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Question and Answer Regarding the STRJRNLIB Command

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Q. The tip in the last issue for Journaling all files in a library seems like a long way to go for doing such a simple task. The whole thing could be done in a Control Language Program. It's probably even easier on OS/400 V5R3 with the enhancements to CL. Here's a simple program shell.

-- David Bauer

```
DSPFD      FILE(&LIB/*ALL) TYPE(*MBR) +  
           OUTPUT(*OUTFILE) FILEATR(*PF) +  
           OUTFILE(&LIB/SOMEFILE)  
  
LOOP01:    RCVF  
MONMSG     MSGID(CPF0864) EXEC(GOTO CMDLBL(ENDLOOP))  
  
STRJRNPF   FILE(&LIB/&MBFILE)  
GOTO       CMDLBL(LOOP01)  
  
ENDLOOP:  
           ENDPGM
```

A. You're of course right that there's more than one solution to accomplish this task. And your approach is just as valid as the one offered in the newsletter.

Depending on the number of times you're going to perform this task -- and who is going to do it -- it might be worth it to build a command.

The STRJRNLIB command offers the ability to set the IMAGES and OMTJRNE parameters as required in each specific situation, checks if the object is already journaled, is capable of starting to journal using both the STRJRNPF and STRJRNOBJ command dependent on object type, and documents the command's function and parameters in the attached help panel group.

In some cases, this might be -- as you point out -- overkill. However, in other cases, it may be well worth the extra effort, because it's something you have to do over and over again with changing parameters.

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