OpenSTA

Command Line Arguments

The command line arguments for sta are shown below.

```
sta [-help] [-version] [-no_init] [-f file]

-help show help and exit

-version show version and exit

-no_init do not read ~/.sta

-no_splash do not print the splash message

-x cmd evaluate cmd

-f cmd_file source cmd_file

-threads count max use count threads
```

When the STA starts up commands are first read from the user initialization file ~/.sta if it exists. Next a command passed with the -x option is evaluated. Multiple commands can be specified in a quoted command string by separating them with semicolons. If a TCL command file is specified with -f on the command line, commands are read from the file and executed. Finally, a TCL command interpreter reads commands from standard input until the exit command is executed. The -threads option specifies how many parallel threads to use. Use -threads max to use one thread per processor.

A sample command file that reads a library and a Verilog netlist and reports timing checks is shown below.

```
read_liberty liberty.lib
read_verilog design.v
link_design top
create_clock -name clk -period 10 {clk1 clk2 clk3}
set_input_delay -clock clk 0 {in1 in2}
report_checks
```

Any number of Liberty and Verilog files can be read before linking the design. After linking the design, SDF or parasitics can be read.

An example command script using two process corners (ff and ss) is shown below.

```
read_liberty liberty.lib
read_verilog design.v
link_design top
define_corners ff ss
read_sdf -corner ff regl.sdf
read_sdf -corner ss regl_ss.sdf
create_clock -name clk -period 10 {clk1 clk2 clk3}
set_input_delay -clock clk 0 {in1 in2}
report_checks -path_delay min_max
report_checks -path_delay min_max -corner ss
report_checks -path_delay min_max -corner ff
```

TCL Interpreter

Keyword arguments to commands may be abbreviated. For example,

```
report_checks -unique
```

is equivalent to the following command.

report_checks -unique_paths_to_endpoint

Commands

all_clocks

The all_clocks command returns a list of all clocks that have been defined.

all_inputs

The all_inputs command returns a list of all input and bidirect ports of the current design.

all_outputs

The all_outputs command returns a list of all output and bidirect ports of the design.

all_registers	[-clock clock_names]
	[-cells]
	[-data_pins]
	[-clock_pins]
	[-async_pins]
	[-output_pins]
	[-level_sensitive]
	[-edge_triggered]
clock_names	A list of clock names. Only registers clocked by these
	clocks are returned.
-cells	Return a list of register instances.
-data_pins	Return the register data pins.
-clock_pins	Return the register clock pins.
-async_pins	Return the register set/clear pins.
-output_pins	Return the register output pins.
-level_sensitive	Return level-sensitive latches.
-edge_triggered	Return edge-triggered registers.

The all_registers command returns a list of register instances or register pins in the design. Options allow the list of registers to be restricted in various ways. The -clock keyword restrcts the registers to those that are clocked by a set of clocks. The -cells option returns the list of registers or latches (the default). The -data_pins, -clock_pins, -async_pins and -output_pins options cause all_registers to return a list of register pins rather than instances.

check_setup	[-verbose]
	[-unconstrained_endpoints]
	[-multiple_clock]
	[-no_clock]
	[-no_input_delay]
	[-loops]
	[-generated_clocks]
	[> filename]
	<pre>[>> filename]</pre>
-verbose	Show offending objects rather than just error counts.
-unconstrained_endpoints	Check path endpoints for timing constraints (timing check or set_output_delay).
-multiple_clock	Check register/latch clock pins for multiple clocks.
-no_clock	Check register/latch clock pins for a clock.
-no_input_delay	Check for inputs that do not have a set_input_delay command.
-loops	Check for combinational logic loops.
-generated_clocks	Check that generated clock source pins have been defined as clocks.

The ${\tt check_setup}$ command performs sanity checks on the design. Individual checks can be performed with the keywords. If no check keywords are specified all checks are performed.

connect_pins	net port_pin_list
net	A net to add connections to.
port_pin_list	A list of ports or pins to connect to net

The connect_pins command connects ports or instance pins to a net.

[-name clock_name]
[-waveform edge_list]

[-add]
[pin_list]

period The clock period.

clock name The name of the clock.

edge list A list of edge rise and fall time.

-add Add this clock to the clocks on pin_list.

pin_list A list of pins driven by the clock.

The create_clock command defines the waveform of a clock used by the design.

If no pin_list is specified the clock is *virtual*. A virtual clock can be referred to by name in input arrival and departure time commands but is not attached to any pins in the design.

If no clock name is specified the name of the first pin is used as the clock name.

If a wavform is not specified the clock rises at zero and falls at half the clock period. The waveform is a list with time the clock rises as the first element and the time it falls as the second element.

If a clock is already defined on a pin the clock is redefined using the new clock parameters. If multiple clocks drive the same pin, use the -add option to prevent the existing definition from being overwritten.

The following command creates a clock with a period of 10 time units that rises at time 0 and falls at 5 time units on the pin named clk1.

```
create_clock -period 10 clk1
```

The following command creates a clock with a period of 10 time units that is high at time zero, falls at time 2 and rises at time 8. The clock drives three pins named clk1, clk2, and clk3.

```
create_clock -period 10 -waveform {8 2} -name clk {clk1 clk2 clk3}
```

create_generated_clock	[-name clock_name]
	-source master_pin
	[-master_clock master_clock]
	[-pll_out pll_out_pin]
	<pre>[-pll_feedback pll_fdbk_pin]</pre>
	[-divide_by divisor]
	<pre>[-multiply_by multiplier]</pre>
	<pre>[-duty_cycle duty_cycle]</pre>
	[-invert]
	[-edges edge_list]
	[-edge_shift shift_list]
	[-add]
	pin_list
clock_name	The name of the generated clock.
master_pin	A pin the the fanout of the master clock that is the source of the generated clock.
master_clock	The master clock used to generate the clock waveform.
pll_out_pin	The pin from pin_list that is the phase locked loop output pin.
pll_fdbk_pin	A pin in the fanout of the <code>pll_out_pin</code> that the phased locked loop phase locks to the master clock pin.
divisor	Divide the master clock period by divisor.
multiplier	Multiply the master clock period by multiplier.
duty_cycle	The percent of the period that the generated clock is high (between 0 and 100).
-invert	Invert the master clock.
edge_list	
shift_list	Not supported.
-add	Add this clock to the clocks on pin_list.
pin_list	A list of pins driven by the clock.

The $create_generated_clock$ command is used to generate a clock from an existing clock definition. It is used to model clock generation circuits such as clock dividers and phase locked loops.

The -source, -pll_out and -pll_feedback must all be pins on the same PLL instance. The delay between the PLL out and feedback pins is removed from the source latency of the generated clock.

The -divide_by, -multiply_by and -edges arguments are mutually exclusive.

The <code>-multiply_by</code> option is used to generate a higher frequency clock from the source clock. The period of the generated clock is divided by <code>multiplier</code>. The clock <code>multiplier</code> must be a positive integer. If a duty cycle is specified the generated clock rises at zero and falls at period * duty_cycle / 100. If no duty cycle is specified the source clock edge times are divided by <code>multiplier</code>.

The <code>-divide_by</code> option is used to generate a lower frequency clock from the source clock. The clock <code>divisor</code> must be a positive integer. If the clock divisor is a power of two the source clock period is multiplied by <code>divisor</code>, the clock rise time is the same as the source clock, and the clock fall edge is one half period later. If the clock divisor is not a power of two the source clock waveform edge times are multiplied by <code>divisor</code>.

The -edges option forms the generated clock waveform by selecting edges from the source clock waveform.

If the -invert option is specified the waveform derived above is inverted.

If a clock is already defined on a pin the clock is redefined using the new clock parameters. If multiple clocks drive the same pin, use the -add option to prevent the existing definition from being overwritten.

In the example show below generates a clock named gclk1 on register output pin r1/Q by dividing it by four.

```
create_clock -period 10 -waveform {1 8} clk1
create_generated_clock -name gclk1 -source clk1 -divide_by 4 r1/Q
```

The generated clock has a period of 40, rises at time 1 and falls at time 21.

In the example shown below the duty cycle is used to define the derived clock waveform.

The generated clock has a period of 5, rises at time .5 and falls at time 3.

In the example shown below the first, third and fifth source clock edges are used to define the derived clock waveform.

```
create_generated_clock -name gclk1 -source clk1 -edges {1 3 5} r1/Q
```

The generated clock has a period of 20, rises at time 1 and falls at time 11.

This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

<pre>current_design [design]</pre>

current_instance	[instance]
instance	Not supported.

define_corners	corner_name1 [corner_name2]
corner_name	The name of a delay calculation corner.

Use the define_corners command to define the names of multiple process/temperature/voltage corners. The define_corners command must follow set_operating_conditions -analysis_type precede any reference to the corner names and can only appear once in a command file. There is no support for redefining corners.

For analysis type single, each corner has one delay calculation result and early/late path arrivals. For analysis type best_case/worst_case and on_chip_variation, each corner has min/max delay calculation results and early/late path arrivals.

delete_instance	instance_list
instance_list	A list of instances to remove.

The network editing command delete_instance removes an instance from the design.

delete_net	net_list
net_list	A list of nets to remove.

The network editing command delete_net removes a net from the design.

disconnect_pins	net port_pin_list/-all
net	The net to disconnect pins from.
port_pin_list	A list of ports or pins to disconnect from net.

Disconnects pins from a net. Parasitics connected to the pins are deleted.

elapsed_run_time

Returns the total clock run time in seconds as a float.

```
find_timing_paths
                            [-from from_list
                              |-rise_from from_list
                              |-fall_from from_list]
                            [-through through_list
                              |-rise_through through_list
                              |-fall_through through_list]
                            [-to to_list
                              -rise_to to_list
                              |-fall_to to_list]
                            [-unconstrained]
                            [-path_delay min|min_rise|min_fall
                                        |max|max_rise|max_fall
                                        |min_max]
                            [-group_count path_count]
                            [-endpoint_count endpoint_path_count]
                            [-unique_paths_to_endpoint]
                            [-corner corner_name]
                            [-slack_max max_slack]
                            [-slack_min min_slack]
                            [-sort_by_slack]
                            [-path_group group_names]
                            A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
from_list
                            A list of instances, pins or nets.
through list
                            A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
to_list
                            Return unconstrained paths.
-unconstrained
                            Report min path (hold) checks.
-path_delay min
                            Report min path (hold) checks for rising endpoints.
-path_delay min_rise
                            Report min path (hold) checks for falling endpoints.
-path_delay min_fall
```

-path_delay max	Report max path (setup) checks.
-path_delay max_rise	Report max path (setup) checks for rising endpoints.
-path_delay max_fall	Report max path (setup) checks for falling endpoints.
-path_delay min_max	Report max and max path (setup and hold) checks.
path_count	The number of paths to report in each path group.
endpoint_path_count	The number of paths to report for each endpoint.
-unique_paths_to_endpoint	Report multiple paths to an endpoint that traverse different pins without showing multiple paths with different rise/fall transitions.
corner_name	Only report paths for one process corner.
max_slack	Only report paths with less slack than max_slack.
min_slack	Only report paths with more slack than min_slack.
-sort_by_slack	Sort paths by slack rather than slack grouped by path group.
group_names	List of path group names to report. All path groups are reported if this option is not specified.

The $find_timing_paths$ command returns a list of path objects for scripting. Use the $get_property$ function to access properties of the paths.

get_cells	[-hierarchical]
	[-hsc separator]
	[-filter expr]
	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	[-of_objects objects]
	[patterns]
-hierarchical	Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance
	for matches.
separator	Character to use to separate hierarchical instance
	names in patterns.

expr A filter expression of the form

 $attribute == | \sim = pattern$

where attribute is an attribute supported by the

get_property command.

objects The name of a pin or net, a list of pins returned by

get_pins, or a list of nets returned by get_nets. The
-hierarchical option cannot be used with -of_objects.

patterns A list of cell (instance) name patterns.

The get_cells command returns a list of all cell instances that match patterns.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

get_clocks	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	patterns
-quiet	Do not report an error if patterns do not match anything.
patterns	A list of clock name patterns.

The get_clocks command returns a list of all clocks that have been defined.

Without <code>-regexp</code> Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With <code>-regexp</code> TCL regular expression matching is used. When <code>-nocase</code> is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The <code>-nocase</code> flag can only be used with <code>-regexp</code>.

get_fanin	-to sink_list
	[-flat]
	[-only_cells]
	[-startpoints_only]
	[-levels level_count]
	[-pin_levels pin_count]
	[-trace arcs timing enabled all]

sink_list

List of pins, ports, or nets to find the fanin of. For nets, the fanin of driver pins on the nets are returned.

-flat	Without -flat only pins at the same hierarchy level as the sinks are returned. With -flat pins in the fanin at any hierarchy level are returned.
-only_cells	Return the instances connected to the pins in the fanin.
-startpoints_only	Only return pins that are startpoints.
level_count	Only return pins within <code>level_count</code> instance traversals.
pin_count	Only return pins within pin_count pin traversals.
-trace_arcs	With 'timing' and 'enabled' values only arcs that are not disabled are traversed. With a value of 'all' even disabled arcs are traversed.

The $\mathtt{get_fanin}$ command returns traverses the design from $\mathtt{sink_list}$ pins, ports or nets backwards and return the fanin pins or instances.

get_fanout	-from source_list	
	[-flat]	
	[-only_cells]	
	[-endpoints_only]	
	[-levels level_count]	
	[-pin_levels pin_count]	
	[-trace_arcs timing enabled all]	

source_list	List of pins, ports, or nets to find the fanout of. For nets, the fanout of load pins on the nets are returned.
-flat	Without -flat only pins at the same hierarchy level as the sinks are returned. With -flat pins in the fanout at any hierarchy level are returned.
-only_cells	Return the instances connected to the pins in the fanout.
-endpoints_only	Only return pins that are endpoints.
level_count	Only return pins within <code>level_count</code> instance traversals.
pin_count	Only return pins within pin_count pin traversals.
-trace_arcs	With 'timing' and 'enabled' values only arcs that are not disabled are traversed. With a value of 'all' even disabled arcs are traversed.

The get_fanout command returns traverses the design from $source_list$ pins, ports or nets backwards and return the fanout pins or instances.

get_lib_cells	[-of_objects objects]
	[-hsc separator]
	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	patterns
objects	A list of cell (instance) objects.
separator	Character that separates the library name and cell name in pattern.
-quiet	Do not report an error if patterns do not match anything.
patterns	A list of library cell name patterns of the form library_name/cell_name.

The <code>get_lib_cells</code> command returns a list of library cells that match <code>pattern</code>. The library name can be prepended to the cell name pattern with the <code>separator</code> character, which defaults to <code>hierarchy_separator</code>.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

get_lib_pins	<pre>[-hsc separator] [-regexp] [-nocase] [-quiet] patterns</pre>
separator	Character that separates the library name, cell name and port name in pattern.
-quiet	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match anything.
patterns	A list of library port name patterns of the form library_name/cell_name/port_name.

The get_lib_pins command returns a list of library ports that match pattern. Use separator to separate the library and cell name patterns from the port name in pattern.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

get_libs	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	patterns
-quiet	Do not report an error if patterns do not match anything.
patterns	A list of library name patterns.

The get_libs command returns a list of clocks that match patterns.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

get_nets	[-hierarchical]
	[-hsc separator]
	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	[-of_objects objects]
	[patterns]

-hierarchical Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance	-hierarchical	Searches	hierarchy	levels	below	the	current	instance
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for matches.

separator Character that separates hierarchical instance names

and the net name in pattern.

-quiet Do not report an error if patterns do not match

anything.

objects The name of a pin or instance, a list of pins returned

by get_pins, or a list of instances returned by get_cells. The -hierarchical option cannot be used

with -of_objects.

patterns A list of net name patterns.

The get_nets command returns a list of all nets that match patterns.

Without <code>-regexp</code> Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With <code>-regexp</code> TCL regular expression matching is used. When <code>-nocase</code> is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The <code>-nocase</code> flag can only be used with <code>-regexp</code>.

get_full_name	object
object	A library, cell, port, instance, pin or timing arc object.

Return the name of object. Equivalent to [get_property object full_name].

get_name	object
object	A library, cell, port, instance, pin or timing arc object.

Return the name of object. Equivalent to [get_property object name].

get_pins	[-hierarchical]
	[-hsc separator]
	[-filter expr]
	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	[-of_objects objects]
	[patterns]

-hierarchical	Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance for matches.
separator	Character that separates hierarchical instance names and the port name in <i>pattern</i> .
-quiet	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match anything.
expr	A filter expression of the form attribute == ~= pattern where attribute is an attribute supported by the get_property command.
objects	The name of a net or instance, a list of nets returned by get_nets, or a list of instances returned by get_cells. The -hierarchical option cannot be used with -of_objects.

patterns A list of pin name patterns.

The get_pins command returns a list of all instance pins that match patterns.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

get_ports	[-filter expr]
	[-regexp]
	[-nocase]
	[-quiet]
	[-of_objects objects]
	[patterns]
-quiet	Do not report an error if patterns do not match any clocks.
expr	A filter expression of the form attribute == ~= pattern where attribute is an attribute supported by the get_property command.
objects	The name of a net, or a list of nets returned by get_nets.
patterns	A list of port name patterns.

The $\texttt{get_ports}$ command returns a list of all top level ports that match patterns.

Without -regexp Unix style file glob pattern matching is used. With -regexp TCL regular expression matching is used. When -nocase is used regular expressions are case insensitive. The -nocase flag can only be used with -regexp.

The properties for different objects types are shown below.

```
instance (cell)
```

```
ref_name
full_name
```

pin

```
direction
full_name
lib_pin_name
clocks
actual_fall_transition_min
actual_fall_transition_max
actual_rise_transition_min
actual_rise_transition_max
min_fall_slack
max_fall_slack
min_rise_slack
max_rise_slack
```

port

```
direction
full_name
actual_fall_transition_min
actual_fall_transition_max
actual_rise_transition_min
actual_rise_transition_max
min_fall_slack
max_fall_slack
min_rise_slack
max_rise_slack
```

net

full_name

liberty_port

```
direction
   full_name
liberty_cell
   base_name
   full_name
library
   name
clock
   name
   period
   sources
edge
   delay_min_fall
   delay_max_fall delay_min_rise
   delay_max_rise
path(PathEnd)
   endpoint
   endpoint_clock
   endpoint_clock_pin
   slack
   startpoint
   startpoint_clock
   points
point (PathRef)
   pin
   arrival
   required
   slack
```

objects A collection of instances or library cells. The -from

and -to options cannot be used with -of_objects.

expr A filter expression of the form

attribute == | ~= pattern

where attribute is an attribute supported by the

get_property command.

The get_timing_edges command returns a collection of timing edges (arcs) to, from or between pins. The result can be passed to get_property or set_disable_timing.

group_path -name group_name

[-weight weight]

[-critical_range range]

[-from from_list]

[-rise_from from_list]
[-fall_from from_list]
[-through through_list]
[-rise through through list]

[-rise_through through_list]
[-fall_through through_list]

[-to to_list]
[-rise_to to_list]
[-fall_to to_list]

group_name The name of the path group.

weight Not supported.

range Not supported.

from list A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

through list A list of instances, pins or nets.

The group_path command is used to group paths reported by the report_checks command. See set_false_path for a description of allowed from_list, through_list and to_list objects.

link [cell_name]

Alias for link_design.

 Link (elaborate, flatten) the design with $cell_name$ as the top level cell. The design must be linked after reading netlist and library files. The default value of $cell_name$ is the current design.

The linker creates empty "block box" cells for instances the reference undefined cells when the variable <code>link_create_black_boxes</code> is <code>true</code>. When <code>link_create_black_boxes</code> is <code>false</code> an error is reported and the link fails.

The link_design command returns 1 if the link succeeds and 0 if it fails.

make_instance	inst_names lib_cell_name
inst_names	A list of instance names.
lib_cell_name	The library cell of the new instances.

The make_instance command makes instances of library cell lib_cell_name.

make_net	net_name_list
net_name_list	A list of net names.

Creates a net for each hierarchical net name.

read_liberty	<pre>[-corner corner_name] [-min] [-max] [-no_latch_infer] filename</pre>
corner_name	Use library for process corner corner_name delay calculation.
-min	Use library for min delay calculation.
-max	Use library for max delay calculation.
filename	The name of the liberty library file to read.

The read_liberty command reads a Liberty format library file. The first library that is read sets the units used by SDC/TCL commands and reporting. The include_file attribute is supported.

Cells that have a triad of timing arcs between three pins as shown below are inferred as latches:

```
cell (infered_latch) {
 pin(D) {
    direction : input ;
    timing () {
     related_pin : "E" ;
      timing_type : setup_falling ;
    timing () {
      related_pin : "E" ;
      timing_type : hold_falling ;
 pin(E) {
   direction : input;
 pin(Q) {
    direction : output ;
    timing () {
      related_pin : "D" ;
    timing () {
      related_pin : "E" ;
      timing_type : rising_edge ;
  }
}
```

In this example a positive level-sensitive latch is inferred.

When the read_liberty -no_latch_infer flag is used latches are not inferenced. If a cell has the interface_timing true attribute, no latches are inferred in the cell.

Read SDC commands from filename.

The $read_sdc$ command stops and reports any errors encountered while reading a file unless $sta_continue_on_error$ is 1.

-analysis_type See set_operating_conditions for a description of the

analysis types.

corner_name Process corner delays to annotate.

-type Which of the three values in the SDF tuples to read

for analysis type single.

-min_type Which of the three values in the SDF tuples to read

for min paths for analysis type bc_wc or

on_chip_variation.

-max_type Which of the three values in the SDF tuples to read

for max paths for analysis type bc_wc or

on_chip_variation.

-unescaped_dividers With this option path names in the SDF do not have to escape hierarchy

dividers when the path name is escaped. For example, the escaped Verilog name "\inst1/inst2" can be referenced as "inst1/inst2". The correct SDF name is "inst1\vert inst2", since the divider does not represent a change

in hierarchy in this case.

filename The name of the SDF file to read.

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed. Compression can reduce the file to less than 10% of its original size.

INCREMENT is supported as an alias for INCREMENTAL.

The following SDF statements are not supported.

PORT

INSTANCE wildcards

read_spef [-min] [-max] [-elmore] [-path path] [-analysis_point ap] [-increment] [-keep_capacitive_coupling] [-coupling_reduction_factor factor] [-reduce_to pi_elmore|pi_pole_residue2] [-delete_after_reduce] [-quiet] [-save] filenames -elmore Ignored (for compatiblity purposes only). The name of a parasitics analysis point. ap min - annotate parasitics for min paths. max - annotate parasitics for max paths. min_max - annotate parasitics for min and max paths. The default value is min max. Hierarchical instance path to annotate with path parasitics. -increment Incrementally annotate parasitics (do not remove existing parasitics on annotated nets). -keep capacitive coupling Keep coupling capacitors in parasitic networks rather than converting them to grounded capacitors. factor Factor to multiply coupling capacitance by when reducing parasitic networks. -reduce to Reduce detailed parasitics to a PI/Elmore or PI/Pole residue model as each net is read. -delete_after_reduce Delete the detailed parasitic network after reducing it. -quiet Do not print error or warning messages. Save the parasitics database after reading it -save (OpenAccess only).

The read_spef command reads a file of net parasitics in SPEF format.

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed. Compression can reduce the file to less than 10% of its original size.

Separate parasitics can be annotated for min and max paths using the -min and -max arguments.

With the <code>-reduce_to</code> and <code>-delete_after_reduce</code> options, parasitic networks are reduced after each net is read, substantially reducing the memory footprint required to store the parasitics.

Coupling capacitors are multiplied by the <code>-coupling_reduction_factor</code> when a parasitic network is reduced.

The following SPEF constructs are ignored.

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*DESIGN_FLOW (all values are ignored)
*S slews
*D driving cell
*I pin capacitances (library cell capacitances are used instead)
*Q r_net load poles
*K r_net load residues
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If the SPEF file contains triplet values the first value is used.

read_verilog	filename
filename	The name of the verilog file to read.

The read_verilog command reads a gate level verilog netlist. After all verilog netlist and Liberty libraries are read the design must be linked with the link_design command. *filename* can be compressed with gzip.

Verilog 2001 module port declaratation support has been added. An example is shown below.

replace_cell	instance_list replacement_cell
instance_list	A list of instances to swap the cell.
replacement_cell	The replacement lib cell.

The replace_cell command changes the cell of an instance. The replacement cell must have the same port list (number, name, and order) as the instance's existing cell for the replacement to be successful.

[-setup] report_annotated_check [-hold] [-recovery] [-removal] [-nochange] [-width] [-period] [-max_skew] [-max_line lines] [-list annotated] [-list_not_annotated] [-constant_arcs] Report annotated setup checks. -setup -hold Report annotated hold checks. Report annotated recovery checks. -recovery -removal Report annotated removal checks. -nochange Report annotated nochange checks. -width Report annotated width checks. Report annotated period checks. -period Report annotated max skew checks. -max_skew lines Maximum number of lines listed by the -list_annotated and -list_not_annotated options. -list_annotated List annotated timing arcs. -list_not_annotated List unannotated timing arcs. Report separate annotation counts for arcs disabled by -constant_arcs logic constants (set_logic_one, set_logic_zero).

The report_annotated_check command reports a summary of SDF timing check annotation. The -list_annotated and -list_not_annotated options can be used to list arcs that are annotated or not annotated.

report annotated delay	[-cell]
report_annotated_deray	[-net]
	[-from_in_ports]
	[-to_out_ports]
	[-max_line <i>lines</i>]
	[-list_annotated]
	[-list_not_annotated]
	[-constant arcs]

-cell Report annotated cell delays.

-net Report annotated internal net delays.

-from_in_ports Report annotated delays from input ports.

-to out ports Report annotated delays to output ports.

lines Maximum number of lines listed by the -list_annotated

and -list_not_annotated options.

-list_annotated List annotated timing arcs.

-list_not_annotated List unannotated timing arcs.

-constant_arcs Report separate annotation counts for arcs disabled by

logic constants (set_logic_one, set_logic_zero).

The report_annotated_delay command reports a summary of SDF delay annotation. Without the - from_in_ports and -to_out_ports options annotation of arcs to and from top level ports is not reported. The -list_annotated and -list_not_annotated options can be used to list arcs that are annotated or not annotated.

report_cell	[-connections]
	[-verbose]
	instance_path
	[> filename]
	[>> filename]
-connections	Report the instance pins.
-verbose	With -connections also report all pins connected to each instance pin net.
instance_path	Hierarchical path to the instance.

The report_cell command is an alias for report_instance.

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report_checks
                            [-from from_list
                              |-rise from from list
                              |-fall_from from_list]
                            [-through through_list
                              |-rise_through through_list
                              |-fall_through through_list]
                            [-to to_list
                              |-rise_to to_list
                              |-fall_to to_list]
                            [-unconstrained]
                            [-path_delay min|min_rise|min_fall
                                        |max|max_rise|max_fall
                                        min_max]
                            [-group_count path_count]
                            [-endpoint_count endpoint_path_count]
                            [-unique_paths_to_endpoint]
                            [-corner corner_name]
                            [-slack_max max_slack]
                            [-slack_min min_slack]
                            [-sort_by_slack]
                            [-path_group group_names]
                            [-format end|full|short|summary
                                        [full_clock|full_clock_expanded]
                            [-fields fields]
                            [-digits digits]
                            [-no_line_split]
                            [> filename]
                            [>> filename]
                            A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
from_list
                            A list of instances, pins or nets.
through_list
                            A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
to list
                            Report unconstrained paths.
-unconstrained
                            Report min path (hold) checks.
-path_delay min
                            Report min path (hold) checks for rising endpoints.
-path_delay min_rise
                            Report min path (hold) checks for falling endpoints.
-path_delay min_fall
                            Report max path (setup) checks.
-path_delay max
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-path_delay max_rise	Report max path (setup) checks for rising endpoints.
-path_delay max_fall	Report max path (setup) checks for falling endpoints.
-path_delay min_max	Report max and max path (setup and hold) checks.
path_count	The number of paths to report in each path group.
endpoint_path_count	The number of paths to report for each endpoint.
-unique_paths_to_endpoint	Report multiple paths to an endpoint that traverse different pins without showing multiple paths with different rise/fall transitions.
corner_name	Only report paths for one process corner.
max_slack	Only report paths with less slack than max_slack.
min_slack	Only report paths with more slack than min_slack.
-sort_by_slack	Sort paths by slack rather than slack grouped by path group.
group_names	List of path group names to report. All path groups are reported if this option is not specified.
-format end	Report path ends with delay, required time and slack.
-format full	Report path start and end points and the path. This is the default path type.
-format full_clock	Report path start and end points, the path, and the source and and target clock paths.
-format full_clock_expanded	Report path start and end points, the path, and the source and and target clock paths. If the clock is generated and propagated, the path from the clock source pin is also reported.
-format short	Report path start and end points.
-format summary	Report path ends and delay.
fields	List of capacitance transition_time input_pins nets fanout
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default value is the variable default_significant_digits.

Do not split long lines into multiple lines.

The report_checks command reports paths in the design. See set_false_path for a description of allowed $from_list$, $through_list$ and to_list objects.

Use the -corner keyword to report timing for one process corner. With no -corner keyword report timing reports the corner with the smallest slack for each timing check.

report_clock_properties	[clock_names]
clock_names	List of clock names to report.

The report_clock_properties command reports the period and rise/fall edge times for each clock that has been defined.

report_clock_skew	[-setup -hold] [-clock <i>clocks</i>] [-digits <i>digits</i>]
-setup	Report skew for setup checks.
-hold	Report skew for hold checks.
clocks	The target clocks to report.
digits	The number of digits to report for delays.

Report the clock skew between the source and target clocks for setup or hold timing checks.

[-verbose]

[-format slack_only|end]

[-max_delay]
[-min_delay]
[-recovery]
[-removal]

[-clock_gating_setup]
[-clock_gating_hold]
[-max_transition]
[-min_transition]
[-min_pulse_width]
[-min_period]
[-digits digits]
[-no_split_lines]
[> filename]
[>> filename]

reported.

-verbose Use a verbose output format.

-format slack_only reports the minumum slack for each check.

end reports the endpoint for each check.

-max_delay Report setup and max delay path delay constraints.

-min_delay Report hold and min delay path delay constraints.

-recovery Report asynchronous recovery checks.

-removal Report asynchronous removal checks.

-clock_gating_setup Report gated clock enable setup checks.

-clock_gating_hold Report gated clock hold setup checks.

-max_transition Report max transition design rule checks.

-max_skew Report max skew design rule checks.

-min_pulse_width Report min pulse width design rule checks.

-min_period Report min period design rule checks.

-min_transition Report min transition design rule checks.

digits The number of digits after the decimal point to

report. The default is default significant digits.

-no_split_lines

The report_check_types command reports the slack for each type of timing and design rule constraint. The keyword options allow a subset of the constraint types to be reported.

report_dcalc [-from from_pin]

[-to to_pin]

[-corner corner_name]

[-min] [-max]

[-digits digits]
[> filename]
[>> filename]

from_pin An instance pin.

to_pin An instance pin.

digits The number of digits after the decimal point to

report. The default is default_significant_digits.

The report_dcalc command shows how the delays between instance pins are calculated. It is useful for debugging problems with delay calculation.

Use the <code>-corner</code> keyword to specify a process corner. The <code>-corner</code> keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

report_disabled_edges

The report_disabled_edges command reports disabled timing arcs along with the reason they are disabled. Each disabled timing arc is reported as the instance name along with the from and to ports of the arc. The disable reason is shown next. Arcs that are disabled with set_disable_timing are reported with constraint as the reason. Arcs that are disabled by constants are reported with constant as the reason along with the constant instance pin and value. Arcs that are disabled to break combinational feedback loops are reported with loop as the reason.

> report_disable_timing
u1 A B constant B=0

report_instance [-connections]

[-verbose]
instance_path
[> filename]
[>> filename]

-connections Report the pins connected to the net.

-verbose Report the capacitance of each pin.

instance_path Hierarchical path to a instance.

[> filename]
[>> filename]

cell_name The name of a library cell.

Describe the liberty library cell cell_name.

report_net [-connections]

[-verbose]

[-significant_digits digits]

net_path
[> filename]
[>> filename]

-connections Report the net pins.

-verbose With -connections also report all pins connected to

each instance pin net.

net_path
Hierarchical path to a net.

[> filename]
[>> filename]

report_power	[-instance instance]
	[-digits digits]
	[> filename]
	[>> filename]
instance	Report the power for instance.
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to
	report. The default is default_significant_digits.

Report power used by the design or a specific instance. The internal, switching, leakage and total power are reported. Design power is reported separately for combinational, sequential, macro and pad groups.

report_pulse_width_checks	[-verbose]
	[-digits digits]
	[-no_line_splits]
	[pins]
	[> filename]
	[>> filename]
-verbose	Use a verbose output format.
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to
	report. The default is default_significant_digits.
-no_line_splits	
pins	List of pins or ports to report.

The $report_pulse_width_checks$ command reports min pulse width checks for pins in the clock network. If pins is not specified all clock network pins are reported.

set_assigned_check -setup | -hold | -recovery | -removal

[-rise] [-fall]

[-corner corner_name]

[-min]
[-max]

[-from from_pins]
[-to to_pins]
[-clock rise|fall]
[-cond sdf_cond]

[-worst]
margin

-setup | -hold | -recovery | - The ti

removal

The timing check type to annotate.

-rise Annotate the rising delays.

-fall Annotate the falling delays.

corner_name The name of a process corner.

-min Annotate the minimum value of the process corner.

-max Annotate the maximum value of the process corner.

from_pins A list of pins for the clock.

to_pins A list of pins for the data.

-clock The clock pin transition.

-worst Ignored.

margin The timing check value.

The set_assigned_check command is used to annotate the timing checks between two pins on an instance. The annotated delay overrides the calculated delay. This command is a interactive way to back-annotate delays like an SDF file.

Use the <code>-corner</code> keyword to specify a process corner. The <code>-corner</code> keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

set_assigned_delay	-cell -net
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-corner corner_name]
	[-min]
	[-max]
	[-from from_pins]
	[-to to_pins]
	delay
-cell	Annotate the delays between two pins on an instance.
-net	Annotate the delays between two pins on a net.
-rise	Annotate the rising delays.
-fall	Annotate the falling delays.
-min	Annotate the minimum delays.
-max	Annotate the maximum delays.
from_pins	A list of pins.
to_pins	A list of pins.
delay	The delay between from_pins and to_pins.

The set_assigned_delay command is used to annotate the delays between two pins on an instance or net. The annotated delay overrides the calculated delay. This command is a interactive way to back-annotate delays like an SDF file.

Use the $\neg corner$ keyword to specify a process corner. The $\neg corner$ keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

set_assigned_transition	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-corner corner_name]
	[-min]
	[-max]
	slew
	pin_list
-rise	Annotate the rising transition.

-fall Annotate the falling transition.

-min Annotate the minimum transition time.

-max Annotate the maximum transition time.

slew The pin transition time.

pin_list A list of pins.

The $set_assigned_transition$ command is used to annotate the transition time (slew) of a pin. The annotated transition time overrides the calculated transition time.

Use the <code>-corner</code> keyword to specify a process corner. The <code>-corner</code> keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

set_case_analysis	0 1 zero one rise rising fall falling port_or_pin_list
port_or_pin_list	A list of ports or pins.

The set_case_analysis command sets the signal on a port or pin to a constant logic value. No paths are propagated from constant pins. Constant values set with the set_case_analysis command are propagated through downstream gates in all modes (unlike set_logic_zero, etc).

set_clock_gating_check	<pre>[-setup setup_time] [-hold hold_time] [-rise] [-fall] [-high] [-low]</pre>
	[objects]
setup_time	Clock enable setup margin.
hold_time	Clock enable hold margin.
-rise	The setup/hold margin is for the rising edge of the clock enable.
-fall	The setup/hold margin is for the falling edge of the clock enable.

-high	The gating clock is active high (pin and instance objects only).
-low	The gating clock is active low (pin and instance objects only).
objects	A list of clocks, instances, pins or ports.

The set_clock_gating_check command is used to add setup or hold timing checks for data signals used to gate clocks.

If no objects are specified the setup/hold margin is global and applies to all clock gating circuits in the design. If neither of the <code>-rise</code> and <code>-fall</code> options are used the setup/hold margin applies to the rising and falling edges of the clock gating signal.

Normally the library cell function is used to determine the active state of the clock. The clock is active high for AND/NAND functions and active low for OR/NOR functions. The <code>-high</code> and <code>-low</code> options are used to specify the active state of the clock for other cells, such as a MUX.

If multiple set_clock_gating_check commands apply to a clock gating instance he priority of the commands is shown below (highest to lowest priority).

clock enable pin
instance
clock pin
clock
global

set_clock_groups	<pre>[-name name] [-logically_exclusive] [-physically_exclusive] [-asynchronous] [-allow_paths] -group clocks</pre>
name	The clock group name.
-logically_exclusive	The clocks in different groups do not interact logically but can be physically present on the same chip. Paths between clock groups are considered for noise analysis.
-physically_exclusive	The clocks in different groups cannot be present at the same time on a chip. Paths between clock groups are not considered for noise analysis.
-asynchronous	The clock groups are asynchronous. Paths between clock groups are considered for noise analysis.

-allow_paths

clocks

A list of clocks in the group.

The set_clock_groups command is used to deifine groups of clocks that interact with each other. Clocks in different groups do not interact and paths between them are not reported. Use a <code>-group</code> argument for each clock group.

set_clock_latency	<pre>[-source] [-clock clock] [-rise] [-fall] [-min] [-max] delay objects</pre>
-source	The latency is at the clock source.
clock	If multiple clocks are defined at a pin this use this option to specify the latency for a specific clock.
-rise	The latency is for the rising edge of the clock.
-fall	The latency is for the falling edge of the clock.
-min	delay is the minimum latency.
-max	delay is the maximum latency.
delay	Clock source or insertion delay.
objects	A list of clocks, pins or ports.

The set_clock_latency command describes expected delays of the clock tree when analyzing a design using ideal clocks. Use the -source option to specify latency at the clock source, also known as insertion delay. Source latency is delay in the clock tree that is external to the design or a clock tree internal to an instance that implements a complex logic function.

set_clock_sense	[-positive]
	[-negative]
	[-pulse pulse_type]
	[-stop_propagation]
	[-clock clocks]
	pins

-positive	The clock sense is positive unite.
-negative	The clock sense is negative unite.
pulse_type	rise_triggered_high_pulse rise_triggered_low_pulse fall_triggered_high_pulse fall_triggered_low_pulse
-stop_propagation	Stop propagating clocks clocks at pins.
clocks	A list of clocks to apply the sense
pins	A list of pins.

The set_clock_sense command is used to modify the propagation of a clock signal. The clock sense is set with the -positive and -negative flags. Use the -stop_propagation flag to stop the clock from propagating beyond a pin. The -positive, -negative, -stop_propagation, and -pulse options are mutually exclusive. If the -clock option is not used the command applies to all clocks that traverse pins. The -pulse option is currently not supported.

set_clock_transition	[-rise] [-fall] [-min] [-max] transition clocks
-rise	The transition time is for the rising edge of the clock.
-fall	The transition time is for the falling edge of the clock.
-min	transition is the minimum transition time.
-max	transition is the maximum transition time.
transition	Clock transition time (slew).
clocks	A list of clocks.

The $set_clock_transition$ command describes expected transition times of the clock tree when analzying a design using ideal clocks.

set_clock_uncertainty [-from|-rise_from|-fall_from from_clock]

[-to|-rise_to|-fall_to to_clock]

[-rise]
[-fall]
[-setup]
[-hold]
uncertainty
[objects]

from_clock

to_clock

-rise The uncertainty is for the rising edge of the clock.

-fall The uncertainty is for the falling edge of the clock.

-setup uncertainty is the setup check uncertainty.

-hold uncertainty is the hold uncertainty.

uncertainty Clock uncertainty.

objects A list of clocks, ports or pins.

The set_clock_uncertainty command specifies the uncertainty or jitter in a clock.

[-rise_from from_object]
[-fall_from from_object]

[-to to_object]
[-rise_to to_object]

[-fall_to to_object]
[-setup]

[-clock clock]

margin

[-hold]

from_object A pin used as the timing check reference.

to_object A pin that the setup/hold check is applied to.

-setup Add a setup timing check.

-hold Add a hold timing check.

 ${\it clock}$ The setup/hold check clock.

margin The setup or hold time margin.

The set_data_check command is used to add a setup or hold timing check between two pins.

set_disable_inferred_clock_gatobjects ing

objects A list of clock gating instances, clock gating pins,

or clock enable pins.

The set_disable_inferred_clock_gating command disables clock gating checks on a clock gating instance, clock gating pin, or clock gating enable pin.

to_port

objects A list of instances, ports, pins, cells or [library/]cell/port.

The set_disable_timing command is used to disable paths though pins in the design. There are many different forms of the command depending on the objects specified in objects.

All timing paths though an instance are disabled when objects contains an instance. Timing checks in the instance are not disabled.

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set_disable_timing u2
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The -from and -to options can be used to restrict the disabled path to those from, to or between specific pins on the instance.

```
set_disable_timing -from A u2
set_disable_timing -to Z u2
set_disable_timing -from A -to Z u2
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A list of top level ports or instance pins can also be disabled.

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set_disable_timing u2/Z
set_disable_timing in1
```

Timing paths though all instances of a library cell in the design can be disabled by naming the cell using a hierarchy separator between the library and cell name. Paths from or to a cell port can be disabled with the -from and -to options or a port name after library and cell names.

```
set_disable_timing liberty1/snl_bufx2
set_disable_timing -from A liberty1/snl_bufx
set_disable_timing -to Z liberty1/snl_bufx
set_disable_timing liberty1/snl_bufx2/A
```

set_drive	<pre>[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] resistance port_list</pre>
-rise	This is the drive resistance of the rising edge of the input.
-fall	This is the drive resistance of the falling edge of the input.
-max	This is the drive resistance for maximum path delays.
-min	This is the drive resistance for minimum path delays.
resistance	The external drive resistance.
port_list	A list of ports.

The set_drive command describes the resistance of an input port external driver.

set_driving_cell	[-lib_cell cell_name]
200	[-library library]
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-min]
	[-max]
	[-pin <i>pin</i>]
	[-from_pin from_pin]
	[-input_transition_rise trans_rise]
	[-input_transition_fall trans_fall]
	port_list
cell_name	The cell of driver.

library	The library of the driving cell.
-rise	This is the driving cell for the rising edge of the input.
-fall	This is the driving cell for the falling edge of the input.
-max	This is the driving cell for maximum path delays.
-min	This is the driving cell for minimum path delays.
pin	The output port of the driving cell.
from_pin	Use paths through the driving cell from this pin to the output pin.
trans_rise	The transition time for a rising input at from_pin.
trans_fall	The transition time for a falling input at from_pin.
port_list	A list of ports.

The $\mathtt{set_driving_cell}$ command describes an input port external driver.

set_false_path	[-setup]
	[-hold]
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-from from_list]
	[-rise_from from_list]
	[-fall_from from_list]
	[-through through_list]
	[-rise_through through_list]
	[-fall_through through_list]
	[-to to_list]
	[-rise_to to_list]
	[-fall_to to_list]
	[-reset_path]
-setup	Only apply to setup checks.
-hold	Only apply to hold checks.

-rise Only apply to rising path edges.

-fall Only apply to falling path edges.

-reset path Remove any matching set_false_path,

set_multicycle_path, set_max_delay, set_min_delay

exceptions first.

from_list A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

through_list A list of instances, pins or nets.

The set false path command disables timing along a path from, through and to a group of design objects.

Objects in from_list can be clocks, register/latch instances, or register/latch clock pins. The -rise_from and -fall_from keywords restrict the false paths to a specific clock edge.

Objects in through_list can be nets, instances, instance pins, or hierarchical pins,. The -rise_through and -fall_through keywords restrict the false paths to a specific path edge that traverses through the object.

Objects in to_list can be clocks, register/latch instances, or register/latch clock pins. The -rise_to and -fall_to keywords restrict the false paths to a specific transition at the path end.

set_fanout_load	fanout
	port_list

This command is ignored.

set_hierarchy_separator	separator
separator	Character used to separate hierarchical names.

Set the character used to separate names in a hierarchical instance, net or pin name. This separator is used by the command interpreter to read arguments and print results. The default separator is '/'.

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set_ideal_latency [-rise] [-fall] [-min] [-max] delay objects
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The set_ideal_latency command is parsed but ignored.

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set_ideal_network [-no_propagation] objects
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The set_ideal_network command is parsed but ignored.

set_ideal_transition [-rise] [-fall] [-min] [-max] transition_time objects

The set_ideal_transition command is parsed but ignored.

set_input_delay	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-max]
	[-min]
	[-clock clock]
	[-clock_fall]
	[-reference_pin ref_pin]
	[-source_latency_included]
	<pre>[-network_latency_included]</pre>
	[-add_delay]
	delay
	port_pin_list
-rise	This is the arrival time for the rising edge of the
	input.
-fall	This is the arrival time for the falling edge of the
	input.
	-
-max	This is the minimum arrival time.
-min	This is the maximum arrival time.
clock	The arrival time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The arrival time is from the falling edge of clock
ref_pin	The arrival time is with respect to the clock that
	arrives at ref_pin.
-source_latency_included	If -source_latency_included is not specified the clock
	source latency (insertion delay) is added to the delay
	value.
-network_latency_included	If -network_latency_included is not specified and the
	clock is ideal the clock latency is added to the delay
	value.

-add_delay Add this arrival to any existing arrivals on

port_pin_list.

delay The arrival time after clock.

The set_input_delay command is used to specify the arrival time of an input signal. Unless the -add_delay option is specified, any existing arrival time is replaced.

The <code>-reference_pin</code> option is used to specify an arrival time with respect to the arrival on a pin in the clock network. For propagated clocks, the input arrival time is relative to the clock arrival time at the reference pin (the clock source latency and network latency from the clock source to the reference pin). For ideal clocks, input arrival time is relative to the reference pin clock source latency. With the <code>-clock_fall</code> flag the arrival time is relative to the falling transition at the reference pin. If no clocks arrive at the reference pin the <code>set_input_delay</code> command is ignored. If no <code>-clock</code> is specified the arrival time is with respect to all clocks that arrive at the reference pin. The <code>-source_latency_included</code> options cannot be used with <code>-reference_pin</code>.

set_input_transition	<pre>[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] transition port_list</pre>
-rise	This is the transition time for the rising edge of the input.
-fall	This is the transition time for the falling edge of the input.
-max	This is the minimum transition time.
-min	This is the maximum transition time.
transition	The transition time (slew).
port_list	A list of ports.

The set input transition command is used to specify the transition time (slew) of an input signal.

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set_level_shifter_strategy [-rule rule_type]
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This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

set_level_shifter_threshold [-voltage voltage]

This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

set_load	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-max]
	[-min]
	[-subtract_pin_load]
	[-pin_load]
	[-wire_load]
	capacitance
	objects
-rise	The capacitance is for rising edge delays.
-fall	The capacitance is for falling edge delays.
-max	The capacitance is for maximum path delays.
-min	The capacitance is for minimum path delays.
-subtract_pin_load	Subtract the capacitance of all instance pins connected to the net from wire capacitance.
-pin_load	<pre>capcitance is external instance pin capacitance (ports only).</pre>
-wire_load	capcitance is external wire capacitance (ports only).
capacitance	The capacitance, in library capacitance units.
objects	A list of nets or ports.

The set_load command annotates capacitance on a net or port.

Ports can have external wire or pin capacitance that is annotated separately with the <code>-pin_load</code> and <code>-wire_load</code> options. Without the <code>-pin_load</code> and <code>-wire_load</code> options pin capacitance is annotated. External capacitances are used by delay calculator to find output driver delays and transition times.

Net wire capacitance can also be annotated with the set_load command. If the -subtract_pin_load option is specified the capacitance of all instance pins connected to the net is subtracted from capacitance.

port_pin_list

List of ports or pins.

Set a port or pin to a constant unknown logic value. No paths are propagated from constant pins.

set_logic_one

port_list

port_pin_list

List of ports or pins.

Set a port or pin to a constant logic one value. No paths are propagated from constant pins.

set_logic_zero

port_list

port_pin_list

List of ports or pins.

Set a port or pin to a constant logic zero value. No paths are propagated from constant pins.

set_max_area

area

area

The set_max_area command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

set_max_capacitance

capacitance

objects

capacitance

objects

List of ports or cells.

The set_max_capacitance command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

[-rise] set_max_delay [-fall] [-from from_list] [-rise_from from_list] [-fall_from from_list] [-through through list] [-rise_through through_list] [-fall_through through_list] [-to to_list] [-rise_to to_list] [-fall_to to_list] [-reset path] [-ignore_clock_latency] delay Only constrain paths to rising edges. -rise Only constrain paths to falling edges. -fall A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins. from_list A list of instances, pins or nets. through_list A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins. to_list Ignore clock latency at the source and target -ignore_clock_latency registers. Remove any matching set_false_path, -reset_path set_multicycle_path, set_max_delay, set_min_delay exceptions first. The maximum delay. delay

The set_max_delay command constrains the maximum delay through combinational logic paths. See set_false_path for a description of allowed $from_list$, $through_list$ and to_list objects. If the to_list ends at a timing check the setup/hold time is included in the path delay.

When the <code>-ignore_clock_latency</code> option is used clock latency at the source and destination of the path delay is ignored. The constraint is reported in the default path group (<code>**default**</code>) rather than the clock path group when the path ends at a timing check.

set_max_dynamic_power power [unit]

The set_max_dynamic_power command is ignored.

set_max_fanout fanout

objects

fanout

objects List of ports or cells.

The set max fanout command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

The set_max_leakage_power command is ignored.

delay objects

delay

The maximum time the latches can borrow.

objects List of clocks, instances or pins.

The set_max_time_borrow command specifies the maximum amount of time that latches can borrow. Time borrowing is the time that a data input to a transparent latch arrives after the latch opens.

The set_max_transition command is specifies the maximum transition time (slew) design rule checked by the report_constraint -max_transition command.

If specified for a design, the default maximum transition is set for the design.

If specified for a clock, the maximum transition is applied to all pins in the clock domain. The <code>-clock_path</code> option restricts the maximum transition to clocks in clock paths. The <code>-data_ input</code> option restricts the maximum transition to clocks data paths. The <code>-clock_path</code>, <code>-data_path</code>, <code>-rise</code> and <code>-fall</code> options only apply to clock objects.

set_min_capacitance	capacitance objects
capacitance	
objects	List of ports or cells.

The set_min_capacitance command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

set_min_delay	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-from from_list]
	[-rise_from from_list]
	[-fall_from from_list]
	[-through through_list]
	[-rise_through through_list]
	[-fall_through through_list]
	[-to to_list]
	[-rise_to to_list]
	[-fall_to to_list]
	[-ignore_clock_latency]
	[-reset_path]
	delay
-rise	Only constrain paths to rising edges.
-fall	Only constrain paths to falling edges.
from_list	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
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through_list	A list of instances, pins or nets.
to_list	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
-ignore_clock_latency	Ignore clock latency at the source and target registers.
-reset_path	Remove any matching set_false_path, set_multicycle_path, set_max_delay, set_min_delay exceptions first.
delay	The minimum delay.

The set_min_delay command constrains the minimum delay through combinational logic. See set_false_path for a description of allowed $from_list$, $through_list$ and to_list objects. If the to_list ends at a timing check the setup/hold time is included in the path delay.

When the $-ignore_clock_latency$ option is used clock latency at the source and destination of the path delay is ignored. The constraint is reported in the default path group (**default**) rather than the clock path group when the path ends at a timing check.

set_min_pulse_width	[-high] [-low] min_width objects
-high	Set the minimum high pulse width.
-low	Set the minimum low pulse width.
min_width	
objects	List of pins, instances or clocks.

If -low and -high are not specified the minimum width applies to both high and low pulses.

set_multicycle_path	[-setup]
	[-hold]
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-start]
	[-end]
	[-from from_list]
	[-rise_from from_list]
	<pre>[-fall_from from_list]</pre>
	[-through through_list]
	[-rise_through through_list]
	<pre>[-fall_through through_list]</pre>
	[-to to_list]
	[-rise_to to_list]
	[-fall_to to_list]
	[-reset_path]
	path_multiplier
-setup	Only apply to setup checks.
-hold	Only apply to hold checks.
-rise	Only apply to rising path edges.
-fall	Only apply to falling path edges.

-start Multiply the source clock period by period_multiplier.

-end Multiply the target clock period by period_multiplier.

-reset path Remove any matching set_false_path,

set_multicycle_path, set_max_delay, set_min_delay

exceptions first.

from_list A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

through_list A list of instances, pins or nets.

path_multiplier The number of clock periods to add to the path

required time.

Normally the path between two registers or latches is assumed to take one clock cycle. The set_multicycle_path command overrides this assumption and allows multiple clock cycles for a timing check. See set_false_path for a description of allowed from_list, through_list and to_list objects.

set_operating_conditions [-analysis_type single|bc_wc|on_chip_variation]

[-library lib]
[condition]

[-min min_condition]
[-max max_condition]
[-min_library min_lib]
[-max_library max_lib]

single Use one operating condition for min and max paths.

bc_wc Best case, worst case analysis. Setup checks use

max_condition for clock and data paths. Hold checks
use the min_condition for clock and data paths.

on_chip_variation The min and max operating conditions represent

variations on the chip that can occur simultaineously.

Setup checks use max_condition for data paths and min_condition for clock paths. Hold checks use min_condition for data paths and max_condition for clock paths. This is the default analysis type.

lib The name of the library that contains condition.

condition The operating condition for analysis type single.

min_condition	The operating condition to use for min paths and hold checks.
max_condition	The operating condition to use for max paths and setup checks.
min_lib	The name of the library that contains min_condition.
max_lib	The name of the library that contains max_condition.

The $\mathtt{set_operating_conditions}$ command is used to specify the type of analysis performed and the operating conditions used to derate library data.

set_output_delay	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-max]
	[-min]
	[-clock clock]
	[-clock_fall]
	[-reference_pin ref_pin]
	[-source_latency_included]
	<pre>[-network_latency_included]</pre>
	[-add_delay]
	delay
	port_pin_list
-rise	This is the arrival time for the rising edge of the
	input.
-fall	This is the arrival time for the falling edge of the
	input.
-max	This is the minimum arrival time.
-min	This is the maximum arrival time.
clock	The departure time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The departure time is from the falling edge of $clock$.
ref_pin	The departure time is with respect to the clock that
	arrives at ref_pin.

-add_delay Add this departure to any existing arrivals on

port_pin_list.

delay The departure time after clock.

pin port list A list of pins or ports.

The set_output_delay command is used to specify the departure time of an output signal. Unless the -add_delay option is specified any existing departure time is replaced.

The <code>-reference_pin</code> option is used to specify a departure time with respect to the arrival on a pin in the clock network. For propagated clocks, the output departure time is relative to the clock arrival time at the reference pin (the clock source latency and network latency from the clock source to the reference pin). For ideal clocks, output departure time is relative to the reference pin clock source latency. With the <code>-clock_fall</code> flag the departure time is relative to the falling transition at the reference pin. If no clocks arrive at the reference pin the <code>set_output_delay</code> command is ignored. If no <code>-clock</code> is specified the departure time is with respect to all clocks that arrive at the reference pin. The <code>-source_latency_included</code> and <code>-network_latency_included</code> options cannot be used with <code>-reference_pin</code>.

set_port_fanout_number	[-min] [-max] fanout port_list
-min	The fanout for minimum path delay calculation.
-max	The fanout for maximum path delay calculation.
fanout	The external fanout of the ports.
port_list	A list of ports.

set_propagated_clock	objects
objects	A list of clocks, ports or pins.

The set_propagated_clock command changes a clock tree from an ideal network that has no delay one that uses calculated or back-annotated gate and interconnect delays. When objects is a port or pin, clock delays downstream of the object are used.

set_pvt	<pre>instances [-min] [-max] [-process process] [-voltage voltage] [-temperature temperature]</pre>
instances	A list instances.
-min	Only set the PVT values for max delay paths.
-max	Only set the PVT values for min delay paths.
process	A process value (float).
voltage	A voltage value (float).

The set_pvt command sets the process, voltage and temperature values used during delay calculation for a specific instance in the design.

A temperature value (float).

temperature

set_timing_derate	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-early]
	[-late]
	[-clock]
	[-data]
	[-net_delay]
	[-cell_delay]
	[-cell_check]
	derate
	[objects]
-early	Derate early (min) paths.
-late	Derate late (max) paths.
-clock	Derate paths in the clock network.
-data	Derate data paths.

-net_delay Derate net (interconnect) delays.

-cell_delay Derate cell delays.

-cell_check Derate cell timing check margins.

derate The derating factor (0.0 to 1.0).

objects A list of instances, library cells, or nets.

The set_timing_derate command is used to derate delay calculation results used by the STA. If the -early and -late flags are omitted the both min and max paths are derated. If the -clock and -data flags are not used the derating both clock and data paths are derated.

Use the unset_timing_derate command to remove all derating factors.

set_resistance	[-max] [-min] resistance net_list
-min	The resistance for minimum path delay calculation.
-max	The resistance for maximum path delay calculation.
resistance	The net resistance.
net_list	A list of nets.

set_units	[-capacitance cap_unit]
	[-resistance res_unit]
	[-time time_unit]
	[-voltage voltage unit]
	[-current current unit]
	[-power power unit]
cap unit	The capacitance scale factor followed by `f'.
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res unit	The resistance scale factor followed by 'ohm'.
_	
time unit	The time scale factor followed by 's'.

voltage_unit	The voltage scale factor followed by 'v'.
current_unit	The current scale factor followed by 'A'.
power_unit	The power scale factor followed by 'w'.

Th set_units command is used to change the units used by the STA command interpreter when parsing commands and reporting results.

Units are specified as a scale factor followed by a unit name. The scale factors are as follows.

M 1E+6 k 1E+3 m 1E-3 u 1E-6 n 1E-9 p 1E-12 f 1E-15

segmented

An example of the set_units command is shown below.

set_units -time ns -capacitance pF -current mA -voltage V -resistance kOhm

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set_wire_load_min_block_size size
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The set_wire_load_min_block_size command is not supported.

set_wire_load_mode	top enclosed segmented
top	
enclosed	

The set_wire_load_mode command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

set_wire_load_model	-name model_name
	[-library library]
	[-max]
	[-min]
	[objects]
model name	The name of a wire load model.

library to look for model_name.

-max The wire load model is for maximum path delays.

-min The wire load model is for minimum path delays.

objects Not supported.

set_wire_load_selection_group [-library library]

[-max]
[-min]
group_name
[objects]

library to look for group_name.

-max The wire load selection is for maximum path delays.

-min The wire load selection is for minimum path delays.

objects Not supported.

The set_wire_load_selection_group command is parsed but not supported.

source	[-echo]
	[-verbose]
	filename
	> filename]
	>> filename]
-echo	Print each command before evaluating it.
-verbose	Print each command before evaluating it as well as the result it returns.

The name of the file containing commands to read.

Read STA/SDC/Tcl commands from filename.

filename

The source command stops and reports any errors encountered while reading a file unless $sta_continue_on_error$ is 1.

unset_case_analysis	port_or_pin_list
port_or_pin_list	A list of ports or pins.

The $unset_case_analysis$ command removes the constant values defined by the $set_case_analysis$ command.

unset_clock_latency	[-source] objects
-source	Specifies source clock latency (clock insertion delay).
objects	A list of clocks, pins or ports.

The $unset_clock_latency$ command removes the clock latency set with the $set_clock_latency$ command.

unset_clock_transition	clocks
clocks	A list of clocks.

The $unset_clock_transition$ command removes the clock transition set with the $set_clock_transition$ command.

-fall

unset_clock_uncertainty	<pre>[-from -rise_from -fall_from from_clock]</pre>
	<pre>[-to -rise_to -fall_to to_clock]</pre>
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-setup]
	[-hold]
	[objects]
from_clock	
to_clock	
-rise	The uncertainty is for the rising edge of the clock.

The uncertainty is for the falling edge of the clock.

-setup uncertainty is the setup check uncertainty.

-hold uncertainty is the hold uncertainty.

uncertainty Clock uncertainty.

objects A list of clocks, ports or pins.

The $unset_clock_uncertainty$ command removes clock uncertainty defined with the $set_clock_uncertainty$ command.

[-rise_from from_object]
[-fall_from from_object]

[-to to_object]

[-rise_to to_object]
[-fall_to to_object]

[-setup] [-hold]

[-clock clock]

from_object A pin used as the timing check reference.

to_object A pin that the setup/hold check is applied to.

-setup Add a setup timing check.

-hold Add a hold timing check.

clock The setup/hold check clock.

The unset_clock_transition command removes a setup or hold check defined by the set_data_check command.

unset_disable_inferred_clock_gobjects ating

objects A list of clock gating instances, clock gating pins,

or clock enable pins.

The unset_disable_inferred_clock_gating command removes a previous set_disable_inferred_clock_gating command.

unset_disable_timing	[-from from_port] [-to to_port]
	objects
from_port	
to_port	
objects	A list of instances, ports, pins, cells or [library/]cell/port.

The $unset_disable_timing$ command is used to remove the effect of previous $set_disable_timing$ commands.

unset_input_delay	<pre>[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] [-clock clock] [-clock_fall] port_pin_list</pre>
-rise	This is the arrival time for the rising edge of the input.
-fall	This is the arrival time for the falling edge of the input.
-max	This is the minimum arrival time.
-min	This is the maximum arrival time.
clock	The arrival time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The arrival time is from the falling edge of $clock$
pin_port_list	A list of pins or ports.

The unset_input_delay command removes a previously defined set_input_delay.

unset_output_delay	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-max]
	[-min]
	[-clock clock]
	[-clock_fall]
	port_pin_list
-rise	This is the arrival time for the rising edge of the input.
-fall	This is the arrival time for the falling edge of the input.
-max	This is the minimum arrival time.
-min	This is the maximum arrival time.
clock	The arrival time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The arrival time is from the falling edge of $clock$
pin_port_list	A list of pins or ports.

The unset_output_delay command a previously defined set_output_delay.

unset_path_exceptions	[-setup]
	[-hold]
	[-rise]
	[-fall]
	[-from from_list]
	[-rise_from from_list]
	[-fall_from from_list]
	[-through through_list]
	[-rise_through through_list]
	[-fall_through through_list]
	[-to to_list]
	[-rise_to to_list]
	[-fall_to to_list]
-setup	Only apply to setup checks.

-hold	Only apply to hold checks.
-rise	Only apply to rising path edges.
-fall	Only apply to falling path edges.
from_list	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
through_list	A list of instances, pins or nets.
to_list	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

The $unset_path_exceptions$ command removes any matching set_false_path , $set_multicycle_path$, set_max_delay , and set_min_delay exceptions.

unset_propagated_clock	objects
objects	A list of clocks, ports or pins.

Remove a previous set_propagated_clock command.

unset_timing_derate

Remove all derating factors set with the set_timing_derate command.

update_timing	[-full]
-full	Update all arrivals from scratch (non-incrementally).

The update_timing command updates the arrival times for all pins in the design.

user_run_time

Returns the total user cpu run time in seconds as a float.

with_output_to_variable	var { commands }	
var	The name of a variable to save the output of ${\it commands}$ to.	
commands	TCL commands that the output will be redirected from.	

The with_output_to_variable command redirects the output of TCL commands to a variable.

write_sdc	<pre>[-no_timestamp] [-digits digits] filename</pre>
-no_timestamp	Do not include a time and date in the SDC file.
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is 4.
filename	The name of the file to write the constraints to.

Write the constraints for the design in SDC format to filename.

write_sdf	[-corner corner_name]
	[-divider / .]
	[-digits digits]
	[-gzip]
	[-no_timestamp]
	[-no_version]
	filename
corner_name	Process corner delays to write.
-divider	Divider to use between hierarchy levels in pin and
	instance names. Must be '/' or '.'.
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to
-	report. The default is 4.
-gzip	Write a gzip compressed file.
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-no_timestamp	Do not write a DATE statement.
-no_version	Do not write a VERSION statement.
-110_VELS1011	DO HOU WITTE A VERSION Statement.
filename	The name of the file to write the constraints to.
digits	The number of digits after the decimal point to
	report. The default is 4.

Write the delay calculation delays for the design in SDF format to filename. The SDF TIMESCALE is same as the time_unit in the first liberty file read.

write_path_spice	-path_args path_args -spice_directory spice_directory -lib_subckt_file lib_subckts_file -model_file model_file -power power -ground ground
path_args	-from -through -to arguments as in report_checks.
spice_directory	Spice output directory.
lib_subckts_file	Cell transistor level subckts.
model_file	Transistor model definitions .included by spice_file.
power	Voltage supply name in voltage_map of the default liberty library.
ground	Ground supply name in voltage_map of the default liberty library.

The write_path_spice command writes a spice netlist for timing paths. Use <code>path_args</code> to specify <code>-from/-through/-to</code> as arguments to the <code>find_timing_paths</code> command. For each path, a spice netlist and the subckts referenced by the path are written in <code>spice_directory</code>. The spice netlist is written in <code>path_<id>.sp</code> and subckt file is <code>path_<id>.subckt</code>.

The spice netlists used by the path are written to $subckt_file$, which spice_file .includes. The device models used by the spice subckt netlists in $model_file$ are also .included in spice_file. Power and ground names are specified with the -power and -ground arguments. The spice netlist includes a piecewise linear voltage source at the input and .measure statement for each gate delay and pin slew.

Variables

hierarchy_separator	Any character.

The hierarchy_separator separates instance names in a hierarchical instance, net, or pin name. The default value is '/'.

link_make_black_boxes	0 1

When link_make_black_boxes is 1 the link_design command will make empty "black box" cells for instances that reference undefined cells. The default value is 1.

<pre>power_default_signal_toggle_rate</pre>	float

The toggle rate used to find switching power for non-clock signal. The default value is 0.1.

sta_bidirect_net_paths_enabled

0 | 1

When set to 0, paths from bidirectional (inout) ports back through nets are disabled. When set to 1, paths from bidirectional paths from the net back into the instance are enabled. The default value is 0.

sta_continue_on_error

0 | 1

The source and $read_sdc$ commands stop and report any errors encountered while reading a file unless $sta_continue_on_error$ is 1. The default value is 1.

sta_crpr_mode

same_pin|same_transition

When the data and clock paths of a timing check overlap (see sta_crpr_enabled), pessimism is removed independent of whether of the path rise/fall transitions. When sta_crpr_mode is same_transition, the pessimism is only removed if the path rise/fall transitions are the same. The default value is same_pin.

sta_cond_default_arcs_enabled

0 | 1

When set to 0, default timing arcs with no condition (Liberty timing arcs with no "when" expression) are disabled if there are other conditional timing arcs between the same pins. The default value is 1.

sta_crpr_enabled

0 | 1

During min/max timing analysis for on_chip_variation the data and clock paths may overlap. For a setup check the maximum path delays are used for the data and the minimum path delays are used for the clock. Because the gates cannot simultaneously have minimum and maximum delays the timing check slack is pessimistic. This pessimism is known as Common Reconvergent Pesssimism Removal, or "CRPR". Enabling CRPR slows down the analysis. The default value is 1.

sta_dynamic_loop_breaking

0 | 1

When sta_dynamic_loop_breaking is 0, combinational logic loops are disabled by disabling a timing arc that closes the loop. When sta_dynamic_loop_breaking is 1, all paths around the loop are reported. The default value is 0.

sta gated clock checks enabled

0 | 1

When $sta_gated_clock_checks_enabled$ is 1, clock gating setup and hold timing checks are checked. The default value is 1.

sta_input_port_default_clock

0 | 1

When sta_input_port_default_clock is 1 a default input arrival is added for input ports that do not have an arrival time specified with the set_input_delay command. The default value is 0.

sta_internal_bidirect_instance_paths_enabled 0 | 1

When set to 0, paths from bidirectional (inout) ports back into the instance are disabled. When set to 1, paths from bidirectional ports back into the instance are enabled. The default value is 0.

sta_pocv_enabled 0 | 1

Enable parametric on chip variation using statistical timing analysis. The default value is 0.

sta_propagate_all_clocks 0 | 1

All clocks defined after sta_propagate_all_clocks is set to 1 are propagated. If it is set before any clocks are defined it has the same effect as

set_propagated_clock [all_clocks]

after all clocks have been defined. The default value is 0.

sta_propagate_gated_clock_enable 0 | 1

When set to 1, paths of gated clock enables are propagated through the clock gating instances. If the gated clock controls sequential elements setting sta_propagate_gated_clock_enable to 0 prevents spurious paths from the clock enable. The default value is 1.

sta_recovery_removal_checks_enabled 0 | 1

When sta_recovery_removal_checks_enabled is 0, recovery and removal timing checks are disabled. The default value is 1.

sta_report_default_digits integer

The number of digits to print after a decimal point. The default value is 2.

sta_preset_clear_arcs_enabled 0 | 1

When set to 1, paths through asynchronous preset and clear timing arcs are searched. The default value is 0.

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