

# OpenSTA

## Command Line Arguments

The command line arguments for sta are shown below.

```
sta [-help] [-version] [-no_init]
    -help          show help and exit
    -version       show version and exit
    -no_init       do not read ~/.sta
    -no_splash     do not print the splash message
    -threads count|max use count threads
    -exit          exit after reading cmd_file
    cmd_file      source cmd_file
```

When the STA starts up commands are first read from the user initialization file `~/.sta` if it exists. If a TCL command file *cmd\_file* is specified, commands are read from the file and executed before entering an interactive TCL command interpreter. If `-exit` is specified the application exits after reading *cmd\_file*. Use the TCL exit command to exit the application. 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 example1_slow.lib
read_verilog example1.v
link_design top
read_sdf example1.sdf
create_clock -name clk -period 10 {clk1 clk2 clk3}
set_input_delay -clock clk 0 {in1 in2}
report_checks
```

This example can be found in `examples/example1.tcl`.

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 three process corners and +/-10% min/max derating is shown below.

```
define_corners wc typ bc
read_liberty -corner wc example1_slow.lib
read_liberty -corner typ example1_typ.lib
read_liberty -corner bc example1_fast.lib
read_verilog example1.v
link_design top
set_timing_derate -early 0.9
set_timing_derate -early 1.1
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 -corner typ
```

This example can be found in `examples/example5.tcl`. Other examples can be found in the directory `examples`.

## 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

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### **all\_clocks**

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

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### **all\_inputs**

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

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### **all\_outputs**

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

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<b>all_registers</b>	<code>[-clock <i>clock_names</i>]</code> <code>[-cells]</code> <code>[-data_pins]</code> <code>[-clock_pins]</code> <code>[-async_pins]</code> <code>[-output_pins]</code> <code>[-level_sensitive]</code> <code>[-edge_triggered]</code>
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<i>clock_names</i>	A list of clock names. Only registers clocked by these clocks are returned.
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<code>-cells</code>	Return a list of register instances.
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<code>-data_pins</code>	Return the register data pins.
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<code>-clock_pins</code>	Return the register clock pins.
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-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 restricts 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.

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<b>check_setup</b>	[-verbose] [-unconstrained_endpoints] [-multiple_clock] [-no_clock] [-no_input_delay] [-loops] [-generated_clocks] [> <i>filename</i> ] [>> <i>filename</i> ]
-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 `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.

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<b>connect_pin</b>	<i>net</i> <i>port pin</i>
<i>net</i>	A net to add connections to.
<i>port</i>	A port to connect to <i>net</i> .
<i>Pin</i>	A pin to connect to <i>net</i> .

The connect\_pin command connects a port or instance pin to a net.

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<b>create_clock</b>	-period <i>period</i> [-name <i>clock_name</i> ] [-waveform <i>edge_list</i> ] [-add] [ <i>pin_list</i> ]
<i>period</i>	The clock period.
<i>clock_name</i>	The name of the clock.
<i>edge_list</i>	A list of edge rise and fall time.
-add	Add this clock to the clocks on <i>pin_list</i> .
<i>pin_list</i>	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 waveform 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
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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}
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<b>create_generated_clock</b>	<code>[-name <i>clock_name</i>] -source <i>master_pin</i> [-master_clock <i>master_clock</i>] [-pll_out <i>pll_out_pin</i>] [-pll_feedback <i>pll_fdbk_pin</i>] [-divide_by <i>divisor</i>] [-multiply_by <i>multiplier</i>] [-duty_cycle <i>duty_cycle</i>] [-invert] [-edges <i>edge_list</i>] [-edge_shift <i>shift_list</i>] [-add] <i>pin_list</i></code>
<i>clock_name</i>	The name of the generated clock.
<i>master_pin</i>	A pin the the fanout of the master clock that is the source of the generated clock.
<i>master_clock</i>	The master clock used to generate the clock waveform.
<i>pll_out_pin</i>	The pin from <i>pin_list</i> that is the phase locked loop output pin.
<i>pll_fdbk_pin</i>	A pin in the fanout of the <i>pll_out_pin</i> that the phased locked loop phase locks to the master clock pin.
<i>divisor</i>	Divide the master clock period by <i>divisor</i> .
<i>multiplier</i>	Multiply the master clock period by <i>multiplier</i> .
<i>duty_cycle</i>	The percent of the period that the generated clock is high (between 0 and 100).
-invert	Invert the master clock.
<i>edge_list</i>	
<i>shift_list</i>	Not supported.
-add	Add this clock to the clocks on <i>pin_list</i> .
<i>pin_list</i>	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 `-multiply_by` option is used to generate a higher frequency clock from the source clock. The period of the generated clock is divided by *multiplier*. The clock *multiplier* must be a positive integer. If a duty cycle is specified the generated clock rises at zero and falls at  $\text{period} * \text{duty\_cycle} / 100$ . If no duty cycle is specified the source clock edge times are divided by *multiplier*.

The `-divide_by` option is used to generate a lower frequency clock from the source clock. The clock *divisor* must be a positive integer. If the clock divisor is a power of two the source clock period is multiplied by *divisor*, 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 *divisor*.

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.

```
create_generated_clock -name gclk1 -source clk1 -duty_cycle 50 \
    -multiply_by 2 r1/Q
```

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

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<b>create_voltage_area</b>	<code>[-name <i>name</i>]</code>
	<code>[-coordinate <i>coordinates</i>]</code>
	<code>[-guard_band_x <i>guard_x</i>]</code>
	<code>[-guard_band_y <i>guard_y</i>]</code>
	<code><i>cells</i></code>

This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

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<b>current_design</b>	<i>[design]</i>
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<b>current_instance</b>	<i>[instance]</i>
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<i>instance</i>	Not supported.
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<b>define_corners</b>	<i>corner_name1 [corner_name2]...</i>
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<i>corner_name</i>	The name of a delay calculation corner.
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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` and precede any reference to the corner names and can only appear once in a command file. There is no support for re-defining 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.

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<b>delete_clock</b>	<i>[-all] clocks</i>
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<i>clocks</i>	A list of clocks to remove.
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<b>delete_from_list</b>	<i>list objects</i>
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<i>list</i>	A list of objects.
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<i>objects</i>	A list of objects to delete from <i>list</i> .
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<b>delete_generated_clock</b>	<i>[-all] clocks</i>
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<i>clocks</i>	A list of generated clocks to remove.
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<b>delete_instance</b>	<i>instance</i>
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<i>instance</i>	An instance to delete.
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The network editing command delete\_instance removes an instance from the design.

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<b>delete_net</b>	<i>net</i>
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<i>net</i>	A nets to delete.
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The network editing command delete\_net removes a net from the design.

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<b>disconnect_pin</b>	<i>net</i> <i>port pin -all</i>
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<i>net</i>	The net to disconnect pins from.
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<i>port</i>	A port to connect to <i>net</i> .
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<i>pin</i>	A pin to connect to <i>net</i> .
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-all	Disconnect all pins from the net.
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Disconnects a port or pin from a net. Parasitics connected to the pin are deleted.

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<b>elapsed_run_time</b>
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Returns the total clock run time in seconds as a float.



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

<i>path_count</i>	The number of paths to report in each path group.
<i>endpoint_path_count</i>	The number of paths to report for each endpoint.
<i>-unique_paths_to_endpoint</i>	Report multiple paths to an endpoint that traverse different pins without showing multiple paths with different rise/fall transitions.
<i>corner_name</i>	Only report paths for one process corner.
<i>max_slack</i>	Only report paths with less slack than <i>max_slack</i> .
<i>min_slack</i>	Only report paths with more slack than <i>min_slack</i> .
<i>-sort_by_slack</i>	Sort paths by slack rather than slack grouped by path group.
<i>group_names</i>	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.

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<b>get_cells</b>	[-hierarchical] [-hsc <i>separator</i> ] [-filter <i>expr</i> ] [-regexp] [-nocase] [-quiet] [-of_objects <i>objects</i> ] [ <i>patterns</i> ]
<i>-hierarchical</i>	Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance for matches.
<i>separator</i>	Character to use to separate hierarchical instance names in <i>patterns</i> .
<i>expr</i>	A filter expression of the form <i>attribute</i> == ~= <i>pattern</i> where <i>attribute</i> is an attribute supported by the <code>get_property</code> 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`.

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<b>get_clocks</b>	<code>[-regexp]</code> <code>[-nocase]</code> <code>[-quiet]</code> <i>patterns</i>
<code>-quiet</code>	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match anything.
<i>patterns</i>	A list of clock name patterns.

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

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`.

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<b>get_fanin</b>	<code>-to sink_list</code> <code>[-flat]</code> <code>[-only_cells]</code> <code>[-startpoints_only]</code> <code>[-levels level_count]</code> <code>[-pin_levels pin_count]</code> <code>[-trace_arcs timing enabled all]</code>
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List of pins, ports, or nets to find the fanin of. For nets, the fanin of driver pins on the nets are returned.

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.

Return the instances connected to the pins in the fanin.

Only return pins that are startpoints.

Only return pins within *level\_count* instance traversals.

Only return pins within *pin\_count* pin traversals.

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_fanin` command returns traverses the design from *sink\_list* pins, ports or nets backwards and return the fanin pins or instances.

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

<i>source_list</i>	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.
<i>level_count</i>	Only return pins within <i>level_count</i> instance traversals.
<i>pin_count</i>	Only return pins within <i>pin_count</i> 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.

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

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

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`.

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

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`.

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<b>get_libs</b>	<code>[-regexp]</code> <code>[-nocase]</code> <code>[-quiet]</code> <i>patterns</i>
<code>-quiet</code>	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match anything.
<i>patterns</i>	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`.

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<b>get_nets</b>	[-hierarchical] [-hsc <i>separator</i> ] [-regexp] [-nocase] [-quiet] [-of_objects <i>objects</i> ] [ <i>patterns</i> ]
-hierarchical	Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance for matches.
<i>separator</i>	Character that separates hierarchical instance names and the net name in <i>pattern</i> .
-quiet	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match anything.
<i>objects</i>	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.
<i>patterns</i>	A list of net name patterns.

The get\_nets command returns a list of all nets 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.

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<b>get_full_name</b>	<i>object</i>
<i>object</i>	A library, cell, port, instance, pin or timing arc object.

Return the name of *object*. Equivalent to [get\_property *object* full\_name].

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<b>get_name</b>	<i>object</i>
<i>object</i>	A library, cell, port, instance, pin or timing arc object.

Return the name of *object*. Equivalent to [get\_property *object* name].

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<b>get_pins</b>	[-hierarchical] [-hsc <i>separator</i> ] [-filter <i>expr</i> ] [-regexp] [-nocase] [-quiet] [-of_objects <i>objects</i> ] [ <i>patterns</i> ]
-hierarchical	Searches hierarchy levels below the current instance for matches.
<i>separator</i>	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.
<i>expr</i>	A filter expression of the form <i>attribute</i> == ~= <i>pattern</i> where <i>attribute</i> is an attribute supported by the get_property command.
<i>objects</i>	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.
<i>patterns</i>	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.

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<b>get_ports</b>	[-filter <i>expr</i> ] [-regexp] [-nocase] [-quiet] [-of_objects <i>objects</i> ] [ <i>patterns</i> ]
-quiet	Do not report an error if <i>patterns</i> do not match any clocks.



<i>expr</i>	A filter expression of the form <i>attribute</i> == ~= <i>pattern</i> where <i>attribute</i> is an attribute supported by the get_property command.
<i>objects</i>	The name of a net, or a list of nets returned by get_nets.
<i>patterns</i>	A list of port name patterns.

The 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.

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<b>get_property</b>	<b>[ -object_type <i>object_type</i> ]</b> <i>object</i> <i>property</i>
<i>object_type</i>	cell pin net port clock timing_arc
<i>object</i>	An object or object name. -object_type is required if <i>object</i> is an object name.
<i>property</i>	A property name.

The properties for different objects types are shown below.

cell

```
base_name
filename
full_name
library
name
```

clock

```
full_name
is_generated
name
period
propagated
sources
```

edge

delay\_max\_fall  
delay\_min\_fall  
delay\_max\_rise  
delay\_min\_rise  
full\_name  
from\_pin  
sense  
to\_pin

instance (SDC cell)

cell  
full\_name  
ref\_name  
liberty\_cell  
name

liberty\_cell

area  
base\_name  
dont\_use  
filename  
full\_name  
is\_buffer  
is\_inverter  
library  
name

liberty\_library

filename  
full\_name  
name

liberty\_port

capacitance  
direction  
drive\_resistance  
drive\_resistance\_fall\_max  
drive\_resistance\_fall\_min  
drive\_resistance\_rise\_max  
drive\_resistance\_rise\_min  
full\_name  
intrinsic\_delay  
intrinsic\_delay\_fall\_max  
intrinsic\_delay\_fall\_min  
intrinsic\_delay\_rise\_max  
intrinsic\_delay\_rise\_min  
is\_register\_clock  
lib\_cell  
name

library

name  
full\_name

net

full\_name  
name

path (PathEnd)

endpoint  
endpoint\_clock  
endpoint\_clock\_pin  
slack  
startpoint  
startpoint\_clock  
points

pin

activity  
actual\_fall\_transition\_max  
actual\_fall\_transition\_min  
actual\_rise\_transition\_max  
actual\_rise\_transition\_min  
clocks  
direction  
full\_name  
is\_register\_clock  
lib\_pin\_name  
max\_fall\_slack  
max\_rise\_slack  
min\_fall\_slack  
min\_rise\_slack  
name

port

activity  
actual\_fall\_transition\_min  
actual\_fall\_transition\_max  
actual\_rise\_transition\_min  
actual\_rise\_transition\_max  
direction  
full\_name  
liberty\_port  
min\_fall\_slack  
max\_fall\_slack  
min\_rise\_slack  
max\_rise\_slack  
name

point (PathRef)

arrival  
pin  
required  
slack

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<b>get_timing_edges</b>	<code>[-from <i>from_pins</i>]</code> <code>[-to <i>to_pins</i>]</code> <code>[-of_objects <i>objects</i>]</code> <code>[-filter <i>expr</i>]</code> <code>[<i>patterns</i>]</code>
<i>from_pin</i>	A collection of pins.
<i>to_pin</i>	A collection of pins.
<i>objects</i>	A collection of instances or library cells. The <code>-from</code> and <code>-to</code> options cannot be used with <code>-of_objects</code> .
<i>expr</i>	A filter expression of the form <code><i>attribute</i> == ~= <i>pattern</i></code> where <i>attribute</i> is an attribute supported by the <code>get_property</code> 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`.

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<b>group_path</b>	<code>-name <i>group_name</i></code> <code>[-weight <i>weight</i>]</code> <code>[-critical_range <i>range</i>]</code> <code>[-from <i>from_list</i>]</code> <code>[-rise_from <i>from_list</i>]</code> <code>[-fall_from <i>from_list</i>]</code> <code>[-through <i>through_list</i>]</code> <code>[-rise_through <i>through_list</i>]</code> <code>[-fall_through <i>through_list</i>]</code> <code>[-to <i>to_list</i>]</code> <code>[-rise_to <i>to_list</i>]</code> <code>[-fall_to <i>to_list</i>]</code>
<i>group_name</i>	The name of the path group.
<i>weight</i>	Not supported.
<i>range</i>	Not supported.
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

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.

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<b>link</b>	[ <i>cell_name</i> ]
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Alias for `link_design`.

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<b>link_design</b>	[ <i>cell_name</i> ]
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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 `link_create_black_boxes` is true. When `link_create_black_boxes` is false an error is reported and the link fails.

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

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<b>make_instance</b>	<i>inst_path</i> <i>lib_cell</i>
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<i>inst_path</i>	A hierarchical instance name.
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<i>lib_cell</i>	The library cell of the new instance.
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The `make_instance` command makes an instance of library cell *lib\_cell*.

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<b>make_net</b>	<i>net_name_list</i>
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<i>net_name_list</i>	A list of net names.
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Creates a net for each hierarchical net name.

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<b>read_liberty</b>	[-corner <i>corner_name</i> ] [-min] [-max] [-no_latch_infer] <i>filename</i>
<i>corner_name</i>	Use library for process corner <i>corner_name</i> delay calculation.
-min	Use library for min delay calculation.
-max	Use library for max delay calculation.
<i>filename</i>	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 (inferred_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.

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<b>read_sdc</b>	<b>[-echo]</b> <i>filename</i>
-echo	Print each command before evaluating it.
<i>filename</i>	SDC command file.

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.

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed.

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<b>read_sdf</b>	<b>[-corner <i>corner_name</i>]</b> <b>[-unescaped_dividers]</b> <i>filename</i>
<i>corner_name</i>	Process corner delays to annotate.
-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\inst2", since the divider does not represent a change in hierarchy in this case.
<i>filename</i>	The name of the SDF file to read.

Read SDF delay values from a file. The min and max values in the SDF tuples are used to annotate the delays for *corner*. The typical values in the SDF tuples are ignored. If multiple corners are defined -corner must be specified.

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed.

INCREMENT is supported as an alias for INCREMENTAL.

The following SDF statements are not supported.

PORT  
INSTANCE wildcards

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<b>read_spef</b>	[-min] [-max] [-path path] [-corner <i>corner</i> ] [-increment] [-keep_capacitive_coupling] [-coupling_reduction_factor <i>factor</i> ] [-reduce_to pi_elmore pi_pole_residue2] [-delete_after_reduce] [-quiet] <i>filenames</i>
<i>corner</i>	The name of a process corner.
<i>path</i>	Hierarchical instance path to annotate with 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.
<i>factor</i>	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	Save the parasitics database after reading it (OpenAccess only).
<i>filename</i>	The name of the parasitics file to read.

The read\_spef command reads a file of net parasitics in SPEF format.

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed.

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



With the -reduce\_to and -delete\_after\_reduce 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 -coupling\_reduction\_factor when a parasitic network is reduced.

The following SPEF constructs are ignored.

- \*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

If the SPEF file contains triplet values the first value is used.

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<b>read_verilog</b>	<i>filename</i>
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<i>filename</i>	The name of the verilog file to read.
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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.

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

```
module top (input in1, in2, clk1, clk2, clk3,
            output out);
```

Files compressed with gzip are automatically uncompressed.

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<b>replace_cell</b>	<i>instance_list</i> <i>replacement_cell</i>
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<i>instance_list</i>	A list of instances to swap the cell.
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<i>replacement_cell</i>	The replacement lib cell.
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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.

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<b>report_annotated_check</b>	[-setup] [-hold] [-recovery] [-removal] [-nochange] [-width] [-period] [-max_skew] [-max_line <i>lines</i> ] [-list_annotated] [-list_not_annotated] [-constant_arcs]
-setup	Report annotated setup checks.
-hold	Report annotated hold checks.
-recovery	Report annotated recovery checks.
-removal	Report annotated removal checks.
-nochange	Report annotated nochange checks.
-width	Report annotated width checks.
-period	Report annotated period checks.
-max_skew	Report annotated max skew checks.
<i>lines</i>	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_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.

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<b>report_annotated_delay</b>	[-cell] [-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.
<i>lines</i>	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.

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

The `report_cell` command is an alias for `report_instance`.

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<b>report_checks</b>	<pre> [-from <i>from_list</i>    -rise_from <i>from_list</i>    -fall_from <i>from_list</i>] [-through <i>through_list</i>    -rise_through <i>through_list</i>    -fall_through <i>through_list</i>] [-to <i>to_list</i>    -rise_to <i>to_list</i>    -fall_to <i>to_list</i>] [-unconstrained] [-path_delay min min_rise min_fall    max max_rise max_fall    min_max] [-group_count <i>path_count</i>] [-endpoint_count <i>endpoint_path_count</i>] [-unique_paths_to_endpoint] [-corner <i>corner_name</i>] [-slack_max <i>max_slack</i>] [-slack_min <i>min_slack</i>] [-sort_by_slack] [-path_group <i>group_names</i>] [-format end full short summary    full_clock full_clock_expanded] [-fields <i>fields</i>] [-digits <i>digits</i>] [-no_line_split] [&gt; <i>filename</i>] [&gt;&gt; <i>filename</i>] </pre>
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
-unconstrained	Report unconstrained paths. By default unconstrained paths are not reported.
-path_delay min	Report min path (hold) checks.
-path_delay min_rise	Report min path (hold) checks for rising endpoints.
-path_delay min_fall	Report min path (hold) checks for falling endpoints.

<code>-path_delay max</code>	Report max path (setup) checks.
<code>-path_delay max_rise</code>	Report max path (setup) checks for rising endpoints.
<code>-path_delay max_fall</code>	Report max path (setup) checks for falling endpoints.
<code>-path_delay min_max</code>	Report max and max path (setup and hold) checks.
<code>path_count</code>	The number of paths to report in each path group. The default is 1.
<code>endpoint_path_count</code>	The number of paths to report for each endpoint. The default is 1.
<code>-unique_paths_to_endpoint</code>	When multiple paths to an endpoint are specified with <code>-endpoint_count</code> many of the paths may differ only in the rise/fall edges of the pins in the paths. With this option only the worst path through the set of pins is reported.
<code>corner_name</code>	Only report paths for this process corner. But default the paths across all process corners are reported.
<code>max_slack</code>	Only report paths with less slack than <code>max_slack</code> .
<code>min_slack</code>	Only report paths with more slack than <code>min_slack</code> .
<code>-sort_by_slack</code>	Sort paths by slack rather than slack grouped by path group.
<code>group_names</code>	List of path group names to report. All path groups are reported if this option is not specified.
<code>-format end</code>	Report path ends in one line with delay, required time and slack.
<code>-format full</code>	Report path start and end points and the path. This is the default path type.
<code>-format full_clock</code>	Report path start and end points, the path, and the source and target clock paths.
<code>-format full_clock_expanded</code>	Report path start and end points, the path, and the source and target clock paths. If the clock is generated and propagated, the path from the clock source pin is also reported.
<code>-format short</code>	Report only path start and end points.

<code>-format summary</code>	Report only path ends with delay.
<code>fields</code>	List of capacitance slew input_pins nets fanout
<code>digits</code>	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default value is the variable <code>default_significant_digits</code> .
<code>-no_line_splits</code>	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.

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<b>report_check_types</b>	<code>[-violators]</code> <code>[-verbose]</code> <code>[-format slack_only end]</code> <code>[-max_delay]</code> <code>[-min_delay]</code> <code>[-recovery]</code> <code>[-removal]</code> <code>[-clock_gating_setup]</code> <code>[-clock_gating_hold]</code> <code>[-max_slew]</code> <code>[-min_slew]</code> <code>[-min_pulse_width]</code> <code>[-min_period]</code> <code>[-digits digits]</code> <code>[-no_split_lines]</code> <code>[&gt; filename]</code> <code>[&gt;&gt; filename]</code>
<code>-violators</code>	Report all violated timing and design rule constraints.
<code>-verbose</code>	Use a verbose output format.
<code>-format</code>	<code>slack_only</code> reports the minimum slack for each check. <code>end</code> reports the endpoint for each check.
<code>-max_delay</code>	Report setup and max delay path delay constraints.

<code>-min_delay</code>	Report hold and min delay path delay constraints.
<code>-recovery</code>	Report asynchronous recovery checks.
<code>-removal</code>	Report asynchronous removal checks.
<code>-clock_gating_setup</code>	Report gated clock enable setup checks.
<code>-clock_gating_hold</code>	Report gated clock hold setup checks.
<code>-max_slew</code>	Report max transition design rule checks.
<code>-max_skew</code>	Report max skew design rule checks.
<code>-min_pulse_width</code>	Report min pulse width design rule checks.
<code>-min_period</code>	Report min period design rule checks.
<code>-min_slew</code>	Report min slew design rule checks.
<i>digits</i>	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is <code>default_significant_digits</code> .
<code>-no_split_lines</code>	

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.

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<b><code>report_clock_min_period</code></b>	<code>[-clocks <i>clocks</i>]</code> <code>[-include_port_paths]</code>
<i>clocks</i>	The clocks to report.
<code>-include_port_paths</code>	Include paths from input port and to output ports.

Report the minimum period and maximum frequency for *clocks*. If the `-clocks` argument is not specified all clock are reported. The minimum period is determined by examining the smallest slack paths between registers the rising edges of the clock or between falling edges of the clock. Paths between different clocks, different clock edges of the same clock, level sensitive latches, or paths constrained by `set_multicycle_path`, `set_max_path` are not considered.

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<b><code>report_clock_properties</code></b>	<code>[<i>clock_names</i>]</code>
<i>clock_names</i>	List of clock names to report.

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

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

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

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<b>report_dcalc</b>	<code>[-from <i>from_pin</i>]</code> <code>[-to <i>to_pin</i>]</code> <code>[-corner <i>corner_name</i>]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <code>[-max]</code> <code>[-digits <i>digits</i>]</code> <code>[&gt; <i>filename</i>]</code> <code>[&gt;&gt; <i>filename</i>]</code>
<i>from_pin</i>	An instance pin.
<i>to_pin</i>	An instance pin.
<i>digits</i>	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is <code>default_significant_digits</code> .

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

Use the `-corner` keyword to specify a process corner. The `-corner` keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

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## **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_disabled_edges
u1 A B constant B=0
```

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<b>report_instance</b>	<code>[-connections]</code> <code>[-verbose]</code> <i>instance_path</i> <code>[&gt; filename]</code> <code>[&gt;&gt; filename]</code>
<code>-connections</code>	Report the pins connected to the net.
<code>-verbose</code>	Report the connections of each pin.
<i>instance_path</i>	Hierarchical path to a instance.

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<b>report_lib_cell</b>	<i>cell_name</i> <code>[&gt; filename]</code> <code>[&gt;&gt; filename]</code>
<i>cell_name</i>	The name of a library cell.

Describe the liberty library cell *cell\_name*.

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<b>report_net</b>	<code>[-connections]</code> <code>[-verbose]</code> <code>[-significant_digits digits]</code> <i>net_path</i> <code>[&gt; filename]</code> <code>[&gt;&gt; filename]</code>
<code>-connections</code>	Report the net pins.
<code>-verbose</code>	With <code>-connections</code> also report all pins connected to each instance pin net.
<i>net_path</i>	Hierarchical path to a net.

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**report\_pin**                    *pin\_path*  
                                  [> *filename*]  
                                  [>> *filename*]

*pin\_path*                      Hierarchical path to a pin.

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**report\_power**                [-instances *instances*]  
                                  [-digits *digits*]  
                                  [> *filename*]  
                                  [>> *filename*]

*instances*                    Report the power for *instances*.

*digits*                        The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is default\_significant\_digits.

The internal, switching, leakage and total power are reported. Design power is reported separately for combinational, sequential, macro and pad groups. Power values are reported in watts.

Use -instances to report power for specific instances.

Use the set\_power\_activity command to set activities and duty of input ports or pins in the design. The activities are propagated through gates and used in the power calculations.

Group	Internal Power	Switching Power	Leakage Power	Total Power	
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Sequential	3.29e-06	3.41e-08	2.37e-07	3.56e-06	92.4%
Combinational	1.86e-07	3.31e-08	7.51e-08	2.94e-07	7.6%
Macro	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.0%
Pad	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.00e+00	0.0%
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Total	3.48e-06	6.72e-08	3.12e-07	3.86e-06	100.0%
	90.2%	1.7%	8.1%		

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**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.

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## report\_units

Report the command units.

```
report_units
time 1ns
capacitance 1pF
resistance 1kohm
voltage 1v
current 1A
power 1pW
distance 1um
```

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**report\_worst\_slack**            [-min]  
                                 [-max]  
                                 [-digits *digits*]

-max                      Report the worst max/setup slack.

-min                      Report the worst min/hold slack.

*digits*                      The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is default\_significant\_digits.

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<b>set_assigned_check</b>	-setup -hold -recovery -removal [-rise] [-fall] [-corner <i>corner_name</i> ] [-min] [-max] [-from <i>from_pins</i> ] [-to <i>to_pins</i> ] [-clock rise fall] [-cond sdf_cond] [-worst] <i>margin</i>
-setup -hold -recovery -removal	The timing check type to annotate.
-rise	Annotate the rising delays.
-fall	Annotate the falling delays.
<i>corner_name</i>	The name of a process corner.
-min	Annotate the minimum value of the process corner.
-max	Annotate the maximum value of the process corner.
<i>from_pins</i>	A list of pins for the clock.
<i>to_pins</i>	A list of pins for the data.
-clock	The clock pin transition.
-worst	Ignored.
<i>margin</i>	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 -corner keyword to specify a process corner. The -corner keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

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<b>set_assigned_delay</b>	-cell -net [-rise] [-fall] [-corner <i>corner_name</i> ] [-min] [-max] [-from <i>from_pins</i> ] [-to <i>to_pins</i> ] <i>delay</i>
-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.
<i>from_pins</i>	A list of pins.
<i>to_pins</i>	A list of pins.
<i>delay</i>	The delay between <i>from_pins</i> and <i>to_pins</i> .

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 `-corner` keyword to specify a process corner. The `-corner` keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

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<b>set_assigned_transition</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-corner <i>corner_name</i> ] [-min] [-max] <i>slew</i> <i>pin_list</i>
-rise	Annotate the rising transition.

<code>-fall</code>	Annotate the falling transition.
<code>-min</code>	Annotate the minimum transition time.
<code>-max</code>	Annotate the maximum transition time.
<code>slew</code>	The pin transition time.
<code>pin_list</code>	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 `-corner` keyword to specify a process corner. The `-corner` keyword is required if more than one process corner is defined.

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<b><code>set_case_analysis</code></b>	<code>0 1 zero one rise rising fall falling</code> <code>port_or_pin_list</code>
<code>port_or_pin_list</code>	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.

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

<code>-high</code>	The gating clock is active high (pin and instance objects only).
<code>-low</code>	The gating clock is active low (pin and instance objects only).
<code>objects</code>	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 `-rise` and `-fall` 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 `-high` and `-low` 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 the priority of the commands is shown below (highest to lowest priority).

```

clock enable pin
instance
clock pin
clock
global

```

<b>set_clock_groups</b>	<code>[-name <i>name</i>]</code> <code>[-logically_exclusive]</code> <code>[-physically_exclusive]</code> <code>[-asynchronous]</code> <code>[-allow_paths]</code> <code>-group <i>clocks</i></code>
<i>name</i>	The clock group name.
<code>-logically_exclusive</code>	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.
<code>-physically_exclusive</code>	The clocks in different groups cannot be present at the same time on a chip. Paths between clock groups are <i>not</i> considered for noise analysis.
<code>-asynchronous</code>	The clock groups are asynchronous. Paths between clock groups are considered for noise analysis.

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**-allow\_paths**

*clocks*                                      A list of clocks in the group.

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

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**set\_clock\_latency**                      [-source]  
  [-clock *clock*]  
  [-rise]  
  [-fall]  
  [-min]  
  [-max]  
  *delay*  
  *objects*

**-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.

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**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	<i>transition</i> is the minimum transition time.
-max	<i>transition</i> is the maximum transition time.
<i>transition</i>	Clock transition time (slew).
<i>clocks</i>	A list of clocks.

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

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<b>set_clock_uncertainty</b>	[-from -rise_from -fall_from <i>from_clock</i> ] [-to -rise_to -fall_to <i>to_clock</i> ] [-rise] [-fall] [-setup] [-hold] <i>uncertainty</i> <i>objects</i>
<i>from_clock</i>	Inter-clock uncertainty source clock.
<i>to_clock</i>	Inter-clock uncertainty target clock.
-rise	Inter-clock target clock rise edge, alternative to -rise_to. Inter-clock target clock rise edge, alternative to -rise_to.
-fall	Inter-clock target clock rise edge, alternative to -fall_to.
-setup	<i>uncertainty</i> is for setup checks.
-hold	<i>uncertainty</i> is for hold checks.
<i>uncertainty</i>	Clock uncertainty.
<i>objects</i>	A list of clocks, ports or pins.

The `set_clock_uncertainty` command specifies the uncertainty or jitter in a clock. The uncertainty for a clock can be specified on its source pin or port, or the clock itself.

```
set_clock_uncertainty .1 [get_clock clk1]
```

Inter-clock uncertainty between the source and target clocks of timing checks is specified with the `-from` | `-rise_from` | `-fall_from` and `-to` | `-rise_to` | `-fall_to` arguments.

```
set_clock_uncertainty -from [get_clock clk1] -to [get_clocks clk2] .1
```

The following commands are equivalent.

```
set_clock_uncertainty -from [get_clock clk1] -rise_to [get_clocks clk2] .1
set_clock_uncertainty -from [get_clock clk1] -to [get_clocks clk2] -rise .1
```

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<b>set_cmd_units</b>	<code>[-capacitance <i>cap_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-resistance <i>res_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-time <i>time_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-voltage <i>voltage_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-current <i>current_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-power <i>power_unit</i>]</code> <code>[-distance <i>distance_unit</i>]</code>
<i>cap_unit</i>	The capacitance scale factor followed by 'f'.
<i>res_unit</i>	The resistance scale factor followed by 'ohm'.
<i>time_unit</i>	The time scale factor followed by 's'.
<i>voltage_unit</i>	The voltage scale factor followed by 'v'.
<i>current_unit</i>	The current scale factor followed by 'A'.
<i>power_unit</i>	The power scale factor followed by 'w'.
<i>distance_unit</i>	The distance scale factor followed by 'm'.

The `set_cmd_units` command is used to change the units used by the STA command interpreter when parsing commands and reporting results. The default units are the units specified in the first Liberty library file that is read.

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

An example of the set\_units command is shown below.

```
set_cmd_units -time ns -capacitance pF -current mA -voltage V  
              -resistance kOhm -distance um
```

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<b>set_data_check</b>	<code>[-from <i>from_object</i>] [-rise_from <i>from_object</i>] [-fall_from <i>from_object</i>] [-to <i>to_object</i>] [-rise_to <i>to_object</i>] [-fall_to <i>to_object</i>] [-setup] [-hold] [-clock <i>clock</i>] <i>margin</i></code>
<i>from_object</i>	A pin used as the timing check reference.
<i>to_object</i>	A pin that the setup/hold check is applied to.
-setup	Add a setup timing check.
-hold	Add a hold timing check.
<i>clock</i>	The setup/hold check clock.
<i>margin</i>	The setup or hold time margin.

The set\_data\_check command is used to add a setup or hold timing check between two pins.

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#### **set\_disable\_inferred\_clock\_gating**

<i>objects</i>	A list of clock gating instances, clock gating pins, or clock enable pins.
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The set\_disable\_inferred\_clock\_gating command disables clock gating checks on a clock gating instance, clock gating pin, or clock gating enable pin.

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<b>set_disable_timing</b>	<i>[-from from_port]</i> <i>[-to to_port]</i> <i>objects</i>
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*from\_port*

*to\_port*

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

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

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

```
set_disable_timing u2
```

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
```

A list of top level ports or instance pins can also be disabled.

```
set_disable_timing u2/Z
set_disable_timing in1
```

Timing paths through 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
```

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

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

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<b><code>set_driving_cell</code></b>	<code>[-lib_cell <i>cell_name</i>]</code> <code>[-library <i>library</i>]</code> <code>[-rise]</code> <code>[-fall]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <code>[-max]</code> <code>[-pin <i>pin</i>]</code> <code>[-from_pin <i>from_pin</i>]</code> <code>[-input_transition_rise <i>trans_rise</i>]</code> <code>[-input_transition_fall <i>trans_fall</i>]</code> <code><i>port_list</i></code>
<code>cell_name</code>	The cell of driver.
<code>library</code>	The library of the driving cell.
<code>-rise</code>	This is the driving cell for the rising edge of the input.
<code>-fall</code>	This is the driving cell for the falling edge of the input.
<code>-max</code>	This is the driving cell for maximum path delays.
<code>-min</code>	This is the driving cell for minimum path delays.
<code>pin</code>	The output port of the driving cell.

<i>from_pin</i>	Use paths through the driving cell from this pin to the output pin.
<i>trans_rise</i>	The transition time for a rising input at <i>from_pin</i> .
<i>trans_fall</i>	The transition time for a falling input at <i>from_pin</i> .
<i>port_list</i>	A list of ports.

The `set_driving_cell` command describes an input port external driver.

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<b>set_false_path</b>	[-setup] [-hold] [-rise] [-fall] [-from <i>from_list</i> ] [-rise_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-fall_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-through <i>through_list</i> ] [-rise_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-fall_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-to <i>to_list</i> ] [-rise_to <i>to_list</i> ] [-fall_to <i>to_list</i> ] [-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 <code>set_false_path</code> , <code>set_multicycle_path</code> , <code>set_max_delay</code> , <code>set_min_delay</code> exceptions first.
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.

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.

<b>set_fanout_load</b>	<i>fanout</i> <i>port_list</i>
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This command is ignored.

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<b>set_hierarchy_separator</b>	<i>separator</i>
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<i>separator</i>	Character used to separate hierarchical names.
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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 `'/'`.

```
set_ideal_latency [-rise] [-fall] [-min] [-max] delay objects
```

The `set_ideal_latency` command is parsed but ignored.

```
set_ideal_network [-no_propagation] objects
```

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.

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<b>set_input_delay</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] [-clock <i>clock</i> ] [-clock_fall] [-reference_pin <i>ref_pin</i> ] [-source_latency_included] [-network_latency_included] [-add_delay] <i>delay</i> <i>port_pin_list</i>
-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.
<i>clock</i>	The arrival time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The arrival time is from the falling edge of <i>clock</i>
<i>ref_pin</i>	The arrival time is with respect to the clock that arrives at <i>ref_pin</i> .
-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 <i>port_pin_list</i> .
<i>delay</i>	The arrival time after <i>clock</i> .
<i>pin_port_list</i>	A list of pins or ports.



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 `-reference_pin` 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 `-clock_fall` flag the arrival time is relative to the falling transition at the reference pin. If no clocks arrive at the reference pin the `set_input_delay` command is ignored. If no `-clock` is specified the arrival time is with respect to all clocks that arrive at the reference pin. The `-source_latency_included` and `-network_latency_included` options cannot be used with `-reference_pin`.

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<b>set_input_transition</b>	<code>[-rise]</code> <code>[-fall]</code> <code>[-max]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <i>transition</i> <i>port_list</i>
<code>-rise</code>	This is the transition time for the rising edge of the input.
<code>-fall</code>	This is the transition time for the falling edge of the input.
<code>-max</code>	This is the minimum transition time.
<code>-min</code>	This is the maximum transition time.
<i>transition</i>	The transition time (slew).
<i>port_list</i>	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]`

This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

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**set\_level\_shifter\_threshold** `[-voltage voltage]`

This command is parsed and ignored by timing analysis.

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<b>set_load</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] [-subtract_pin_load] [-pin_load] [-wire_load] <i>capacitance</i> <i>objects</i>
-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 <i>capacitance</i> .
-pin_load	<i>capcitanace</i> is external instance pin capacitance (ports only).
-wire_load	<i>capcitanace</i> is external wire capacitance (ports only).
<i>capacitance</i>	The capacitance, in library capacitance units.
<i>objects</i>	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 -pin\_load and -wire\_load options. Without the -pin\_load and -wire\_load 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*. set\_load command annotates capacitance has precedence over RC SPEF parasitics.

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<b>set_logic_dc</b>	<i>port_list</i>
<i>port_pin_list</i>	List of ports or pins.

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

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<b>set_logic_one</b>	<i>port_list</i>
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<i>port_pin_list</i>	List of ports or pins.
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Set a port or pin to a constant logic one value. No paths are propagated from constant pins. Constant values set with the set\_logic\_one command are **not** propagated through downstream gates.

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<b>set_logic_zero</b>	<i>port_list</i>
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<i>port_pin_list</i>	List of ports or pins.
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Set a port or pin to a constant logic zero value. No paths are propagated from constant pins. Constant values set with the set\_logic\_zero command are **not** propagated through downstream gates.

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<b>set_max_area</b>	<i>area</i>
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<i>area</i>	
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The set\_max\_area command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

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<b>set_max_capacitance</b>	<i>capacitance</i> <i>objects</i>
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<i>capacitance</i>	
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<i>objects</i>	List of ports or cells.
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The set\_max\_capacitance command is ignored during timing but is included in SDC files that are written.

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<b>set_max_delay</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-from <i>from_list</i> ] [-rise_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-fall_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-through <i>through_list</i> ] [-rise_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-fall_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-to <i>to_list</i> ] [-rise_to <i>to_list</i> ] [-fall_to <i>to_list</i> ] [-reset_path] [-ignore_clock_latency] <i>delay</i>
-rise	Only constrain paths to rising edges.
-fall	Only constrain paths to falling edges.
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	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.
<i>delay</i>	The maximum 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 -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.

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**set\_max\_dynamic\_power**      *power* [*unit*]

The set\_max\_dynamic\_power command is ignored.

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<b>set_max_fanout</b>	<i>fanout</i> <i>objects</i>
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*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.

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<b>set_max_leakage_power</b>	<i>power</i> [ <i>unit</i> ]
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The set\_max\_leakage\_power command is ignored.

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<b>set_max_time_borrow</b>	<i>delay</i> <i>objects</i>
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*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.

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<b>set_max_transition</b>	[-data_path] [-clock_path] [-rise] [-fall] <i>transition</i> <i>objects</i>
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*transition*                      The maximum transition time (slew).

*objects*                      List of clocks, ports or designs.

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 -clock\_path option restricts the maximum transition to clocks in clock paths. The -data\_path option restricts the maximum transition to clocks data paths. The -clock\_path, -data\_path, -rise and -fall options only apply to clock objects.

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<b>set_min_capacitance</b>	<i>capacitance</i> <i>objects</i>
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*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.

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<b>set_min_delay</b>	<i>[-rise]</i> <i>[-fall]</i> <i>[-from from_list]</i> <i>[-rise_from from_list]</i> <i>[-fall_from from_list]</i> <i>[-through through_list]</i> <i>[-rise_through through_list]</i> <i>[-fall_through through_list]</i> <i>[-to to_list]</i> <i>[-rise_to to_list]</i> <i>[-fall_to to_list]</i> <i>[-ignore_clock_latency]</i> <i>[-reset_path]</i> <i>delay</i>
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*-rise*                      Only constrain paths to rising edges.

*-fall*                      Only constrain paths to falling 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.

*-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.

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

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

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

<code>-rise</code>	Only apply to rising path edges.
<code>-fall</code>	Only apply to falling path edges.
<code>-start</code>	Multiply the source clock period by <i>period_multiplier</i> .
<code>-end</code>	Multiply the target clock period by <i>period_multiplier</i> .
<code>-reset_path</code>	Remove any matching <i>set_false_path</i> , <i>set_multicycle_path</i> , <i>set_max_delay</i> , <i>set_min_delay</i> exceptions first.
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>path_multiplier</i>	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.

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<b>set_operating_conditions</b>	<code>[-analysis_type single bc_wc on_chip_variation]</code> <code>[-library lib]</code> <code>[condition]</code> <code>[-min min_condition]</code> <code>[-max max_condition]</code> <code>[-min_library min_lib]</code> <code>[-max_library max_lib]</code>
single	Use one operating condition for min and max paths.
bc_wc	Best case, worst case analysis. Setup checks use <i>max_condition</i> for clock and data paths. Hold checks use the <i>min_condition</i> for clock and data paths.
on_chip_variation	The min and max operating conditions represent variations on the chip that can occur simultaneously. Setup checks use <i>max_condition</i> for data paths and <i>min_condition</i> for clock paths. Hold checks use <i>min_condition</i> for data paths and <i>max_condition</i> for clock paths. This is the default analysis type.



<i>lib</i>	The name of the library that contains <i>condition</i> .
<i>condition</i>	The operating condition for analysis type single.
<i>min_condition</i>	The operating condition to use for min paths and hold checks.
<i>max_condition</i>	The operating condition to use for max paths and setup checks.
<i>min_lib</i>	The name of the library that contains <i>min_condition</i> .
<i>max_lib</i>	The name of the library that contains <i>max_condition</i> .

The `set_operating_conditions` command is used to specify the type of analysis performed and the operating conditions used to derate library data.

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<b>set_output_delay</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-max] [-min] [-clock <i>clock</i> ] [-clock_fall] [-reference_pin <i>ref_pin</i> ] [-source_latency_included] [-network_latency_included] [-add_delay] <i>delay</i> <i>port_pin_list</i>
-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.
<i>clock</i>	The departure time is from this clock.
-clock_fall	The departure time is from the falling edge of <i>clock</i> .

<i>ref_pin</i>	The departure time is with respect to the clock that arrives at <i>ref_pin</i> .
<i>-add_delay</i>	Add this departure to any existing arrivals on <i>port_pin_list</i> .
<i>delay</i>	The departure time after <i>clock</i> .
<i>pin_port_list</i>	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 *-reference\_pin* 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 *-clock\_fall* flag the departure time is relative to the falling transition at the reference pin. If no clocks arrive at the reference pin the *set\_output\_delay* command is ignored. If no *-clock* is specified the departure time is with respect to all clocks that arrive at the reference pin. The *-source\_latency\_included* and *-network\_latency\_included* options cannot be used with *-reference\_pin*.

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

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<b>set_power_activity</b>	<i>[-global]</i> <i>[-input]</i> <i>[-input_ports ports]</i> <i>[-pins pins]</i> <i>[-activity activity]</i> <i>[-duty duty]</i>
<i>-global</i>	Set the activity/duty for all non-clock pins.

<b>-input</b>	Set the default input port activity/duty.
<b>input_ports</b>	Set the input port activity/duty.
<b>pins</b>	Set the pin activity/duty.
<b>activity</b>	The activity, or number of transitions per clock cycle.
<b>duty</b>	The duty, or probability the signal is high. Defaults to 0.5.

The `set_power_activity` command is used to set the activity and duty used for power analysis globally or for input ports or pins in the design.

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### **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.

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### **set\_pvt**      *instances*                   [-min]                   [-max]                   [-process *process*]                   [-voltage *voltage*]                   [-temperature *temperature*]

*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).

*temperature*      A temperature value (float).

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

<b>set_sense</b>	[-type clock data] [-positive] [-negative] [-pulse <i>pulse_type</i> ] [-stop_propagation] [-clock <i>clocks</i> ] <i>pins</i>
-positive	The clock sense is positive unite.
-negative	The clock sense is negative unite.
<i>pulse_type</i>	rise_triggered_high_pulse rise_triggered_low_pulse fall_triggered_high_pulse fall_triggered_low_pulse
-stop_propagation	Stop propagating <i>clocks</i> clocks at <i>pins</i> .
<i>clocks</i>	A list of clocks to apply the sense
<i>pins</i>	A list of pins.

The `set_sense` command is used to modify the propagation of a clock signal. Note that `-type data` is not supported. 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.

<b>set_timing_derate</b>	[-rise] [-fall] [-early] [-late] [-clock] [-data] [-net_delay] [-cell_delay] [-cell_check] <i>derate</i> <i>objects</i>
-early	Derate early (min) paths.

<code>-late</code>	Derate late (max) paths.
<code>-clock</code>	Derate paths in the clock network.
<code>-data</code>	Derate data paths.
<code>-net_delay</code>	Derate net (interconnect) delays.
<code>-cell_delay</code>	Derate cell delays.
<code>-cell_check</code>	Derate cell timing check margins.
<i>derate</i>	The derating factor (0.0 to 1.0).
<i>objects</i>	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.

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<b><code>set_resistance</code></b>	<code>[-max]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <i>resistance</i> <i>net_list</i>
<code>-min</code>	The resistance for minimum path delay calculation.
<code>-max</code>	The resistance for maximum path delay calculation.
<i>resistance</i>	The net resistance.
<i>net_list</i>	A list of nets.

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<b>set_units</b>	[-capacitance <i>cap_unit</i> ] [-resistance <i>res_unit</i> ] [-time <i>time_unit</i> ] [-voltage <i>voltage_unit</i> ] [-current <i>current_unit</i> ] [-power <i>power_unit</i> ] [-distance <i>distance_unit</i> ]
<i>cap_unit</i>	The capacitance scale factor followed by 'f'.
<i>res_unit</i>	The resistance scale factor followed by 'ohm'.
<i>time_unit</i>	The time scale factor followed by 's'.
<i>voltage_unit</i>	The voltage scale factor followed by 'v'.
<i>current_unit</i>	The current scale factor followed by 'A'.
<i>power_unit</i>	The power scale factor followed by 'w'.

The set\_units command is used to **check** the units used by the STA command interpreter when parsing commands and reporting results. If the current units differ from the set\_unit value a warning is printed. Use the set\_cmd\_units command to change the command units.

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

```

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*

The set\_wire\_load\_min\_block\_size command is not supported.

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**set\_wire\_load\_mode** top|enclosed|segmented

top

enclosed

segmented

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

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<b>set_wire_load_model</b>	<code>-name <i>model_name</i></code> <code>[-library <i>library</i>]</code> <code>[-max]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <code>[<i>objects</i>]</code>
<i>model_name</i>	The name of a wire load model.
<i>library</i>	Library to look for <i>model_name</i> .
<code>-max</code>	The wire load model is for maximum path delays.
<code>-min</code>	The wire load model is for minimum path delays.
<i>objects</i>	Not supported.

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<b>set_wire_load_selection_group</b>	<code>[-library <i>library</i>]</code> <code>[-max]</code> <code>[-min]</code> <code><i>group_name</i></code> <code>[<i>objects</i>]</code>
<i>library</i>	Library to look for <i>group_name</i> .
<code>-max</code>	The wire load selection is for maximum path delays.
<code>-min</code>	The wire load selection is for minimum path delays.
<i>group_name</i>	A wire load selection group name.
<i>objects</i>	Not supported.

The `set_wire_load_selection_group` command is parsed but not supported.

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<b>source</b>	<code>[-echo] [-verbose] <i>filename</i> &gt; <i>filename</i> &gt;&gt; <i>filename</i>]</code>
<b>-echo</b>	Print each command before evaluating it.
<b>-verbose</b>	Print each command before evaluating it as well as the result it returns.
<b><i>filename</i></b>	The name of the file containing commands to read.

Read STA/SDC/Tcl commands from *filename*.

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

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<b>unset_case_analysis</b>	<i>port_or_pin_list</i>
<i>port_or_pin_list</i>	A list of ports or pins.

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

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<b>unset_clock_latency</b>	<code>[-source] <i>objects</i></code>
<b>-source</b>	Specifies source clock latency (clock insertion delay).
<b><i>objects</i></b>	A list of clocks, pins or ports.

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

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<b>unset_clock_transition</b>	<i>clocks</i>
<i>clocks</i>	A list of clocks.

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



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<b>unset_clock_uncertainty</b>	[-from -rise_from -fall_from <i>from_clock</i> ] [-to -rise_to -fall_to <i>to_clock</i> ] [-rise] [-fall] [-setup] [-hold] [ <i>objects</i> ]
<i>from_clock</i>	
<i>to_clock</i>	
-rise	The uncertainty is for the rising edge of the clock.
-fall	The uncertainty is for the falling edge of the clock.
-setup	<i>uncertainty</i> is the setup check uncertainty.
-hold	<i>uncertainty</i> is the hold uncertainty.
<i>uncertainty</i>	Clock uncertainty.
<i>objects</i>	A list of clocks, ports or pins.

The unset\_clock\_uncertainty command removes clock uncertainty defined with the set\_clock\_uncertainty command.

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<b>unset_data_check</b>	[-from <i>from_object</i> ] [-rise_from <i>from_object</i> ] [-fall_from <i>from_object</i> ] [-to <i>to_object</i> ] [-rise_to <i>to_object</i> ] [-fall_to <i>to_object</i> ] [-setup] [-hold] [-clock <i>clock</i> ]
<i>from_object</i>	A pin used as the timing check reference.
<i>to_object</i>	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\_objects**  
**ating**

<i>objects</i>	A list of clock gating instances, clock gating pins, or clock enable pins.
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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*

<i>objects</i>	A list of instances, ports, pins, cells or [library/]cell/port.
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The `unset_disable_timing` command is used to remove the effect of previous `set_disable_timing` commands.

<b>unset_input_delay</b>	<code>[-rise]</code>
	<code>[-fall]</code>
	<code>[-max]</code>
	<code>[-min]</code>
	<code>[-clock <i>clock</i>]</code>
	<code>[-clock_fall]</code>
	<i>port_pin_list</i>

-rise                      This is the arrival time for the rising edge of the input.

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-fall      This is the arrival time for the falling edge of the
           input.
```

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-max          This is the minimum arrival time.
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<code>-min</code>	This is the maximum arrival time.
<code>clock</code>	The arrival time is from this clock.
<code>-clock_fall</code>	The arrival time is from the falling edge of <code>clock</code>
<code>pin_port_list</code>	A list of pins or ports.

The `unset_input_delay` command removes a previously defined `set_input_delay`.

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

The `unset_output_delay` command a previously defined `set_output_delay`.

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<b>unset_path_exceptions</b>	[-setup] [-hold] [-rise] [-fall] [-from <i>from_list</i> ] [-rise_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-fall_from <i>from_list</i> ] [-through <i>through_list</i> ] [-rise_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-fall_through <i>through_list</i> ] [-to <i>to_list</i> ] [-rise_to <i>to_list</i> ] [-fall_to <i>to_list</i> ]
-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.
<i>from_list</i>	A list of clocks, instances, ports or pins.
<i>through_list</i>	A list of instances, pins or nets.
<i>to_list</i>	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.

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<b>unset_propagated_clock</b>	<i>objects</i>
<i>objects</i>	A list of clocks, ports or pins.

Remove a previous set\_propagated\_clock command.

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## unset\_timing\_derate

Remove all derating factors set with the set\_timing\_derate command.

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## user\_run\_time

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

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<b>with_output_to_variable</b>	<i>var { commands }</i>
<i>var</i>	The name of a variable to save the output of <i>commands</i> to.
<i>commands</i>	TCL commands that the output will be redirected from.

The with\_output\_to\_variable command redirects the output of TCL commands to a variable.

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

The write\_path\_spice command writes a spice netlist for timing paths. Use *path\_args* to specify -from/-through/-to as arguments to the find\_timing\_paths command. For each path, a spice netlist and the subckts referenced by the path are written in *spice\_directory*. The spice netlist is written in path\_<id>.sp and subckt file is path\_<id>.subckt.

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.

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

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

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<b>write_sdf</b>	[-corner <i>corner_name</i> ] [-divider / .] [-include_typ] [-digits <i>digits</i> ] [-gzip] [-no_timestamp] [-no_version] <i>filename</i>
<i>corner_name</i>	Process corner delays to write.
-divider	Divider to use between hierarchy levels in pin and instance names. Must be '/' or '.'.
-include_typ	Include a 'typ' value in the SDF triple that is the average of min and max delays to satisfy some Verilog simulators that require three values in the delay triples.
<i>digits</i>	The number of digits after the decimal point to report. The default is 4.
-gzip	Write a gzip compressed file.
-no_timestamp	Do not write a DATE statement.
-no_version	Do not write a VERSION statement.

<i>filename</i>	The name of the file to write the constraints to.
<i>digits</i>	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.

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<b>write_timing_model</b>	[-cell_name <i>cell_name</i> ] [-corner <i>corner</i> ] <i>filename</i>
<i>cell_name</i>	The name to use for the liberty cell and library.
<i>corner</i>	The process corner to use for extracting the model.
<i>filename</i>	Filename to write.

The *write\_timing\_model* command constructs a liberty timing model for the current design and writes it to *filename*. *cell\_name* defaults to the cell name of the top level block in the design.

The SDC used to extract the block should include the clock definitions, but not *set\_input\_delay* or *set\_output\_delay* commands.. Using *set\_input\_transition* with the slew from the block context will be used will improve the match between the timing model and the block netlist. Use the *set\_propagated\_clock* command to include clock latencies in the timing model.

The resulting timing model can be used in a hierarchical timing flow as a replacement for the block to speed up timing analysis. This hierarchical timing methodology does not handle timing exceptions that originate or terminate inside the block. The timing model includes:

- combinational paths between inputs and outputs
- setup and hold timing constraints on inputs
- clock to output timing paths

The extracted timing model setup/hold checks are scalar (no input slew dependence). Delay timing arcs are load dependent but do not include input slew dependency.

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<b>write_verilog</b>	[-sort] [-include_pwr_gnd] [-remove_cells <i>lib_cells</i> ] <i>filename</i>
-sort	Sort the instances in the netlist.
-include_pwr_gnd	Include power and ground pins on instances.
<i>lib_cells</i>	Liberty cells to remove. Use <i>get_lib_cells</i> , a list of cells names, or a cell name with wildcards.

*filename*                                      Filename to write.

The `write_verilog` command writes a verilog netlist to *filename*. Use `-sort` to sort the instances so the results are reproducible across operating systems. Use `-remove_cells` to remove instances of *lib\_cells* from the netlist.

## Variables

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<b>hierarchy_separator</b>	Any character.
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The `hierarchy_separator` separates instance names in a hierarchical instance, net, or pin name. The default value is `'/'`.

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<b>link_make_black_boxes</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_bidirect_net_paths_enabled</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_continue_on_error</b>	0 1
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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 0.

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<b>sta_crpr_mode</b>	same_pin same_transition
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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`.

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<b>sta_cond_default_arcs_enabled</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_crpr_enabled</b>	0 1
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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 Pessimism Removal, or "CRPR". Enabling CRPR slows down the analysis. The default value is 1.

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<b>sta_dynamic_loop_breaking</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_gated_clock_checks_enabled</b>	0 1
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When sta\_gated\_clock\_checks\_enabled is 1, clock gating setup and hold timing checks are checked. The default value is 1.

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<b>sta_input_port_default_clock</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_internal_bidirect_instance_paths_enabled</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_pocv_enabled</b>	0 1
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Enable parametric on chip variation using statistical timing analysis. The default value is 0.

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<b>sta_propagate_all_clocks</b>	0 1
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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

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set_propagated_clock [all_clocks]
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after all clocks have been defined. The default value is 0.

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<b>sta_propagate_gated_clock_enable</b>	0 1
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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.

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<b>sta_recovery_removal_checks_enabled</b>	0 1
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When `sta_recovery_removal_checks_enabled` is 0, recovery and removal timing checks are disabled. The default value is 1.

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<b>sta_report_default_digits</b>	integer
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The number of digits to print after a decimal point. The default value is 2.

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

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