



Block commands on the DSLIST screen

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ISPF Line Commands and TSO commands that reference data set names may be “blocked” on a data set list screen generated by the **DSLIST** command or option 3.4. This simplifies issuing commands against multiple, consecutive data sets.

Watch this [QuickRef Academy video](#) to learn more

To select a block mark the first data set with // and then use // to complete the block. The command must follow either the beginning // or ending //, but not both.

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'mvs.protchpts.com - Mocha W32 TN3270'. The menu bar includes 'Menu', 'Options', 'View', 'Utilities', 'Compilers', and 'Help'. The main display shows the output of the 'DSLIST' command, listing data sets matching 'JKELLEY.*'. The first 17 rows are selected with the block command '//d'. The list includes data sets like 'JKELLEY.ISR0107.BACKUP' through 'JKELLEY.ISR9224.BACKUP'. The volume column shows various volumes such as 'USER05', 'OS39M1', and 'USER02'. At the bottom, function keys are defined: 'F4=TBERS', 'F5=RFind', and 'F12=Cance1'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'ONLINE', '8.5', and the time '2:25 PM'.

SDSF users may recognize this as the same block command format used in that IBM product.



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The Key Solution to z/OS Problems

Supported commands include:

Line commands (D - Delete, E - Edit, etc),

TSO Commands

- REXX or CLIST program execution.
- IDCAMS - LISTCAT, DELETE, etc.
- DFSMSHSM - HDELETE, HRECALL, etc.