

Specman Quick Reference

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

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

General Help

cdnshelp | **sn_help.sh** \ opens Cadence Help

Specman **help** command **Help** button in GUI

Creating an HDL Stub File

write stubs -ncvlog | **-ncvhdl** | **-ver[ilog]** | **-ncsc** | **-ncsv** | **-esi** [*file-name*] // IES only; stub files not required for irun

write stubs -ver[ilog] | **-qvh** | **-mti_sv** | **-osci** | **-vcs** | **-vcsv** | **-esi** [*file-name*]

Compiler Script

%sn_compile.sh // displays compiler script options

%sn_compile.sh top.e // creates an executable named “top” with compiled top.e module (and all other modules loaded by top.e)

%sn_compile.sh e-module **-shlib -t** tmp_directory

%sn_compile.sh -shlib -exe top.e // creates a shared library and executable that can be loaded dynamically into a simulator (example- . Modelsim)

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

Some Common Switches

-sim // specifies name of the simulator to be linked (xl, ncvlog, ncvhdl, ncsim, vcs, vcsv)

-enable_DAC // compiles define as computed macros in the same compilation phase

-shlib // creates a shared library

-parallel // improves performance by compiling modules in parallel

Starting Specman Standalone

%specman [-p[re_commands] *commands* | @*cmd-file.ecom*] [-c[ommands] *commands...*] [-e | -gui]

Switching between Specman and Simulator Prompts

<Return> // switches from Specman to the simulator

sn [*spm-cmd*] // switches from simulator to Specman

nc *nc-cmd* // passes simulator command from Specman to IES

Starting Specman with a Simulator

%specrun [-p[re_commands] *commands* | @*cmd-file.ecom*] [-c[ommands] *commands...*] [-e | -gui] **-dlib** | *linked-specman-executable-and-parameters*

// Specman invocation using a linked executable or dynamically linked to a shared library

IES Simulator

%irun file1.v file2.v test.e **-snprerun** "@batch.ecom" // compiles Verilog files and e file, and executes pre-commands)

ModelSim

vsim -c -keepstdout top-module vsim-options

VCS

integrated-vcs-executable **-ucli** [*vcs-options*]

Selected irun Options To Use with Specman

-defineall *macro* // defines macro for all compilers

-endsnstage // marks the end of a list of e files to be compiled into the same compilation unit

-intelligen // configures generator to use IntelliGen

-nosncomp // prevents compiling e input files

-snchecknames // generates warning for incorrect HDL paths

-snload *e-files* // loads e files before HDL access generation

-snprerun “*commands*” // executes commands before simulation

-snseed *seed* // passes seed to Specman

-snset “*commands*” // specifies commands to be executed before compiling or loading e files

-snshlib *shared-lib-path* // uses specified e precompiled shared lib

-snstage *stagename* // compiles all e files as a staged compile

Syntax Examples:

% irun -snshlib libsn_e-module.so hdl-files e-module

% irun -snstage stage-name e-files **-snstage** stage-name e-files ...

-endsnstage e-files hdl-files

irun Coverage Options

-covworkdir *dir* **-covscope** *scope* **-covtest** *test*

HAL e Linting Command

hal [-check | -nocheck *category[:category...]*] [-design_info *info-file*] [-rulefile *definitions-file*] [-snshlib *shared-lib-file*] [*e-files*]

Categories:

ALL_E	E_COVERAGE	E_LINT	E_PERFORMANCE
E_STYLE	E_TOOL	UVM_E	

Specman: Main Configuration Options

Categories

run	cover	gui	ies
memory	simulation	print	debugger

gen

config *category* -option=value // change configuration

show config [*category* [-option]]

write config [to] *file-name*

read config [from] *file-name*

Test Phase Commands

test | **setup** | **generate** | **start** | **run** [-option = value, ...] // options are the related configuration options.

check **finalize** **extract**

Saving and Restoring the State

load [-check] [-if] *e-files*

reload [-retain | -noretain] [*esv-file*]

sav[e] [-with_logs] *esv-file*

set retain state [-off]

Coverage Commands

read cov[er[age]] [-merge -file = *merge-filename*] *wildcard-filename,...*

write cov[er[age]] [-merge] *filename*

clear cov[er[age]]

sh[o[w]] cov[er[age]] [-kind = full | sum[mary] | spread[sheet]] [-f[ile] = *file-name*] [-contr[ibutors] [= *num*]] [-win[dow]] [*struct-type[group-name[.item-name]]*] [...]

sh[o[w]] cov[er[age]] def [*struct-type[group-name[.item-name]]*]

rank co[ver] [-sort_only] [-recover] [-window] [-file=*file_name*] [-initial_list=*file_name*] [*struct-type[group-name[.item-name]]*]

Waveform-Related Commands

set wave [-mode=*working-mode*] *viewer* // not needed for IES

wave [*exp*] [-when] [-depth=*uint*] [-field[s] [-event[s] [-thread[s] *exp*

wave ev[e[n[t]]] [*struct-type.event-type*]

Memory Commands

sh[ow] mem[ory] [*struct*] [-re[cursive]]

sh[ow] mem[ory] [-depth = *unit-e-path*] [-depth = *num*]

sh[ow] path *struct* | -type = *type-name* | -full

Message Commands

set message *unit* [-tags=*tags* | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=*file*] [-verbosity=*verbosity*] [-nonrec]

set message *unit* -off [-tags=*tags* | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=*file*] [-nonrec]

set message *unit* -format=*format* [-tags=*tags* | all] [-screen] [-file=*file*] [-nonrec]

set message -style=*style* [-verbosity=*verbosity*] [-tags=*tags*]

show message *unit* [-tags=*tags* | all] [-screen] [-trans] [-file=*file* | all] [-rec[ursive]] [-full]

Event Commands

sh[ow] event[s] [*time[.time]*] [*struct.event*] // wildcards allowed for event commands

sh[ow] event def[initions] [*struct.event* [...]]

collect event[s] [*struct.event* [...]] [on | off]

```
trace event[s] [-off | struct.event | -off ]
```

```
trace event[s] -wave [struct.event | -off | -show | -help]
```

```
del[ete] event[s]
```

Show Pack and Unpack Commands

```
show pack(pack-option, exp, ...)
```

```
show unpack(pack-option, value-exp, target-exp1 [,target-exp2,...])
```

Log Commands

```
set log file-name [{command;...}]          set log off
```

Shell Commands

```
shell shell-command
```

Print and Report Commands

```
p[rint] exp[, ...] [using print-options]
```

```
rep[ort] list-exp, {[headers]}, exp,... [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 | list-exp] // display the contents of a struct or list
```

```
write doc [-l[oad]] [-path=path][-dir=dir] [-overwrite] [-no_show]
[-detail] [-public] [-protected] [-package] [-private]
[-no_source_links] e_verification_package_name | @modules, ...
// generate a multi-file, hierarchical eDoc report
```

Sequence Debug Command

```
tra[ce] seq[ui]ence [driver-e-path] [-v= verbosity | off] [-file = file, ...]
[-screen] [-trans]
```

Generation Debugger Commands

```
break [on] gen [action id [cfs id]] [error] [field
struct_name.field_name] // set generation break point; enable
collection of generation information
```

Examples:

```
break on gen error// collect generation information and stop on next
contradiction
```

```
break on gen field my_packet_s.*// collect generation information
and stop on next generation of any field of my_packet_s
```

```
sh[ow] gen [-instance instance-name.[fieldname] | -ascii]
```

Source Code Debugger Commands

```
cont[inue] [to breakpoint-syntax] step_any[where]
```

```
st[ep]          ne[xt]          fin[ish]          abort
```

Setting Breakpoints

```
b[reak] [once] [on] break-option [@module] [if cond]
```

```
lb[reak] [once] [on] break-option [@module] [#thread-handle] [if
cond]
```

Where *break-options* are:

- c[all] [ext[ension]] [*struct-wildcard*.]*method-wildcard*
- re[urn] [ext[ension]] [*struct-wildcard*.]*method-wildcard*
- event [[*struct-wildcard*.]*method-wildcard*]
- *special-event-type* [*special-wildcard*]

```
b[reak] [once] [on] l[ine] [line-number] [@module | @expansion-
index] [if cond]
```

```
lb[reak] [once] [on] l[ine] [line-number] [@module | @expansion-
index] [#thread-handle] [if cond]
```

```
b[reak] [once] [on] change exp | error | interrupt | sim |
contention
```

```
b[reak] [on] alloc [memory-size]
```

Managing Breakpoints

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

```
show breakpoint
```

Setting and Managing Watches

```
[l]watch exp [-radix = DEC | HEX | BIN] [-items = value] [#thread-id]
```

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

```
show watch          delete watch [watch-id]
```

Setting Traces

```
tra[ce] [once] [on] trace-option [@module-name] [if cond]
```

```
ltra[ce] [once] [on] trace-option [@module-name] [#thread-handle]
[if cond]
```

Where *trace-option* is:

- c[all] [ext[ension]] [*struct-wildcard*.]*method-wildcard*
- re[urn] [ext[ension]] [*struct-wildcard*.]*method-wildcard*
- l[ine] [*line-number*]
- *special-event* [*special-wildcard*]

```
tra[ce] [once] [on] change exp | contention
```

```
tra[ce] [on] packing | reparse
```

```
tra[ce] [on] check [struct-wild-card.method-wild-card ]
[@module-name]
```

```
tra[ce] deep
```

```
tra[ce] glitch [on | off] c[all] [port-e-path]
```

```
tra[ce] internal-port-activity [unit-wildcard | port-wildcard]
[destination] [off]
```

```
tra[ce] external-port-activity [[agent-wildcard.]unit-wildcard. | port-
wildcard] [destination] [off]
```

Special Events and Special Wild Cards

Special Event Name	Special Wild Card
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tcm_start	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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tcm_end	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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tcm_call	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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Special Events and Special Wild Cards (continued)

tcm_return	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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tcm_wait	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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tcm_state	<i>struct-wild-card.tcm-wild-card</i>
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call	<i>struct-wild-card.method-wild-card</i>
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return	<i>struct-wild-card.method-wild-card</i>
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sim_read	<i>signal-name-wild-card</i>
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sim_write	<i>signal-name-wild-card</i>
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output	<i>text wild-card</i>
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Command-Line Mode Debugging Commands

```
sh[ow] sta[ck] // show the calls stack for the current thread
```

```
sh[ow] thr[ead] // show all threads
```

```
sh[ow] thr[ead] so[urce] [#thread-id.[call-id]]
// show the e source for the current thread
```

```
sh[ow] thr[ead] tr[ee] [#thread-id]
// show the full tree of calls for the current thread
```

```
sh[o[w]] def[ine[s]] [ -v ] [ -e ] [ " [wildcard-name" ]
// -e : e defines only; -v : Verilog defines
```

```
sh[ow] macro [-full] [-nest] -line=line-no
@module-name | #expansion
```

```
sh[ow] macro [-full] [-nest] "e-code-string"
-macro = macro-name-exp | -match_exp = macro-match-exp
```

```
collect [-file=file-name] [-after=module-name] [-reload] struct-
name.method,... // collect method extensions and print to log
```

```
sh[o[w]] mod[u[les]] [-checksum | -win[dow]]
```

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