XDS Family of Products

Native XDS-x86

for Microsoft Windows

Version 1.1

XDS Debugger User's Guide

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Chapter 1

Introduction

From its first release in 1991, the XDS[1] family of Modula-2/Oberon-2 development systems provided a set of basic debugging facilities, such as execution history and profiling. When it came to symbolic debugging, however, it relied on an "underlaying" C compiler package. Nothing was wrong about it, as long as XDS compilers were implemented as translators to ANSI C.

For owners of the first native code XDS compilers for Intel x86 line of processors, launched in the second half of 1996, having a C compiler is no longer essential. Nevertheless, XDS understands that for any serious development a symbolic debugger is an absolute requirement.

The **XDS Debugger** (XD) pretends to meet this requirement. It is a full source level symbolic debugger which provides common debugging facilities, such as execution in step mode, breakpoints and breaks setting, data examination and modification, etc.

The debugger may be used in two modes, dialog and batch. The dialog mode is interactive, while in the batch mode XD may automatically execute a debugging scenario (or a number of scenarios) described in special control files, and log the scenario execuion results. This allows the debugger to be used to automate testing.

1.1 New in version 1.1

The following changes and improvementes have been made to XD since version 1.0:

- Improved locators (see 3.1.2)

- 16-bit character type and 64-bit integer type (Java `char` and `long int`) are partially supported

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[1]Previous versions or XDS were known as Extacy and OM2

- Exceptions generated by the XDS run-time library (type guards, array index checks, etc.) are now detected

- The program may be restarted at entry point (see 3.5.11)

- A counter may be turned into a delayed breakpoint (see 3.6.3)

- The **Float Registers** window (see 3.7.9)

- Constants and symbols are displayed according to rules of the respective language (e.g. a null pointer is displayed as `NIL` in Modula-2 variables and as `null` in Java variables)

- Global variables of any module can be displayed in a separate window (see 3.4.6, 3.7.5)

- Local variables and parameters from any procedure's stack frame can be displayed in the **Local variables** window (see 3.7.6)

- A memory dump may be saved to file (see 3.7.7)

- Watch expressions are saved in session files

- Detection of the actual dynamic type of an Oberon-2 pointer or a Java object (see 3.9)

- Debug scenario record and playback (see **??**)

- Symbolic names may be used instead of numbers to identify breaks in the batch mode (see 4.4)

- All types of breakpoints may now be set in the batch mode (see 4.4)

- In the batch mode, breakpoints may be set at a procedure's prologue, body, epilogue, or return instruction (see 4.4)

- Command-line arguments may now be referenced in control files (see 5.5.6)

- Remote debugging (see Chapter 6) is now supported

- Support for XD has been added to the HIS utlity (see Appendix A)

Chapter 2

Getting started

2.1 General considerations

This section introduces some terms and principles to help you better understand the debugger.

2.1.1 Executable lines

In XD, a source line is considered *executable* if there are CPU instructions corresponding to it. Breakpoints (see 3.6) may be placed only on executable lines, only executable lines are displayed in the **Mixed** mode (see 3.4.2), etc. Obviously, source lines containing comments or declarations are not executable. However, native code XDS compilers may generate no code even for lines containing statements, because of optimization or, for instance, if that code would be unreachable anyway:

```
PROCEDURE P(i : CARDINAL): CARDINAL;
BEGIN
  CASE i OF
  |0: RETURN 1
  |1: RETURN P(i-1)
  END;
  RETURN 2  (* Warning: Unreachable code *)
END P;
```

In the above example, passing any value other than 0 or 1 as an input parameter to P would cause the language exception `caseSelectException` to be raised. Hence, the code corresponding to the last `RETURN` statement would never be executed and is omitted in the resulting object file. The "Unreachable code" warning is issued during compilation.

2.1.2 Procedure prologue and epilogue

In addition to the code correspondent to a procedure's body, a compiler usually inserts some initialization (so called *prologue*) after its entry point and some cleanup (*epilogue*) before the `RET` instruction. In particular, the XDS compiler may generate code which saves and restores stack frame, installs and removes exception handlers, etc.

The compiler maps a prologue to the source line containing the procedure's `BEGIN`, and an epilogue to the line containing `END`.

2.1.3 Register variables

Even if you turn the **NOOPTIMIZE** option on, the compiler still performs some optimizations. In particular, it may place local variables onto CPU registers. The debugger prepends names of register variables with an exclamation mark in information windows (see 3.1.2). Such variables may not exist at certain points of procedure execution, so the displayed values may be incorrect and it is not possible to modify a register variable.

When register variables are used in expressions (see Chapter 5), they are treated as unsigned integers.

2.1.4 Program startup

In a C program, the `main()` function has the public name `main` or `_main`. To ensure compatibility with third-party debuggers and other tools, XDS compilers assign one of these names to the main module body entry point, depending on the **CC** option setting. After the program is loaded, XD searches its symbol table for these symbols and automatically executes the program's startup code up to the point the located symbol refers to. If you wish to debug the startup code, use the **Restart at startup** (see 3.5.10) command or specify the `/S` option in XD command line.

If the program does not have a symbol table or there is no `main` or `_main` symbol in the code segment, the program will be stopped at the first possible point, as if the **Restart at startup** (see 3.5.10) command was used.

2.2 Preparing a program for debugging

Before invoking the debugger, ensure that your program is built with line number and symbolic debug information. To do this, switch the **LINENO** and **GENDEBUG** options on in the project file or on the command line. You may also wish to switch on the **NOOPTIMIZE** option in order to disable the machine-independent optimizer. Use the **=ALL** submode to force all modules which constitute your program to be recompiled with these option settings.

Do not forget to specify a linker option (`/DEBUG` for XDS Linker) which would

cause debugging information to be bound to the executable. If you are taking advantage of the XDS make facility, it will be done automatically if you specify the **GENDEBUG** compiler option, provided that you use a template file bundled with your XDS package. Refer to an appropriate documentation if you use a third-party linker which is not supported in standard template files.

2.2.1 Debug information formats

The Native XDS-x86 compiler is capable to produce debug information in two formats: CodeView (default) and HLL4. This is controlled by the **DBGFMT** compiler option. The HLL4 format is more suitable for Modula-2/Oberon-2 programs. For instance, it allows to represent sets and enumerations, which are not supported in CodeView. XDS Linker and XDS Debugger accept both formats on both platforms, so use HLL4 whenever possible.

HLL4 support under Windows is probably an unique feature, so if you use any third-party tools, CodeView is your only option.

2.3 Starting XD

To invoke XD from the command line, type

```
xd [<options>] [<executable> [<arguments>]]
```

or

```
xd /b [<options>] <control file>
```

and press **Enter**. Available options are:

/D	Invoke XD in dialog mode (default)
/B	Invoke XD in batch mode
/H	Print a brief help message
/J	Safe log
/L	Create log file
/N	Display file names without path
/S	Debug startup code
/X*nnn*	Set width of XD session window to *nnn*
/Y*nnn*	Set height of XD session window to *nnn*

If you invoke XD without any parameters, it will start in dialog mode and display the **Load Program** dialog.

2.4 Terminating XD

To exit the dialog mode, select **Exit** from the **File** menu or press **Alt-X**. If the debugger was started in the dialog mode, it will terminate. Otherwise (the dialog mode was activated from a control file), control file proceccing will continue.

To interrupt XD running in the batch mode, press **Ctrl+C**.

Chapter 3

Using the dialog mode

3.1 Introduction

XD is a text mode application and usually operates in a Win32 console window.
It may also be started in fullscreen mode. In the following text, *screen* refers to
either fullscreen or windowed console containing XD.

The different types of information displayed by the debugger are collected in
separate *windows*. There are five kinds of windows in XD:

- menus

- the **Program** window

- information windows (or just windows)

- dialogs

- message boxes

The top line of XD screen is occupied by the **Main** menu, which provides access
to other menus. The rest of the screen is shared by the **Program** window and
information windows. All those windows are overlapped and may be freely
moved, resized, and placed above or beneath each other.

The **Program** window contains the source text and/or the disassembled code
of the program being debugged (the *debuggee*). It is frameless and may not be
closed or hidden.

Information windows are used to display various data about the current state
of the debuggee, such as watch expressions, CPU registers, call stack, etc. They
have frames and may be displayed, hidden, or closed at any time.

A *dialog* is a window which *pops up* when XD prompts you for an information it
needs to complete a requested action, such as a name of a variable to examine,
or an expression to watch. Dialog windows are *modal*: another window may not

be activated while the dialog is displayed and you have to explicitly confirm or cancel the action you requested.

The debugger displays error, warning, and informational messages in *message boxes*. They are similar to dialogs, but the only action you may perform when a message box is displayed is to close it.

3.1.1 Using menus and shortcuts

To select an item from the **Main** menu, do one of the following:

- Click an item with the left mouse button.

- Hold down **Alt** and press a highlighted character of an item.

- Press **F10**, choose an item with left/right arrow keys, and press **Enter** or the down arrow key.

This will cause one of the *pulldown menus* to be displayed. To select an item from a pulldown menu, do one of the following:

- Click an item with the left mouse button.

- Press a highlighted character (holding down **Alt** is optional).

- Choose an item with up/down arrow keys and press **Enter**.

Finally, there are *pop-up menus* available in most information windows. To activate a pop-up menu, click an information window with the *right* mouse button or press **Ctrl+F10**. Then select an item as in a pulldown menu.

The most often used menu commands have *shortcuts* - key combinations which may be used to activate a menu command without selecting it from a menu. Shortcuts are shown to the right of menu items.

3.1.2 Using information windows

Most information windows contains lists of items, such as global variables or watch expressions. When a window becomes current, a cursor is displayed over one of its items. The following keys may be used to move the cursor:

Left/Right	scroll window contents horizontally
Up/Down	move the cursor one line up/down
PgUp/PgDn	move the cursor one page up/down
Ctrl+PgUp/PgDn	move the cursor to the first/last item of the list
Ctrl+Home/End	move the cursor to the top/bottom of the window

An item may also be selected by clicking it with the left or right mouse button. In the latter case, a pop-up menu will also be displayed.

Information windows which contain lists of program entities, for instance, a list of all modules or a list of local variables provide *locators* for quick cursor positioning.

To move the cursor to a certain item, start typing item's name on the keyboard. The characters you type will appear on the bottom line of a window frame (the locator), and the cursor will position on the first item which name begins with those characters. You may use the **Tab** key to quickly expand the current value of a locator.

Once the cursor appears near the desired item, you may use arrow keys again to complete positioning. Character case is ignored during search, and case of characters in a locator always match the currently selected item.

3.1.3   Using dialogs

A dialog is a modal window which pops up when you initiate a certain action which requires parameters, such as variable name or address.

XD dialogs behave very similar to Windows dialogs.

3.1.4   Managing windows

At any moment during a debugging session, there is exaclty one window which accepts user input - the *current window*. It is the topmost and is displayed with a double frame instead of a single[1].

To select a window to become current, click it or press **Ctrl+Tab** to cycle through windows. You may also select a window from the **Windows** menu, which always contains a list of all open windows. You may need to scroll it if there are too many windows open.

To move or resize the current window using the keyboard, press **Ctrl+W**. A bold frame will be drawn around the window. Use arrow keys to move the window. Holding down **Ctrl** while pressing arrow keys will force the window to change its size instead of position. To leave the move/resize mode, press **Ctrl+W** or **Enter**.

With the mouse, drag the top border of a window to move it or drag any other border or a corner to resize.

To close the current window, press **Ctrl+F4** or click the [x] sign in its top right corner. It is also possible to close a window by selecting it in the **Windows** menu using arrow keys and pressing **Del**. The **Program** window may not be closed.

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[1]The frameless **Program** window is marked as current by changing its header colour.

3.1.5   Refreshing the screen

If there is any garbage on XD screen, press **Ctrl+E** or select **Refresh screen** from the **File** menu to have all windows repainted.

3.1.6   Viewing batch mode output

If the debugger was invoked in the batch mode (see Chapter 4) and then switched to the dialog mode with the help of the **DIALOG** command (see 4.3), you may wish to look at the last lines of the log. To do this, press "/" or select **Show output** from the **File** menu.

3.1.7   Smart session select

Your program is likely to require user interaction. It would be convenient to have the session in which it is executed automatically brought to foreground (selected) during execution, and XD session to be selected whenever the program is stopped. However, in case of step execution modes (see 3.5) usage that would cause undesirable flickering.

XD uses a bit smarter approach: after resuming the debuggee execution, it waits for a small amount of time before selecting the debuggee session. If control returns to the debugger prior to timeout, its session remains selected. The **Delay to select debuggee** option (see 3.9) allows you to adjust the timeout period.

When your program is stopped, you may temporarily bring it to foreground by pressing "\" or by selecting **Show debuggee** from the **File** menu. After a timeout, the XD session will be automatically selected again. A timeout does not occur if you select the debuggee using an operating system mechanism.

3.2   Files used by XD

The following files are used by the debugger:

`xd.red`	redirection file
`xd.cfg`	default session settings
`xd.hlp`	on-line help
`xd.msg`	debugger messages
`*.ses`	session settings

The debugger uses a redirection file to search for all other files the same way the compiler does, except that source files are searched via redirection only if the **Strip path from source name** option (see 3.9) is switched ON.

The `xd.cfg`, `xd.hlp`, and `xd.msg` files, if not found via redirection, are expected to be found in the directory in which XD executable file, `xd.exe`, resides. The `xd.msg` file is essential; the debugger will display an error message and terminate if it fails to locate it on startup.

The configuration file contains default values of options, window sizes, positions, and colors.

Upon termination of a dialog debugging session, the debugger stores its settings in a session file, provided that the **Save debug session layout** option (see 3.9) is set ON. A session file name matches the debugged executable name, and has the extension `.ses`. Next time you debug that executable, XD will restore option values and window layout from the session file.

Watch expressions (see 3.7.11), if any, are also saved in session files.

3.3   Loading a program

To have a program which you want to debug automatically loaded when you invoke the debugger, pass its executable name and optional arguments on XD command line (see 2.3). If you do not provide this information, XD will display the **Load Program** dialog upon startup.

To load a program via the **Load Program** dialog:

1. Type the name of the executable in the **Program name** entry field or select the **Browse** button to select it using a file dialog.

2. If you want any command line arguments to be passed to the debuggee, type them in the **Arguments** entry field.

3. Select the **OK** pushbutton or press **Enter**.

If you decided not to load a program, select the **Cancel** pushbutton or press **Esc**.

To load another program during a debugging session, select **Load Program** from the **File** menu or press **F3**.

3.4   Navigating through your program

XD displays the program you are debugging in the **Program** window. This window is automatically opened upon program load and remains on the screen until you finish the debugging session.

The **Program** window is frameless. The top line is a header in which information about the current position in the code is displayed. The two leftmost columns are reserved for breakpoint marks (see 3.6) and are not scrolled horizontally. The remaining area of the window is used to display the program source and/or the disassembled code.

3.4.1   Cursors

The **Program** window contains two cursors, displayed in different colors.

When the debuggee is stopped, the *execution cursor* is positioned over the line
or instruction about to be executed. It may not be moved manually.

The *user cursor* is intended for navigation. You may freely move it through
the source text or code, which is scrolled, if neccessary, so that the user cursor
always stays visible. It is also used to specify a breakpoint position. See 3.6 for
more information.

When the two cursors coincide, only the execution cursor is displayed. The
user cursor is moved to the position of the execution cursor when the debuggee
execution is interrupted, for instance, when a step command is executed or a
breakpoint is hit. You may also quickly move the user cursor to the position
of the execution cursor by pressing **Ctrl**+**Home** or selecting **Home** from the
Search menu.

3.4.2   View modes

The **Program** window supports three view modes: **Source**, **Disassembly**, and
Mixed.

In the **Source** mode, the **Program** window contains source code of one of the
modules which constitute your program. Its name is displayed in the header
along with the number of the source line currently selected by the user cursor.

Two different colors are used to display executable and non-executable lines,
unless the **Code highlight** option (see 3.9) is set to **No**. When the user cursor
is positioned over an executable line, a corresponding address and a procedure
name are displayed in the window header.

In the **Disassembly** mode, the code of your program is displayed as assembly
instructions. A name of a procedure to which the instruction under the user
cursor belongs and offset of this instruction from the procedure's entry point are
shown in the window header. In this mode, you may scroll through the entire
code segment, while in two other modes module boundaries may not be crossed.

The **Mixed** mode is similar to the **Disassembly** mode, with addition that the
correspondent source line is displayed above each chunk of disassembled code.
The source lines, however, are treated as comments; the user cursor jumps over
them as you move it, so it is not possible to step execute an entire line or set a
breakpoint on it.

Note: In the **Source** and **Mixed** modes, only one of the program's modules
is displayed in the **Program** window. Use the **Modules** window (see 3.4.6) to
display another module.

After loading a program, XD always enters the **Source** mode, unless there is no
debug info at the execution point. If a source file can not be found, the window
is filled with lines containing the corresponding message.

To toggle view modes, select a corresponding item from the **Code** menu, from
the pop-up menu, or use the following shortcuts:

Alt+1	switch to the **Source** mode
Alt+2	switch to the **Disassembly** mode
Alt+3	switch to the **Mixed** (source+disassembly) mode

3.4.3   Moving around in the Program window

The following keys move the user cursor through the contents of the **Program** window:

Left/Right	scroll window contents horizontally
Up/Down	move the user cursor one line up/down
PgUp/PgDn	move the user cursor one page up/down
Ctrl+PgUp/PgDn	move the user cursor to the top/bottom of the current module
Ctrl+Home/End	move the user cursor to the top/bottom of the window
Home/End	show the current line beginning/end
Ctrl+Up/Down	move the user cursor to the previous/next procedure in the current module
Ctrl+H	move the user cursor to the execution cursor position
Ctrl+G	move the user cursor to a source line by its number
Ctrl+A	move the user cursor to a certain address
Ctrl+F	find a string
Ctrl+N	repeat last find

Some of the key combinations listed above are shortcuts for the **Search** menu (see 3.4.4) commands.

In addition, the following information windows may help you to quickly move to certain points in the code:

Window	May be used to
Modules (see **3.4.6**)	display another module
Procedures (see **3.4.7**)	display a procedure in the current module
Publics (see **3.4.8**)	display a public procedure
Call Stack (see **3.5.12**)	display a call chain element
Breaks (see **3.6.10**)	display code where a breakpoint is set
Components (see **3.4.5**)	switch to another component
Threads (see **3.5.13**)	switch to another thread

3.4.4   The Search menu

The **Search** menu commands may be used to quickly move to certain positions in windows. Most of them are available in the **Program** window only.

Find

> Searches for a string in the currently displayed source module. Shortcut: **Ctrl+F**

Find next

> Finds the nexts occurence of a string. Shortcut: **Ctrl+N**

Find prev

> Finds the previous occurence of a string.

Next procedure

> Moves the user cursor to the beginning of the next procedure. Shortcut: **Ctrl+Down**

Prev. procedure

> Moves the user cursor to the beginning of the previous procedure. Short-cut: **Ctrl+Up**

Goto line

> Moves the user cursor to a given line in the displayed module. Shortcut: **Ctrl+G**

Home

> Moves the user cursor to the current execution cursor position. Shortcut: **Alt+Home**

Goto address

> Moves the user cursor to a certain address. Shortcut: **Ctrl+A**

3.4.5   The Components window

In the **Components** window, the debugger displays the list of executable components (EXE and DLLs) of your program. It can be opened by selecting **Components** from the **Code** menu.

When your program is first loaded into the debugger, its EXE file becomes the current component. To choose another component, double-click it in the **Components** window, or select it and press **Enter**.

The **Components** window contains two marks similar to cursors (see 3.4.1): one for the currently displayed component and another for the component in which debuggee execution stopped.

Use the pop-up menu to toggle display of full paths to components on or off.

3.4.6   The Modules window

The **Modules** window contains the list of modules which constitute the current component. To open it, select **Modules** from the **Code** menu or press **Ctrl+M**. To display another module in the **Program** window, double-click its name, select it using arrow keys and press **Enter**, or select **Show code** from the pop-up menu.

By default, only modules for which debug information is available are displayed. Switch the **Show all modules** option (see 3.9) ON or select **Show all** from the pop-up menu to display all modules.

The module that is currently displayed in the **Program** window and the module that contains the instruction pointer have marks in the first column. The color of each mark matches the color of the respective cursor.

To display global variables of a particular module in a separate window (see 3.7.5), press **Ctrl+V** or select **Show variables** from the pop-up menu.

3.4.7   The Procedures window

All procedures of the current module are listed in the **Procedures** window, which may be opened by selecting **Procedures** from the **Code** menu or by pressing **Ctrl+L**. To position the user cursor on a procedure, double-click its name or select it using arrow keys and press **Enter**.

3.4.8   The Publics window

The **Publics** window contains all public names belonging to your program's code. Double-clicking or pressing **Enter** on a name causes the correspondent source or disassembled code to be displayed in the **Program** window.

3.5   Executing your program

The debugger provides different methods to execute your program. You may use the *continuous execution commands* to quickly move the execution point to a certain position in the code, to watch execution flow, or to wait for an event, such as variable access. The *step commands* allow you to monitor your program execution.

If the **Program** window is in the **Source** mode, step commands are performed in terms of source lines, otherwise — in terms of CPU instructions.

Note: Execution of your program may be interrupted earlier than implied by the command used to initiate it:

- if your program terminates

- if an exception is raised in your program

- if a breakpoint is hit

- if a break is activated

You may also explicitly interrupt your program and have control returned to XD.

The execution commands are collected in the **Run** menu:

Run
    Start or resume program execution at full speed.

Execution trace
    Start or resume line-by-line program execution.

Step into

> Execute a single source or assembly line, stepping into a procedure call, if there is one.

Step over

> Execute a single source or assembly line without stepping into procedure calls.

Step out

> Execute until return from the current procedure.

Run to cursor

> Execute until the current user cursor position is reached.

Run to epilogue

> Execute until the current procedure's stack cleanup code.

Run until address

> Execute until a given address is reached.

Restart

> Restart the debuggee and stop at the main module body.

Restart at startup

> Restart the debuggee and stop at the very beginning - the startup code.

Restart at entry point

> Restart the debuggee and stop at the entry point.

3.5.1   Run

The **Run** command resumes execution of your program from the current position at full speed, provided that no condition breaks (see 3.6.9) are installed and enabled.

Shortcut key: **F5**

3.5.2   Execution Trace

The **Execution trace** command executes the debuggee line by line or instruction by instruction, moving the execution cursor and updating all information windows after each step. This enables you to watch control and data flow. Execution continues until you press **Esc** and may also be interrupted by a breakpoint or a break.

You may control whether code, for which no debug information is available, is to be traced, by setting the **Never fall into disassembler** option (see 3.9).

The **Delay in execution trace** option (see 3.9) allows you to specify a delay taken before execution of each line or instruction.

Shortcut key: **Ctrl+F5**

3.5.3   Step into

The **Step into** command executes the current line or instruction. If it contains a procedure call, execution stops at the first line or instruction of a called procedure.

The **Never fall into disassembler** option (see 3.9) controls whether procedures for which no debug infomation is available are traced or executed in one step.

Shortcut key: **F7**

3.5.4   Step over

The **Step over** command executes the current line or instruction. If it contains any procedure calls, they are executed at once, unless a breakpoint is encountered or a break is activated.

Shortcut keys: **Ctrl+F7, Space**

3.5.5   Step out

The **Step out** command places a temporary breakpoint right after the `call` instruction which called the current procedure, and then resumes execution. If no other breakpoints or breaks are encountered, the debuggee will be executed until the current procedure finishes, and then control will be returned back to the debugger. You may use this command if you accidentally issued the **Step into** command instead of **Step over**.

Shortcut key: **Ctrl+F6**

3.5.6   Run to cursor

The **Run to cursor** command installs a temporary breakpoint at the current position of the user cursor, which has to be on an executable line, and then resumes execution of the debuggee. So execution will stop at that line, provided that no other breakpoints or breaks are encountered, no exception is raised and the debuggee is not terminated.

Shortcut key: **F4**

3.5.7   Run to epilogue

The **Run to epilogue** command executes the debuggee until the epilogue (see 2.1.2) of the current procedure is reached. This allows you to examine its local variables just before the procedure returns.

This command is available only for procedures with debug information.

3.5.8 Run until address

The **Run until address** command installs a temporary breakpoint at an address you specify and then resumes execution of your program.

Warning: Do not use this command unless you know for sure that there is an instruction starting at that address, otherwise you will corrupt the code and execution will not stop.

3.5.9 Restart

The **Restart** command reloads the debuggee and exectues it up to the beginning of the main module body. All breakpoints, breaks, and watches are retained.

Note: Your program may load DLLs at run-time, which will be unavailable after restart. If there were any breakpoints set in that DLLs, they will be disabled and a warning message will be displayed.

Shortcut key: **Ctrl+X**

3.5.10 Restart at startup

The **Restart at startup** command is similar to the **Restart** (see 3.5.9) command except that no debuggee instructions are executed after restart. This allows you to debug DLL statrup code.

3.5.11 Restart at entry point

The **Restart at entry point** command is similar to the **Restart** (see 3.5.9) command except the debuggee is stopped at the EXE component's entry point, when all load-time DLLs are loaded and intialized.

3.5.12 The Call Stack window

The **Call Stack** window can be displayed by selecting the correspondent item from the **Code** menu. It contains the names of the procedures which formed the call chain that led to the current position in the code. The current procedure is the topmost in the window.

To have a certain procedure displayed in the **Program** window, double click its name, or select it using arrow keys and press **Enter**. A mark will appear in front of that procedure name in the **Call Stack** window, and the **Local variables** window (see 3.7.6), if open, will display local variables an parameters of that procedure.

Note: In some cases, the debugger may be unable to correctly trace back the call chain, so the **Call Stack** window may contain some garbage entries. Turn the **GENFRAME** compiler option ON to improve stack tracing accuracy.

3.5.13   The Threads window

The **Threads** window displays information about all threads started by the debuggee. It can be opened by selecting **Threads** from the **Code** menu.

One of the threads is marked as current. When the debuggee is stopped, you may switch to another thread by double-clicking it or selecting with arrow keys and pressing **Enter**.

3.6   Using breakpoints and breaks

A *breakpoint* is a mark in the debuggee's code which, once encountered (*hit*) during execution, causes it to stop and control to be trasferred to the debugger. The source line or instruction on which the hit breakpoint is set is *not* executed.

A *break* is a condition which is constantly checked during execution. Once it evaluates to true, the debuggee is immediately stopped.

The major difference between breakpoints and breaks is that a breakpoint is bound to a particular source line or instruction, while a break is activated regardless of the current execution point. Using breakpoints, you may transfer control to the debugger when a certain code is about to be executed. Using breaks, you may force the debuggee to be stopped right after a particular event, such as modification of a specific variable, happens in it.

To set a breakpoint, move the user cursor to the desired line or instruction, and select an appropriate command from the **Breaks** menu (or press a shortcut key). Note that optimizations may cause strange effects during debugging, for instance, some lines containing statements may be displayed as unexecutable. See 2.1 for more information.

Note: Your program may load and unload DLLs at run-time. If there were any breakpoints set in such a DLL, and your program unloads it, the breakpoints are disabled and a warning message is displayed. The same happens in the case of a restart.

For historical reasons, XD supports only seven types of breakpoints which may not be combined together. This issue will be addressed in future releases.

To set a break, select an appropriate command from the **Breaks** menu (or press a shortcut key). Access breaks (see 3.6.8) may also be set from pop-up menus in some of the windows.

The commands related to breakpoints and breaks are collected in the **Breaks** menu:

Sticky breakpoint
> Set a sticky breakpoint at the current user cursor position.

Breakpoint
> Set an automatically removable breakpoint.

Delayed sticky breakpoint

Set a sticky breakpoint with a countdown of hits.

Delayed breakpoint
Set a removable breakpoint with a countdown.

Expression breakpoint
Set a sticky breakpoint which triggers when a given expression is true.

Pass counter
Set a sticky breakpoint which only counts number of hits.

Watchpoint
Set a sticky breakpoint which automatically resumes execution.

Access break
Define an access break.

Condition break
Define a condition break.

Disable
Disable the breakpoint at the current user cursor position.

Enable
Enable a previously disabled breakpoint.

Delete
Remove the breakpoint at the current user cursor postiion.

View all breaks
Display the **Breaks** window.

Disable all breaks
Disable all breaks and breakpoints.

Enable all breaks
Enable all breaks and breakpoints.

Erase all breaks
Remove all breaks and breakpoints.

3.6.1 Sticky breakpoint

The **Sticky breakpoint** command sets a breakpoint at the line or instrution pointed to by the user cursor. It is called "sticky" because it is not removed when hit, unlike a simple breakpoint.

The $\diamond$ symbol is displayed in the mark column for breakpoints in this type.

Shortcut key: **F9**

3.6.2   Breakpoint

The **Breakpoint** command sets a simple breakpoint which is automatically removed when it is hit.

The ▷ symbol in the mark column indicates a simple breakpoint.

Shortcut key: **F8**

3.6.3   Delayed sticky breakpoints

The **Delayed sticky breakpoint** command sets a sticky breakpoint which stops the debuggee only after the specified number of hits. This is very useful for debugging loops.

When you select this command, a dialog window is displayed, prompting you for an initial countdown value. Type the number of passes you wish the breakpoint to skip and press **Enter**.

In a typical debug scenario a delayed breakpoint is used in conjunction with a counter (see 3.6.6): you first use a counter to determine how many times a particular line has been executed before crash, then establish a delayed breakpoint at that line so that your program will be stopped on the last iteration before crash, and then restart your program. So if there is already a counter (see 3.6.6) established at the current line/address, the initial countdown value in the dialog will be automatically set to the current value of the counter decremented by 1.

When the countdown reaches zero, the breakpoint turns into a regular sticky breakpoint (see 3.6.1).

For a delayed sticky breakpoint, XD displays the remaining number of passes (or the * symbol if it exceeds 9) and the ◇ symbol in the mark column.

Shortcut key: **Ctrl+F9**

3.6.4   Delayed breakpoint

The **Delayed breakpoint** command sets a delayed breakpoint which is automatically removed after final hit. See 3.6.3 for more infomation about usage of delayed breakpoints.

A digit equal to the number of passes left (or the * symbol), followed by the ▷ symbol, is displayed in the mark column for a delayed breakpoint.

Shortcut key: **Ctrl+F8**

3.6.5   Expression breakpoint

The **Expression breakpoint** command installs a sticky breakpoint and associates a boolean expression with it. The expression is evaluated each time the breakpoint is hit, and execution is stopped only if the result is TRUE.

When the user cursor is positioned over a line containing an expression break-point, the associated expression is shown in the **Program** window header.

A question mark ("?") in the mark column indicates an expession breakpoint.

Shortcut key: **Alt+F9**

3.6.6   Pass counter

The **Pass counter** command establishes a sticky breakpoint which, however, does not cause execution to stop but just counts the number of hits. A pass counter initially has a value of zero which is incremented each time the line or instruction associated with it is executed.

Pass counters provide a method to determine how many times, if at all, a par-ticular line or instruction is encountered during program execution. This infor-mation may be used, for instance, when setting delayed breakpoints.

When the user cursor is positioned over a pass counter, its value is shown in the **Program** window header. You may also use the **Breaks** window (see 3.6.10) to examine pass counter values.

For a pass counter, its current value followed by the "." symbol is displayed in the mark column; values exceeding 9 are represented with the "*" symbol.

Shortcut key: **.**

3.6.7   Watchpoint

The **Watchpoint** command sets a sticky breakpoint, upon encountering which execution is resumed automatically. The effect is that all information windows are updated when a watchpoint is passed.

This approach is in many cases more efficient than execution trace (see 3.5.2) in the sense that a program may be executed at full speed (for instance, using the **Run** command (see 3.5.1)), and information about its current state will be updated at and only at the moments you specify.

The ∘ symbol in the mark column indicates a watchpoint.

3.6.8   Access break

The **Access break** command allows you to have execution of your program interrupted immediately after it accesses a certain block of memory.

Note: Since access breaks are implemented using CPU debug registers, they *do not slow down* execution of a debuggee, but also have certain restrictions:

- Only blocks of 1, 2, or 4 bytes may be monitored

- A block has to be aligned, i.e. its address must be a multiple of its length

- Only write or read/write access may be detected

- Only four access breaks may be enabled at a time

When you activate this command, the **Access break** dialog is displayed. Select the desired access type and memory block length, type an address expression (see Chapter 5) in the **Location** field, and select the **OK** pushbutton.

Note: If there are already four enabled access breaks, the new one will be created in disabled state and a warning message will be issued.

Shortcut key: **Ins**

3.6.9   Condition break

The **Condition break** command allows you to specify a boolean expression which will be constantly evaluated during execution of your program until it yields TRUE, causing execution to be stopped.

Note: if there is at least one enabled condition break, your program will be stopped after each CPU instruction, so its execution will slow down dramatically. Avoid using condition breaks whenever possible.

3.6.10   The Breaks window

The **Breaks** window contains a list of all breakpoints and breaks currently set. To display it, press **Ctrl+B** or select **View all breaks** from the **Breaks** menu.

For a breakpoint, the name of the corresponding module followed by the breakpoint mark and the source line is displayed. For an access break, access type and address range are displayed. Finally, for a conditional break, the associated expression is displayed.

Double-clicking or pressing **Enter** on a breakpoint moves the user cursor to the breakpoint position. You may also achieve this by selecting **Go to** from the pop-up menu.

Double-clicking or pressing **Enter** on a break displays a corrsponding dialog, allowing you to edit break parameters. The **Modify** command from the pop-up menu does the same.

3.6.11   Managing breaks and breakpoints

A break or breakpoint may be *disabled* at any time. A disabled breakpoint, once encountered, does not cause the debuggee to stop executing. The associated counter, if any, is not changed either. Marks corresponding to disabled breakpoints are displayed in different color.

To disable a breakpoint, move the user cursor to the line containing it or select it in the **Breaks** window and press **"-"** or select **Disable** from the **Breaks** menu.

Press "+" or select **Enable** from the **Breaks** menu to re-enable a previously disabled breakpoint.

To delete a break or breakpoint, select it in the **Program** or **Breaks** window and press **Del** or select **Delete** from the **Breaks** menu.

You may disable, enable, or delete all breakpoints and breaks at once by selecting an appropriate item from the **Breaks** menu.

3.7   Examining your program data

The **Data** menu contains commands which open different kinds of information windows displaying the current state of your program's data: variables, stack, CPU registers, etc.:

Examine data
> Display and/or modify value of a given variable, designator, or register.

Evaluate expression
> Evaluate an expression.

Global variables
> Display the **Global variables** window containing global variables of the current component.

Module variables
> Display the automatic **Module variables** window containing global variables of the current module.

Local variables
> Display the **Local variables** window containing local variables and parameters of a procedure

Memory dump
> Open a new **Dump** window, displaying raw memory at a given address.

Registers
> Display the **Registers** window containing CPU registers.

Float Registers
> Display the **Float Registers** window containing FPU registers.

Stack
> Display the **Stack** window, which contains memory at the stack pointer of the current thread.

Add watch
> Add an expression to the **Watches** window.

Delete watch
> Delete an item from the **Watches** window.

Show watch window
    Display the **Watches** window.

Del all watches
    Clears the **Watches** window.

3.7.1   Displaying and modifying values

The way a value of a variable or a watch expression is displayed depends on its type.

Values of elementary types immediately follow the correspondent variables and expressions in list windows. For variables of set and structured types (arrays and records), except character arrays, only type names are shown in list windows. Double-clicking or pressing **Enter** on such a variable causes a structured variable window to be displayed. Each line of those windows contains a single array element or record field.

Select **Show address** item from the pop-up menu of a structured variable window to toggle display of variable addresses in window headers on or off.

The **Use single structure window** option (see 3.9) controls whether a new window is opened to display a structured variable element which, in turn, is of a structured or pointer type.

You may alter the display format of a particular element of data using the **Type** pop-up submenu. You may change radix for wholes, turn pointer dereference on/off, etc.

To modify a variable of a basic, range, or enumeration type displayed in a list window, double click it or select it using arrow keys and press **Enter**. Type a new value in a displayed dialog and press **Enter** or press **Esc** if you do not want to modify the current value.

Double-clicking or pressing **Enter** on a pointer variable or expression has the same effect as it would have on a pointed-to object[2]. Use the **Ctrl+Enter** key combination to modify value of a pointer variable itself.

3.7.2   Examine variable

The **Examine variable** command displays a dialog prompting you for a variable name. Type it and press **Enter** (in fact, you may type not just a variable name, but a designator (see Chapter 5), such as `parr^[5].field`). Depending on the type of an object denoted by the designator, either dialog containing the current value or structured variable view window will be displayed. See 3.7.1 for more information.

Shortcut key: **?**

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[2]provided that the pointer is not `NIL`.

3.7.3 Evaluate expression

The **Evaluate expression** command allows you to evaluate an arbitrary expression (see Chapter 5) using the current values of program objects. Type it in a displayed dialog and press **Enter**.

See also 3.7.1.

3.7.4 The Global variables window

The **Global variables** window displays global variables of the current component, e.g. C `extern` variables. To open it, select **Global variables** from the **Data** menu.

See also 3.7.1.

3.7.5 The Module variables window

The automatic **Module variables** window displays global variables of the module currently displayed in the **Program** window. To open it, select **Module variables** from the **Data** menu or press **Ctrl+V**.

To display global variables of a particular module in a separate window, select **Show variables** from the pop-up menu of the **Modules** window.

See also 3.7.1.

3.7.6 The Local variables window

Select **Local variables** from the **Data** menu to open the **Local variables** window. That window displays parameters and local variables of the procedure currently selected in the **Call Stack** window. Name of that procedure is displayed in the window header.

A horizontal line separates parameters from locals. An exclamation mark is displayed in the first column for register variables (see 2.1.3).

If the selected procedure is nested, and the option **DBGNESTEDPROC** was set ON during complation of the module containing it, parameters and local variables of enclosing prodcures are also displayed in the **Local variables** window. Horizontal lines with procedure names are used as separators.

You may quickly traverse the call stack (see 3.5.12) when the **Local variables** window is active. Press **Ctrl+Down** to display locals and parameters of the calling procedure, **Ctrl+Up** — of the called procedure.

See also 3.7.1.

3.7.7   Memory dump windows

You may use **Memory dump** windows to examine your program's code or data as raw memory. To open a dump window, press **Ctrl+D** or select **Memory dump** from the **Data** menu. A dialog will display, prompting you for a starting address. Type an address expression and press **Enter**.

If the current window contains a variable list or a structured variable and you are opening a dump window, the address of the currently selected element will be substituted into the entry field.

Memory may be displayed in different formats. Select **Type** from the pop-up menu to switch between them.

To modify a dump element, double-click it, or select it using arrow keys and press **Enter**.

To change dump origin, click in the address column or select **Change dump origin** from the pop-up menu.

You can save a memory dump to file in text or raw form by selecting **Save dump to file** from the pop-up menu.

3.7.8   The Registers window

The **Registers** window displays names and values of the CPU registers. To open it, press **Ctrl+R** or select **Registers** from the **Data** menu.

Each time execution of a debuggee stops, register values which have been changed since previous stop are highlighted.

To modify a register value, double click it or select it with arrow keys and press **Enter**.

3.7.9   The Float Registers window

The **Float Registers** window displays names and values of the FPU registers. To open it, select **Float Registers** from the **Data** menu.

To modify a register value, double click it or select it with arrow keys and press **Enter**.

3.7.10   The Stack window

The **Stack** window displays stack of the current thread in raw form, starting from the current stack pointer position. It may be opened by selecting **Stack** from the **Data** menu.

You may change the format in which stack elements are displayed by selecting **Type** from the pop-up menu.

To change value of a stack element, double click it or select it with arrow keys and press **Enter**.

3.7.11 The Watches window

The **Watches** window contains arbitrary expressions along with their values. The expressions are re-evaluated in the current execution context each time the debuggee is stopped or program data is altered by the user. If an expression contains variables which are undefined or are not visible at the current execution point, an appropriate message is displayed instead of expression value.

Expression results are displayed according to their types. See 3.7.1 for more information.

Each time execution of a debuggee stops, expressions which results have changed since previous stop are highlighted.

To enter a new watch expression, select **Add watch** from the **Data** menu or press **Ctrl+Ins**. The **Watches** window will be automatically opened. To display it any time later, select **Show watch window** from the **Data** menu.

To delete a watch expression, select it and press **Del** or choose **Del watch** from the pop-up menu. To clear the **Watches** window, select **Del all watches** from the **Data** menu.

3.8 Saving scripts

When you find a suspicious place in your program, you may want to modify it slightly in order to prove or disprove your hypothesis. Then you will have to rebuild it and repeat the steps you took during the previous debugging session. You could save some time on the last stage by using the **Save script** command from the **File** menu before exitting the debugger. This command creates a control file (see Chapter 4) that, if invoked, would restore all breakpoints, breaks, and watches currently set in the debugger.

3.9 Setting XD options

Selecting **Options** from the **File** menu causes an option sheet to be displayed. These options are used to control various aspects of XD behaviour in dialog mode.

Delay in execution trace
  The delay in milliseconds used in **Execution trace** mode (see 3.5.2).

Exception raise on first chance
  If this option is enabled, the debugger displays a dialog immediately after an exception is raised in the program, allowing you to examine its state.

Delay to select debuggee

Specifies delay in milliseconds before the debuggee session is selected (see 3.1.7).

Never fall into disassembler

Check this box to disable automatic switching from the **Source** mode to the **Disassembly** mode during execution.

Code highlight

If enabled, XD displays executable lines in different color.

Full disasm mode

If enabled, XD tries to resolve addresses to publics and variable names in disassembly mode. Uncheck this box if you have a slow system, especially if you are running Windows 95.

Dump in disassembler mode

If enabled, bytes which constitute CPU instructions are displayed in **Disassembly** and **Mixed** modes.

Dereference pointers

If enabled, the debugger displays next to pointer variables values of objects to which they refer (if the base type is simple), base type name (if the base type is named compound type), or base type sort (if the base type is anonymous compound type).

Strip path from source name

If this option is enabled, the debugger uses its redirection file to locate source files. This may be useful if you debug a program which was compiled in a different environment.

Show all modules

Defines whether the **Modules** window (see 3.4.6) lists all modules or only those for which debug information is available.

Auto detect actual type

Enables detection of the actual dynamic type of an Oberon-2 pointer or a Java object. If this option is disabled, actual type of a particular entity can still be determined using a pop-up menu.

Use single structure window

Controls whether a new window is opened when you select an array element or a record field of a structured or pointer type.

Warning bell

Enables or disables speaker beeping when an error message is displayed.

Save debug session layout

Enabling this option causes information about debugger options, window layout and colors, and watch expressions to be automatically stored in a `.ses` file upon debugging session termination.

Use keyboard layout

> When enabled, forces XD to load keyboard shotcuts upon startup from
> the file specifed in the entry field; otherwise, the default layout is used
> (see 3.9.2).

Use the **Save config** command from the **File** menu to store the current option
settings, window layout, and colors as the default.

3.9.1 Changing window colors

To modify XD color schemes, select **Palette** from the **File** menu. A window
containing a list of all window types will appear. Selecting a window type will
cause its color sheet to be displayed. A color sheet consists of two columns, the
left containing names of window areas, and the right containing current colors
for each area.

The following keys may be used in a color sheet:

Up/**Down**	move the cursor one line up/down
Left/**Right**	change foreground color
Ctrl+**Left**/**Right**	change background color
Esc	close the color sheet

If you have the **Save debug session layout** option (see 3.9) switched ON,
the new color scheme will be stored in a session file upon debugging session
termination. Otherwise, the changes you made will be lost unless you explicitly
save the current configuration using the **Save config** command from the **File**
menu.

3.9.2 Modifying keyboard shortcuts

If the option **Use keyboard layout** (see 3.9) is enabled, upon startup the
debugger attempts to load keyboard shortcuts from the file specified in the
respective entry field. If that name does not contain directories, the file is
sought via redirections, then is the current directory, and then in the directory
where XD executable resides.

Default shortcuts are hard-wired into the debugger, so in order to modify them,
you need to save the default layout to file using the **Save keyboard layout**
command from the **File** menu. A keyboard shortcut file is a plain text file that
looks similar to the following:

```
[ Actions and keys ]
Main pulldown                   = F10
Main window                     = Ctrl-T
Menu: File                      = Alt-F
Load program                    = F3
Refresh screen                  = Ctrl-E
Show output                     = /
```

```
    Show debuggee                    = \
    Palette                          =
    Options                          =
        .   .   .
```

Edit the layout file in any text editor, then enable the **Use keyboard layout**
(see 3.9) and specify the name of that file in the respective entry field. described
above.

3.9.3   Modifying frames

If the default window frames do not suite you, edit the `FrameImageSingle`,
`FrameImageDouble`, and `FrameImageMove` items in the `[ Options ]` section of
the debugger configuration file.

Chapter 4

Using the batch mode

When invoked in the *batch mode*, the debugger loads a control file — a text file containing XD control language statements. Those statements perform various debugging actions: load program, set breakpoint, add watch expression, start program execution, etc.

During control file processing, the debugger creates a log, which may be saved in a file and then analyzed.

There is also a statement that temporarily switches the debugger into the dialog mode. Upon exit from it, control file processing continues.

4.1   Control file syntax

Each line of a control file may contain a statement or a comment (empty lines are treated as comments). Comments start from the symbol ";".

```
Statement =
    [ label ] name [ parameter {"," parameter}] [";" comment]
```

A statement consists of a label, a statement name, a comma-separated list of parameters and a comment. All these parts except statement name are optional. Statements may not be broken across two or more lines. Statement names are not case-sensitive.

Control files are often used to prepare a program for debugging in the dialog mode, and usually perform the following actions:

1. load the program

2. establish breakpoints, breaks, and watches

3. initiate program execution

4. upon the first breakpoint hit, switch to the dialog mode

Below, is a small control file example with detailed comments.

```
        LOAD d:\xds\samples\bench\dry.exe   ;1
                                            ;2
        MODULE dry                          ;3
                                            ;4
        BREAK P0,ADDR,Proc0,Dialog          ;5
        BREAK P8,ADDR,Proc8,Dialog          ;6
                                            ;7
        WATCH Char1Glob,Array1Glob[8]       ;8
                                            ;9
        START                               ;10
        QUIT                                ;11
                                            ;12
Dialog DIALOG                               ;13
        STOP                                ;14
```

In this sample, comments are used to hold the line numbers referenced below.

Line 1: The `LOAD` statement loads an executable file, specified as a parameter, into the debugger.

Line 3: The `MODULE` statement sets the current module to `dry`, allowing to use unqualified indetifiers in the following statements.

Lines 5 and 6: The `BREAK` statements establish sticky breakpoints at the entry points of the procedures `dry.Proc0` and `dry.Proc8`. `Dialog` is the name of a label from which processing of the control file will continue if the breakpoint is hit.

Line 8: The `WATCH` statement adds expressions `dry.Char1Glob` and `dry.Array1Glob[8]` to the list of watch expressions.

Line 10: The `START` statement starts the debuggee. Processing of this statement finishes when the debuggee terminates or a `STOP` statement is executed in a break handler.

Line 11: The `QUIT` statement terminates the debugging session.

Line 13: The label `Dialog` was specified in the `BREAK` statements in lines 5 and 6. If either of the breakpoints set by those statements will be encountered during execution, in our case during processing of the `START` statement in line 10, the debugger will process the control file starting from this line.

The `DIALOG` statement switches the debugger to dialog mode. Breakpoints and watch expressions remain active. Upon user-initiated exit from the dialog mode, the debugger will return to the batch mode and process the next statement.

Line 14: The `STOP` statement terminates the debuggee. The debugger will continue control file processing from the line following the `START` statement.

4.2 Load program statement

LOAD	*Load a program*

```
LOAD Program [ Arguments ]
```

The `LOAD` statement loads an executable file `Program` into the debugger, passing optional command-line `Arguments` to it. This statement should be executed prior to any statements which perform debugging actions, i.e. set breakpoints, add watch expressions, etc.

If a program fails to load, a message is displayed and control file processing is terminated.

Possible Errors

127 Incorrect program name
165 Program name expected
700 Loading <...>: <...>

Examples

```
LOAD xc =p =a dry
LOAD dry
```

4.3 Control flow statements

The statements described in this section allow to change the order in which control file is processed,

PAUSE	*Suspend control file processing*

```
PAUSE [ Delay ]
```

The `PAUSE` statement suspends control file processing for `Delay` seconds, or until a key is pressed, allowing a user to view the last debugger messages. If `Delay` is not specified, infinite delay is assumed.

Possible Errors

126 Incorrect parameter

Example

```
PAUSE
PAUSE 10
```

GOTO	*Unconditional control transfer*

```
GOTO Label
```

The `GOTO` statement unconditionally transfers control to the statement associated with `Label`.

If the specified `Label` does not exist in the control file, an error message is issued, and control is passed to the next statement.

Possible Errors

112	Incorrect label
114	Label not found
168	Label expected

Example

```
GOTO Terminate
```

IF	*Conditional control transfer*

```
IF Expression THEN Label
```

The `IF` statement evaluates `Expression`, which has to be of type `BOOLEAN`, and, if it yields `TRUE`, passes control to the statement associated with `Label`. If the result of `Expression` is `FALSE`, the next statement is executed.

If the specified `Label` does not exist in the control file, an error message is issued, and control is passed to the next statement.

Possible Errors

128	THEN expected
134	Expression expected
168	Label expected
176	Incorrect expression

Examples

```
IF Dry.Char1Glob='A' THEN Write
IF (Str.Len=10)AND(Memory.Limit) THEN exit
```

CALL/RETURN	*Procedure call*

```
CALL Label
RETURN
```

The `CALL` statement transfers control to the statement associated with `Label`. The `RETURN` statement returns control to the statement following the last exe-

cuted `CALL` statement. Thus, these two statements allow to group the common parts of a control file into subroutines. The procedure calls may be nested.

If the specified `Label` does not exist in the control file, an error message is issued, and control is passed to the next statement. The same happens if a `RETURN` statement is encountered. which has no corresponding previously executed `CALL` statement.

Possible Errors

112	Incorrect label
114	Label not found
115	RETURN without CALL
168	Label expected

Example

```
    CALL Write
. . .
Write   . . .
    RETURN
```

SIGNAL	*Error trapping*

```
    SIGNAL "+" ErrorNumber "," Label
    SIGNAL "-" ErrorNumber
```

The `SIGNAL` statement is used for error trapping. The `"+"`-form enables trapping of an error `ErrorNumber`. After execution of a statement caused this error, control is passed to the statement associated with `Label`. An error is considered handled and the error counter is not incremented.

If the specified `Label` does not exist in the control file, an error message is issued, and control is passed to the next statement.

The `"-"`-form disables trapping of a specified error.

The `#IMPORT` directive and the SIGNAL statement allow to implement reusable handlers for a certain group of errors.

Possible Errors

112	Incorrect label
114	Label not found
168	Label expected
208	Error code expected
209	Incorrect error list action
210	Incorrect error code
211	Handler for error <...> already defined
212	Handler for error <...> not defined

Example

```
SIGNAL +700,ErrorLoadProgram
SIGNAL -700
```

DIALOG	*Switch to the dialog mode*

```
DIALOG [ Message ]
```

The `DIALOG` statement switches the debugger to the dialog mode. `Message`, if specified, is displayed in a message box. All breaks, breakpoints, and watches set in the batch mode remain active.

Control file processing will be resumed upon exit from the dialog mode, unless you select **Stop debugging** from the **File** menu.

Possible Errors

116   Program not loaded

Example

```
DIALOG
```

QUIT	*Terminate control file processing*

```
QUIT
```

The `QUIT` statement unconditionally terminates control file processing.

Possible Errors

None.

Example

```
QUIT
```

4.4   Program execution statements

Statements of this group are used to establish breaks and breakpoints, and execute the program being debugged.

START/STOP	*Start/stop execution*

```
START
STOP
```

The `START` statement begins execution of the debuggee. During execution, control may be returned to the debugger, for instance, as a result of a breakpoint hit. The `STOP` statement may be used in a handler (see 4.4) to terminate the debuggee. In this case, control file processing continues from a statement next to the `START` statement.

The `START/STOP` statements form a pair similar to `CALL/RETURN`, except that nesting is not allowed. This means that a program may not be restarted until it is explicitly stopped, so `START` is not allowed within a handler. Conversely, `STOP` is not allowed outside a handler.

The `STOP` statement unwinds the subroutine stack up to the level from which the `START` statement was issued.

Possible Errors

116   Program not loaded
129   Program restart not allowed

Example

```
START
STOP
```

RESUME	*Resume execution*

```
RESUME
```

The `RESUME` statement effectively terminates a handler, causing program execution to continue after a breakpoint hit or a break activation. The `CALL` stack, however, is not unwound, so issuing `RETURN` later may cause control to be transferred to the line after the `CALL` statement which called the subroutine containing the `RESUME` statement.

Possible Errors

116   Program not loaded
130   Program was not started

Example

```
RESUME
```

BREAK   *Install an event handler*

```
BREAK (Name | Number) "," Event

Event = StopByUser         |
        ProgramException   |
        BreakAtAddress     |
        BreakAtLine        |
        BreakAtProc        |
        WriteAccess        |
        ReadAccess         |
        BreakByCondition

StopByUser      = USER "," Label.
ProgramException = XCPT "," Label.
BreakAtAddress   = ADDR "," Address ","
                   ( Label [ "," Pass] [ ",?," Condition ] ["," "/"] |
                     "*" | "." ).
BreakAtLine      = LINE "," ModuleName "," Line ","
                   ( Label [ "," Pass] [ ",?," Condition ] ["," "/"] |
                     "*" | "." ).
BreakAtProc      = PROC "," ProcName "," [ "P" | "B" | "E" | "R" ] ","
                   ( Label [ "," Pass] [ ",?," Condition ] ["," "/"] |
                     "*" | "." ).
WriteAccess      = WRITE "," Address "," Length "," Label.
ReadAccess       = READ "," Address "," Length "," Label.
BreakByCondition = COND "," BooleanExpression "," Label.
```

The BREAK statement establishes an event handler. When the specified Event
happens during execution of the debuggee, control is returned to XD and control
file processing continues from the statement associated with Label. A handler
is identified by an unique symbolic Name or Number.

The following types of events may be detected:

USER Execution is interrupted by user

XCPT An exception is raised

ADDR A breakpoint is hit at Address

LINE A breakpoint is hit at Line in ModuleName

PROC A breakpoint is hit at Prologue, Body (default), Epilogue, or Return in-
struction of the procedure ProcName

WRITE A Length bytes block of memory at Address was written to

READ A Length bytes block of memory at Address was read from

COND BooleanExpression was evaluated to TRUE

For breakpoints, you may optionally specify:

- `Pass` to set a delayed breakpoint (see 3.6.3)

- `Condition` to set a conditional breakpoint (see 3.6.5)

- "/". to set a non-sticky breakpoint (see 3.6.2)

Specify "`*`", or "`.`"instead of `Label` to set a watchpoint (see 3.6.7) or a counter (see 3.6.6) respectively.

If the specified `Line` is not executable (see 2.1.1), a warning is issued, and the breakpoint is set at the first executable line which number is greater, if such line exists.

In `Condition`, it is possible to use variables that are not visible in the current context, but they have to be visible at the specified breakpoint location.

Note: It is recommended to remove access breaks from local variables upon return from a procedure.

Possible Errors

112	Incorrect label
114	Label not found
116	Program not loaded
131	Incorrect address
151	Incorrect breakpoint number
152	Breakpoint number already in use
153	Incorrect event identifier
155	Incorrect length
159	Line number expected
160	Incorrect line number
161	Break already exists
168	Label expected
169	Breakpoint number expected
170	Breakpoint type expected
171	Breakpoint attributes expected
182	Incorrect break
213	Module not found
917	This break is set but is disabled due to hardware limit
918	Wrong expression in current context

Examples

```
BREAK 1,USER,Break
BREAK 2,XCPT,Break
BREAK 3,ADDR,Dry.Proc8,Break
BREAK 4,WRITE,ADR(Dry.Char1Glob),1,Break
BREAK 5,READ,ADR(Dry.Char1Glob),1,Break
BREAK 6,COND,Dry.Char1Glob='A',Break
BREAK 7,LINE,Dry,210,Break
```

DEL   *Remove event handler(s)*

```
DEL Number { "," Number }
```

The `DEL` statement removes a previoulsy installed event handler associated with `Number`.

Possible Errors

151   Incorrect breakpoint number
162   Break number <...> not found
169   Breakpoint number expected

Examples

```
DEL 1
DEL 3,4,17
```

4.5   Data management statements

The statements described in this section are used to change and display values of CPU registers, variables, and memory areas.

FILL   *Initialize memory/registers*

```
FILL ( Address | Register ) "," Length "," WholeExpression
```

The `FILL` statement initializes a memory area or a set of CPU registers by setting all its bytes to a specified value.

`Address` must be an address expression, so use `ADR(v)` to initialize a variable v. `Length` is a number of bytes to fill with result of `WholeExpression MOD 100H`.

It is also possible to specify CPU `Register` instead of memory `Address`. In this case, registers are "mapped" onto a byte array in the following sequence:

`EAX, EBX, ECX, EDX, ESI, EDI, EBP, ESP`

starting from the less significant byte.

Possible Errors

107   Parameter expected
116   Program not loaded
126   Incorrect parameter
131   Incorrect address
157   Address value expected
203   Write to address <...> failed, len <...>

Example

```
FILL ADR(Dry.Char1Glob),1,0x47
FILL ADR(Dry.Array2Dim),56,0
FILL @EAX,20,0xFA
```

SET	*Change variable/register value*

```
SET ( Variable | Register ) "," Expression
```

The `SET` statement evaluates an `Expression` and assigns the result to a `Variable` or loads it into a CPU `Register`.

See Chapter 5 for more information about expressions in XD.

Possible Errors

116	Program not loaded
134	Expression expected
187	Write to register <...> failed
200	Variable or register expected
201	Type incompatibility in assignment
205	Stuctured variable not allowed in this context

Example

```
SET Dry.Char1Glob,'A'
SET @ESP,0xFAFBFCFD
```

MOVE	*Copy memory area*

```
MOVE SourceAddress "," DestinationAddress "," Length
```

The `MOVE` statement copies `Length` bytes of memory from `SourceAddress` to `DestinationAddress`. Both addresses may be specified as expressions (see Chapter 5). Overlapped areas are copied unsafely; a warning is issued in this case.

Possible Errors

116	Program not loaded
126	Incorrect parameter
155	Incorrect length
157	Address value expected
203	Write to address <...> failed, len <...>

Example

```
MOVE ADR(Dry.Char1Glob),ADR(Dry.Array1Dim),1
```

4.6   Log control statemnts

When operating in the batch mode, the debugger forms a log containing executed lines or instructions, messages, etc. The statements described in this section allow to output data to the log, redirect it to a file, toggle log filters, and otherwise control the logging features.

LOG	*Redirect log to file*

```
LOG [ FileName [ "." [ FileExt ] ]
```

The `LOG` statement allows to redirect log to a file. By default, the log information is written to the standard output. After redirection to a file, only error messages are written to the standard output. If `FileExt` is not specified, the default extension `.XDL` will be used. If no file name is specified at all, control file name will be used with extension replaced with the default log file extension.

Possible Errors

004	Error opening log file <...>
117	Incorrect log file name

Example

```
LOG
LOG result.
LOG result.dat
```

PRINT	Output formatted data

```
PRINT Format { ',' Expression }.

Format       = '"' { Character | Specifier | ControlSeq } '"'
Character    = <any printable character except '%' and '\'>
ControlSeq   = '\' ( 'n' | 'r' | 'l' | 'f' |
                     't' | 'e' | 'g' | '%' | '\' )
Specifier    = '%' { Modifier } Base | MemoryRegion
Modifier     = '$' | '-' | '+' | '|' | '#' | '0' |
               Space | Width | Precision
Base         = 'i' | 'd' | 'u' | 'x' | 'o' | 'b' |
               'c' | 's' | 'w' | 'f' | 'e' | 'g' |
               'X' | 'F' | 'E' | 'G' | 'u' | '%'
MemoryRegion = ('M'|'m') "(" "'" Specifier "'"
               [',' Const [',' Const ] ] ")"
Width        = Digit { Digit }
Precision    = '.' Digit { Digit }
```

The PRINT statement performs formatted output to the log. The format string syntax is similar to used by the printf family of functions available in the C standard library.

Format is a string which may contain ordinary characters, control sequences (starting with '\') and format specifiers (starting with '%'). During execution of a PRINT statement, Format is scanned from left to right. Ordinary characters are sent to the log unchanged, while control sequences are replaced with certain control characters. Upon encountering of a format specifier, result of a corresponding Expression is formatted according to that specifier and output to the log. Therefore, the number of expressions has to match the number of format specifiers. If there is a specifier for which no expression is supplied, an error will be raised. If there are more expressions than specifiers, a warning will be issued. A newline sequence (CR+LF) is output upon completion of a PRINT statement.

Possible Errors

134	Expression expected
143	Double quotes expected
144	String not terminated (double quotes expected)
204	Read from address <...> failed, len <...>
205	Stuctured variable not allowed in this context
206	Register is not allowed

Example

```
PRINT "Hello, world!"
PRINT "Char1Glob='%c'",Char1Glob
PRINT "------\n\t1 bell\g\n\t2 bell\g\n\t3 bell\g\n------"
PRINT "Array1Glob: [7]=%u, [8]=%u",Array1Glob[7],Array1Glob[8]
PRINT "Memory region: %M('%$4X\n',k4,l20)",ADR(Array1Glob[6])
```

Control sequences

`ControlSeq` is a two-character sequence which causes a certain control character to be output:

Sequence	Replaced with
\n	CR+LF (15C 12C)
\r	CR (15C)
\l	LF (12C)
\f	FF (14C)
\t	TAB (11C)
\e	ESC (33C)
\g	BEL (7C)
\%	percent sign (45C)
\\	backslash (134C)

Format bases

The following format bases are recognized:

Base	Argument	Output format
"c"	CHAR	single character
"d", "i"	integer	signed decimal integer
"u"	integer	unsigned decimal integer
"o"	integer	unsigned octal integer
"x", "X"	integer	unsigned hexadecimal integer
"f"	real	fixed-point real
"e", "E"	real	floating-point real
"g", "G"	real	the shorter of "f" and "e"
"s"	string	string
"w"	boolean	"FALSE" or "TRUE"
	integer	"FALSE" if zero, "TRUE" otherwise
"n"	any type	default
"%"	none	"%"

Note: Case of hex letters and of a letter used to introduce exponent in a floating point number matches case of the corresponding `Base` character.

Modifiers

`Modifier` allow to alter the default data formatting:

Modifier	Bases	Meaning	Default
"+"	difegEG	always print sign	only negative
space	difegEG	print space instead of "+"	
"-"	all	left-justify the value	right-justify
"|"	all	center the value	
"0", "$"	numeric	print leading zeroes	spaces
"#"	oxX	print a base character	no base character

Width

`Width` is an unsigned decimal specifying the minimum number of character positions used for a formatted value. If the output string is shorter than `Width`, blanks or zeroes are added according to `Modifiers`. If the number of characters in an output string exceeds `Width`, or `Width` is omitted, all characters are printed.

Precision

`Precision` is an unsigned decimal preceded by a period, which specifies the exact number of characters to be printed or the number of decimal places. Unlike `Width`, `Precision` may cause the output value to be truncated or floating-point value to be rounded.

`Precision` value is interpreted depending upon the `Base`:

For bases	Precision specifies
i d u o x X	The minimum number of digits to output. Shorter values are padded on the left with blanks; longer values are not truncated. Default is 1.
f F e E	The number of positions after the decimal point. The last digit output is rounded. If `Precision` is 0, decimal point is not printed. Default is 6.
g G	The maximum number of significant digits to output. By default, all significant digits are printed.
c	The number of times the character is to output, default is 1.
s	The maximum number of characters to output. By default, characters are output until `0C` is reached.
{}	Has no effect.

| **MODE** | *Log control* |

```
MODE Mode { "," Mode }

Mode = ADDR | BAT | BREAK | DUMP | PRINT ( "+" | "-" )
       TRACE ( "+" | "-" ) [ "," ( CODE | SOURCE | MIX ) ]
       DISASM "=" ( SMALL | FULL )
       ERRORS "=" number
```

The `MODE` statement controls what is written to the log and in which format.

Mode	Controls
ADDR	whether memory dump lines contain addresses
BAT	whether executed control file statements are logged
BREAK	whether info about breaks is written
DISASM	disassembly mode
DUMP	whether instruction codes are dumped
ERRORS	maximum number of errors
PRINT	whether `PRINT` statements are executed
TRACE	the way execution trace is logged

Possible Errors

126   Incorrect parameter
137   Incorrect mode
138   Errors limit set to <...>
172   Mode expected

Example

```
MODE TRACE-
MODE TRACE+,CODE,DUMP+,DISASM=FULL
MODE PRINT+,ADDR-
MODE ERRORS=10,BREAK+
```

4.7   Miscellaneous statements

| **MODULE** | *Set current module* |

```
MODULE [ ModuleName ]
```

In the dialog mode, you may use names of program objects belonging to the current module without qualification. Similarly, in the batch mode, when execution of the program stops and control is returned to the debugger, the current component and module are set according to the value of the instruction pointer. The `MODULE` statement explicitly changes the current module. If `ModuleName` is not specified, unqualified identifiers recognition is disabled.

Possible Errors

116   Program not loaded
213   Module not found

Example

```
MODULE Dry
MODULE
```

WATCH	*Add watch expression*

```
WATCH Expression { "," Expression }
```

The `WATCH` statement is used to fill up the list of watch expressions (see 3.7.11), which is available in the dialog mode. It has no effect in the batch mode, and usually precedes the `DIALOG` statement.

Each `Expression` is checked for correctness. If `Expression` may not be evaluated in the current context, a warning will be issued.

Possible Errors

116   Program not loaded
918   Wrong expression in current context

Example

```
WATCH Dry.Char1Glob
WATCH Dry.Array2Glob[1],Memory.Free<=128
```

#IMPORT	*Control file import*

```
#IMPORT ControlFile
```

XD control files are likely to have some common routines, which perform, for instance, register dump, or heap tracing. It is possible to collect these routines in separate control files and import them into any control file which requires the routines.

The `#IMPORT` directive causes the debugger to load the specified `ControlFile` into memory and add its labels to the global table of labels.

After the debugger loads the control file specified on the command line, it scans it for labels and `#IMPORT` directives, and recursively repeats this procedure for all imported control files.

Note: This directive was intentionally named `#IMPORT`, not `#INCLUDE`, in order to emphasis the fact that the contents of the `ControlFile` are *not* substituted instead of the directive.

When XD reaches the end of a control file, it terminates regardless of whether that file was imported or specified on the command line. So make sure the imported control files are ended with an explicit control transfer statement, such as `RETURN` or `GOTO`.

Possible Errors

007	Batch name missed.
009	Too many nested packages (16)
010	Package <...> recursively imported
011	Incorrect package name <...>
014	Imported package <...> not found.
018	Unknown directive <...>.
111	Label '<...>' already defined
112	Incorrect label
113	Label matches reserved word

Example

```
#IMPORT PrintRegisters
#IMPORT SetBreakpoints
#IMPORT ErrorHandler
```

Chapter 5

Expressions

XD accepts expressions in various places. For instance, an expression may be added to the Watches window, used in a conditional breakpoint, and even entered as an initial counter value.

The expression syntax in XD closely matches Modula-2 syntax, with the following additions and exceptions:

- the qualified identifier syntax is expanded to allow referencing of entities from scopes and components other than current (see 5.3).

- expressions may not contain debuggee function calls; only debugger built-in functions (see 5.5) may be used.

- the construct:

      Type "<" Expression ">"

  designates an object of type `Type` residing at address to which `Expression` evaluates (see 5.6).

Type compatibility rules are much more relaxed in comparison with Modula-2. Also, implicit type conversions are performed under certain circumstances.

Set and complex types are not currently supported.

A *designator* is an expression which denotes a memory object (in other words, represents an lvalue). In some places XD expects a designator to be used.

5.1 Constants

5.1.1 Whole constants

```
WholeConst   = DecimalConst | HexConst
DecimalConst = Digit { Digit }
HexConst     = Digit { HexDigit } "H" |
```

```
                 "0" ("x"|"X") HexDigit { HexDigit }
   Digit    = "0" | "1" | "2" | "3" | "4" |
             "5" | "6" | "7" | ""8 | "9"
   HexDigit = Digit |
             "a" | "b" | "c" | "d" | "e" | "f" |
             "A" | "B" | "C" | "D" | "E" | "F"
```

A decimal constant is a sequence of decimal digits '0'..'9'. A hexadecimal constant is a secuence of hexadecimal digits '0'..'9', 'a'..'f', 'A'..'F', either prefixed with "0x" or "0X", or postfixed with "H". Examples:

```
   0x05074  13H  1342
```

The debugger stores a whole constant in 4 bytes of memory, so the maximum value of a whole constant is 0FFFFFFFFH.

5.1.2   Real constants

```
   RealConst = DecimalConst "." [ DecimalConst ]
             [ "e" | "E" [ "+" | "-" ] DecimalConst ]
```

A whole decimal constant immediately followed by the period, is considered to be a whole part of a real constant. The period, in turn, may be followed by another whole decimal constant representing a fixed part. Finally, an exponent may be specified by adding the "E" or "e" character and an exponent value with an optional sign.

```
   1.    3.14    0.1234E-10
```

Real constants are stored in 10 bytes format.

5.1.3   Boolean constants

```
   BooleanConst = "TRUE" | "FALSE"
```

5.1.4   Character constants

```
   CharConst = "'" character "'" |
             OctalConst "C"
```

A character constant is a single character enclosed in apostrophes:

```
   '!'  '''  'X'
```

5.2   CPU registers

You may use names of CPU registers in expressions, prefixing their names with "@".

The debugger recognizes the following register names:

```
EAX, AX, AL, AH, EBX, BX, BL, BH,
ECX, CX, CL, CH, EDX, DX, DL, DH
ESI, SI, EDI, DI
ESP, SP, EBP, BP
EIP
CS, SS, DS, ES, GS, FS
EFL
```

5.3 Referencing program entities

It is possible to reference a named program entity in an expression, provided that the executable contains debug information for that entity. You may use in expressions identifiers of global and local variables and procedures, types, and enumeration type elements. In addition, it is possible to reference DLL publics.

Entities are referenced by their identifiers. In Modula-2 and Oberon-2, a program may contain more than one entity with the given identifier in different scopes. By default, the debugger starts searching for an entity in the scope of the current procedure (i.e. the procedure in which the execution point is placed) and then goes up to the scope of the compilation module which contains that procedure. Therefore, it may be necessary to qualify an entity name:

```
QualIdent = [ [ Component "$" ] Module "." ] { Proc "::" } Name
```

5.4 Operators

5.4.1 Unary operators

Operator	For operand type	Denotes
+	numeric	
–	numeric	negation
NOT	whole	bit-wise complement (32-bit)
	boolean	logical complement

5.4.2   Binary operators

Operator	For operand types	Denotes
+	numeric	addition
-	numeric	subtraction
	address	difference
*	numeric	multiplication
/	numeric	division
DIV	whole	division
MOD	whole	modulus
REM	whole	modulus
AND &	whole	bit-wise AND (32-bit)
	boolean	logical conjunction
OR |	whole	bit-wise OR (32-bit)
	boolean	logical inclusive disjunction
XOR	whole	bit-wise XOR (32-bit)
	boolean	logical exclusive disjunction

It is also possible to add whole numbers to and subtract from addresses.

5.4.3   Comparison operators

Operator	For operand types	Tests if the first is
=	scalar	equal
#	scalar	not equal
<	ordinal or real	less than
<=	ordinal or real	less than or equal
>	ordinal or real	greater than
>=	ordinal or real	greater than or equal

5.5   Built-in functions

5.5.1   ADR - address of a memory object

```
ADR "(" Designator ")"
```

Returns the address of the memory object designated by `Designator`.

```
ADR(ArrayOfRecords)
ADR(ArrayOfRecords[6])
ADR(ArrayOfRecords[6].FirstField)
```

5.5.2   SIZE - size of a memory object

```
SIZE "(" Designator ")"
```

Returns the size of the memory object designated by `Designator`.

Examples:

```
SIZE(ArrayOfRecords)
SIZE(ArrayOfRecords[6])
SIZE(ArrayOfRecords[6].FirstField)
```

5.5.3   LOW - low index of an array

```
LOW "(" Array ")"
```

Returns the low index of an array designated by `Array`.

```
LOW(ArrayOfRecords)
```

5.5.4   HIGH - high index of an array

```
HIGH "(" Array ")"
```

Returns the high index of an array designated by `Array`.

```
HIGH(ArrayOfRecords)
```

5.5.5   @PASS - number of passes for breakpoint

```
@PASS "(" Name | Number ")"
```

Returns the number of passes for the breakpoint identified by `Name` or `Number` (see 4.4). Batch mode only.

5.5.6   @ARG - access to command-line arguments

```
@ARG "(" n ")"
```

Returns `n`-th command-line argument specified after control file name. Batch mode only.

For instance, if the `breakat.xd` file contains the following statements:

```
    LOAD @ARG(1)
    BREAK B, PROC, @ARG(2),, Dialog
    START
    QUIT

Dialog DIALOG
    STOP
```

and XD is launched as

```
xd /b breakat myprog M.P
```

Name	Type	Size
BYTE8	unsigned integer	1
BYTE16	unsigned integer	2
BYTE32	unsigned integer	4
INT8	signed integer	1
INT16	signed integer	2
INT32	signed integer	4
CARD8	unsigned integer	1
CARD16	unsigned integer	2
CARD32	unsigned integer	4
REAL	real	4
LONGREAL	real	8
LONGLONGREAL	real	10
COMPLEX	complex	8
LONGCOMPLEX	complex	16
BOOL8	boolean	1
BOOL16	boolean	2
BOOL32	boolean	4
CHAR8	character	1
SET8	bitset	1
SET16	bitset	2
SET32	bitset	4
ADDRESS	address	4

Table 5.1: Predefined types

it will load the program `myprog`, establish a breakpoint at the body of the procedure `P` from module `M`, execute the program up to that breakpoint and switch to the dislog mode.

5.6   Type casting

```
Type "(" Designator ")"
```

This kind of type casting allows you to treat a memory object designated by `Designator` as if it had type `Type`. `Type` can be any type defined in your program and present in its debug information, or one of the predefined types.

```
CARD8(File.result)
PrintModes.MODE(PrintModeBox^.selected)

Type "<" Expression ">"
```

The result is a memory object residing at address `Expression` and having type `Type`.

The result of `Expression` must be compatible with the address type.

```
ADDRESS<ADR(result)>
DataBase.ArrayCardinal<ADR(Array2DimInteger[3])>
```

Chapter 6

Remote debugging

With XD, you may debug programs running on another computer to which you may connect via network. Table 6.1 contains the list of supported networks protocols.

Code	Protocol	Remote system identified by
TCP	TCP/IP	IP address

Table 6.1: Supported Protocols

6.1 Preparing for remote debugging

Copy the following files from the `BIN` subdirectory of your XDS installation to an empty directory on the target system:

```
XD_SRV.EXE  XDS24.DLL     XD_NB09.DLL
            XD_DITLS.DLL  XD_T_TCP.DLL
            XD_NB04.DLL   XD_UTL.DLL
```

6.2 Starting debug server

To launch the debug server on the target machine, issue the following command:

```
XD_SRV /R=<protocol code>
```

Example:

```
XD_SRV /R=TCP
```

6.3   Starting XD in remote mode

To start XD in remote mode, use the `/R` command line switch:

```
XD /R=<protocol code>,<remote system id>
```

For instance, if you want XD to connect via TCP/IP to the debug server running on a machine which IP address is `server.mycompany.com`, issue the following command:

```
XD /R=TCP,server.mycompany.com
```

Chapter 7

Keys reference

7.1 General

F1	Help
F10	Main Menu
Alt+X	Exit XD or return to batch mode
/	Switch to debuggee session
\	Switch between dialog and batch mode screens

7.2 Window management

Ctrl+F4	Close active window
Ctrl+Tab	Activate next window
Ctrl+T	Activate Program window
Ctrl+R	Activate Registers window
Ctrl+B	Activate Breaks window
Ctrl+M	Activale Module List window
Ctrl+L	Activate Procedure List window
Ctrl+V	Activate Global variables window
Ctrl+D	Open a new Memory Dump window
Ctrl+W	Enter window move/resize mode (see below)

In the window move/resize mode, arrow keys move window, **Ctrl**+arrow keys change its size. **Enter** or **Ctrl+W** exits the mode.

7.3   Program window

Up/Down	move the user cursor one line up/down
Left/Right	scroll window left/right
PgUp/PgDn	move the user cursor one page up/down
Ctrl+PgUp/PgDn	move the user cursor to the top/bottom of window contents
Ctrl+Home/End	move the user cursor to the top/bottom of window
Home/End	show current line beginning/end
Ctrl+Up/Down	move the user cursor to previous/next procedure
Ctrl+H	move the user cursor to the execution cursor position
Ctrl+G	move the user cursor to a line with a certain number
Ctrl+F	find text
Ctrl+N	find next
Alt+1	switch to source view
Alt+2	switch to disassembly view
Alt+3	switch to mixed (source+disassembly) view

7.4   Information windows

Up/Down	move cursor one line up/down
PgUp/PgDn	move cursor one window up/down
Ctrl+PgUp/PgDn	move cursor to the top/bottom of window contents
Ctrl+Home/End	move cursor to the top/bottom of window

7.5   Breaks

Ins	Add conditional break
Del	Remove breakpoint
F8	Set breakpoint
F9	Set sticky breakpoint
Ctrl+F8	Set delayed breakpoint
Ctrl+F9	Set delayed sticky breakpoint
Alt+F9	Set expression breakpoint
.	Set counter
Plus	Enable breakpoint
Minus	Disable breakpoint

7.6 Execution

F5	Run
Ctrl+F5	Trace execution
Esc	Interrupt execution (in trace mode)
F4	Run to cursor
F7	Step into
Ctrl+F7	Step over
Ctrl+F6	Step out from current procedure

7.7 Watches

Ctrl+Ins	Add watch expression
Del	Remove watch

7.8 Function keys

F1	Help
F3	Load program
F4	Run to location
F5	Run
F8	Set breakpoint
F7	Step into
F9	Set sticky breakpoint
F10	Activate Main Menu

Appendix A

The HIS utility

XDS runtime support contains routines that in case of abnormal program termination may trace back the stack of the thread that is in error and output the call chain into a file called `errinfo.$$$`. To enable this, the option **GEN-HISTORY** has to be turned ON during compilation of the main module of the program.

The HIS utility takes the stack trace file as input and prints execution history of the crashed thread in terms of line numbers and procedure names (provided that the respective executable components contain debug information):

```
XDS History formatter, Version 2.0
(c) 1996-2000 Excelsior

F:\xds\samples\modula\hisdemo.exe
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
#RTS: unhandled exception #6: zero or negative divisor
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Source file              LINE  OFFSET  PROCEDURE      COMPONENT
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------
hisdemo.mod                 5  00000F  Div            hisdemo.exe
hisdemo.mod                11  000037  Try            hisdemo.exe
hisdemo.mod                15  000061  main           hisdemo.exe
```

In the above example, division by zero has been detected at line 5 in the procedure `Div` that was called by the procedure `Try` at line 11, and the procedure `Try`, in turn, was called from the main module body at line 15. All these procedures are defined in file `hisdemo.mod` and their code reside in the executable file `hisdemo.exe`.

By default, HIS prints to the standard output. Use `-l=file` option to redirect it to `file`.

The `-f` option tells HIS to output full names of source files.

HIS is also able to facilitate quick reproduction of the erroneous situation in
XD. Launching HIS with the `-b=file` option creates a debugger control file
(see Chapter 4) that would stop the program immediately before execution of
the instruction that causes crash:

```
;
; XDS History formatter, Version 2.0
; (c) 1996-2000 Excelsior
;
; XDS Debugger control file

; 1. Load the program

  LOAD F:\xds\samples\modula\hisdemo.exe

; 2. Establish breakpoint-counter

  MODULE hisdemo$
  BREAK Counter, LINE, hisdemo, 5, .

; 3. Initiate program execution at the first time

  START

; 4. When program has finished, establish delayed sticky breakpoint

  MODULE hisdemo$
  BREAK Break, LINE, hisdemo, 5, Switch_To_Dialog, @PASS(Counter)-1

; 5. Delete auxiliary breakpoint

  DEL Counter

; 6. Initiate program execution for the second time

  RESTART
  START

  QUIT

; 7. Upon the breakpoint hit, switch to the dialog mode

Switch_To_Dialog
  DIALOG #RTS: unhandled exception #6: zero or negative divisor
  STOP
```
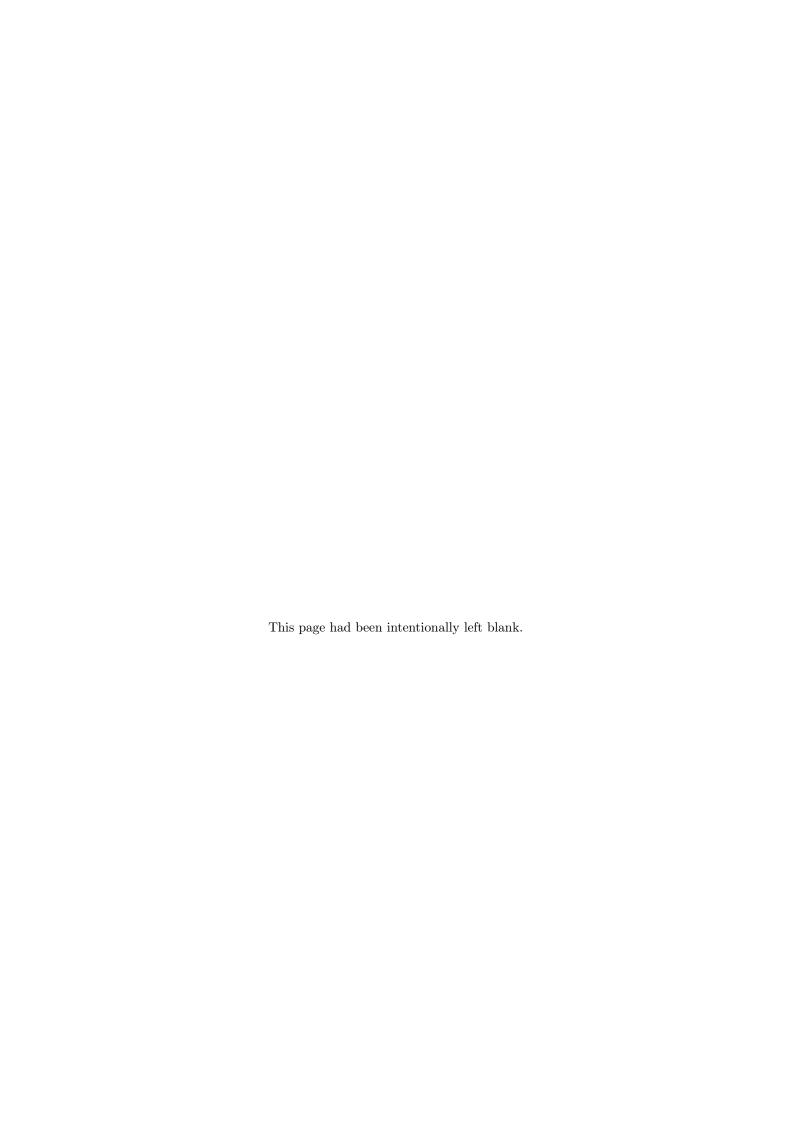
You may use the `-c` option if you do not want comments to appear in the control
file.

The `-d` option forces HIS to immediately launch the debugger with the created
control file. If the `-b` option was not specified, a temporary control file is created.

The `-s` option disables trace of the control file execution in the debugger.

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