ABSTRACT

A word being used in an existing program is extracted from the existing program in a form in which a definitive to which the word is related is identified. The extracted word is assigned to one or a plurality of pallets (W04, W03, W02) in dependence upon the type of definitive to which the word is related. Each statement or command in the existing program is converted to a form that is in accordance with any of a plurality of program components in one or a plurality of pallets to which a word contained in the statement or command has been assigned.