

# READNEXT Direction

When a filing system **READNEXT** call is made, the status argument is used to pass to the filing system the direction of the **READNEXT** operation (ascending or descending). The filing system uses this direction in maintaining the select pointer. If the BASIC+ [READNEXT operation](#) designates the select list as descending, the select pointer is decremented with each filing system **READNEXT** operation, rather than being incremented for an ascending **READNEXT**.