

# **EDK II Platform Description (DSC) File Specification**

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# 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

This document describes the EDK II Platform Description file (DSC) format. The EDK Build Tools are included as part of the EDK II compatibility package. In order to use EDK II Modules or the EDK II Build Tools, an EDK II DSC and FDF file must be used. EDK II tools use INI style text based files to describe components, platforms and firmware volumes. While similar to EDK DSC files, the EDK II DSC file format is different, and new utilities have been provided to process these files.

The EDK II Build Infrastructure supports creation of binary images that comply with Unified EFI (UEFI) 2.4 and UEFI Platform Infrastructure (PI) 1.3 specifications.

This design has the following goals.

#### Compatible

The EDK II DSC format does not support EDK DSC format, nor can EDK tools be used to parse the EDK II DSC format files. The EDK II DSC Format must maintain backward compatibility for supporting existing EDK INF file formats. This means that the changes made to this specification do not require changes for standard INF files.

#### Simplified platform build and configuration

One goal of this format is to simplify the build setup and configuration for a given platform. It was also designed to simplify the process of adding EDK II firmware components to a firmware volume on a given platform.

[Table 1](#) describes the compatibility between platform, module and component builds.

**Table 1. EDK Build Infrastructure Support Matrix**

	EDK DSC	EDK II DSC	EDK FDF	EDK II FDF	EDK INF	EDK II INF
EDK Build Tools	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
EDK II Build Tools	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES

**Note:** *This document is intended for persons doing EFI development and support for different platforms. It is most likely only of interest in the event that there is a problem with a build, or if a developer needs to perform special customizations of a build for a platform. This document is most likely only of interest in the event that there is a problem with a build, or if a developer needs to perform special customizations of a build for a platform.*

The EDK II build processes, defined in the EDK II Build Specification, use separate steps to create EFI images. The EDK II DSC file is used in conjunction with EDK II Flash Description files (FDF), EDK II DEC, EDK II module INF and EDK component INF files to generate binary PE32/PE32+/Coff files. The EDK II Makefiles, generated by the EDK II parsing tool, contain only enough instructions to build the PE32/PE32+/Coff image files. These makefiles do not contain information on the EFI format for FFS or FV file creation. The Makefiles will support third party compilation tools – Microsoft, Intel and GCC tool chains – and at least one EDK II tool, GenFw. The GenFw tool is used to manipulate the

files emitted from the compilation tools.

The EDK II build provides UEFI and PI (Unified EFI, Inc.) specification-compliant images. Use of the tools in the EDK Compatibility package can be used for creating earlier versions of EFI 1.10 and/or UEFI 2.0 compliant components. To be clear, EDK II tools do not have the limitation of ECP tools, which can only do EFI 1.10 and UEFI 2.0 images.

## 1.2 Related Information

The following publications and sources of information may be useful to you or are referred to by this specification:

- *Unified Extensible Firmware Interface Specification*, Version 2.4, Unified EFI, Inc., 2013, <http://www.uefi.org>.
- *UEFI Platform Initialization Specification*, Version 1.3, Unified EFI, Inc., 2013, <http://www.uefi.org>.
- *UEFI Platform Initialization Distribution Package Specification*, Version 1.0 Errata B, Unified EFI, Inc., 2013, <http://www.uefi.org>.
- *Intel® Platform Innovation Framework for EFI Specifications*, Intel, 2007, <http://www.intel.com/technology/framework/>.
- <http://sourceforge.net/projects/edk2/files/>
  - *EDK II Module Writers Guide*, Intel, 2011.
  - *EDK II User Manual*, Intel, 2010.
  - *EDK II C Coding Standard*, Intel, 2010.
  - *EDK II DEC Specification*, Intel, 2013.
  - *EDK II INF File Specification*, Intel, 2013.
  - *EDK II FDF Specification*, Intel, 2013.
  - *EDK II Build Specification*, Intel, 2013.
  - *VFR Programming Language*, Intel, 2011.
- *INI file*, Wikipedia, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/INI\\_file](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/INI_file).
- *C Now - C Programming Information*, Langston University, Tulsa Oklahoma, J.H. Young, 1999-2011, <http://c.comsci.us/syntax/expression/ebnf.html>.

## 1.3 Terms

The following terms are used throughout this document to describe varying aspects of input localization:

### **BDS**

Framework Boot Device Selection phase.

### **BNF**

BNF is an acronym for "Backus Naur Form." John Backus and Peter Naur introduced for the first time a formal notation to describe the syntax of a given language.

### **Component**

An executable image. Components defined in this specification support one of the defined module types.

### **DEC**

EDK II Package Declaration File. This file declares information about what is provided in the package. An EDK II package is a collection of like content.



**DEPEX**

Module dependency expressions that describe runtime process restrictions.

**Dist**

This refers to a distribution package that conforms to the UEFI Platform Initialization Distribution Package Specification.

**DSC**

EDK II Platform Description File. This file describes what and how modules, libraries and components are to be built, as well as defining library instances which will be used when linking EDK II modules.

**DXE**

Framework Driver Execution Environment phase.

**DXE SAL**

A special class of DXE module that produces SAL Runtime Services. DXE SAL modules differ from DXE Runtime modules in that the DXE Runtime modules support Virtual mode OS calls at OS runtime and DXE SAL modules support intermixing Virtual or Physical mode OS calls.

**DXE SMM**

A special class of DXE module that is loaded into the System Management Mode memory.

**DXE Runtime**

Special class of DXE module that provides Runtime Services

**EBNF**

Extended "Backus-Naur Form" meta-syntax notation with the following additional constructs: square brackets "[...]" surround optional items, suffix "\*" for a sequence of zero or more of an item, suffix "+" for one or more of an item, suffix "?" for zero or one of an item, curly braces "{...}" enclosing a list of alternatives and super/subscripts indicating between n and m occurrences.

**EFI**

Generic term that refers to one of the versions of the EFI specification: EFI 1.02, EFI 1.10 or any of the UEFI specifications.

**FDF**

EDK II Flash definition file. This file is used to define the content and binary image layouts for firmware images, update capsules and PCI option ROMs.

**FLASH**

This term is used throughout this document to describe one of the following:

- An image that is loaded into a hardware device on a platform - traditional ROM image
- An image that is loaded into an Option ROM device on an add-in card
- A boot able image that is installed on removable, boot able media, such as a Floppy, CD-ROM or USB storage device.
- An image that contains update information that will be processed by OS Runtime services to interact with EFI Runtime services to update a traditional ROM image.
- A UEFI application that can be accessed during boot (at an EFI Shell Prompt), prior to hand-off to the OS Loader.

**Foundation**

The set of code and interfaces that glue implementations of EFI together.

**Framework**

Intel® Platform Innovation Framework for EFI consists of the Foundation, plus other modular components that characterize the portability surface for modular components designed to work on any implementation of the Tiano architecture.

**GUID**

Globally Unique Identifier. A 128-bit value used to name entities uniquely. A unique GUID can be generated by an individual without the help of a centralized authority. This allows the generation of names that will never conflict, even among multiple, unrelated parties. GUID values can be registry format (8-4-4-4-12) or C data structure format.

**HII**

Human Interface Infrastructure. This generally refers to the database that contains string, font, and IFR information along with other pieces that use one of the database components.

**HOB**

Hand-off blocks are key architectural mechanisms that are used to hand off system information in the early pre-boot stages.

**IFR**

Internal Forms Representation. This is the binary encoding that is used for the representation of user interface pages.

**INF**

EDK II Module Information File. This file describes how the module is coded. For EDK, this file describes how the component or library is coded as well as providing some basic build information.

**Library Class**

A library class defines the API or interface set for a library. The consumer of the library is coded to the library class definition. Library classes are defined via a library class .h file that is published by a package.

**Library Instance**

A module implementation of one or more library classes.

**Module**

A module is either an executable image or a library instance. For a list of module types supported by this package, see module type.

**Module Type**

All libraries and components belong to one of the following module types: BASE, SEC, PEI\_CORE, PEIM, DXE\_CORE, DXE\_DRIVER, DXE\_RUNTIME\_DRIVER, DXE\_SMM\_DRIVER, DXE\_SAL\_DRIVER, UEFI\_DRIVER, or UEFI\_APPLICATION. These definitions provide a framework that is consistent with a similar set of requirements. A module that is of module type BASE, depends only on headers and libraries provided in the MDE, while a module that is of module type DXE\_DRIVER depends on common DXE components. For a definition of the various module types, see [Appendix C](#).

**Package**

A package is a container. It can hold a collection of files for any given set of modules. Packages may be described as one of the following types of modules:

- source modules, containing all source files and descriptions of a module
- binary modules, containing EFI Sections or a Framework File System and a description file specific to linking and binary editing of features and attributes specified in a Platform Configuration Database (PCD,)
- mixed modules, with both binary and source modules

Multiple modules can be combined into a package, and multiple packages can be combined into a single package.

**PCD**

Platform Configuration Database.

**PEI**

Pre-EFI Initialization Phase.

**PPI**

A PEIM-to-PEIM Interface that is named by a GUID.

**Protocol**

An API named by a GUID.

**Runtime Services**

Interfaces that provide access to underlying platform-specific hardware that might be useful during OS runtime, such as time and date services. These services become active during the boot process but also persist after the OS loader terminates boot services.

**SAL**

System Abstraction Layer. A firmware interface specification used on Intel® Itanium® Processor based systems.

**SEC**

Security Phase is the code in the Framework that contains the processor reset vector and launches PEI. This phase is separate from PEI because some security schemes require ownership of the reset vector.

**SKU**

Stock Keeping Unit.

**SMM**

System Management Mode. A generic term for the execution mode entered when a CPU detects an SMI. The firmware, in response to the interrupt type, will gain control in physical mode. For this document, "SMM" describes the operational regime for IA32 and x64 processors that share the OS-transparent characteristics.

**UEFI Application**

An application that follows the UEFI specification. The only difference between a UEFI application and a UEFI driver is that an application is unloaded from memory when it exits regardless of return status, while a driver that returns a successful return status is not unloaded when its entry point exits.

**UEFI Driver**

A driver that follows the UEFI specification.

**UEFI Specification Version 2.4**

Current UEFI version.

**UEFI Platform Initialization Distribution Package Specification Version 1.0**

The current version of the specification includes Errata B.

**UEFI Platform Initialization Specification 1.3**

Current version of the PI specification.

**Unified EFI Forum**

A non-profit collaborative trade organization formed to promote and manage the UEFI standard. For more information, see [www.uefi.org](http://www.uefi.org).

**VFR**

Visual Forms Representation.

**VPD**

Vital Product Data that is read-only binary configuration data, typically located within a region of a flash part. This data would typically be updated as part of the firmware build, post firmware build (via patching tools), through automation on a manufacturing line as the 'FLASH' parts are programmed or through special tools.

## 1.4 Conventions Used in this Document

This document uses typographic and illustrative conventions described below.

### 1.4.1 Data Structure Descriptions

Intel® processors based on 32 bit Intel® architecture (IA 32) are "little endian" machines. This distinction means that the low-order byte of a multi byte data item in memory is at the lowest address, while the high-order byte is at the highest address. Processors of the Intel® Itanium® processor family may be configured for both "little endian" and "big endian" operation. All implementations designed to conform to this specification will use "little endian" operation.

In some memory layout descriptions, certain fields are marked reserved. Software must initialize such fields to zero and ignore them when read. On an update operation, software must preserve any reserved field.

The data structures described in this document generally have the following format:

**Summary:**

A brief description of the data structure.

**Prototype:**

An EBNF-type declaration for the data structure.

**Example:**

Sample data structure using the prototype.

### 1.4.2 Pseudo-Code Conventions

Pseudo code is presented to describe algorithms in a more concise form. None of the algorithms in this document are intended to be compiled directly. The code is presented at a level corresponding to the surrounding text.

In describing variables, a *list* is an unordered collection of homogeneous objects. A *queue* is an ordered list of homogeneous objects. Unless otherwise noted, the ordering is assumed to be FIFO.

Pseudo code is presented in a C-like format, using C conventions where appropriate. The coding style, particularly the indentation style, is used for readability and does not necessarily comply with an implementation of the *UEFI Specification*.

### 1.4.3 Typographic Conventions

This document uses the typographic and illustrative conventions described below:

Typographic Convention	Typographic convention description
Plain text	The normal text typeface is used for the vast majority of the descriptive text in a specification.
<a href="#">Plain text (blue)</a>	Any <a href="#">plain text</a> that is underlined and in blue indicates an active link to the cross-reference. Click on the word to follow the hyperlink.
<b>Bold</b>	In text, a <b>Bold</b> typeface identifies a processor register name. In other instances, a <b>Bold</b> typeface can be used as a running head within a paragraph.
<i>Italic</i>	In text, an <i>Italic</i> typeface can be used as emphasis to introduce a new term or to indicate a manual or specification name.
<b>BOLD Monospace</b>	Computer code, example code segments, and all prototype code segments use a <b>BOLD Monospace</b> typeface with a dark red color. These code listings normally appear in one or more separate paragraphs, though words or segments can also be embedded in a normal text paragraph.
<a href="#">Bold Monospace</a>	Words in a <a href="#">Bold Monospace</a> typeface that is underlined and in blue indicate an active hyper link to the code definition for that function or type definition. Click on the word to follow the hyper link.
\$(VAR)	This symbol VAR defined by the utility or input files.
<i>Italic Mono-space</i>	In code or in text, words in <i>Italic Monospace</i> indicate placeholder names for variable information that must be supplied (i.e., arguments).

**Note:** Due to management and file size considerations, only the first occurrence of the reference on each page is an active link. Subsequent references on the same page will not be actively linked to the definition and will use the standard, non underlined **BOLD Monospace** typeface. Find the first instance of the name (in the underlined [BOLD Monospace](#) typeface) on the page and click on the word to jump to the function or type definition.

The following typographic conventions are used in this document to illustrate the Extended Backus-Naur Form.

[item]	Square brackets denote the enclosed item is optional.
{item}	Curly braces denote a choice or selection item, only one of which may occur on a given line.
<item>	Angle brackets denote a name for an item.
(range-range)	Parenthesis with characters and dash characters denote ranges of values, for example, (a-zA-Z0-9) indicates a single alphanumeric character, while (0-9) indicates a single digit.
"item"	Characters within quotation marks are the exact content of an item, as they must appear in the output text file.
?	The question mark denotes zero or one occurrences of an item.
*	The star character denotes zero or more occurrences of an item.
+	The plus character denotes one or more occurrences of an item.

$\text{item}^{\{n\}}$	A superscript number, n, is the number occurrences of the item that must be used. Example: $(0-9)^8$ indicates that there must be exactly eight digits, so 01234567 is valid, while 1234567 is not valid.
$\text{item}^{\{n,\}}$	A superscript number, n, within curly braces followed by a comma “,” indicates the minimum number of occurrences of the item, with no maximum number of occurrences.
$\text{item}^{\{,n\}}$	A superscript number, n, within curly brackets, preceded by a comma “,” indicates a maximum number of occurrences of the item.
$\text{item}^{\{n,m\}}$	A super script number, n, followed by a comma “,” and a number, m, indicates that the number of occurrences can be from n to m occurrences of the item, inclusive.

## 2 DSC Overview

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This section of the document provides an overview to processing EDK II platform description (DSC) file. Additional chapters describe different sections of the EDK II DSC file in detail.

EDK II parsing tools contain the templates for processing files to create the component binary images from source files. Binary Modules are not included in EDK II DSC files.

EDK II DSC files are a list of:

- EDK Component or EDK II Module INF Files
- EDK libraries (only used by EDK Components)
- EDK II Library Class Instance Mappings (only used by EDK II Modules)
- EDK II PCD Entries

**Note:** *Path and Filename elements within the DSC are case-sensitive in order to support building on UNIX style operating systems.*

**Note:** *This document uses “\” to indicate that a line that cannot be displayed in this document on a single line. Within the DSC specification, each entry must appear on a single line.*

**Note:** *The the total path and file name length is limited by the operating system and third party tools. It is recommended that for EDK II builds that the WORKSPACE directory be either a directory under a subst drive in Windows (s:/build as an example) or be located in either the /opt directory or in the user's /home/username directory for Linux and OS/X.*

### 2.1 Processing Overview

Each platform DSC file is broken out into sections in a manner similar to the component description (INF) files. However, while the intent of a component's INF file is to define the source files, libraries (or library classes), and definitions relevant to building the component, the function of the platform DSC file is to specify the library instances, components and output formats used to generate binary files that will be processed by other tools to generate an image that is either put into a flash device, made available for recovery booting or updating existing firmware on a platform.

**Note:** *For users familiar with EDK, the EDK II DSC file is not used to specify how compiled binary images get placed into UEFI/PI compliant binaries. The EDK II Flash Description File (FDF) file specifies how to package the binaries files into UEFI/PI compliant images.*

In general, the parsing utilities read each line from the sections of the platform description (DSC) file, process the component, module, or library's INF file on the line to generate a makefile, and then continue with the next line.

[Figure 1](#) illustrates the process flow, with the dark format indicating the process for building PE/PE32+/Coff files.

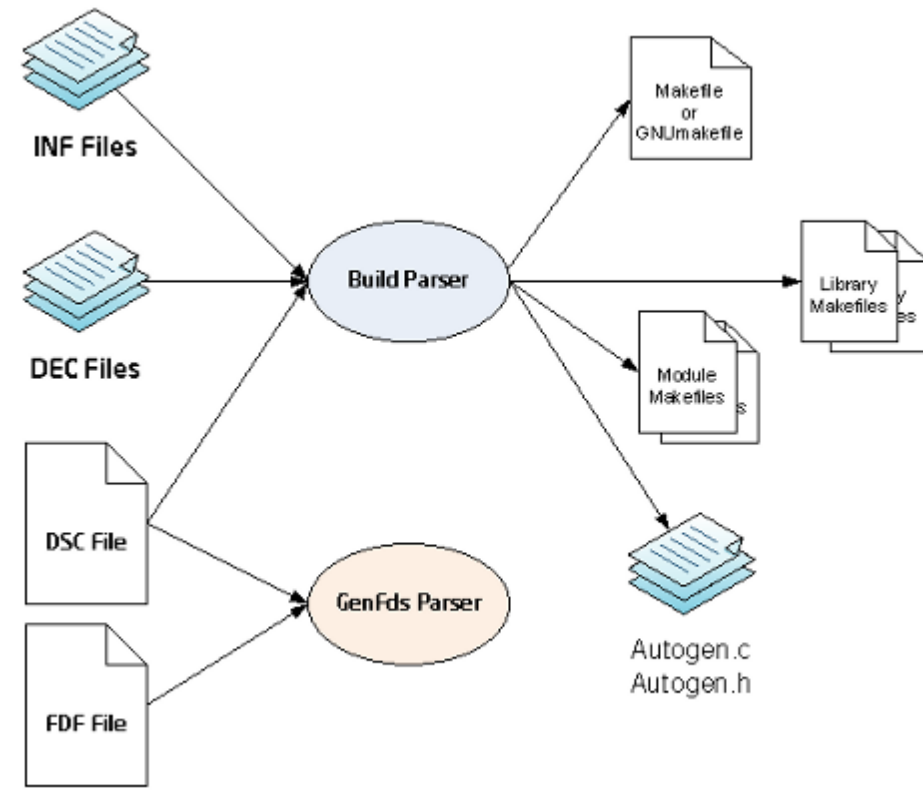


Figure 1. EDK II Parsing Data Flow

Figure 2 illustrates the relationship of the major environment variables, **WORKSPACE**, **EDK\_SOURCE**, **EFI\_SOURCE** and **EDK\_TOOLS\_PATH**. The **EDK\_SOURCE** and **EFI\_SOURCE** environment variables are only required if using EDK components. The environment variables can point to different locations on a developer's workstation.



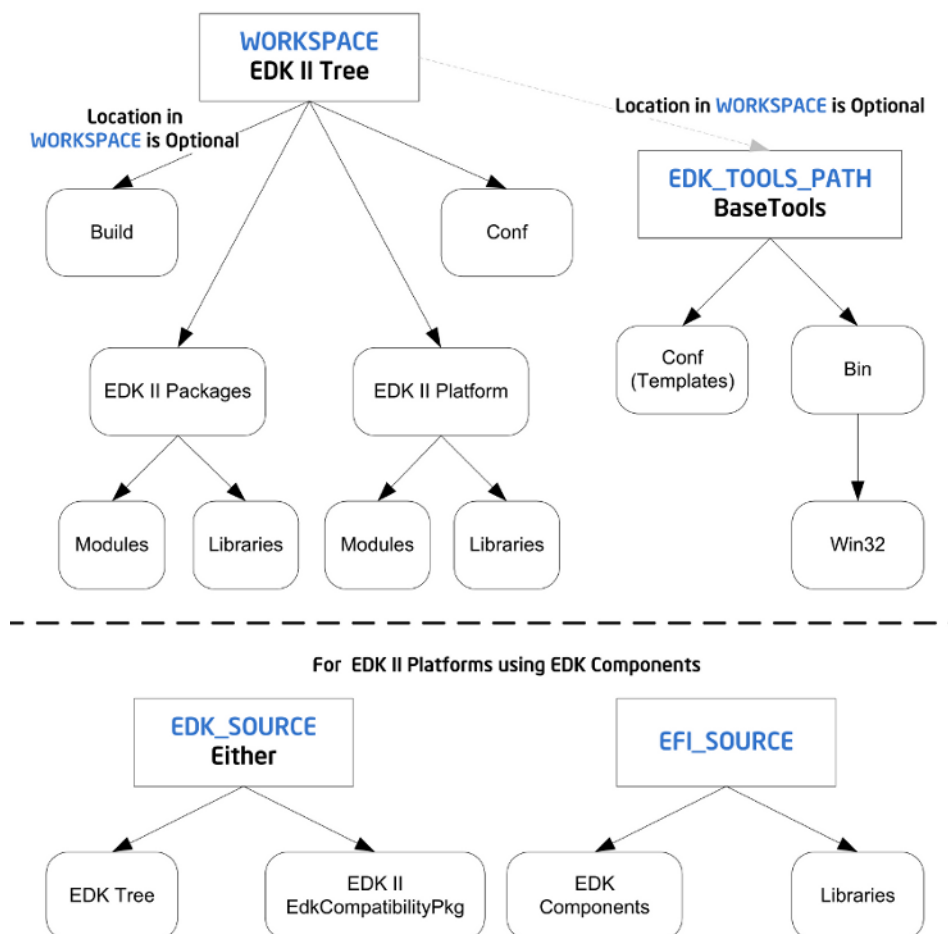


Figure 2. Developer Workstation Layout - EDK II Build

## 2.2 Build Description File Format

EDK II build description files--DSC, FDF, DEC and INF files, along with other files like *build\_rules.txt*, *target.txt* and *tools\_def.txt*, contain information used by the parsing utility to create makefiles that process source files to generate binary (PE32/PE32+/Coff) files. The binary files can be distributed as EDK II binary packages or used to create a platform are defined in an FDF file, rather than the EDK II DSC file.

### 2.2.1 Section Entries

To simplify parsing, the EDK II meta-data files continue using the INI format. This style was introduced for EDK meta-data files, when only the Windows tool chains were supported. It was decided that for compatibility purposes, that INI format would continue to be used. EDK II formats differ from the de facto INI format in that the semi-colon ";" character cannot be used to indicate a comment.

Leading and trailing space/tab characters must be ignored.

Duplicate section names must be merged by tools.

This description file consists of sections delineated by section tags enclosed within square `[]` brackets. Section tag entries are case-insensitive. The different sections and their usage are described below. The text of a given section can be used for multiple section names by separating the section names with a comma. For example:

```
[LibraryClasses.X64, LibraryClasses.ipf]
```

The content below each section heading is processed by the parsing utilities in the order that they occur in the file. The precedence for processing these architecture section tags is from right to left, with sections defining an architecture having a higher precedence than a section which uses common (or no architecture extension) as the architecture.

**Note:** *Content, such as filenames, directory names, macros and C variable names, within a section IS case sensitive. IA32, Ia32 and ia32 within a section are processed as separate items. (Refer to Naming Conventions below for more information on directory and/or file naming.)*

Sections are terminated by the start of another section or the end of the file.

Comments are not permitted between square brackets of a section specifier.

Duplicate sections (two sections with identical section tags) will be merged by tools, with the second section appended to the first.

If architectural modifiers are used in the section tag, the section is merged by tools with content from common sections (if specified) with the architectural section appended to the first, into an architectural section. For example, given the following:

```
[BuildOptions]
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo
[BuildOptions.IA32]
MSFT:*_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D MDEPKG_NDEBUG
[BuildOptions.X64]
MSFT:*_*_X64_CC_FLAGS = /Gy
```

After the first pass of the tools, when building the module for IA32, the source files will logically be:

```
[BuildOptions.IA32]
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo
MSFT:*_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D MDEPKG_NDEBUG
```

When building the module for X64, the source files will logically be:

```
[BuildOptions.X64]
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo
MSFT:*_*_X64_CC_FLAGS = /Gy
```

The `[Defines]` section tag prohibits use of architectural modifiers. All other sections can specify architectural modifiers.

## 2.2.2 Comments

The hash `"#"` character indicates comments in the Platform Description (DSC) file. In line comments terminate the processing of a line. In line comments must be placed at the end of the line, and may not be placed within the section (`[,]`) tags.

Only `FIX_LOAD_TOP_MEMORY_ADDRESS = 0xF0000000` in the following example is processed by tools; the remainder of the line is ignored:

```
FIX_LOAD_TOP_MEMORY_ADDRESS = 0xF0000000 # set top memory address
```

**Note:** Blank lines and lines that start with the hash "#" character must be ignored by tools.

Hash characters appearing within a quoted string are permitted, with the string being processed as a single entity. The following example must handle the quoted string as single element by tools.

```
UI = "# Copyright 2007, NoSuch, ltd. All rights reserved."
```

## 2.2.3 Valid Entries

Processing of the line is terminated if a comment is encountered.

Processing of a line is terminated by the end of the line.

Items in quotation marks are treated as a single token and have the highest precedence. Items encapsulated in parenthesis are also treated as tokens, with embedded tokens being processed first. All other processing occurs from left to right.

In the following example, B - C is processed first, then result is added to A followed by adding 2; finally 3 is added to the result.

```
(A + (B - C) + 2) + 3
```

In the next example, A + B is processed first, then C + D is processed and finally the two results are added.

```
(A + B) + (C + D)
```

Space and tab characters are permitted around field separators.

## 2.2.4 Naming Conventions

The EDK II build infrastructure is supported under Microsoft\* Windows\*, Linux\* and MAC OS/X operating systems. All directory and file names must be treated as case sensitive because of multiple environment support.

- The use of special characters in directory names and file names is restricted to the dash, underscore, and period characters, respectively "-", "\_", and ".".
- Period characters may not be followed by another period character. File and Directory names must not start with "./", "." or "..".
- Directory names and file names must not contain space characters.
- Directory Names must only contain alphanumeric characters, the dash and underscore characters and start with an alpha character. A single period character is permitted in the name provided that alphanumeric characters appear before and after the period character (as in: *MdePkg.1*).
- Additionally, all EDK II directories that are architecturally dependent must use a name with only the first character capitalized. *Ia32*, *Ipfi*, *X64* and *Ebc* are valid architectural directory names. *IA32*, *IPF* and *EBC* are not acceptable directory names, and may cause build breaks. From a build tools perspective, *IA32* is not equivalent to *Ia32* or *ia32*.

The build tools must be able to process the tool definitions file: *tools\_def.txt* (describing the location and flags for compiler and user defined tools), which may contain space characters in paths on Windows\* systems.

**Note:** The `tools_def.txt` file and `[BuildOptions]` sections are the places that permit the use of space characters in a directory path.

The EDK II Coding Style specification covers naming conventions for use within C Code files, and as well as specifying the rules for directory and file names. This section is meant to highlight those rules as they apply to the content of the INF files.

Architecture keywords (**IA32**, **IPF**, **X64** and **EBC**) are used by build tools and in meta-data files for describing alternate threads for processing of files. These keywords must not be used for describing directory paths. Additionally, directory names with architectural names (*Ia32*, *Ipf*, *X64* and *Ebc*) do not automatically cause the build tools or meta-data files to follow these alternate paths. Directories and Architectural Keywords are similar in name only.

All directory paths within EDK II INF files must use the "/" forward slash character to separate directories as well as directories from filenames. Example:

```
C:/Work/Edk2/edksetup.bat
```

File names must also follow the same naming convention required for directories. No space characters are permitted. The special characters permitted in directory names are the only special characters permitted in file names.

## 2.2.5 !include Statement Processing

The **!include** statement may appear within any section of EDK II DSC file. The included file content must match the content type of the current section definition, contain complete sections, or combination of both.

The argument of this statement is a filename. The file is relative to the directory that contains this DSC file, and if not found the tool must attempt to find the file relative to the **\$(WORKSPACE)** directory. The use of the system environment variables, **\$(WORKSPACE)**, **\$(EFI\_SOURCE)**, **\$(EDK\_SOURCE)**, **\$(ECP\_SOURCE)** in the file name is permitted. If the file is still not found, the parsing tools must terminate with an error.

Files specified by **!include** statements may not contain **!include** statements.

Statements in **!include** files must not break the integrity of the DSC file, the included file is read in by tools in the exact position of the file, and is functionally equivalent of copying the contents of the included file and inserting (paste) the content into the DSC file.

Macros, defined in this file, are not permitted in the path or file name of the **!include** statement, as these files are included prior to processing the file for macros. If the path starts with a "\$" character, then one of the system environment variables, **\$(WORKSPACE)**, **\$(EDK\_SOURCE)**, **\$(EFI\_SOURCE)**, or **\$(ECP\_SOURCE)** is being used; only these system environment variables are permitted to start the path of the included file.

The following examples show the valid usage of the **!include** statement.

```

[LibraryClasses]
BaseLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseLib/BaseLib.inf
!include MyPlatformCommonLibs.txt

[LibraryClasses]
DEFINE MDELIBUAEP = MdePkg/Library/UefiApplicationEntryPoint
UefiApplicationEntryPoint|$(MDELIBUAEP)/UefiApplicationEntryPoint.inf
!include Sample.txt

### Contents of Sample.txt
DEFINE EMULATE = 1

!if $(EMULATE) == 0
[LibraryClasses.IA32]
TimerLib|Some/Existing/TimerLib/Instance.inf

[LibraryClasses.X64]
TimerLib|Another/Existing/TimerLib/Instance.inf

!else
TimerLib|The/NULL/TimerLib/Instance.inf
!endif

```

## 2.2.6 Macro Statements

The use of MACRO statements, which assign a value to a variable. Macros defined in the **[Defines]** section are considered global during the processing of the DSC file and the FDF file. This means that a Macro can be used in the FDF file without defining it in the FDF as long as it is defined in the DSC file.

Token names (words defined in the EDK II meta-data file specifications) cannot be used as macro names. As an example, using PLATFORM\_NAME as a macro name is not permitted, as it is a token defined in the DSC file's **[Defines]** section.

Macros in the DSC file can be used to specify paths (and paths and filenames), and build options. They can define other items, such as values for PCDs, expressions or names that can be used in conditional directive statements, which allows customization of the build, allowing the platform integrator to select features from the command-line.

The format for the macro statements is:

```
DEFINE MACRO = Path
```

Any portion on a path or path and filename can be defined by a macro.

When assigning a string value to a macro, the string must follow the C format for specifying a string, as shown below:

```
DEFINE MACRO1 = "SETUP"
DEFINE MACRO2 = L"SETUP"
```

When assigning a numeric value to a macro, the number may be a decimal, integer or hex value, as shown below:

```

DEFINE MACRO1 = 0xFFFFFFFF
DEFINE MACRO2 = 2.3
DEFINE MACRO3 = 10

```

The format for usage of a Macro varies. When used as a value, the Macro name must be encapsulated by "\$(" and ")" as shown below:

```
$(MACRO)/filename.foo
```

When a macro is tested in a conditional directive statement, determining whether it has been define or undefined uses the following format:

```
!ifdef MACRO
```

**Note:** For backward compatibility, tools may allow \$(MACRO) in the !ifdef and !ifndef statements. This functionality may disappear in future releases, therefore, it is recommended that platform integrators update their DSC files if they also alter other content.

When using string comparisons of Macro elements to string literals, the format of the conditional directive must be:

```
!if $(MACRO) == "Literal String"
```

**Note:** For backward compatibility, tools may allow testing literal strings that are not encapsulated by double quotation marks. This functionality may disappear in future releases, therefore, it is recommended that platform integrators update their DSC files if they also alter other content.

When testing Macro against another Macro:

```
!if $(MACROALPHA) == $(MACROBETA)
```

When testing a Macro against a value:

```
!if $(MACRONUM) == 2
```

or

```
!if $(MACROBOOL) == TRUE
```

When used with the !if or !elseif statements or in an expression used in a value field, a macro that has not been defined has a value of 0.

Any defined MACRO definitions will be expanded by tools when they encounter the entry in the section except when the macro is within double quotation marks in build options sections. The expectation is that macros in the quoted values will be expanded by external build scripting tools, such as nmake or gmake; they will not be expanded by the build tools. If a macro that is not defined is used in locations that are not expressions (where the tools would just do macro expansion as in C flags in a [BuildOptions] section), nothing will be emitted. If the macro, MACRO1, has not been defined, then:

```
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /c /nologo $(MACRO1) /Od
```

After macro expansion, the logical result would be equal to:

```
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /c /nologo /Od
```

It is recommended that tools remove any excess space characters when processing these types of lines.

Macro evaluation is done at the time the macro is used in an expression, conditional directive or value field, not when a macro is defined. Macros in quoted strings will not be expanded by parsing tools; all other macro values will be expanded, without evaluation, as other elements of the build system will perform any needed tests. Macro Definition statements that appear within a section of the file (other than the [Defines] section) are scoped to the section they are defined in. If the Macro statement is within the [Defines] section, then the Macro is considered global to the entire DSC file, files

included using the `!include` statement and global to the FDF file, with local definitions taking precedence (if the same MACRO name is redefined in subsequent sections, then that MACRO value is local to only that section.)

Macros may be used in conditional statements located within the DSC (and FDF) file. Conditional MACROS may be defined on a command line of a parsing tool. It is highly recommended that a macro defined in this manner have a **DEFINE** statement to set a default value in the **[Defines]** section. (Macro values specified on the command-line override all definitions of that Macro.) In the reference build (*Nt32Pkg/Nt32Pkg.dsc*), macros set on a command line override any macro value defined in the DSC (or FDF) file.

MACROS may also be used as values in PCD statements. See [Section 3.10](#) for more information on PCD statements.

In order to support EDK components and libraries, the word **DEFINE** is replaced with **EDK\_GLOBAL**. The **EDK\_GLOBAL** macros are considered global during the processing of the DSC, FDF and EDK INF files.

Macros that appear within double quotation marks in build options sections are not expanded. It is assumed that they will be expanded by the OS or external scripting tools.

Global variables that may be used in EDK II DSC and FDF meta-data files are listed in the *Well-known Macro Statements* table, while the format of the System Environment variables that may be used in EDK II DSC and FDF files are in the next table.

**Table 2. Well-known Macro Statements**

Exact Notation	Derivation
<b>\$ (OUTPUT_DIRECTORY)</b>	Used in FDF <b>[FV]</b> and <b>[Capsule]</b> sections; the value comes from parsing either the DSC file or via a command line option. This is commonly the Build/Platform name directory created by the build system in the EDK II WORKSPACE, however, it is possible to specify the output directory outside of the EDK II WORKSPACE.
<b>\$ (TARGET)</b>	Used in various locations; valid values are derived from INF, DSC, target.txt, tool options and tools_def.txt. FDF parsing tools may obtain these values from command-line options.
<b>\$ (TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)</b>	Used in various locations; valid values are derived from INF, DSC, target.txt, tool options and tools_def.txt. FDF parsing tools may obtain these values from command-line options.
<b>\$ (TOOLCHAIN)</b>	A synonym for <b>\$ (TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)</b> , with the value derived from INF, DSC, target.txt and tools_def.txt. This item has been deprecated, and must not be used.
<b>\$ (ARCH)</b>	Used in various locations, valid values are derived from INF, DSC, target.txt, tool options and tools_def.txt. FDF parsing tools may obtain these values from command-line options.

System environment variables may be referenced, however their values must not be altered.

**Table 3. Using System Environment Variable**

Macro Style Used in Meta-Data files	Matches Windows Environment Variable	Matches Linux & OS/X Environment Variable
\$(WORKSPACE)	%WORKSPACE%	\$WORKSPACE
\$(EFI_SOURCE)	%EFI_SOURCE%	\$EFI_SOURCE
\$(EDK_SOURCE)	%EDK_SOURCE%	\$EDK_SOURCE
\$(ECP_SOURCE)	%ECP_SOURCE%	\$ECP_SOURCE
\$(EDK_TOOLS_PATH)	%EDK_TOOLS_PATH%	\$EDK_TOOLS_PATH

Macros defined in the FDF file are local to the FDF file while macros defined in the DSC file's **[Defines]** section may be used within an FDF file.

Additionally, the macros may be used in conditional directive statements located within the DSC and FDF files. Macros in the DSC file can be used for file names, paths, PCD values, in the **[BuildOptions]** section, on the right (value) side of the statements and in conditional directives. Macros can also be defined or used in the **[Defines]**, **[LibraryClasses]**, **[Libraries]**, **[Components]** and all PCD sections.

Macros defined by the user cannot be used in the **!include** statements in either the DSC or FDF file.

Macros defined in common sections may be used in the architecturally modified sections of the same section type. Macros defined in architectural sections cannot be used in other architectural sections, nor can they be used in the common section. Section modifiers in addition to the architectural modifier follow the same rules as architectural modifiers.



**Example**

```
[LibraryClasses.common]
DEFINE MDE = MdePkg/Library
BaseLib|$(MDE)/BaseLib.inf

[LibraryClasses.X64, LibraryClasses.IA32]
# Can use $(MDE), cannot use $(MDEMEM)
DEFINE PERF = PerformancePkg/Library
TimerLib|$(PERF)/DxeTscTimerLib/DxeTscTimerLib.inf

[LibraryClasses.X64.PEIM]
# Can use $(MDE) and $(PERF)
DEFINE MDEMEM = $(MDE)/PeiMemoryAllocationLib
MemoryAllocationLib|$(MDEMEM)/PeiMemoryAllocationLib.inf

[LibraryClasses.IPF]
# Cannot use $(PERF) or $(MDEMEM)
# Can use $(MDE) from the common section
PalLib|$(MDE)/UefiPalLib/UefiPalLib.inf
TimerLib|$(MDE)/BaseTimerLibNullTemplate/BaseTimerLibNullTemplate.inf
```

**2.2.7 EDK\_GLOBAL**

The **EDK\_GLOBAL** statements defined in the DSC file can be used during the processing of the DSC, FDF and EDK INF files. The definition of the **EDK\_GLOBAL** name must only be done in the DSC **[Defines]** section. These special macros can be used in path statements, DSC file **[BuildOptions]** and FDF file **[Rule]** sections. These statements are used to replace the environment variables that were defined for the EDK build tools. They must never be used in a conditional directive statement in the DSC and FDF files, nor can they be used by EDK II INF files.

**2.2.8 Conditional Directive Statements (!if...)**

Conditional directive statements are used by the build tools preprocessor function to include or exclude statements in the DSC file. A limited number of statements are supported, and nesting of conditionals is also supported. Statements are prefixed by the exclamation "!" character. Conditional statements may appear anywhere within the DSC file.

**Note:** *A limited number of statements are supported. This specification does not support every conditional statement that C programmers are familiar with.*

Supported statements are:

**!ifdef, !ifndef, !if, !elseif, !else** and **!endif**

Refer to the Macro Statement section for information on using Macros in conditional directives.

When using the **!ifdef** or **!ifndef**, the macro name can be used; the macro name must not be encapsulated between **\$(** and **)**. It is the name of the macro that is used for testing, not the value of the macro.

PCDs must not be used in the **!ifdef** or **!ifndef** statements.

**Note:** For backward compatibility, the EDK II build system will also process the `!ifdef` or `!ifndef` statements with the macro encapsulated between `$(` and `)`.

When using a marco in the `!if` or `!elseif` conditionals, the macro name must be encapsulated between `$(` and `)`.

A macro that is not defined has a default value of `0` (`FALSE`) when used in a conditional comparison statement.

When using a PCD in the `!if` or `!elseif` conditionals, the PCD name (`TokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName`) can be used; the PCD name must not be encapsulated between `$(` and `)` nor between `PCD(` and `)`. Do not encapsulate the PCD name in the `"$(` and `)"` required for macro values as shown in the example below.

```
!if ( gTokenSpaceGuid.PcdCName == 1 ) AND ( $(MY_MACRO) == TRUE )
  DEFINE FOO=TRUE
!endif
```

If the PCD is a string, only the string needs to be encapsulated by double quotation marks, while a Unicode string can have the double quoted string prefixed by `"L"`, as in the following example:

```
!if gTokenSpaceGuid.PcdCName == L"Setup"
  DEFINE FOO=TRUE
!endif
```

If a PCD is used in a conditional statement, the value must first come from the FDF file, then from the DSC file. If the value cannot be determined from these two locations, the build system should break with an error message.

**Note:** PCDs, used in conditional directives, must be defined and the value set in either the FDF or DSC file in order to be used in a conditional statement; values from INF or DEC files are not permitted.

When used in `!if` and `!elseif` conditional comparison statements, it is the value of the Macro or the PCD that is used for testing, not the name of the macro or PCD.

Strings can only be compared to strings of a like type (testing an ASCII string against a Unicode format string must fail), numbers can only be compared against numbers and boolean objects can only evaluate to `TRUE` or `FALSE`. See the Operator Precedence table, in the Expressions section below for a list of restrictions on comparisons.

Using macros in conditional directives that contain flags for use in the `[BuildOptions]` sections is not recommended.

The following external macro names can be used in conditional directives without defining them in DSC or FDF files.

Table 4. Well-known Macro Statements

Tag	Value	Notes
<b>\$ (FAMILY)</b>	Tool Chain Family	The value must be a string comparison against a FAMILY value that is defined in the Conf/tools_def.txt file
<b>\$ (TARGET)</b>	Build Target	The value must be a string comparison against a TARGET value that is defined in the Conf/tools_def.txt file
<b>\$ (TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)</b>	Tool Chain Name	The value must be a string comparison against a tool chain tag name value that is defined in the Conf/tools_def.txt file.
<b>\$ (ARCH)</b>	Architecture	The value must be a string comparison against an architecture that is defined in the Conf/tools_def.txt file.

The macro values listed above are derived from the build command-line options (highest priority) or the *Conf/target.txt* file. They may be combined in directive statements using logical expressions.

Most section definitions in the EDK II meta-data files have architecture modifiers. Use of architectural modifiers in the section tag is the recommended method for specifying architectural differences. Some sections do not have architectural modifiers and there are some unique cases where having a method for specifying architectural specific items would be valuable, hence the ability to use these values.

The following are examples of conditional directives.

```

!if ("MSFT" IN $(FAMILY)) or ("INTEL" IN $(FAMILY))
... statements
!elseif $(FAMILY) == "GCC"
... statements
!endif

!ifndef FOO
  !ifndef BAR
    # FOO defined, BAR not defined
  !else
    # FOO defined, BAR is defined
  !endif
!elseif $(BARFOO)
  # FOO is not defined, BARFOO evaluates to TRUE
!elseif $(BARFOO) == $(FOOBAR)
  # FOO is not defined, BARFOO equals the value of FOOBAR
  # (in this case, FALSE)
!else
  # FOO is not defined while BARFOO evaluates to FALSE and FOOBAR
  # evaluates to TRUE
!endif

!if $(FOO) == 2
  # The numeric value of FOO was defined as 2, as in DEFINE FOO = 2
!endif

!if MyTspGUID.MyPcd == 2
  # The value of PCD, MyTspGUID.MyPcd, is 2
!endif

!if $(FOO) == "MyPlatformName"
  # This is a string comparison, where the MACRO FOO was set using:
  # DEFINE FOO = "MyPlatformName"
!endif

!if MyTspGUID.MyTspGUID == "MyPlatform"
  # This is a string comparison where PCD VOID* value is "MyPlatform",
  # and must be a null terminated string.
!else
  # The strings do not match exactly
!endif

```

## 2.2.9 Expressions

Expressions can be used in conditional directive comparison statements and in value fields for Macros and PCDs in thd DSC and FDF files.

Expressions follow C relation, equality, logical and bitwise precedence and associativity. Not all C operators are supported, only operators in the following list can be used.

**Note:** Due to the flexibility of the build system, a new operator, "**IN**" has been added that can be used to test whether an element is in a list. The format for this is `<Value> IN <MACRO_LIST>`, where **MACRO\_LIST** can only be one of `$ (ARCH)`, `$ (FAMILY)`, `$ (TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)` and `$ (TARGET)`.

Use of parenthesis is encouraged to remove ambiguity.

When comparing a string to a number or boolean value, a warning message will be emitted. In this case, the tools will always evaluate the expression using the "`==`" and "`EQ`" operators to **FALSE**, using the "`!=`" and "`NE`" operators to **TRUE**; other operator comparisons are not supported, and will cause the build system to terminate with an error message. Comparing a number to a boolean value (no warning message will be emitted) will be evaluated normally, however, only the numeric value of **1** will be considered a match to the "`==`" and "`EQ`" operators against a boolean value of **TRUE**.

Additional scripting style operators may be used in place of C operators as shown in the table below.

**Note:** Note that the data types are not required to be literal numbers, but rather they can be a Macro or a PCD whose value is a number or a boolean. The same rule applies for strings, where the value of the Macro or a VOID\* PCD can be tested as a string.

**Table 5. Operator Precedence and Supported Operands**

Operator	Use with Data Types	Notes	Priority
or, OR,	Number, Boolean		Lowest
and, AND, &&	Number, Boolean		
	Number, Boolean	Bitwise OR	
^, xor, XOR	Number, Boolean	Exclusive OR	
&	Number, Boolean	Bitwise AND	
==, !=, EQ, NE, IN	All types	The IN operator can only be used to test a quoted unary literal string for membership in a list Space characters must be used before and after the letter operators Strings compared to boolean or numeric values using “==” or “EQ” will always return FALSE, while using the “!=” or “NE” operators will always return TRUE	
<=, >=, <, >, LE, GE, LT, GT	All	Space characters must be used before and after the letter operators.	
+, -	Number, Boolean	Cannot be used with strings - the system does not automatically do concatenation. Tools should report a warning message if these operators are used with both a boolean and number value	
!, not, NOT	Number, Boolean		Highest

The "**IN**" operator can only be used to test a literal string against elements in the following global variables:

**\$ (FAMILY)**

**\$ (FAMILY)** is considered a list of families that different **TOOL\_CHAIN\_TAG** values belong to. The **TOOL\_CHAIN\_TAG** is defined in the *Conf/target.txt* or on the command-line. The **FAMILY** is associated with the **TOOL\_CHAIN\_TAG** in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file (or the **TOOLS\_DEF\_CONF** file specified in the *Conf/target.txt* file). While different family names can be defined, **ARMGCC**, **GCC**, **INTEL**, **MSFT**, **RVCT**, **RVCTCYGWIN** and **XCODE** have been predefined in the *tools\_def.txt* file.

**\$ (ARCH)**

**\$ (ARCH)** is considered the list of architectures that are to be built, that were specified on the command line or come from the *Conf/target.txt* file.

`$(TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)`

`$(TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)` is considered the list of tool chain tag names specified on the command line

`$(TARGET)`

`$(TARGET)` is considered the list of target (such as `DEBUG`, `RELEASE` and `NOOPT`) names specified on the command line or come from the *Conf/target.txt* file.

For logical expressions, any non-zero value must be considered **TRUE**.

Invalid expressions must cause a build break with an appropriate error message.

## 2.2.10 Section Handling

The DSC file parsing routines must process the sections so that common architecture sections are logically merged with the architecturally specific sections. The architectural sections need to be processed so that they are logically after the common section. It is recommended that EDK II developers use a logical ordering of the sections.

Other section modifiers must also be logically appended to the merged sections (for DSC files that have architectural and common architecture sections) after the merge.

For **[BuildOptions]** sections in the DSC file, the entries with a common left side (of the "=") will be either appended or replace previous entries based on the "=" replace or "=" append assignment character sequence.

**Common Section + Architectural Section + Common Section w/extra Modifier + Architectural Section w/extra Modifier**

### Example:

```
[BuildOptions.Common]
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo
[BuildOptions.Common.EDK]
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /Od
[BuildOptions.IA32]
MSFT:*_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D EFI32
```

For IA32 architecture builds of an EDK II INF file would logically be:

```
MSFT:*_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /D EFI32
```

For non-IA32 architecture EDK INF files, tool parsing would logically be:

```
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /Od
```

For IA32 architecture builds of an EDK INF file, tool parsing would logically be:

```
MSFT:*_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /D EFI32 /Od
```

## 2.3 [Defines] Section Processing

The defines section of an EDK II DSC file is used to define variable assignments that can be used in later build steps.

This section is required in all EDK II DSC files.

This section must be the first section in the file (following the header comments) in order to simplify definition of macro statement processing. Ordering statements within the section is not required, with the exception that a Macro must be defined before it is

used.

The defines section uses the following section definition:

**[Defines]**

The format for entries in this section is:

**Name = Value**

All defined elements of the DSC file's **[Defines]** section are valid when parsing the FDF file. These elements must be treated as Macros when using them in other sections of the DSC and FDF file, as in **\$(PLATFORM\_NAME)**.

The use of the **DEFINE MACRO = Value** statements in this section globally define the MACRO name during the processing of this file, files included by the **!include** statement and the FDF file.

**Warning:** The **DEFINE MACRO = Value** statements in other sections are local to the section, and override the global definition for entries in the section that follow the macro definition:  
**DEFINE MACRO = Value.**

The **EDK\_GLOBAL MACRO = Value** definitions in this section globally define the MACRO name when parsing the DSC, files included by the **!include** statement, FDF and EDK INF files.

The EDK II tools will locate the FDF file specified in the **FLASH\_DEFINITION** entry, in the same directory as the DSC file, or a directory under the current **WORKSPACE**.

The following table lists the valid content of this section and whether the item is required.



Table 6. EDK II [Defines] Section Elements

Typical Tag Names	Required/ Optional	Value	Notes
<b>DSC_SPECIFICATION</b>	Required	0x00010006	This entry is required for all EDK II DSC files. The value, 0x00010016 matches the 1.22 version of this specification. Build tools must continue to support DSC files that correspond to earlier versions of the document until such time as earlier versions are no longer in use. In order to maintain backward compatibility, this value must only be updated in existing DSC files if other content in the file is updated.
<b>PLATFORM_GUID</b>	Required	Registry Format GUID (8-4-4-4-12)	The GUID value, along the PLATFORM_VERSION, is used to uniquely identify a platform file. It is recommended that minor changes to the file increment the PLATFORM_VERSION value, and that the GUID value change for completely new platforms.
<b>PLATFORM_VERSION</b>	Required	Integer or Decimal Number	The Version value, along the PLATFORM_GUID, is used to uniquely identify a platform file. It is recommended that minor changes to the file increment the PLATFORM_VERSION value, and that the GUID value change for completely new platforms.
<b>PLATFORM_NAME</b>	Required	Single Word	Only alphanumeric, dash and underscore character are permitted
<b>SKUID_IDENTIFIER</b>	Required	Formatted text	This value may be passed on the command line and must match one of the defined names in the [Skulds] section. If it is passed on the command line, the command line value takes precedence.
<b>SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES</b>	Required	List	Pipe (“ ”) separated list of architectures that the platform supports
<b>BUILD_TARGETS</b>	Required	List	Pipe (“ ”) separated list of build targets (that are defined in the tools_def.txt file)

Typical Tag Names	Required/ Optional	Value	Notes
<b>OUTPUT_DIRECTORY</b>	Optional	Directory	Either a <b>WORKSPACE</b> relative or absolute directory location. The default location is: <b>\$ (WORKSPACE) / Build/PlatformName</b>
<b>FLASH_DEFINITION</b>	Optional	Filename	The Filename (FDF) that contains the Flash Part Definition information. It is recommended that the file name be relative to the directory containing the DSC file, however, it is possible to use an absolute path, a path relative to the directory containing the DSC or a <b>WORKSPACE</b> relative path and file name.
<b>BUILD_NUMBER</b>	Optional	Up to four digit number	Set this value in the generated Makefile.
<b>FIX_LOAD_TOP_MEMORY_ADDRESS</b>	Optional	Address	The top memory address - the starting location in memory for all drivers, application loading. When it is not set, or set to 0, the load fixed address feature will be disabled. When it is set to <b>0xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF</b> , enable the feature as fixed offset to TOLM. When it is set to the positive address, enable the feature as fixed address.
<b>TIME_STAMP_FILE</b>	Optional	Filename	<p>The timestamp file contains a timestamp that will be used to set the creation timestamp on all created files.</p> <p>If this file is specified, it will be used to adjust the timestamp of created files, if it does not exist at the start of a build, the file will be created, using the current date and time.</p> <p>If this variable is not specified, the time and date of the start of the build are used by the EDK II tools that modify the time/date portion of a PE32/PE32+/Coff header.</p> <p>This file's path is either relative to the directory containing the DSC file or a <b>WORKSPACE</b> relative path followed by the file name.</p>

Typical Tag Names	Required/ Optional	Value	Notes
<b>DEFINE</b>	Optional	MACRO = PATH   Value	A name that is assigned to either a path or a value. This statement can be used to make the DSC file more readable, as in: <b>DEFINE MDE = MdePkg/ Library</b> Then, later, <b>\$(MDE)/BaseLib/ BaseLib.inf</b>
<b>EDK_GLOBAL</b>	Optional	MACRO = PATH   Value	Similar to the DEFINE statement, macros defined using this keyword are only valid when processing EDK libraries and components. These values are ignored during processing of EDK II modules.
<b>RFC_LANGUAGES</b>	Optional	RFC4646 Language code list	A semi-colon “;” separated list of RFC4646 Language codes (EDK II Modules) used during the generation of only a set, rather than all, UNICODE languages during the StrGather AutoGen phase. The list must be encapsulated in double quotes.
<b>ISO_LANGUAGES</b>	Optional	ISO-639-2 Language code list	A non-separated list of three character ISO 639-2 Language codes (EDK Components) used during the generation of only a set, rather than all, UNICODE languages during the StrGather AutoGen phase. The list must be encapsulated in double quotes.
<b>VPD_TOOL_GUID</b>	Optional	Registry Format GUID	When this element is present, the build process will be interrupted during the AutoGen stage in order to call an external program, named by GUID that must also be defined in the Conf/tools_def.txt file using a tool code name of VPDTOOL. Refer to the EDK II Build specification for additional information.
<b>PCD_INFO_GENERATION</b>	Optional	TRUE or FALSE	If present, and set to TRUE, this flag will generate PCD information in the Pcd Database.

**Note:** EDK II Modules can have unicode string files that contain RFC4646 language codes. EDK II modules cannot have unicode string files that contain ISO-629-2 language codes. USI-629-2

*language codes are only valid for EDK components. The format of the statement is specific to processing RFC4646 language code lists.*

## 2.4 [BuildOptions] Section

Content in the **[BuildOptions]** section is used to define module specific tool chain flags rather than use the default flags for a module. These flags are appended to any standard flags that are defined by the build process. They can be applied for any modules or those modules on the specific ARCH or those modules with the specific module style (EDK or EDKII). In order to replace the standard flags that are defined by the build process, an alternate assignment operator is used; "==" is used for replacement, while "=" is used to append the flag lines. In addition to flags, other tool attributes may have the item either appended or replaced.

Valid content in this section is limited to the following description.

**Table 7. EDK II [BuildOptions] Section Elements: Optional Tags**

Tag	Value	Notes
<code>\${FAMILY}:\${TARGET}_\${TAGNAME}_\${ARCH}_\${TOOLCODE}_FLAGS</code>	Flags for specific tool codes for this module	Used to specify module specific flags.
<code>\${FAMILY}:\${TARGET}_\${TAGNAME}_\${ARCH}_\${TOOLCODE}_PATH</code>	The fully qualified path an executable	Used to replace a specific command, such as forcing the ASL to be iasl, instead of asl.
<code>\${FAMILY}:\${TARGET}_\${TAGNAME}_\${ARCH}_\${TOOLCODE}_DPATH</code>	A fully qualified path	A path that will be added to the system Environment's PATH variable prior to executing a command
<code>\${FAMILY}:\${TARGET}_\${TAGNAME}_\${ARCH}_\${TOOLCODE}_\${ATTRIBUTE}</code>	Attribute specific string	This permits overriding other attributes if required.

Table 8. EDK II [BuildOptions] Variable Descriptions

Variable	Required	Wildcard	Source
<b>FAMILY</b>	NO	No	Conf/tools_def.txt defines FAMILY as one of MSFT, INTEL or GCC. Typically, this field is used to help the build tools determine whether the line is used for Microsoft style Makefiles or the GNU style Makefiles. By not specifying the FAMILY, the tools assume the flags are applicable to all families.
<b>TARGET</b>	YES	Yes = *	Conf/tools_def.txt file defines two values: DEBUG and RELEASE. Developers may define additional targets.
<b>TAGNAME</b>	YES	Yes = *	Conf/tools_def.txt file defines several different tag names – these are defined by developers; the default tag name, MYTOOLS, is provided in the template for tools_def.txt and set in the Conf/target.txt file.
<b>ARCH</b>	YES	Yes = *	Conf/tools_def.txt defines five architectures: ARM, IA32, X64, IPF and EBC. This tag must use all capital letters for the tag. Additional Architectures, such as PPC may be added as support becomes available.
<b>TOOLCODE</b>	YES	NO	The tool code must be one of the defined tool codes in the Conf/tools_def.txt file. The flags defined in this section are appended to flags defined in the tools_def.txt file for individual tools. EXCEPTION: If the INF MODULE_TYPE, defined in the [Defines] section is <b>USER_DEFINED</b> , then the flags listed in this section are the only flags used for the TOOLCODE command specified in Conf/tools_def.txt.
<b>ATTRIBUTE</b>	YES	NO	The attribute must be specific to the tool code and must be a valid attribute handled by the build system. For the reference build, a valid rule must be included in the build_rule.txt.

Developers must use extreme caution when specifying items in this section. The EDK II build is designed to support multiple compilers and tool chains, expecting that code is written in ANSI C. If custom tool flags are required by a module, developers must make sure that all consumers of the module are aware of the specific tools and tag names required.

The following examples show the usage of the [BuildOptions] section. Note that the lines show use of the "\n" line continuation character.

```
[BuildOptions.Common]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = /out:"$(BIN_DIR)\SecMain.exe" \
    /base:0x10000000 /pdb:"$(BIN_DIR)\SecMain.pdb" \
    /LIBPATH:"$(VCINSTALLDIR)\Lib" \
    /LIBPATH:"$(VCINSTALLDIR)\PlatformSdk\Lib" \
    /NOLOGO /SUBSYSTEM:CONSOLE /NODEFAULTLIB /IGNORE:4086 \
    /MAP /OPT:REF /DEBUG /MACHINE:I386
/LTCG Kernel32.lib MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib \
    Winmm.lib
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /W4 /WX /Gy /c /D UNICODE \
    /D EFI32 /Od /DSTRING_ARRAY_NAME=SecMainStrings
/FI$(DEST_DIR_DEBUG)/AutoGen.h /EHs-c- /GF /Gs8192 \
    /Zi /Gm
```

The following examples show how **[BuildOptions]** sections can be merged, as well as how the content in those sections can be merged.

For specific flag values, common to both EDK and EDKII options, it is appropriate to use a **DEFINE** statement in the **[Defines]** section; for example 1:

```
DEFINE MSFT_COMMON_DEBUG_FLAGS = /Od
```

Then the macro, \$(MSFT\_COMMON\_DEBUG\_FLAGS) can be used in statements in any of the **[BuildOptions.\*]** sections, as in:

```
[BuildOptions.Common.EDK]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c $(MSFT_COMMON_DEBUG_FLAGS)
```

```
[BuildOptions.Common.EDKII]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c $(MSFT_COMMON_DEBUG_FLAGS)
```

It is also permissible to have a **[BuildOptions.<arch>]** section that can be shared be used for different statements that are not duplicate content from either the **[BuildOptions.<arch>.EDK]** or **[BuildOptions.<arch>.EDKII]** sections. For example 2:

```
[BuildOptions.Common]
MSFT:*_*_*_ASL_OUTFLAGS = /Fo=

[BuildOptions.Common.EDK]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c /D UNICODE

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDK]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /W4 /WX /Gy

[BuildOptions.Common.EDKII]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c /D UNICODE

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDKII]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /W4 /WX /Gy
```

It is also permissible to have a **[BuildOptions.<arch>]** section that can be shared be used prior to appending statement content from either the

[**BuildOptions.<arch>.EDK**] or [**BuildOptions.<arch>.EDKII**] sections as in the following example:

```
[BuildOptions.IA32]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /W4 /WX /Gy /c /D UNICODE

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDKII]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /FI$(DEST_DIR_DEBUG)/AutoGen.h

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDK]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D EFI32
```

When processing EDK II C files, the **CC\_FLAGS** would be:

```
/nologo /W4 /WX /Gy /c /D UNICODE /FI$(DEST_DIR_DEBUG)/AutoGen.h
```

While processing of EDK C files, the **CC\_FLAGS** would be:

```
/nologo /W4 /WX /Gy /c /D UNICODE /D EFI32
```

It is also permissible to combine [**BuildOptions.common**] with [**BuildOptions.<arch>**] sections that are not '**common**', as in the following example:

```
[BuildOptions.Common]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c

[BuildOptions.IA32]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /W4 /WX /Gy /D UNICODE

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDKII]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /FI$(DEST_DIR_DEBUG)/AutoGen.h

[BuildOptions.IA32.EDK]
MSFT:DEBUG_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D EFI32
```

In the previous example, the **CC\_FLAGS** for IA32 EDK II modules would equal:

```
/nologo /x /W4 /WX /Gy /D UNICODE /FI$(DEST_DIR_DEBUG)/AutoGen.h
```

The **CC\_FLAGS** for IA EDK modules would equal:

```
/nologo /c /W4 /WX /Gy /D UNICODE /D EFI32
```

## 2.5 [SkuIds] Section Processing

The contents of this section are used to define valid **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** names. Since a platform may support different SKUs, and different SKUs may implement different methods for handing platform configuration data (PCD) the user can define, in this section, tag names to use. Use **0** for the **DEFAULT** SKU identifier. Each entry below the section header is of the form:

```
integer | word
```

The following is an example of a [**SkuIds**] section:

```
[SkuIds]
  1 | Sku_Two
 22 | Sku1
  5 | SkuSeven
```

## 2.6 [Libraries] Section Processing

This section specifies all the EDK INF files that must be processed to build the libraries used to build the individual EDK components. This will include all the libraries called out in the individual component INF files. A sample section is listed below. Each line from the libraries section specifies a library component's INF file (relative to `$(EDK_SOURCE)`, or absolute path).

This section is required for any EDK II DSC file that specifies one or more EDK components. If only EDK II Modules are used, this section must not be specified. If the section is specified, and only EDK II Modules are found, the build and parsing tools will ignore this section. A warning message will be emitted by the parsing tool if and only if the parsing tool is executed in a verbose mode.

The `!include` statements may be used within the `[Libraries]` section.

The file specified after the `!include` statement can only contain a list of EDK Library INF files (with the path to the file). If the line starts with a word, rather than a variable like `$(EDK_SOURCE)` the path is assumed to be relative to `$(EDK_SOURCE)`. Again, only EDK Library INF files are permitted in the file specified in the `!include` statement.

This section will typically use one of the following section definitions:

```
[Libraries.common] [Libraries.IA32] [Libraries.X64] [Libraries.IPF]
[Libraries.EBC]
```

The formats for entries in this section is:

```
$(EDK_SOURCE)/Path/to/LibraryName.inf
$(CUSTOM_DECOMPRESS_LIB_INF)
```

## 2.7 [LibraryClasses] Section Processing

The `[LibraryClasses]` section is used to provide a mapping between the library class names used by an EDK II module and the Library Instances that are selected by the platform integrator. Library Classes allow modules to be coded for a library class, and then allow platform integrator then chooses a Library Instance based on a priori knowledge of the instances. Library Instances are classified using the architecture types they have been coded for as well as the supported EDK II module types. As an example, within EDK II, the library class, `DebugLib` has seven potential instances, only one of which may be linked to a single component. To support a given module type selection, the `[LibraryClasses]` section header can optionally specify the EDK II module type (following the supported architecture field). This is permitted as some library instances can be used by any or all module types.

This is an optional section for EDK II DSC files only if there are no EDK II modules used by the DSC file.

The following is the generic format for the specifying a section



```
[LibraryClasses] [LibraryClasses.IA32] [LibraryClasses.X64]
[LibraryClasses.IPF] [LibraryClasses.EBC] [LibraryClasses.common]
```

Format for entries in this section is as follows:

```
LibraryClassName | Path/To/LibInstanceName.inf
LibraryClassName1 | Path/To/LibInstanceName1.inf
```

**Note:** The reserved library class keyword, **NULL** is not permitted in any of the **[LibraryClasses]** sections. The **NULL** Library class keyword is only permitted within the **[Components]** section's INF file **<LibraryClasses>** subsection.

**Note:** "LibraryClassName" is a keyword in the first field of the above example format can not be **NULL**. The "LibraryClassName" name must be unique to an instance specified in the second field. All INF files that require a **LibraryClassName** will use this instance when linked to the other libraries or modules.

The first globally defined library instance, defined in a DSC file, that satisfies a module's requirement for a Library Class, unless specifically overridden by the module in the **[Components]** section, will be used.

The Library Instances will be selected using the following rules to satisfy a library class for each module listed in the **[Components]** section (in order of highest precedence):

1. **<LibraryClasses>** associated with the INF file in the **[Components]** section
2. **[LibraryClasses.\$(Arch).\$(MODULE\_TYPE), LibraryClasses.\$(Arch).\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]**
3. **[LibraryClasses.\$(Arch).\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]**
4. **[LibraryClasses.common.\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]**
5. **[LibraryClasses.\$(Arch)]**
6. **[LibraryClasses.common]** or **[LibraryClasses]**

If the Library instance is specified in the context of the INF file (see **[Components]** section), then that library instance will be used. If only a library class is specified in the context of the INF file, then the first matching the **library class | library instance** following the above precedence rules will be used. If no instance is found for the library class, the build tools must fail with an error similar to the following.

```
ERROR: Library Class [$(LibClassName)] specified by the Module \
        [$(InfFileName)] does not have a Library Class Instance Defined.
```

Build tools can propose fixes, as shown in the following:

- Check for spelling of the Library Class Name for the module in the components section, or
- Check the **WORKSPACE** for a library instance that satisfies the Library Class, then add that instance to the DSC file in the correct Library Class section.

The selected library instance is added to the **LIBS** definition in the output makefile:

```
LIBS = $(LIBS) $(LIB_DIR)/$(LibInstanceName)
```

PCDs that are used by a library instance are resolved using the PCD settings of the driver linking the library instance. Note that if a module's PCD section is used, and multiple modules specify different values for the same PCD setting, there may be multiple instances of the library instance that will be compiled, matching the PCD settings for each module.

## 2.8 PCD Section Processing

This section is for specifying global (or default) PCD values as well as the type for how the platform will use each PCD.

### 2.8.1 PCD Types

There are five defined PCD types. Do not confuse these types with the data types of the PCDs. The five types are: **FeatureFlag**, **FixedAtBuild**, **PatchableInModule**, **Dynamic** and **DynamicEx** PCDs.

#### 2.8.1.1 FeatureFlag and Dynamic PCD Types

The two recommended types that are commonly used in modules are: **FeatureFlag** and **Dynamic**. The **Dynamic** form is used for configuration when the PCD value is produced and consumed by drivers during execution, the value may be user configurable from setup or the value is produced by the platform in a specified area. It is associated with modules that are released in source code. The dynamic form is the most flexible method, as platform integrators may choose to use a different type for a given platform without modifying the module's INF file or the code for the module.

#### 2.8.1.2 DynamicEx, FixedAtBuild and PatchableInModule PCD Types

Similar in function, the **DynamicEx** type can be used with modules that are released as binary. The **FixedAtBuild** and **PatchableInModule** PCDs are static and only the **PatchableInModule** PCD can have the value changed in a binary prior to including the module in a firmware image.

The platform integrator must check DEC file that declares the PCD to determine the PCD's valid types. If a module defines a PCD as dynamic (not **DynamicEx**), and the DEC file lists the PCD under all types, the platform integrator can specify any type (basically making a dynamic PCD into a static, fixed PCD) overriding the INF module definition. However, if a module declares a PCD is coded under anything else, then the platform integrator must select that PCD type. For example, if a PCD is listed as Fixed in a module file, then the platform integrator must either list the PCD in a **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** section of the DSC or let the tools use the default value and automatically set the PCD type to Fixed. It is not necessary to modify an INF file in order to use this feature - the tools will automatically "correct" the PCD type for platforms that use an alternate type for Dynamic PCDs.

The content in these sections is used for generating the *AutoGen.c* and *AutoGen.h* files for each of the EDK II modules that are coded for the PCD.

```
[Pcds(PcdType)] [Pcds(PcdType).common] [Pcds(PcdType).IA32]
[Pcds(PcdType).X64] [Pcds(PcdType).IPF] [Pcds(PcdType).EBC]
```

### 2.8.2 PCD Type Categories

Of the five types of PCDs that have been defined, they fall into one of three categories:

- **FeatureFlag** – always has a Boolean value.
- **FixedAtBuild** and **PatchableInModule**, will have a value of one of three data types, Boolean, numeric or pointer. The **FixedAtBuild** PCD will be defined as a const, while the patchable in module will be defined as volatile.

- **Dynamic** and **DynamicEx**, will have a value of one of the three data types, Boolean, numeric or pointer.

**Note:** For the dynamic types of PCDs, using an \$(Arch) extension other than “common” in the section header is not valid.

**Warning:** A PCD can only use one type for all modules. It is not permissible to list a PCD in a *PcdsFixedAtBuild* section and also list it in a *PcdsPatchableInModule* section.

Data Types for PCD values are either Boolean (**BOOLEAN** - 1 byte), numeric (**UINT8** - 1 byte, **UINT16** - 2 bytes, **UINT32** - 4 bytes or **UINT64** - 8 bytes) or variable length (**VOID\***, which indicates that the value is usually accessed via a pointer). To put a limit on the number of bytes for a variable length value (when the PCD Datum Type is **VOID\***) the PCD entry must include the **MaximumDatumSize** parameter. The **MaximumDatumSize** parameter is optional for all other PCD data types.

**Warning:** A Fixed At Build or Patchable In Module PCD may have a different Data Type based on the architecture. For example, a PCD that is used for address manipulation may have a datum type of **UINT32** for IA32 and **UINT64** for X64 and IPF architectures. This will be declared in the EDK II Package Declaration (DEC) File.

## 2.8.3 PCD Section Usage

PCD sections are optional unless the EDK II modules specified in the **[Components]** section use PCDs.

The PCD sections are used to define the access method for a PCD. Since each module is built once for a given architecture, the PCD can be listed under different PCD access methods provided they are listed under different architectures.

### 2.8.3.1 Access Methods

However, once a PCD access method is selected for a given architecture, the PCD can only use that access method.

#### Example

A PCD that will use the Fixed at Build access method for IA32 cannot use the Patchable in Module access method for individual modules built for the IA32 architecture.

### 2.8.3.2 Different Access Methods

It is permissible to have a PCD use different access methods for different architectures.

#### Example

A PCD that will use the Fixed at Build access method for IA32 can use the Patchable in Module access method for X64.

### 2.8.3.3 Item Types

Multiple item types, **PcdsFeatureFlag**, **PcdsFixedAtBuild**, **PcdsPatchableInModule**, **PcdsDynamic** and **PcdsDynamicEx** are not allowed to be specified within a single [] section.

### Incorrect example

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32, PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32,
PcdsDynamicDefault.IA32]
```

### Correct example

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeMemorySize|1
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdResetOnMemoryTypeInformationChange|FALSE
[PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPrintErrorLevel|0x80000000
[PcdsDynamicDefault.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEmuVariableNvStoreReserved|0
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase64|0
```

#### 2.8.3.4 Mixing PCD Dynamic item types

It is not permissible to mix different PCD Dynamic item types within a single section, as the format for the PCD entries in PcdsDynamicDefault, PcdsDynamicVpd and PcdsDynamicHii sections are different.

### Incorrect Example

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.IA32, PcdsDynamicExVpd.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEmuVariableNvStoreReserved|0
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase64|*|0
```

### Correct Example

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEmuVariableNvStoreReserved|0
[PcdsDynamicExVpd.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase64|*|0
```

#### 2.8.3.5 Multiple Architectural Section Tags

It is permissible to specify multiple architectural section tags for the same PCD item type in a single section.

## Example

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32, PcdsFixedAtBuild.X64]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeMemorySize|1
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdResetOnMemoryTypeInformationChange|FALSE
[PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32, PatchableInModule.X64]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPrintErrorLevel|0x80000000
[PcdsDynamicDefault.IA32, PcdsDynamicDefault.X64]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEmuVariableNvStoreReserved|0
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase64|0
```

### 2.8.3.6 Unique PCDs

Unique PCDs are identified using the format to identify the named PCD:

```
TokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName
```

The content for a PCD in this section is the PCD's Name (PCD Token Space Guid C name, the PCD C name - separated by a period character,) and Default value. Field entries on a line are separated by the pipe "|" character.

This specification prohibits setting different PCD types for a single PCD in different modules. The types here, are **PcdsFixedAtBuild**, **PcdsPatchableInModule**, **PcdsDynamic** and **PcdsDynamicEx**.

**Note:** A future version of this specification and the tool may allow listing a PCD in both **PcdsFixedAtBuild** and **PcdsPatchableInModule** sections. For example, the platform integrator may want to use one module with a given PCD as **FixedAtBuild**, and have a different module with the same PCD use it as **PatchableInModule**.

**Note:** A PCD that is used as Fixed for one module, while a different module may want to use the PCD as Patchable and a third module might use the PCD as DynamicEx. Under normal circumstances, only two of these might be used – **PcdsFixedAtBuild** for modules with well known values for a PCD, then either **PcdsPatchableInModule** or **PcdsDynamicEx** – the first being for testing a module, the second giving the ability for doing individual driver performance tuning “on-the-fly”.

### 2.8.3.7 Precedence

Tools must assume that the first method found for a PCD in the PCDs sections will be used for all instances of a PCD. Tools must not allow for different modules using a PCD differently, using the **<Pcds\*>** statements under the INF file definitions in the **[Components]** section.

Precedence for determining PCD values (high to low, last in position) is as follows:

- A PCD value defined by a MACRO, ("MacroName" in this example), and the Macro is defined on the command-line using -D MacroName=Value
- A PCD value defined in the FDF file SET statements
- A PCD value defined positionally in the FDF file
- A FeatureFlag, Patchable or Fixed PCD value defined in the **[Components]** INF scoping section
- A FeatureFlag, Patchable or Fixed PCD value defined in a PCD access method (item type) section with an architectural modifier (the access method for a PCD in a section with an architectural modifier takes precedence over any other access method)

In this example, modules built for IA32 architecture, the PCD will use Patchable in Module access, while modules built for all other architectures, the PCD will use the Fixed at Build access method:

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.common]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeMemorySize|1
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdResetOnMemoryTypeInformationChange|FALSE
[PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeMemorySize|1
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdResetOnMemoryTypeInformationChange|FALSE
```

- A PCD value defined in a PCD access method (item type) section for common architectures
- A PCD value defined in an INF (provided all INF files have defined the same value)
- A PCD default value defined in the DEC file that declares the PCD.

**Note:** *Dynamic or DynamicEx PCD sections with architectural modifiers is not allowed unless the platform can only be built using a single architecture, even if there is more than one architecture listed in the SUPPORTED\_ARCHITECTURES element in the [Defines] section. When building more than one architecture for a given platform (platform supports multiple architectures in firmware) only a single value can be used for either a Dynamic or DynamicEx PCD. Therefore, listing PcdsDynamic or PcdsDynamicEx sections with architectural modifiers is prohibited in this type of platform description file.*

**Note:** *PCD values within a section are positional, (last wins) if a PCD is listed more than one time within a section. List a PCD in one of the other types is allowed, provided the type must be used for all instances of the PCD.*

### 2.8.3.8 Library Instances

Library Instances that use PCDs that the module is linked with must use the same PCD setting as the module using the Library Instance. So if a module uses a PCD as **PcdsFixedAtBuild**, then all library instances that use that PCD must also use the PCD as **PcdsFixedAtBuild** with the same value.

Build Tools must detect missing PCD entries (PCD specified in an INF file, but not in the DSC file) and search the DEC files in the **WORKSPACE**, in order to use the default value from the DEC file. PCD Values may be absolute (a number, string, etc.) a MACRO name or an expression. The expression is a C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators or numeric and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value that matches the PCD's Datum Type (specified in the DEC package declaration file.) Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Using PCDs in expressions is also permitted.

### 2.8.3.9 Maximum Size of a VOID\* PCD

If the maximum size of a VOID\* PCD is not specified in the DSC file, then the maximum size will be calculated based on the largest size of the following:

- the string or array in the DSC file
- the string or array in the INF file
- the string or array in the DEC file

## Scenario A

If for a given PCD and architecture:

1. The PCD is not listed anywhere in the DSC file,
2. If the PCD is listed in the INF file of at least one of the modules listed in the **[Components]** section,
3. All of the modules in the **[Components]** section that use the PCD, list the PCD using the Dynamic access method in their INF files,
4. The DEC file has the PCD listed in the sections for Dynamic, Patchable in Module and Fixed at Build,

The build tools must use the Fixed at Build access method for this PCD in this scenario.

## Scenario B

If for a given PCD and architecture:

1. The PCD is not listed anywhere in the DSC file,
2. If the PCD is listed in the INF file of at least one of the modules listed in the **[Components]** section,
3. All of the modules listed in the **[Components]** section that use the PCD, list the PCD using the Dynamic access method in their INF files,
4. The DEC file has the PCD listed in the sections for Dynamic and Fixed at Build,

The build tools must use the Fixed at Build access method for this PCD in this scenario.

## Scenario C

If for a given PCD and architecture:

1. The PCD is not listed anywhere in the DSC file,
2. If the PCD is listed in the INF file of at least one of the modules listed in the **[Components]** section,
3. One or more module uses the Patchable in Module access method for the PCD in the INF files,
4. All of the other modules listed in the **[Components]** section that use the PCD, list the PCD using the Dynamic access method in their INF files,

The build tools must use the Patchable in Module access method for the PCD in all of the modules that use this PCD in this scenario. Since number 3 shows that there are modules that are coded for only patchable in module access, and the EDK II build system requires that for a single architecture a single access method must be selected for each PCD, no other methods of access, such as FixedAtBuild, can be used for modules that may not be coded specifically for patchable in module access.

## 2.9 PCD Sections

### 2.9.1 [PcdsFeatureFlag] section

The required content for the **FeatureFlag** PCD is the PCD Token Space Guid C name, the PCD's C name (these two entries are separated by the period character), and a Boolean value of either **TRUE**, **FALSE**, **1** or **0**. The PCD name and value entries are separated by the pipe "|" character.

Feature Flag PCDs can be used in conditional directive statements within the DSC and FDF files. These PCDs may also be used to select execution paths in some code routines. The build tools will generate a const variable for each PcdsFeatureFlag used



by a module.

The section modifier, **SkuIdentifier**, can be used by the build tools to create images for one specific SKU. Unlike the **PcdsDynamic** and **PcdsDynamicEx** entries, no access methods are allowed for having different values during runtime for different SKUs. Do not use the **SkuIdentifier** when building all SKUs.

The following are typical entries, with a supported module type qualifier omitted in these examples:

```
[PcdsFeatureFlag] [PcdsFeatureFlag.common] [PcdsFeatureFlag.IA32]
[PcdsFeatureFlag.X64] [PcdsFeatureFlag.IPF] [PcdsFeatureFlag.EBC]
```

Format of an entry in this section is:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value
```

## Example

```
[PcdsFeatureFlag.common]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDxePcdDatabaseTraverseEnabled|1
```

## 2.9.2 [PcdsFixedAtBuild] and [PcdsPatchableInModule] sections

The section modifier, **SkuIdentifier**, can be used by the build tools to create images for one specific SKU. Unlike the **PcdsDynamic** and **PcdsDynamicEx** entries, no access methods are allowed for having different values during runtime for different SKUs. Do not use the **SkuIdentifier** when building all SKUs.

### 2.9.2.1 PcdsFixedAtBuild

The **FixedAtBuild** PCD type cannot be used by modules that are distributed in binary form.

The required content for the **FixedAtBuild** PCD are the PCD Token Space Guid C name, the PCD's C name (these two entries are separated by the period character) and the Value (any one of Boolean, numeric or pointer types). The PCD name and value entries are separated by the pipe "|" character.

If the Datum Type for the PCD is **VOID\***, then a fourth field that specifies the maximum datum size is required. This is the maximum size allocated by the Platform Integrator. Module developers won't know how much size will be allocated, and just use it. The platform integrator must figure out what the maximum length will be, based on the usage from the modules included.

Fixed At Build PCDs can be used in conditional directive statements in the DSC and FDF files. The build tools will generate a **const** variable for each **FixedAtBuild** PCD used by a module.

The following are typical examples of the **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** section tag (the **\$(arch)** and **\$(SkuIdentifier)** would be replaced with real values).

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild] [PcdsFixedAtBuild.common] [PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32]
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.X64] [PcdsFixedAtBuild.IPF] [PcdsFixedAtBuild.EBC]
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
```

Format of a point (VOID\*) entry in this section is:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value [|DatumType|MaximumDatumSize]
```

Format for Boolean and numeric entries in this section is:



```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value
```

## Examples

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.common]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFSBClock | 200000000
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVpdBaseAddress | 0x0
gEfiEdkNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtPhysicalDisk| \
L"E:RW;245760;512" | VOID* | 32
```

### 2.9.2.2 PcdsPatchableInModule

The **PatchableInModule** PCD type can be used with modules that are distributed in binary form. The PCD's value can be patched by tools that know the offset of the PCD into the binary file.

The required content for the **PatchableInModule** PCD are the PCD Token Space Guid C name, the PCD's C name (these two entries are separated by the period character) and Value. The PCD name and value entries are separated by the pipe "|" character. If the Datum Type for the PCD is **VOID\***, then a fourth field that specifies the maximum datum size is also required.

Patchable In Module PCDs cannot be used in conditional directive statements. Build tools will generate a volatile variable for each **PatchableInModule** PCD that is used by a module.

The following are typical examples of the **[PcdsPatchableInModule]** section tag (the **\$(arch)** and **\$(SkuIdentifier)** would be replaced with real values).

```
[PcdsPatchableInModule] [PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32]
[PcdsPatchableInModule.X64] [PcdsPatchableInModule.IPF]
[PcdsPatchableInModule.EBC]
[PcdsPatchableInModule.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
```

Format of an entry in this section is:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value[|DatumType[|MaximumDatumSize]]
```

## Example

```
[PcdsPatchableInModule.common]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPrintErrorLevel|0x80000000|UINT32|4
```

### 2.9.3 [PcdsDynamic\*] and [PcdsDynamicEx\*] sections

PCDs listed in these sections cannot be used in conditional directive statements.

The Dynamic PCD type cannot be used for modules that are distributed in binary form.

For **Dynamic** PCD settings, the section labels must include one of Default, Vpd or Hii with optional architecture and an optional **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** name. The Dynamic entry fields are separated by the pipe "|" character. If the Datum Type for the PCD is **VOID\***, then a field that specifies the maximum datum size is also required.

The use of the **SkuIdentifier** in the **PcdsDynamic** and **PcdsDynamicEx** sections may be needed for creating the PCD database when a single platform binary image supports multiple SKUs. The SKU selection based on things like a hardware jumper, or some other method that is outside the scope of this document.

For using the standard PCD Get/Set PPI or Protocol.

### 2.9.3.1 PcdsDynamicDefault

The Dynamic Default PCD type will generate a volatile variable that can be accessed at runtime using PCD a Get PPI or Protocol.

```
[PcdsDynamic.$(arch).DEFAULT]
[PcdsDynamicDefault.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
[PcdsDynamicHii.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
[PcdsDynamicVpd.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
```

The format for an entry in this section is:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value[|DatumType[|MaximumDatumSize]]
```

#### Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicDefault]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase|0x0
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableSize|0x0
```

### 2.9.3.2 PcdsDynamicHii

The Dynamic Hii PCD type will generate HII data content that can be accessed at runtime.

For using the HII for PCD data, the section name is as follows:

```
[PcdsDynamicHii.$(arch).DEFAULT]
```

Specifying a SKUID\_IDENTIFIER name for an Hii Pcd selection is optional, for example:

```
[PcdsDynamicHii.common.Sku1]
```

While the format for content of this section is as follows, note that the backslash character is used here to indicate the continuation of the line:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|VariableName|VariableGuid \
| VariableOffset [| HiiDefaultValue]
For VOID* PCDs, the HiiDefaultValue will be a pointer; specifying the
optional HiiDefaultValue has no meaning.
```

#### Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicHii.common.Sku_Two]
NoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPreAllocatedMem| 0x0053 0x0065 \
0x0074 0x0075 0x0070 | gSysconfigGuid | 0x000000A9 | 0x3
```

### 2.9.3.3 PcdsDynamicVPD

The Dynamic Vpd PCD type will generate macros that allow the data content (stored in read-only memory) to be accessed at runtime. Note that the PCD drivers may use a copy of the VPD data to allow runtime changes to these variables.

For using the VPD for PCD data, the section name is:

```
[PcdsDynamicVpd.$(arch).DEFAULT]
```

Specifying a **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** for a VPD PCD selection is optional, for example:

```
[PcdsDynamicVpd.common.Vpd.SkuSeven]
```

While the format for content of this section is as follows:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|VpdOffset[|MaximumDatumSize [|Value]]
```

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicVpd.IA32.DEFAULT, PcdsDynamicVpd.x64.DEFAULT]
gEfiPhonyTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdVpdCopyrightLine|0x000000A0
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice0Name      | 0x2282 | 64 | \
  "None"   #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice50Info      | 0x22C2 | 18 | \
  {0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, \
  0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF}   #|VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionName    | 0x22D4 | 100 | \
  " "      #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionPath    | 0x2338 | 100 | \
  " "      #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEnableFastBoot      | 0x239C | 1 | \
  FALSE   #BOOLEAN
```

### 2.9.3.4 PcdsDynamicExDefault

The DynamicEx type of PCD is recommended for modules that are distributed in binary form.

Entries for **DynamicEx** are identical to the **Dynamic** entries. The **DynamicEx** entry fields are separated by the pipe "|" character. If the Datum Type for the PCD is **VOID\***, then **MaximumDatumSize** field that specifies the maximum datum size is required.

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.$(arch).Default]
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.$(arch).$(SkuIdentifier)]
```

The format for an entry in this section is:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|Value[|DatumType[|MaximumDatumSize]]
```

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicEx.common.DEFAULT]
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase|0x0
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableSize|0x0
```

### 2.9.3.5 PcdsDynamicEx Hii

For using the HII for PCD data, the section name is as follows:

```
[PcdsDynamicExHii.$(arch).$(SKUID_IDENTIFIER)]
```

Specifying a **SKUID** for an HII PCD selection is optional, for example:

```
[PcdsDynamicExHii.common.Sku1]
```

While the format for content of this section is as follows, note that the backslash character is used here to indicate the continuation of the line:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|VariableName| \
VariableGuid | VariableOffset [| HiiDefaultValue]
```

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicExHii.IA32.Sku_Two]
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPreAllocatedMem| \
0x0053 0x0065 0x0074 0x0075 0x0070 | gSysconfigGuid | 0x000000A9 | 0x11
```

### 2.9.3.6 PcdsDynamicExVpd

For using the VPD for PCD data, the section name is:

```
[PcdsDynamicExVpd.$(arch).$(SKUID_IDENTIFIER)]
```

Specifying a **SKUID** for a VPD PCD selection is optional, for example:

```
[PcdsDynamicExVpd.common.SkuTwo]
```

The format for content of this section is as follows:

```
PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdCName|VpdOffset [|MaximumDatumSize [|Value]]
```

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicExVpd.common.DEFAULT]
gEfiPhonyTokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdVpdCopyrightLine | 0x000000A0
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice0Name | 0x2282 | 64 | \
"None" #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice50Info | 0x22C2 | 18 | \
{0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, \
0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF} #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionName | 0x22D4 | 100 | \
" " #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionPath | 0x2338 | 100 | \
" " #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEnableFastBoot | 0x239C | 1 | \
FALSE #BOOLEAN
```

## 2.10 PCD Database

Dynamic and DynamicEx PCDs can be modified during the boot/setup stages. In order to support modifications, a PEIM and a DXE driver use databases of these PCDs so that changes can persist across reboots. These databases are generated prior to the final image assembly. The following rules determine when the build system will add the PCDs into these databases.

1. If a PCD is listed in a **PcdsDynamicVpd** or **PcdsDynamicExVpd** section, and the PCD is not used by any module that is listed in the DSC file, the build MUST ADD the entry in the Platform's PCD Database, and the parser must not throw an error or warning message.
2. If PCD is listed in a **PcdsDynamicDefault** or **PcdsDynamicExDefault** section, and the PCD is not used by any module that is listed in the DSC and FDF file, the build must NOT add the entry in the Platform's PCD Database; the build may provide a warning message.

3. If PCD is listed in a `PcdsDynamicHii` or `PcdsDynamicExHii` section, and the PCD is not used by any module that is listed in the DSC and FDF file, the build must NOT add the entry in the Platform's PCD Database; the build may provide a warning message.
4. If a PCD is not listed in the DSC file but is listed under a `[PcdEx]` section in a Binary INF file listed in the FDF file, then the build must add the entry to the Platform's PCD Database as `PcdsDynamicExDefault`.
5. If a PCD is not listed in the DSC file, but binary INF files used by this platform all (that use this PCD) list the PCD in a `[PcdEx]` section, AND all source INF files used by this platform the build that use the PCD list the PCD in either a `[Pcd]` or `[PcdEx]` section, then the tools MUST ADD the PCD to the Platform's PCD Database; the build must assign the access method for this PCD as `PcdsDynamicExDefault`.
6. If a PCD is not listed in the DSC file, but binary INF files used by this platform all (that use this PCD) list the PCD in a `[PatchPcd]` section, AND all source INF files used by this platform the build that use the PCD list the PCD in either a `[Pcd]` or `[PatchPcd]` section, then the tools must NOT add the PCD to the Platform's PCD Database; the build must assign the access method for this PCD as `PcdsPatchableInModule`.
7. If one of the Source built modules listed in the DSC is not listed in FDF modules, and the INF lists a PCD can only use the `PcdsDynamic` access method (it is only listed in the DEC file that declares the PCD as `PcdsDynamic`), then build tool will report warning message- notify the PI that they are attempting to build a module that must be included in a flash image in order to be functional. These Dynamic PCD will not be added into the Database unless it is used by other modules that are included in the FDF file.
8. If one of the Source built modules listed in the DSC is not listed in FDF modules, and the INF lists a PCD can only use the `PcdsDynamicEx` access method (it is only listed in the DEC file that declares the PCD as `PcdsDynamicEx`), then DO NOT break the build; DO NOT add the PCD to the Platform's PCD Database.
9. If a module is listed in FDF file and use a Dynamic or DynamicEx PCD, the PCD MUST be added into the PCD Database.

## 2.11 [Components] Section Processing

One or more `[Components]` sections contain lists of EDK components and EDK II Modules. The format for specifying the INF file for EDK II modules incorporates new scoping capabilities.

This section uses one or more of the following section definitions:

```
[Components] [Components.IA32] [Components.X64] [Components.IPF]
[Components.EBC] [Components.common]
```

EDK components are specified using a fully qualified path to the EDK INF file.

```
$(EDK_SOURCE)/Path/and/Filename.inf
```

Because EDK II modules have different requirements than EDK I components, specifying the INF filename in the extended DSC file may require more than just the INF filename and options. A scoping structure, that binds library class (with an optional override instance,) PCD settings (also overriding the values specified in the `[PcdsPatchableInModule]` or `[PcdsFixedAtBuild]` sections) and build options for an EDK II module may be required. This scoping structure, containing sub-elements, is enclosed within curly braces: "{}". The opening curly brace, "{", must appear at the end of the inf filename line, before any comments.

Scoping is needed only if specifying a non-default library class (one specified in the `[LibraryClasses]` section), or if changing a PCD value from defaults specified in either the `[PcdsPatchableInModule]` or `[PcdsFixedAtBuild]` sections, or overriding tool

flags set either in the `[BuildOptions]` section of the DSC file, or if an entry in the `tools_def.txt` file.

**Note:** [Section 3.11](#) defines the sub-element content of an INF file specified in a component section. This code paragraph section shows the format of a "scoping structure".

```
Path/and/Filename.inf {
# Sub-elements - See EDK II INF file statement structure
}
```

There are three valid, optional sub-elements for EDK II modules. These sub-element are enclosed within angle brackets: `<LibraryClasses>`, `<Pcds*>` and `<BuildOptions>`. For EDK component INF files, an optional sub-element of `<SOURCE_OVERRIDE_PATH>` has been defined. If this element is specified, files listed in the directory are used instead of the "same-named" files in the component's directory. If an EDK component directory lists files, *A.c*, *B.c* and *C.h*, and the directory specified in this sub-element contains the file *B.c*, then the component will be built using files from the component directory: *A.c* and *C.h*, and the file *B.c* from the override directory. Any other files listed in the override directory will NOT be included in the build (no new or additional files are permitted).

An INF file line may also have one argument, `EXEC = Filename`, that specifies an executable file that takes the INF filename as a parameter. The Filename must be executable, and must take the INF filename. No other arguments are permitted to the Filename.

The parsing tools will call the executable specified by the Filename, as follows:

```
Filename Path/and/Filename.inf
```

If the `EXEC` argument is included on the component or module INF line, EDK II Tools will ignore processing of the module. Additionally, EDK II build tools will not perform any dependency checking for files listed in the INF file nor on the output object file. EXEC example follows:

```
Path/and/Filename.inf EXEC = exe2bin.exe
```

The structure for specifying an EDK II INF filename is as follows:

```

$(EDK_SOURCE)/Path/and/ComponentName.inf [options] {
# Library Class listing - Required for EDK II components. One or more
# Library mapping lines are permitted.
<LibraryClasses>
    LibraryClassName|Path/and/LibraryInstanceName.inf
# Followed by zero (no pcids are used by the module) or more of the
# following individual component override statements.
# Pcd settings are applicable to both Library Instances that
# are linked to the component and the component itself.
# If a PCD entry is not specified, however the INF files for either
# the library classes that are linked to the component, or the
# component's INF file require Pcd settings, a globally defined
# value for the Pcd ([Pcd{AccessMethod}] section or the default
# value from the DEC file that declares the PCD) will be used. If
# none of these values are specified, build tools processing this file
# should fail with an error message (indicating the missing PCD
# entry.)
# NOTE: MaximumDataSize is required for VOID* datum type PCDs, and
# should NOT be used for either the boolean or numeric datum types.
# PcdsDynamic and PcdsDynamicEx cannot be specified in a component
# scoped section as these values are platform scoped, not module
# scoped.
<PcdsFixedAtBuild>
    TokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdTokenName|Data[|MaximumDataSize]
<PcdsFeatureFlag>
    TokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdTokenName|{TRUE}{FALSE}
<PcdsPatchableInModule>
    TokenSpaceGuidCName.PcdTokenName|Data[|MaximumDataSize]
# BuildOption Format is identical to the format used for the
#tools_def.txt file. Options specified in this section take
# precedence over the platform build options specified in the
#[Defines] section. (The [Defines] section options take precedence
#over options specified in the tools_def.txt file)
<BuildOptions>
    TARGET_TOOLCHAIN_ARCH_COMMANDTYPE_FLAGS = string of flags
}

```

If the values for the `PcdTokenName` are specified in the global `[Pcds{PcdType}]` section and no values are specified in the INF filename section, then the global values will be used. It should be noted that only `LibraryClassName | library/instance` definitions are required. Adding just the library class name without the library instances is for informational purposes only, and they will not be processed.

**Example:**

```

MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/DiskIo/Dxe/DiskIo.inf {
  #EDK II Module
  <LibraryClasses>
  DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode/
  PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode.inf
  BaseMemoryLib|MdePkg/Library/DxeMemoryLib/DxeMemoryLib.inf
  MemoryAllocationLib|MdePkg/Library/DxeMemoryAllocationLib/
  DxeMemoryAllocationLib.inf
}

```

## 2.12 [UserExtensions] Section

Users may develop custom tools that use the **[UserExtensions]** sections. The EDK II **[UserExtensions]** sections allow for extending the DSC file with custom processing of component images. The format for a user extension section specifier is:

**[UserExtensions.\$(UserID).\$(Identifier)]**

The EDK II build tools available on TianoCore.org do not use this section. The reference tools ignore all content within a **[UserExtensions]** section.

The following is an example of a **[UserExtensions]** section:

```

[UserExtensions.Edk2AcpiTable."POST_PROCESSING"]
PostBuild.cmd -f $(OUTPUT_DIRECTORY)/$(TARGET)_$(TOOL_CHAIN_TAG)/
$(ARCH)/FV/*.fd

```



## EDK II DSC File Format

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This section of the document describes the content of the EDK II DSC sections using an Extended Backus-Naur Form. The DSC file must define all libraries, components and/or modules that will be processed by third party compiler tool chains, such as the GNU C compiler (gcc). Binary Only modules do not need to be listed in this file, as they can be specified in the FDF file. However, if a binary module uses DynamicEx style PCDs, then the module must be included in this file in order to add the PCD to the generated PCD database. There may also be modules listed in this file that are not required in the FDF file. When a module listed in the DSC file is excluded from FDF file, then a UEFI-compliant binary will be generated, but the binary will not be put into any firmware volume.

### 3.1 Building multiple architectures

The build tools use EDK II meta-data files (INF, DEC, DSC and, optionally, the FDF) to create Makefiles that are then processed by third party tools. The third party utility that is called after all pre-work has been completed is defined in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file using the tool code of MAKE. On Windows systems, this will typically point to the (with the fully qualified path) utility "**nmake.exe**", while on \*NIX systems, the utility is typically just "**make**". The build system will also generate a single master makefile, one Makefile per architecture specified on the command-line or listed in the *Conf/target.txt* file and one Makefile for each module or library instance within the architectural tree. Therefore, the build system must be capable of processing and keeping track of common items and architecturally specific content. Common content (not architecturally dependent) will be processed for each architecture. For example, if `-a IA32 -a X64` appear on the command line, all modules that do not specify an architecture modifier in the **[Components]**, **[Libraries]** or **[LibraryClasses]** sections will be processed so that makefiles for the module entries appear under *IA32* and under *X64* sub-directories in the build output tree. Where architectural modifiers are used, the build tools will process content such that the modules (and their makefiles) are only under the corresponding architecture trees.

### 3.2 General Rules

The general rules for all EDK II INI style documents follow.

**Note:** *Path and Filename elements within the DSC are case-sensitive in order to support building on UNIX style operating systems. Additionally, names that are C variables or used as a macro are*

case sensitive. Other elements such as section tags or hex digits, in the DSC file are not case-sensitive. The use of "..", "../" and "/" in paths and filenames is strictly prohibited.

**Note:** This document uses “\” to indicate that a line that cannot be displayed in this document on a single line. Within the DSC specification, each entry must appear on a single line.

- Multiple DSC files may exist in a directory, however it is recommended that either the **PLATFORM\_GUID** or the **PLATFORM\_VERSION** be unique to the DSC file. It is recommended that the **PLATFORM\_NAME** and **OUTPUT\_DIRECTORY** also be unique.
- Text in section tags is case in-sensitive.
- A section terminates with either another section definition or the end of the file.
- To append comment information to any item, the comment must start with a hash "#" character.
- All comments terminate with the end of line character.
- Field separators for lines that contain more than one field are pipe "|" characters. This character was selected to reduce the possibility of having the field separator character appear in a string, such as a filename or text string.

**Note:** The only notable exception is the *PcdName* which is a combination of the *PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName* and the *PcdCName* that are separated by the period "." character. This notation for a PCD name is used to uniquely identify the PCD.

- A line terminates with either an end of line character or a comment.
- When processing numeric values, either integer or hex, leading zeros specified in the entry may be ignored. For example, `0x00000000000000000000000000000001` can be a valid value for a **UINT8** data type, as the actual value is 1.
- All words in quotation marks in the EBNF in this file must be considered reserved. Redefining a reserved word is not permitted.

### 3.2.1 Backslash

Use of the back slash character "\" in this document is only for lines that cannot be displayed within the margins of this document. The backslash character must not be used to extend a line over multiple lines in the DSC file.

### 3.2.2 Whitespace characters

Whitespace (space and tab) characters are permitted between token and field separator elements for all entries.

Whitespace characters are not permitted between the *PcdTokenSpaceGuidCName* and the dot, nor are they permitted between the dot and the *PcdCName*.

### 3.2.3 Paths for filenames

Note that for specifying the path for a file name, if the path value starts with a dollar sign "\$" character, either a local **MACRO** or system environment variable is being specified. If the path value starts with one of "letter:\", "/", "\" or "\\\" the path must be a fully qualified URI location. If it does not, the specified path is relative to the **WORKSPACE** environment variable.

**Caution:** The use of "..", "../" and "./" in a path element is prohibited.

For all DSC files, the specified directory path must use the forward slash character for separating directories. For example, *MdePkg/Include/* is Valid.

**Note:** *If the platform integrator is working on a Microsoft Windows\* environment and will not be working on a non-windows platform, then the DOS-style directory separator can be used. The forward slash Unix-style directory separator is mandatory for distributions where the build environment is unknown.*

Unless otherwise noted, all file names and paths are relative the system environment variable, **WORKSPACE**. A directory name that starts with a word is assumed by the build tools to be located in the **WORKSPACE** directory.

Each module may have one or more INF files that can be used by tools to generate images. Specifically, the EDK Compatibility Package may contain two INF files for any module that contains assembly code. Since the ECP can be used with existing EDK tools (which is only supported by Microsoft and Intel Windows based tools,) a separate INF file to support the multiple tool chain capability of the EDK II build system must be provided for the modules that contain assembly code. The EDK II ECP will use the *basename\_edk2.inf* for the filename of the EDK II build system compatible INF files for non-Windows based tool chains, and use just the *basename.inf* for the filename of EDK only INF files used by the EDK build system.

### 3.3 Platform DSC Definition

The DSC definitions set the final properties (including final PCD values) for building UEFI/PI compliant binaries. Only command-line values override values in this file.

Values in this file override any values set in INF or DEC files.

Binary modules do not need to be listed in this file.

**Note:** *Some PCD values may be obtained from the Flash Description (FDF) file specified in the [Defines] section.*

The **[Defines]** section must appear before any other sections (except the header comment blocks). The remaining sections may appear in any order, however the EBNF, below, shows the recommended order. (The **[Libraries]** section is required if building EDK libraries and components in the context of an EDK II platform.)

#### Summary

The EDK II Platform Description (DSC) file has the following format (using the EBNF).

```
<EDK_II_DSC> ::= [<Header>]  
                <Defines>  
                [<SkuIds>]  
                <Libraries>*  
                <LibraryClasses>*  
                <Pcds>*  
                <Components>+  
                <BuildOptions>*  
                <UserExtensions>*
```

**Note:** *Assignments set as command-line arguments to the parsing tools take precedence over all assignments defined in the DSC file. If a variable/value assignment is specified on the build tool's command-line, that value will override any variable/value assignment defined in the DSC file.*

**Note:** *Conditional statements may be used anywhere within the DSC file, with the ability to group any item within a section as well as entire sections.*

### 3.3.1 Common Definitions

#### Summary

The following are common definitions used by multiple section types.

## Prototype

<Word>	::= (a-zA-Z0-9_)(a-zA-Z0-9_-.)* Alphanumeric characters with optional period ".", dash "-" and/or underscore "_" characters. A period character may not be followed by another period character. No white space characters are permitted.
<SimpleWord>	::= (a-zA-Z0-9)(a-zA-Z0-9_)* A word that cannot contain a period character.
<ToolWord>	::= (A-Z)(a-zA-Z0-9)* Alphanumeric characters. white space characters are not permitted.
<FileSep>	::= "/"
<Extension>	::= (a-zA-Z0-9_-)+ One or more alphanumeric characters.
<File>	::= <Word> [ "." <Extension> ]
<PATH>	::= [<MACROVAL> <FileSep>] <RelativePath>
<RelativePath>	::= <DirName> [<FileSep> <DirName>]*
<DirName>	::= {<Word>} {<MACROVAL>}
<FullFilename>	::= {<PATH> <FileSep> <File>} {<MACROVAL> <FileSep> <File>} {<MACROVAL>}
<Filename>	::= { [<PATH> <FileSep>] <File> } { [<RelativePath> <FileSep>] <File> } {<MACROVAL>}
<Chars>	::= (a-zA-Z0-9_)
<Digit>	::= (0-9)
<NonDigit>	::= (a-zA-Z_)
<Identifier>	::= [<NonDigit> <Chars>]*
<CName>	::= <Identifier> # A valid C variable name.
<AsciiChars>	::= (0x21 - 0x7E)
<CChars> {<EscapeSequence>}*	::= [{0x21} {(0x23 - 0x5B)} {(0x5D - 0x7E)}]

<DbQuote>	::= 0x22
<EscapeSequence>	::= "\" {"n"} {"t"} {"f"} {"r"} {"b"} {"0"} {"\""} {<DbQuote>}
<TabSpace>	::= {<Tab>} {<Space>}
<TS>	::= <TabSpace>*
<MTS>	::= <TabSpace>+
<Tab>	::= 0x09
<Space>	::= 0x20
<CR>	::= 0x0D
<LF>	::= 0x0A
<CRLF>	::= <CR> <LF>
<WhiteSpace>	::= {<TS>} {<CR>} {<LF>} {<CRLF>}
<WS>	::= <WhiteSpace>*
<Eq>	::= <TS> "=" <TS>
<FieldSeparator>	::= " "
<FS>	::= <TS> <FieldSeparator> <TS>
<Wildcard>	::= "*"
<CommaSpace>	::= ", " <Space>*
<Cs>	::= ", " <Space>*
<AsciiString>	::= [ <TS>* <AsciiChars>* ]*
<EmptyString>	::= <DbQuote><DbQuote>
<CFlags>	::= <AsciiString>
<PrintChars>	::= {<TS>} {<CChars>}
<QuotedString>	::= <DbQuote> <PrintChars>* <DbQuote>
<CString>	::= ["L"] <QuotedString>
<NormalizedString>	::= <DbQuote> [{<Word>} {<Space>}] + <DbQuote>

<GlobalComment>	::= <WS> "#" [<AsciiString>] <EOL>+
<Comment>	::= "#" <AsciiString> <EOL>+
<UnicodeString>	::= "L" <QuotedString>
<HexDigit>	::= (a-fA-F0-9)
<HexByte>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} [<HexDigit>] <HexDigit>
<HexNumber>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} <HexDigit>+
<HexVersion>	::= "0x" [0]* <Major> <Minor>
<Major>	::= <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>
<Minor>	::= <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<DecimalVersion>	::= {"0"} {(1-9) [(0-9)]*} [". " (0-9)+]
<VersionVal>	::= {<HexVersion>} {(0-9)+ ". " (0-99)}
<GUID>	::= {<RegistryFormatGUID>} {<CFormatGUID>}
<RegistryFormatGUID>	::= <RHex8> "-" <RHex4> "-" <RHex4> "-" <RHex4> "-" <RHex12>
<RHex4>	::= <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<RHex8>	::= <RHex4> <RHex4>
<RHex12>	::= <RHex4> <RHex4> <RHex4>
<RawH2>	::= <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>
<RawH4>	::= <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>
<OptRawH4>	::= <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>? <HexDigit>?
<Hex2>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} <RawH2>
<Hex4>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} <RawH4>
<Hex8>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} <OptRawH4> <RawH4>
<Hex12>	::= {"0x"} {"0X"} <OptRawH4> <OptRawH4> <RawH4>

<Hex16>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } <OptRawH4> <OptRawH4> <OptRawH4> <RawH4>
<CFormatGUID>	::= "{ " <Hex8> <CommaSpace> <Hex4> <CommaSpace> <Hex4> <CommaSpace> "{ " <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> <CommaSpace> <Hex2> "}" "
<CArray>	::= "{ " {<NList>} {<CArray>} "}" "
<NList>	::= <HexByte> [<CommaSpace> <HexByte>]*
<RawData>	::= <TS> <HexByte> [ <Cs> <HexByte> [<EOL> <TS>] ]*
<Integer>	::= { (0-9) } { (1-9) (0-9)+ }
<Number>	::= {<Integer>} {<HexNumber>}
<HexNz>	::= (\x1 - \xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF)
<NumNz>	::= (1-18446744073709551615)
<GZ>	::= {<NumNz>} {<HexNz>}
<TRUE>	::= {"TRUE"} {"true"} {"True"} {"0x1"} {"0x01"} {"1"}
<FALSE>	::= {"FALSE"} {"false"} {"False"} {"0x0"} {"0x00"} {"0"}
<BoolType>	::= {<TRUE>} {<FALSE>}
<MACRO>	::= (A-Z) (A-Z0-9_)*
<MACROVAL>	::= "\$ ( " <MACRO> " ) "
<PcdName>	::= <TokenSpaceGuidCName> "." <PcdCName>
<PcdCName>	::= <CName>
<TokenSpaceGuidCName>	::= <CName>
<PCDVAL>	::= "PCD ( " <PcdName> " ) "
<UINT8>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } (\x0 - \xFF)
<UINT16>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } (\x0 - \xFFFF)



<UINT32>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } (\x0 - \xFFFFFFFF)
<UINT64>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } (\x0 - \xFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF)
<UINT8z>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<UINT16z>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<UINT32z>	::= { "0x" } { "0X" } <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<UINT64z>	::= { "0x" <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit> <HexDigit>
<ShortNum>	::= (0-255)
<IntNum>	::= (0-65535)
<LongNum>	::= (0-4294967295)
<LongLongNum>	::= (0-18446744073709551615)
<NumValUint8>	::= {<ShortNum>} {<UINT8>}
<NumValUint16>	::= {<IntNum>} {<UINT16>}
<NumValUint32>	::= {<LongNum>} {<UINT32>}
<NumValUint64>	::= {<LongLongNum>} {<UINT64>}
<ModuleType>	::= {"BASE"} {"SEC"} {"PEI_CORE"} {"PEIM"} {"DXE_CORE"} {"DXE_DRIVER"} {"SMM_CORE"} {"DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER"} {"DXE_SAL_DRIVER"} {"DXE_SMM_DRIVER"} {"UEFI_DRIVER"} {"UEFI_APPLICATION"} {"USER_DEFINED"}
<ModuleTypeList>	::= <ModuleType> [" " <ModuleType>]*
<IdentifierName>	::= <TS> {<MACROVAL>} {<PcdName>} <TS>
<OrGroup>	::= {"OR"} {"or"} {"    "}
<LogicalOrOperator>	::= <TS> <OrGroup> <TS>
<Andgroup>	::= {"&&"} {"AND"} {"and"}

<LogicalAndOperator>	::=	<TS> <AndGroup> <TS>
<BitWiseOrOperator>	::=	<TS> "   " <TS>
<BitWiseAndOperator>	::=	<TS> "&" <TS>
<XorGroup>	::=	{ "^ " } { "XOR" } { "xor" }
<BitWiseXorOperator>	::=	<TS> <XorGroup> <TS>
<AdditiveOperator>	::=	<TS> { "+" } { "-" } <TS>
<UnaryOperator>	::=	<TS> { "!" } { "NOT" } { "not" } <TS>
<SequenceOperator>	::=	{ <LogicalOrOperator> } { <LogicalAndOperator> }
<EqualityOperator>	::=	<TS> { "==" } { "!=" } { "EQ" } { "NE" } <TS>
<ScriptRelOps>	::=	{ "LT" } { "LE" } { "GT" } { "GE" }
<CRelOps>	::=	{ "<=" } { ">=" } { "<" } { ">" }
<RelationalOperator>	::=	<TS> { <ScriptRelOps> } { <CRelOps> } <TS>
<EncapsulatedExpress>	::=	<TS> '(' <TS> <Expression> <TS> ')' <TS>
<PrimaryExpression1>	::=	{ <IdentifierName> } { <CString> }
<PrimaryExpression2>	::=	{ <Number> } { <EncapsulatedExpress> }
<PrimaryExpression>	::=	{ <PrimaryExpression1> } { <PrimaryExpression2> } { <MembershipExpression> }
<UnaryExpression>	::=	<UnaryOperator>* <PrimaryExpression>
<AddExpOpt>	::=	<AdditiveOperator> <UnaryExpression>
<AdditiveExpression>	::=	<UnaryExpression> [<AddExpOpt>]*
<RelExpOpt>	::=	<RelationalOperator> <AdditiveExpression>
<RelationalExpression>	::=	<AdditiveExpression> [<RelExpOpt>]*
<EqExpOpt>	::=	<EqualityOperator> <RelationalExpression>
<EqualityExpression>	::=	<RelationalExpression> [<EqExpOpt>]*
<BitAndExpOpt>	::=	<BitWiseAndOperator> <EqualityExpression>

```

<BitwiseAndExpression> ::= <EqualityExpression> [<BitAndExpOpt>] *
<BitXorExpOpt>          ::= <BitWiseXorOperator> <BitwiseAndExpression>
<BitwiseXorExpression> ::= <BitwiseAndExpression> [<BitXorExpOpt>] *
<BitwiseOrExpOpt>       ::= <BitWiseOrOperator> <BitwiseXorExpression>
<BitwiseOrExpression>  ::= <BitwiseXorExpression> [<BitwiseOrExpOpt>] *
<LogAndExpOpt>         ::= <LogicalAndOperator> <BitwiseOrExpression>
<LogicalAndExpression> ::= <BitwiseOrExpression> [<LogAndExpOpt>] *
<LogOrExpOpt>          ::= <LogicalOrOperator> <LogicalAndExpression>
<LogicalOrExpression> ::= <LogicalAndExpression> [<LogOrExpOpt>] *
<Expression>           ::= <TS> <LogicalOrExpression> <TS>
<MembershipExpression> ::= {<TargetExpress>} {<ArchExpress>}
                        {<ToolExpress>}
<NotOp>                ::= <UnaryOperator> <MTS>
<InOp>                 ::= <MTS> [<NotOp>] {"IN"} {"in"} <MTS>
<TargetExpress>        ::= (A-Z) (A-Z0-9)* <InOp> "$ (TARGET) "
<ArchExpress>          ::= <DbQuote> <Arch> <DbQuote> <InOp>
                        "$ (ARCH) "
<Arch>                 ::= {"IA32"} {"X64"} {"IPF"} {"EBC"} {<OA>}
<ToolExpress>          ::= (A-Z) (a-zA-Z0-9)* <InOp>
                        "$ (TOOL_CHAIN_TAG) "
<Boolean>              ::= {<BoolType>} {<Expression>}
<EOL>                  ::= <TS> 0x0A 0x0D
<OA>                   ::= (a-zA-Z) (a-zA-Z0-9)*
<arch>                 ::= {"IA32"} {"X64"} {"IPF"} {"EBC"} {<OA>}
                        {"common"}
<Edk2ModuleType>      ::= {"BASE"} {"SEC"} {"PEI_CORE"} {"PEIM"}
                        {"DXE_CORE"} {"DXE_DRIVER"}
                        {"DXE_SAL_DRIVER"}
                        {"DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER"}
                        {"SMM_CORE"} {"DXE_SMM_DRIVER"}

```

```
{"UEFI_DRIVER"} {"UEFI_APPLICATION"}
```

**Note:** As noted in the EBNF above, the logical operators, "**NOT**", "**AND**" and "**OR**" may be used in addition to the C logical operators. Additionally, a special exclusive or operator, "**XOR**" has been introduced as a logical, versus bitwise, operator.

**Note:** When using the characters "|" or "|" in an expression, the expression must be encapsulated in open "(" and close ")" parenthesis.

**Note:** Comments may appear anywhere within a DSC file, provided they follow the rules that a comment may not be enclosed within Section headers, and that in line comments must appear at the end of a statement.

## Parameters

### Expression

A C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators that evaluate to either **TRUE** (1) or **FALSE** (0). Values other than zero or one are invalid. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be defined before it can be used. Expressions that use one or more "|" character must be encapsulated between parenthesis.

There is also a membership expression, using the non-C "**in**" operator, which allows for testing if an item is present in a list. The usage of this membership expression is restricted to testing architectures, targets and tool chain tag names that are being built.

### UnicodeString

When the **<UnicodeString>** element (these characters are string literals as defined by the C99 specification: **L"string"**, not actual Unicode characters) is included in a value, the build tools may be required to expand the ASCII string between the quotation marks into a valid UCS2-LE encoded string. The build tools parser must treat all content between the field separators (excluding white space characters around the field separators) as ASCII literal content when generating the *AutoGen.c* and *AutoGen.h* files.

### Comments

Strings that appear in comments may be ignored by the build tools. An ASCII string matching the format of the ASCII string defined by **<UnicodeString>** (**L"Foo"** for example,) that appears in a comment must never be expanded by any tool.

### CFlags

CFlags refers to a string of valid arguments appended to the command line of any third party or provided tool. It is not limited to just a compiler executable tool. MACRO values that appear in quoted strings in CFlags content must not be expanded by parsing tools.

### OA

Other Architecture - One or more user defined target architectures, such as ARM or PPC. The architectures listed here must have a corresponding entry in the EDK II meta-data file, *Conf/tools\_def.txt*. Only **IA32**, **X64**, **IPF** and **EBC** are routinely validated.

*FileSep*

FileSep refers to either the back slash "\" or forward slash "/" characters that are used to separate directory names. All EDK II DSC files must use the "/" forward slash character when specifying the directory portion of a filename. Microsoft operating systems, that normally use a back slash character for separating directory names, will interpret the forward slash character correctly.

*CArray*

All C data arrays used in PCD value fields must be byte arrays. The C format GUID style is a special case that is permitted in some fields that use the **<CArray>** nomenclature.

*EOL*

The DOS End Of Line: "0x0D 0x0A" character must be used for all EDK II meta-data files. All \*Nix based tools can properly process the DOS EOL characters. Microsoft based tools cannot process the \*Nix style EOL characters.

### 3.3.2 MACRO Statements

Use of MACRO statements is optional.

#### Summary

Macro statements are characterized by a **DEFINE** token or may be defined on a command line of a parsing tool.

Define statements are processed according to the following precedence.

Highest Priority

1. Command-line option **-D MACRO=Value**
2. Most recent in file
3. Macros defined in the DSC file's **[Defines]** section

Lowest Priority

Macros defined in the **[Defines]** section are considered global during the processing of the FDF file and the DSC file. **EDK GLOBAL** macros are considered global during the processing of DSC, FDF and EDK INF files.

Macros are not allowed to redefine the reserved words specified in this file. For example, it is not permitted to **DEFINE DEFINE = FOOBAR**, then use **FOOBAR** as a reserved word.

A macro that is not defined has a value of 0.

If the Macro statement is within the **[Defines]** section, then the Macro is common to the entire file as well as common to the FDF file, with later definitions overriding previous values (if the same MACRO name is used in subsequent sections, then the MACRO value overrides all remaining instances that follow the definition.)

Macro statements referenced before they are defined are "undefined" (for the **!ifndef** and **!ifdef** conditional directive statements).

If the tools encounter a macroval used in a directive, an expression or a value field, as in **\$(MACRO)**, that is not defined, the macro will have a value of 0 and, as in C programming, the build may break.

While it is recommended that tools catch exceptions for incorrect content, they may report the error on the line that uses the macro, **\$(MACRO)**, rather than where the macro was defined.

## Prototype

```

<MacroDefinition> ::= {<NormalMacro>} {<EdkMacro>}

<NormalMacro> ::= <TS> "DEFINE" <MTS> <MACRO> <Eq> [<Value>]
                  <EOL>

<EdkMacro> ::= <TS> "EDK_GLOBAL" <MTS> <MACRO> <Eq> [<Value>]
               <EOL>

<Value> ::= {<Number>} {<BoolType>} {<GUID>}
             {<CString>} {<UnicodeString>} {<CArray>}
             {<PATH>} {<Expression>} {<CFlags>}
             {<RelativePath>} {<Filename>}

```

## Restrictions

### *System Environment Variables*

System environment variable may not be re-defined in this file. System environment variables cannot be overridden by the build system tools.

### *Token and Statements*

It is not permissible to use **\$ (MACRO)** to replace a token or a complete token statement. Tokens are the keywords defined in this specification.

### *Values*

The macro's value must not include any **<EOL>** character sequences. (Using \r and \n within a quoted string is permitted.

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators and/or arithmetic and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value (for PCDs, the value must match the Datum Type of the PCD). Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

**Note:** MACRO values defined in the **[Defines]** section and PCD values defined in this file may be used in the Flash FDF file.

## Examples:

```

DEFINE GEN_SKU = MyPlatformPkg/GenPei
DEFINE SKU1    = MyPlatformPkg/Sku1/Pei
DEFINE HACK    = DEBUG
EDK_GLOBAL EFI_ACPI_TABLE_STORAGE_GUID = 7E374E25-8E01-4FEE-87F2-
390C23C606CD

```

### 3.3.3 Conditional Directive Blocks

Use of conditional directive blocks is optional.

## Summary

The conditional statements may appear anywhere within the file. Conditional directive blocks can be nested.

- All conditional directives can use MACRO, Fixed at Build or Feature Flag PCD values, which must evaluate to either "True" or "False".
- Directives must be the only statement on a line.
- String evaluations are permitted, and are case sensitive; the two string values must be an exact match to evaluate to "True".
- The expression immediately following the "!if" statement controls whether the content after the line is processed or not. TRUE is any non-zero and/or non-null value other than zero.
- Each "!if" within the source code must be matched with a closing "!endif".
- Zero or more "elseif" statements are permitted; only one "else" statement is permitted.
- Conditional directive blocks may be nested.
- Directives can be used to encapsulate entire sections or elements within a single section, such that they do not break the integrity of the section definitions.
- Directives are in-fix expressions that are evaluated left to right; content within parenthesis is evaluated before the outer statements are evaluated. Use of parenthesis is recommended to remove ambiguity.
- The values of the Fixed at Build and Feature Flag PCDs used in the conditional statements must be set in the [PcdsFixedAtBuild] or [PcdsFeatureFlag] section(s) of this DSC file. Other forms of PCDs cannot be used in conditional directive statements.
- Default PCD values from the DEC files cannot be used in conditional directives within the DSC file; all PCD values used in directive statements must be defined in the DSC file.

Conditional directives may appear before a Macro, Fixed at Build or Feature Flag PCD has been defined. Therefore, the reference build tools must perform two passes on this file:

1. Obtain the values of the MACROs, Fixed at Build and Feature Flag PCDs which are used for the conditional directives (these values must not be located within a conditional directive).
2. Evaluate the conditional statements for inclusion in the build.

If the value of a Fixed at Build or Feature Flag PCD used in a conditional directive cannot be determined during the first pass, the build must break. It is permissible to have a Macro that is undefined after the first pass. Macros must be defined before they can be used in an expression. Macros, Fixed at Build and Feature Flag PCDs used in conditional statements in the first pass must not be located within conditional directives.

The build system must break if a PCD in the directive is listed in [PcdsPatchableInModule], [PcdsDynamic] or [PcdsDynamicEx] section.

**Note:** PCDs, used in conditional directives, must be defined and the value set in either the FDF or DSC file in order to be used in a conditional statement; values from INF or DEC files are not permitted.

## Prototype

```

<Conditional> ::= <IfStatement> <EOL>
                <ElseIfConditional>*
                [<ElseConditional>]
                <TS> "!endif" <EOL>

<IfStatement> ::= {<TS> "!if" <MTS> <Expression> <EOL>}
                  {<TS> "!ifdef" <MTS> <MACRO> <EOL>}
                  {<TS> "!ifndef" <MTS> <MACRO> <EOL>}
                  <Statements>*

<Statements> ::= {<Sections>} {<Conditional>}
                  {<SectionStatements>}

<Sections> ::= ValidStatements

<SectionStatements> ::= ValidStatements

<ElseIfConditional> ::= <TS> "!elseif" <MTS> <Expression>
                        <EOL>
                        <Statements>*

<ElseConditional> ::= <TS> "!else" <EOL>
                     <Statements>*

```

## Restrictions

### *MACRO and PCD Values*

When a MACRO is used in conditional directives **!if** or **!elseif**, the **<MACROVAL>** - **\$ (MACRO)** - format is used. When a PCD is used in a conditional directive (or in an expression) just the **PcdName** format is used.

### *Number values*

For Numeric expressions, numbers must not be encapsulated by double quotation marks

### *Strings*

Strings in **PCD** elements must be NULL terminated. The **NULL** character is not part of the string that is tested. All other string comparisons do not include the double quotation marks encapsulating the string. If the string is **"myapple"**, the only characters that would be tested are **myapple**. When using strings in the expression statements, there must be a comparison operator.

## Parameters

### *ValidStatements*

Any valid section, multiple sections, section statement or set of section statements defined in this specification may be within the scope of the conditional statements.

### *MACRO Usage in Expression Statements*

A macro is said to be defined if and only if it has been set to a non-NULL value. When used in the **!ifdef** and **!ifndef** statement, the **<MACROVAL>** format is being deprecated. The EDK II build system may chose to stop supporting the **<MACROVAL>** format in a future release of the build tools.



*PcdFeatureFlag*

The Feature PCD is a boolean PCD that is set to either **True (1)** or **False (0)**. The PCD datum type for a Feature PCD is always **BOOLEAN**. It may be used in a logical expression.

*FixedPcdName*

A Fixed PCD will have a set value at build time, and that can not be modified in the binary image, nor modified at runtime. For directives, the PCD datum type is limited to **UINT8**, **UINT16**, **UINT32**, **UINT64**, **UINTN** and **BOOLEAN**. Using a Fixed At Build PCD that has a datum type of **VOID\*** is limited to text-based comparisons in directives. Using a PCD that has a value of a byte array is not permitted. Fixed PCDs may be used in a logical expression.

*Numeric Expressions*

This is a test of numbers, using relational or equality operators, that evaluates to **TRUE** or **FALSE**.

*Logical Expressions*

This is a test where the expression, MACRO value or PCD value (include **<MACROVAL>** or **<PCDVAL>** used in an expression) must evaluate to either **TRUE (1)** or **FALSE (0)**, no operators are required, however logical operators, as well full expressions can be used. (expressions that do not evaluate to **TRUE** or **FALSE** must break the build).

*String Expressions*

The strings must be exactly identical in order to match. Literal strings must be encapsulated by double quotation marks. There must be a comparison operator between two strings (using a string without an operator is not permitted). Also permitted are the membership expressions, for architectures, targets and tool chain tag names.

*All Expressions*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators that evaluate to either **TRUE (1)** or **FALSE (0)**. Values other than zero or one are invalid. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used. A new operator, **"in"** is also permitted for testing membership of an item in a list of one or more items.

**Example:**

```

!if $(IPF_VERSION) == 1
[VTF.IPF.MyBsf]
!ifdef IA32RESET
    # IPF_VERSION is 1 and IA32RESET defined
    IA32_RST_BIN = IA32_RST.BIN
!endif
COMP_NAME = PAL_A
COMP_LOC = F
COMP_TYPE = 0xF
COMP_VER = 7.01
COMP_CS = 1
!if $(PROCESSOR_NAME) == "M1"
    COMP_BIN = M1PalCode/PAL_A_M1.BIN
    COMP_SYM = M1PalCode/PAL_A_M1.SYM
!elseif PROCESSOR_NAME == "M2"
    COMP_BIN = M2PalCode/PAL_A_M2.BIN
    COMP_SYM = M2PalCode/PAL_A_M2.SYM
!else
    COMP_BIN = GenPal/PAL_A_GEN.bin
    COMP_SYM = GenPal/PAL_A_GEN.sym
!endif
COMP_SIZE = -
!elseif $(IPF_VERSION) == 2
[VTF.IPF.MyBsf]
!ifdef IA32RESET
    # IPF_VERSION is 2 and IA32RESET defined
    IA32_RST_BIN = IA32_RST.BIN
!endif
COMP_NAME = PAL_A
COMP_LOC = F
COMP_TYPE = 0xF
COMP_VER = 7.01
COMP_CS = 1
COMP_BIN = GenPal/PAL_A_GEN.bin
COMP_SYM = GenPal/PAL_A_GEN.sym
COMP_SIZE = -

COMP_NAME = PAL_B
COMP_LOC = F
COMP_TYPE = 0x01
COMP_VER = -
COMP_CS = 1
COMP_BIN = GenPal/PAL_B_GEN.bin
COMP_SYM = GenPal/PAL_B_GEN.sym
COMP_SIZE = -
!else
[VTF.X64.MyVtf]
    IA32_RST_BIN = IA32_RST.BIN
!endif

```

```
[LibraryClasses]
!if $(TARGET) == "DEBUG"
    # List Debug Library Class Instances here
!else
    # List Release Library Class Instances here
!endif
```

### 3.3.4 !include Statements

Use of this statement is optional.

#### Summary

This section defines the **!include** statement in EDK II Platform (DSC) files. This statement is used to include, at the statement's line, a file which is processed at that point, as though the text of the included file was actually in the DSC file. The included file's content must match the content of the section that the **!include** statement resides, or it may contain completely new sections. If the included file starts with a section header, then the section being processed in the Platform DSC file is considered to have been terminated.

The **!include** file cannot contain additional **!include** statements.

Statements in the include file are permitted to override previous definitions as well as to define new entries.

If the filename is a filename, the tools will look for the file in the same directory as the DSC file. If the filename starts with a "\$", then the system environment variable will be used to locate the file. If neither of these methods find the file, and a directory separator is in the filename, the tools will attempt to find the file in a **WORKSPACE** relative path. If the file cannot be found, the build system must exit with an appropriate error message.

#### Prototype

```
<IncludeStatement> ::= <TS> "!"include" <MTS> <Filename> <EOL>
```

#### Example (EDK II DSC)

```
!include MyPlatformPkg/feature_pcds.mak
!include MyFeatures.mak
```

**Note:** The extension used in the example, **mak**, is just a three character extension, and would not be processed by **make** or **nmake** commands. It might just as well have been "foo".

## 3.4 Header Section

This is an optional section.

#### Summary

The Copyright and License notices for the DSC file are in the comments that start the file. The format for the comment section is:

```
## @file
# Abstract
#
# Description
#
# Copyright
#
# License
#
##
```

Developers will create this section manually (or with the help of usage enhancement tools). It is recommended that the developer maintain a text file that contains the Copyright and License information, which can then be copied into a new DSC file.

## Prototype

```

<Header> ::= <Comment>*
           "##" <Space> [<Space>] "@file" <EOL>
           [<Abstract>]
           [<Description>]
           <Copyright>+
           "##" <EOL>
           <License>+
           "##" <EOL>

<Filename> ::= <Word> "." <Extension>

<Abstract> ::= "##" <MTS> <AsciiString> <EOL>
               ["##" <EOL>]

<Description> ::= ["##" <MTS> <AsciiString> <EOL>]+
                  ["##" <EOL>]

<Copyright> ::= "##" <MTS> <CopyName> <Date> ", " <CompInfo> <EOL>

<CopyName> ::= ["Portions" <MTS>] "Copyright (c)" <MTS>

<Date> ::= <Year> [<TS> {<DateList>} {<DateRange>}]

<Year> ::= "2" (0-9) (0-9) (0-9)

<DateList> ::= <CommaSpace> <Year> [<CommaSpace> <Year>]*

<DateRange> ::= "-" <TS> <Year>

<CompInfo> ::= (0x20 - 0x7e)* <MTS> "All rights reserved."
               [<TS> "<BR>"]

<License> ::= ["##" <MTS> <AsciiString> <EOL>]+
               ["##" <EOL>]

```

**Example:**

```
## @file
# EFI/Framework Emulation Platform
#
# The Emulation Platform can be used to debug individual modules, prior
# to creating a real platform.
#
# Copyright (c) 2006 - 2007, Intel Corporation. All rights reserved.<BR>
#
# This program and the accompanying materials are licensed and made
# available under the terms and conditions of the BSD License which
# accompanies this distribution.
# The full text of the license may be found at:
#   http://opensource.org/licenses/bsd-license.php
#
# THE PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE BSD LICENSE ON AN "AS IS" BASIS,
# WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR
# IMPLIED.
#
##
```

## 3.5 [Defines] Section

This is a required section.

### Summary

Defines the content of the **[Defines]** section used in EDK II DSC files. This section is created by the developer and is an input to the EDK II parsing utilities. Elements may appear in any order. Some of the entries in this section are emitted to the output makefiles.

Entries in this section are global to the both the DSC and FDF files and may be used as MACRO statement using the form **\$(MACRO\_NAME)**.

The value of **OUTPUT\_DIRECTORY** can be referenced in other meta-data and makefiles as **\$(OUTPUT\_DIRECTORY)**. Likewise, **BUILD\_NUMBER** can be referenced in later on in this file (or may be used in files specified in the DSC file) as **\$(BUILD\_NUMBER)**.

**Note:** The **OUTPUT\_DIRECTORY** value must be either a full path to the output directory, or a **WORKSPACE** relative path.

Some entries are used by build tools in conjunction with other meta-data files and command-line options for context sensitive processing. The **BUILD\_TARGETS** Value describes the possible build targets that can be built, with *tools\_def.txt*, *target.txt* and command-line options limiting the context of the current build process. For example, if **BUILD\_TARGETS** is set to **DEBUG|RELEASE**, and the two tool configuration files, *target.txt* and *tools\_def.txt* permit building both of these targets, and no target is specified on the command-line of the build command, the tool will perform two builds of the platform, one **DEBUG** followed by a build for **RELEASE**. The two entries that are scoped in this manner are **SUPPORTED\_ARCHITECTURES** and **BUILD\_TARGETS**. These items may be referenced as **\$(TARGET)** and **\$(ARCH)** in other meta-data files.

**Note:** *Assignments of variables in other sections take precedence over global assignments.*

All EDK II DSC files must include the statement: `DSC_SPECIFICATION = 0x00010016` in this section.

Individual items must appear on a single line, they may not span multiple lines.

Of special note is the `FLASH_DEFINITION` file name. Unlike other file names in the document, if the value does not include a full path, the file name is relative to the location of the DSC file and NOT relative to the `WORKSPACE`. If the `FLASH_DEFINITION` entry is not specified, the build tools assume that the target output is one or more `UEFI_APPLICATION` modules.

The `VPD_TOOL_GUID` definition must use the registry format GUID of the tool defined in the `Conf/tools_def.txt` file. If present, the build system will generate a temporary file and call the tool identified by this GUID value. The tool must provide two output files, an ordered list of VPD PCDs with offsets and values, as well as a binary file containing the VPD data. Refer to the EDK II Build specification for details of these files.

All “reserved” words in the `[Defines]` section can be used in `<MACROVAL>` format in this file and in the FDF file. For example, `$(PLATFORM_NAME)` can be used in processing both this file and the FDF file.

The statements may appear in any order; the order shown in the EBNF below is only a recommendation.

Use of `<MACROVAL>`, `$(MACRO)`, for values is permitted within this section, however the macros must be defined before they can be used. It is recommended to not use macros for the `DSC_SPECIFICATION`, `RFC_LANGUAGES`, `ISO_LANGUAGES`, `BUILD_TARGETS` and `SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES`.

The `!include` statement may be used in a `[Defines]` section.

## Prototype

```

<Defines> ::= " [Defines] " <EOL>
           <Statements>*

<Statements> ::= "DSC_SPECIFICATION" <Eq> <SpecValue> <EOL>
                "PLATFORM_NAME" <Eq> <Word> <EOL>
                "PLATFORM_GUID" <Eq> <RegistryFormatGUID> <EOL>
                "PLATFORM_VERSION" <Eq> <DecimalVersion> <EOL>
                ["SKUID_IDENTIFIER" <Eq> <SkuUiName> <EOL>]
                "SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES" <Eq> <ArchList> <EOL>
                "BUILD_TARGETS" <Eq> <BuildTargets> <EOL>
                ["OUTPUT_DIRECTORY" <Eq> <OUTPATH> <EOL>]
                ["FLASH_DEFINITION" <Eq> <Filename> <EOL>]
                ["BUILD_NUMBER" <Eq> <BuildNumber> <EOL>]
                ["RFC_LANGUAGES" <Eq> <Rfc4646List> <EOL>]
                ["ISO_LANGUAGES" <Eq> <Iso6392List> <EOL>]
                ["TIME_STAMP_FILE" <Eq> <Filename> <EOL>]
                ["VPD_TOOL_GUID" <Eq> <RegistryFormatGUID> <EOL>]
                [<AddressStmts>]
                <IncludeStatement>*
                <MacroDefinition>*

<SpecValue> ::= "0x00010016"

<SkuUiName> ::= <Word> [<FS> <Word>]*

<ArchList> ::= <arch> [<FS> <arch>]*

<AddressStmts> ::= "FIX_LOAD_TOP_MEMORY_ADDRESS" <Eq> <Address> <EOL>

<Address> ::= <NumValUint64>

<BuildTargets> ::= Target [<FS> Target]*

<OUTPATH> ::= [<AbsolutePath>] <PATH>

<AbsolutePath> ::= [<DosPath>] <FileSep>

<DosPath> ::= (a-zA-Z) " : "

<BuildNumber> ::= <NumValUint16>

<Rfc4646List> ::= <DblQuote> <Rfc4646Code> [<Ext4646>]* <DblQuote>

<Ext4646> ::= ";" <Rfc4646Code>

<Iso6392List> ::= <DblQuote> <Iso639-2Code> [<Ext639>]* <DblQuote>

<Ext639> ::= <Iso639-2Code>

```



**<Rfc4646Code> ::= RFC4646 Format Language code**

**<Iso639-2Code> ::= ISO 639-2 Format Language code**

## Parameters

### *SpecVal*

New DSC files or DSC files that get updated must ensure that the **0x00010016** value is used. The EDK II build system must maintain backward compatibility, therefore, there is no requirement to change existing DSC files if no other content changes.

### *SkuUiName*

If specified, the image created from the DSC/FDF file pair will only be valid for the SkuUiNames listed. If not specified, and the **[SKUIDS]** section is defined, the image is valid for all SkuIds listed in the **[SKUIDS]** section.

### *RFC4646 Language Code*

One or more language codes, formatted per RFC4646, using a semi-colon list separator (example: "en;en-US;es;es-419;fr;fr-FR;zh-Hans-CN".) This list can be used to filter the output of tools that generate unicode strings. For example, if the unicode strings file defines 50 different languages for each string, but the platform integrator only wants to support only three languages, then specifying the three language codes in this statement will limit the final output of string parsing tools to strings for these three languages. Tools must use a "Get Best Language" function when filtering the content. The **RFC\_LANGUAGES** statement must be used when processing EDK II Modules. Space characters are not permitted within the list.

### *ISO 639-2 Language Code*

One or more three character language codes, formatted per ISO 639-2, with no separator character (for example: "engfrspa".) This list can be used to filter the output of tools that generate unicode strings. Tools must use a "Get Best Language" function when filtering the content. The **ISO\_LANGUAGES** statement must be used when processing EDK Components. Space characters are not permitted within the list.

### *BuildNumber*

This value, if present, will be used during the creation of **EFI\_SECTION\_VERSION** sections. Values in this file override any values set in the INF files. If not present, the EDK II build tools must use a value of **0**.

### *Target*

All BUILD\_TARGET values must be defined in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file. Three predefined targets, **NOOPT**, **DEBUG** and **RELEASE** exist, however users may choose to add their own targets in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file (e.g., **PERF** or **SHRINK**).

### *FLASH\_DEFINITION Filename*

The FDF filename must be either relative to the directory that contains this DSC file, or it can be absolute, as well as relative to the WORKSPACE system environment variable directory.

## Example

```
[Defines]
PLATFORM_NAME           = NT32
PLATFORM_GUID           = EB216561-961F-47EE-9EF9-CA426EF547C2
PLATFORM_VERSION        = 0.3
DSC_SPECIFICATION       = 0x00010016
OUTPUT_DIRECTORY        = Build/Nt32
SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES = IA32
BUILD_TARGETS           = DEBUG|RELEASE
RFC_LANGUAGES           = "en-us;zh-hans;fr-fr"
ISO_LANGUAGES           = "engchnfra"
SKUID_IDENTIFIER        = SkuTwo|DEFAULT
```

## 3.6 [BuildOptions] Sections

The **[BuildOptions]** sections are optional in all EDK II DSC Files.

### Summary

Use of the **!include** statement in **[BuildOptions]** sections is permitted, though not recommended.

Macro Values that have been previously defined in other sections of this document may be used in **[BuildOptions]** sections. Of special note, a **<MACROVAL>** element within a quoted string is not expanded by the tools. The **<MACRO>** in the **<MACROVAL>** element within a quoted string that is a system environment variable or a pre-defined “Well-known Macro” (see chapter 2.2.6) does not need to be defined in this file, as the expectation is that other tools will be responsible for expanding the macro.

This section is used to replace flags or append flags to the end of the tool code flags defined in the *tools\_def.txt* file. The **Family** tag can be used for elements that are shared between different architectures, and different tool chain tag names.

The **[BuildOptions]** section modifier **CodeBase** (value is either EDK or EDKII) allows for platform integrators to override default build options set in the *tools\_def.txt* file scoped according to the type of INF file being processed. EDK II INF files all contain an **INF\_VERSION** element in their **[Defines]** section, while EDK libraries and components do not have the element. The **[BuildOptions]** section of an INF file override both the *tools\_def.txt* options and the options set in the **[BuildOptions]** section. In order to override options set in the INF file, the options must be overridden using the INF scoped **<BuildOptions>** tag after an INF file specified in the **[Components]** section.

Items in these sections are either appended or replace options specified earlier.

Build options priority (appended from lowest to highest and/or highest replacement) is:

- Highest, **<BuildOptions>** for individual INF files.
- INF File’s **[BuildOptions]** section
- **[BuildOptions.\$(arch).CodeBase]**
- **[BuildOptions.common.CodeBase]**
- **[BuildOptions.\$(arch)]**
- **[BuildOptions.common]**
- Lowest - *tools\_def.txt* entry

An example using the Family tag follows:

```
MSFT:*_*_*_CC_FLAGS = /D MDEPKG_NDEBUG
```

An optional, special Family tag can be used at the start of the command line, using a colon ":" character after the **Family** tag. If not specified, specific tool chain tags must be specified (the use of the asterisk "\*" wild card character is not permitted.)

**Note:** *The following is an example which does not use the Family tag, and specific to a specific tool chain tag name:*

```
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4 /Gs8192 /Gy
```

Two types of assignment operators are permitted, the single equal "=" sign is used to append the string to the existing definition, while the double equal "==" sign is used to override any previous definition, replacing the content with just the string. For example, given:

```
[BuildOptions]
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4 /Gs8192 /Gy
```

Then the following was found in a higher priority section, as in:

```
[BuildOptions.common.EDKII]
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS == /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4
```

The logical results "clear" the /Gs8192 and /Gy flags - no other flags from the tools\_def.txt or other **[BuildOptions]** sections will apply - as in:

```
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS == /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4
```

However, if a module as a **<BuildOptions>** sub-section defined, as in:

```
MyModule.inf {
  <BuildOptions>
  RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D EFI_DEBUG
}
```

Then, the logical result for building just my module would be:

```
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS == /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4 /D EFI_DEBUG
```

Other modules without the **<BuildOptions>** sub-section would have the logical:

```
RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_CC_FLAGS == /nologo /c /WX /GS- /W4
```

When one or more architectural modifiers are used in the section tag, as in **[BuildOptions.IA32, BuildOptions.X64]**, the option lines will be sorted such that the common lines appear in both IA32 sub-directory and X64 sub-directory makefiles. Furthermore, using the architectural modifiers in the **<TargetArch>** field of the **<ToolSpec>** listed below, additional sorting will be done.

Sections that have identical names are appended to each other in the order that they appear in the file. Sections with modifiers are logically appended, starting with the common, then (for each architecture) the architectural section, followed by sections that use a code-base modifier.

Assume that *tools\_def.txt* defines the following:

```
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /a
```

Then,

```
[BuildOptions.common]
# entries in this section are append to or replace items that
# may have been defined in the tools_def.txt file.
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /b
```

The result would logically be: \*\_\*\_\*\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b

```
[BuildOptions.common.EDKII]
# Entries in this field are appended for EDK II modules only
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /c
```

The result for EDK II modules would be: \*\_\*\_\*\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b /c

```
[BuildOptions.common.EDK]
# Entries are for EDK components and libraries
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /d
```

The result for EDK components and libraries would be: \*\_\*\_\*\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b /d

```
[BuildOptions.IA32]
# Architectural options for IA32
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /e
```

The logical result is: \*\_\*\_IA32\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b /c /e

```
[BuildOptions.X64.EDK]
# Architectural options for X64
*_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /f
DEBUG_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /g
RELEASE_*_*_TEST_FLAGS = /h
```

The logical result is two sets of flags: DEBUG\_\*\_X64\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b /d /f /g  
and RELEASE\_\*\_X64\_TEST\_FLAGS = /a /b /d /f /h

The wildcard character "\*" is permitted in the Target, Tagname and TargetArch fields of the **<ToolSpec>**. Specifying the wildcard character means that any value can be substituted. The values of the well-known macros, **\$(TARGET)**, **\$(TOOL\_CHAIN\_TAG)** and **\$(ARCH)** will be used by the tool in place of the wildcard character by the tools. If the platform build uses multiple architectures, the build tools will automatically sort the statements, putting statements into the appropriate makefiles.

## Prototype

```

<BuildOptions> ::= "[BuildOptions" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
                  <Statements> *

<attribs>       ::= "." <arch> [<CodeBase>]

<CodeBase>      ::= "." {"Common"} {"EDK"} {"EDKII"}

<Statements>    ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                  {<BStatement>}

<BStatement>    ::= {<ToolFlag>} {<ToolPath>} {<ToolCmd>} {<Other>}

<ToolFlag>      ::= [<Family> ":"] <FlagSpec> <Equal> <Flags> <EOL>

<ToolPath>      ::= [<Family> ":"] <PathSpec> <Equal> <PATH> <EOL>

<ToolCmd>       ::= [<Family> ":"] <CmdSpec> <ReplaceEq>
                  <ExecCmd> <EOL>

<Other>         ::= [<Family> ":"] <OtherSpec> <Equal> <String> <EOL>

<Equal>         ::= {<AppendEq>} {<ReplaceEq>}

<AppendEq>      ::= <Eq>

<ReplaceEq>     ::= <TS> "==" <TS>

<Family>        ::= Family

<ToolSpec>      ::= <Target> "_" <TagName> "_" <TargetArch> "_"
                  <ToolCode>

<FlagSpec>      ::= <ToolSpec> "_FLAGS"

<PathSpec>      ::= <ToolSpec> "_DPATH"

<CmdSpec>       ::= <ToolSpec> "_PATH"

<OtherSpec>     ::= <ToolSpec> "_" <Attribute>

<TargetArch>    ::= TargetArch

<Target>        ::= Target

<Attribute>     ::= AttributeName

<TagName>       ::= TagName

<ToolCode>      ::= ToolCode

```

```

<Flags>          ::=  FlagString

<ExecCmd>        ::=  [<PATH>] <Filename>

```

## Parameters

### *Family*

Must match a **FAMILY** name defined in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file. If not present, then the entry is valid for all tool chain families.

### *Target*

Must match a target identifier in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - the first field, where fields are separated by the underscore character. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

### *TagName*

Must match a tag name field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file – second field. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

### *TargetArch*

Must match the architecture field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file – third field. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

### *ToolCode*

Must match a tool code field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file – fourth field. Use of a wild-card character is not permitted.

### *AttributeName*

Must match a tool attribute field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file – fifth field. Use of a wild-card character is not permitted. The attributes, **\_Flag**, **\_PATH** and **\_DPATH** are defined elsewhere and cannot be used with the **<OtherSpec>** definition.

### *FlagString*

Must be a valid string for the tool specified. The string will be appended to the end of the tool's flags (from the *tools\_def.txt*). Both Microsoft and GCC evaluate options from left to right on the command line. This allows disabling some flags that may have been specified in the *tools\_def.txt* by providing an alternate flag, i.e., if the *tools\_def.txt* file's **CC\_FLAGS** defines **/O2** and an **/O1** options is specified for this module, the module will compile with **/O1** (size) not with **/O2** (speed). Use of the quote characters around options is required when specifying string values with spaces, path names with spaces or values containing the hash "#" character not within a string. Note that a macro named **MDEPKG\_NDEBUG** is reserved for size reduction purposes. The user must not use this keyword to define a new macro.

### *ExecCmd*

The filename of an executable. If the executable can be located under a directory specified in the system environment **PATH** variable, only the filename is required. Otherwise, a **WORKSPACE** relative path or an absolute path must be given. If an absolute path is used, the build system will fail the build if the executable cannot be found.

## Example

```
[BuildOptions]
*_WINDDK3790x1830_*_CC_FLAGS    = /Qwd1418,810
*_MYTOOLS_*_CC_FLAGS            = /Qwd1418,810
*_VS2003_*_CC_FLAGS             = /wd4244
*_WINDDK3790x1830_*_CC_FLAGS    = /wd4244
*_MYTOOLS_*_CC_FLAGS            = /wd4244
# Flags used by Dynamic linker
DEBUG_WINDDK3790x1830_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = \
    /EXPORT:InitializeDriver=_ModuleEntryPoint /ALIGN:4096 \
    /SUBSYSTEM:CONSOLE
```

## 3.7 [SkuIds] Section

The **[SkuIds]** section is optional in all EDK II DSC files.

### Summary

Entries may appear in any order. This section lists numeric mappings to the SKU ID User Interface Name, only valid values from this list can be specified in the defines section. Use of the **!include** statement is supported; it is recommended that a ".txt" extension be used.

If this section is not specified, the parsing tools will assume a SkuId of 0, with a **UiName** of **"DEFAULT"**. The default entry must not be re-defined.

The **!include** file can only contain an ASCII (not Unicode) list of **"integer|UiSkuName"** statements.

### Prototype

```
<SkuId>      ::= "[SkuIds]" <EOL>
               {<Statement> *} {<IncludeStatement>}

<Statement>  ::= <Integer> <FS> <UiName> <EOL>

<UiName>     ::= <Word>
```

### Example

```
[SkuIds]
0|DEFAULT    # The entry: 0|DEFAULT is reserved and always required.
1|SkuTwo
```

## 3.8 [Libraries] Sections

The section **[Libraries]** sections are optional in EDK II DSC files, although if any EDK component is specified in the **[Components]** section, then the EDK II DSC file must contain this section. EDK components can not use EDK II Library Instances.

### Summary

Defines the **[Libraries]** section tag which lists the libraries that are linked against

EDK I components. Entries may appear in any order. Entries for EDK are a list of INF files, with a path that is relative to the `$(EFI_SOURCE)`, `$(EDK_SOURCE)` or `$(ECP_SOURCE)` directories (or a MACRO definition).

One or more `!include` statements may be used within the libraries sections. If used, the file included must be a list of INF files and their paths relative to the `$(EFI_SOURCE)`, `$(EDK_SOURCE)` or `$(ECP_SOURCE)` directories.

## Prototype

```

<Libraries>          ::= "[Libraries" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
                        <LibStatements>*

<LibStatements>      ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                        {<Statement>}

<attribs>            ::= "." <arch> [", Libraries." <arch>]*

<Statement>          ::= <PathAndFilename> <EOL>

<PathAndFilename>    ::= <LPATH> <Word> ".inf"

<LPATH>              ::= [{"$(EDK_SOURCE)"} {<MACROVAL>}] "/" <Path>*

<Path>               ::= <Word> "/"

```

## Parameters

### *arch*

The arch attribute must be specified in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file for the tool chain used to build the platform in order to be valid.

### *Path*

If only the `<Path>` element is specified, the path is **WORKSPACE** relative.



## Example

```
[Libraries]
Foundation/Efi/Guid/EfiGuidLib.inf
Foundation/Framework/Guid/EdkFrameworkGuidLib.inf
Foundation/Guid/EdkGuidLib.inf
Foundation/Library/EfiCommonLib/EfiCommonLib.inf
Foundation/Cpu/Pentium/CpuIA32Lib/CpuIA32Lib.inf
Foundation/Cpu/Itanium/CpuIA64Lib/CpuIA64Lib.inf
Foundation/Library/CustomizedDecompress/CustomizedDecompress.inf

[Libraries.IA32]
DEFINE PLATFORM_DIR = $(EDK_SOURCE)/Platform
$(PLATFORM_DIR)/IntelEpg/Guid/IntelEpgGuidLib.inf
$(PLATFORM_DIR)/IntelEpg/Ppi/IntelEpgPpiLib.inf
$(PLATFORM_DIR)/Generic/Guid/GenericGuidLib.inf
$(PLATFORM_DIR)/Generic/Lib/Port80MappingLib/PlatformPort80.inf
```

## 3.9 [LibraryClasses] Sections

The **[LibraryClasses]** sections are optional if no library classes are defined for any of the components, or if only EDK modules are used.

### Summary

This section defines the **[LibraryClasses]** tag required for EDK II module INF files, and is new for EDK II extended DSC files. This is a mapping of library class names to the EDK II module instances that provide the library class.

The one or more **!include** statements may be used within the library class section.

The **!include** files may contain **LibraryClass | Library Instance** statements as well as complete Library Class sections.

The library class entry is a formatted string with two fields, separated by the pipe "|" character.

When parsing the DSC file, the precedence rules must be followed.

1. If a Library Class Instance (INF) is specified in the EDK II **[Components]** section (INF file's **<LibraryClasses>** sub-section,) then it will be used.
2. If not specified in the **[Components]** section, then the Library Class Instance that is defined in the **[LibraryClasses.\$(ARCH).\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]** section will be used.
3. If not specified in the **[LibraryClasses.\$(ARCH).\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]** section, then the Library Class Instance that is defined in the **[LibraryClasses.Common.\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]** section will be used.
4. If not specified in the **[LibraryClasses.Common.\$(MODULE\_TYPE)]** section, then the Library Class Instance that is defined in the **[LibraryClasses.\$(ARCH)]** section will be used.
5. If not specified in the **[LibraryClasses.\$(ARCH)]** section, then the Library Class Instance that is defined in the **[LibraryClasses]** Section or **[LibraryClasses.Common]** section will be used.
6. It is an error if it has not been specified in one of the above sections.

## Prototype

```

<LibraryClasses> ::= "[LibraryClasses" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
                  <LcStatements> *

<attribs>        ::= <attrs> ["," "LibraryClasses" <attrs>] *

<attrs>          ::= "." <arch> ["." <Edk2ModuleType>]

<LcStatements>   ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatment>}
                  {<LcEntry>}

<LcEntry>        ::= <LibraryClassName> <FS> <LibraryInstance> <EOL>

<LibraryClassName> ::= (A-Z) (a-zA-Z0-9) *

<LibraryInstance> ::= <InfFileName> <EOL>

<InfFileName>    ::= <PATH> <Word> ".inf"

```

## Example

```

[LibraryClasses.common]
BaseLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseLib.inf
BaseMemoryLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseMemoryLib/BaseMemoryLib.inf
DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseDebugLibNull/BaseDebugLibNull.inf
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLib/BasePcdLibNull.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.PEI_CORE, LibraryClasses.common.PEIM]
DEFINE MDIR = MdePkg/Library
DebugLib|$ (MDIR) /PeiReportStatusCode/PeiReportStatusCodeLib.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.UEFI_DRIVER,
LibraryClasses.common.UEFI_APPLICATION]
DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiDebugLibStdErr/UefiDebugLibStdErr.inf

```

## 3.10 PCD Sections

The PCD sections are optional.

PCD Values listed in the DSC file must be absolute values, macro names or expressions which may include other PCD names and/or macro names that have been previously defined. While each PCD type has its own section definition, it is possible for PCDs accessed using either the **FixedAtBuild** or **PatchableInModule** methods to have different values for different modules.

It is not permitted to list a PCD in different type sections. A PCD can only be listed under one type. All PCDs listed in these sections must be declared in a DEC file if the PCD is used in any modules listed in the DSC or FDF file.

If a PCD is listed in multiple PCD type sections in the DEC file, the platform integrator can decide which type to use. If not listed in the DSC file, the tools are allowed to select a type, with the **FixedAtBuild** type being preferred.

It is not permissible to mix `Dynamic*Default` with `Dynamic*Vpd` or `Dynamic*Hii`, nor is it permissible to mix `Dynamic*Vpd` with `Dynamic*Hii` - the format for listing PCDs under `Default`, `Vpd` and `HII` sections differ significantly.

Feature flag PCDs can only be listed in `[PcdsFeatureFlag]` sections. A Dynamic PCD cannot be listed in `[PcdsFeatureFlag]` sections.

PCD Values specified in the DSC file override any values specified in INF files or DEC files.

If no value is provided in the DSC file, then the value will come from INF files, provided all INF files define the same default value.

If the INF values differ (or are not listed), and the method for the PCD in all of the INF files is `FixedAtBuild`, then each module will use the value specified in the INF file or the default value listed in the DEC file (for modules that do not list a default value). Likewise, if the method is `PatchableInModule` in all INF files, then each module will also use the value specified in the INF file or the default value listed in the DEC file (for modules that do not list a default value). This same rule applies to `FeatureFlag` PCDs.

If the INF values differ (or are not listed) and the access methods are different, then the build must break. A PCD can only use a single method of access for the platform and all modules in the platform that use the PCD must use the same access method.

If no value is entered in the DSC file, and no INF files provide a default value, then the DEC file's default value must be used.

It is possible to have different default values based on architecture, and it is permissible to list multiple architectures in a single method section as in:

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32, PcdsFixedAtBuild.X64]
```

It is permissible to list a PCD in a common architecture section and also list it in an architecturally modified section. In this case, the value in the architectural section overrides the value specified in the common section.

The PCD values must match the datum type declared for a given PCD in the DEC file. While a PCD of datum type `BOOLEAN` is permitted to have a `1` or a `0` (instead of `TRUE` or `FALSE`) in the value field, a PCD of type `UINT*` cannot use `TRUE` or `FALSE` for values.

PCDs with a data type of `VOID*` can optionally provide the maximum size of the value. If not provided, the maximum length will be calculated as the largest of the size of the data in the DSC file, the size of the data in the INF file or the size of the data in the DEC file that declares the PCD.

### 3.10.1 [PcdsFeatureFlag] Sections

These are optional sections for EDK II DSC Files.

#### Summary

Defines the `[PcdsFeatureFlag]` section tag that may be required for platform DSC files that will use EDK II module INF files.

The `!include` statement is permitted in the `[PcdsFeatureFlag]` sections, although not recommended.

The `PcdsFeatureFlag` entry is a formatted string with two fields, separated by the pipe character, `"|"`. PCDs listed in this section must not be listed in

`PcdsPatchableInModule`, `PcdsDynamic*` or `PcdsDynamicEx*` sections of the DSC file.

## Prototype

```

<Pcds> ::= "[PcdsFeatureFlag" [<attrs>] "]" <EOL>
        <FFStatements> *

<FFStatements> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                  {<PcdEntry>}

<attrs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsFeatureFlag" <attrs>] *

<attrs> ::= "." <arch> [ "." <SkuIds> ]

<SkuIds> ::= <Keyword> [<FS> <Keyword>] *

<Keyword> ::= <UiName>

<UiName> ::= <Word>

<PcdEntry> ::= <PcdName> <FS> <PcdValue> <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= {<BoolType>} {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

```

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators that evaluate to either **TRUE** (1) or **FALSE** (0). Values other than zero or one are invalid. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

### *SkuIds*

SkuIds in the DSC file can be used in two different ways. They can be used to as conditional modifiers to exclude some content from a build, or they can be used to identify and group content during a build. If no **SkuId** option (**-x**) is present on the command-line, or defined in the **[Defines]** section, then the build system must group content by **SkuId**. If a **SkuId** option is present on the command-line, or one or more **SkuIds** are listed in the **[Defines]** section, then the **SkuId** values are used to include specific content, while excluding content for sections where the **SkuId** is not present in the list of SkuIds from either the command-line or from the **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element in the **[Defines]** section. Use of the **SkuId** modifier for the **[PcdsFeatureFlag]** section tag can only be used as a conditional modifier.

## Example

```
[PcdsFeatureFlag]
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdComponentNameDisable | FALSE
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDxePcdDatabaseTraverseEnabled | TRUE
[PcdsFeatureFlag.IA32]
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDxeIplSwitchToLongMode | FALSE

[PcdsFeatureFlag.X64]
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDxeIplSwitchToLongMode | TRUE

# SkuId 1 platform supports serial output
[PcdsFeatureFlag.common.P440FX_WithSerialConnectors]
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeUseSerial | TRUE

# SkuId 2 platform has no serial output capability
[PcdsFeatureFlag.common.440FX_NoSerialConnectors]
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeUseSerial | FALSE
```

**Note:** If the DSC file contains `[PcdsFeatureFlag]` sections with `SkuId` modifiers in the section tags and neither command-line or `SKUID_IDENTIFER` element exists in the `[Defines]` section, the build must break, stating that this platform requires separate builds for individual `SkuIds`.

### 3.10.2 [PcdsFixedAtBuild] Section

These are optional sections for EDK II DSC Files.

#### Summary

This section defines the `[PcdsFixedAtBuild]` section tag that may be required for EDK II DSC files that will use EDK II module INF files. The values listed below must match the datum type specified in the DEC file that declares this PCD. If a PCD's datum type is `VOID*` the `MaximumDatumSize` field is required.

The `!include` statement is permitted in `[PcdsFixedAtBuild]` sections, although not recommended.

The `PcdsFixedAtBuild` entry is a formatted string consisting of two to four fields that are separated by the pipe character, "|".

## Prototype

```

<Pcds> ::= "[PcdsFixedAtBuild" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
        <FabStatements>*

<attribs> ::= <attrs> [", " <TS> "PcdsFixedAtBuild" <attrs>]*

<attrs> ::= "." <arch> [ "." <SkuIds>]

<SkuIds> ::= <Keyword> [<FS> <Keyword>]*

<Keyword> ::= <UiName>

<UiName> ::= <Word>

<FabStatements> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                  {<PcdEntry>}

<PcdEntry> ::= <PcdName> [<FS> <PcdValue>] <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
            else:
                <StringValue> [<MaxSize>]

<MaxSize> ::= <FS> "VOID*" <FS> {<Number>} {<Expression>}

<StringValue> ::= {<UnicodeString>} {<CString>} {<CArray>}
                  {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

```

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators and/or arithmetic and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value that matches the Datum Type of the PCD. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

### *SkuIds*

**SkuIds** in the DSC file can be used in two different ways. They can be used to as conditional modifiers to exclude some content from a build, or they can be used to identify and group content during a build. If no **SkuId** option (**-x**) is present on the command-line, or defined in the **[Defines]** section, then the build system must

group content by **SkuId**. If a **SkuId** option is present on the command-line, or one or more **SkuIds** are listed in the **[Defines]** section, then the **SkuId** values are used to include specific content, while excluding content for sections where the **SkuId** is not present in the list of **SkuIds** from either the command-line or from the **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element in the **[Defines]** section. Use of the **SkuId** modifier for the **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** section tag can only be used as a conditional modifier.

#### *PcdValues*

PCD values are optional for **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** sections. If the value is not listed, the tools must obtain the values from either the INF file or, if a value is not listed in the INF file, then the default value from the DEC file must be used.

### Example

```
[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdMaximumUnicodeStringLength
gEfiEdkNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtMemorySizeForSecMain | \
    L"64!64" | VOID* | 0x10

[PcdsFixedAtBuild.ARM]
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuMemorySize | 32
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuIoSize | 0

[PcdsFixedAtBuild.IA32]
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuMemorySize | 36
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuIoSize | 16

[PcdsFixedAtBuild.common.P440FXS1]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFSBClock | 100000000

[PcdsFixedAtBuild.common.P440FXS2]
gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFSBClock | 200000000

[PcdsFixedAtBuild.X64]
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuMemorySize | 52
gEmbeddedTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPrePiCpuIoSize | 16
```

**Note:** If the DSC file contains **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** sections with **SkuId** modifiers in the section tags and neither command-line or **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element exists in the **[Defines]** section, the build must break, stating that this platform requires separate builds for individual **SkuIds**.

### 3.10.3 [PcdsPatchableInModule] Sections

These are optional sections.

#### Summary

Defines the **[PcdsPatchableInModule]** section tag that may be required for EDK II DSC files that will use EDK II module INF files. The values listed below must match the datum type specified in the DEC file that declares this PCD. If a PCD's datum type is **VOID\*** the **MaximumDatumSize** field is required.

The `!include` statement is permitted in `[PcdsPatchableInModule]` sections, although not recommended.

The `PcdsPatchableInModule` entry is a formatted string with two to four fields, separated by the pipe "|" character. PCDs listed in this section must not be listed in `PcdsFixedAtBuild`, `PcdsDynamic*` or `PcdsDynamicEx*` sections of the DSC file.

## Prototype

```

<Pcds> ::= "[PcdsPatchableInModule" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
        <PimStatements>*

<attribs> ::= <attrs> [", " <TS> "PcdsPatchableInModule"
        <attrs>] *

<attrs> ::= "." <arch> [ "." <SkuIds>]

<SkuIds> ::= <Keyword> [<FS> <Keyword>] *

<Keyword> ::= <UiName>

<UiName> ::= <Word>

<PimStatements> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
        {<PcdEntry>}

<PcdEntry> ::= <PcdName> [<FS> <PcdValue>] <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
        {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
    elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
        {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
    elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
        {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
    elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
        {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
    elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
        {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
    else:
        <StringValue> [<MaxSize>]

<MaxSize> ::= <FS> {<Number>} {<Expression>}

<StringValue> ::= {<UnicodeString>} {<CString>} {<CArray>}
        {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

```

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators and/or arithmetic and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value that matches the Datum Type of the PCD. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within



an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

#### *SkuIds*

**SkuIds** in the DSC file can be used in two different ways. They can be used to as conditional modifiers to exclude some content from a build, or they can be used to identify and group content during a build. If no **SkuId** option (**-x**) is present on the command-line, or defined in the **[Defines]** section, then the build system must group content by **SkuId**. If a **SkuId** option is present on the command-line, or one or more **SkuIds** are listed in the **[Defines]** section, then the **SkuId** values are used to include specific content, while excluding content for sections where the **SkuId** is not present in the list of **SkuIds** from either the command-line or from the **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element in the **[Defines]** section. Use of the **SkuId** modifier for the **[PcdsPatchableInModule]** section tag can only be used as a conditional modifier.

#### *PcdValues*

PCD values are optional for **[PcdsPatchableInModule]** sections. If the value is not listed, the tools must obtain the values from either the INF file or, if a value is not listed in the INF file, then the default value from the DEC file must be used.

## Example

```
[PcdsPatchableInModule]
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPrintErrorLevel | 0x80000000

[PcdsPatchableInModule.IA32]
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdReportStatusCodePropertyMask | 0x0f
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPropertyMask | 0x1f

[PcdsPatchableInModule.common.P440FXS1]
  gEfiUnixPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdUnixFirmwareFdSize | 0x002a0000

[PcdsPatchableInModule.common.P440FXS2]
  gEfiUnixPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdUnixFirmwareFdSize | 0x00400000

[PcdsPatchableInModule.X64]
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdReportStatusCodePropertyMask | 0x0f
  gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPropertyMask | 0x1f
```

**Note:** If the DSC file contains **[PcdsPatchableInModule]** sections with **SkuId** modifiers in the section tags and neither command-line or **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element exists in the **[Defines]** section, the build must break, stating that this platform requires separate builds for individual **SkuIds**.

### 3.10.4 [PcdsDynamic] Sections

These are optional sections.

#### Summary

Defines the **[PcdsDynamic]** section tag that may be required for platform DSC files that will use EDK II module INF files. The values listed below must match the datum type

specified in the DEC file that declares this PCD. If a PCD's datum type is **VOID\*** the **MaximumDatumSize** field is required. Specifying different **<DataStore>** values (**Default**, **HII**, or **VPD**) in one section header is not permitted. It is permissible to specify different Architectures using an identical **<DataStore>** value. The following line is permissible:

```
[PcdsDynamicDefault.X64.Default, PcdsDynamicDefault.IPF.Default]
```

The following line is incorrect, and must cause a build break during parsing of the file:

```
[PcdsDynamicDefault.X64.Default, PcdsDynamicVpd.IPF.Default]
```

The **!include** statement is permitted in **[PcdsDynamic]** sections, although not recommended.

The **Offset**, **MaximumDatumSize** and **Value** fields are optional for the VPD PCD entries, and a wildcard character may be used for the **Offset**. The wildcard character can only be used if a **VPD\_TOOL\_GUID** is specified in the **[Defines]** section and the tool supports automatic calculation of the **Offset**. For VPD PCDs of type **VOID\***, if the VPD's value is present, the **MaximumDatumSize** must be given. For **VOID\*** PCDs, the size is the larger of the length of the specified value, the length of default values in INF files that use PCD and the length of the default value in the DEC file. If there are no values specified in any of the files, the build tools must break. If no value is specified in the DSC file, and multiple INF files exist that define default values, then the build must break, since only one value can be used.

The **PcdsDynamic** entry is a formatted string consisting of three to six fields that are separated by the pipe character, "|". PCDs listed in this section must not be listed in **PcdsFixedAtBuild**, **PcdsPatchableInModule** or **PcdsDynamicEx** sections of the DSC file.

## Prototype

```

<Pcds> ::= {<PcdsDefault>} {<PcdsVpd>} {<PcdsHii>}

<PcdsDefault> ::= "[PcdsDynamicDefault" [<PddAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PddEntries>*

<PddEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<MinEntry>}

<PddAttribs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsDynamicDefault" <attrs>]*

<PcdsVpd> ::= "[PcdsDynamicVpd" [<PdvAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PdvEntries>*

<PdvAttribs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsDynamicVpd" <attrs>]*

<PdvEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<VpdEntry>}

<PcdsHii> ::= "[PcdsDynamicHii" [<PdhAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PcdHiiEntries>*

<PdhAttribs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsDynamicHii" <attrs>]*
<PdvEntries>*

<PcdHiiEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<HiiEntry>}

<attrs> ::= "." <arch> [ "." <SkuIds>]

<SkuIds> ::= <Keyword> [<FS> <Keyword>]*

<Keyword> ::= <UiName>

<UiName> ::= <Word>

<MinEntry> ::= <PcdName> [<FS> <PcdValue>] <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
    {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
    {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
    {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
    {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
    {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
else:
    <StringValue> [<MaxSize>]

```

```

<MaxSize> ::= <FS> "VOID*" [<FS> <SizeValue>]

<SizeValue> ::= {<Number>} {<Expression>}

<StringValue> ::= {<UnicodeString>} {<CString>} {<CArray>}
                 {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

<VpdEntry> ::= <PcdName> <FS> <VpdOffset> [<FS> <VpdData>] <EOL>

<VpdOffset> ::= {<Number>} {"*"}

<VpdData> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
            else:
                <VpdMaxSize>

<VpdMaxSize> ::= <NumValUint32> [<FS> <StringValue>]

<HiiEntry> ::= <PcdName> <FS> <HiiString> <Field2> <EOL>

<HiiString> ::= {<CArray>} {<UnicodeString>}

<Field2> ::= <FS> <VariableGuid> <FS> <VariableOffset>
             [<ValueField>]

<VariableGuid> ::= <CName>

<ValueField> ::= <FS> <DefaultValue>

<VariableOffset> ::= <Number>

<DefaultValue> ::= {<Boolean>} {<Number>} {<String>} {<CArray>}
                  {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

```

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators and/or arithmetic and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value that matches the Datum Type of the PCD. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within

an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

#### *VpdOffset*

A non-negative numeric value that is the number of bytes from the start of the Vpd Region specified in the FDF file. The star "\*" character may be used in this field in order to permit an external tool to automatically calculate the offset values for optimizing data size. This character can only be used if a **VPD\_TOOL\_GUID** has been specified.

#### *VariableOffset*

A non-negative numeric value that is the number of bytes from the start to the start of this variable. The offset value must not exceed the maximum value of **0xFFFF (UINT16)**.

#### *SkuIds*

**SkuIds** in the DSC file can be used in two different ways. They can be used to as conditional modifiers to exclude some content from a build, or they can be used to identify and group content during a build. If no **SkuId** option (**-x**) is present on the command-line, or defined in the **[Defines]** section, then the build system must group content by **SkuId**. If a **SkuId** option is present on the command-line, or one or more **SkuIds** are listed in the **[Defines]** section, then the **SkuId** values are used to include specific content, while excluding content for sections where the **SkuId** is not present in the list of **SkuIds** from either the command-line or from the **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element in the **[Defines]** section. Use of the **SkuId** modifier for the **[PcdsDynamic\*]** section tag can be used as a conditional modifier or to groups sets of PCDs according to the **SkuId** identifier.

#### *PcdValues*

PCD values are optional for **[PcdsDynamicDefault]** sections. The PCD values for PCDs listed in **[PcdsDynamicVpd]** and **[PcdsDynamicHii]** sections are also optional. For a PCD with a Datum Type of **VOID\*** and an access method implementation of **PcdsDynamicHii**, a default value should not be listed, as the value is a pointer.

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicDefault.IA32.Default]
gEfiEdkNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtMemorySizeForSecMain | \
  "L64!64" | 10
gPcAtChipsetPkgTokenSpaceGuid.Pcd8259LegacyModeEdgeLevel | \
  0x0 # UINT16
gPcAtChipsetPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdIsaAcpiPs2MouseEnable | 0 # BOOLEAN

[PcdsDynamicVpd.common.Sku_Two | SkuSeven]
gUefiCpuPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdCpuLocalApicBaseAddress | \
  0x0001ffff | 0x1 # UINT32
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice0Name | 0x2282 | 64 | \
  "None" # VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice50Info | 0x22C2 | 18 | \
  {0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, \
  0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF} # VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionName | 0x22D4 | 100 | \
  " " # VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionPath | 0x2338 | 100 | \
  " " # VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEnableFastBoot | 0x239C | 1 | \
  FALSE # BOOLEAN

[PcdsDynamicHii.IA32, PcdsDynamicHii.X64.Sku1]
gEfiMyModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdChassisIntrusion | \
  0x0053 0x0065 0x0074 0x0075 0x0070 | gSysConfigGuid | 0x83 | 0x0
gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPlatformBootTimeOut | \
  L"Timeout" | gEfiGlobalVariableGuid | 0x0 | 10 # Variable: L"Timeout"
```

### 3.10.5 [PcdsDynamicEx] Sections

These are optional sections.

#### Summary

Defines the **[PcdsDynamicEx]** section tag that may be required for platform DSC files that will use EDK II module INF files. The values listed below must match the datum type specified in the DEC file that declares this PCD. If a PCD's datum type is **VOID\*** the **MaximumDatumSize** field is required. Specifying different **<DataStore>** values (**Default**, **HII**, or **VPD**) in one section header is not permitted. It is permissible to specify different Architectures using an identical **<DataStore>** value. The following line is permissible:

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.X64.Default, PcdsDynamicExDefault.IPF.Default]
```

The following line is incorrect, and must cause a build break during parsing of the file:

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.X64.DEFAULT, PcdsDynamicExVpd.IPF.DEFAULT]
```

The **!include** statement is permitted in **[PcdsDynamicEx]** sections, although not recommended.

The **PcdsDynamicEx** entry is a formatted string with three to six fields, separated by the pipe "|" character. PCDs listed in this section must not be listed in the **PcdsFixedAtbuild**, **PcdsPatchableInModule** or **PcdsDynamic** sections of the DSC file.

## Prototype

```

<Pcds> ::= {<PcdsExDefault>} {<PcdsExVpd>} {<PcdsExHii>}

<PcdsExDefault> ::= "[PcdsDynamicExDefault" [<PddAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PddEntries> *

<PddEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<MinEntry>}

<PddAttribs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsDynamicExDefault"
<attrs>] *

<PcdsExVpd> ::= "[PcdsDynamicExVpd" [<PdvAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PdvEntries> *

<PdvAttribs> ::= <attrs> [ "," <TS> "PcdsDynamicExVpd" <attrs>] *

<PdvEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<VpdEntry>}

<PcdsExHii> ::= "[PcdsDynamicExHii" [<PdhAttribs>] "]" <EOL>
<PcdHiiEntries> *

<PdhAttribs> ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "PcdsDynamicExHii" <attrs>] *
<PdvEntries> *

<PcdHiiEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
{<HiiEntry>}

<attrs> ::= "." <arch> [ "." <SkuIds>]

<SkuIds> ::= <Keyword> [<FS> <Keyword>] *

<Keyword> ::= <UiName>

<UiName> ::= <Word>

<MinEntry> ::= <PcdName> [<FS> <PcdValue>] <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
    {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
    {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
    {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
    {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
    {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
else:

```

```

                                <StringValue> [<MaxSize>]

<MaxSize>                      ::= <FS> "VOID*" [<FS> <SizeValue>]

<SizeValue>                    ::= {<Number>} {<Expression>}

<StringValue>                  ::= {<UnicodeString>} {<CString>} {<CArray>}
                                {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

<VpdEntry>                     ::= <PcdName> <FS> <VpdOffset> [<FS> <VpdData>] <EOL>

<VpdOffset>                    ::= {<Number>} {"*"}

<VpdData>                      ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                                {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
                                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                                {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
                                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                                {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
                                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                                {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
                                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                                {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
                                else:
                                <VpdMaxSize>

<VpdMaxSize>                   ::= <NumValUint32> [<FS> <StringValue>]

<HiiEntry>                     ::= <PcdName> <FS> <HiiString> <Field2> <EOL>

<HiiString>                    ::= {<CArray>} {<UnicodeString>}

<Field2>                       ::= <FS> <VariableGuid> <FS> <VariableOffset>
                                [<ValueField>]

<VariableGuid>                 ::= <CName>

<ValueField>                   ::= <FS> <DefaultValue>

<VariableOffset>               ::= <Number>

<DefaultValue>                 ::= {<Boolean>} {<Number>} {<String>} {<CArray>}
                                {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

```

## Parameters

### *Expression*

C-style expression using C relational, equality and logical numeric and bitwise operators and/or arithmetic and bitwise operators that evaluate to a value that matches the Datum Type of the PCD. Precedence and associativity follow C standards. Along with absolute values, macro names and PCDs may be used within



an expression. For both macro names and PCDs, the element must be previously defined before it can be used.

#### *VpdOffset*

A non-negative numeric value that is the number of bytes from the start of the Vpd Region specified in the FDF file. The star "\*" character may be used in this field in order to permit an external tool to automatically calculate the offset values for optimizing data size. This character can only be used if a **VPD\_TOOL\_GUID** has been specified.

#### *VariableOffset*

A non-negative numeric value that is the number of bytes from the start to the start of this variable. The offset value must not exceed the maximum value of **0xFFFF (UINT16)**.

#### *SkuIds*

**SkuIds** in the DSC file can be used in two different ways. They can be used to as conditional modifiers to exclude some content from a build, or they can be used to identify and group content during a build. If no **SkuId** option (**-x**) is present on the command-line, or defined in the **[Defines]** section, then the build system must group content by **SkuId**. If a **SkuId** option is present on the command-line, or one or more **SkuIds** are listed in the **[Defines]** section, then the **SkuId** values are used to include specific content, while excluding content for sections where the **SkuId** is not present in the list of **SkuIds** from either the command-line or from the **SKUID\_IDENTIFIER** element in the **[Defines]** section. Use of the **SkuId** modifier for the **[PcdsDynamic\*]** section tag can be used as a conditional modifier or to groups sets of PCDs according to the **SkuId** identifier.

#### *PcdValues*

PCD values are optional for **[PcdsDynamicExDefault]** sections. The PCD values for PCDs listed in **[PcdsDynamicExVpd]** and **[PcdsDynamicExHii]** sections are also optional. For a PCD with a Datum Type of **VOID\*** and an access method implementation of **PcdsDynamicExHii**, a default value should not be listed, as the value is a pointer.

## Examples

```
[PcdsDynamicExDefault.IA32.Default]
gEfiEdkNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtMemorySizeForSecMain | \
  L"64!64" | VOID* | 10
gPcAtChipsetPkgTokenSpaceGuid.Pcd8259LegacyModeEdgeLevel | \
  0x0
gPcAtChipsetPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdIsaAcpiPs2MouseEnable|0 #BOOLEAN

[PcdsDynamicExVpd.common.Sku_Two|SkuSeven]
gUefiCpuPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdCpuLocalApicBaseAddress | \
  0x0001ffff | 0x1 # UINT32
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice0Name | 0x2282 | 64 | \
  "None" #|VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPciDevice0Info | 0x22C2 | 18 | \
  {0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, \
  0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0xFF} #|VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionName | 0x22D4 | 100 | \
  " " #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOemBootOptionPath | 0x2338 | 100 | \
  " " #VOID*
gNoSuchTokenSpaceGuid.PcdEnableFastBoot | 0x239C | \
  FALSE #BOOLEAN

[PcdsDynamicExHii.IA32, PcdsDynamicExHii.X64.Sku1]
gEfiMyModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdChassisIntrusion | \
  0x0053 0x0065 0x0074 0x0075 0x0070|gSysConfigGuid|0x83|0x0
gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPlatformBootTimeOut | \
  L"Timeout"|gEfiGlobalVariableGuid|0x0 # Variable: L"Timeout"
```

## 3.11 [Components] Sections

The **[Components]** sections are required.

### Summary

This section defines the modules and components that will be processed by compilation tools and the EDK II tools used to generate PE32/PE32+/Coff image files.

The **!include** statement is permitted in **[Components]** sections. however this method is NOT recommended.

All EDK II file paths must be specified relative to the global environment variable **WORKSPACE**. EDK INF component and library files may use **\$(EDK\_SOURCE)** or **\$(EFI\_SOURCE)** global environment variables. If the environment variable is not specified, the INF file path is assumed to be relative to the **WORKSPACE**.

The following is an example of specifying a **WORKSPACE** relative Path:

**MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/DiskIo/Dxe**

The following is an example of specifying an Indirect Path:

```

DEFINE FOUNDATION_LIB = $(EDK_SOURCE)/Foundation/Library
$(FOUNDATION_LIB)/EdkIIGlueLib/EntryPoints

```

The permitted **DEFINE** statement must be a variable name assigned to a path.

EDK II DSC files allow specifying only one optional argument on an INF file entry line.

The argument, **EXEC = filename**, is used for User Defined processing of an INF file.

The EDK II parsing tools will call the program listed by filename (which must either be in the OS **PATH** environment, or fully qualified path and filename) with the INF filename (expanded) as the one and only argument to filename.

EDK II modules can have scoped (scoping encapsulation between "{" and "}" braces) sub-elements, **<LibraryClasses>**, **<Pcd\*>** and/or **<BuildOptions>** that allow individual modules to supersede previous definitions. The values specified on the command-line have the highest precedence followed by values specified in the sub-elements. Refer to section 3.5 regarding how build options are used by the EDK II build tools, as well as the EDK II Build Specification.

The PCD types are selected on a platform basis - it is not permitted to have a PCD listed in one of the Pcd sections and use it differently in an individual module. For example, if a PCD is listed in a **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** section, it is not permitted to list it in a **<PcdsPatchableInModule>** sub-section of an INF file.

It is permitted to have a Patch In Module PCD or Fixed At Build PCD with different values. If a PCD is listed in **[PcdsFixedAtBuild]** section with one value, while the **<PcdsFixedAtBuild>** section of an INF use a different value.

The feature flag PCD and the two dynamic forms of PCDs are common to a platform, with the dynamic form PCD values stored in a "runtime database". Therefore, having different values is prohibited for these types.

EDK components may have the scoped sub-element, **<SOURCE\_OVERRIDE\_PATH>** that is used to virtually replace files in the component's directory.

The format for items listed in the sub-elements is the identical format for content under the section.

Within the context of an EDK II module sub-element, the **<LibraryClasses>** entries must appear before **<Pcds\*>** entries; the **<LibraryClasses>** entries terminate with the start of either the **<Pcds\*>** or **<BuildOptions>** sub-section header or the end of the scope defined by the right curly "}" brace. The **<BuildOptions>** sub-element must be the last sub-entry of an EDK II module's scoped section. Entries for **<LibraryClasses>**, **<Pcds\*>** and **<BuildOptions>** are used to replace the platform or global definition entries listed elsewhere. **LibraryClass** and PCD\*s are globally defined in the DSC file's **[LibraryClasses]** and **[Pcds\*]** sections, while global **BuildOptions** may be specified in either the DSC file's **[BuildOptions]** section or in the **\$(WORKSPACE)/Conf/tools\_def.txt** file.

Components and modules listed here will be processed during the MAKE phase of the build. Binary EDK II only modules do not need to be listed in this section, but can be put into the FDF file. Build tools will use the order of files specified in this section for performing a build (Library Class Instances will be built prior to the module's sources,) however the ordering in this file has no affect on the ordering of modules in a binary image (the FDF file describes that ordering).

## Prototype

```

<Components> ::= "[Components" [<attribs>] "]" <EOL>
               <ModuleStatements>*

<attribs>     ::= <attrs> ["," <TS> "Components" <attrs>]*

<attrs>       ::= "." <arch>

<ModuleStatements> ::= {<MacroDefinition>}
                       {<IncludeStatement>} {<InfFiles>}

<InfFiles>     ::= <InfFilename> [<MTS> <Options>] <EOL>

<Options>      ::= {<Exec>} {<Edk2Struct>} {<EdkStruct>}

<InfFilename>  ::= <PATH> <Word> ".inf"

<Exec>         ::= "EXEC" <Eq> <ExecFilename>

<ExecFilename> ::= <PATH> <Word> [ "." <ExecExtension>]

<ExecExtension> ::= <Word> # An OS recognisable extension that will
                        # automatically be run.

<EdkStruct>    ::= "{ " <EOL>
                  <TS> "SOURCE_OVERRIDE_PATH" <EOL>
                  <TS> <PATH>
                  <TS> "}" <EOL>

<Edk2Struct>   ::= "{ " <EOL>
                  [<LibraryClasses>]
                  [<PcdsFeatureFlag>]
                  [<PcdsFixed>]
                  [<PcdsPatchable>]
                  [<PcdsDynamic>]
                  [<PcdsDynamicEx>]
                  [<BuildOptions>]
                  "}"

<LibraryClasses> ::= "<LibraryClasses>" <EOL>
                   <LcEntries>*

<LcEntries>     ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                   {<LibraryInstances>}

<LibraryInstances> ::= {<ClassInstanceMap>} {<NullLibInstances>}

<ClassInstanceMap> ::= <ClassName> <FS> <InfFilename> <EOL>

<ClassName>     ::= (A-Z) (a-zA-Z0-9)*

```

```

<NullLibInstances> ::= "NULL" <FS> <InfFilename> <EOL>

<PcdsFeatureFlag> ::= "<PcdsFeatureFlag>" <EOL>
                    <PcdsFFEntries>*

<PcdsFFEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                    {<PcdsFeatureEntry>}

<PcdFeatureEntry> ::= <PcdName> <FS> <PcdFeatureValue> <EOL>

<PcdFeatureValue> ::= {<BoolType>} {<MACROVAL>} {<Expression>}

<PcdsFixed> ::= "<PcdsFixedAtBuild>" <EOL>
               <PcdEntries>*

<PcdEntries> ::= {<MacroDefinition>} {<IncludeStatement>}
                 {<PcdsEntry>}

<PcdsPatchable> ::= "<PcdsPatchableInModule>" <EOL>
                   <PcdEntries>*

<PcdEntry> ::= <PcdName> [<FS> <PcdValue>] <EOL>

<PcdValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                {<Boolean>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                {<NumValUint8>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                {<NumValUint16>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                {<NumValUint32>} {<Expression>}
            elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                {<NumValUint64>} {<Expression>}
            else:
                <StringVal> [<MaxSize>]

<MaxSize> ::= <FS> "VOID*" [<FS> <SizeValue>]

<SizeValue> ::= {<Number>} {<Expression>}

<StringValue> ::= {<UnicodeString>} {<CString>} {<CArray>}
                  {<MACROVAL>}

<BuildOptions> ::= "<BuildOptions>" <EOL>
                  [<DefineStatements>]*
                  [<ToolFlags>]+
                  [<ToolPath>]*

```

```

        [<ToolCmd>] *
        [<Other>] *

<ToolFlags>      ::=  [<Family> ":"] <FlagSpec> <Equal> <Flags> <EOL>

<ToolSpec>       ::=  <Target> "_" <TagName> "_" <Tarch> "_"
                     <ToolCode>

<FlagSpec>       ::=  <ToolSpec> "_FLAGS"

<ToolPath>       ::=  [<Family> ":"] <PathSpec> <Equal> <PATH> <EOL>

<PathSpec>       ::=  <ToolSpec> "_DPATH"

<ToolCmd>        ::=  [<Family> ":"] <CmdSpec> <ReplaceEq> <PathCmd>
                     <EOL>

<CmdSpec>        ::=  <ToolSpec> "_PATH"

<PathCmd>        ::=  <PATH> <Word> [ "." <Extension> ]

<Extension>      ::=  (a-zA-Z) (a-zA-Z0-9_-) *

<Other>          ::=  [<Family> ":"] <OtherSpec>

<OtherSpec>      ::=  <ToolSpec> "_" <Attribute> <Equal> <String>

<Equal>          ::=  {<AppendEq>} {<ReplaceEq>}

<AppendEq>       ::=  <Eq>

<ReplaceEq>      ::=  <TS> "==" <TS>

<Tarch>          ::=  {"IA32"} {"X64"} {"IPF"} {"EBC"} { * } {<OA>}

<OA>             ::=  (A-Z) (A-Z0-9) *

<Family>         ::=  Family

<Attribute>      ::=  Attribute

<Target>         ::=  Target

<TagName>        ::=  TagName

<ToolCode>       ::=  ToolCode

<Flags>          ::=  FlagString

```

## Parameters

*Target*

Must match a target identifier in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - the first field, where fields are separated by the underscore character. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

*TagName*

Must match a tag name field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - second field. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

*TargetArch*

Must match the architecture field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - third field. The "\*" character is a valid wild-card.

*ToolCode*

Must match a tool code field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - fourth field. Use of a wild-card character is not permitted.

*AttributeName*

Must match a tool attribute field in the EDK II *tools\_def.txt* file - fifth field. Use of a wild-card character is not permitted. The attributes, **\_Flag**, **\_PATH** and **\_DPATH** are defined elsewhere and cannot be used with the **<OtherSpec>** definition.

*FlagString*

Must be a valid string for the tool specified. The string will be appended to the end of the tool's flags (from the *tools\_def.txt*). Both Microsoft and GCC evaluate options from left to right on the command line. This allows disabling some flags that may have been specified in the *tools\_def.txt* by providing an alternate flag, i.e., if the *tools\_def.txt* **CC\_FLAGS** defines **/O2** and an **/O1** options is specified for this module, the module will compile with **/O1** (size) not with **/O2** (speed). Use of the quote characters around options is required when specifying string values with spaces, path names with spaces or values containing the hash "#" character not within a string. Note that a macro named **MDEPKG\_NDEBUG** is reserved for size reduction purposes. The user must not use this keyword to define new macro.

*Pcd Values*

PCD elements follow the exact format defined for **<PcdEntry>** elements in the PCD Sections. The **<PcdsDynamic\*>** and **<PcdsDyanmicEx\*>** elements in the INF sub-sections can only be used if the PCD has not been defined globally. Since the dynamic and dynamicEx style of PCDs use a platform common 'database' to hold values, the values cannot be overridden for individual modules.

*ClassName*

A Library Class Keyword defined in DEC files. The Keyword must also be present in the defines section **LIBRARY\_CLASS** entry of the INF file

## Example Using EDK components in an EDK II DSC build

```
[Components]
DEFINE EDK=$(EDK_SOURCE)/Edk
DEFINE MDE=MdePkg/Library
DEFINE STATUS_CODE=$(MDE)/PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode

$(EDK)/Foundation/Core/Pei/PeiMain.inf
DEFINE NT32 = $(EDK)/Sample/Platform
$(NT32)/Generic/MonoStatusCode/Pei/Nt32/MonoStatusCode.inf
$(NT32)/Nt32/Pei/BootMode/BootMode.inf
$(NT32)/Nt32/Pei/FlashMap/FlashMap.inf
MdeModulePkg/Core/Dxe/DxeMain.inf...
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Debugger/Debugport/Dxe/DebugPort.inf
MdeModulePkg/Cpu/DebugSupport/Dxe/DebugSupport.inf
...
DEFINE MDEMOUNI = MdeModulePkg/Universal
$(MDEMOUNI)/DataHub/DataHubStdErr/Dxe/DataHubStdErr.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/DiskIo/Dxe/DiskIo.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
    DebugLib|$(STATUS_CODE)/PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode.inf
    BaseMemoryLib|$(MDE)/DxeMemoryLib/DxeMemoryLib.inf
    MemoryAllocationLib | \
      $(MDE)/DxeMemoryAllocationLib/DxeMemoryAllocationLib.inf
  <PcdsFeatureFlag>
    PcdDriverDiagnosticsDisable|gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid|FALSE
}
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Ebc/Dxe/Ebc.inf
$(MDEMOUNI)/GenericMemoryTest/Dxe/NullMemoryTest.inf
$(MDEMOUNI)/StatusCode/Pei/PeiStatusCode.inf {
  <BuildOptions>
    MSFT:RELEASE_MYTOOLS_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
    DEBUG_MYTOOLS_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
    DEBUG_WINDDK3790x1830_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
    RELEASE_WINDDK3790x1830_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
    DEBUG_VS2003_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
    RELEASE_VS2003_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = Kernel32.lib \
      MSVCRTD.lib Gdi32.lib User32.lib Winmm.lib
  }
MdeModulePkg/Logo/Logo.inf
...
```

## 3.12 [UserExtensions] Sections

The **[UserExtensions]** sections are optional.



## Summary

There can be multiple `[UserExtension]` sections, depending on the `UserID` and `Identifier` attributes of the DSC file. An example section is listed below.

`[UserExtensions]` sections are for processing by tools outside of the standard tools provided by EDK II.

The EDK II build tools will ignore these sections.

Each `UserExtensions` section must have a unique set of `UserId`, `IdString` and `Arch` values.

The "common" architecture modifier in a section tag must not be combined with other architecture type; doing so will result in a build break.

This means that the same `UserId` can be used in more than one section, provided the `IdString` or `Arch` values are different. The same `IdString` values can be used if the `UserId` or `Arch` values are different. The same `UserId` and the same `IdString` can be used if the `Arch` values are different.

## Parameters

### *UserId*

Words that contain period "." must be encapsulated in double quotation marks.

### *IdString*

Normalized strings that contain period "." or space characters must be encapsulated in double quotation marks. The `IdString` must start with a letter.

## Prototype

```

<UserExtensions>      ::=  "[UserExtensions" <attrs> "]" <EOL>
                        [<statements>]

<attrs>               ::=  <UserId> <IdentifierString> [<attr>]

<attr>               ::=  "." <arch>

<UserId>              ::=  "." <Word>

<IdentifierString>    ::=  "." {<Word>} {<QuotedString>}

<statements>         ::=  Content is build tool chain specific.
```

## Example

```

[UserExtensions.MyOrgDotCom."1.0"]
This content is processed by my NoSuch applications.
```



# Appendix A

## Variables

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One of the core concepts of this utility is the notion of symbols. Use of symbols follows the makefile convention of enclosing within `$()`, for example `$(EDK_SOURCE)`. As the parsing utility processes files, it will often perform parsing of variable assignments. These variables can then be referenced in other sections of the DSC file. Variable assignments will be saved internally in either a local or global symbol table. The local symbol table is purged following processing of individual Platform (DSC) files. Global symbol values persist throughout execution of the utility. Local symbol values take precedent over global symbols. The following table describes the symbols generated internally by the utility. They can be overridden either on the command line, in the DSC file, or in individual INF files. The symbols in the table below are typically global.

For a pure EDK II build, two environment variables are required to be set prior to executing any build, `WORKSPACE` must point to the root of the EDK II directory tree, while `EDK_TOOLS_PATH` must point to the Location of the BaseTools directory tree.

For a build using EDK components in the EDK II DSC file, the `EDK_SOURCE` directory must point to the root of the EDK (either a directory containing an EDK tree or the location of the EdkCompatibilityPkg directory) tree.

Table 9. Standard Variables

Variable Name	Description
<b>WORKSPACE</b>	Defines the root directory of the local EDK II source tree, for example C:\EDK2. If not defined as an environmental variable when an EDK II tool is invoked, the utility will give an error message and exit.
<b>EDK_TOOLS_PATH</b>	Defines the root directory of the local EDK II BaseTools directory. Default: <b><code>\$(WORKSPACE)/BaseTools</code></b>
<b>EDK_SOURCE</b>	Defines the directory of an original EDK directory tree, for example C:\EFI2.0\EdkCompatibilityPkg. If not defined as an environmental variable when an EDK II tool is invoked, the utility will give an error message and exit.
<b>EFI_SOURCE</b>	Defines the root directory of a local original EDK source tree, for example C:\EFI2.0\MyEdkDriver.
<b>EFI_TOOLS_PATH</b>	Defines the root directory containing the original EDK Tools directory tree, for example C:\Tools.
<b>EFI_TOOLS_BIN</b>	Defines the directory containing the original EDK Tools executable files. Default: <b><code>\$(EFI_TOOLS_PATH)/Bin</code></b>
<b>PROCESSOR</b>	Defines the EDK target processor for which the code is to be built. This symbol will typically be used only in EDK INF files, and is ignored for pure EDK II builds.
<b>TARGET_ARCH</b>	This defines which of the supported architectures will be built – this value is set in the file: <b><code>\$(WORKSPACE)/Conf/target.txt</code></b> or it may be specified on a command-line.
<b>BUILD_DIR</b>	Defines the build tip directory for the current platform. For example, this may be <b><code>\$(OUTPUT_DIR)\Platform\Nt32</code></b> .
<b>SOURCE_DIR</b>	For a component, defines the directory of the component source files.
<b>DEST_DIR</b>	For a component, defines the directory (typically under BUILD_DIR) where the component object files are to be built.
<b>LIB_DIR</b>	Specifies the directory where EFI libraries are deposited after building. Default: <b><code>\$(BUILD_DIR)\\$(TARGET)_\$(TAGNAME)\\$(ARCH)\LIB</code></b>
<b>BIN_DIR</b>	Specifies the directory where final component binaries (.efi) are deposited during build. Default: <b><code>\$(BUILD_DIR)\\$(TARGET)_\$(TAGNAME)\\$(ARCH)</code></b>
<b>FV_DIR</b>	Specifies a WORKSPACE relative or absolute directory where the final image files will be placed at the conclusion of a successful build. If the directory does not exist, the tools must create this directory. If not defined, tools must create an FV directory underneath the BIN_DIR.

<b>DSC_FILENAME</b>	Name of the DSC file as specified on the command line. Can be used for dependencies in the makefiles.
<b>INF_FILENAME</b>	Name of the INF file for a given EDK component or EDK II Module. Can be used for dependencies in the makefiles.
<b>MAKEFILE_NAME</b>	Name of the output makefile for the platform. Default is "makefile". The default value can be overridden to support keeping multiple variations of a makefile in the same DEST_DIR directory.



## Appendix B

# Sample EDK II DSC File

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The following EDK II DSC file is an example of the Nt32.dsc showing a typical “user” maintained version, which simplifies the structure over the previous example.

**Note:** *In the following example, the backslash “\” character is used to show a line continuation for readability. Use of a backslash character in the actual DSC file is not permitted.*

```

## @file
# EFI/Framework Emulation Platform with UEFI HII interface supported.
#
# The Emulation Platform can be used to debug individual modules, prior
#   to creating a real platform. This also provides an example for how
#   an DSC is created.
#
# Copyright (c) 2006 - 2012, Intel Corporation. All rights reserved.<BR>
#
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#   available under the terms and conditions of the BSD License which
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#   EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.
#
##

#####
#
# Defines Section - statements that will be processed to create a
#       Makefile.
#
#####
[Defines]
  PLATFORM_NAME                = NT32
  PLATFORM_GUID                = EB216561-961F-47EE-9EF9-CA426EF547C2
  PLATFORM_VERSION              = 0.4
  DSC_SPECIFICATION             = 0x00010005
  OUTPUT_DIRECTORY             = Build/NT32
  SUPPORTED_ARCHITECTURES      = IA32
  BUILD_TARGETS                 = DEBUG|RELEASE
  SKUID_IDENTIFIER              = DEFAULT
  FLASH_DEFINITION              = Nt32Pkg/Nt32Pkg.fdf

#
# Defines for default states.  These can be changed on the command
# line.
# -D FLAG=VALUE
#
DEFINE SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE      = FALSE

```



```
#####
#####
#
# SKU Identification section - list of all SKU IDs supported by this
#                               Platform.
#
#####
[SkuIds]
  0|DEFAULT      # The entry: 0|DEFAULT is reserved and always required.

#####
#
# Library Class section - list of all Library Classes needed by this
#                               Platform.
#
#####
[LibraryClasses]
#
# Entry point
#
PeiCoreEntryPoint| \
  MdePkg/Library/PeiCoreEntryPoint/PeiCoreEntryPoint.inf
PeimEntryPoint|MdePkg/Library/PeimEntryPoint/PeimEntryPoint.inf
DxeCoreEntryPoint| \
  MdePkg/Library/DxeCoreEntryPoint/DxeCoreEntryPoint.inf
UefiDriverEntryPoint| \
  MdePkg/Library/UefiDriverEntryPoint/UefiDriverEntryPoint.inf
UefiApplicationEntryPoint| \
  MdePkg/Library/UefiApplicationEntryPoint/
UefiApplicationEntryPoint.inf
#
# Basic
#
BaseLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseLib/BaseLib.inf
SynchronizationLib| \
  MdePkg/Library/BaseSynchronizationLib/BaseSynchronizationLib.inf
PrintLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePrintLib/BasePrintLib.inf
CpuLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseCpuLib/BaseCpuLib.inf
IoLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseIoLibIntrinsic/BaseIoLibIntrinsic.inf
PciLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePciLibCf8/BasePciLibCf8.inf
PciCf8Lib|MdePkg/Library/BasePciCf8Lib/BasePciCf8Lib.inf
PciExpressLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePciExpressLib/BasePciExpressLib.inf
CacheMaintenanceLib| \
  MdePkg/Library/BaseCacheMaintenanceLib/BaseCacheMaintenanceLib.inf
PeCoffLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePeCoffLib/BasePeCoffLib.inf
PeCoffGetEntryPointLib| \
```

```

    MdePkg/Library/BasePeCoffGetEntryPointLib/
BasePeCoffGetEntryPointLib.inf
#
#  UEFI & PI
#
    UefiBootServicesTableLib| \
        MdePkg/Library/UefiBootServicesTableLib/UefiBootServicesTableLib.inf
    UefiRuntimeServicesTableLib| \
        MdePkg/Library/UefiRuntimeServicesTableLib/
UefiRuntimeServicesTableLib.inf
    UefiRuntimeLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiRuntimeLib/UefiRuntimeLib.inf
    UefiLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiLib/UefiLib.inf
    UefiHiiServicesLib| \
        MdeModulePkg/Library/UefiHiiServicesLib/UefiHiiServicesLib.inf
    HiiLib|MdeModulePkg/Library/UefiHiiLib/UefiHiiLib.inf
    DevicePathLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiDevicePathLib/UefiDevicePathLib.inf
    UefiDecompressLib| \
        IntelFrameworkModulePkg/Library/BaseUefiTianoCustomDecompressLib/
BaseUefiTianoCustomDecompressLib.inf
    PeiServicesTablePointerLib| \
        MdePkg/Library/PeiServicesTablePointerLib/
PeiServicesTablePointerLib.inf
    PeiServicesLib|MdePkg/Library/PeiServicesLib/PeiServicesLib.inf
    DxeServicesLib|MdePkg/Library/DxeServicesLib/DxeServicesLib.inf
    DxeServicesTableLib| \
        MdePkg/Library/DxeServicesTableLib/DxeServicesTableLib.inf

#
#  Generic Modules
#
    UefiUsbLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiUsbLib/UefiUsbLib.inf
    UefiScsiLib|MdePkg/Library/UefiScsiLib/UefiScsiLib.inf
    NetLib|MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeNetLib/DxeNetLib.inf
    IpIoLib|MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeIpIoLib/DxeIpIoLib.inf
    UdpIoLib|MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeUdpIoLib/DxeUdpIoLib.inf
    DpcLib|MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeDpcLib/DxeDpcLib.inf
    OemHookStatusCodeLib| \
        MdeModulePkg/Library/OemHookStatusCodeLibNull/
OemHookStatusCodeLibNull.inf
    GenericBdsLib| \
        IntelFrameworkModulePkg/Library/GenericBdsLib/GenericBdsLib.inf
    SecurityManagementLib| \
        MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeSecurityManagementLib/
DxeSecurityManagementLib.inf
    TimerLib| \
        MdePkg/Library/BaseTimerLibNullTemplate/BaseTimerLibNullTemplate.inf

```

```

SerialPortLib| \
  MdePkg/Library/BaseSerialPortLibNull/BaseSerialPortLibNull.inf
CapsuleLib| \
  MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeCapsuleLibNull/DxeCapsuleLibNull.inf
#
# Platform
#
PlatformBdsLib|Nt32Pkg/Library/Nt32BdsLib/Nt32BdsLib.inf
#
# Misc
#
DebugLib| \
  IntelFrameworkModulePkg/Library/PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode/
PeiDxeDebugLibReportStatusCode.inf
  DebugPrintErrorLevelLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeDebugPrintErrorLevelLib/
DxeDebugPrintErrorLevelLib.inf
PerformanceLib| \
  MdePkg/Library/BasePerformanceLibNull/BasePerformanceLibNull.inf
DebugAgentLib| \
  MdeModulePkg/Library/DebugAgentLibNull/DebugAgentLibNull.inf
CpuExceptionHandlerLib| \
  MdeModulePkg/Library/CpuExceptionHandlerLibNull/
CpuExceptionHandlerLibNull.inf

!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
  PlatformSecureLib|Nt32Pkg/Library/PlatformSecureLib/
PlatformSecureLib.inf
  IntrinsicLib|CryptoPkg/Library/IntrinsicLib/IntrinsicLib.inf
  OpensslLib|CryptoPkg/Library/OpensslLib/OpensslLib.inf
!endif

[LibraryClasses.common.USER_DEFINED]
  DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseDebugLibNull/BaseDebugLibNull.inf
  PeCoffExtraActionLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/BasePeCoffExtraActionLibNull/
BasePeCoffExtraActionLibNull.inf
  ReportStatusCodeLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/PeiReportStatusCodeLib/
PeiReportStatusCodeLib.inf
  OemHookStatusCodeLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/PeiNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib/
PeiNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib.inf
  MemoryAllocationLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/PeiMemoryAllocationLib/PeiMemoryAllocationLib.inf
  PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf

```

```
[LibraryClasses.common.PEIM,LibraryClasses.common.PEI_CORE]
#
# PEI phase common
#
HobLib|MdePkg/Library/PeiHobLib/PeiHobLib.inf
MemoryAllocationLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/PeiMemoryAllocationLib/PeiMemoryAllocationLib.inf
ReportStatusCodeLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/PeiReportStatusCodeLib/
PeiReportStatusCodeLib.inf
ExtractGuidedSectionLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/PeiExtractGuidedSectionLib/
PeiExtractGuidedSectionLib.inf
BaseMemoryLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/BaseMemoryLibOptPei/BaseMemoryLibOptPei.inf
IoLib|MdePkg/Library/PeiIoLibCpuIo/PeiIoLibCpuIo.inf
PeCoffGetEntryPointLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/Nt32PeiPeCoffGetEntryPointLib/
Nt32PeiPeCoffGetEntryPointLib.inf
PeCoffExtraActionLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/PeiNt32PeCoffExtraActionLib/
PeiNt32PeCoffExtraActionLib.inf
DebugPrintErrorLevelLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/BaseDebugPrintErrorLevelLib/
BaseDebugPrintErrorLevelLib.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.PEI_CORE]
PcdLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
OemHookStatusCodeLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/OemHookStatusCodeLibNull/
OemHookStatusCodeLibNull.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.PEIM]
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/PeiPcdLib/PeiPcdLib.inf
OemHookStatusCodeLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/PeiNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib/
PeiNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib.inf
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    BaseCryptLib|CryptoPkg/Library/BaseCryptLib/PeiCryptLib.inf
!endif

[LibraryClasses.common]
#
# DXE phase common
```

```

#
BaseMemoryLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/BaseMemoryLibOptDxe/BaseMemoryLibOptDxe.inf
HobLib|MdePkg/Library/DxeHobLib/DxeHobLib.inf
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/DxePcdLib/DxePcdLib.inf
MemoryAllocationLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/UefiMemoryAllocationLib/UefiMemoryAllocationLib.inf
ReportStatusCodeLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeReportStatusCodeLib/
DxeReportStatusCodeLib.inf
OemHookStatusCodeLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/DxeNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib/
DxeNt32OemHookStatusCodeLib.inf
PeCoffExtraActionLib| \
    Nt32Pkg/Library/DxeNt32PeCoffExtraActionLib/
DxeNt32PeCoffExtraActionLib.inf
ExtractGuidedSectionLib| \
    MdePkg/Library/DxeExtractGuidedSectionLib/
DxeExtractGuidedSectionLib.inf
WinNtLib|Nt32Pkg/Library/DxeWinNtLib/DxeWinNtLib.inf
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    BaseCryptLib|CryptoPkg/Library/BaseCryptLib/BaseCryptLib.inf
!endif

[LibraryClasses.common.DXE_CORE]
HobLib|MdePkg/Library/DxeCoreHobLib/DxeCoreHobLib.inf
MemoryAllocationLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeCoreMemoryAllocationLib/
DxeCoreMemoryAllocationLib.inf
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.DXE_SMM_DRIVER]
DebugLib|MdePkg/Library/BaseDebugLibNull/BaseDebugLibNull.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.UEFI_DRIVER]
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.UEFI_APPLICATION]
PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
PrintLib| \
    MdeModulePkg/Library/DxePrintLibPrint2Protocol/
DxePrintLibPrint2Protocol.inf

[LibraryClasses.common.DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER]
#
# Runtime

```

```

#
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    BaseCryptLib|CryptoPkg/Library/BaseCryptLib/RuntimeCryptLib.inf
!endif

#####
#
# Pcd Section - list of all EDK II PCD Entries defined by this Platform
#
#####
[PcdsFeatureFlag]
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdStatusCodeUseSerial|FALSE
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDxeIplSwitchToLongMode|FALSE

gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPeiCoreImageLoaderSearchTeSectionFirst
|FALSE
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVariableCollectStatistics|TRUE

[PcdsFixedAtBuild]
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdMaxSizeNonPopulateCapsule|0x0
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdMaxSizePopulateCapsule|0x0
    gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPrintErrorLevel|0x80000040
    gEfiNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtFirmwareFdSize|0x2a0000
    gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdDebugPropertyMask|0x1f
    gEfiNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtFirmwareVolume|L"..\\Fv\\Nt32.fd"
    gEfiNt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtFirmwareBlockSize|0x10000
    gEfiMdePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdReportStatusCodePropertyMask|0x0f
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdResetOnMemoryTypeInformationChange \
    | FALSE
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdMaxVariableSize|0x2000
!endif

!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    # override the default values from SecurityPkg to ensure images from
    # all sources are verified in secure boot
    gEfiSecurityPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdOptionRomImageVerificationPolicy| \
    0x05
    gEfiSecurityPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFixedMediaImageVerificationPolicy| \
    0x05

gEfiSecurityPkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdRemovableMediaImageVerificationPolicy\
|0x05
!endif

#####

```

```
#####
#
# Pcd Dynamic Section - list of all EDK II PCD Entries defined by this
Platform
#
#####
[PcdsDynamicDefault.common.DEFAULT]
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtSerialPort|L"COM1!COM2"|VOID*|20
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtFileSystem| \
    L"!..\..\..\EdkShellBinPkg\Bin\Ia32\Apps"|VOID*|106
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtGop| \
    L"UGA Window 1!UGA Window 2"|VOID*|52
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtConsole| \
    L"Bus Driver Console Window"|VOID*|52
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtVirtualDisk| \
    L"FW;40960;512"|VOID*|26
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtMemorySize|L"64!64"|VOID*|12
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtPhysicalDisk| \
    L"a:RW;2880;512!d:RO;307200;2048!j:RW;262144;512"|VOID*|100
  gEfiInt32PkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdWinNtUga| \
    L"UGA Window 1!UGA Window 2"|VOID*|52

  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageFtwSpareBase|0
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageFtwWorkingBase|0
  gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdFlashNvStorageVariableBase|0

[PcdsDynamicHii.common.DEFAULT]
  gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdSetupConOutColumn| \
    L"SetupConsoleConfig"|gEfiGlobalVariableGuid|0x0|80
  gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdSetupConOutRow| \
    L"SetupConsoleConfig"|gEfiGlobalVariableGuid|0x4|25
  gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdPlatformBootTimeOut| \
    L"Timeout"|gEfiGlobalVariableGuid|0x0|10
  gEfiIntelFrameworkModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdHardwareErrorRecordLevel\
    |L"HwErrRecSupport"|gEfiGlobalVariableGuid|0x0|1

#####
#
# Components Section - list of the modules and components that will be
#                       processed by compilation tools and the EDK II
#                       tools to generate PE32/PE32+/Coff image files.
#
# Note: The EDK II DSC file is not used to specify how compiled binary
#       images get placed into firmware volume images. This section is
#       just a list of modules to compile from source into
```

```

#       UEFI-compliant binaries.
#       It is the FDF file that contains information on combining binary
#       files into firmware volume images, whose concept is beyond UEFI
#       and is described in PI specification.
#       Binary modules do not need to be listed in this section, as they
#       should be specified in the FDF file. For example: Shell binary
#       (Shell_Full.efi), FAT binary (Fat.efi), Logo (Logo.bmp), and etc.
#       There may also be modules listed in this section that are not
#       required in the FDF file,
#       When a module listed here is excluded from FDF file, then
#       UEFI-compliant binary will be generated for it, but the binary
#       will not be put into any firmware volume.
#
#####
[Components.IA32]
    ##
    #   SEC Phase modules
    ##
    Nt32Pkg/Sec/SecMain.inf

    ##
    #   PEI Phase modules
    ##
    MdeModulePkg/Core/Pei/PeiMain.inf
    MdeModulePkg/Universal/PCD/Pei/Pcd.inf {
        <LibraryClasses>
        PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
    }
    MdeModulePkg/Universal/ReportStatusCodeRouter/Pei/
ReportStatusCodeRouterPei.inf
    MdeModulePkg/Universal/StatusCodeHandler/Pei/StatusCodeHandlerPei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/WinNtOemHookStatusCodeHandlerPei/
WinNtOemHookStatusCodeHandlerPei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/BootModePei/BootModePei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/StallPei/StallPei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/WinNtFlashMapPei/WinNtFlashMapPei.inf

!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    SecurityPkg/VariableAuthenticated/Pei/VariablePei.inf
!else
    MdeModulePkg/Universal/Variable/Pei/VariablePei.inf
!endif

    Nt32Pkg/WinNtAutoScanPei/WinNtAutoScanPei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/WinNtFirmwareVolumePei/WinNtFirmwareVolumePei.inf
    Nt32Pkg/WinNtThunkPPIToProtocolPei/WinNtThunkPPIToProtocolPei.inf

```



```

MdeModulePkg/Core/DxeIplPeim/DxeIpl.inf
##
# DXE Phase modules
##
MdeModulePkg/Core/Dxe/DxeMain.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
    NULL| MdeModulePkg/Library/DxeCrc32GuidedSectionExtractLib/
DxeCrc32GuidedSectionExtractLib.inf
  <BuildOptions>
    *_IA32_CC_FLAGS =
}

MdeModulePkg/Universal/PCD/Dxe/Pcd.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
    PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
}
Nt32Pkg/MetronomeDxe/MetronomeDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/RealTimeClockRuntimeDxe/RealTimeClockRuntimeDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/ResetRuntimeDxe/ResetRuntimeDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Core/RuntimeDxe/RuntimeDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/FvbServicesRuntimeDxe/FvbServicesRuntimeDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/SecurityStubDxe/SecurityStubDxe.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    NULL|SecurityPkg/Library/DxeImageVerificationLib/
DxeImageVerificationLib.inf
!endif
}
MdeModulePkg/Universal/SmbiosDxe/SmbiosDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/EbcDxe/EbcDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/MemoryTest/NullMemoryTestDxe/
NullMemoryTestDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/WinNtThunkDxe/WinNtThunkDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/CpuRuntimeDxe/CpuRuntimeDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/FaultTolerantWriteDxe/FaultTolerantWriteDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/MiscSubClassPlatformDxe/MiscSubClassPlatformDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/TimerDxe/TimerDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/ReportStatusCodeRouter/RuntimeDxe/
ReportStatusCodeRouterRuntimeDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/StatusCodeHandler/RuntimeDxe/
StatusCodeHandlerRuntimeDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/WinNtOemHookStatusCodeHandlerDxe/
WinNtOemHookStatusCodeHandlerDxe.inf
!if $(SECURE_BOOT_ENABLE) == TRUE
    SecurityPkg/VariableAuthenticated/RuntimeDxe/VariableRuntimeDxe.inf
    SecurityPkg/VariableAuthenticated/SecureBootConfigDxe/

```

```

SecureBootConfigDxe.inf
!else
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Variable/RuntimeDxe/VariableRuntimeDxe.inf
!endif
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/WatchdogTimerDxe/WatchdogTimer.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/MonotonicCounterRuntimeDxe/
MonotonicCounterRuntimeDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/CapsuleRuntimeDxe/CapsuleRuntimeDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Console/ConPlatformDxe/ConPlatformDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Console/ConSplitterDxe/ConSplitterDxe.inf {
    <LibraryClasses>
      PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/DxePcdLib/DxePcdLib.inf
    }
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Console/GraphicsConsoleDxe/
GraphicsConsoleDxe.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
    PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/DxePcdLib/DxePcdLib.inf
  }
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Console/TerminalDxe/TerminalDxe.inf {
    <LibraryClasses>
      PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/DxePcdLib/DxePcdLib.inf
    }
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/DevicePathDxe/DevicePathDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/DiskIoDxe/DiskIoDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/PartitionDxe/PartitionDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Universal/Disk/UnicodeCollation/EnglishDxe/EnglishDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Bus/Pci/PciBusDxe/PciBusDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Bus/Scsi/ScsiBusDxe/ScsiBusDxe.inf    ## This driver
follows UEFI                                         ## specification

definition
  MdeModulePkg/Bus/Scsi/ScsiDiskDxe/ScsiDiskDxe.inf ## This driver
follows UEFI                                         ## specification

definition
  IntelFrameworkModulePkg/Bus/Pci/IdeBusDxe/IdeBusDxe.inf
  Nt32Pkg/WinNtBusDriverDxe/WinNtBusDriverDxe.inf {
    <LibraryClasses>
      PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/DxePcdLib/DxePcdLib.inf
    }
  Nt32Pkg/WinNtBlockIoDxe/WinNtBlockIoDxe.inf
  Nt32Pkg/WinNtSerialIoDxe/WinNtSerialIoDxe.inf
  Nt32Pkg/WinNtGopDxe/WinNtGopDxe.inf
  Nt32Pkg/WinNtSimpleFileSystemDxe/WinNtSimpleFileSystemDxe.inf
  MdeModulePkg/Application/HelloWorld/HelloWorld.inf

```

```

#
# Network stack drivers
# To test network drivers, need network Io driver(SnpNt32Io.dll),
please refer
# to NETWORK-IO Subproject.
#
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/DpcDxe/DpcDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/ArpDxe/ArpDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Dhcp4Dxe/Dhcp4Dxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Ip4ConfigDxe/Ip4ConfigDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Ip4Dxe/Ip4Dxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/MnpDxe/MnpDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/VlanConfigDxe/VlanConfigDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Mtftp4Dxe/Mtftp4Dxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Tcp4Dxe/Tcp4Dxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/Udp4Dxe/Udp4Dxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/UefiPxeBcDxe/UefiPxeBcDxe.inf
Nt32Pkg/SnpNt32Dxe/SnpNt32Dxe.inf

MdeModulePkg/Universal/Network/IScsiDxe/IScsiDxe.inf

IntelFrameworkModulePkg/Universal/BdsDxe/BdsDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/HiiDatabaseDxe/HiiDatabaseDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/SetupBrowserDxe/SetupBrowserDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/PrintDxe/PrintDxe.inf
MdeModulePkg/Universal/DriverSampleDxe/DriverSampleDxe.inf {
  <LibraryClasses>
    PcdLib|MdePkg/Library/BasePcdLibNull/BasePcdLibNull.inf
}
MdeModulePkg/Application/VariableInfo/VariableInfo.inf

MdeModulePkg/Universal/PlatformDriOverrideDxe/
PlatformDriOverrideDxe.inf

#####
#
# BuildOptions Section - Define the module specific tool chain flags that
#                          should be used as the default flags for a
#                          module. These flags are appended to any
#                          standard flags that are defined by the build
#                          process. They can be applied for any modules or
#                          only those modules with the specific module
#                          style (EDK or EDKII) specified in [Components]
#                          section.
#
#####

```

```

[BuildOptions]
  DEBUG_*_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = /BASE:0x10000 /ALIGN:4096 /FILEALIGN:4096 \
                             /EXPORT:InitializeDriver=$(IMAGE_ENTRY_POINT) \
                             /SUBSYSTEM:CONSOLE
  RELEASE_*_IA32_DLINK_FLAGS = /ALIGN:4096 /FILEALIGN:4096
  *_*_IA32_CC_FLAGS = /D EFI_SPECIFICATION_VERSION=0x0002000A \
                     /D TIANO_RELEASE_VERSION=0x00080006

#####
# NOTE:
# The following [Libraries.IA32] section is for building EDK module under
# the EDKII tool chain.
# If you want build EDK module for Nt32 platform, please uncomment
# [Libraries.IA32] section and libraries used by that EDK module.
# Currently, Nt32 platform do not has any EDK style module
#
#[Libraries.IA32]
#
# Libraries common to PEI and DXE
#
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Efi/Guid/EfiGuidLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Framework/Guid/
EdkFrameworkGuidLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Guid/EdkGuidLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/EfiCommonLib/
EfiCommonLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Cpu/Pentium/CpuIA32Lib/
CpuIA32Lib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Cpu/Itanium/CpuIa64Lib/
CpuIA64Lib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/CustomizedDecompress/
CustomizedDecompress.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/CompilerStub/
CompilerStubLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/Hob/HobLib.inf

#
# PEI libraries
#
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Framework/Ppi/EdkFrameworkPpiLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Ppi/EdkPpiLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Pei/PeiLib/PeiLib.inf
#  EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Pei/Hob/PeiHobLib.inf

#
# DXE libraries

```

```
#
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Core/Dxe/ArchProtocol/
ArchProtocolLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Efi/Protocol/EfiProtocolLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Framework/Protocol/
EdkFrameworkProtocolLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Protocol/EdkProtocolLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/EfiDriverLib/
EfiDriverLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/RuntimeDxe/EfiRuntimeLib/
EfiRuntimeLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/Graphics/Graphics.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/EfiIfrSupportLib/
EfiIfrSupportLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/Print/PrintLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/EfiScriptLib/
EfiScriptLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/EfiUilib/EfiUilib.inf

#
# Print/Graphics Library consume SetupBrowser Print Protocol
#
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/PrintLite/PrintLib.inf
#   EdkCompatibilityPkg/Foundation/Library/Dxe/GraphicsLite/
Graphics.inf
```



# Appendix C

## Module Types

Table 10. EDK II Module Types

MODULE_TYPE	Supported Architecture Types	Description
BASE	Any	Modules or Libraries can be ported to any execution environment. This module type is intended to be used by silicon module developers to produce source code that is not tied to any specific execution environment.
SEC	Any	Modules of this type are designed to start execution at the reset vector of a CPU. They are responsible for preparing the platform for the PEI phase.
PEI_CORE	Any	This module type is used by PEI Core implementations that are compliant with the PI Specification.
PEIM	Any	This module type is used by PEIMs that are compliant with the PI Specification.
DXE_CORE	Any	This module type is used by DXE Core implementations that are compliant with the PI Specification.
DXE_DRIVER	Any	This module type is used by DXE Drivers that are compliant with the PI Specification.
DXE_RUNTIME_DRIVER	Any	This module type is used by DXE Drivers that are compliant to the PI Specification. These modules execute in both boot services and runtime services environments.
DXE_SAL_DRIVER	IPF	This module type is used by DXE Drivers that can be called in physical mode before SetVirtualAddressMap() is called and either physical mode or virtual mode after SetVirtualAddressMap() has been called. This module type is only available for IPF processor types.
DXE_SMM_DRIVER	IA32, X64	This module type is used by DXE Drivers that are loaded into SMRAM.
SMM_CORE	Any	This is the SMM core.
UEFI_DRIVER	Any	This module type is used by UEFI Drivers that are compliant with the EFI 1.10 and UEFI 2.0 specifications. These modules provide services in the boot services execution environment. UEFI Drivers that return EFI_SUCCESS are not unloaded from memory. UEFI Drivers that return an error are unloaded from memory.
UEFI_APPLICATION	Any	This module type is used by UEFI Applications that are compliant with the EFI 1.10 and EFI 2.0 specifications. UEFI Applications are always unloaded when they exit.





# Appendix D

## Vpd Data Files

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This chapter provides the format for intermediate data files required for VPD sections that depend on external tools. The notation in this appendix uses the "*Common Definitions*" found in chapter 3.2.1.

### D.1 EDK II Build System Output File Format

The output file generated by the EDK II build system (if a `VPD_TOOL_GUID` entry appears in the `[Defines]` section of the DSC file) is a text file.

#### Summary

The file is generated by the EDK II build system to be consumed by the tool, specified by GUID in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file. The file is generated in the Platform FV directory using the GUID value of the `VPD_TOOL_GUID` for the filename. This is a registry format GUID.

## Prototype

```

<GUID.txt> ::= <AutoGenHeading>
               <PcdEntry>*

<PcdEntry> ::= <PcdName> <FS> <Offset> <FS> <SizeValue> <EOL>

<Offset> ::= {<HexNumber>} {"*"}

<SizeValue> ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                  {<one>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" {"0x0"} {"0x1"}
                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                  {<one>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" <UINT8z>
                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                  {<two>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" {<UINT16z>
                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                  {<four>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" {<UINT32z>
                elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                  {<eight>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" <UINT64z>
                else:
                  {<NumValUint32>} {"*"} {"*"} "|" <CArray>

<one> ::= {"1"} {"0x1"} {"0x01"}

<two> ::= {"2"} {"0x2"} {"0x02"}

<four> ::= {"4"} {"0x4"} {"0x04"}

<eight> ::= {"8"} {"0x8"} {"0x08"}

<AutoGenHeading> ::= "## @file" <EOL> "##" <EOL>
                    "# THIS IS AUTO-GENERATED FILE BY BUILD TOOLS"
                    " AND PLEASE DO NOT MAKE MODIFICATION." <EOL>
                    "##" <EOL>
                    "# This file lists all VPD informations for a"
                    " platform collected by build.exe." <EOL>
                    "##" <EOL>
                    "# Copyright (c) 2010, Intel Corporation. All"
                    " rights reserved.<BR>"
                    "# This program and the accompanying materials"
                    "# are licensed and made available under the"
                    " terms and conditions of the BSD License"
                    "# which accompanies this distribution. The"
                    " full text of the license may be found at"
                    "# "
                    "http://opensource.org/licenses/bsd-license.php"
                    <EOL> "##" <EOL>
                    "# THE PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE BSD"
                    " LICENSE ON AN \"AS IS\" BASIS,"
                    "# WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY"
                    " KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED."

```

```
"#" <EOL>
```

## Example

```
## @file
#
# THIS IS AUTO-GENERATED FILE BY BUILD TOOLS AND PLEASE DO NOT MAKE
# MODIFICATION.
#
# This file lists all VPD informations for a platform collected by
# build.exe.
#
# Copyright (c) 2010, Intel Corporation. All rights reserved.<BR>
# This program and the accompanying materials
# are licensed and made available under the terms and conditions of the
# BSD License
# which accompanies this distribution. The full text of the license may
# be found at
# http://opensource.org/licenses/bsd-license.php
#
# THE PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE BSD LICENSE ON AN "AS IS" BASIS,
# WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR
# IMPLIED.
#

gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVideoHorizontalResolution|*|4|800
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVideoVerticalResolution|*|4|600
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdConOutRow|*|4|25
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdConOutColumn|*|4|80
```

## D.2 Vpd Info File Format

The Vpd Info file contains an ordered list of the VPD PCDs, replacing any wildcard character values that may appear in the DSC file, with the actual computed (by the external tool - named by GUID in the *Conf/tools\_def.txt* file) values. The file is named by the GUID value of the tool named by GUID and uses a ".map" extension. It is generated in the platform's FV directory.

### Summary

This file is used by the AutoGen functions in the EDK II build system to generate the PCD database used for Dynamic and DynamicEx PCDs. Blank lines and lines that start with the hash "#" character (used for comments) are skipped when processing this file. Each comment must appear on its own line or it can be appended after an entry. Line extensions are not permitted.

## Prototype

```

<VpdInfoFile>      ::= <PcdStatements>

<PcdStatements>    ::= <PcdName> <FS> <Offset> <FS> <SizeValue> <EOL>

<Offset>           ::= <HexNumber>

<SizeValue>        ::= if (pcddatumtype == "BOOLEAN"):
                        "1" "|" {"0x0"} {"0x1"}
                        elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT8"):
                        "1" "|" <UINT8z>
                        elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT16"):
                        "2" "|" {"<UINT16z>}
                        elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT32"):
                        "4" "|" {"<UINT32z>}
                        elif (pcddatumtype == "UINT64"):
                        "8" "|" <UINT64z>
                        else:
                        <NumValUint32> "|" <CArray>

```

## Example

```
## @file
#
# THIS IS AUTO-GENERATED FILE BY BPDG TOOLS AND PLEASE DO NOT MAKE
MODIFICATION.
#
# This file lists all VPD informations for a platform fixed/adjusted by
BPDG tool.
#
# Copyright (c) 2010, Intel Corporation. All rights reserved.<BR>
# This program and the accompanying materials
# are licensed and made available under the terms and conditions of the
BSD License
# which accompanies this distribution. The full text of the license may
be found at
# http://opensource.org/licenses/bsd-license.php
#
# THE PROGRAM IS DISTRIBUTED UNDER THE BSD LICENSE ON AN "AS IS" BASIS,
# WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND, EITHER EXPRESS OR
IMPLIED.
#

gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVideoHorizontalResolution | 0x0 | 4 |
800
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdVideoVerticalResolution | 0x4 | 4 |
600
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdConOutRow | 0x8 | 4 | 25
gEfiMdeModulePkgTokenSpaceGuid.PcdConOutColumn | 0xc | 4 | 80
```