
Subject: Here it is! – APL for the Burroughs B5500

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Paul Kimpel has deftly completed a scan of the source-code listing of the UW CSG APL for the Burroughs B5500 and it can now be downloaded from here (43 megabyte PDF 89 pages):

<http://www.phkimpel.us/APL-B5500-Listing-19710111.pdf>

We added a cover page with details and several corrections to compensate for minor imperfections due to the available scanning equipment. With these corrections and some careful attention the listing is 100% complete and a solid basis for transcribing.

I urge everyone to grab a copy and share the link with whomever so it can be scattered far and wide, the more copies the better; hopefully far into the future copies will be easily found rather than relying on the serendipitous chain of events we have experienced over the last few months.

I would also direct everyone to the GeorgiaTech user manual for their version of this APL. The GeorgiaTech document also has an interesting comparison between APL\360 and APL/B5500.

http://bitsavers.trailing-edge.com/pdf/georgiaTech/Georgia_Tech_B5500_APL_Aug71.pdf

Thanks again to Ed Vandergriff for preserving this implementation of APL. This has been an unexpectedly rapid recovery; some historic software artefacts seem to yield themselves up quicker than expected, others remain stubbornly and persistently missing.