

## The Programmer's File Dump [PDUMP]

A long, long time ago in a galaxy far, far away ....

I asked, "Why can't the Report Generator (for that was its name) print ALL the fields in a record." Then I would know if the #FILES was set up correctly and I could check my programming logic easily. And so was born PDUMP.

PDUMP asks a lot of questions, but the answers are obvious. I think.

- **PRINTER NAME?** The default is LPH. If you don't have an LPH in your configuration you should be ashamed.
- **#FILE name?** Lower case entry will be changed to Upper Case. Sorry there is no lookup for #FILE names in PDUMP. You are welcome to add it.
- **Actual file name?** PDUMP does not look for, or display the actual file name in #FILES. The dialogue is in typewriter mode, which does not allow for default entries. However, if you have more than one file with the same format PDUMP is happy to oblige.
- **Directory name?** Enter the directory where the actual file is stored. If you omit the directory the OPEN will use a null directory.
- **Record Key or > for Next record.** Enter the key of the record to be displayed. A POSITION statement is used to get the record, so it is only necessary to enter the leading part of the key.

Each field is displayed on a line showing the

- Field Name in #FILES,
- Internet Basic Name,
- The field length
- The position in the record
- The contents of the field in the selected record.

Sorry, the listing is in alphabetical order. You could change it to print in position order if you'd like.

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