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REXX Scripting Language

PHP, Python (beliebt bei Linux Benutzern), Perl und Tcl/Tk sind weit verbreitete Scripting Languages. REXX ist IBM's bevorzugte Scripting Language und ist deshalb auf alle IBM Betriebssysteme seit vielen Jahren verfügbar. Eine ganze Reihe von open source/public domain Versionen sowie auch kommerzielle Versionen existieren für praktisch alle bestehenden Plattformen. Z.B. hat Microsoft seit Jahren einen REXX Interpreter mit ihren SDKs ausgeliefert.

Unter z/OS und OS/390 ist REXX die mit Abstand am weitesten verbreitete Scripting Language. Das folgende Tutorial beschreibt die Erzeugung und Nutzung eines einfachen REXX Programms unter TSO.

Neben REXX ist CLIST unter TSO als weitere Scriptsprache verfügbar. REXX ist jedoch viel weiter verbreitet.

The American National Standard (ANSI Standard) for REXX is called "Programming Language - REXX", and its number is X3.274-1996.

The REXX Language Association (RexxLA) is an independent organization dedicated to promoting the use and understanding of the REXX programming language. <http://www.rexxla.org/>

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Menu  Utilities  Compilers  Options  Status  Help
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                          ISPF Primary Option Menu

0  Settings      Terminal and user parameters      User ID . . : PRAKT20
1  View          Display source data or listings   Time. . . . : 10:12
2  Edit          Create or change source data      Terminal. . : 3278
3  Utilities     Perform utility functions         Screen. . . . : 1
4  Foreground   Interactive language processing   Language. . : ENGLISH
5  Batch         Submit job for language processing Appl ID . . : PDF
6  Command      Enter TSO or Workstation commands TSO logon  : IKJACCNT
7  Dialog Test  Perform dialog testing           TSO prefix: PRAKT20
8  LM Facility  Library administrator functions  System ID  : DAVI
9  IBM Products IBM program development products MVS acct.  : ACCT#
-----N r      Release . . : ISPF 4.5
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Option ==> 3
F1=Help      F3=Exit      F10=Actions  F12=Cancel

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Vom ISPF Primary Option Menue aus einen Partitioned Data Set für die Aufnahme von REXX Scripten anlegen

Enter

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Menu  Help
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                          Utility Selection Panel

1  Library      Compress or print data set. Print index listing. Print,
                rename, delete, browse, edit or view members
2  Data Set     Allocate, rename, delete, catalog, uncatalog, or display
                information of an entire data set
3  Move/Copy    Move, copy, or promote members or data sets
4  Dslist       Print or display (to process) list of data set names.
                Print or display VTOC information
5  Reset        Reset statistics for members of ISPF library
6  Hardcopy     Initiate hardcopy output
7  Download     Download ISPF C/S, VA for ISPF, transfer map, or data set.
8  Outlist      Display, delete, or print held job output
9  Commands     Create/change an application command table
*  Reserved     This option reserved for future expansion.
11 Format       Format definition for formatted data Edit/Browse
12 SuperC      Compare data sets (Standard Dialog)
13 SuperCE     Compare data sets Extended (Extended Dialog)
14 Search-For  Search data sets for strings of data (Standard Dialog)
15 Search-ForE Search data sets for strings of data Extended (Extended Dialog)
Option ==> 2
F1=Help      F3=Exit      F10=Actions  F12=Cancel

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Enter

Menu RefList Utilities Help

Data Set Utility

A Allocate new data set
R Rename entire data set
D Delete entire data set
blank Data set information
C Catalog data set
U Uncatalog data set
S Data set information (short)
M Allocate new data set
V VSAM Utilities

ISPF Library:

Project . . . PRAKT20
Group . . . REXX
Type EXEC

Other Partitioned, Sequential or VSAM Data Set:

Data Set Name . . .
Volume Serial . . . (If not cataloged, required for option "C")

Data Set Password . . . (If password protected)

Option ==> A

F1=Help F3=Exit F10=Actions F12=Cancel

Wir benennen den neuen PDS „PRAKT20.REXX.EXEC . Allocate, Enter

Menu RefList Utilities Help

Allocate New Data Set

More: +

Data Set Name . . . : PRAKT20.REXX.EXEC

Management class . . . DEFAULT (Blank for default management class)
Storage class . . . PRIM90 (Blank for default storage class)
Volume serial . . . SMS001 (Blank for system default volume) **
Device type (Generic unit or device address) **
Data class (Blank for default data class)
Space units MEGABYTE (BLKS, TRKS, CYLS, KB, MB, BYTES
or RECORDS)
Average record unit (M, K, or U)
Primary quantity . . 2 (In above units)
Secondary quantity . 1 (In above units)
Directory blocks . . 5 (Zero for sequential data set) *
Record format . . . FB
Record length . . . 80
Block size 11440
Data set name type : PDS (LIBRARY, HFS, PDS, or blank) *
(YY/MM/DD, YYYY/MM/DD)

Command ==>

F1=Help F3=Exit F10=Actions F12=Cancel

Die übliche Struktur eines Partitioned Data --ets wählen

drei mal F3 Taste drücken

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1	View	Display source data or listings	Time. . . : 10:21
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7	Dialog Test	Perform dialog testing	TSO prefix: PRAKT20
8	LM Facility	Library administrator functions	System ID : DAVI
9	IBM Products	IBM program development products	MVS acct. : ACCT#
10	SCLM	SW Configuration Library Manager	Release . : ISPF 4.5
11	Workplace	ISPF Object/Action Workplace	

Enter X to Terminate using log/list defaults

Option ==> 2

F1=Help F3=Exit F10=Actions F12=Cancel

In den Editor um das REXX Programm zu schreiben. Enter

Menu RefList RefMode Utilities LMF Workstation Help

Edit Entry Panel

ISPF Library:

Project . . .	PRAKT20			
Group . . .	REXX
Type . . .	EXEC			
Member . . .	HALLOAA			(Blank or pattern for member selection list)

Other Partitioned or Sequential Data Set:

Data Set Name . . .	
Volume Serial . . .	(If not cataloged)

Workstation File:

File Name

Initial Macro	Options
Profile Name	/ Confirm Cancel/Move/Replace
Format Name	Mixed Mode
Data Set Password . . .	Edit on Workstation
	Preserve VB record length

Command ==>

F1=Help F3=Exit F10=Actions F12=Cancel

Wir schreiben unser REXX Programm in den Member HALLOAA

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File Edit Confirm Menu Utilities Compilers Test Help
-----s
EDIT          PRAKT20.REXX.EXEC(HALLOAA) - 01.00          Columns 00001 00072
*****      ***** Top of Data *****
==MSG> -Warning- The UNDO command is not available until you change
==MSG>          your edit profile using the command RECOVERY ON.
//////// /***** Programm mit REXX *****/
//////// say 'Hallo Welt'
//////// exit
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////////
Command ==>          Scroll ==> PAGE
F1=Help      F3=Exit      F5=Rfind      F6=Rchange  F12=Cancel

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So sieht das Programm aus.

Ein REXX Programm beginnt grundsätzlich mit einer Kommentar Zeile mit beliebigem Inhalt. Es ist guter Programmierstil, es mit einem „exit“ Statement abzuschließen, obwohl das nicht immer erforderlich ist.

An Stelle eines Schlüsselwortes wie print, write oder put verwendet REXX das Schlüsselwort „say“

F3 und nochmal aufrufen um das Ergebnis zu kontrollieren

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*****      ***** Top of Data *****
==MSG> -Warning- The UNDO command is not available until you change
==MSG>          your edit profile using the command RECOVERY ON.
000100 /***** Programm mit REXX *****/
000200 say 'Hallo Welt'
000300 exit
*****      ***** Bottom of Data *****

Command ==>          Scroll ==> PAGE
F1=Help      F3=Exit      F5=Rfind      F6=Rchange  F12=Cancel

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Sieht ok aus. Zwei mal F3 betätigen

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Enter X to Terminate using log/list defaults

Option ==> TSO EXEC REXX.EXEC(HALLOAA) EXEC
F1=Help F3=Exit F10=Actions F12=Cancel

Im ISPF Primary Option Menue den Befehl "TSO EXEC REXX.EXEC(HALLOAA) EXEC" eingeben.
Enter

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Hallo Welt

Und hier ist das Ergebnis. Einfach, ist es nicht ?

Wie unter der weiterführenden Literatur zu finden kann man mit REXX sehr viele Dinge machen. Hier finden Sie ein Beispiel, wie Sie einen Bruch berechnen:

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File Edit Confirm Menu Utilities Compilers Test Help
-----S
EDIT          PRAKT20.REXX.EXEC(MEXEC) - 01.00          Columns 00001 00072
***** ***** Top of Data *****
==MSG> -Warning- The UNDO command is not available until you change
==MSG>          your edit profile using the command RECOVERY ON.
000001 /*****REXX*****/
000002 /*      EXEC für Division zweier Zahlen          */
000003 /*****REXX*****/
000004 say 'Zaehler : '
000005 pull z
000006 say 'Nenner : '
000007 pull n
000008 if n=0 then say 'Division durch 0 nicht erlaubt'
000009 else do
000010   say z 'geteilt durch' n 'ist' z/n
000011   say 'oder'
000012   say z 'geteilt durch' n 'ist' z%n 'Rest' z//n
000013 end
***** ***** Bottom of Data *****

Command ==>          Scroll ==> PAGE
F1=Help      F3=Exit      F5=Rfind      F6=Rchange  F12=Cancel
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Hierfür legt man im Editor einfach einen weiteren Member neben HALLOAA an, zum Beispiel MEXEC. Die restlichen Schritte erfolgen wie bereits gehabt.

Wenn Sie die Daten nicht mehr benötigen, löschen Sie den Datensatz über das Menü, indem Sie ihn erstellt haben (ISPF -> (3) Utilities -> (2) Dataset, dort den entsprechenden Dataset mit D zum löschen markieren)

Das war es.
Herzlichen Glückwunsch!

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