

#81 **Commenting Procedures**

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Use If statements when commenting code to prevent their execution

When debugging code it is often helpful to just put a certain portion aside for testing later. An easy way to do this is to just "Comment Out" the code, or use the "" character to make that line a comment. This allows you to go back and re-activate it at a later time.

When using this method, make sure that your lines are not more then 80 characters, the maximum length of a comment, or your code will be truncated.

Another way is by using an **IF ... END IF** statement with a variable flag to control whether or not the code will be executed.

For Instance...

```
`Startup Procedure
```

```
Comment:=FALSE
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```
`Sample Procedure
```

```
If (Comment)
```

```
    `Following code and comments will not be executed if variable 'comment' is false
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    `Execution speed of the entire procedure will be increased because the interpreter
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```
    `does not have to evaluate every line in the if statement.
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```
    ALL RECORDS([File1])
```

```
    DELETE SELECTION([File1])
```

```
End if
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