extract [DIAX SELECT] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=1 D EN^DIAX</p> <p>----- Add/Delete Selected Entries [DIAX ADD/DELETE] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=2 D EN^DIAX</p> <p>----- Print Selected Entries [DIAX PRINT] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION:</p>

		S DI=3 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Modify Destination File [DIAX MODIFY] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=4 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Create Extract Template [DIAX CREATE] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=5 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Update Destination File [DIAX UPDATE] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=6 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Cancel Extract Selection [DIAX CANCEL] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=8 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Purge Extracted Entries [DIAX PURGE] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=7 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Validate Extract Template [DIAX VALIDATE] **LOCKED: DIEXTRACT** **ENTRY ACTION: S DI=9 D EN^DIAX
	-----	Import Data [DDMP IMPORT]
	-----	Browser [DDBROWSER]

6 Cross-References

This section contains a description of the MUMPS-type cross-references that exist on fields in VA FileMan files. There are no bulletin or trigger cross-references in these files. All other cross-references are regular types used for lookup or sorting, or both.

The cross-references are grouped by file. The field affected is identified along with the cross-reference's name (or subscript location if there is no name) and a brief description. Many of these cross-references are described in more detail in the data dictionaries.

6.1 PRINT TEMPLATE File (#.4)

Table 7. PRINT TEMPLATE File (#.4)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all PRINT templates associated with a particular file.
	AF	This cross-reference sets up an "AF" cross-reference node for each field in a compiled PRINT template. The cross-reference has the form: <code>^DIPT("AF",file#,field#,print template#)=""</code>
FILE	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all PRINT templates associated with a particular file.
TEMPLATE TYPE	FG	This cross-reference is used to do a quick lookup of FILEGRAM-type of PRINT templates.
	EX	This cross-reference is used to do a quick lookup of EXTRACT-type PRINT templates.

6.2 SORT TEMPLATE File (#.401)

Table 8. SORT TEMPLATE File (#.401)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all SORT templates associated with a particular file.
FILE	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all SORT templates associated with a particular file.

6.3 INPUT TEMPLATE File (#.402)

Table 9. INPUT TEMPLATE File (#.402)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all INPUT templates associated with a particular file.
	AF	This cross-reference sets up an “AF” cross-reference node for each field in a compiled INPUT template. The cross-reference has the form: ^DIE(“AF”,file#,field#,input template#)=“”
FILE	F_file#	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all INPUT templates associated with a particular file.

6.4 FORM File (#.403)

Table 10. FORM File (#.403)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	F1	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all ScreenMan forms associated with a particular file.
	AY	This cross-reference merely documents the existence of data stored under ^DIST(.403,form IEN,“AY”). This is where the compiled data for a form is stored.
PAGE NAME (subfield of PAGE Multiple)	C	This cross-reference stores the PAGE NAME converted to uppercase characters.
PRIMARY FILE	F	This cross-reference is used to quickly find all ScreenMan forms associated with a particular file.
IS THIS A POP UP PAGE? (subfield of PAGE Multiple)	AC	This cross-reference ensures that no header block, next page, or previous page is associated with a pop up page.

6.5 BLOCK File (#.404)

Table 11. BLOCK File (#.404)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
CAPTION (subfield of FIELD Multiple)	C	This cross-reference is used for lookup of fields by CAPTION. It is also used for ^-jumping.
UNIQUE NAME (subfield of FIELD Multiple)	D	This cross-reference stores the UNIQUE NAME converted to uppercase characters.

6.6 IMPORT TEMPLATE File (#.46)

Table 12. IMPORT TEMPLATE File (#.46)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	F1	Creates an index under F_file# that is used for lookup when the file number is known.
PRIMARY FILE	F	Same as F1.

6.7 FILE of Files (#1)

Table 13. FILE of Files (#1)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
NAME	AD	This cross-reference sets and kills the "GL" node for the file. This node has the form: <code>^DIC(file#,0,"GL")=file's global location</code>
	AE	This cross-reference sets and kills the "NM" node for the file. This node has the form: <code>^DIC(file#,0,"NM")=file's name</code>

6.8 SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT File (#1.5216)

Table 14. SQLI_TABLE_ELEMENT File (#1.5216)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
E_TABLE	G	Table element by table, by name.
E_TYPE	F	Table element by table, by type.

6.9 SQLI_COLUMN File (#1.5217)

Table 15. SQLI_COLUMN File (#1.5217)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
C_FIELD	D	Column by VA FileMan file number, by field number.

6.10 SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY File (#1.5218)

Table 16. SQLI_PRIMARY_KEY File (#1.5218)—Cross-references

Field	X-Ref ID	Description
P_SEQUENCE	C	Primary key by table, by sequence.

7 Archiving and Purging

7.1 Archiving

There are no package-specific archiving procedures in VA FileMan.

The generic archiving tool for VistA is a part of VA FileMan. It is described in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.



REF: For more information on archiving, see the “Archiving” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

The Extract Tool provides a means of archiving data into a VA FileMan file. It is also described in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.



REF: For more information on the Extract Tool, see the “Extract Tool” section in the “Archiving” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

7.2 Purging

Within VA FileMan, the only files that might grow large enough to require purging of data are the audit files:

- AUDIT (#1.1)
- DD AUDIT (#.6)

These files capture information about changes to data and to data dictionaries, respectively. These audits are started and stopped by using the options on the Auditing submenu. The amount of data accumulated is dependent both on the scope of the audit and its duration. Options are available to purge the AUDIT (#1.1) (Purge Data Audits) and the DD AUDIT file (#.6) (Purge DD Audits). Purging the audit files is optional. Decisions to purge *must* be made based on the size of the files and any need to retain the audit data.



REF: For instructions on the use of the Auditing options, see the “Auditing” section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

The Purge Stored Entries option on the Archiving submenu removes the data archived from the primary file and from the ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY file (#1.11) when the archiving process is complete. The Purge Stored Entries option should be run when each archiving action is finished in order to remove the archived data and clean up the files.

The Purge Extracted Entries option on the Extract Tool submenu removes extracted data from the primary file and from the ARCHIVAL ACTIVITY file (#1.11) when the extract process is complete. This option should be run when using the Extract Tool for archiving purposes to remove extracted data.

8 External Relationships

VA FileMan is designed to function as a standalone database management system. It can accomplish most of the activities described in the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide* and user manuals without relying on other software (except an implementation of ANSI Standard M on which to run).

When installing VA FileMan, you identify the current M operating system. An entry in the MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM file (#.7) is selected. The information in this file allows things to be accomplished that are done differently by various implementations of M. In addition, when the DINZMGR routine is run during a standalone installation, %ZOSF global nodes are set in the Manager account. These nodes contain additional implementation-specific information that allows for expanded functionality.



REF: For details of installing standalone VA FileMan, see the “Standalone VA FileMan Installation” section in the *VA FileMan Installation Guide*.

By attending to at least minimal operating system concerns, VA FileMan can be installed *without* the remaining parts of Kernel *except* for the PACKAGE file (#9.4). The PACKAGE file (#9.4) is *not* a VA FileMan file; however, it is shipped with VA FileMan, and is installed automatically during the installation of VA FileMan, if either Kernel is *not* present or if a version prior to Kernel 8.0 is present. The PACKAGE file (#9.4) *must* be present on your system to use the DIFROM routines to export software packages.



CAUTION: The Kernel Installation and Distribution System (KIDS) replaced the use of DIFROM as the method of exporting software packages in the VA. The version of DIFROM released with VA FileMan 22.0 does *not* transport the new Key and Index structures and should *not* be used to transport any file making use of these new features.

VA FileMan's capability is enhanced when it is installed with Kernel and MailMan. Specifically, VA FileMan 22.0 is designed to work with Kernel 8.0 or later. For example, the following additional functionality is available when VA FileMan is installed with Kernel:

- User security via the NEW PERSON file (#200)
- Control of file access
- More sophisticated menu presentation
- Device control
- Queuing

The following additional functionality is available when VA FileMan is installed with MailMan:

- Bulletins, one of VA FileMan's cross-references, become operational when MailMan is installed to deliver the messages.
- Filegram options also require MailMan.

Kernel allows networking two CPUs with different operating systems. Kernel provides this ability by retrieving the type of operating system from ^%ZOSF(“OS”). This global does *not* have to be replicated or translated; thus, a separate copy of the global can be stored on each CPU. When running standalone VA FileMan, the type of operating system is retrieved either from the second piece of ^%ZOSF(“OS”), if the DINZMGR was run, or from ^DD(“OS”). ^DD(“OS”) is the global location of the MUMPS

OPERATING SYSTEM file (#.7). The global ^DD *must* always be either replicated or translated across systems. In any case, VA FileMan uses the local DISYS variable to store the value of the current operating system. VA FileMan finds some operating system-specific code in nodes descending from ^DD(“OS”,DISYS); other code is found in ^%ZOSF nodes.

VA FileMan exports options and security keys with the DI and DD namespace for use by Kernel.



NOTE: Throughout the VA FileMan manuals, specific reference is made to Kernel or MailMan when either is needed for a function to work.

8.1 DBA Approvals and Database Integration Control Registrations (ICRs)

The Database Administrator (DBA) maintains a list of Integration Control Registrations (ICRs) or mutual agreements between software developers allowing the use of internal entry points or other software-specific features that are *not* available to the general programming public.

8.1.1 ICRs—Current List for VA FileMan as Custodian

To obtain the current list of ICRs, if any, to which the VA FileMan software (DI) is a custodian, perform the following procedures:

1. Sign onto the **FORUM** system (forum.va.gov).
2. Go to the **DBA** menu [DBA].
3. Select the **Integration Agreements Menu** option [DBA IA ISC].
4. Select the **Custodial Package Menu** option [DBA IA CUSTODIAL MENU].
5. Choose the **ACTIVE by Custodial Package** option [DBA IA CUSTODIAL].
6. When this option prompts you for a package, enter **VA FILEMAN** or **DI**.
7. All current ICRs to which the VA FileMan software is a custodian are listed.

8.1.2 ICRs—Detailed Information

To obtain detailed information on a specific integration control registration, perform the following procedures:

1. Sign onto the **FORUM** system (forum.va.gov).
2. Go to the **DBA** menu [DBA].
3. Select the **Integration Agreements Menu** option [DBA IA ISC].
4. Select the **Inquire** option [DBA IA INQUIRY].
5. When prompted for “INTEGRATION REFERENCES,” enter the specific integration control registrations number of the ICR you would like to display.
6. The option then lists the full text of the ICR you requested.

8.1.3 ICRs—Current List for VA FileMan as Subscriber

To obtain the current list of ICRs, if any, to which the VA FileMan software (DI) is a subscriber, perform the following procedures:

1. Sign onto the **FORUM** system (forum.va.gov).
2. Go to the **DBA** menu [DBA].
3. Select the **Integration Agreements Menu** option [DBA IA ISC].
4. Select the **Subscriber Package Menu** option [DBA IA SUBSCRIBER MENU].
5. Choose the **Print ACTIVE by Subscribing Package** option [DBA IA SUBSCRIBER].
6. When prompted with “START WITH SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE,” enter **VA FILEMAN** (uppercase). When prompted with “GO TO SUBSCRIBING PACKAGE,” enter **VA FILEMAN** (uppercase).
7. All current ICRs to which the VA FileMan software is a subscriber are listed.

9 Internal Relationships

All options can be independently invoked.

None of the options require any special setup in order to run successfully.

10 Package-Wide Variables

VA FileMan package-wide or key variables that can be assumed to be defined at all times are the following:

Table 17. Package-wide Variables

Variable	Description
DUZ	The internal entry number from the NEW PERSON file (#200).
DUZ(0)	The variable defining the user's access.
DUZ("LANG")	If running Kernel 8.0 or later, this variable refers to the language of the current user.
DT	The current date in VA FileMan internal format.
DTIME	The integer value of the number of seconds the user has to respond to a timed read.
U	The up-arrow (caret).

In addition, the following variable has a special meaning for VA FileMan although it is *not* always defined:

Table 18. Package-wide Variables—DISY (special Meaning)

Variable	Description
DISYS	The current M operating system—pointer to the MUMPS OPERATING SYSTEM file (#.7) contained in the first piece of ^DD("OS") and, if using Kernel, in the second piece of ^%ZOSF("OS").

10.1 Standards and Conventions (SAC) Exemptions

Beginning January 1, 1995, VA FileMan 22.0 has been granted exemptions from the following standards by the Programming Standards and Conventions Committee (SACC).

10.1.1 STANDARD SECTION: 4B–Package-wide variables

Beginning December 22, 1994, VA FileMan is exempted from KILLing the listed variables in the following calls:

Table 19. List of variables VA FileMan is exempted from KILLing

Supported Reference	Variables
DIC	DA
FILE^DICN	DA
DIE	%,D,D0,DI,DQ,X,D1,%X,%Y
DIK	%,DA,DIC, X, Y
EN1^DIP	X
EN^DIQ1	%,D0,I,J,X,Y,C

10.1.2 STANDARD SECTION: 6D–FM compatibility

- The following globals are exempt from VA FileMan compatibility:
 - ^DISV
 - ^DOSV
- VA FileMan may set a *non*-VA FileMan compatible node [e.g., ^XXX(File#, IEN,-9)] to record information about archival activity and may set *non*-VA FileMan compatible nodes ^(3) and ^(2) to store old and new values of any audited field.

11 Globals

VA FileMan's globals are listed below:

- ^DD
- ^DDA
- ^DI
- ^DIA
- ^DIAR
- ^DIBT
- ^DIC
- ^DIE
- ^DIPT
- ^DIST
- ^DISV
- ^DIZ
- ^DMSQ
- ^DOPT
- ^DOSV
- ^TMP
- ^UTILITY
- ^%ZOSF



REF: For a description of these globals, see [Table 4](#).

The ^UTILITY and ^TMP globals are temporary globals used and then KILLED by many VA FileMan options. The ^%ZOSF global is used by the Screen Editor and ScreenMan. If VA FileMan is used with Kernel, nodes in ^%ZOSF are set up during Kernel's installation.



REF: For details about setting up the ^%ZOSF nodes at standalone sites, see the *VA FileMan Installation Guide*.

There is a supported entry point to the ^DD global: ^DD("DD"). Its use is explained in the "X ^DD("DD")—Another Way to Convert Dates" section in the "Date/Time Utilities" section found in the "Classic FileMan" section (listed by category) in the "Major APIs" section in the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide*.



REF: For specific information on ^%DT, see the "^^DT" section in the "Classic FileMan API" section in the "Major APIs" section in the *VA FileMan Developer's Guide*.

^DD("VERSION") can be read to get the version number of the VA FileMan package that exists in the system.

11.1 Global Journaling, Translation, and Replication

This section contains recommendations for maintaining VA FileMan globals:

- [Journaling](#)
- [Translation](#)



NOTE: Translation is called “impliciting” when running M/SQL.

- [Replication](#)

11.1.1 Journaling

Journaling is recommended for the following globals:

- ^DD
- ^DI
- ^DIBT
- ^DIC
- ^DIE
- ^DIPT
- ^DIST
- ^DIZ



NOTE: The ^DIZ global is the default location for locally-produced files. Management of this global should be decided locally.



Do not journal (translation is optional) the ^DISV global.

11.1.2 Translation

Translation is *recommended* for the following globals:

- ^DDA
- ^DIA
- ^DIBT
- ^DIC
- ^DIZ



NOTE: The ^DIZ global is the default location for locally-produced files. Management of this global should be decided locally.

11.1.3 Replication

Replication is recommended for the following globals:

- ^DD
- ^DI
- ^DIAR
- ^DIE
- ^DIPT
- ^DIST
- ^DMSQ
- ^DOPT

12 Security

VA FileMan is the database management system for Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA). As such, it provides security on a file, field, and template level. This security is based on a string of characters stored in the DUZ(0) local variable. You can find the details of the data security system imposed by VA FileMan in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*. The security mechanisms described apply to the files and data sent with the VA FileMan software as well as to the files created by other applications and by users.



REF: For specific information on VA FileMan's data security, see the "Data Security" section in the "Security" section in the *VA FileMan Advanced User Manual*.

When used with Kernel, other types of access control are available. Kernel's Sign-on/Security component is described in the *Kernel Systems Management Guide*. If Kernel's File Access Security system has been implemented on your system, you can use it to control user access to files.

When you use VA FileMan within the Kernel's menu system, you are subject to the Kernel's security requirements:

- You *must* enter correct Access and Verify codes.
- You can only use menus and options to which you have been granted access.
- You *must* have the proper security keys to use certain locked options.

The VA FileMan menus are found on the DIUSER menu. This menu is usually located on the EVE menu distributed with Kernel.



REF: For a diagram of the complete menu tree for VA FileMan, see [Figure 3](#) in the "[Exported Options](#)" section.

12.1 Security Management

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12.2 Mail Groups and Alerts

VA FileMan does *not* make use of mail groups or alerts.

12.3 Remote Systems

VA FileMan does *not* transmit data to any remote system, facility, or database.

12.4 Interfacing

No *non-VA* products are embedded in or required by VA FileMan, other than those provided by the underlying operating systems.

12.5 Electronic Signatures

Electronic signatures are *not* used within VA FileMan.

12.6 Security Keys

VA FileMan options are locked with the security keys described in [Table 20](#). The security keys in the XU namespace are distributed by Kernel; however, they lock VA FileMan options. The two remaining security keys are distributed by VA FileMan and are installed when DINIT is run:

Table 20. VA FileMan Security Keys

Security Key	Description
XUAUDITING	Use this security key to access the Auditing menu or to run any of the Auditing options.
XUFILEGRAM	Use this security key to access the Filegram menu or to run any of the Filegram options; except the View Filegram option, for which no security key is required.
XUMGR	Use this security key for users who act as site management staff. It is required in order to access the VA FileMan Management menu. It is also needed to access many Kernel options.
XUPROGMODE	Use this security key to access the SQLI Regenerate SQLI Projection and Purge SQLI Data options.
XUSCREENMAN	Use this security key to access the ScreenMan menu.
DDXP-DEFINE	Use this security key to access the Export Tool's Define Foreign File Format option.
DIEXTRACT	Use this security key to access the Extract Data to FileMan File menu.

12.7 File Security

Files with numbers less than two (2) belong to VA FileMan. In general, these files *cannot* be directly accessed. You can access them only through the menu options. Those users who are granted programmer access [DUZ(0)="@"] can directly read and manipulate data in VA FileMan files. However, it is *strongly recommended* that changes to data in such files only be made through documented VA FileMan utilities.

12.8 References

The following directive specifies that VA FileMan routines and files should *not* be altered:

Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Directive 10-93-142

12.9 Official Policies

Modification of any part of the VA FileMan software is *not permitted* as per VHA Directive 10-93-142.

Distribution of the VA FileMan software is unrestricted (see the “[Software Disclaimer](#)” section).

13 Troubleshooting

There are no known issues or anomalies with VA FileMan 22.0.

For product support, contact the National Help Desk.

13.1 How to Obtain Technical Information Online

Exported VistA M Server-based software file, routine, and global documentation can be generated through the use of Kernel, MailMan, and VA FileMan utilities.



NOTE: Methods of obtaining specific technical information online are indicated where applicable under the appropriate section.

13.2 Help at Prompts

VistA M Server-based software provides online help and commonly used system default prompts. Users are encouraged to enter question marks at any response prompt. At the end of the help display, you are immediately returned to the point from which you started. This is an easy way to learn about any aspect of the software.

Glossary

Table 21 Table 22. Glossary

Term	Description
ANSI STANDARD MUMPS	American National Standards Institute (ANSI) computer language used by VA FileMan. Also called M. The acronym MUMPS stands for Massachusetts General Hospital Utility Multiprogramming System.
ARCHIVING	The storing of historical or little used data offline (often on tape).
AUDITING	The monitoring and recording of computer use. VA FileMan audits can log changes to data values in files and to the structure of the file itself.
BROWSER	An interactive application in VA FileMan that displays ASCII text on a terminal that supports a scroll region. The text can be in the form of a VA FileMan WORD-PROCESSING-type field or sequential local or global array. The user is allowed to navigate freely within the document.
CALLABLE ENTRY POINTS	Places in a VA FileMan routine that can be called from an application program.
CHECKSUM VALUE	A number computed for each routine in a package. The number is used to verify that the routine is uncorrupted and unchanged. Any coding change to a routine changes its checksum value.
CROSS-REFERENCE	In VA FileMan, an attribute of a field that identifies an action to take place when the value of the field is changed. Often, the action is the placement of the field's value into an index. In Version 22.0 of VA FileMan, the INDEX file allows creation of indexes that contain more than one data field. Thus, they become an attribute of the file, rather than of a single field. The action described in the INDEX file entry happens when any of the involved fields is changed.
DATA DICTIONARY	A data dictionary (DD) contains the definitions of a file's elements (fields or data attributes), relationships to other files, and structure or design.
DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	A collection of software that handles the storage, retrieval and updating of records in a database.
DBS	Database Server: an Application Programmer Interface (API) for VA FileMan that updates the database in a non-interactive mode. VA FileMan passes information that needs to be displayed to the user to the calling routine in arrays.
DBMS	Database Management System.
DEVICE	A terminal, printer, modem or other type of hardware or equipment associated with a computer. A Host file of an underlying operating system may be treated like a device in that it can be written to (e.g., for spooling).
DHCP	The Decentralized Hospital Computer Program, see "VistA."
DIRECT MODE UTILITY	An entry point into a routine that can only be called from programmer mode, see "Callable Entry Points."
DSM FOR OPENVMS	The current name for VAX DSM(V6). One of the M operating systems supported by VA FileMan.

Term	Description
ENTRY	For VA FileMan, an instance of a file; a set of logically related data in a file; a record.
FIELD	In an entry, a specified area used for the value of a data attribute. The data specifications of each VA FileMan field are documented in the file's data dictionary.
FILE	A set of related records (or entries) treated as a unit.
FILEGRAMS	A VA FileMan feature that stores file information in a sequential format in preparation for archiving or for sending it to a corresponding database in another computing location.
GLOBAL	In M, global may refer to a variable stored on disk ("global variable") or the array to which the global variable may belong ("global array").
HELP FRAMES	Online screens of documentation made possible by the Kernel's Help Processor.
IMPLICITING	Term used by M/SQL operating system for global translation.
INIT	A step in the installation process that builds VA FileMan files from a set of routines (the "init routines"). Shortened form for "initialization."
INDEX	A part of the data global whose subscripts are one or more fields from a single record in the file, along with the internal entry number (or numbers) that locate the record. An ordered list of all or a subset of the records in the file used to facilitate lookup and sorting.
INDEX FILE	This file was introduced with VA FileMan 22.0. Contains the information that describes an index on a file. Old-style index information is stored descendent from the description of the indexed field in the data dictionary. The INDEX file allows the creation of more complex indexes.
JOURNALING	The capturing of changes to files in order to facilitate the restoring of files from a known prior state.
KERNEL	A set of VistA software utilities that function as an intermediary between the host operating system and VistA application packages (e.g., Laboratory, Pharmacy, IFCAP, etc.). Kernel provides a standard and consistent user and programmer interface between application packages and the underlying M implementation.
KEY	A group of one or more fields that together uniquely identifies a record in a file. Each key field <i>must</i> have a value, and fields that make up a key <i>must</i> in combination be unique for all records in the file. VA FileMan enforces key integrity.
KEY VARIABLE	See "Package-wide Variable" below.
LAYGO ACCESS	A user's authorization to create a new entry when editing a computer file. Learn As You GO: the ability to create new entries.
MAILMAN	An electronic mail system (e-mail) that allows you to send messages to and receive them from other users via the computer. It is part of VistA.
MAPPING	See "Routine Mapping.

Term	Description
OPERATING SYSTEM	A basic program that runs on the computer, controls the peripherals, allocates computing time to each user, and communicates with terminals. Some M implementations take over the functions of an operating system completely; others run on top of another host operating system.
PACKAGE	The set of programs, files, documentation, online help, and installation procedures required for a given software application package identified by a unique namespace. Elements include routines, files, and file entries from the OPTION, KEY, HELP FRAME, BULLETIN, FUNCTION, SORT TEMPLATE, PRINT TEMPLATE, INPUT TEMPLATE, FORM, and BLOCK files. Packages are transported using VA FileMan's DIFROM routine, which creates initialization (init) routines to bundle the files and entries for export.
PACKAGE-WIDE VARIABLE	For VistA, a variable that, for a particular application package, has a standard and documented meaning. Some package-wide variables may need to be defined at all times during package use. Also called Key Variable.
POINTER RELATIONSHIPS	In VA FileMan, links between files that are created by use of the POINTER TO A FILE or VARIABLE-POINTER DATA TYPEs.
PROGRAMMER ACCESS	The ability to utilize VA FileMan features that are reserved for application developers. Referred to as "having the at-sign (@)", because "@" is the DUZ(0) value that grants programmer access.
PROGRAMMER MODE	Entry into VA FileMan directly from the M prompt instead of from Kernel's menu system (e.g., by entering D P^DI at the M prompt).
REPLICATION (OF GLOBALS)	The practice of keeping and maintaining identical copies of the same global in different physical locations.
ROUTINE	A program or a sequence of instructions called by a program that may have some general or frequent use. M routines are groups of program lines that are saved, loaded, and called as a single unit via a specific name.
ROUTINE MAPPING	The placement of routines into main memory. Frequently used routines are mapped to reduce disk access and thereby increase efficiency.
SAC EXEMPTION	An exception specifically granted by the Standards and Conventions Committee of the Programming Standards and Conventions requirements.
SCREENMAN	A VA FileMan screen-oriented utility that supports creation, alteration, and presentation of screens for data editing and data display.
SDP SPACE	Sequential Disk Processor space is an area on disk set aside for temporary storage of data during copying of the data. SDP is implemented by some M systems.
SPACEBAR RETURN or SPACEBAR ENTER	The use of the key combination <Spacebar><Return> or <Spacebar><Enter> at a prompt. VA FileMan retrieves the user's last response to that prompt.
STANDALONE	Referring to VA FileMan, the use of VA FileMan without the complete Kernel. The rest of Kernel adds functionality; however, VA FileMan can be used alone.

Term	Description
TEMPLATE	A means of storing report formats, data entry formats, and sorted entry sequences. A template is a permanent place to store selected field specifications for use at a later time.
TRANSLATION (OF GLOBALS)	The pointing to a physical disk storage location in another UCI for location of a global. Allows the same globals to be accessed from multiple UCIs.
VISTA	The Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture, within the Department of Veterans Affairs, is the component of the Veterans Health Administration that develops software and installs, maintains, and updates compatible computer systems in VA medical facilities. (Previously known as the Decentralized Hospital Computer Program [DHCP].)

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