

Cheat Sheets

emcc Flags

General flags	
-s INVOKE_RUN	// Don't auto-run main() (also see Module object) // Default = 1 -s INVOKE_RUN=0
-s FORCE_FILESYSTEM	// Include support for a virtual file system // Default = will detect if using files in C code -s FORCE_FILESYSTEM=1
-s EXPORTED_FUNCTIONS	// Export C functions (LLVM prepends underscore) // Default = ['_main', '_malloc'] -s EXPORTED_FUNCTIONS=["'_increment'"]
-s EXTRA_EXPORTED_RUNTIME_METHODS	// Export additional Module.fn() runtime functions // e.g. cwrap() calls custom C functions from JS // Default = [] -s EXTRA_EXPORTED_RUNTIME_METHODS=["'cwrap'"]
-s EXIT_RUNTIME	// Allow code to exit the runtime // Otherwise, after main() is called, stdio // streams are not flushed (see this FAQ entry) // Default = 0 -s EXIT_RUNTIME=1
Include libraries	
-s USE_ZLIB	// Include zlib library for .gz support // Default = 0 -s USE_ZLIB=1
-s USE_PTHREADS	// Add support for pthreads // Default = 0 -s USE_PTHREADS=1
Include SDL libraries (type em++ --show-ports to see all available ports)	
USE_SDL	// Define which version of SDL to use (e.g. v2) -s USE_SDL=2

USE_SDL_IMAGE	// Define SDL Image library version to use // It's used to load images such as BMP/PNG/etc -s USE_SDL_IMAGE=2
USE_SDL_TTF	// Define SDL TTF library version to use // It's used to enable TTF fonts -s USE_SDL_TTF=2
USE_SDL_MIXER	// Define SDL Mixer library version to use // It's used for managing audio -s USE_SDL_MIXER=2
gcc Options	
-o	// Compile to .wasm and generate .js glue code -o myscript.js
-O	// See the standard gcc optimization flags -O2
-I	// Define location of header files -I ./Common/
Preloading files	
--preload-file	// Preload a local file and mount to / --preload-file localfile.txt // Preload a local file and mount to /tmp --preload-file localfile.txt@/tmp/myfile.txt // ^^ both these approaches will output a .data // file, in addition to the .js/.wasm files // already output
--use-preload-plugins	// Will automagically decode files based on their // extensions. See Chapter 8 for an example of // how we used this flag alongside --preload-file --preload-file /data \ --use-preload-plugins

Module Object

For more info, see [Chapter 5](#).

Module parameters

Customize initialization		
noInitialRun	Parameter	Set to true if you don't want <code>main()</code> to be called at page load
arguments	Parameter	Array of arguments sent to <code>main()</code> function once the module is initialized (only valid if <code>noInitialRun = false</code>).
onRuntimeInitialized	Callback	Called once WebAssembly module is ready to be used. e.g. <code>() => console.log("Initialized");</code>
locateFile	Callback	By default, the <code>.wasm</code> file will be loaded from the same folder as the <code>.js</code> file. If that is not correct, use this function to define a different path, e.g. <code>path => `wasm/\${path}`</code> , or even a URL to download the file from, e.g. <code>path => `https://domain.com/wasm/\${path}`</code>
preInit	Function(s)	This function is called before the WebAssembly module is downloaded and initialized. <code>preInit</code> accepts an array of functions; note that the last function in the array will be executed first. This is a useful place to mount other file systems as we cover in Chapter 6 .
preRun	Function(s)	This function is called after <code>preInit</code> , after the WebAssembly module is loaded, but before <code>callMain()</code> is called. As with <code>preInit</code> , <code>preRun</code> either accepts a function or an array of functions; last function in the array is executed first.
onAbort	Callback	This function is called if the <code>.wasm</code> file you're trying to load is not found; useful for detecting such errors and notifying the user and/or logging an error in your systems. This function is also called if you make a call to <code>abort()</code> within your C code.
Customize stdout/stderr behavior		
print	Callback	Custom function to capture stdout, e.g. <code>out => alert(out)</code>
printErr	Callback	Custom function to capture stderr, e.g. <code>err => alert(err)</code>
logReadFiles	Parameter	If set to <code>true</code> , will output <code>"read file: <path>"</code> to stderr the first time you read from a file (see Chapter 6 for details about file management with WebAssembly).

Sample Usage

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var output = [];
var Module = {
  // Don't run main on page load
  noInitialRun: true,
  // Run custom function on page load
  onRuntimeInitialized: () => {
    console.log("Launching main...");
    Module.callMain();
    console.log("Done");
  },
  // Custom function to process stdout: keep in memory
  print: stdout => output.push(stdout),
  // Custom function to process stderr: show in console as errors (in red)
  printErr: stderr => console.error(stderr)
};
</script>
<script src="hello.js"></script>
```

Note

Remember to declare the `Module` variable before you import the `.js` file output by Emscripten.

File System

For more info, see [Chapter 6](#).

Files	
Create file	<code>FS.writeFile("file.txt", "some contents");</code>
Create file, with options	<pre>FS.createDataFile("/data", // folder where file will be saved "file.txt", // file name "abcdef", // file contents (a string) true, // is this file readable? true // is this file writable?);</pre>
Rename file	<code>FS.rename("/data/file.txt", "/data/renamed.txt");</code>
Read file contents	<code>FS.readFile("/data/file.txt", { encoding: "utf8" });</code>
Delete the file	<code>FS.unlink("/data/file.txt");</code>
Folders	
Create folder	<code>FS.mkdir("/data");</code>
List folder contents	<code>FS.readdir("/data");</code>
Delete empty folder	<code>FS.rmdir("/data");</code>
Get working directory	<code>FS.cwd();</code>

FileReader API

For more info, see the [WebWorkers + FileReader APIs Guide](#).

File Object

- name: file name
- type: MIME type
- size: size in bytes
- lastModified: UNIX timestamp representing last modified date

Sample Usage

```
<input type="file" id="upload">

<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function()
{
  // Create a FileReader object
  var reader = new FileReader();

  // Watch for files being selected
  document
    .getElementById('upload')
    .addEventListener('change', function(e) {
      // Retrieve File object from selected file
      var file = this.files[0];
      // Define what should happen once the file is loaded
      reader.onload = event => console.log(event.target.result);
      // Read the File object as text
      // Use .readAsBinaryString() to read as a binary file
      reader.readAsText(file);
    });
}
</script>
```

WebWorkers

For more info, see the [WebWorkers + FileReader APIs Guide](#).

Sample Usage

<pre>// Main Thread // Launch worker var worker = new Worker("worker.js"); // Catch messages from worker worker.onmessage = msg => { var data = msg.data; console.log("worker says:", data); }; // Sample data var size = 100 * 1024 * 1024; var data = new Int8Array(size); // Send message to Worker worker.postMessage(data); // Transfer message to Worker worker.postMessage(data); </script></pre>	<pre>// WebWorker code (worker.js) // Catch messages from main thread self.onmessage = msg => { var data = msg.data; console.log("main thread says", data); // Send a message to main thread self.postMessage("message"); };</pre>
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Note

Inside a worker, use `self` (instead of `window`) to represent the current scope.