

e Language Quick Reference

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

Abbreviations:

arg - argument	inst - instance
bool - boolean	num - number
enum - enumerated	TCM - time-consuming method
expr - expression	TE - temporal expression

Predefined Types

bit	// unsigned integer with value 0 or 1 (default: 0)
byte	// unsigned integer in the range 0-255 (default: 0)
int	// 32-bit signed integer (default: 0)
uint	// 32-bit unsigned integer (default: 0)
int uint (bits: n bytes: n)	// n-bit or n-byte signed int or uint
bool	// one-bit boolean (0 = FALSE, 1 = TRUE) (default: FALSE)
list [(key: field-name)] of type	// a list of elements of the specified type (default: empty)
string	// strings are enclosed in quotes: "my string" (default: NULL)

Type Conversion

`expr = expr.as_a(type)`

User-Defined Types

Statements

struct struct-type [like base-struct-type] { struct members };
unit unit-type [like base-unit-type] { unit members };
type type-name : [u]int (bits: n bytes: n); // defines a scalar type
type type-name : [name [=n], ...]; // defines an enumerated type
extend type-name : [name [=n], ...]; // extends an enumerated type
extend struct-type unit-type { additional struct or unit members }; // extends a struct or unit

Struct and Unit Members

fields	constraints	when conditions
methods and TCMs	cover groups	events
temporal struct unit members	preprocessor directives	

Fields

Struct and Unit Members

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

Conditional Extensions using When

Struct and Unit Members

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

}; extend name1 struct-type|unit-type { ... };

Constraints

Struct and Unit Members

keep [soft] bool-expr; // for example, keep field1 <= MY_MAX
keep [soft] field-name in [range]; // example: keep field1 in [0..256]
keep bool-expr1 => bool-expr2; // bool-expr1 implies bool-expr2
keep [soft] field-name in list;
keep list.is_all_iterations(field-name);
keep list1.is_a_permutation(list2);
keep for each (item) in list { [soft] bool-expr; ... };
keep soft bool-expr == select { weight : value; ... };
keep [soft] gen (item-a) before (item-b);
keep gen-item.reset_soft(); // ignore soft constraints on gen-item
keep field-name.hdl_path() == "string"; // field-name is unit instance

Generation On the Fly

Actions

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

Methods and TCMs

Struct and Unit Members

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

Extending or Changing Methods and TCMs

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

Conditional Procedures

Actions

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

Loops

Actions

for i from expr [down] to expr [step expr] [do] { action; ... };
for each [struct-type] (list-item) [using index (index-name)] in [reverse] list [do] { action; ... };
for each [line] [(line-name)] in file file-name [do] {action; ... };
while bool-expr [do] { action; ... };
break; // break the current loop
continue; // go to the next iteration of the loop

Predefined Methods of All Structs

Struct and Unit Members

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

Invoking Methods and TCMs

Actions

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

Checks

Actions

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

Variable Declarations and Assignments

Actions

var var-name : type; // declare a variable
var-name = expr; // e.g. field-name=expr, var-name=method()
var var-name := value; // declare and assign a variable

Operators

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

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

Simulator Interface

Statements and Unit Members

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

Printing

Action

print expr[...] [using print-options];
print struct-inst ;

Events

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

Predefined Events

```
sys.any struct-inst.quit
```

Temporal Struct and Unit Members

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

Temporal Expressions (TEs)

All TEs have an explicit or implicit sampling event

Basic Temporal Expressions

```
@[struct-inst.]event-name // event instance  
change|fall|rise('HDL-path') @sim // simulator callback annotation  
change|fall|rise(expr) true(bool-exp) cycle
```

Boolean Temporal Expressions

```
TE1 and TE2 TE1 or TE2 not TE fail TE
```

Complex Temporal Expressions

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

Time-Consuming Actions

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

Using Lock and Release

Time-Consuming Actions

```
struct struct-type {  
    field-name: locker;  
    TCM() @event-name is {  
        field-name.lock();  
        ...  
        field-name.release();  
    };  
};
```

Packing and Unpacking Pseudo-Methods

```
expr = pack( pack-options, expr, ... )  
// pack options: packing.high, packing.low  
unpack( pack-options, value-exp, target-exp[ , target-exp, ... ] )
```

Predefined Routines

Deep Copy and Compare Routines

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

Output Routines

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

Selected Configuration Routines

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

```
set_config( category, option, option-value )  
get_config( category, option );
```

Selected Arithmetic Routines

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

Bitwise Routines

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

Selected String Routines

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

Selected Operating System Interface Routines

```
system("command"): int date_time(): string  
output_from("command"): list of string  
output_from_check("command"): list of string  
get_symbol(UNIX-environment-variable: string) : string  
files.write_string_list(file-name: string, list: list of string)
```

Stopping a Test

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

Name Macros

Statements

```
define [ ]macro-name [ replacement ]
```

Preprocessor Directives

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

Note: Preprocessor directives can be statements, struct or unit members, or actions.

List Pseudo-Methods

Selected List Actions

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

Selected List Expressions

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

Coverage Groups and Items

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

To enable coverage, extend the **global** struct as follows:

```
setup_test() is also {set_config(cover, mode, cover-mode)}
```

Struct and Unit Members

Coverage Group Options

```
text = string weight = uint no_collect radix = DEC|HEX|BIN  
count_only global when = bool-exp  
external=surecov agent_options=SureCov options
```

Coverage Item Options

```
text = string when = bool-exp weight = uint  
no_collect radix=DEC|HEX|BIN name name  
at_least = num ignore | illegal = cover-item=bool-exp  
no_trace ranges=range( [ n..m ], sub-bucket-name,  
sub-bucket-size, at-least-number );  
per_instance agent_options=SureCov options
```



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Specman Elite Quick Reference

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

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

General Help

help command [syntax] **apropos command [syntax]**

Specview Help button **Specview Vadvisor button**

Creating an HDL Stub File

write stubs -verilog | -qvh | -ncvhdl | -spd [file-name]

```
specman -command "load top.e; write stubs -verilog"  
    // creates stub file named specman.v for most Verilog simulators  
specman -command "load top.e; write stubs -qvh my_stub.vhd"  
    // creates stub file for ModelSim VHDL named my_stub.vhd
```

Compiler Script

```
%sn_compile.sh  
    // use with no arguments to display compiler script options
```

```
%sn_compile.sh top.e  
    // create an executable named "top" with compiled top.e module
```

Verilog-XL or ModelSim

```
%sn_compile.sh top.e -sim xl  
    // creates a Specman Elite executable named "xl_top" that  
    // includes the compiled top.e module and Verilog-XL
```

```
%sn_compile.sh top.e -sim qvh  
    // creates a library that includes top.e and ModelSim (VHDL)
```

VCS

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

Incremental Compilation Command Sequence

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

Switching between Specman Elite and Simulator Prompts

<Ctrl>-<Return> // switch from simulator prompt to Specman Elite
 // in text mode (no simulator GUI is being used)

```
$sn ; // switch from Verilog-XL or VCS to Specman Elite  
sn // switch from ModelSim to Specman Elite  
call sn // switch from NC Simulator to Specman Elite
```

<Return> // switch from Specman Elite back to the simulator

Specman Elite Commands from Simulator Prompt

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

NC Simulator: call sn {"command"}

Simulator-Related Commands

show functions // Verilog and VHDL

show tasks [and functions] // Verilog

show procedures // VHDL

show subprograms // VHDL

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

Starting Specman Elite or the Specview GUI

Starting Specman Elite in Text Mode

```
specman [ -p[re_commands] commands ... ]  
[ -c[ommands] commands ... ]
```

Example:

```
specman -p "config print -radix = HEX" -p "load top"  
    // Starts Specman Elite, sets print radix to hex, and loads top.e
```

Starting the Specview GUI

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

Example:

```
specview xl_specman +gui -s xor.v specman.v  
    // Starts Specview along with the Verilog-XL GUI, loads the xor.v  
    // file and the specman.v stubs file
```

Running from Compiled Executables

```
%specsim [-pre-commands command ...] [-commands command ...]  
[ integrated-executable parameters ]  
    // General way to pass pre-commands to a compiled executable
```

Verilog-XL:

```
% xl_top -s file1.v file2.v specman.v  
    // Invokes an executable named xl_top to start Specman Elite with  
    // Verilog-XL, and load Verilog-XL files my_file1.v and my_file2.v
```

Verilog-XL:

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

ModelSim:

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

VCS:

```
%specsim -p "@batch.ecom" vcs_cpu_top -s -i batch.cmd
```

Using a Specman Elite Command File

@file-name [parameter ...]

Example:

```
// Contents of my_batch.ecom file:  
load <1>;  
out("<2> is <3>");  
Execute my_batch.ecom:  
    Specman> @my_batch my_code Today Wednesday  
Result:  
    Loads my_code.e, prints Today is Wednesday
```

Record Commands

```
record start [ -dir = dir-name ] [ -redo [ redo-options ] ]  
[ -comment = "comment-text" ] [ -comment_file = file-name ]  
[ -override [!] ] session-name
```

Configuration Commands

config category -option = value;

Category Options

print	radix, title, window, raw, items, list_from, list_is_horizontal, list_lines, list_starts_on_right, list_grouping, list_of_bit_in_hex, list_index_radix, list_end_flag, full, source_lines, line_size
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cover	at_least_multiplier, grading_formula, verbose_interface, show_mode, sorted, max_int_buckets, absolute_max_buckets, mode, test_name, run_name, tag_name, dir, file_name, show_file_names, show_sub_holes, show_instances_only, show_partial_grade, ranking_cost, ranking_precision, gui_sync_mode, check_illegal_immediately, hole_color, illegal_bucket_color, chart_colors
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gen	seed, default_max_list_size, reorder_fields, absolute_max_list_size, max_depth, max_structs, warn, resolve_cycles, check_unsatisfied_cons
------------	---

gui	auto_scroll, use_help_browser
------------	-------------------------------

run	tick_max, error_command, exit_on, use_manual_tick
------------	--

memory	gc_threshold, gc_increment, max_size, absolute_max_size, print_msg
---------------	---

misc	warn, pre_specman_path, post_specman_path, short_is_signed
-------------	---

debug	watch_list_items
--------------	------------------

wave	working_mode, auto_refresh, register_structs, use_wave, stub_message_len, stub_output, stub_errors, stub_events, event_data, stub_integers, stub_strings, stub_strings_len, stub_booleans, list_items, thread_code_line, hierarchy_name, port, dump_file, timeout
-------------	--

show config [category [option]]

write config [to] file-name

read config [from] file-name

Test Phase Commands

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

start [-option = value...] run [-option = value...]

extract check finalize_test

Test Phase Command Options

seed = n | random default_max_list_size = n

max_depth = n absolute_max_list_size = n

max_structs = n warn = TRUE | FALSE

reorder_fields = TRUE | FALSE

resolve_cycles = TRUE | FALSE

check_unsatisfied_cons = TRUE | FALSE

Saving and Restoring the State

```
load file-name ...           reload [ -nokeep ]
save file-name
restore [-override] [ -nokeep ] [file-name]
```

Coverage Commands

```
read cover file-name          // wild cards can be used in file-name
write cover [-merge] file-name
clear cover
show cover [-kind = full|summary|spreadsheet ]
[-file = file-name ] [-contributors[= num]] [-window]
[struct-type.cover-group[(instance)][.item-name]]]
show cover -tests
show cover -def [struct-name.event-name[item-name]]]
show cover -new -cross =(struct-type.cover-group.item-name, ...)
[-interval = (struct-type.event-name, [struct-type.event-name | next])]
[-only_simultaneous] -win]
show cover -unique_buckets file_name
include cover[_tests] full-run-name [on|off]
rank cover [-sort_only] [-recover] [-window] [-file=file_name]
[-initial_list=file_name] [item-wild-cards]
```

Waveform-Related Commands

```
set wave [ -mode=working-mode ] viewer
wave [-when [= when-regular-exp ] ]
[-field[s] [= fields-regular-exp ] ]
[-event[s] [ -event_data=event-data ] ] [-thread[s]
[-code_line=bool]]] exp
wave event [ -data=data-option ] [ struct-type.event-type ]
wave out
```

Memory Commands

```
show memory [-recursive] [struct-type | unit-type]
who is [-full] struct-expr // show paths for all pointers to a struct
```

Event Commands

```
collect events [event-name [...] ] [on | off]
echo events [event-name [...] ] [ on | off ]
delete events
show events [event-name | [ num ..[num] ] ]
show event definitions [event-name, ...]
show events -chart [time-value | -prev | -next | -beginning | -end]
[event-name, ...]
```

Show Pack and Unpack Commands

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

Show Modules Command

```
show modules
```

Log Commands

```
set log file-name             set log off
```

Shell Commands

```
shell shell-command
```

Print and Report Commands

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

```
print expr, ... [using print-options]
report list-expr, {{headers}}, expr,... [using print-options]
```

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

```
print sys.packets using radix=HEX
report sys.packets, {"Addr \t Indx"; "%d \t %d"}, address,index
```

```
tree [struct-inst | list-expr] // display the contents of a struct or list
```

Generation Debugger Commands

```
collect generation [off]
show gen [-instance instance-name[field-name]]
```

Source Code Debugger Commands

```
continue [to breakpoint-syntax] step_anywhere
step      next      finish      abort
```

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

Setting Breakpoints

```
[!]break [once] [on] call [extension]
[struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name]
#[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]break [once] [on] [return] [extension]
[struct-wild-card.]method-wild-card [@module-name]
#[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]break [once] [on] line [line-number] [@module-name]
#[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]break [once] [on] special-event-name [special-wild-card]
[@module-name] #[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]break [once] [on] event [[struct-wild-card.]event-wild-card]
[@module-name] #[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
break [once] [on] change expr
break [once] [on] error
break [once] [on] interrupt
break [once] [on] simulator
break [on] alloc [memory-size]
```

Managing Breakpoints

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

Setting and Managing Watches

```
[!]watch exp [-radix = DEC|HEX|BIN] [-items = value] [#thread-id]
update watch watch-id [radix = DEC|HEX|BIN]
[-items = value|default]
show watch           delete watch [watch-id]
```

Setting Traces

```
[!]trace [once] [on] call [extension] [struct-wild-card.]method-wild-
card [@module-name] #[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]trace [once] [on] return [extension] [struct-wild-card.]method-
wild-card [@module-name] #[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
[!]trace [once] [on] line [line-number] [@module-name] [if bool-exp]
[!]trace [once] [on] special-event-name [special-wild-card]
[@module-name] #[#thread-handle] [if bool-exp]
trace [once] [on] change expr
trace [on] packing           trace [on] reparse
```

Special Events and Special Wild Cards

Special Event Name	Special Wild Card
tcm_start	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_end	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_call	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_return	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_wait	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
tcm_state	struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card
call	struct-wild-card.method-wild-card
return	struct-wild-card.method-wild-card
sim_read	signal-name-wild-card
sim_write	signal-name-wild-card
output	text wild-card

Command-Line Mode Debugging Commands

```
show stack // show the calls stack for the current thread
show threads // show all threads
show thread source // show the e source for the current thread
show thread tree // show the full tree of calls for the current thread
show thread #thread-handle
```

