Screenshot 1: ANNUITY.CBL

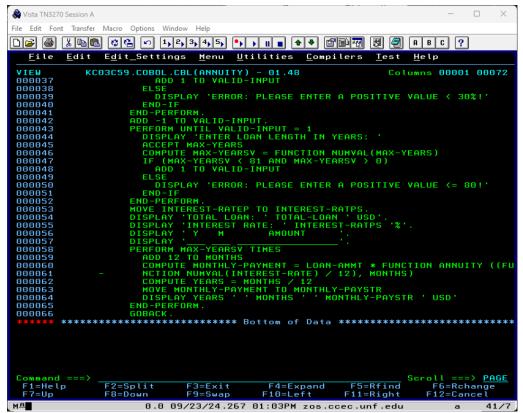
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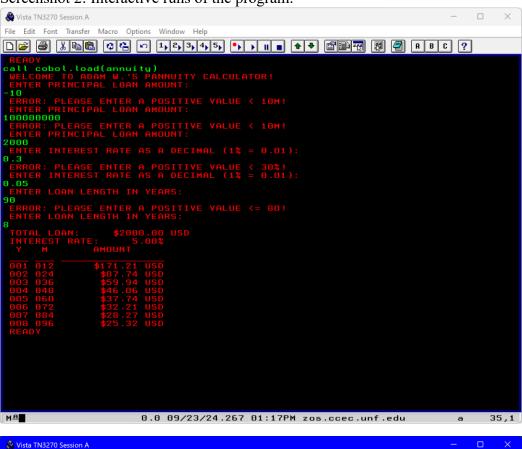
ELSE

DISPLAY 'ERROR: PLEASE ENTER A POSITIVE VALUE < 10M!'
END-IF

END-PERFORM.
ADD -1 TO VALID-INPUT.
PERFORM UNTIL VALID-INPUT = 1
DISPLAY 'ENTER INTEREST RATE AS A DECIMAL (1% = 0.01): '
ACCEPT INTEREST-RATE
COMPUTE INTEREST-RATEP = FUNCTION NUMVAL(INTEREST-RATE) * 1
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Screenshot 2: Interactive runs of the program.



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Comments:

I found this project to be more challenging than previous assignments. I had to ask for help with my JCL, since I still found it confusing, and found out that the program ID in the COBOL code didn't match the program name in the JCL file. I also had trouble dealing with input and output, since COBOL treats numeric values much differently than other newer languages do. Upon finding this out, I looked up the issue and learned about a "NUMVAL" function that could convert decimal strings to numeric data, as well as add leading/trailing zeros if the user input "2000" instead of making them enter something like "000002000000" to represent a \$200 principal amount and prevented any abends that occurred from decimal value input.

However, I couldn't find a way to check if a decimal value was numeric, and later learned that was a tradeoff in where I couldn't check if data is numeric data if the user was allowed to enter values without dealing with leading zeros, and vice versa. I was told there was a way to do this, but I couldn't find anything online to fix the issue. Since I wanted to prioritize clean looking user input over checking for numeric data, I decided to implement checks to see if users entered in data over a certain limit, or if they entered a negative value and loop until they enter valid data, which worked out well.

Overall, I am happy with the outcome of this project. I think it helped me learn much better how COBOL represents different types of data, COBOL's loops and conditionals, and how JCL might work. I also learned that logging off the mainframe saves search filters, which caused me to not see my compile jobs until I figured out how to clear them.