

# PBASIC 2.x ENHANCED SYNTAX NOTES:

- New Control Character pre-defined constants
  - To reflect the control characters allowed by the Stamp Windows Editor
  - **LF** (10)
  - **CRSRUP** (5)
  - **CRSRDN** (6)
  - **CRSRLF** (3)
  - **CRSRRT** (4)
  - **CLRDN** (12)
  - **CLREOL** (11)
  - **CRSRXY** (2, must be followed by an X-byte and a Y-byte)
- **IF..THEN..ELSE..ENDIF**
  - Syntax: (Items in brackets ‘{}’ are optional)  
**IF** condition(s) **THEN** statement(s) { **ELSE** statement(s) }  
—OR—  
**IF** condition(s) **THEN**  
    statement(s)  
    { **ELSE** }  
        { statements(s) }  
**ENDIF**
  - Note: multiple statements can be included in the main or else parts of a single-line **IF..THEN** by inserting colons “:” in between the statements, as in:  
    **IF** condition(s) **THEN** statement1 : statement2 **ELSE** statement3 : statement4
  - Also note: **ENDIF** only required on multi-line **IF..THEN** statements.
  - Up to 16 nested **IF..THEN**s allowed.
- **DO..LOOP**
  - Syntax: (Items in brackets ‘{}’ are optional)  
**DO** { {**WHILE** | **UNTIL**} condition(s) }  
    statement(s)  
**LOOP** { {**WHILE** | **UNTIL**} condition(s) }
  - The conditional statement can appear on the **DO** (to make a 0..N iterative loop) or on the **LOOP** (to make a 1..N iterative loop) or it can be left off entirely, to make an endless loop.
  - Up to 16 nested **DO..LOOP**s allowed.
- **EXIT**
  - Causes execution to immediately move to the instruction following the end of the loop.
  - Supported inside **DO..LOOP**
  - Supported inside **FOR..NEXT**
  - Up to 16 **EXIT**s can appear in any give loop.
- **READ/WRITE** word-sized values
  - Syntax: (Items in brackets ‘{}’ are optional)  
**READ** location, { **WORD** } variable  
**WRITE** location, { **WORD** } variable

- **SELECT CASE**

- Syntax: Note: ( | ) denotes mutually exclusive items. { } denotes optional items  
**SELECT** expression  
(CASE | TCASE) ( ELSE | condition(s) )  
Statement(s)

...

**ENDSELECT**

- expression can be a variable, a constant or an expression.
  - Condition can be of the form:
    - {cond-op} #
      - cond-op is an optional conditional operator: =, <>, <, >, >= or <=
      - # is a variable, a constant or an expression.
    - OR--
    - # TO #
      - Indicates a range of the first number to the next number, inclusive.
      - Conditional operators are not allowed in this form.
  - Multiple conditions within the same case can be separated by commas “,”.
  - When a case is true, the default function is for the case’s Statement(s) to be executed, then program execution jumps to the first statement following the **ENDSELECT**.
  - **TCASE**, meaning “Through **CASE**”, behaves exactly like **CASE**, except that it causes the previous **CASE** (if executed) to continue program execution at the first statement within the **TCASE**, instead of jumping to after the **ENDSELECT**. After execution of the statements within **TCASE**, execution jumps to after **ENDSELECT**, unless followed by another **TCASE**.
- **PIN** type
    - Syntax:  
symbol **PIN** constant-expression
    - Context-sensitive symbol.
    - In situations where you expect to “read” a variable, it acts like INx.
    - In situations where you expect to “write” a variable, it acts like OUTx.
    - In situations where the Stamp expects a constant, it acts like a constant x.
    - Is always a constant when used in “pin” arguments of any command.

- **Line-continuation**

- Any line of code can be continued onto the next line by breaking the first line just after the comma “,” separating arguments or list items.
  - **BRANCH** Idx, [Label1, Label2,  
Label3, Label4]
  - **DEBUG** “Hello “,  
“World!”
  - **SELECT** X  
CASE 10, 20 TO 40,  
50 TO 60, 100 : HIGH 1 ‘pin 1 high when X = 10, 20..40, 50..60 or 100  
CASE > 100 : LOW 1 ‘Set pin 1 low when X > 100  
**ENDSELECT**

- **ON**
  - Syntax: Note: ( | ) denotes mutually exclusive items. { } denotes optional items  
**ON** expression (**GOTO** | **GOSUB**) label {, label...}
- **\$PBASIC** directive.
  - Syntax:  
‘{ \$PBASIC # }’ ;where # is 2.0 or 2.5
  - Version 2.0 is the “classic” tokenizer.
  - Version 2.5 is the “enhanced” tokenizer.
- **#IF..#THEN..#ELSE..#ENDIF** directives
  - Conditional compilation directive. Surround code to include/exclude based on condition.
  - Syntax: Similar to IF..THEN..ELSE..ENDIF. (Items in brackets ‘{ }’ are optional)  
**#IF** condition(s) **#THEN** statement(s) { **#ELSE** statement(s) } **#ENDIF**  
—OR—  
**#IF** condition(s) **#THEN**  
statement(s)  
{ **#ELSE** }  
{ statements(s) }  
**#ENDIF**
  - Condition can contain compile-time constants, defined symbols, numbers, parenthesis and the following operators:
    - =
    - >
    - <
    - <>
    - >=
    - <=
    - AND
    - OR
    - XOR
    - NOT
    - +
    - -
    - \*
    - /
    - <<
    - >>
  - Up to 16 nested #IF..#THENs allowed.
- **#SELECT #CASE** directives
  - Syntax: Similar to SELECT CASE. Note: ( | ) denotes mutually exclusive items. { } denotes optional items  
**#SELECT** expression  
**#CASE** ( **#ELSE** | condition(s) )  
Statement(s)

### **#ENDSELECT**

- expression can contain compile-time constants, defined symbols, numbers and parenthesis. It can also contain the following operators:
  - +
  - -
  - \*
  - /
  - <<
  - >>
- Condition can be of the form:
  - {cond-op} #
    - cond-op is an optional conditional operator: =, <>, <, >, >= or <=
    - # is a variable, a constant or an expression.
  - OR--
  - # TO #
    - Indicates a range of the first number to the next number, inclusive.
    - Conditional operators are not allowed in this form.
- Multiple conditions within the same case can be separated by commas “,”.
- When the first case that is true is encountered, the case's Statement(s) are compiled into the code and all other cases are ignored.

- **#DEFINE** directive

- Defines a pre-compile-time symbol that may be tested using the #IF or #SELECT directives.
- Syntax:  
**#DEFINE** symbol { = expression }.
- expression can contain compile-time constants, defined symbols, numbers and parenthesis. It can also contain the following operators:
  - +
  - -
  - \*
  - /
  - <<
  - >>
- By using the optional expression parameter, a value can be assigned to the defined symbol. For example: **#DEFINE** Mode = 5 defines a precompiler symbol called Mode that is equal to the number 5.
- By omitting the optional expression parameter, the symbol is treated as defined. This allows a simple testing method such as:

```
#DEFINE CompileAll
...
#IF CompileAll #THEN
...
#ENDIF
```

Note that if the first line, the #DEFINE, statement is removed or commented out of the code, the #IF..#THEN statement will evaluate to false (meaning the CompileAll symbol is

not defined) and the statements within the `#IF..#ENDIF` block will NOT be compiled into the code, in this case.

- **#ERROR** directive
  - Creates a user-defined error message.
  - Syntax:  
**#ERROR** TextString.
  - TextString is a string of characters and ASCII constants that will be displayed as an error message if the **#ERROR** directive is encountered during compilation.
  - This allows an error for situations that can not be, or are not, handled. For example, if a developer wrote a program that will only work on the BS2e and above, that developer can keep a user from downloading it to a BS2 with the following:

```
#IF $STAMP = BS2 #THEN
  #ERROR "Sorry, this program will only work on a BS2e or above!"
#ENDIF
```

If the user ever compiles it for a BS2, the `$STAMP` precompiler symbol will be set equal to BS2, the `#IF..#THEN` directive will evaluate to True and the **#ERROR** directive inside the `#IF..#ENDIF` block will be executed, generating a compile error with a message, "199- Sorry, this program will only work on a BS2e or above!".

The "199-" means error message number 199, which is used for user-defined errors.

- Error occurs if **FOR** found without **NEXT**
- Error occurs if **DO** found without **LOOP**
- Error occurs if multiline **IF** found without **ENDIF**
- Error occurs if **LABEL** found without colon
  - Even catches things like `PULSEOUT 1, 1000` (`PULSOUT` is misspelled)... will be thought of as a label and will cause the same error (more clear than in previous tokenizer).
- Disallows overlapping code blocks.