e Language Quick Reference

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This card contains selected ${\bf e}$ constructs. For complete ${\bf e}$ syntax, see the ${\bf e}$ Language Reference.

Abbreviations:

arg - argument inst - instance bool - boolean num - number

enum - enumerated TCM - time-consuming method expr - expression TE - temporal expression

Predefined Types

uint

```
bit // unsigned integer with value 0 or 1 (default: 0)

byte // unsigned integer in the range 0-255 (default: 0)

int // 32-bit signed integer (default: 0)
```

int | uint (bits: n | bytes: n) // n-bit or n-byte signed int or uint

// 32-bit unsigned integer (default: 0)

bool // one-bit boolean (0 = FALSE, 1 = TRUE) (default: FALSE)

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

// a list of elements of the specified type (default: empty)

string // strings are enclosed in quotes: "my string" (default: NULL)

Type Conversion

expr = expr.as_a(type)

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 ); // defines a scalar type
type type-name : [ name [=n], ... ]; // defines an enumerated type
extend type-name : [ name [=n], ... ]; // extends an enumerated type
extend struct-type|unit-type { additional struct or unit members };
// extends a struct or unit
```

Struct and Unit Members

fields	constraints		when conditions
methods and TCMs	cover group	s	events
temporal struct unit me	embers	preprocess	or directives

Fields Struct and Unit Members

```
[!][%]field-name: type; //! = do not generate, % = physical field field-name[n]: list of type; // creates a list with n elements field-name: unit-type is instance; // for units only, not structs
```

Conditional Extensions using When Struct and Unit Members

```
type enum-type: [name1, name2, ...];
struct|unit struct-type|unit-type {
    field-name : enum-type;
    when name1 struct-type|unit-type { additional members };
};
extend name1 struct-type|unit-type { ... };
```

Ports Struct and Unit Members

```
port-name: dir [buffer_port | simple_port] of data-type is instance;
port-name: dir event_port is instance;
```

keep [soft] port_inst.attribute() == value;

keep bind(inst-name1, inst-name2 | external | empty | undefined);

Encapsulation

Statements, Struct and Unit Members

package package; [package] type type; package :: type
package | protected | private struct-member-definition;

Constraints

Struct and Unit Members

```
keep [soft] bool-expr;  // for example, keep field1 <= MY_MAX
keep [soft] field-name in [range]; // example: keep field1 in [0..256]
keep bool-expr1 => bool-expr2; // bool-expr1 implies bool-expr2
```

keep [soft] field-name in list;

keep list.is_all_iterations(field-name);

keep list1.is_a_permutation(list2);

keep *list*[index].field-name constraint-expr;

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

keep all of {constraint-expr; ... };

keep soft bool-expr == select { weight : value; ... };

keep [soft] gen (item-a) before (item-b);

keep *gen-item*.**reset_soft();** // ignore soft constraints on gen-item

keep field-name.hdl_path() == "string"; //field-name is unit instance

keep soft bool-expr == **select** { weight : value; ... };

keep gen before subtypes(determinant-field: field, ...);

Predefined Methods of All Structs

Struct and Unit Members

run()	extract()	check()	finalize()
init()	pre_generate()	post_generate()	
copy()	do_print()	print_line()	quit()

Methods and TCMs

Struct and Unit Members

```
regular-method( [arg: type, ...]) [: return-type] is { action; ... };

TCM([arg: type, ...]) [: return-type] @event-name is { action; ... };

method(arg: type, ...) [: return-type] [@event-name] is

also|first|only { action; ... };
```

Variable Declarations and Assignments

Actions

var var-name : type; var var-name : = value; var-name = expr; // e.g. field-name=expr, var-name=method()

Conditional Procedures

Actions

```
if bool-expr [ then ] { action; ... }
[ else if bool-expr [ then ] { action; ... } ] [ else { action; ... } ];
case { bool-expr[:] { action; ... } ; [ default[:] { action; ... } ;] };
case expr { value[:] { action; ... } ; [ default[:] { action; ... } ;] };
```

Checks Actions

check that bool-expr [else dut_error(...)];

Loops Actions

continue;

```
for i from expr [ down ] to expr [step expr] [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-expr [do] { action; ... };
```

Invoking Methods and TCMs

Actions

```
TCM2()@event-name is { TCM1(); method();}; // calling methods method1() is { method2(); method3(); }; // calling methods method() is { start TCM();}; // starting a TCM on a separate thread Note: A TCM can only be called from another TCM. However, a TCM can be started from a regular method or from another TCM.
```

Operators

break;

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

```
[] list indexing
                                  [..] list slicing
[:] bit slicing
                                  f() method or routine call
  field selection
                                  in range list
{...; ...} list concatenation
                                  %{..., ...} bit concatenation
bitwise not
                                  !, not boolean not
+, - unary positive, negative
                                  *, /, % multiply, divide, modulus
                                  >>, << shift right, shift left
+, - plus, minus
<, <=, >, >= boolean
                                  is [not] a subtype identification
comparison
==, != boolean equal, not equal ===,!== Verilog 4-state compare
~, !~ string matching
                                  &, |, ^ bitwise and, or, xor
&&, and boolean and
                                  II, or boolean or
!, not boolean not
                                  => boolean implication
a?b:c conditional "if a then b. else c"
```

Simulator Interface

Statements and Unit Members

```
verilog function 'HDL-path'(params): n;  // n is result size in bits
verilog import file-name;  // statement only
verilog task 'HDL-path'(params);
verilog time Verilog-timescale;  // statement only
vhdl driver 'HDL-path' using option, ...;  // unit member only
vhdl function 'designator' using option, ...;
vhdl procedure 'identifier' using option, ...;
```

Generation On the Fly

Actions

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

vhdl time VHDL-timescale; // statement only

Events

event event-name [is [only] TE]; // struct or unit member
emit [struct-inst.]event-name; // action

Predefined Events

sys.any struct-inst.quit

Temporal Struct and Unit Members

```
on event-name { action; ... } ;
expect|assume [rule-name is [only ]] TE
  [ else dut_error( "string", expr, ... ) ];
```

Temporal Expressions (TEs)

Basic Temporal Expressions

@[struct-inst.]event-name // event instance

change|fall|rise('HDL-path') @sim // simulator callback annotation

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

Boolean Temporal Expressions

TE1 and TE2 TE1 or TE2 not TE

Complex Temporal Expressions

```
TE @[struct-inst.]event-name
                                   // explicit sampling
{ TE; TE; ... }
                                   // sequence
TE1 => TE2
                                   // if TE1. then TE2 follows
TE exec { action; ... }
                                   // execute when TE succeeds
[n][* TE]
                                   // fixed repeat
{ ... ; [ [n]..[m] ] [ * TE ]; TE; ... }
                                   // first match repeat
                                   // true match repeat
~[ [n]..[m] ] [ * TE ]
delay(expr)
                                   detach(TE)
consume( @[struct-inst.]event-name )
```

Time-Consuming Actions

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

Lock and Release, Sempahores

Predefined Structs and Methods

fail TE

```
struct struct-type {
    locker-expr. locker;
    TCM() @event-name is {
        locker-expr.lock();
        ...
        locker-expr.release(); };
};
struct struct-type {
    sem-expr. semaphore;
    TCM() @event-name is {
        sem-expr.up();
        ...
        sem-expr.down(); };
};
```

Packing and Unpacking Pseudo-Methods

```
expr = pack( pack-options, expr, ... )
unpack( pack-options, value-expr, target-expr [ , target-expr, ... ] )
```

Printing

Action

Predefined Routines

Deep Copy and Compare Routines

deep_copy(expr : struct-type) : struct-type

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

Output Routines

```
out ("string", expr, ...); out ( struct-inst );
outf ("string %c ...", expr ); // c is a conversion code: s, d, x, b, o, u
```

Selected Configuration Routines

Note: Categories for these routines are listed in "Configuration Commands" in the Specman Elite Quick Reference.

set_config(category, option, option-value)

get_config(category, option);

Selected Arithmetic Routines

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

Bitwise Routines

expr.bitwise_and|or|xor|nand|nor|xnor(expr: int|uint): bit

Selected String Routines

```
appendf(format, expr, ...): string append(expr, ...): string
expr. to_string(): string bin|dec|hex(expr, ...): string
str_join(list: list of string, separator: string): string
str_match(str: string, regular-expr: string): bool
str_replace(str:string, regular-expr:string, replacement:string):string
str_split(str: string, regular-expr: string): list of string
```

Selected Operating System Interface Routines

Stopping a Test

stop_run(); // stops the simulator and invokes test finalization

On-the-Fly Memory Management

do_otf_gc()

Preprocessor Directives Statements, Struct Members or Actiors

#define [']macro-name [replacement]

#if[n]def [']macro-name then {string} [#else {string}] ;

List Pseudo-Methods

Actions

Selected List Actions

add[0](list-item : list-type)add[0](list : list)clear()delete(index : int)pop[0]() : list-typepush[0](list-item : list-type)insert(index : int, list : list | list-item : list-type)

Selected List Expressions

size(): int	top[0](): list-type
reverse(): list	sort(expr: expr): list
<pre>sum(expr: int) : int</pre>	count (expr: bool): int
exists(index: int): bool	has(expr: bool): bool
is_empty() : bool	is_a_permutation(list: list) : bool
all(expr: bool): list	all_indices(expr: bool): list of int
first(expr: bool): list-type	last(expr: bool): list-type
<pre>first_index(expr: bool) : int</pre>	last_index(expr: bool): int
key(key-expr: expr): list-item	key_index(key-expr : expr) : int
max(expr: int): list-type	max_value(expr: int): int uint
min(expr: int): list-type	min_value(expr : int) : int uint
<pre>swap(small : int, large : int) : list</pre>	of bit
crc_8 32(from-byte : int, num-by	rtes : int) : int

Coverage Groups and Items S

Struct and Unit Members

```
cover cover-group [ using [also] cover-group-options ] is [empty]
[also] {
    item item-name [: type = expr] [ using [also] cover-item-options ];
    cross item-name1, item-name2, ...; transition item-name;
};
```

To enable coverage, extend the **global** struct as follows: setup_test() is also {set_config(cover, mode, cover-mode)}

Coverage Group Options

unique(expr: expr): list

text = string weight = uint no_collect radix = DEC|HEX|BIN
count_only global when = bool-expr

external=surecov agent_options=SureCov options

Coverage Item Options

text = string	$\mathbf{when} = bool\text{-}expr$	weight = uint
no_collect	radix=DEC HEX BIN	name name
at_least = num	ignore illegal = cove	er-item-bool-expr
no_trace	ranges=range([nm sub-bucket-size, at-lea	-
per_instance	agent_options=Sure	Cov options



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print expr[,...] [using print-options];

Specman Elite Quick Reference

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

Abbreviations: dir - directory expr - expression

inst - instance

num - number

General Help

help syntax-string sn_help.sh

Specview Help button

Creating an HDL Stub File

write stubs -ncvlog | -ncvhdl | -verilog | -ncsc | -esi [file-name]

write stubs -verilog | -qvh | -osci | -esi [file-name]

specman -command "load top.e; write stubs -ncverilog" // creates stub file named specman.v for NC Verilog simulator

Compiler Script

%sn compile.sh

// use with no arguments to display compiler script options

%sn compile.sh top.e

// create an executable named "top" with compiled top.e module

Simulator Commands

%sn compile.sh -sim ncvlog top.e

// creates a Specman Elite executable named "ncvlog top" that // includes the compiled top.e module and NC Simulator (Verilog)

%sn_compile.sh top.e -shlib

// creates a library that includes top.e and ModelSim

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

Incremental Compilation Command Sequence

1. sn compile.sh -e my dir -t . first.e

2. sn compile.sh -s my dir/first -t . next.e

3. sn_compile.sh -s my_dir/next -t . last.e

Simulator-Related Commands

show tasks [and functions] // Verilog

show procedures // VHDL

show subprograms // VHDL

show defines [-v] [-e] [" [`]macro-name"] // Verilog defines

Switching between Specman Elite and Simulator Prompts

<Return> // switch from Specman Elite back to the simulator <Cntl>-<Return> // switch from Specview to the simulator prompt

\$sn; // switch from Verilog-XL or VCS to Specman Elite sn

// switch from ModelSim to Specman Elite sn // switch from NC Simulator to Specman Elite

Specman Elite Commands from Simulator Prompt

Verilog-XL or VCS: \$sn("command"); ModelSim: sn "command"

NC Simulator: sn command

Starting Specman Elite or the Specview GUI

Starting Specman Elite in Text Mode

specman [-p[re commands] commands ...] [-c[ommands] commands ...]

Example:

specman -p "config print -radix = HEX" -p "load top"

// Starts Specman Elite, sets print radix to hex, and loads top.e

Starting the Specview GUI

specview [-p[re_commands] commands ...] [-c[ommands] commands ...] [integrated-executable parameters]

specview xl_specman +gui -s xor.v specman.v

// Starts Specview along with the Verilog-XL GUI, loads the xor.v // file and the specman.v stubs file

Running from Compiled Executables

%specrun [-pre-commands command ...] [-commands command ...] [integrated-executable parameters]

// General way to pass pre-commands to a compiled executable

NC Simulator:

% ncvlog top -s file1.v file2.v specman.v

// Invokes an executable named novlog top to start Specman Elite // with NC Simulator, and load Verilog files file1.v and file2.v

NC Simulator:

%specrun -p "@batch.ecom" ncvlog_top -s file1.v file2.v specman.v // Same as above, but with optional pre-commands

ModelSim:

% specrun -p "@batch.ecom" vsim -keepstdout top < batch.do

VCS:

% specrun -p "@batch.ecom" vcs cpu top -s -i batch.cmd

Using a Specman Elite Command File

@file-name [parameter ...]

Example:

// Contents of my batch.ecom file:

load <1>:

out("<2> is <3>");

Execute my_batch.ecom:

Specman> @my_batch my_code Today Wednesday Result:

Loads my_code.e, prints Today is Wednesday

Configuration Commands

Category	Options
print	radix, title, window, raw, items, list_from, list_is_horizontal, list_lines, list_starts_on_right, list_grouping, list_of_bit_in_hex, list_index_radix, list_end_flag, full, source_lines, line_size
debug	watch list items

cover

at least multiplier, grading formula, mode, show mode, verbose interface, sorted, max_int_buckets, absolute_max_buckets, max gui buckets, auto ranges, test name, run_name, tag_name, dir, file_name, show file names, show sub holes, show instances only, show partial grade, ranking_cost, ranking_precision, gui_sync_mode, check illegal immediately, illegal bucket color, auto cover events, cover enums by numeric val

gen

seed, default max list size, reorder fields, warn, max depth, max structs, absolute max list size, resolve cycles, check unsatisfied cons, collect all, long max width, determinants before subtypes, bool exp is bidir, unit reference rule, max range strlen, static analysis opt, list constraint is bidir

new_help_window, lines_num_in_source_viewer, gui auto scroll

run tick max, error command, exit on,

use manual tick

gc threshold, gc increment, max size, memory

absolute max size, retain trace structs, retain printed structs, check consistency, debug thread leak, disable disk based gc. print msg, print off msg, print process size

misc

warn, pre_specman_path, post_specman_path,

short is signed, open support page,

support_info_file

wave

working mode, auto refresh, use wave, stub message len, stub output, stub errors, stub_events, event_data, stub_integers, stub_strings, stub strings len. stub booleans, list items. thread_code_line, hierarchy_name, port, dump_file, timeout, path separator, port,

show config [category [option]]

write config [to] file-name

read config [from] file-name

Test Phase Commands

test [-option = value...] setup_test **generate** [-option = value...]

start [-option = value...]

run [-option = value...]

extract

check finalize_test

Test Phase Command Options

 $seed = n \mid random$ default_max_list_size = n $max_depth = n$

max structs = n

absolute_max_list_size = n warn = TRUE | FALSE

reorder fields = TRUE | FALSE

resolve_cycles = TRUE | FALSE

check unsatisfied cons = TRUE | FALSE

Saving and Restoring the State

save file-name restore [-override] [-retain | -noretain] [file-name] reload [-retain | -noretain] retain state

Coverage Commands

read cover file-name | -merge -file = file-name

write cover [-merge] file-name

clear cover

show cover [-kind = full|summary|spreadsheet]
[-file = file-name] [-contributors[= num]] [-window]
[struct-type[.cover-group[(inst)][.item-name]]]

show cover -tests

show cover -def [struct-name[.event-name[.item-name]]]

show cover -new -cross = (struct-type.cover-group.item-name, ...)
[-interval = (struct-type.event-name, [struct-type.event-name | next])]
[-only_simultaneous] [-win]

show cover -unique buckets file name

include cover[_tests] full-run-name [on|off]

rank cover [-sort_only] [-recover] [-window] [-file=file_name] [-initial_list=file_name] [item-wild-cards]

Waveform-Related Commands

set wave [-mode=working-mode] viewer

wave [-when [= when-regular-expr]]
[-field[s] [= fields-regular-expr]]

[-event[s] [-event_data=event-data]] [-thread[s] [-code_line=bool]] expr

[code_iiiic booi]]cxpi

wave event [-data=data-option] [struct-type.event-type]

wave out

Memory Commands

show memory [-recursive] [struct-type | unit-type]

who is [-full] struct-expr // show paths for all pointers to a struct

Event Commands

collect events [event-name [,...]] [on | off]

echo events [event-name [,...]] [on | off]

delete events

show events [event-name | [num [..[num]]]

show event definitions [event-name, ...]

show events -chart [time-value | -prev | -next | -beginning | -end] [event-name, ...]

Show Pack and Unpack Commands

show pack(*options*: pack options, *expr*, ...)

show unpack(options: pack_options, value-expr, target-expr, ...)

Show Modules Command

show modules

Log Commands

set log file-name

Shell Commands

shell shell-command

Print and Report Commands

Note: **print** and **report** can also be used in **e** code as actions.

set log off

print expr, ... [using print-options]

report list-expr, {[headers]}, expr,... [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-inst | list-expr] // display the contents of a struct or list

Generation Debugger Commands

col[lect] generation [off]

show gen [-instance inst-name[.field-name]]

Source Code Debugger Commands

continue [to breakpoint-syntax] step_anywhere

step next finish abort

In the next two sections, the #thread-handle option can only be used with the "I" (local) form of the command (e.g. **Ibreak**, but not **break**). The special events and special wild cards used as options for some of the commands are listed separately at the end.

Setting Breakpoints

[I]break [once] [on] call [extension]

[struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name] [#[thread-handle] [if bool-expr]

[l]break [once] [on] [return] [extension]

[struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

[I]break [once] [on] line [line-number] [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

[i]break [once] [on] special-event-name [special-wild-card] [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

[i]break [once] [on] event [[struct-wild-card.]event-wild-card] [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

break [once] [on] change expr

break [once] [on] error

break [once] [on] interrupt

break [once] [on] simulator

break [on] alloc [memory-size]

Managing Breakpoints

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

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

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

show breakpoint

Setting and Managing Watches

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

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

show watch delete watch [watch-id]

Setting Traces

[I]trace [once] [on] call [extension] [struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

[I]trace [once] [on] return [extension] [struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

[I]trace [once] [on] line [line-number] [@module-name] [if bool-expr]

[i]trace [once] [on] special-event-name [special-wild-card] [@module-name] [#[thread-handle]] [if bool-expr]

trace [once] [on] change expr

trace [on] packing trace [on] reparse

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
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

show stack // show the calls stack for the current thread

show threads // show all threads

show thread source // show the **e** source for the current thread

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

show thread #thread-handle



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