Language Quick Reference

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This card contains selected e constructs. For complete e syntax, see the Specman e Language Reference.

Abbreviations:

arg - argument TCM - time-consuming exp - expression

bool - boolean method inst - instance

TE - temporal expression enum - enumerated num - number

Predefined Types

bit byte int bool uint string real int | uint (bits: *n* | bytes: *n*) set = [integer-exp/range, ...]

list [(key: field-name)] of type

exp = exp.as_a(type) // type conversion

Set Pseudo-Methods

set1.intersect(set2) set1.union(set2) set1.diff(set2)

User-Defined Types

Statements

struct struct-type [like base-struct-type] { struct members };

unit unit-type [like base-unit-type] { unit members };

type type-name : [u]int (bits: n | bytes: n);

type enum-type: [name1, name2, ...];

extend type-name : [name [=n], ...];

extend struct-type | unit-type { additional struct or unit members };

Template Types

template (struct | unit) template-name of (param-list)

[like base-type] {template members }:

template-name of (actual-param-list)

Struct and Unit Members

fields events constraints when conditions cover groups temporal struct|unit members

methods and TCMs

Fields

[const][!][%]field-name: type; list of [list of...] type;

when const-field { ...}; field-name[n] : list of type;

field-name: unit-type is instance;

Conditional Extensions using When

Struct and Unit Members

Struct and Unit Members

struct | unit struct-type | unit-type {

field-name: enum-type | bool-type;

when field-value ... { additional-members };

extend when-qualifier struct-or-unit-type { ... };

where when-qualifier is:

[field-value']field-name for boolean types field-value['field-name] for enumerated values

Predefined Methods and Pseudo-Methods

check() copy() do_print() extract() finalize() init()

get_printed_lines() quit() visualize()

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get_enclosing_unit()
get unit() get all units()
set_unit() connect_ports() check_generation()
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Simple / Event / Buffer Ports

try_enclosing_unit()

Struct and Unit Members

port-inst-name:[list of] [direction] simple_port of element-type is instance;

port-inst-name:[list of] [direction] buffer_port of element-type is

event-port-field-name:[list of] [direction] event_port is instance;

keep [soft] port-exp.attribute() == value;

keep bind(port-exp1, port-exp2**)**;

keep bind(port-exp1, external | empty | undefined);

Method/TLM Interface Ports Statements, Struct and Unit Members

port-inst-name: [list of] direction method_port of method-type is instance:

keep bind(port-exp1, port-exp2);

keep bind(port-exp1, external | empty | undefined);

port-exp1.connect(port-exp2 | empty | undefined);

port-inst-name: [list of] [direction] interface port of tlm-intf-type [using prefix=prefix | using suffix=suffix] [is instance];

UVM Style Syntax - Instead of "direction interface port of", use: interface_port of interface_export of

interface_imp of

port1-exp.connect(port-exp2 | "external_uvm_path" | empty | undefined)

Constraints

Struct and Unit Members

keep [name is [only]] [soft] constraint-definition

keep soft exp == select { weight : policy; ... };

keep (bool-exp ? exp1: exp2) == exp3;

keep bool-exp1 [=> | or | and] bool-exp2;

keep exp in list; keep field-name in [range];

keep list1.sum(exp1) == exp2 **keep** list1.count(bool-exp) == exp

keep *list1*.**all_different**(*exp*) **keep** *list1*.**has**(*bool-exp*)

keep for each (item) in list { [soft] constraint-bool-exp; ... };

keep field-name.hdl_path() == "string";

keep bool-exp1 [=> | or | and] bool-exp2;

keep *exp1* [== | != | > | < | >= | <=] *exp2*;

keep *exp1* [+ | - | / | * | % | >> | << | & | | | ^] *exp2* == *exp3*;

Generation On the Fly

Actions

gen gen-item [keeping { [soft] constraint-bool-exp; ... }];

do field-name [keeping {constraint,...}] //sequences

Generation with Procedural Code

Methods of Any Struct

pregenerate() is also {...}

post_generate() is also {...}

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Events and Temporal Struct and Unit Members
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event event-name [is [only] TE]
[using [also] temporal-operators];
emit [struct-inst.]event-name;
on [const-path.]event-name { action; ... };
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on [const-path.]event-port\$ { action; ... };

expect [rule-name is [only]] TE

[else dut_error(string-exp)] [using [also] temporal-operators];

temporal-operators syntax: operation condition

abort | [exclusive_]start | stop @event | none | empty

Predefined Events

sys.any struct-inst.quit sys.new_time

Temporal Expressions (TEs)

Basic Temporal Expressions

@[struct-inst.]event-name change | fall | rise(port\$) @sim

change | fall | rise(exp) true(bool-exp) cycle

Boolean Temporal Expressions

TE1 and TE2 TE1 or TE2 not TE fail TE

Complex Temporal Expressions

{ TE; TE; ... } detach(TE) delay(exp) TE1 => TE2 TE exec { action; ... } [n] [* TE]

TE @[struct-inst.]event-name

Time-Consuming Actions

sync [TE]; wait [[until] TE];

Preprocessor Directives

#define [']name [replacement] #undef name

#if[n]def [']name then {e-code} [#else {e-code}] ;

Macros

define <tag'syntactic-category> "match-exp" as {replacement}

define <tag'syntactic-category> "match-exp" as computed {action;}

Syntactic Categories

statement struct_member action exp type cover_item command

Variable Declarations and Assignments

Actions

var var-name: type; var var-name : = value;

var-name = exp ;

[struct-exp.]field-name = exp

Conditional Procedures

Actions

if bool-exp [then] { action; ... } [else if bool-exp [then] { action; ... }] [else { action; ... }]; case { bool-exp[:] { action; ... } ; [default[:] { action; ... } ;] };

case case-exp { case-action-block;... [default[:] { action; ... } ;] };

check [[name] that] bool-exp [else dut_error(message-exp, ...)]

Methods and TCMs **Struct and Unit Members** [final] method-name ([param-list]) [: return-type] [@event] is {action;...} // @event required for TCM param-list syntax: param-name:param-type[=default-exp], ...

method-name ([param-list]) [: return-type] [@event-type] is

[also|first|only] {action;...} return [exp]

Invoking Methods and TCMs

Actions

[[struct-exp].]method-name([param-list])

start TCM() // starts TCM in a new thread

TCM2()@event-name is {TCM1(); method();};

method1() is { method2(); method3(); };

method() is { start TCM();};

Loops Actions

for i from exp [down] to exp [step exp] [do] { action; ... }; for each [struct-type] (list-item) [using index (index-name)]

in [reverse] list [do] { action; ... };

for each [line] [(line-name)] in file file-name [do] {action; ... };

while bool-exp [do] { action; ... };

Ways to exit a loop: break; continue;

Operators

Operator precedence is left to right, top to bottom in the list

[] list indexing

[..] list slicing

[:] bit slicing . field selection f() method or routine call in range list or set

{...; ...} list concatenation

%{..., ...} bit concatenation

~ bitwise not +, - unary positive, negative !. not boolean not

+, - plus, minus

*, /, % multiply, divide, modulus >>, << shift right, shift left

<, <=, >, >= comparison

is [not] a subtype identification ===,!== Verilog 4-state compare

~, !~ string matching

&, I, ^ bitwise and, or, xor

&&, and boolean and

||, or boolean or

!, not boolean not => boolean implication

a?b:c conditional "if a then b, else c"

==, != boolean equal, not equal

Sequences

sequence seq-name [using sequence-option,...];

item = item-type // default: virtual sequence created driver = driver-name // default: seg name driver created_kind = kind-name // pre-defined: MAIN, SIMPLE, RANDOM

body() @driver.clock is [only] { ... };

do field-name [keeping {constraint;...}]

do [when-qualifiers] field-name [on driver-exp] [keeping {constraint;...}]

Sequence-Driver API

gen and start main: bool event item-done **bfm** interaction mode: bfm interaction mode t

arbitration_mode: seq_arbitration_mode_t

get_next_item(): item_type @clock

try_next_item(): item_type @clock

driver.wait_for_grant(seq: any sequence) @sys.any

driver.deliver item(item: any sequence item)

driver.wait_for_item_done(item: any_sequence_item)@sys.any

driver.execute_item(item: any_sequence_item)

Messages

message([tag], verbosity, exp,) [action-block]

Structured Debug Messages (SDMs)

msg_started([tag,]verbosity, msg-id, data-struct) [{action-block}]

msg_ended([tag,]verbosity, msg-id, data-struct) [{action-block}]

msg transformed([tag,]verbosity, msg-id, from-item, to-item) [{action-block}] // Reports transformation of existing data items

msg_changed([tag,]verbosity, msg-id, new-state-desc) [{action-block}] // Reports a significant event

msg_info([tag,]verbosity, msg-id, item1[, item2]) [{action-block}] // Reports a significant event in the environment

Packing and Unpacking Pseudo-Methods

exp = pack(pack-option, exp, ...)

unpack(pack-option, value-exp, target-exp [, target-exp, ...])

Predefined Routines

Actions

Deep Copy and Compare Routines

deep_copy(exp : struct-type) : struct-type

deep_compare[_physical](inst1, inst2, max-diffs): list of string

Selected Configuration Routines

set config(category, option, option-value)

get_config(category, option);

Selected Arithmetic Routines (arguments are integers)

min|max (x, y): int **abs(***x***)**: int odd|even (x): bool **ipow(***x*, *y***)**: int isqrt(x): int **div_round_up(***x*, *y***)**: int

Bitwise Routines

exp.bitwise and | or | xor | nand | nor | xnor(exp: int|uint): bit

Selected String Routines

appendf(format, exp, ...): string append(exp, ...): string

exp. to_string(): string bin|dec|hex(exp, ...): string

str_join(*list*: list of string, *separator*: string): string str match(str: string, regular-exp: string): bool

Selected Operating System Interface Routines

system("command"): int date time(): string

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output from("command"): list of string
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get symbol(UNIX-environment-variable: string): string

files.write_string_list(file-name: string, list: list of string)

Stopping a Test stop_run();

List Pseudo-Methods

Selected List Actions

add[0](list-item : list-type)

clear() delete(index: int)

pop[0](): list-type push[0](list-item : list-type)

Selected List Expressions

is_a_permutation(list: list): bool

size(): int top[0](): list-type exists(index: int): bool reverse(): list sort(exp: exp): list is empty(): bool sum(expr: int): int count (exp: bool): int has(exp: bool): bool

first(expr: bool): list-type last(exp: bool): list-type

key(*key-expr* : expr) : list-item **key_index**(*key-exp*: exp): int max(expr: int): list-type max_value(exp: int): int | uint min(expr: int): list-type min value(exp: int): int | uint

all indices(exp: bool): list of int

swap(small: int, large: int): list of bit crc 8|32(from-byte: int, num-bytes: int): int

unique(exp): list all different(exp)

Coverage Groups and Items

Struct and Unit Members

all(expr: bool): list

cover cover-group [using [also] cover-group-options] is [empty] [also] {

item item-name [: type = exp] [using [also] cover-item-options]; cross item-name1, item-name2, ...; transition item-name;

};

Coverage Group Options

text = string weight = uint no collect radix = DEC|HEX|BIN

when = bool-exp per_unit_instance [=unit-type]

instance_no_collect = bool-exp

Coverage Item Options

text = string weight = *uint* no_collect

radix = DEC|HEX|BIN when = bool-exp at least = num per instance = bool ignore | illegal = cover-item-bool-exp

instance_no_collect | instance_ignore |instance_illegal = bool-

exp ranges=range([n..m], sub-bucket-name,

sub-bucket-size, at-least-number);



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Specman Quick Reference

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This card contains selected Specman commands and procedures. For more information, see the *Specman Command Reference*.

Abbreviations: dir - directory exp - expression inst - instance num - number

General Help

cdnshelp | sn_help.sh \\ opens Cadence Help

Specman help command Help button in GUI

Creating an HDL Stub File

write stubs -ncvlog | -ncvhdl | -ver[ilog] | -ncsc | -ncsv | -esi [file-name] // IES only; stub files not required for irun

write stubs -ver[ilog] | -qvh | -mti_sv | -osci | -vcs | -vcssv |-esi | [file-name]

Compiler Script

%sn_compile.sh // displays compiler script options

%sn_compile.sh top.e // creates an executable named "top" with compiled top.e module (and all other modules loaded by top.e)

%sn_compile.sh e-module -shlib -t tmp_directory

%sn_compile.sh -shlib -exe top.e // creates a shared library and executable that can be loaded dynamically into a simulator (example-. Modelsim)

%sn_compile.sh -sim vcs -vcs_flags "file1.v ... specman.v" top.e // creates a Specman executable named "vcs_top" that includes VCS, compiled top.e, and Verilog source files

Some Common Switches

-sim // specifies name of the simulator to be linked (xl, ncvlog, ncvhdl, ncsim, vcs, vcssv)

 $\mbox{-enable_DAC}$ // compiles define as computed macros in the same compilation phase

-shlib // creates a shared library

-parallel // improves performance by compiling modules in parallel

Starting Specman Standalone

%specman [-p[re_commands] commands | @cmd-file.ecom] [-c[ommands] commands...] [-e | -gui]

Switching between Specman and Simulator Prompts

<Return> // switches from Specman to the simulator

sn [spmn-cmd] // switches from simulator to Specman

nc nc-cmd // passes simulator command from Specman to IES

Starting Specman with a Simulator

%specrun [-p[re_commands] commands | @cmd-file.ecom] [-c[ommands] commands...] [-e | -gui] -dlib | linked-specmanexecutable-and-parameters

// Specman invocation using a linked executable or dynamically linked to a shared library

IES Simulator

%irun *file1.v file2.v test.e* **-snprerun** "@batch.ecom"// compiles Verilog files and e file, and executes pre-commands)

ModelSim

vsim -c -keepstdout top-module vsim-options

VCS

integrated-vcs-executable -ucli [vcs-options]

Selected irun Options To Use with Specman

-defineall macro // defines macro for all compilers

-endsnstage // marks the end of a list of e files to be compiled into the same compilation unit

-intelligen // configures generator to use IntelliGen

-nosncomp // prevents compiling e input files

-snchecknames // generates warning for incorrect HDL paths

-snload e-files // loads e files before HDL access generation

-snprerun "commands" // executes commands before simulation

-snseed seed // passes seed to Specman

-snset "commands" // specifies commands to be executed before compiling or loading e files

-snshlib shared-lib-path // uses specified e precompiled shared lib

-snstage stagename // compiles all e files as a staged compile

Syntax Examples:

% irun -snshlib libsn_e-module.so hdl-files e-module % irun -snstage stage-name e-files -snstage stage-name e-files ... -endsnstage e-files hdl-files

irun Coverage Options

-covworkdir dir -covscope scope -covtest test

HAL e Linting Command

hal [-check | -nocheck category[:category...]] [-design_info info-file] [-rulefile definitions-file] [-snshlib shared-lib-file] [e-files]

Categories:

ALL_E E_COVERAGE E_LINT E_PERFORMANCE E_STYLE E_TOOL UVM_E

Specman: Main Configuration Options

Categories

run cover gui ies memory simulation print debugger gen

config category -option=value // change configuration

show config [category [-option]]

write config [to] file-name

read config [from] file-name

Test Phase Commands

test | **setup** | **generate** | **start** | **run** [-option = value, ...] // options are the related configuration options.

check finalize extract

Saving and Restoring the State

load [-check] [-if] e-files

reload [-retain | -noretain] [esv-file]

sav[e] [-with_logs] esv-file

set retain state [-off]

Coverage Commands

read cov[er[age]] [-merge -file = merge-filename] wildcard-filename....

write cov[er[age]] [-merge] filename

clear cov[er[age]]

sh[o[w]] cov[er[age]] [-kind = full | sum[mary] | spread[sheet]]
[-f[ile] = file-name] [-contr[ibutors] [= num]] [-win[dow]]
[struct-type[.group-name[.item-name]]] [,...]

sh[o[w]] cov[er[age]] def [struct-type[.group-name[.item-name]]]

rank co[ver] [-sort_only] [-recover] [-window] [-file=file_name] [-initial_list=file_name] [struct-type[.group-name[.item-name]]]

Waveform-Related Commands

set wave [-mode=working-mode] viewer // not needed for IES

wave [exp] [-when] [-depth=uint] [-field[s] [-event[s] [-thread[s]
exp

wave ev[e[n[t]]] [struct-type.event-type]

Memory Commands

sh[ow] mem[ory] [struct] [-re[cursive]

sh[ow] mem[ory] [-depth = unit-e-path] [-depth = num]

sh[ow] path struct | -type = type-name | -full

Message Commands

set message unit [-tags=tags | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=file] [-verbosity=verbosity] [-nonrec]

set message unit -off [-tags=tags | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=file] [-nonrec]

set message unit -format=format [-tags=tags | all] [-screen] [-file=file] [-nonrec]

set message -style=style [-verbosity=verbosity] [-tags=tags]

show message *unit* [-tags=tags | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=file | all] [-rec[ursive]] [-full]

Event Commands

sh[ow] event[s] [time[..[time]] [struct.event] // wildcards allowed for event commands

sh[ow] event def[initions] [struct.event [,...]]

collect event[s] [struct.event [,...]] [on | off]

trace event[s] [-off | struct.event | -off]

trace event[s] -wave [struct.event | -off | -show | -help]

del[ete] event[s]

Show Pack and Unpack Commands

show pack(pack-option, exp, ...)

show unpack(pack-option, value-exp, target-exp1 [,target-exp2,...])

Log Commands

set log file-name [{command;...}]

set log off

Shell Commands

shell shell-command

Print and Report Commands

p[r[int]] exp[, ...] [using print-options]

rep[ort] list-exp, {[headers]}, exp,... [using print-options]

Note: Use the **show config print** command to display print options. Examples:

print sys.packets using radix=HEX

report sys.packets, {"Addr \t Indx"; "%d \t %d"},.address,index

tree [struct | list-exp] // display the contents of a struct or list

write doc [-l[oad]] [-path=path][-dir=dir] [-overwrite] [-no_show] [-detail] [-public] [-protected] [-package] [-private]

[-no_source_links] e_verification_package_name | @modules, ... // generate a multi-file, hierarchical eDoc report

Sequence Debug Command

tra[ce] seq[uence] [driver-e-path] [-v= verbosity | off] [-file = file, ...] [-screen] [-trans]

Generation Debugger Commands

break [on] gen [action id [cfs id]] [error] [field

struct_name.field_name] // set generation break point; enable
collection of generation information

Examples:

break on gen error// collect generation information and stop on next contradiction

break on gen field my_packet_s.*// collect generation information and stop on next generation of any field of my_packet_s

sh[ow] gen [-instance instance-name[.fieldname] | -ascii]

Source Code Debugger Commands

cont[inue] [to breakpoint-syntax] step any[where]

st[ep] ne[xt] fin[ish] abort

Setting Breakpoints

b[reak] [once] [on] break-option [@module] [if cond]

lb[reak] [once] [on] break-option [@module] [#[thread-handle] [if cond]

Where break-options are:

- c[all] [ext[ension]] [struct-wildcard.]method-wildcard
- re[urn] [ext[ension]] [struct-wildcard.]method-wildcard
- event [[struct-wildcard.]method-wildcard]
- special-event-type [special-wildcard]

b[reak] [once] [on] **I[ine]** [line-number] [@module | @expansion-index] [if cond]

Ib[reak] [once] [on] **I**[ine] [line-number] [@module | @expansion-index] [#[thread-handle] [if cond]

b[reak] [once] [on] change exp | error | interrupt | sim | contention

b[reak] [on] alloc [memory-size]

Managing Breakpoints

delete | disable | enable break [last | id-number | "pattern"]

show breakpoint

Setting and Managing Watches

[I]watch exp [-radix = DEC | HEX | BIN] [-items = value] [#thread-id]

customize watch watch-id [radix = DEC | HEX | BIN] [-items = value | default]

show watch

delete watch [watch-id]

Setting Traces

tra[ce] [once] [on] trace-option [@module-name] [if cond]

Itra[ce] [once] [on] trace-option [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]]

[if cond]

Where trace-option is:

- c[all] [ext[ension]] [struct-wildcard.]method-wildcard
- re[urn] [ext[ension]] [struct-wildcard.]method-wildcard
- I[ine] [line-number]
- special-event [special-wildcard]

tra[ce] [once] [on] change exp | contention

tra[ce] [on] packing | reparse

tra[ce] [on] check [struct-wild-card.method-wild-card] [@module-name]

tra[ce] deep

tra[ce] glitch [on | off] c[all] [port-e-path]

tra[**ce**] internal-port-activity [unit-wildcard | port-wildcard] [destination] [**off**]

tra[**ce**] external-port-activity [[agent-wildcard.]unit-wildcard. | port-wildcard] [destination] [**off**]

Special Events and Special Wild Cards

Special Event Name	Special Wild Card
tcm_start	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_end	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_call	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card

Special Events and Special Wild Cards (continued)

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tcm_return	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_wait	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_state	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
call	struct-wild-card.method-wild-card
return	struct-wild-card.method-wild-card
sim_read	signal-name-wild-card
sim_write	signal-name-wild-card
output	text wild-card

Command-Line Mode Debugging Commands

sh[ow] sta[ck] // show the calls stack for the current thread

sh[ow] thr[ead] // show all threads

sh[ow] thr[ead] so[urce] [#[thread-id[.call-id]]]
// show the e source for the current thread

sh[ow] thr[ead] tr[ee] [#[thread-id]]

// show the full tree of calls for the current thread

sh[o[w]] **def**[ine[s]] [-v] [-e] [" [`]wildcard-name"]

// -e : e defines only; -v : Verilog defines

sh[ow] macro [-full] [-nest] -line=line-no @module-name | #expansion

sh[ow] macro [-full] [-nest] "e-code-string"

-macro = macro-name-exp | -match_exp = macro-match-exp

collect [-file=file-name] [-after=module-name] [-reload] struct-name.method,... // collect method extensions and print to log

sh[o][w]] mod[u[les]] [-checksum | -win[dow]]



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