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PREFACE

Thank you for purchasing Analog Devices, Inc. development software for digital signal processing (DSP) applications.

Purpose

The *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Assembler and Preprocessor Manual* contains information about the assembler and preprocessor utilities for the following Analog Devices, Inc. processor families—Blackfin[®] (ADSP-BFxxx), SHARC[®] (ADSP-21xxx), and TigerSHARC[®] (ADSP-TSxxx) processors.

The manual describes how to write assembly programs for these processors and provides reference information about related development software. It also provides information on new and legacy syntax for assembler and preprocessor directives and comments, as well as command-line switches.

Intended Audience

The primary audience for this manual is a programmer who is familiar with Analog Devices processors. This manual assumes that the audience has a working knowledge of the appropriate processor architecture and instruction set. Programmers who are unfamiliar with Analog Devices processors can use this manual, but should supplement it with other texts (such as the appropriate hardware reference and programming reference manuals) that describe your target architecture.

Manual Contents

The manual consists of:

- Chapter 1, “[Assembler](#)”
Provides an overview of the process of writing and building assembly programs. It also provides information about assembler switches, expressions, keywords, and directives.
- Chapter 2, “[Preprocessor](#)”
Provides procedures for using preprocessor commands within assembly source files as well as the preprocessor’s command-line interface options and command sets.

What’s New in this Manual

This revision of the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Assembler and Preprocessor Manual* documents assembler and preprocessor functionality that is new to VisualDSP++[®] 5.0 and updates (up to update 6), including support for new ADSP-2146x SHARC processors.

In addition, modifications and corrections based on errata reports against the previous revision of the manual have been made.

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The assembler and preprocessor of VisualDSP++ 5.0 supports the following Analog Devices, Inc. processors.

- Blackfin (ADSP-BFxxx)
- SHARC (ADSP-21xxx)
- TigerSHARC (ADSP-TSxxx)

The majority of the information in this manual applies to all processors. For a complete list of processors supported by VisualDSP++ 5.0, refer to the online Help.

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.pdf	VisualDSP++ and processor manuals in PDF format. Viewing and printing the .pdf files requires a PDF reader, such as Adobe Acrobat Reader (4.0 or higher).

Technical Library CD

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To order the technical library CD, go to http://www.analog.com/processors/technical_library, navigate to the manuals page for your processor, click the request CD check mark, and fill out the order form.

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Data sheets, which can be downloaded from the Analog Devices Web site, change rapidly, and therefore are not included on the technical library CD. Technical manuals change periodically. Check the Web site for the latest manual revisions and associated documentation errata.




Notation Conventions

Text conventions used in this manual are identified and described as follows.



Additional conventions, which apply only to specific chapters, may appear throughout this document.

Example	Description
Close command (File menu)	Titles in in bold style reference sections indicate the location of an item within the VisualDSP++ environment's menu system (for example, the Close command appears on the File menu).
{this that}	Alternative required items in syntax descriptions appear within curly brackets and separated by vertical bars; read the example as <i>this</i> or <i>that</i> . One or the other is required.
[this that]	Optional items in syntax descriptions appear within brackets and separated by vertical bars; read the example as an optional <i>this</i> or <i>that</i> .
[this,...]	Optional item lists in syntax descriptions appear within brackets delimited by commas and terminated with an ellipse; read the example as an optional comma-separated list of <i>this</i> .
.SECTION	Commands, directives, keywords, and feature names are in text with letter gothic font.
<i>filename</i>	Non-keyword placeholders appear in text with italic style format.

Example	Description
	<p>Note: For correct operation, ...</p> <p>A Note provides supplementary information on a related topic. In the online version of this book, the word Note appears instead of this symbol.</p>
	<p>Caution: Incorrect device operation may result if ...</p> <p>Caution: Device damage may result if ...</p> <p>A Caution identifies conditions or inappropriate usage of the product that could lead to undesirable results or product damage. In the online version of this book, the word Caution appears instead of this symbol.</p>
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1 ASSEMBLER

This chapter provides information on how to use the assembler to develop and assemble programs for SHARC (ADSP-21xxx), TigerSHARC (ADSP-TSxxx), and Blackfin (ADSP-BFxxx) processors.

The chapter contains the following sections:

- [“Assembler Guide” on page 1-2](#)
Describes how to develop new programs using the processor’s assembly language
- [“Assembler Syntax Reference” on page 1-40](#)
Provides the assembler rules and conventions of syntax used to define symbols (identifiers), expressions, and to describe different numeric and comment formats
- [“Assembler Command-Line Reference” on page 1-144](#)
Provides reference information on the assembler’s switches and conventions



The code examples in this manual have been compiled using VisualDSP++ 5.0. The examples compiled with other versions of VisualDSP++ may result in build errors or different output although the highlighted algorithms stand and should continue to stand in future releases of VisualDSP++.

Assembler Guide

In VisualDSP++ 5.0, you can run the assembler drivers for each processor family from the VisualDSP++ integrated debugging and development environment (IDDE) or from an operating system command line. The assembler processes assembly source, data, and header files to produce an object file. Assembler operations depend on two types of controls: assembler directives and assembler switches.

VisualDSP++ 5.0 supports the following assembler drivers.

- `easm21k.exe` (for SHARC processors)
- `easmts.exe` (for TigerSHARC processors)
- `easmb1kfn.exe` (for Blackfin processors)

This section describes how to develop new programs in the Analog Devices processor assembly language. It provides information on how to assemble your programs from the operating system's command line.

Software developers using the assembler should be familiar with these topics:

- [“Writing Assembly Programs” on page 1-4](#)
- [“Using Assembler Support for C Structs” on page 1-21](#)
- [“Preprocessing a Program” on page 1-24](#)
- [“Using Assembler Feature Macros” on page 1-25](#)
- [“Generating Make Dependencies” on page 1-35](#)
- [“Reading a Listing File” on page 1-37](#)

- [“Enabling Statistical Profiling for Assembly Functions” on page 1-37](#)
- [“Specifying Assembler Options in VisualDSP++” on page 1-174](#)

For information about a processor’s architecture, including the instruction set used when writing assembly programs, refer to the *Hardware Reference* and the *Programming Reference* for the appropriate processor.

Assembler Overview

The assembler processes data from assembly source (.asm), data (.dat), and header (.h) files to generate object files in executable and linkable format (ELF), an industry-standard format for binary object files. The object file has a .doj extension.

In addition to the object file, the assembler can produce a listing file (.lst) that shows the correspondence between the binary code and the source.

Assembler switches are specified from the VisualDSP++ IDDE or from the command line used to invoke the assembler. These switches allow you to control the assembly process of source, data, and header files. Use these switches to enable and configure assembly features, such as search paths, output file names, and macro preprocessing. [For more information, see “Assembler Command-Line Reference” on page 1-144.](#)

You can also set assembler options via the **Assemble** page of the **Project Options** dialog box in VisualDSP++. [For more information, see “Specifying Assembler Options in VisualDSP++” on page 1-174.](#)

Writing Assembly Programs

Assembler directives are coded in assembly source files. The directives allow you to define variables, set up hardware features, and identify program sections for placement within processor memory. The assembler uses directives for guidance as it translates a source program into object code.

Write assembly language programs using the VisualDSP++ editor or any editor that produces text files. Do not use a word processor that embeds special control codes in the text. Use an `.asm` extension to source file names to identify them as assembly source files.

Figure 1-1 shows a graphical overview of the assembly process. The figure shows the preprocessor processing the assembly source (`.asm`) and header (`.h`) files.

Assemble your source files from the VisualDSP++ environment or using any mechanism, such as a batch file or makefile, that supports invoking an appropriate assembler driver with a specified command-line command. By default, the assembler processes an intermediate file to produce a binary object file (`.obj`) and an optional listing file (`.lst`).

Object files produced by the processor assembler may be used as input to the linker and archiver. You can archive the output of an assembly process into a library file (`.lib`), which can then be linked with other objects into an executable. Use the linker to combine separately assembled object files and objects from library files to produce an executable file. For more information about the linker and archiver, refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.

A binary object file (`.obj`) and an optional listing (`.lst`) file are final results of the successful assembly.

The assembler listing file is a text file read for information on the results of the assembly process. The listing file also provides information about the imported C data structures. The listing file tells which imports were used within the program, followed by a more detailed section. (See the

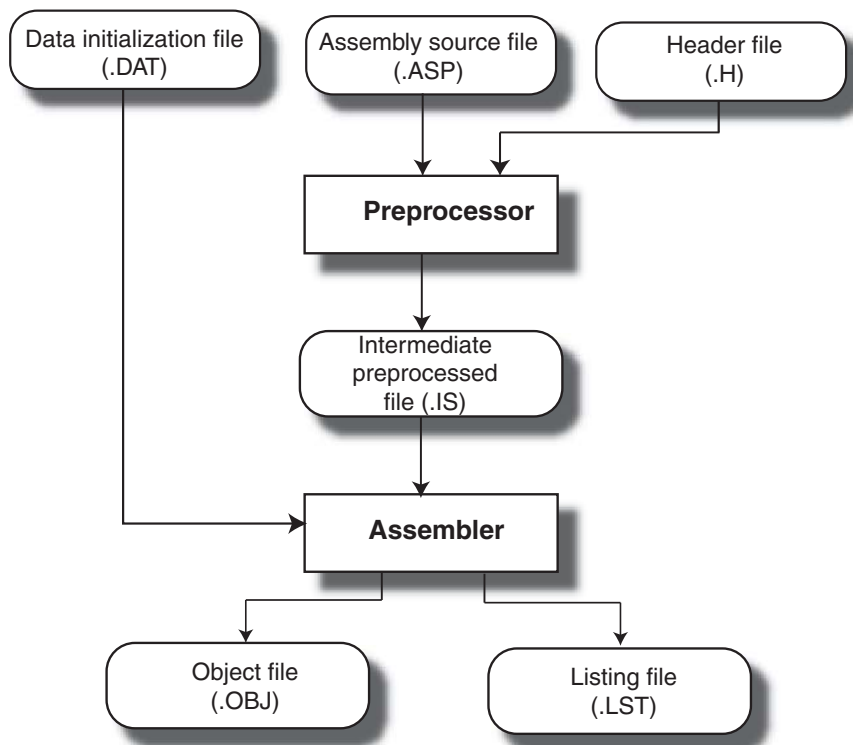


Figure 1-1. Assembler Input and Output Files

.IMPORT directive [on page 1-93](#).) The file shows the name, total size, and layout with offset for the members. The information appears at the end of the listing. You must specify the `-l` switch ([on page 1-162](#)) to produce a listing file.

The assembly source file may contain preprocessor commands, such as `#include`, that cause the preprocessor to include header files (`.h`) into the source program. The preprocessor's only output, an intermediate source file (`.is`), is the assembler's primary input. In normal operation, the preprocessor output is a temporary file that is deleted during the assembly process.

Program Content

Assembly source file statements include assembly instructions, assembler directives, and preprocessor commands.

Assembly Instructions

Instructions adhere to the processor's instruction set syntax, which is documented in the processor's *Programming Reference*. Each instruction line must be terminated by a semicolon (;). On TigerSHARC processors, each instruction line (which can contain up to 4 instructions) is terminated by an additional semicolon (;:). [Figure 1-2 on page 1-8](#) shows an example assembly source file.

To mark the location of an instruction, place an address label at the beginning of an instruction line or on the preceding line. End the label with a colon (:) before beginning the instruction. Your program can then refer to this memory location using the label instead of an address. The assembler places no restriction on the number of characters in a label.

Labels are case sensitive. The assembler treats “outer” and “Outer” as unique labels. For example (in Blackfin processors),

```
outer: [I1] = R0;
Outer: R1 = 0X1234;
JUMP outer; // jumps back 2 instructions
```

Assembler Directives

Assembler directives begin with a period (.) and end with a semicolon (;). The assembler does not differentiate between directives in lowercase or uppercase.



This manual prints directives in uppercase to distinguish them from other assembly statements.

For example (Blackfin processors):

```
.SECTION data1;  
.BYTE2 sqrt_coeff[2] = 0x5D1D, 0xA9ED;
```

For a complete description of the assembler's directive set, see [“Assembler Directives” on page 1-70](#).

Preprocessor Commands

Preprocessor commands begin with a pound sign (#) and end with a carriage return. The pound sign must be the first non-white space character on the line containing the command. If the command is longer than one line, use a backslash (\) and a carriage return to continue the command onto the next line.

Do not put any characters between the backslash and the carriage return. Unlike assembler directives, preprocessor commands are case sensitive and must be lowercase. For example,

```
#include "string.h"  
#define MAXIMUM 100
```

For more information, see [“Writing Preprocessor Commands” on page 2-3](#). For a list of the preprocessor commands, see [“Preprocessor Command-Line Reference” on page 2-41](#).

Program Structure

An assembly source file defines code (instructions) and data. It also organizes the instructions and data to allow the use of the linker description file (.ldf) to describe how code and data are mapped into the memory on your target processor. The way you structure your code and data into memory should follow the memory architecture of the target processor.

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Use the `.SECTION` directive to organize the code and data in assembly source files. The `.SECTION` directive defines a grouping of instructions and data that occupies contiguous memory addresses in the processor. The name given in a `.SECTION` directive corresponds to an input section name in the linker description file.

Table 1-1, Table 1-2, and Table 1-3 show suggested input section names for data and code that can be used in your assembly source for various processors. Using these predefined names in your sources makes it easier to take advantage of the default `.ldf` file included in your DSP system. However, you may also define your own sections. For information on `.ldf` files, refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.

Table 1-1. Suggested Input Section Names for a SHARC `.ldf` File

<code>.SECTION</code> Name	Description
<code>seg_pmco</code>	A section in program memory that holds code
<code>seg_dmda</code>	A section in data memory that holds data
<code>seg_pmda</code>	A section in program memory that holds data
<code>seg_rth</code>	A section in program memory that holds system initialization code and interrupt service routines
<code>seg_swco</code>	A section in short word memory that holds instructions encoded for execution from short word memory. NOTE: Applies to the ADSP-2146x processors only.

Table 1-2. Suggested Input Section Names for a TigerSHARC `.ldf` File

<code>.SECTION</code> Name	Description
<code>data1</code>	A section that holds data in memory block M1
<code>data2</code>	A section that holds data in memory block M2 (specified with the PM memory qualifier)
<code>program</code>	A section that holds code

Table 1-3. Suggested Input Section Names for a Blackfin .ldf File

.SECTION Name	Description
data1	A section that holds data
program	A section that holds code
constdata	A section that holds global data (which is declared as constant) and literal constants such as strings and array initializers

Use sections in a program to group elements to meet hardware constraints. For example, the ADSP-BF535 processor has a separate program and data memory in Level 1 memory only. Level 2 memory and external memory are not separated into instruction and data memory.

To group the code that resides in off-chip memory, declare a section for that code and place that section in the selected memory with the linker.

The example assembly program defines three sections. Each section begins with a `.SECTION` directive and ends with the occurrence of the next `.SECTION` directive or end-of-file.

Table 1-4 lists the sections in the source program:

Table 1-4. Sections in Source Programs

Section	Blackfin	SHARC	TigerSHARC
Data Section Variables and buffers are declared and can be initialized	data1 constdata	seg_dmda	data1 data2
Program Section Data, instructions, and possibly other types of statements are in this section, including statements that are needed for conditional assembly	seg_rth program	seg_pmco	program

Figure 1-2, Figure 1-3 on page 1-14, and Figure 1-4 on page 1-17 describe assembly code file structure for each processor family. They show how a program divides into sections that match the memory segmentation

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of a DSP system. Notice that an assembly source may contain preprocessor commands (such as `#include` to include other files in source code), `#ifdef` (for conditional assembly), or `#define` (to define macros). The `SECTIONS{}` commands define the `.SECTION` placements in the system's physical memory as defined by the linker's `MEMORY{}` command. Assembler directives, such as `.VAR` (or `.BYTE` for Blackfin processors), appear within sections to declare and initialize variables.

Code File Structure for SHARC Processors

Figure 1-2 describes assembly code file structure for SHARC processors.

Looking at Figure 1-2, notice that the `.PRECISION` and `.ROUND_ZERO` directives inform the assembler to store floating-point data with 40-bit precision and to round a floating-point value to a closer-to-zero value if it does not fit in the 40-bit format.

LDF for SHARC Processors

Listing 1-1 shows a sample user-defined `.ldf` file for SHARC processors. Looking at the file's `SECTIONS{}` command, notice that the `INPUT_SECTION` commands map to the names of memory sections (such as `program`, `data1`, `data2`, `ctor`, `heaptab`, and so on) used in the example assembly sample program.

Listing 1-1. LDF Example for SHARC Processors

```
ARCHITECTURE(ADSP-21062)
SEARCH_DIR( $ADI_DSP\21k\lib )
$LIBRARIES = lib060.dlb, libc.dlb;
$OBJECTS = $COMMAND_LINE_OBJECTS, 060_hdr.doj;

MEMORY {
    seg_rth {TYPE(PM RAM) START(0x20000) END(0x20fff) WIDTH(48)}
    seg_init{TYPE(PM RAM) START(0x21000) END(0x2100f) WIDTH(48)}
    seg_pmco{TYPE(PM RAM) START(0x21010) END(0x24fff) WIDTH(48)}
```

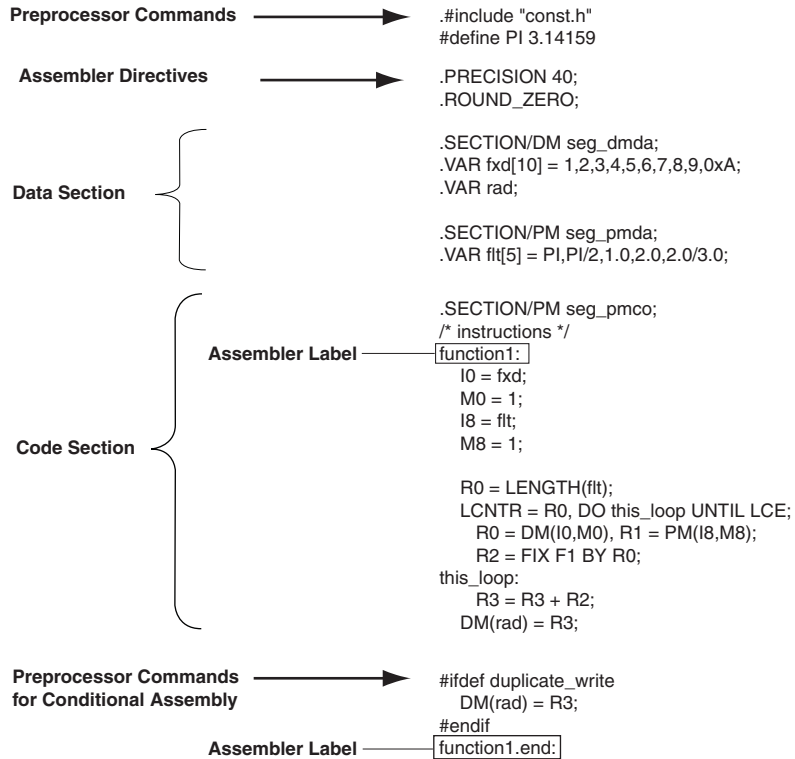


Figure 1-2. Assembly Code File Structure for SHARC Processors

```

seg_pmda{TYPE(DM RAM) START(0x28000) END(0x28fff) WIDTH(32)}
seg_dmda{TYPE(DM RAM) START(0x29000) END(0x29fff) WIDTH(32)}
seg_stak{TYPE(DM RAM) START(0x2e000) END(0x2ffff) WIDTH(32)}
    /* memory declarations for default heap */
seg_heap{TYPE(DM RAM) START(0x2a000) END(0x2bfff) WIDTH(32)}
    /* memory declarations for custom heap */
seg_heaq{TYPE(DM RAM) START(0x2c000) END(0x2dfff) WIDTH(32)}
}    // End MEMORY

```

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```
PROCESSOR p0 {
    LINK_AGAINST( $COMMAND_LINE_LINK_AGAINST)
    OUTPUT( $COMMAND_LINE_OUTPUT_FILE )

    SECTIONS {
        .seg_rth {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_rth) $LIBRARIES(seg_rth))
        } > seg_rth
        .seg_init {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_init) $LIBRARIES(seg_init))
        } > seg_init
        .seg_pmco {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_pmco) $LIBRARIES(seg_pmco))
        } > seg_pmco
        .seg_pmda {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_pmda) $LIBRARIES(seg_pmda))
        } > seg_pmda
        .seg_dmda {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_dmda) $LIBRARIES(seg_dmda))
        } > seg_dmda
        .stackseg {
            ldf_stack_space = .;
            ldf_stack_length = 0x2000;
        } > seg_stak

        /* section placement for default heap */
        .heap {
            ldf_heap_space = .;
            ldf_heap_end = ldf_heap_space + 0x2000;
            ldf_heap_length = ldf_heap_end - ldf_heap_space;
        } > seg_heap

        /* section placement for additional custom heap */
```



```

    .heaq {
        ldf_heaq_space = .;
        ldf_heaq_end = ldf_heaq_space + 0x2000;
        ldf_heaq_length = ldf_heaq_end - ldf_heaq_space;
    } > seg_heaq
} // End SECTIONS
} // End P0

```

Code File Structure for TigerSHARC Processors

Figure 1-3 describes assembly code file structure for TigerSHARC processors. Looking at Figure 1-3, notice that an assembly source may contain preprocessor commands, such as `#include` (to include other files in source code), `#ifdef` (for conditional assembly), or `#define` (to define macros).

Assembler directives, such as `.VAR`, appear within sections to declare and initialize variables.

LDF for TigerSHARC Processors

Listing 1-2 shows a sample user-defined `.ldf` file for TigerSHARC processors. Looking at the file's `SECTIONS{}` command, notice that the `INPUT_SECTION` commands map to the names of memory sections (such as `program`, `data1`, `data2`, `ctor`, `heaptab`, and so on) used in the example assembly sample program.

Listing 1-2. Example Linker Description File for TigerSHARC Processors

```

ARCHITECTURE(ADSP-TS101)
SEARCH_DIR( $ADI_DSP\TS\lib )
$OBJECTS = $COMMAND_LINE_OBJECTS;

/* Internal memory blocks are 0x10000 (64k) */

MEMORY

```

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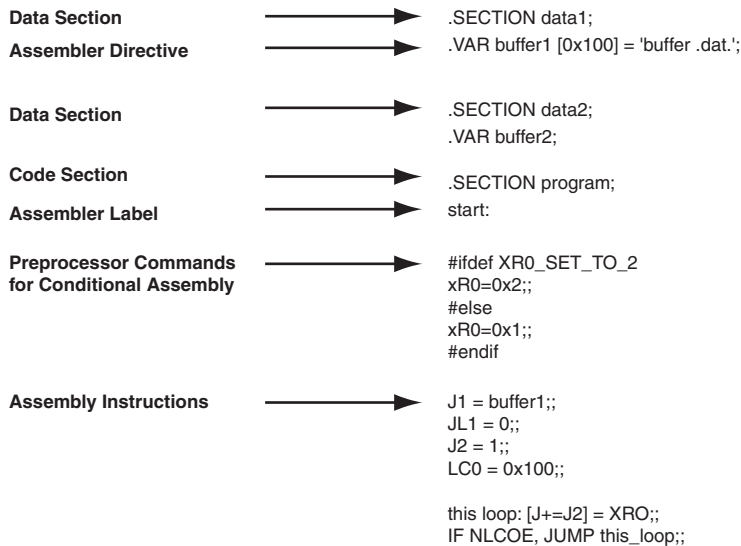


Figure 1-3. Assembly Code File Structure for TigerSHARC Processors

```
{
M0Code { TYPE(RAM) START(0x00000000) END(0x0000FFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
M1Data { TYPE(RAM) START(0x00080000) END(0x0008BFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
M1Heap { TYPE(RAM) START(0x0008C000) END(0x0008C7FF) WIDTH(32)
}
M1Stack { TYPE(RAM) START(0x0008C800) END(0x0008FFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
M2Data { TYPE(RAM) START(0x00100000) END(0x0010BFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
M2Stack { TYPE(RAM) START(0x0010C000) END(0x0010FFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
SDRAM { TYPE(RAM) START(0x04000000) END(0x07FFFFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
```

```

MS0      { TYPE(RAM) START(0x08000000) END(0x0BFFFFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
MS1      { TYPE(RAM) START(0x0C000000) END(0x0FFFFFFF) WIDTH(32)
}
}

PROCESSOR p0      /* The processor in the system */
{
    OUTPUT($COMMAND_LINE_OUTPUT_FILE)

    SECTIONS
    {
        /* List of sections for processor P0 */
        code
        {
            FILL(0xb3c00000)
            INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(4)
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(program) )
        } >M0Code

        data1
        {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(data1) )
        } >M1Data

        data2
        {
            INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(data2) )
        } >M2Data

        /* Provide support for initialization, including C++ static
           initialization. This section builds a table of
           initialization function pointers. */
        ctor
        {

```

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```
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor0) )
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor1) )
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor2) )
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor3) )
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor) )
    } >M1Data

/* Table containing heap segment descriptors */
heaptab
{
    INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(heaptab) )
} >M1Data

/* Allocate stacks for the application */
jstackseg
{
    ldf_jstack_limit = .;
    ldf_jstack_base = . + MEMORY_SIZEOF(M1Stack);
} >M1Stack

kstackseg
{
    ldf_kstack_limit = .;
    ldf_kstack_base = . + MEMORY_SIZEOF(M2Stack);
} >M2Stack

/* The default heap occupies its own memory block */
defheapseg
{
    ldf_defheap_base = .;
    ldf_defheap_size = MEMORY_SIZEOF(M1Heap);
} >M1Heap
}
}
```

Code File Structure for Blackfin Processors

Figure 1-4 describes the Blackfin processor's assembly code file structure and shows how a program divides into sections that match the memory segmentation of Blackfin processors.

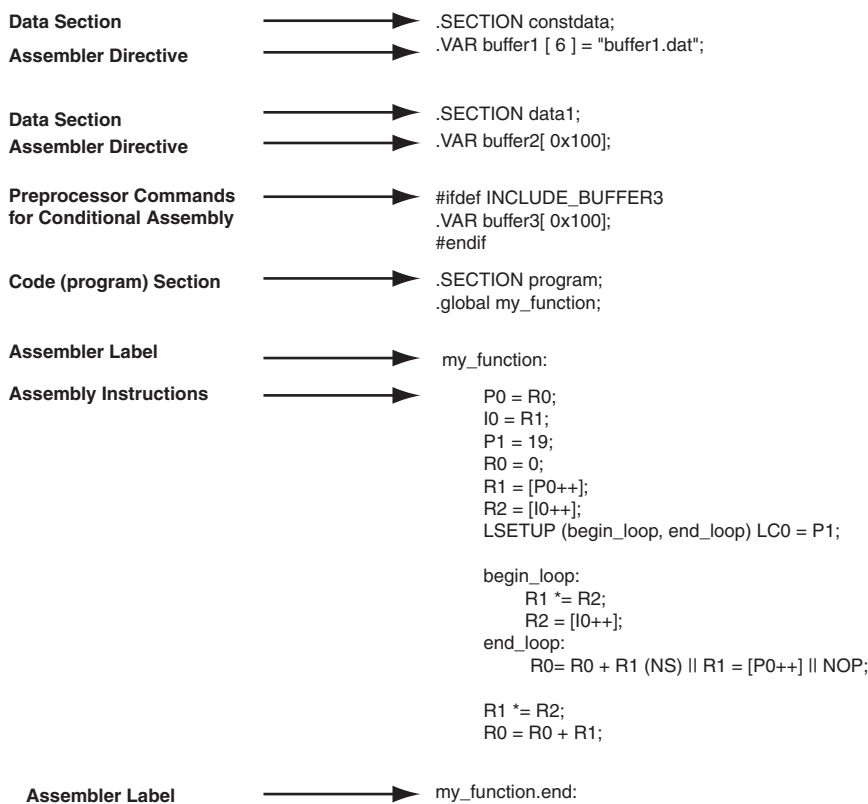


Figure 1-4. Assembly Source File Structure for Blackfin Processors

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You can use sections in a program to group elements to meet hardware constraints. For example, the ADSP-BF535 processor has a separate program and data memory in Level 1 memory only. Level 2 memory and external memory are not separated into instruction and data memory.

LDF for Blackfin Processors

[Listing 1-3 on page 1-18](#) shows a sample user-defined linker description file (.ldf). Looking at the file's `SECTIONS{}` command, notice that the `INPUT_SECTION` commands map to sections `program`, `data1`, and `constdata`.

Listing 1-3. Example Linker Description File for Blackfin Processors

```
ARCHITECTURE(ADSP-BF535)
SEARCH_DIR($ADI_DSP\Blackfin\lib)
#define LIBS libc.dlb, libdsp.dlb
$LIBRARIES = LIBS, librt535.dlb;
$OBJECTS = $COMMAND_LINE_OBJECTS;

MEMORY      /* Define/label system memory */
{           /* List of global Memory Segments */
MEM_PROGRAM { TYPE(RAM) START(0xF000000) END(0xF002FFFF)
WIDTH(8) }
MEM_HEAP    { TYPE(RAM) START(0xF0030000) END(0xF0037FFF)
WIDTH(8) }
MEM_STACK   { TYPE(RAM) START(0xF0038000) END(0xF003DFFF)
WIDTH(8) }
MEM_SYSSTACK { TYPE(RAM) START(0xF003E000) END(0xF003FDFF)
WIDTH(8) }
MEM_ARGV    { TYPE(RAM) START(0xF003FE00) END(0xF003FFFF)
WIDTH(8) }
}

PROCESSOR p0 /* The processor in the system */
```

```

{
    OUTPUT($COMMAND_LINE_OUTPUT_FILE)

SECTIONS
{
    /* List of sections for processor P0 */
    program
    {
        /* Align all code sections on 2 byte boundary */
        INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(2)
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(program) $LIBRARIES(program))
        INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(1)
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(data1) $LIBRARIES(data1))
        INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(1)
        INPUT_SECTIONS(
$OBJECTS(constdata)$LIBRARIES(constdata))
        INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(1)
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(ctor) $LIBRARIES(ctor))
        INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(2)
        INPUT_SECTIONS( $OBJECTS(seg_rth))
    } >MEM_PROGRAM

    stack
    {
        ldf_stack_space = .;
        ldf_stack_end = ldf_stack_space +
            MEMORY_SIZEOF(MEM_STACK) - 4;
    } >MEM_STACK

    sysstack
    {
        ldf_sysstack_space = .;
        ldf_sysstack_end = ldf_sysstack_space +
            MEMORY_SIZEOF(MEM_SYSSTACK) - 4;
    } >MEM_SYSSTACK

```

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```
heap
{
    /* Allocate a heap for the application */
    ldf_heap_space = .;
    ldf_heap_end = ldf_heap_space + MEMORY_SIZEOF(MEM_HEAP) - 1;
    ldf_heap_length = ldf_heap_end - ldf_heap_space;
} >MEM_HEAP

argv
{
    /* Allocate argv space for the application */
    ldf_argv_space = .;
    ldf_argv_end = ldf_argv_space + MEMORY_SIZEOF(MEM_ARGV) - 1;
    ldf_argv_length = ldf_argv_end - ldf_argv_space;
} >MEM_ARGV
}
}
```

Program Interfacing Requirements

You can interface your assembly program with a C or C++ program. The C/C++ compiler supports two methods for mixing C/C++ and assembly language:

- Embedding assembly code in C or C++ programs
- Linking together C or C++ and assembly routines

To embed (inline) assembly code in your C or C++ program, use the `asm()` construct. To link together programs that contain C/C++ and assembly routines, use assembly interface macros. These macros facilitate the assembly of mixed routines. For more information about these methods, see the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 C/C++ Compiler and Library Manual* for the appropriate target processor.

When writing a C or C++ program that interfaces with assembly, observe the same rules that the compiler follows as it produces code to run on the processor. These rules for compiled code define the compiler's run-time environment. Complying with a run-time environment means following rules for memory usage, register usage, and variable names.

The definition of the run-time environment for the C/C++ compiler is provided in the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 C/C++ Compiler and Library Manual* for the appropriate target processor, which also includes a series of examples to demonstrate how to mix C/C++ and assembly code.

Using Assembler Support for C Structs

The assembler supports C `typedef/struct` declarations within assembly source. These assembler data directives and built-ins provide high-level programming features with C structs in the assembler.

Data Directives:

`.IMPORT` (see [on page 1-93](#))
`.EXTERN STRUCT` (see [on page 1-86](#))
`.STRUCT` (see [on page 1-133](#))

C Struct in Assembly Built-Ins:

`OFFSETOF(struct/typedef, field)` (see [on page 1-66](#))
`SIZEOF(struct/typedef)` (see [on page 1-66](#))

Struct References:

`struct->field` (support nests; see [“Struct References” on page 1-67](#))

For more information on C struct support, refer to the [“-flags-compiler”](#) command-line switch [on page 1-157](#) and to [“Reading a Listing File” on page 1-37](#).

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C structs in assembly features accept the full set of legal C symbol names, including those that are otherwise reserved in the appropriate assembler.

For example,

- In the SHARC assembler, I1, I2, and I3 are reserved keywords, but it is legal to reference them in the context of the C struct in assembly features.
- In the TigerSHARC assembler, J1, J2, and J3 are reserved keywords, but it is legal to reference them in the context of the C struct in assembly features.
- In the Blackfin assembler, as an example, “X” and “Z” are reserved keywords, but it is legal to reference them in the context of the C struct in assembly features.

The examples below show how to access the parts of the struct defined in the header file, but they are not complete programs on their own. Refer to your DSP project files for complete code examples.

Blackfin Example:

```
.IMPORT "Coordinate.h";
    /* typedef struct Coordinate {
        int    X;
        int    Y;
        int    Z;
    } Coordinate;*/

.SECTION data1;

.STRUCT Coordinate Coord1 = {
    X = 1,
    Y = 4,
    Z = 7
};
```

```
.SECTION program;

    P0.l = Coord1->X;
    P0.h = Coord1->X;

    P1.l = Coord1->Y;
    P1.h = Coord1->Y;

    P2.l = Coord1->Z;
    P2.h = Coord1->Z;

    P3.l = Coord1+OFFSETOF(Coordinate,Z);
    P3.h = Coord1+OFFSETOF(Coordinate,Z);
```

SHARC Example:

```
.IMPORT "Samples.h";
    /* typedef struct Samples {
        int I1;
        int I2;
        int I3;
    } Samples; */

.SECTION/DM seg_dmda;

.STRUCT Samples Sample1 ={
    I1 = 0x1000,
    I2 = 0x2000,
    I3 = 0x3000
};

.SECTION/PM seg_pmco;
doubleMe:
    /* The code may look confusing, but I2 can be used both
       as a register and a struct member name */
```

```
B2 = Sample1;  
M2 = OFFSETOF(Sample1,I2);  
R0 = DM(M2,I2);  
R0 = R0+R0;  
DM(M2,I2) = R0;
```



For better code readability, avoid using `.STRUCT` member names that have the same spelling as assembler keywords. This may not always be possible if your application needs to use an existing set of C header files.

Preprocessing a Program

The assembler includes a preprocessor that allows the use of C-style preprocessor commands in your assembly source files. The preprocessor automatically runs before the assembler unless you use the assembler's `-sp` (skip preprocessor) switch. [Table 2-2 on page 2-19](#) lists preprocessor commands and provides a brief description of each command.

You can see the command line that the assembler uses to invoke the preprocessor by adding the `-v` switch ([on page 1-171](#)) to the assembler command line or by selecting the **Generate verbose output** option on the **Assemble** page of the **Project Options** dialog box. See [“Specifying Assembler Options in VisualDSP++” on page 1-174](#).

Use preprocessor commands to modify assembly code. For example, you can use the `#include` command to fill memory, load configuration registers, or set up processor parameters. You can use the `#define` command to define constants and aliases for frequently used instruction sequences. The preprocessor replaces each occurrence of the macro reference with the corresponding value or series of instructions.

For example, the `MAXIMUM` macro from `#define MAXIMUM 100` is replaced with the number `100` during preprocessing.

For more information on the preprocessor command set, see [“Preprocessor Command Reference” on page 2-18](#). For more information on the preprocessor usage, see [“-flags-pp -opt1 \[-opt2...\]” on page 1-159](#).

i There is one important difference between the assembler preprocessor and compiler preprocessor. The assembler preprocessor treats the “.” character as part of an identifier. Thus, `.EXTERN` is a single identifier and will not match a preprocessor macro `EXTERN`. This behavior can affect how macro expansion is done for some instructions.

For example,

```
#define EXTERN ox123
.EXTERN Coordinate;      /* EXTERN not affected by macro */

#define MY_REG P0
MY_REG.1 = 14;          /* MY_REG.1 is not expanded; */
                        /* "." is part of token */
```

Using Assembler Feature Macros

The assembler includes the command to invoke preprocessor macros to define the context, such as the source language, the architecture, and the specific processor. These *feature macros* allow programmers to use preprocessor conditional commands to configure the source for assembly based on the context.

[Table 1-5](#) lists the set of feature macros for Blackfin processors. [Table 1-6](#) lists the set of family macros for Blackfin processors. [Table 1-7 on page 1-29](#) lists the set of feature macros for SHARC processors. [Table 1-8 on page 1-32](#) lists the set of feature macros for TigerSHARC processors.

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Table 1-5. Feature Macros for Blackfin Processors

-D_LANGUAGE_ASM=1	Always present
-D__ADSPBLACKFIN__=1	Always present
-D__ADSPBLACKFIN__=1	Always present for non-ADSP-BF535 processors
-D__ADSPBF50x__=1	Present when running: easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF504 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF504F easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF506F
-D__ADSPBF51x__=1	Present when running: easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF512 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF514 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF516
-D__ADSPBF52x__=1	Present when running: easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF522 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF523 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF524 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF525 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF526 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF527
-D__ADSPBF54x__=1	Present when running: easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF542 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF544 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF547 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF548 easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF549
-D__ADSPBF512__=1	Present when running easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF512 with the ADSP-BF512 processor
-D__ADSPBF514__=1	Present when running easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF514 with the ADSP-BF514 processor
-D__ADSPBF516__=1	Present when running easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF516 with the ADSP-BF516 processor
-D__ADSPBF522__=1	Present when running easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF522 with the ADSP-BF522 processor
-D__ADSPBF523__=1	Present when running easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF523 with the ADSP-BF523 processor

Table 1-5. Feature Macros for Blackfin Processors (Cont'd)

-D__ADSPBF524__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF524</code> with the ADSP-BF524 processor
-D__ADSPBF525__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF525</code> with the ADSP-BF525 processor
-D__ADSPBF526__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF526</code> with the ADSP-BF526 processor
-D__ADSPBF527__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF527</code> with the ADSP-BF527 processor
-D__ADSPBF531__=1 -D__ADSP21531__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF531</code> with the ADSP-BF531 processor
-D__ADSPBF532__=1 -D__ADSP21532__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF532</code> with the ADSP-BF532 processor
-D__ADSPBF533__=1 -D__ADSP21533__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF533</code> with the ADSP-BF533 processor
-D__ADSPBF534__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF534</code> with the ADSP-BF534 processor
-D__ADSPBF535__=1 -D__ADSP21535__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF535</code> with the ADSP-BF535 processor
-D__ADSPBF536__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF536</code> with the ADSP-BF536 processor
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-D__ADSPBF542__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF542</code> with the ADSP-BF542 processor
-D__ADSPBF544__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF544</code> with the ADSP-BF544 processor
-D__ADSPBF547__=1	Present when running <code>easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF547</code> with the ADSP-BF547 processor

Table 1-5. Feature Macros for Blackfin Processors (Cont'd)

-D__ADSPBF548__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF548</code> with the ADSP-BF548 processor
-D__ADSPBF549__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF549</code> with the ADSP-BF549 processor
-D__ADSPBF504__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF504</code> with the ADSP-BF504 processor
-D__ADSPBF504F__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF504F</code> with the ADSP-BF504F processor
-D__ADSPBF506F__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF506F</code> with the ADSP-BF506F processor
-D__ADSPBF561__=1	Present when running <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF561</code> with the ADSP-BF561 processor

Table 1-6. Family Macros for Blackfin Processors

-D__ADSPBF506F__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF504</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF504F</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF506F</code>
-D__ADSPBF506__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF506</code>
-D__ADSPBF518__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF512</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF514</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF516</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF518</code>
-D__ADSPBF526__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF522</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF524</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF526</code>
-D__ADSPBF527__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF523</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF525</code> <code>easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF527</code>

Table 1-6. Family Macros for Blackfin Processors (Cont'd)

-D__ADSPBF533__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF531 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF532 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF533
-D__ADSPBF535__FAMILY__=1	Present when running easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF535 with the ADSP-BF535 processor
-D__ADSPBF537__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF534 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF536 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF537
-D__ADSPBF538__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF538 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF539
-D__ADSPBF548__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF542 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF544 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF547 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF548 easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF549
-D__ADSPBF548M__FAMILY__=1	Present when running: easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF542M easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF544M easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF547M easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF548M easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF549M
-D__ADSPBF561__FAMILY__=1	Present when running easmbkfn -proc ADSP-BF561 with the ADSP-BF561 processor

Table 1-7. Feature Macros for SHARC Processors

-D_LANGUAGE_ASM=1	Always present
-D__ADSP21000__=1	Always present
-D__ADSP21020__=1 -D__2102x__=1	Present when running easm21k -proc ADSP-21020 with the ADSP-21020 processors

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Table 1-7. Feature Macros for SHARC Processors (Cont'd)

-D__ADSP21060__=1 -D__2106x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21060</code> with the ADSP-21060 processors
-D__ADSP21061__=1 -D__2106x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21061</code> with the ADSP-21061 processors
-D__ADSP21062__=1 -D__2106x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21062</code> with the ADSP-21062 processors
-D__ADSP21065L__=1 -D__2106x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21065L</code> with the ADSP-21065L processors
-D__ADSP21160__=1 -D__2116x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21160</code> with the ADSP-21160 processors
-D__ADSP21161__=1 -D__2116x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21161</code> with the ADSP-21161 processors
-D__ADSP21261__=1 -D__2126x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21261</code> with the ADSP-21261 processors
-D__ADSP21262__=1 -D__2126x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21262</code> with the ADSP-21262 processors
-D__ADSP21266__=1 -D__2126x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21266</code> with the ADSP-21266 processors
-D__ADSP21267__=1 -D__2126x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21267</code> with the ADSP-21267 processors
-D__ADSP21362__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21362</code> with the ADSP-21362 processors
-D__ADSP21363__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21363</code> with the ADSP-21363 processors
-D__ADSP21364__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21364</code> with the ADSP-21364 processors
-D__ADSP21365__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21365</code> with the ADSP-21365 processors
-D__ADSP21366__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21366</code> with the ADSP-21366 processors
-D__ADSP21367__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21367</code> with the ADSP-21367 processors

Table 1-7. Feature Macros for SHARC Processors (Cont'd)

-D__ADSP21368__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21368</code> with the ADSP-21368 processors
-D__ADSP21369__=1 -D__2136x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21369</code> with the ADSP-21369 processors
-D__ADSP21371__=1 -D__2137x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21371</code> with the ADSP-21371 processors
-D__ADSP21375__=1 -D__2137x__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21375</code> with the ADSP-21375 processors
-D__ADSP21462__=1 -D__2146x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21462</code> with the ADSP-21462 processors
-D__ADSP21465__=1 -D__2146x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21465</code> with the ADSP-21465 processors
-D__ADSP21467__=1 -D__2146x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21467</code> with the ADSP-21467 processors
-D__ADSP21469__=1 -D__2146x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21469</code> with the ADSP-21469 processors
-D__ADSP21479__=1 -D__2147x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21479</code> with the ADSP-21479 processors
-D__ADSP21489__=1 -D__2148x__=1 -D__214xx__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21489</code> with the ADSP-21489 processors
-D__NORMAL_WORD_CODE__=1	Present when running <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21462</code> <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21465</code> <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21467</code> <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21469</code> <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21479</code> <code>easm21K -proc ADSP-21489</code> and building in normal-word mode

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Table 1-7. Feature Macros for SHARC Processors (Cont'd)

-D__SHORT_WORD_CODE__=1	<p>Present when running</p> <p>easm21K -proc ADSP-21462 easm21K -proc ADSP-21465 easm21K -proc ADSP-21467 easm21K -proc ADSP-21469 easm21K -proc ADSP-21479 easm21K -proc ADSP-21489 and building in short-word mode</p>
-D__SIMDSHARC__=1	<p>Present when running</p> <p>easm21K -proc ADSP-21160 easm21K -proc ADSP-21161 easm21K -proc ADSP-21261 easm21K -proc ADSP-21262 easm21K -proc ADSP-21266 easm21K -proc ADSP-21267easm21K -proc ADSP-21362 easm21K -proc ADSP-21363 easm21K -proc ADSP-21364 easm21K -proc ADSP-21365 easm21K -proc ADSP-21366 easm21K -proc ADSP-21367 easm21K -proc ADSP-21368 easm21K -proc ADSP-21369 easm21K -proc ADSP-21371 easm21K -proc ADSP-21375easm21K -proc ADSP-21462 easm21K -proc ADSP-21465 easm21K -proc ADSP-21467 easm21K -proc ADSP-21469 easm21K -proc ADSP-2146x easm21K -proc ADSP-21479 easm21K -proc ADSP-21489</p>

Table 1-8. Feature Macros for TigerSHARC Processors

-D__LANGUAGE_ASM =1	Always present
-D__ADSPTS__ =1	Always present
-D__ADSPTS101__ =1	Present when running easmts -proc ADSP-TS101 with the ADSP-TS101 processor
-D__ADSPTS201__ =1	Present when running easmts -proc ADSP-TS201 with the ADSP-TS201 processor


Table 1-8. Feature Macros for TigerSHARC Processors (Cont'd)

<code>-D__ADSPTS202__ =1</code>	Present when running <code>easmts -proc ADSP-TS202</code> with the ADSP-TS202 processor
<code>-D__ADSPTS203__ =1</code>	Present when running <code>easmts -proc ADSP-TS203</code> with the ADSP-TS203 processor
<code>-D__ADSPTS20x__ =1</code>	Present when running <code>easmts -proc ADSP-TS201</code> with the ADSP-TS201 processor <code>easmts -proc ADSP-TS202</code> with the ADSP-TS202 processor <code>asmts -proc ADSP-TS203</code> with the ADSP-TS203 processor


For `.IMPORT` headers, the assembler calls the compiler driver with the appropriate processor option, and the compiler sets the machine constants accordingly (and defines `-D_LANGUAGE_C=1`). This macro is present when used for C compiler calls to specify headers. It replaces `-D_LANGUAGE_ASM`.

For example,

```
easm21k -proc adsp-21262 assembly --> cc21K -proc adsp-21262
easmts -proc -ADSP-TS101 assembly --> ccts -proc ADSP-TS101
easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF535 assembly --> ccblkfn -proc ADSP-BF535
```

 Use the `-verbose` switch to verify what macro is default-defined. Refer to Chapter 1 in the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 C/C++ Compiler and Library Manual* of the appropriate target processor for more information.

-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__ Predefined Macro

 The macro applies to all Analog Devices processors.

The `-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__` predefined macro provides product version information to VisualDSP++. The macro allows a preprocessing check to be placed within code and is used to differentiate between VisualDSP++ releases and updates.

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Syntax:

```
-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__=0xMMmmUUxx
```

Table 1-9 explains the macro parameters.

Table 1-9. -D__VISUALDSPVERSION__ Decoding of Hex Value

Parameter	Description
<i>MM</i>	VersionMajor. The major release number; for example, 4 in release 4.5.
<i>mm</i>	VersionMinor. The minor release number; for example, 5 in release 4.5.
<i>UU</i>	VersionPatch. The number of the release update; for example, 6 in release 4.5, update 6.
<i>xx</i>	Reserved for future use (always 00 initially)

The `0xMMmmUUxx` information is obtained from the `<install_path>\System\VisualDSP.ini` file. Initially, `xx` is set to “00”.

If an unexpected problem occurs while trying to locate `VisualDSP.ini` or while extracting information from the `VisualDSP.ini` file, the `__VISUALDSPVERSION__` macro is not encoded to the VisualDSP++ product version. In the Error Check example below, the `-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__ 0xffffffff` string is displayed as part of an error message when the version information is unable to be encoded.

Code Example (Legacy):

```
#if !defined(__VISUALDSPVERSION__)  
#warning Building with VisualDSP++ 4.5 Update 5 or prior. No  
__VISUALDSPVERSION__ available.  
#endif
```

Code Example (VisualDSP++ 4.5 Update 6 or Later):

```
#if __VISUALDSPVERSION__ >= 0x04050600
#warning Building with VisualDSP++ 4.5 Update 6 or later
#endif
```

Code Example (Error Check):

```
#if __VISUALDSPVERSION__ == 0xffffffff
#error Unexpected build problems, unknown VisualDSP++ Version
#endif
```

Code Examples (Assembly):

```
#if __VISUALDSPVERSION__ == 0x05000000
/* Building with VisualDSP++ 5.0 */
.VAR VersionBuildString[] = 'Building with VisualDSP++ 5.0';
#elif __VISUALDSPVERSION__ == 0x04050600
/* Building with VisualDSP++ 4.5, Update 6 */
.VAR VersionBuildString[] = 'Building with VisualDSP++ 4.5 Update
6';
#else
/* Building with unknown VisualDSP++ version */
.VAR VersionBuildString[] = 'Building with unknown VisualDSP++
version?';
#endif
```

Generating Make Dependencies

The assembler can generate *make dependencies* for a file, allowing VisualDSP++ and other makefile-based build environments to determine when to rebuild an object file due to changes in the input files. The assembly source file and any files identified in the `#include` commands, `.IMPORT` directives, or buffer initializations (in `.VAR` and `.STRUCT` directives) constitute the make dependencies for an object file.

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When you request make dependencies for the assembly, the assembler produces the dependencies from buffer initializations. The assembler also invokes the preprocessor to determine the make dependency from `#include` commands, and the compiler to determine the make dependencies from the `.IMPORT` headers.

For example,

```
easmbldkfn -proc ADSP-BF533 -MM main.asm
  "main.doj": "/VisualDSP/Blackfin/include/defBF532.h"
  "main.doj": "/VisualDSP/Blackfin/include/defBF533.h"
  "main.doj": "/VisualDSP/Blackfin/include/def_LPBlackfin.h"
  "main.doj": "main.asm"
  "main.doj": "input_data.dat"
```

The original source file `main.asm` is as follows:

```
...
#include "defBF533.h"
...
.GLOBAL input_frame;
.BYTE input_frame[N] = "input_data.dat"; /* load in 256 values
                                         from a test file */
...
```

In this case, `defBF533.h` includes `defBF532.h`, which also includes `def_LPBlackfin.h`.

Reading a Listing File

A listing file (`.lst`) is an optional output text file that lists the results of the assembly process. Listing files provide the following information:

- Address – The first column contains the offset from the `.SECTION`'s base address.
- Opcode – The second column contains the hexadecimal opcode that the assembler generates for the line of assembly source.
- Line – The third column contains the line number in the assembly source file.
- Assembly Source – The fourth column contains the assembly source line from the file.

The assembler listing file provides information about the imported C data structures. It tells which imports were used within the program, followed by a more detailed section. It shows the name, total size, and layout with offset for the members. The information appears at the end of the listing. You must specify the `-l filename` option (as described [on page 1-162](#)) to produce a listing file.

Enabling Statistical Profiling for Assembly Functions

Use the following steps to enable statistical profiling in assembler sources.

1. When using the VisualDSP++ IDDE, use the **Assemble** page of the **Project Options** dialog box ([Figure 1-6 on page 1-175](#)) to select and/or set assembler functional options.
2. Select the **Generate debug information** option.

3. Mark ending function boundaries with `.end` labels in the assembler source. For example:

```
.SECTION program;
.GLOBAL funk1;
funk1:
    ...
    RTS;
funk1.end:
.GLOBAL funk2;
funk2:
    ...
    RTS;
funk2.end:
```

If you have global functions without ending labels, the assembler provides warnings when debug information is generated.

```
.GLOBAL funk3;
funk3:
    ...
    RTS;
[Warning ea1121] "test.asm":14 funk3: -g assembly with
global function without ending label. Use 'funk3.end' or
'funk3.END' to mark the ending boundary of the function for
debugging information for automated statistical profiling
of assembly functions.
```

4. Add ending labels or selectively disable the warning by adding the `-Wsuppress 1121` option to the **Additional options** field on the **Assembly** page (refer to [“WARNING ea1121: Missing End Labels” on page 1-160](#) for more information).
5. Choose **Statistical Profiling** -> **New Profile** or **Linear Profiling** -> **New Profile**, as appropriate. Assembler functions automatically appear in the profiling window along with C functions. Click on the function name to bring up the source containing the function definition.

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When developing a source program in assembly language, include preprocessor commands and assembler directives to control the program's processing and assembly. You must follow the assembler rules and syntax conventions to define symbols (identifiers) and expressions, and to use different numeric and comment formats.

Software developers who write assembly programs should be familiar with:

- [“Assembler Keywords and Symbols” on page 1-41](#)
- [“Assembler Expressions” on page 1-53](#)
- [“Assembler Operators” on page 1-54](#)
- [“Numeric Formats” on page 1-59](#)
- [“Comment Conventions” on page 1-63](#)
- [“Conditional Assembly Directives” on page 1-63](#)
- [“C Struct Support in Assembly Built-In Functions” on page 1-66](#)
- [“Struct References” on page 1-67](#)
- [“Assembler Directives” on page 1-70](#)

Assembler Keywords and Symbols

The assembler supports predefined keywords that include register and bitfield names, assembly instructions, and assembler directives.

The following tables list assembler keywords for supported processors. Although the keywords appear in uppercase, the keywords are case insensitive in the assembler's syntax. For example, the assembler does not differentiate between `MAX` and `max`.

[Table 1-10](#) lists the assembler keywords for Blackfin processors.

[Table 1-11 on page 1-44](#) lists the keywords for SHARC processors.

[Table 1-12 on page 1-47](#) lists the keywords for TigerSHARC processors.

Table 1-10. Blackfin Processor Assembler Keywords

.ALIGN	.ASCII	.ASM_ASSERT	.ASSERT	.BSS
.BYTE	.BYTE2	.BYTE4	.DATA	.ELIF
.ELSE	.ENDIF	.ELSE	.ENDIF	.EXTERN
.FILE	.FILE_ATTR	.GLOBAL	.GLOBL	.IF
.INC/BINARY	.INCBIN	.IMPORT	.LEFTMARGIN	.LIST
.LIST_DATA	.LIST_DATFILE	.LIST_DEFTAB	.LIST_LOCTAB	.LIST_WRAPDATA
.LONG	.NEWPAGE	.NOLIST	.NOLIST_DATA	.NOLIST_DATFILE
.NOLIST_WRAPDATA		.PAGELENGTH	.PAGEWIDTH	.PREVIOUS
.SECTION	.SET SYMBOL	.SYMBOL	.SHORT	.STRUCT
.TEXT	.TYPE	.VAR	.WEAK	

A0	A1	ABORT	ABS	AC
ALIGN8	ALIGN16	ALIGN24	AMNOP	AN
AND	ASHIFT	ASL	ASR	ASSIGN
ASTAT	AV0	AV1	AZ	
B	B0	B1	B2	B3

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Table 1-10. Blackfin Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

BANG	BAR	BITCLR	BITMUX	BITPOS
BITSET	BITTGL	BITTST	BIT_XOR_AC	BP
BREV	BRF	BRT	BY	BYTEOP1P
BYTEOP16M	BYTEOP1NS	BYTEOP16P		BYTEOP2P
BYTEOP3P	BYTEPACK	BYTEUNPACK	BXOR	BXORSHIFT
CALL	CARET	CC	CLI	CLIP
CO	CODE	COLON	COMMA	CSYNC
DATA	DEPOSIT	DISALGNXCPT	DIVSDEPOSIT	DISALGNXCPT
DIVSDEPOSIT	DM	DOZE	DIVQ	DIVS
DOT	EMUCAUSE	EMUEXCPT	EXCAUSE	EXCPT
EXPADJ	EXTRACT			
FEXT	FEXTSX	FLUSH	FLUSHINV	FP
FU				
GE	GF	GT		
H	HI	HLT	HWERRCAUSE	
I0	I1	I2	I3	IDLE
IDLE_REQ	IFLUSH	IH	INTRP	IS
ISS2	IU			
JUMP	JUMP.L	JUMP.S		
L	LB0	LB1	LC0	LC1
LE	LENGTH	LINK	LJUMP	LMAX
LMIN	LO	LOOP	LOOP_BEGIN	LOOP_END
LPAREN	LSETUP	LSHIFT	LT	LTO
LT1	LZ			
M	M0	M1	M2	M3
MAX	MIN	MINUS	MNOP	MUNOP
NEG	NO_INIT	NOP	NOT	NS

Table 1-10. Blackfin Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

ONES	OR	OUTC		
P0	P1	P2	P3	P4
P5	PACK	PC	PERCENT	PLUS
PM	PREFETCH	PRNT		
R	R0	R1	R2	R3
R32	R4	R5	R6	R7
RAISE	RBRACE	RBRACK	RETI	RETN
RETS	RETX	RND	RND12	RND20
RNDH	RNDL	ROL	ROR	ROT
ROT_L_AC	ROT_R_AC	RPAREN	RSDL	RTE
RTI	RTN	RTS	RTX	RUNTIME_INIT
R1_COLONO	RETAIN_NAME			
S	S2RND	SAA	SAA1H	SAA1L
SAA2H	SAA2L	SAA3H	SAA3L	SAT
SCO	SEARCH	SHT_TYPE	SIGN	SIGNBITS
SLASH	SLEEP	SKPF	SKPT	SP
SS	SSF	SSF_RND_HI	SSF_TRUNC	SSF_TRUNC_HI
SSF_RND	SSF_TRUNC	SSYN	STI	STRUCT
STT_TYPE	SU	SYSCFG		
T	TESTSET	TFU	TH	TL
TST				
UNLINK	UNLNK	UNRAISE	UU	
V	VIT_MAX			
W	W32	WEAK		
X	XB	XH	XOR	Z
ZERO_INIT				

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Table 1-10. Blackfin Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

__ADI__	__DATE__	__FILE__	__LastSuffix__	__LINE__
__TIME__				

Table 1-11. SHARC Processor Assembler Keywords

__ADI__	__DATE__	__FILE__	__LastSuffix__	__LINE__
__NORMAL_WORD_CODE__		__SHORT_WORD_CODE__		__TIME__

.ALIGN	.COMPRESS	.ELIF	.ELSE	.ENDIF
.EXTERN	.FILE	.FILE_ATTR	.FORCECOMPRESS	.GLOBAL
.IF	.IMPORT	.LEFTMARGIN	.LIST	.LIST_DATA
.LIST_DATFILE	.LIST_DEFTAB	.LIST_LOCTAB	.LIST_WRAPDATA	.NEWPAGE
.NOCOMPRESS	.NOLIST_DATA	.NOLIST_DATFILE	.NOLIST_WRAPDATA	
.PAGELENGTH	.PAGEWIDTH	.PRECISION	.ROUND_MINUS	.ROUND_NEAREST
.ROUND_PLUS	.ROUND_ZERO	.PREVIOUS	.SECTION	.STRUCT
.VAR	.WEAK			

ABS	ACS	ACT	ADDRESS	AND
ASHIFT	ASTAT	AV		
B0	B1	B2	B3	B4
B5	B6	B7	B8	B9
B10	B11	B12	B13	B14
B15	BB	BCLR	BF	BIT
BITREV	BM	BSET	BTGL	BTSTS
BY				
CA	CACHE	CALL	CH	CI
CJUMP	CL	CLIP	COMP	COPYSIGN
COS	CURLCNTR			

Table 1-11. SHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

DADDR	DB	DEC	DEF	DIM
DM	DMA1E	DMA1S	DMA2E	DMA2S
DMADR	DMABANK1	DMABANK2	DMABANK3	DMAWAIT
DO	DOVL			
EB	ECE	EF	ELSE	EMUCLK
EMUCLK2	EMUIDLE	EMUN	ENDEF	EOS
EQ	EX	EXP	EXP2	
F0	F1	F2	F3	F4
F5	F6	F7	F8	F9
F10	F11	F12	F13	F14
F15	FADDR	FDEP	FEXT	FILE
FIX	FLAG0_IN	FLAG1_IN	FLAG2_IN	FLAG3_IN
FLOAT	FLUSH	FEMERG	FOREVER	FPACK
FRACTIONAL	FTA	FTB	FTC	FUNPACK
GCC_COMPILED	GE	GT		
I0	I1	I2	I3	I4
I5	I6	I7	I8	I9
I10	I11	I12	I13	I14
I15	IDLEI15	IDLEI16	IF	IMASK
IMASKP	INC	IRPTL		
JUMP				
L0	L1	L2	L3	L4
L5	L6	L7	L8	L9
L10	L11	L12	L13	L14
L15	LA	LADDR	LCE	LCNTR
LE	LADDR	LCE	LCNTR	LE
L15	LA	LADDR	LCE	LCNTR

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Table 1-11. SHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

LE	LEFT0	LEFTZ	LENGTH	
LINE	LN	LOAD	LOG2	LOGB
LOOP	LR	LSHIFT	LT	
M0	M1	M2	M3	M4
M5	M6	M7	M8	M9
M10	M11	M12	M13	M14
M15	MANT	MAX	MBM	MIN
MOD	MODE1	MODE2	MODIFY	MROB
MROF	MR1B	MR1F	MR2B	MR2F
MRB	MRF	MS	MV	MROB
MROF				
NE	NOFO	NOFZ	NOP	NOPSPECIAL
NOT	NU	NW		
OFFSETOF	OR			
P20	P32	P40	PACK	PAGE
PC	PCSTK	PCSTKP	PM	PMADR
PMBANK1	PMDAE	PMDAS	POP	POVLO
POVL1	PSA1E	PSA1S	PSA2E	PSA3E
PSA3S	PSA4E	PSA4S	PUSH	PX
PX1	PX2			RETAIN_NAME
R0	R1	R2	R3	R4
RF5	R6	R7	R8	R9
R10	R11	R12	R13	R14
R15	READ	RECIPS	RFRAME	RND
ROT	RS	RSQRTS	RTI	RTS
SCALB	SCL	SE	SET	SF
SIN	SIZE	SIZEOF	SQR	SR

Table 1-11. SHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

SSF	SSFR	SSI	SSIR	ST
STEP	STKY	STRUCT	STS	SUF
SUFR	SV	SW	SZ	
TAG	TCOUNT	TF	TGL	TPERIOD
TRUE	TRUNC	TST	TYPE	TRAP
UF	UI	UNPACK	UNTIL	UR
USF	USFR	USI	USIR	USTAT1
USTAT2	UUF	UUFR	UUIR	UUIR
VAL	WITH	XOR		

Table 1-12. TigerSHARC Processor Assembler Keywords

__ADI__	__DATE__	__FILE__	__LastSuffix__	__LINE__
__TIME__				
.ALIGN	.ALIGN_CODE	.ELIF	.ELSE	.ENDIF
.EXTERN	.FILE	.FILE_ATTR	.GLOBAL	.IF
.IMPORT	.LEFTMARGIN	.LIST	.LIST_DATA	.LIST_DATFILE
.LIST_DEFTAB	.LIST_LOCTAB	.LIST_WRAPDATA	.MESSAGE	.NOLIST_DATA
.NOLIST_DATFILE	.NOLIST_WRAPDATA	.NEWPAGE	.PAGELENGTH	.PAGewidth
.PREVIOUS	.SECTION	.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS		.SET
.SECTION	.VAR	.WEAK		

ABS	ACS	ADDRESS	AND	ASHIFT
BCLR	BFOINC	BFOTMP	BITEST	BITFIFO
BKFPT	BR	BSET	BTBDIS	BTBELOCK
BTBEN	BTBLOCK	BTBINV	BTGL	BY
C	CALL	CB	CJMP	CJMP_CALL
CI	CLIP	COMP	COMPACT	COPYSIGN

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Table 1-12. TigerSHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

DAB	DEC	DESPREAD	DO	
ELSE	EMUTRAP	EXP	EXPAND	EXTD
FCOMP	FDEP	FEXT	FIX	FLOAT
FTEST0	FTEST1	FOR	GETBITS	IDLE
INC	JC	JUMP	KC	
LDO	LD1	LENGTH	LINES	LOGB
LP	LSHIFT	LSHIFTR	LIBSIM_CALL	
MANT	MASK	MAX	MERGE	MIN
NEWPAGE	NOT	NOP	NP	
OFFSETOF	ONES	OR		
PASS	PERMUTE	PRECISION	PUTBITS	
RDS	RECIPS	RESET	RETI	ROT
ROTL	ROTR	ROUND	RSQRTS	RTI
SCALB	SDAB	SE	SECTION	SFO
SF1	SNGL	SIZE	SIZEOF	STRUCT
SUM	TMAX	TRAP	TYPEVAR	UNTIL
VMIN	VMAX	XCORRS	XOR	XSDAB
YDAB	YSDAB			
JK Register Group				
J0 through J31				
K0 through K31				
JB0	JB1	JB2	JB3	
KB0	KB1	KB2	KB3	
JL0	JL1	JL2	JL3	
KL0	KL1	KL2	KL3	
RF Register Group				
FR0 through FR31				

Table 1-12. TigerSHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

MR3:0	MR3:2	MR1:0		
MR0	MR1	MR2	MR3	MR4
PR0	PR1	PR1:0		
R0 through R31				
XSTAT	YSTAT	XYSTAT		
XR0 through XR31				
YR0 through YR31				
Accelerator Register Group				
TR0 through TR31				
THRO	THR1	THR2	THR3	
EP Register Group				
BMAX	BMAXC	BUSLK	FLGPIN	FLGPINCL
FLGPINST	SDRCON	SYSCON	SYSCONCL	SYSCONST
SYSCTL	SYSTAT	SYSTATCL		
Misc. Register Group				
AUTODMA0	AUTODMA1			
BTBCMD	BTBDATA			
BTBOTG0 through BTBOTG31				
BTB1TG0 through BTB1TG31				
BTB2TG0 through BTB2TG31				
BTB3TG0 through BTB3TG31				
BTBOTR0 through BTBOTR31				
BTB1TR0 through BTB1TR31				
BTB2TR0 through BTB2TR31				
BTB3TR0 through BTB3TR31				
BTBLRU0 through BTBLRU31				
CACMD0	CACMD2	CACMD4	CACMD8	CACMD10

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Table 1-12. TigerSHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

CACMDALL				
CADATA0	CADATA2	CADATA4	CADATA8	CADATA10
CADATAALL				
CASTAT0	CASTAT2	CASTAT4	CASTAT8	CASTAT10
CASTATALL				
CCAIRO	CCAIR2	CCAIR4	CCAIR8	CCAIR10
CCAIRALL				
CCNT0	CCNT1	CJMP	CMCTL	
DBGE	DC4 through DC13			
DCD0	DCD1	DCD2	DCD3	DCNT
DCNTCL	DCNTST			
DCS0	DCS1	DCS2	DCS3	
DSTAT	DSTATC			
EMUCTL	EMUDAT	EMUIR	EMUSTAT	
IDCODE	ILATCLH	ILATCLL	ILATH	ILATL
ILATSTH	ILATSTL	IMASKH	IMASKL	INSTAT
INTEN	INTCTL	IVBUSLK	IVDBG	IVHW
IVDMA0 through IVDMA13				
IVIRQ0	IVIRQ1	IVIRQ2	IVIRQ3	IVLINK0
IVLINK1	IVLINK2	IVLINK3	IVSW	IVTIMER0HP
IVTIMER0LP	IVTIMER1HP	IVTIMER1LP		
LBUFRX0	LBUFRX1	LBUFRX2	LBUFRX3	
LBUFTX0	LBUFTX1	LBUFTX2	LBUFTX3	
LC0	LC1	KB2	KB3	
LCTL0	LCTL1	LCTL2	LCTL3	
LRCTL0	LRCTL1	LRCTL2	LRCTL3	
LRSTAT0	LRSTAT1	LRSTAT2	LRSTAT3	

Table 1-12. TigerSHARC Processor Assembler Keywords (Cont'd)

LRSTATC0	LRSTATC1	LRSTATC2	LRSTATC3	
LSTAT0	LSTAT1	LSTAT2	LSTAT3	
LSTATC0	LSTATC1	LSTATC2	LSTATC3	
LTCTL0	LTCTL1	LTCTL2	LTCTL3	
LTSTAT0	LTSTAT1	LTSTAT2	LTSTAT3	
LTSTATC0	LTSTATC1	LTSTATC2	LTSTATC3	
MISR0	MISR1	MISR2	MISRCTL	
RETI	RETIB	RETS	RTI	
OSPID				
PMASKH	PMASKL	PRFM	PRFCNT	RETAIN_NAME
SERIAL_H	SERIAL_L	SFREG	SQCTL	SQCTLST
SQCTLCL	SQSTAT			
TESTMODES	TIMER0L	TIMER1L	TIMER0H	TIMER1H
TMRIN0L	TMRIN0H	TMRIN1L	TMRIN1H	TRCB
TRCBMASK	TRCBPTR	TRCBVAL		
VIRPT				
WPOCTL	WP1CTL	WP2CTL	WPOSTAT	WP1STAT
WP2STAT	W0H	W0L	W1H	W1L
W2H	W2L			
Conditions which may be prefixed with X, Y, XY, NX, NY, and XY				
AEQ	ALE	ALT	MEQ	MLE
MLT	SEQ	SF1	SF0	SLT
Conditions which may be prefixed with J, K, NJ, and NK				
EQ	LE	LT	CBQ	CB1
Conditions which may be prefixed with N				
ISF0	ISF1	LCOE	LC1E	BM
FLAG0_IN	FLAG1_IN	FLAG2_IN	FLAG3_IN	

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Extend these sets of keywords with symbols that declare sections, variables, constants, and address labels. When defining symbols in assembly source code, follow these conventions:

- Define symbols that are unique within the file in which they are declared.

If you use a symbol in more than one file, use the `.GLOBAL` assembly directive to export the symbol from the file in which it is defined. Then use the `.EXTERN` assembly directive to import the symbol into other files.

- Begin symbols with alphabetic characters.

Symbols can use alphabetic characters (A–Z and a–z), digits (0–9), and the special characters “\$” and “_” (dollar sign and underscore) as well as “.” (dot).

Symbols are case sensitive; so `input_addr` and `INPUT_ADDR` define unique variables.

The dot, point, or period “.” as the first character of a symbol triggers special behavior in the VisualDSP++ environment. A symbol with a “.” as the first character cannot have a digit as the second character. Such symbols will not appear in the symbol table, which is accessible in the debugger. A symbol name in which the first two characters are dots will not appear even in the symbol table of the object.

The compiler and run-time libraries prepend “_” to avoid using symbols in the user namespace that begin with an alphabetic character.

- Do not use a reserved keyword to define a symbol.

- Match source and LDF sections' symbols.

Ensure that `.SECTION` name symbols do not conflict with the linker's keywords in the `.ldf` file. The linker uses sections' name symbols to place code and data in the processor's memory. For details, see the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.

Ensure that `.SECTION` name symbols do not begin with the “.” (dot).

- Terminate the definition of address label symbols with a colon (:).
- The reserved word list for processors includes some keywords with commonly used spellings; therefore, ensure correct syntax spelling.

Address label symbols may appear at the beginning of an instruction line or stand-alone on the preceding line.

The following disassociated lines of code demonstrate symbol usage.

```
.BYTE2 xoperand;          /* xoperand is a 16-bit variable */
.BYTE4 input_array[10];   /* input_array is a 32-bit wide */
                          /* data buffer with 10 elements */
sub_routine_1:           /* sub_routine_1 is a label */
.SECTION kernel;         /* kernel is a section name */
```

Assembler Expressions

The assembler can evaluate simple expressions in source code. The assembler supports two types of expressions: constant expressions and symbolic expressions.

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Constant Expressions

A constant expression is acceptable where a numeric value is expected in an assembly instruction or in a preprocessor command. Constant expressions contain an arithmetic or logical operation on two or more numeric constants. For example,

```
2.9e-5 + 1.29
(128 - 48) / 3
0x55&
0x0f7.6r - 0.8r
```

For information about fraction type support, refer to [“Fractional Type Support” on page 1-60](#).

Symbolic Expressions

Symbolic expressions contain symbols, whose values may not be known until link-time. For example,

```
data/8
(data_buffer1 + data_buffer2) & 0xF
strup + 2
data_buffer1 + LENGTH(data_buffer2)*2
```

Symbols in this type of expression are data variables, data buffers, and program labels. In the first three examples above, the symbol name represents the address of the symbol. The fourth example combines that meaning of a symbol with a use of the length operator (see [Table 1-14](#)).


Assembler Operators

[Table 1-13](#) lists the assembler’s numeric and bitwise operators used in constant expressions and address expressions. These operators are listed in group order from highest precedence to lowest precedence. Operators with the highest precedence are evaluated first. When two operators have the same precedence, the assembler evaluates the left-most operator first.

Relational operators are supported only in relational expressions in conditional assembly, as described in “[Conditional Assembly Directives](#)” on page 1-63.

Table 1-13. Operator Precedence

Operator	Usage Description	Designation	Processors
<i>(expression)</i>	<i>expression</i> in parentheses evaluates first	Parentheses	All
~ -	Ones complement Unary minus	Tilde Minus	All
* / %	Multiply Divide Modulus	Asterisk Slash Percentage	All
+ -	Addition Subtraction	Plus Minus	All
<< >>	Shift left Shift right		All
&	Bitwise AND		All
	Bitwise inclusive OR		All
^	Bitwise exclusive OR		TigerSHARC and SHARC
&&	Logical AND		TigerSHARC only
	Logical OR		TigerSHARC only

 If right-shifting a negative value, ones are shifted in from the MSB, which preserves the sign bit.

The assembler also supports special operators. [Table 1-14](#) lists and describes special operators used in constant and address expressions.

The ADDRESS and LENGTH operators can be used with external symbols—apply them to symbols that are defined in other sections as .GLOBAL symbols.

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Table 1-14. Special Assembler Operators

Operator	Usage Description
ADDRESS(<i>symbol</i>)	Address of <i>symbol</i> Note: Used with SHARC and TigerSHARC assemblers only.
BITPOS(<i>constant</i>)	Bit position (Blackfin processors only)
HI(<i>expression</i>) LO(<i>expression</i>)	Extracts the most significant 16 bits of expression. Extracts the least significant 16 bits of expression. Note: Used with the Blackfin assembler only where HI/LO replaces the ADDRESS() operator. The expression in the HI and LO operators can be either symbolic or constant.
LENGTH(<i>symbol</i>)	Length of <i>symbol</i> in number of elements (in a buffer/array)
<i>symbol</i>	Address pointer to <i>symbol</i>

Blackfin Processor Example:

The following example demonstrates how Blackfin assembler operators are used to load the length and address information into registers.

```
#define n 20
...
.SECTION data1;           /* data section */
.VAR real_data [n];      /* n=number of input samples */

.SECTION program;        /* code section */
    P0.L = real_data;
    P0.H = real_data;
    P1=LENGTH(real_data); /* buffer's length */
    LOOP loop1 LC0=P1;
    LOOP_BEGIN loop1;
    R0=[P0++];           /* get next sample */
    ...
    LOOP_END loop1;
```

The code fragment above initializes P0 and P1 to the base address and length, respectively, of the `real_data` buffer. The loop is executed 20 times.

The `BITPOS()` operator takes a bit constant (with one bit set) and returns the position of the bit. Therefore, `BITPOS(0x10)` would return 4 and `BITPOS(0x80)` would return 7. For example,

```
#define DLAB 0x80
#define EPS 0x10
R0 = DLAB | EPS (z);
cc = BITSET (R0, BITPOS(DLAB));
```

TigerSHARC Processor Example:

The following example demonstrates how assembler operators are used to load the length and address information into registers (when setting up circular buffers in TigerSHARC processors).

```
.SECTION data1;          /* Data segment */
.VAR real_data[n];      /* n = number of input samples */
...
.SECTION program;       /* Code segment */
                        /* Load the base address of */
                        /* the circular buffer */
JB3 = real_data;;
                        /* Load the index */
J3=real_data;;
                        /* Load the circular buffer length */
JL3 = LENGTH(real_data);;
                        /* Set loop counter 0 with buffer length */
LC0 = JL3;;
start:
XR0 = CB [J3 += 1];; /* Read data from the circular buffer */
if NLCOE, jump start;;
```

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The code fragment above initializes `JB3` and `JL3` to the base address and length, respectively, of the `real_data` circular buffer. The buffer length value contained in `JL3` determines when addressing wraps around the top of the buffer. For further information on circular buffers, refer to the *Hardware Reference* of the target processor.

SHARC Processor Example:

The following code example determines the base address and length of the `real_data` circular buffer. The buffer's length value (contained in `L5`) determines when addressing wraps around to the top of the buffer (when setting up circular buffers in SHARC processors). For further information on circular buffers, refer to the *Hardware Reference* of the target processor.

```
.SECTION/DM seg_dmda;      /* data segment */
.VAR real_data[n];        /* n=number of input samples */
...

.SECTION/PM seg_pmco;     /* code segment */
    B5=real_data;         /* buffer base address */
                           /* I5 loads automatically */
    L5=length(real_data); /* buffer's length */
    M6=1;                 /* post-modify I5 by 1 */
    LCNTR=length(real_data)
    ,D0 loopend UNTIL LCE;
                           /* loop counter=buffer's length */
    F0=DM(I5,M6);         /* get next sample */
...
loopend:
...
```



Although the SHARC assembler accepts the source code written with the legacy `@` operator, it is recommended to use `LENGTH()` in place of `@`.

Numeric Formats

Depending on the processor architectures, the assemblers support binary, decimal, hexadecimal, floating-point, and fractional numeric formats (bases) within expressions and assembly instructions. [Table 1-15](#) describes the notation conventions used by the assembler to distinguish between numeric formats.

Table 1-15. Numeric Formats

Convention	Description
<i>0xnumber</i>	The “0x” prefix indicates a hexadecimal number
<i>B#number</i> <i>b#number</i>	The “B#” or “b#” prefix indicates a binary number
<i>number.number[e {+/-} number]</i>	Entry for floating-point number
<i>number</i>	No prefix and no decimal point indicates a decimal number
<i>numberr</i>	The “r” suffix indicates a fractional number



Due to the support for *b#* and *B#* binary notation, the preprocessor stringization functionality is turned off, by default, to avoid possible undesired stringization.

For more information, refer to the processor’s [# \(Argument\)](#), [-stringize](#), and the assembler’s [-flags-pp -opt1 \[-opt2...\]](#) command-line switches.

Representation of Constants in Blackfin

The Blackfin assembler keeps an internal 32-bit signed representation of all constant values. Keep this in mind when working with immediate values. The immediate value is used by the assembler to determine the instruction length (16 or 32 bit). The assembler selects the smallest opcode that can accommodate the immediate value.

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If there is no opcode that can accommodate the value, semantic error `ea5003` is reported.

Examples:

```
R0 = -64;          /* 16-bit instruction: -64 fits into
                   7-bit immediate value */
R0 = 0xBF;         /* 32-bit instruction: 191 fits into 16-bit
                   immediate value */
R0 = 0xFFBF;      /* ERROR:65471 doesn't fit into 7 or 16-bit
                   immediate values */
R0 = 0xFFFFFBF; /* 32-bit instruction: -65 fits into 16 bit
                   immediate value */
R0 = 0x8000;      /* ERROR:32768 doesn't fit into 7 or 16-bit
                   immediate values */
```

Fractional Type Support

Fractional (`fract`) constants are specially marked floating-point constants to be represented in fixed-point format. A `fract` constant uses the floating-point representation with a trailing “`r`”, where `r` stands for `fract`.

The legal range is $[-1..1)$. This means the values must be greater than or equal to `-1` and less than `1`. `Fracts` are represented as signed values.

For example,

```
.VAR myFracts[] = {0.5r, -0.5e-4r, -0.25e-3r, 0.875r};
                /* Constants are examples of legal fracts */

.VAR OutOfRangeFract = 1.5r;
                /* [Error ...] Fract constant '1.5r' is out of range.
```


Fract constants must be greater than or equal to -1 and less than 1. */

i In Blackfin processors, fract 1.15 is a default. Use a /R32 qualifier (in .BYTE4/R32 or .VAR/R32) to support 32-bit initialization for use with 1.31 fract.

1.31 Fracts

Fracts supported by Analog Devices processors use 1.31 format, which means a sign bit and “31 bits of fraction”. This is -1 to $+1-2^{**31}$. For example, 1.31 maps the constant $0.5r$ to 2^{**31} .

The conversion formula used by processors to convert from floating-point format to fixed-point format uses a scale factor of 31.

For example,

```
.VAR/R32 myFract = 0.5r;
    // Fract output for 0.5r is 0x4000 0000
    // sign bit + 31 bits
    // 0100 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
    // 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0x4000 0000 =
.5r

.VAR/R32 myFract = -1.0r;
    // Fract output for -1.0r is 0x8000 0000
    // sign bit + 31 bits
    // 1000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000
    // 8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 0x8000
0000 = -1.0r

.VAR/R32 myFract = -1.72471041E-03r;
    // Fract output for -1.72471041E-03 is 0xFFC77C15
    // sign bit + 31 bits
    // 1111 1111 1100 0111 0111 1100 0001 0101
    // F F C 7 7 C 1 5
```

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1.0r Special Case

1.0r is out-of-the-range fract. Specify 0x7FFF FFFF for the closest approximation of 1.0r within the 1.31 representation.

Fractional Arithmetic

The assembler provides support for arithmetic expressions using operations on fractional constants, consistent with the support for other numeric types in constant expressions, as described in [“Assembler Expressions” on page 1-53](#).

The internal (intermediate) representation for expression evaluation is a double floating-point value. Fract range checking is deferred until the expression is evaluated. For example,

```
#define fromSomewhereElse 0.875r
.SECTION data1;
.VAR localOne = fromSomewhereElse + 0.005r;
                // Result .88r is within the legal range
.VAR xyz = 1.5r -0.9r;
                // Result .6r is within the legal range
.VAR abc = 1.5r;    // Error: 1.5r out of range
```

Mixed Type Arithmetic

The assembler does not support arithmetic between fract and integers. For example,

```
.SECTION data1;
.VAR myFract = 1 - 0.5r;
[Error ea1998] "fract.asm":2 User Error: Illegal
mixing of types in expression.
```

Comment Conventions

The assemblers support C and C++ style formats for inserting comments in assembly sources. The assemblers do not support nested comments.

[Table 1-16](#) lists and describes assembler comment conventions.

Table 1-16. Comment Conventions

Convention	Description
<code>/* comment */</code>	A “ <code>/* */</code> ” string encloses a multiple-line comment
<code>// comment</code>	A pair of slashes “ <code>//</code> ” begin a single-line comment

Conditional Assembly Directives

Conditional assembly directives are used for evaluation of assembly-time constants using relational expressions. The expressions may include relational and logical operations. In addition to integer arithmetic, the operands may be the C structs in the `sizeof()` and `offsetof()` assembly built-in functions that return integers.

The conditional assembly directives include:

- `.IF constant-relational-expression;`
- `.ELIF constant-relational-expression;`
- `.ELSE;`
- `.ENDIF;`

Conditional assembly blocks begin with an `.IF` directive and end with an `.ENDIF` directive. [Table 1-17](#) shows examples of conditional directives.

Optionally, any number of `.ELIF` and `.ELSE` directive pairs may appear within a pair of `.IF` and `.ENDIF` directives. The conditional directives are each terminated with a semi-colon “`;`”, just like all existing assembler

Table 1-17. Relational Operators for Conditional Assembly

Operator	Purpose	Conditional Directive Examples
!	Not	<code>.IF !0;</code>
>	Greater than	<code>.IF (sizeof(myStruct) > 16);</code>
>=	Greater than or equal to	<code>.IF (sizeof(myStruct) >= 16);</code>
<	Less than	<code>.IF (sizeof(myStruct) < 16);</code>
<=	Less than or equal to	<code>.IF (sizeof(myStruct) <= 16);</code>
==	Equality	<code>.IF (8 == sizeof(myStruct));</code>
!=	Not equal	<code>.IF (8 != sizeof(myStruct));</code>
	Logical OR	<code>.IF (2 != 4) (5 == 5);</code>
&&	Logical AND	<code>.IF (sizeof(char) == 2 && sizeof(int) == 4);</code>

directives. Conditional directives do not have to appear alone on a line. These directives are in addition to the C-style `#if`, `#elif`, `#else`, and `#endif` preprocessing directives.



The `.IF`, `.ELSE`, `.ELIF`, and `.ENDIF` directives (in any case) are reserved keywords.

The `.IF` conditional assembly directive must be used to query about C structs in assembly using the `sizeof()` and/or `offsetof()` built-in functions. These built-ins are evaluated at assembly time, so they cannot appear in expressions in `#if` preprocessor directives.

In addition, the `sizeof()` and `offsetof()` built-in functions (see “[C Struct Support in Assembly Built-In Functions](#)” on page 1-66) can be used in relational expressions. Different code sequences can be included based on the result of the expression.

For example, `sizeof(struct/typedef/C_base_type)` is permitted.

The assembler supports nested conditional directives. The outer conditional result propagates to the inner condition, just as it does in C preprocessing.

Assembler directives are distinct from preprocessor directives, as follows:

- The `#` directives are evaluated during preprocessing by the preprocessor. Therefore, preprocessor `#if` directives cannot use assembler built-ins (see [“C Struct Support in Assembly Built-In Functions”](#) on page 1-66).
- The conditional assembly directives are processed by the assembler in a later pass. Therefore, you are able to write a relational or logical expression whose value depends on the value of a `#define`. For example,

```
.IF tryit == 2;
    <some code>
.ELIF tryit >= 3;
    <some more code>
.ELSE;
    <some more code>
.ENDIF;
```

If you have `#define tryit 2`, the code `<some code>` is assembled, and `<some more code>` is not assembled.

- There are no parallel assembler directives for C-style directives `#define`, `#include`, `#ifdef`, `#if defined(name)`, `#ifndef`, and so on.

C Struct Support in Assembly Built-In Functions

The assemblers support built-in functions that enable you to pass information obtained from the imported C struct layouts. The assemblers currently support two built-in functions: `OFFSETOF()` and `sizeof()`.

OFFSETOF Built-In Function

The `OFFSETOF()` built-in function is used to calculate the offset of a specified member from the beginning of its parent data structure.

```
OFFSETOF(struct/typedef, memberName);
```

where:

struct/typedef – a `struct` VAR or a `typedef` can be supplied as the first argument

memberName – a member name within the `struct` or `typedef` (second argument)



For SHARC and TigerSHARC processors, `OFFSETOF()` units are in words. For Blackfin processors, `OFFSETOF()` units are in bytes.

sizeof Built-In Function

The `sizeof()` built-in function returns the amount of storage associated with an imported C struct or data member. It provides functionality similar to its C counterpart.

```
sizeof(struct/typedef/C_base_type);
```

where:

The `sizeof()` function takes a symbolic reference as its single argument. A symbolic reference is a name followed by none or several qualifiers to members.

The `sizeof()` function gives the amount of storage associated with:

- An aggregate type (structure)
- A C base type (`int`, `char`, and so on)
- A member of a structure (any type)

For example (Blackfin processor code):

```
.IMPORT "Celebrity.h";
.EXTERN STRUCT Celebrity StNick;
L3 = sizeof(Celebrity);           // typedef
L3 = sizeof(StNick);             // struct var of typedef
Celebrity
L3 = sizeof(char);               // C built-in type
L3 = sizeof(StNick->Town);       // member of a struct var
L3 = sizeof(Celebrity->Town);    // member of a struct typedef
```



The `sizeof()` built-in function returns the size in the units appropriate for its processor. For SHARC and TigerSHARC processors, units are in words. For Blackfin processors, units are in bytes.

When applied to a structure type or variable, `sizeof()` returns the actual size, which may include padding bytes inserted for alignment. When applied to a statically dimensioned array, `sizeof()` returns the size of the entire array.

Struct References

A reference to a `struct VAR` provides an absolute address. For a fully qualified reference to a member, the address is offset to the correct location within the struct. The assembler syntax for struct references is “->”.

The following example references the address of `Member5` located within `myStruct`.


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```
myStruct->Member5
```

If the struct layout changes, there is no need to change the reference. The assembler recalculates the offset when the source is reassembled with the updated header.

Nested struct references are supported. For example,

```
myStruct->nestedRef->AnotherMember
```

 Unlike struct members in C, struct members in the assembler are always referenced with “->” (not “.”) because “.” is a legal character in identifiers in assembly and is not available as a struct reference.

References within nested structures are permitted. A nested struct definition can be provided in a single reference in assembly code, and a nested struct via a pointer type requires more than one instruction. Use the `OFFSETOF()` built-in function to avoid hard-coded offsets that may become invalid if the struct layout changes in the future.

Following are two nested struct examples for `.IMPORT "CHeaderFile.h"`.

Example 1: Nested Reference Within the Struct Definition with Appropriate C Declarations

C Code

```
struct Location {
    char Town[16];
    char State[16];
};

struct myStructTag {
    int field1;
    struct Location NestedOne;
};
```


Assembly Code (for Blackfin Processors)

```
.EXTERN STRUCT myStructTag _myStruct;
P3.L = LO(_myStruct->NestedOne->State);
P3.H = HI(_myStruct->NestedOne->State);
```

**Example 2:
Nested Reference When Nested via a Pointer with
Appropriate C Declarations**

When nested via a pointer, `myStructTagWithPtr` (which has `pNestedOne`) uses pointer register offset instructions.

C Code

```
// from C header
struct Location {
    char Town[16];
    char State[16];
};

struct myStructTagWithPtr {
    int field1;
    struct Location *pNestedOne;
};
```

Assembly Code (for Blackfin Processors)

```
// in assembly file
.EXTERN STRUCT myStructTagWithPtr _myStructWithPtr;
P1.L = LO(_myStructWithPtr->pNestedOne);
P1.H = HI(_myStructWithPtr->pNestedOne);
P0 = [P1 + OFFSETOF(Location,State)];
```

Assembler Directives

Directives in an assembly source file control the assembly process. Unlike assembly instructions, directives do not produce opcodes during assembly. Use the following general syntax for assembler directives

```
.directive [/qualifiers | arguments];
```

Each assembler directive starts with a period (.) and ends with a semicolon (;). Some directives take qualifiers and arguments. A directive's qualifier immediately follows the directive and is separated by a slash (/); arguments follow qualifiers. Assembler directives can be uppercase or lowercase; uppercase distinguishes directives from other symbols in your source code.

[Table 1-18](#) lists all currently supported assembler directives. A description of each directive appears in the following sections. These directives were added for GNU compatibility.

Table 1-18. Assembler Directive Summary

Directive	Description
<code>.ALIGN</code> (on page 1-75)	Specifies an alignment requirement for data or code
<code>.ALIGN_CODE</code> (on page 1-77)	Specifies an alignment requirement for code. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
<code>.ASCII</code> (on page 1-79)	Initializes ASCII strings. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.BSS</code>	Equivalent to <code>.SECTION/zero_init bsz</code> ; Refer to " .SECTION, Declare a Memory Section " on page 1-125 . NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.BYTE</code> <code>.BYTE2</code> <code>.BYTE4</code> (on page 1-80)	Defines and initializes one-, two-, and four-byte data objects, respectively. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.

Table 1-18. Assembler Directive Summary (Cont'd)

Directive	Description
<code>.COMPRESS</code> (on page 1-84)	Starts compression. NOTE: ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.
<code>.DATA</code>	Equivalent to <code>.SECTION data1</code> ; Refer to “ .SECTION, Declare a Memory Section ” on page 1-125. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.ELSE</code> (on page 1-63)	Conditional assembly directive
<code>.ENDIF</code> (on page 1-63)	Conditional assembly directive
<code>.ENDSEG</code> (on page 1-131)	Legacy directive. Marks the end of a section. Used with legacy directive <code>.SEGMENT</code> that begins a section. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.EXTERN</code> (on page 1-84)	Allows reference to a global symbol
<code>.EXTERN STRUCT</code> (on page 1-86)	Allows reference to a global symbol (<code>struct</code>) that was defined in another file
<code>.FILE</code> (on page 1-88)	Overrides <code>filename</code> given on the command line; used by C compiler
<code>.FILE_ATTR</code> (on page 1-89)	Creates a attribute in the generated object file
<code>.FORCECOMPRESS</code> (on page 1-90)	Compresses the next instruction. NOTE: ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.
<code>.GLOBAL</code> (on page 1-91)	Changes a symbol’s scope from local to global
<code>.GLOBL</code>	Equivalent to <code>.GLOBAL</code> . Refer to “ .GLOBAL, Make a Symbol Available Globally ” on page 1-91. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.IF</code> (on page 1-63)	Conditional assembly directive

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Table 1-18. Assembler Directive Summary (Cont'd)

Directive	Description
<code>.IMPORT</code> (on page 1-93)	Provides the assembler with the structure layout (C struct) information
<code>.INC/BINARY</code> (on page 1-95)	Includes the content of file at the current location
<code>.INCBIN</code>	Equivalent to <code>.INC/BINARY</code> . Refer to “.INC/BINARY, Include Contents of a File” on page 1-95 . NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.LEFTMARGIN</code> (on page 1-96)	Defines the width of the left margin of a listing
<code>.LIST/.NOLIST</code> (on page 1-97)	Starts listing of source lines
<code>.LIST_DATA</code> (on page 1-98)	Starts listing of data opcodes
<code>.LIST_DATFILE</code> (on page 1-99)	Starts listing of data initialization files
<code>.LIST_DEFTAB</code> (on page 1-100)	Sets the default tab width for listings
<code>.LIST_LOCTAB</code> (on page 1-102)	Sets the local tab width for listings
<code>.LIST_WRAPDATA</code> (on page 1-103)	Starts wrapping opcodes that don't fit listing column
<code>.LONG</code> (on page 1-104)	Supports four-byte data initializer lists for GNU compatibility. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.MESSAGE</code> (on page 1-105)	Alters the severity of an error, warning or informational message generated by the assembler
<code>.NEWPAGE</code> (on page 1-109)	Inserts a page break in a listing
<code>.NOCOMPRESS</code> (on page 1-110)	Terminates compression. NOTE: ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

Table 1-18. Assembler Directive Summary (Cont'd)

Directive	Description
<code>.NOLIST</code> (on page 1-97)	Stops listing of source lines
<code>.NOLIST_DATA</code> (on page 1-98)	Stops listing of data opcodes
<code>.NOLIST_DATFILE</code> (on page 1-99)	Stops listing of data initialization files
<code>.NOLIST_WRAPDATA</code> (on page 1-103)	Stops wrapping opcodes that do not fit listing column
<code>.PAGELENGTH</code> (on page 1-111)	Defines the length of a listing page
<code>.PAGewidth</code> (on page 1-112)	Defines the width of a listing page
<code>.PORT</code> (on page 1-114)	Legacy directive. Declares a memory-mapped I/O port. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.PRECISION</code> (on page 1-115)	Defines the number of significant bits in a floating-point value. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.PREVIOUS</code> (on page 1-117)	Reverts to a previously described <code>.SECTION</code>
<code>.PRIORITY</code> (on page 1-118)	Allows prioritized symbol mapping in the linker
<code>.REFERENCE</code> (on page 1-121)	Provides better information in an X-REF file. Refer to “.REFERENCE, Provide Better Info in an X-REF File” on page 1-121 for more information. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.RETAIN_NAME</code> (on page 1-121)	Stops the linker from eliminating a symbol
<code>.ROUND_NEAREST</code> (on page 1-122)	Specifies the Round-to-Nearest mode. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.ROUND_MINUS</code> (on page 1-122)	Specifies the Round-to-Negative Infinity mode. NOTE: SHARC processors only.

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Table 1-18. Assembler Directive Summary (Cont'd)

Directive	Description
<code>.ROUND_PLUS</code> (on page 1-122)	Specifies the Round-to-Positive Infinity mode. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.ROUND_ZERO</code> (on page 1-122)	Specifies the Round-to-Zero mode. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.SECTION</code> (on page 1-125)	Marks the beginning of a section
<code>.SEGMENT</code> (on page 1-131)	Legacy directive. Replaced with the <code>.SECTION</code> directive. NOTE: SHARC processors only.
<code>.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS</code> (on page 1-131)	Specifies that two buffers should be placed into different memory segments by the linker. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
<code>.SET</code> (on page 1-132)	Sets symbolic aliases
<code>.SHORT</code> (on page 1-132)	Supports two-byte data initializer lists for GNU compatibility. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.STRUCT</code> (on page 1-133)	Defines and initializes data objects based on C typedefs from <code>.IMPORT C</code> header files
<code>.TEXT</code>	Equivalent to <code>.SECTION</code> program; Refer to “.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section” on page 1-125 . NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
<code>.TYPE</code> (on page 1-137)	Changes the default data type of a symbol; used by C compiler
<code>.VAR</code> (on page 1-138)	Defines and initializes 32-bit data objects
<code>.WEAK</code> (on page 1-143)	Creates a weak definition or reference

.ALIGN, Specify an Address Alignment

The `.ALIGN` directive forces the address alignment of an instruction or data item. The assembler sets the alignment of the section to match the largest alignment requirement specified in the section and inserts padding at each alignment location to ensure that the following item has the proper offset from the start of the section to maintain the requested alignment. The linker honors the alignment specified by the assembler when placing the section in memory, thus guaranteeing the integrity of the alignment of each element aligned with a `.ALIGN` directive.

You also can use the `INPUT_SECTION_ALIGN(#number)` LDF command (in the `.ldf` file) to force all the following input sections to the specified alignment. Refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual* for more information on section alignment.

Syntax:

```
.ALIGN expression;
```

where

expression – evaluates to an integer. It specifies an alignment requirement; its value must be a power of 2. When aligning a data item or instruction, the assembler adjusts the address of the current location counter to the next address that can be divided by the value of *expression*, with no remainder. The expression set to 0 or 1 signifies no address alignment requirement.

The linker stops allocating padding for symbols aligned by 16 or more.



In the absence of the `.ALIGN` directive, the default address alignment is 1.

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Example:

In the following example, the assembler sets the alignment of the section to 4 to match the value specified in the second alignment directive. This satisfies the first alignment directive as well, since any item alignment on an address multiple of 4 is also aligned on a multiple of 2. If the target is a byte-addressed processor, such as Blackfin, there is no padding inserted between “single” and “samples” since `.VAR` creates a four-byte word of storage. If the target is a processor on which the `.VAR` directive reserves a one-address unit, such as SHARC, three words of padding follow “single” in the section produced by the assembler.


```
...
.ALIGN 1;          /* no alignment requirement */
...
.SECTION data1;
.ALIGN 2;
.VAR single;      /* aligns the data item on the word boundary,
                  at the location with the address value that can
                  be evenly divided by 2 */

.ALIGN 4;
.VAR samples1[100]="data1.dat";
                  /* aligns the first data item on the double-word
                  boundary, at the location with the address value
                  that can be evenly divided by 4; advances other
                  data items consecutively */
```



The Blackfin assembler accepts `.BYTE`, `.BYTE2`, and `.BYTE4` as well as `.VAR`.

.ALIGN_CODE, Specify an Address Alignment

 Used with TigerSHARC processors only.

The `.ALIGN_CODE` directive forces the address alignment of an instruction within the `.SECTION` in which it is used. `.ALIGN_CODE` is similar to the `.ALIGN` directive, but whereas `.ALIGN` causes the code to be padded with 0s, `.ALIGN_CODE` pads with NOPs. The `.ALIGN_CODE` directive is used to align instructions.

Refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual* for more information on section alignment.

Syntax:

```
.ALIGN_CODE expression;
```

where

expression – evaluates to an integer. It specifies an alignment requirement; its value must be a power of 2. In TigerSHARC processors, the *expression* value is usually 4. When aligning a data item or instruction, the assembler adjusts the address of the current location counter to the next address that is divisible by the value of the *expression*. The expression set to 0 or 1 signifies no address alignment requirement.

 In the absence of the `.ALIGN_CODE` directive, the default address alignment is 1.

Example:

```
.ALIGN_CODE 0; /* no alignment requirement */
...
.ALIGN_CODE 1; /* no alignment requirement */
...
.SECTION program;
.ALIGN_CODE 4;
```

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```
JUMP LABEL;;  
    /* Jump instruction aligned to four word boundary.  
       If necessary, padding will be done with NOPs */
```

.ASCII

 Used with Blackfin processors only.

The `.ASCII` directive initializes a data location with one or more characters from a double-quoted ASCII string. This is equivalent to the `.BYTE` directive. Note that the syntax differs from the `.BYTE` directive as follows:

- There is no “=” sign
- The string is enclosed in double-quotes, not single quotes

Syntax:

```
.ASCII "string" ;
```

Example:

```
.SECTION data1;

ASCII_String:
.TYPE ASCII_String,STT_OBJECT;
    .ASCII "ABCD";
.ASCII_String.end:

Byte_String:
.TYPE Byte_String,STT_OBJECT;
    .Byte = 'ABCD';
.Byte_String.end:
```

.BYTE, Declare a Byte Data Variable or Buffer

 Used with Blackfin processors only.

The .BYTE, .BYTE2, and .BYTE4 directives declare and optionally initialize one-, two-, and four-byte data objects, respectively. Note that the .BYTE4 directive performs the same function as the .VAR directive.

Syntax:

When declaring and/or initializing memory variables or buffer elements, use one of these forms:

```
.BYTE varName1[, varName2,...];  
.BYTE = initExpression1, initExpression2,...;  
.BYTE varName1 = initExpression, varName2 = initExpression2,...  
.BYTE bufferName[] = initExpression1, initExpression2,...;  
.BYTE bufferName[] = " fileName";  
.BYTE bufferName[length] = " fileName";  
.BYTE bufferName[length] = initExpression1, initExpression2,...;
```

where:

varName – user-defined symbols that name variables

bufferName – user-defined symbols that name buffers


fileName – indicates that the elements of a buffer get their initial values from the *fileName* data file. The <fileName> parameter can consist of the actual name and path specification for the data file. If the initialization file is in current directory of your operating system, only the *fileName* need be given inside double quote (" ") characters. Note that when reading in a data file, the assembler reads in whitespace-separated lists of decimal digits or hex strings.

If the file name is not found in the current directory, the assembler looks in the directories in the processor `include` path. You may use the `-I` switch (see [on page 1-161](#)) to add a directory to the processor `include` path.

Initializing from files is useful for loading buffers with data, such as filter coefficients or FFT phase rotation factors that are generated by other programs. The assembler determines how the values are stored in memory when it reads the data files.

Ellipsis (...) – represents a comma-delimited list of parameters.

initExpressions parameters – sets initial values for variables and buffer elements

 The optional `[length]` parameter defines the length of the associated buffer in words. The number of initialization elements defines *length* of an implicit-size buffer. The brackets `[]` that enclose the optional `[length]` are required. For more information, see the following `.BYTE` examples.

In addition, use a `/R32` qualifier (`.BYTE4/R32`) to support 32-bit initialization for use with 1.31 fracts (see [on page 1-60](#)).

The following lines of code demonstrate `.BYTE` directives:

```
Buffer1:
    .TYPE Buffer1, STT_OBJECT;
    .BYTE = 5, 6, 7;
    // initialize three 8-bit memory locations
    // for data label Buffer1
.Buffer1.end:
.BYTE samples[] = 123, 124, 125, 126, 127;
    // declare an implicit-length buffer and initialize it
    // with five 1-byte constants
.BYTE4/R32 points[] = 1.01r, 1.02r, 1.03r;
    // declare and initialize an implicit-length buffer
```

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```
    // and initialize it with three 4-byte fract constants
.BYTE2 Ins, Outs, Remains;
    // declare three 2-byte variables zero-initialized by
    // default
.BYTE4 demo_codes[100] = "inits.dat";
    // declare a 100-location buffer and initialize it
    // with the contents of the inits.dat file;
.BYTE2 taps=100;
    // declare a 2-byte variable and initialize it to 100
.BYTE twiddles[10] = "phase.dat";
    // declare a 10-location buffer and load the buffer
    // with contents of the phase.dat file
.BYTE4/R32 Fract_Byte4_R32[] = "fr32FormatFract.dat";
```

When declaring or initializing variables with `.BYTE`, consider constraints applied to the `.VAR` directive. The `.VAR` directive allocates and optionally initializes 32-bit data objects. For information about the `.VAR` directive, refer to information [on page 1-138](#).

ASCII String Initialization Support

The assembler supports ASCII string initialization. This allows the full use of the ASCII character set, including digits and special characters.

In Blackfin processors, ASCII initialization can be provided with `.BYTE`, `.BYTE2`, or `.VAR` directives. The most likely use is the `.BYTE` directive where each char is represented by one byte versus a `.VAR` directive in which each char needs four bytes. The characters are stored in the upper byte of 32-bit words. The LSBs are cleared.

String initialization takes one of the following forms:

```
.BYTE symbolString[length] = 'initString', 0;
.BYTE symbolString[] = 'initString', 0;
```

Note that the number of initialization characters defines the optional *length* of a string (implicit-size initialization).

Example:

```
.BYTE k[13] = 'Hello world!', 0;  
.BYTE k[] = 'Hello world!', 0;
```

The trailing zero character is optional. It simulates ANSI-C string representation.

.COMPRESS, Start Compression

NOTE: Used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

The `.COMPRESS` directive indicates that all of the following instructions in the source file should be compressed, if possible. The directive has effect on sections assembled as short word. Compression is canceled by a `.NOCOMPRESS` directive later in the source file (see [on page 1-110](#)).

`.COMPRESS` is advisory only:

- There is no guarantee that a particular instruction will be compressed.
- Instructions can be ‘uncompressed’ if they are near the end of a `DO` loop.
- Whether a particular instruction is compressed can change due to assembler enhancements or bug fixes.
- There are no warnings if instructions cannot be compressed.

Therefore, it is not recommended to create code layouts (tables with fixed size entries) that depend on particular instructions being compressed.

Syntax:

```
.COMPRESS;
```


.EXTERN, Refer to a Globally Available Symbol

The `.EXTERN` directive allows a code module to reference global data structures, symbols, and so on that are declared as `.GLOBAL` in other files. For additional information, see the `.GLOBAL` directive [on page 1-91](#).

Syntax:

```
.EXTERN symbolName1[, symbolName2, ...];
```

where:

symbolName – the name of a global symbol to import. A single `.EXTERN` directive can reference any number of symbols on one line, separated by commas.

Example:

```
.EXTERN coeffs;
    // This code declares an external symbol to reference
    // the global symbol "coeffs" declared in the example
    // code in the .GLOBAL directive description.
```

.EXTERN STRUCT, Refer to a Struct Defined Elsewhere

The `.EXTERN STRUCT` directive allows a code module to reference a struct defined in another file. Code in the assembly file can then reference the data members by name, just as if they were declared locally.

Syntax:

```
.EXTERN STRUCT typedef structvarName ;
```

where:

typedef – the type definition for a struct VAR

structvarName – a struct VAR name

The `.EXTERN STRUCT` directive specifies a struct symbol name declared in another file. The naming conventions are the same for structs as for variables and arrays:

- If a struct was declared in a C file, refer to it with a leading `_`.
- If a struct was declared in an `.asm` file, use the name “as is”, no leading underscore (`_`) is necessary.

The `.EXTERN STRUCT` directive optionally accepts a list, such as:

```
.EXTERN STRUCT typedef structvarName [,STRUCT typedef structvar-  
Name ...]
```

The key to the assembler knowing the layout is the `.IMPORT` directive and the `.EXTERN STRUCT` directive associating the *typedef* with the struct VAR. To reference a data structure declared in another file, use the `.IMPORT` directive with the `.EXTERN` directive. This mechanism can be used for structures defined in assembly source files as well as in C files.

The `.EXTERN` directive supports variables in the assembler. If the program references struct members, `.EXTERN STRUCT` must be used because the assembler must consult the struct layout to calculate the offset of the struct members. If the program does not reference struct members, you can use `.EXTERN` for struct VARs.

Example (SHARC code):

```
.IMPORT "MyCelebrities.h";
    // 'Celebrity' is the typedef for struct var 'StNick'
    // .EXTERN means that '_StNick' is referenced within this
    // file, but not locally defined. This example assumes StNick
    // was declared in a C file and it must be referenced with
    // a leading underscore.
.EXTERN STRUCT Celebrity _StNick;
    // "isSeniorCitizen" is one of the members of the 'Celebrity'
    // type
P3.L = LO( _StNick->isSeniorCitizen);
P3.H = HI(_StNick->isSeniorCitizen);
```

.FILE, Override the Name of a Source File

The `.FILE` directive overrides the name of the source file. This directive may appear in the C/C++ compiler-generated assembly source file (`.s`). The `.FILE` directive is used to ensure that the debugger has the correct file name for the source file that had generated the object file.

Syntax:

```
.FILE "filename.ext";
```

where:

filename – the name of the source file to associate with the object file. The argument is enclosed in double quotes.

.FILE_ATTR, Create an Attribute in the Object File

The `.FILE_ATTR` directive instructs the assembler to place an attribute in the object file which can be referenced in the `.ldf` file when linking. See the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual* for more information.

Syntax:

```
.FILE_ATTR attrName1 [= attrVal1] [, attrName2 [= attrVal2] ]
```

where:

attrName – the name of the attribute. Attribute names must follow the same rules for naming symbols.

attrVal – sets the attribute to this value. If omitted, “1” is used. The value must be double-quoted unless it follows the rules for naming symbols (as described in [“Assembler Keywords and Symbols” on page 1-41](#)).

Examples:

```
.FILE_ATTR at1;  
.FILE_ATTR at10=a123;  
.FILE_ATTR at101=a123, at102,at103="999";
```

.FORCECOMPRESS, Compress the Next Instruction

NOTE: Used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

The `.FORCECOMPRESS` directive causes the next instruction to be compressed, if possible. The directive has effect on sections that are assembled as short word. The directive overrides the effect of a previous `.NOCOMPRESS` directive (on page 1-110) for one instruction. Only the immediately following assembly instruction is affected by `.FORCECOMPRESS`, while `.COMPRESS` (on page 1-84) starts a sequence of `.COMPRESS`, instructions, and `.NOCOMPRESS`.

`.FORCECOMPRESS` can override certain conservative assumptions normally made by the assembler, such as when an immediate value is an expression containing a symbol. In this case, the assembler normally does not generate a compressed instruction because the ultimate value of the symbolic expression may not fit in the immediate field of the compressed instruction.

`.FORCECOMPRESS` is advisory only:

- There is no guarantee that a particular instruction will be compressed.
- An instruction can be ‘uncompressed’ if it is near the end of a DO loop.
- Whether a particular instruction is compressed can change due to assembler enhancements or bug fixes.
- There are no warnings if an instruction cannot be compressed.

Therefore, it is not recommended to create code layouts (tables with fixed size entries) that depend on particular instructions being compressed.

Syntax:

```
.FORCECOMPRESS;
```

.GLOBAL, Make a Symbol Available Globally

The `.GLOBAL` directive changes the scope of a symbol from local to global, making the symbol available for reference in object files that are linked to the current one.

By default, a symbol has local binding, meaning the linker can resolve references to it only from the local file (that is, the same file in which it is defined). It is visible only in the file in which it is declared. Local symbols in different files can have the same name, and the linker considers them to be independent entities. Global symbols are visible from other files; all references from other files to an external symbol by the same name will resolve to the same address and value, corresponding to the single global definition of the symbol.

You change the default scope with the `.GLOBAL` directive. Once the symbol is declared global, other files may refer to it with `.EXTERN`. For more information, refer to the `.EXTERN` directive [on page 1-84](#). Note that `.GLOBAL` (or `.WEAK`) scope is required for symbols that appear in `RESOLVE` commands in the `.ldf` file.

Syntax:

```
.GLOBAL symbolName1[, symbolName2,...];
```

where:

symbolName – the name of a global symbol. A single `.GLOBAL` directive may define the global scope of any number of symbols on one line, separated by commas.

Example (SHARC and TigerSHARC code):

```
.VAR coeffs[10];           // declares a buffer
.VAR taps=100;            // declares a variable
```

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```
.GLOBAL coeffs, taps;    // makes the buffer and the variable  
                        // visible to other files
```

Example (Blackfin code):

```
.BYTE coeffs[10];      // declares a buffer  
.BYTE4 taps=100;      // declares a variable  
.GLOBAL coeffs, taps;  // makes the buffer and the variable  
                        // visible to other files
```


.IMPORT, Provide Structure Layout Information

The `.IMPORT` directive makes struct layouts visible inside an assembler program. The `.IMPORT` directive provides the assembler with the following structure layout information:

- The names of `typedefs` and `structs` available
- The name of each data member
- The sequence and offset of the data members
- Information as provided by the C compiler for the size of C base types (alternatively, for the `sizeof()` C base types).

Syntax:

```
.IMPORT "headerfilename1"[, "headerfilename2", ...];
```

where:

headerfilename – one or more comma-separated C header files enclosed in double quotes.



The system processes each `.IMPORT` directive and each file specified in an `.IMPORT` directive separately. Therefore, all type information must be available within the context for the individual file.

If `headerfile1.h` defines a type referenced in `headerfile2.h`, an attempt to import the second file into assembly will fail. One solution is to have the assembler call the compiler once for the set of import statements. The compiler then has all the information it needs when processing the second header file.

In other words, create a third file to be imported in place of `headerfile2.h`. This file would simply consist of these lines:

```
#include "headerfile1.h"
#include "headerfile2.h"
```

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The `.IMPORT` directive does not allocate space for a variable of this type. Allocating space requires the `.STRUCT` directive (see [on page 1-133](#)).

The assembler takes advantage of knowing the struct layouts. The assembly programmer may reference struct data members by name in assembler source, as one would do in C. The assembler calculates the offsets within the structure based on the size and sequence of the data members.

If the structure layout changes, the assembly code need not change. It just needs to get the new layout from the header file, via the compiler. Make dependencies track the `.IMPORT` header files and know when a rebuild is needed. Use the `-flags-compiler` assembler switch ([on page 1-157](#)) to pass options to the C compiler for `.IMPORT` header file compilations.

An `.IMPORT` directive with one or more `.EXTERN` directives allows code in the module to refer to a struct variable that was declared and initialized elsewhere. The C struct can be declared in C-compiled code or another assembly file.

The `.IMPORT` directive with one or more `.STRUCT` directives declares and initializes variables of that structure type within the assembler section in which it appears.

For more information, refer to the `.EXTERN` directive [on page 1-84](#) and the `.STRUCT` directive [on page 1-133](#).

Example:

```
.IMPORT "CHeaderFile.h";
.IMPORT "ACME_IIir.h","ACME_IFir.h";
.SECTION program;
    // ... code that uses CHeaderFile, ACME_IIir, and
    // ACME_IFir C structs
```

.INC/BINARY, Include Contents of a File

The `.INC/BINARY` directive includes the content of file at the current location. You can control the search paths used via the `-i` command-line switch ([on page 1-161](#)).

Syntax:

```
.INC/BINARY [ symbol = ] "filename" [,skip [,count]] ;
.INC/BINARY [ symbol[] = ] "filename" [,skip [,count]] ;
```

where:

symbol – the name of a symbol to associate with the data being included from the file

filename – the name of the file to include. The argument is enclosed in double quotes.

The *skip* argument skips a number of bytes from the start of the file.

The *count* argument indicates the maximum number of bytes to read.

Example:

```
.SECTION data1;

.VAR jim;
.INC/BINARY sym[] = "bert",10,6;
.VAR fred;
.INC/BINARY Image1[] = "photos/Picture1.jpg";
```

.LEFTMARGIN, Set the Margin Width of a Listing File

The `.LEFTMARGIN` directive sets the margin width of a listing page. It specifies the number of empty spaces at the left margin of the listing file (`.lst`), which the assembler produces when you use the `-l` switch. In the absence of the `.LEFTMARGIN` directive, the assembler leaves no empty spaces for the left margin.

The assembler compares the `.LEFTMARGIN` and `.PAGEWIDTH` values against one another. If the specified values do not allow enough room for a properly formatted listing page, the assembler issues a warning and adjusts the directive that was specified last to allow an acceptable line width.

Syntax:

```
.LEFTMARGIN expression;
```

where:

expression – evaluates to an integer from 0 to 100. Default is 0. Therefore, the minimum left margin value is 0 and the maximum left margin value is 100. To change the default setting for the entire listing, place the `.LEFTMARGIN` directive at the beginning of your assembly source file.

Example:

```
.LEFTMARGIN 9; /* the listing line begins at column 10 */
```



You can set the margin width only once per source file. If the assembler encounters multiple occurrences of the `.LEFTMARGIN` directive, it ignores all of them except the last directive.

.LIST/.NOLIST, Listing Source Lines and Opcodes

The `.LIST/.NOLIST` directives (on by default) turn on and off the listing of source lines and opcodes.

If `.NOLIST` is in effect, no lines in the current source (or any nested source) are listed until a `.LIST` directive is encountered in the same source, at the same nesting level. The `.NOLIST` directive operates on the next source line, so that the line containing a `.NOLIST` appears in the listing and accounts for the missing lines.

The `.LIST/.NOLIST` directives do not take any qualifiers or arguments.

Syntax:

```
.LIST;
```

```
.NOLIST;
```

These directives can appear multiple times anywhere in a source file, and their effect depends on their location in the source file.

.LIST_DATA/.NOLIST_DATA, Listing Data Opcodes

The `.LIST_DATA/.NOLIST_DATA` directives (off by default) turn the listing of data opcodes on and off. When `.NOLIST_DATA` is in effect, opcodes that correspond to variable declarations do not appear in the opcode column. Nested source files inherit the current setting of this directive pair, but a change to the setting made in a nested source file do not affect the parent source file.

The `.LIST_DATA/.NOLIST_DATA` directives do not take any qualifiers or arguments.

Syntax:

```
.LIST_DATA;
```

```
.NOLIST_DATA;
```

These directives can appear multiple times anywhere in a source file, and their effect depends on their location in the source file.

.LIST_DATFILE/.NOLIST_DATFILE, Listing Data Initialization Files

The `.LIST_DATFILE/.NOLIST_DATFILE` directives (off by default) turn the listing of data initialization files on and off. Nested source files inherit the current setting of this directive pair, but a change to the setting made in a nested source file will not affect the parent source file.

The `.LIST_DATFILE/.NOLIST_DATFILE` directives do not take any qualifiers or arguments.

Syntax:

```
.LIST_DATFILE;
```

```
.NOLIST_DATFILE;
```

These directives can appear multiple times anywhere in a source file, and their effect depends on their location in the source file. They are used in assembly source files, but not in data initialization files.

.LIST_DEFTAB, Set the Default Tab Width for Listings

Tab characters in source files are expanded to blanks in listing files under the control of two internal assembler parameters that set the tab expansion width. The default tab width is normally in control, but it can be overridden if the local tab width is explicitly set with a directive.

The `.LIST_DEFTAB` directive sets the default tab width, and the `.LIST_LOCTAB` directive sets the local tab width (see [on page 1-102](#)).

Both the default tab width and the local tab width can be changed any number of times via the `.LIST_DEFTAB` and `.LIST_LOCTAB` directives. The default tab width is inherited by nested source files, but the local tab width only affects the current source file.

Syntax:

```
.LIST_DEFTAB expression;
```

where:

expression – evaluates to an integer greater than or equal to 0. In the absence of a `.LIST_DEFTAB` directive, the default tab width defaults to 4. A value of 0 sets the default tab width.

Example:

```
    // Tabs here are expanded to the default of 4 columns
.LIST_DEFTAB 8;
    // Tabs here are expanded to 8 columns
.LIST_LOCTAB 2;
    // Tabs here are expanded to 2 columns
    // But tabs in "include_1.h" will be expanded to 8 columns
#include "include_1.h"
.LIST_DEFTAB 4;
    // Tabs here are still expanded to 2 columns
```



```
// But tabs in "include_2.h" will be expanded to 4 columns  
#include "include_2.h"
```

.LIST_LOCTAB, Set the Local Tab Width for Listings

Tab characters in source files are expanded to blanks in listing files under the control of two internal assembler parameters that set the tab expansion width. The default tab width is normally in control, but it can be overridden if the local tab width is explicitly set with a directive.

The `.LIST_LOCTAB` directive sets the local tab width, and the `.LIST_DEFTAB` directive sets the default tab width (see [on page 1-100](#)).

Both the default tab width and the local tab width can be changed any number of times via the `.LIST_DEFTAB` and `.LIST_LOCTAB` directives. The default tab width is inherited by nested source files, but the local tab width only affects the current source file.

Syntax:

```
.LIST_LOCTAB expression;
```

where:

expression – evaluates to an integer greater than or equal to 0. A value of 0 sets the local tab width to the current setting of the default tab width.

In the absence of a `.LIST_LOCTAB` directive, the local tab width defaults to the current setting for the default tab width.

Example: See the `.LIST_DEFTAB` example [on page 1-100](#).

.LIST_WRAPDATA/.NOLIST_WRAPDATA

The `.LIST_WRAPDATA/.NOLIST_WRAPDATA` directives control the listing of opcodes that are too big to fit in the opcode column. By default, the `.NOLIST_WRAPDATA` directive is in effect.

This directive pair applies to any opcode that does not fit, but in practice, such a value almost always is the data (alignment directives can also result in large opcodes).

- If `.LIST_WRAPDATA` is in effect, the opcode value is wrapped so that it fits in the opcode column (resulting in multiple listing lines).
- If `.NOLIST_WRAPDATA` is in effect, the printout is what fits in the opcode column.

Nested source files inherit the current setting of this directive pair, but a change to the setting made in a nested source file does not affect the parent source file.

The `.LIST_WRAPDATA/.NOLIST_WRAPDATA` directives do not take any qualifiers or arguments.

Syntax:

```
.LIST_WRAPDATA;
```

```
.NOLIST_WRAPDATA;
```

These directives can appear multiple times anywhere in a source file, and their effect depends on their location in the source file.

.LONG, Defines and initializes 4-byte data objects

 Used with Blackfin processors only.

The `.LONG` directive declares and optionally initializes four-byte data objects. It is effectively equivalent to `.BYTE4 initExpression1, initExpression2, ...`. For more information, see [“.BYTE, Declare a Byte Data Variable or Buffer” on page 1-80](#).

Syntax:

When declaring and/or initializing memory variables or buffer elements, use the following format. Note that the terminating semicolon is optional.

```
.LONG initExpression1, initExpression2, ...[;]
```

```
.LONG constExpression1, constExpression2, ...[;]
```

where:

initExpressions parameters – contain one or more comma-separated “symbol=value” expressions

constExpressions parameters – contain a comma-separated list of constant values

The following lines of code demonstrate `.LONG` directives:

```
    // Define an initialized variable
.LONG buf1=0x1234;
    // Define two initialized variables
.LONG 0x1234, 0x5678, ...;
    // Declare three 8 byte areas of memory, initialized to
    // 3, 4, and 5 respectively
.LONG 0x0003, 0x0004, 0x0005;
```

.MESSAGE, Alter the Severity of an Assembler Message

The `.MESSAGE` directive can be used to alter the severity of an error, warning, or informational message generated by the assembler for all or part of an assembly source.

Syntax:

```
.MESSAGE/qualifier warnid1 [,warnid2, ...] ;  
.MESSAGE/qualifier warnid1 [,warnid2, ...] UNTIL sym;  
.MESSAGE/qualifier warnid1 [,warnid2, ...] FOR n LINES;  
.MESSAGE/DEFAULT/qualifier warnid1 [,warnid2, ...] ;
```

where:

`warnid1[,warnid2, ...]` is a list of one or more message identification numbers.

A qualifier can be:

- `ERROR` – change messages to errors
- `WARN` – change messages to warnings
- `INFO` – change messages to informational messages
- `SUPPRESS` – do not output the messages
- `RESTORE_CL` – change the severity of the messages back to the default values they had at the beginning of the source file, after the command line arguments were processed, but before any `DEFAULT` directives have been processed.

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- `RESTORE` – change the severity of the messages back to the default values they had at the beginning of the source file, after the command line arguments were processed, and after any `DEFAULT` directives have been processed.
- `POP` – change the severity of the messages back to what they were prior to the previous `.MESSAGE` directive.

The `RESTORE`, `RESTORE_CL`, and `POP` qualifiers cannot be used with the `UNTIL`, `FOR`, or `DEFAULT` forms of the `.MESSAGE` directive.

The `DEFAULT` qualifier cannot be used with the `UNTIL` or `FOR` forms of the `.MESSAGE` directive.

The simple form of the `.MESSAGE` directive changes the severity of messages until another `.MESSAGE` directive is seen. It can be placed anywhere in a source file. Messages that could not be associated with a source line can be reported with line number 0. These cannot be altered in severity by a `.MESSAGE` directive. This should be done by using the `-Werror`, `-Wwarn`, `-Winfo`, or `-Wsuppress` assembler switches; see [“Assembler Command-Line Switch Descriptions”](#) on page 1-147.

Example:

```
.MESSAGE/ERROR 1049;
.SECTION program;
.VAR two[2]=1;           // generates an error
.MESSAGE/SUPPRESS 1049;
.VAR three[3]=1,2;      // generates no message
.MESSAGE/WARN 1049;
.VAR four[4]=1,2,3;     // generates a warning
```

The temporary forms of the `.MESSAGE` directive (`UNTIL` and `FOR`) changes the severity of messages until the specified label (or for the specified number of source lines). The temporary forms of the `.MESSAGE` directive must start and end within a single `.SECTION` directive.

Example (for TigerSHARC Processors):

```
.SECTION program;
.VAR one=1.0r;                // generates a warning
.MESSAGE/ERROR 1177 UNTIL sym;
.VAR two=1.0r;                // generates an error
sym:
.VAR three=1.0r;              // generates a warning
.MESSAGE/ERROR 1177 FOR 3 LINES;
.VAR apple;
.VAR four=1.0r;               // generates an error
.VAR orange;
.VAR five=1.0r;               // generates a warning
```

The POP qualifier changes the severity of the messages back to previous severities.

Example (for TigerSHARC Processors):

```
.MESSAGE/INFO 3012;
.SECTION program;
RETI;;                        // generates an informational
.MESSAGE/ERROR 3012;
RETI;;                        // generates an error
.MESSAGE/INFO 3012;
RETI;;                        // generates an informational
.MESSAGE/POP 3012;
RETI;;                        // generates an error - 2nd directive
.MESSAGE/POP 3012;
RETI;;                        // generates an informational - 1st directive
.MESSAGE/POP 3012;
RETI;;                        // generates a warning - the default for this message
```

The DEFAULT qualifier is used to redefine the default severity for messages. It can be placed anywhere in a source file. It only takes affect when the message severity has not been changed by a .MESSAGE directive.

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Example (for TigerSHARC Processors):

```
.MESSAGE/DEFAULT/ERROR 1177;  
.MESSAGE/DEFAULT/INFO 1177;  
.SECTION program;  
.VAR one=1.0r;           // generates an informational  
.MESSAGE/ERROR 1177;  
.VAR two=1.0r;          // generates an error  
.MESSAGE/RESTORE 1177;  
.VAR three=1.0r;        // generates an informational  
.MESSAGE/RESTORE_CL 1177;  
.VAR four=1.0r;         // generates a warning
```



The `-Werror number[,number]`, `-Wwarn number[,number]`, `-Wno-info`, or `-Wsuppress number[,number]` assembler switches have the same affect as the `DEFAULT` form of `.MESSAGE`.

Many error messages cannot be altered in severity as the assembler behavior is unknown.

Include files inherit any severity changes from the files which `#include` them. `.MESSAGE` directives in include files do not control the severity of messages generated after returning to the source file which included them.

A `.MESSAGE/DEFAULT` directive in an include file controls the severity of messages generated after returning to the source file which included them.

.NEWPAGE, Insert a Page Break in a Listing File

The `.NEWPAGE` directive inserts a page break in the printed listing file (`.lst`), which the assembler produces when you use the `-l` switch (on page 1-162). The assembler inserts a page break at the location of the `.NEWPAGE` directive.

The `.NEWPAGE` directive does not take any qualifiers or arguments.

Syntax:

```
.NEWPAGE;
```

This directive may appear anywhere in your source file. In the absence of the `.NEWPAGE` directive, the assembler generates no page breaks in the file.

.NOCOMPRESS, Terminate Compression

NOTE: Used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

The `.NOCOMPRESS` directive indicates that all of the following instructions in the source file should not be compressed.

Syntax:

```
.NOCOMPRESS ;
```

The directive's effect is canceled by a `.COMPRESS` directive ([on page 1-84](#)) later in the source file. The directive's effect also is cancelled by a `.FORCE-COMPRESS` directive ([on page 1-90](#)) for one instruction only.

.PAGELENGTH, Set the Page Length of a Listing File

The `.PAGELENGTH` directive controls the page length of the listing file produced by the assembler when you use the `-l` switch ([on page 1-162](#)).

Syntax:

```
.PAGELENGTH expression;
```

where:

expression – evaluates to an integer 0 or greater. It specifies the number of text lines per printed page. The default page length is 0, which means the listing has no page breaks.

To format the entire listing, place the `.PAGELENGTH` directive at the beginning of your assembly source file. If a page length value greater than 0 is too small to allow a properly formatted listing page, the assembler issues a warning and uses its internal minimum page length (approximately 10 lines).

Example:

```
.PAGELENGTH 50; // starts a new page after printing 50 lines
```



You can set the page length only once per source file. If the assembler encounters multiple occurrences of the directive, it ignores all except the last directive.

.PAGEWIDTH, Set the Page Width of a Listing File

The `.PAGEWIDTH` directive sets the page width of the listing file produced by the assembler when you use the `-l` switch.

Syntax:

```
.PAGEWIDTH expression;
```

where:

expression – evaluates to an integer

Depending on setting of the `.LEFTMARGIN` directive, this integer should be at least equal to:

- `LEFTMARGIN` value plus 46 (for Blackfin processors)
- `LEFTMARGIN` value plus 49 (for TigerSHARC processors)
- `LEFTMARGIN` value plus about 66 (for SHARC processors)

You cannot set this integer to less than 46, 49, or 66, respectively. There is no upper limit. If `LEFTMARGIN = 0` and the `.PAGEWIDTH` value is not specified, the actual page width is set to any number over 46, 49, or 66, respectively.

To change the number of characters per line in the entire listing, place the `.PAGEWIDTH` directive at the beginning of the assembly source file.

Example:

```
.PAGEWIDTH 72;    // starts a new line after 72 characters  
                  // are printed on one line, assuming  
                  // the .LEFTMARGIN setting is 0.
```



You can set the page width only once per source file. If the assembler encounters multiple occurrences of the directive, it ignores all of them except the last directive.

.PORT, Legacy Directive

 Used with SHARC processors only.

The `.PORT` legacy directive assigns port name symbols to I/O ports. Port name symbols are global symbols that correspond to memory-mapped I/O ports defined in the `.ldf` file.

The `.PORT` directive uses the following syntax:

```
.PORT portName;
```

where:

portName – a globally available port symbol

Example:

```
.PORT p1;    // declares I/O port P1  
.PORT p2;    // declares I/O port P2
```

To declare a port using the SHARC assembler syntax, use the `.VAR` directive (for port-identifying symbols) and the linker description file (for corresponding I/O sections). The linker resolves port symbols in the `.ldf` file.

For more information on the linker description file, see the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.

.PRECISION, Select Floating-Point Precision

 Used with SHARC processors only.

The `.PRECISION` directive controls how the assembler interprets floating-point numeric values in constant declarations and variable initializations. To configure the floating-point precision of the target processor system, you must set up control registers of the chip using instructions specific to the processor core.

Use one of the following options:

```
.PRECISION [=] 32;
.PRECISION [=] 40;
```

where:

The precision of 32 or 40 (default) specifies the number of significant bits for floating-point data. The equal sign (=) following the `.PRECISION` keyword is optional.

Note that the `.PRECISION` directive applies only to floating-point data. Precision of fixed-point data is determined by the number of digits specified. The `.PRECISION` directive applies to all floating-point expressions in the file that follow it up to the next `.PRECISION` directive.

Example:

```
.PRECISION=32; /* Selects standard IEEE 32-bit
               single-precision format. */
```

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```
.PRECISION 40; /* Selects standard IEEE 40-bit format with  
                extended mantissa. This is the default  
                setting. */
```



The `.ROUND_` directives ([on page 1-122](#)) specify how the assembler converts a value of many significant bits to fit into the selected precision.

.PREVIOUS, Revert to the Previously Defined Section

The `.PREVIOUS` directive instructs the assembler to set the current section in memory to the section described immediately before the current one. The `.PREVIOUS` directive operates on a stack.

Syntax:

```
.PREVIOUS;
```

The following examples provide valid and invalid cases of the use of the consecutive `.PREVIOUS` directives.

Example of Invalid Directive Use:

```
.SECTION data1;      // data
.SECTION code;      // instructions
.PREVIOUS;          // previous section ends, back to data1
.PREVIOUS;          // no previous section to set to
```

Example of Valid Directive Use:

```
#define MACR01      \
.SECTION data2;    \
    .VAR vd = 4;   \
.PREVIOUS;
.SECTION data1;    // data
    .VAR va = 1;
.SECTION program; // instructions
    .VAR vb = 2;
    MACR01         // invoke macro
.PREVIOUS;
    .VAR vc = 3;
```

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evaluates as:

```
.SECTION data1;          // data
    .VAR va = 1;
.SECTION program;       // instructions
    .VAR vb = 2;
    // Start MACR01
.SECTION data2;
    .VAR vd = 4;
.PREVIOUS;              // end data2, section program
    // End MACR01
.PREVIOUS;              // end program, start data1
    .VAR vc = 3;
```

.PRIORITY, Allow Prioritized Symbol Mapping in Linker

The `.PRIORITY` directive allows prioritized symbol mapping in the linker. The directive can be specified in three ways:

- For a symbol defined in the same file as the directive
- For a globally defined symbol
- For a local symbol in a different source file

Syntax:

```
.PRIORITY symbolName, priority;
.PRIORITY symbolName, "sourcefile", priority;
```

where:

In the first case, *symbolName* is a global symbol or locally defined symbol. In the second case, *symbolName* is a symbol defined in '*sourcefile*'.

Example:

```
.PRIORITY _foo, 35;           // Symbol with highest priority
.PRIORITY _main, 15;        // Symbol with medium priority
.PRIORITY bar, "barFile.asm", -10; // Symbol with lowest priority
```

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After the absolute placement of symbols specified in the `.ldf` file's `RESOLVE()` command (but before mapping commands are processed), the linker tries to map all symbols appearing in priority directives (in decreasing order of their priorities).

The prioritized symbol is placed into memory that contains only the `INPUT_SECTIONS()` command for input sections defining the symbol. Symbols with assigned priority are mapped after absolutely placed symbols, but before symbols without assigned priority.

The symbols are placed into memory segments based on the order that the segments appear in the `.ldf` file. Therefore, an output section targeting a higher-priority memory segment should appear before an output section targeting a lower-priority segment.

Example of Assembler Code:

```
.section program;
    _func1:

    _func2:

.section L1_code;
    _L1_func:
    ...

.PRIORITY _L1_func,10;
.PRIORITY _func1,11;
.PRIORITY _func2,12;
```

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Example of LDF Code:

```
L1_A { INPUT_SECTIONS($OBJECTS(L1_code)) } > L1_A;//  
L1_A { INPUT_SECTIONS($OBJECTS(L1_code program)) } > L1_B;  
L2   { INPUT_SECTIONS($OBJECTS(program)) } > L2;
```

The preceding two examples result in the linker executing the following three steps:

1. Because `_func2` is assigned the highest priority (12) in the assembler code, the linker first tries to map it into the `L1_B` memory segment. If `_func2` does not fit into `L1_B`, it tries the `L2` segment.
2. Because `_func1` is assigned the middle priority (11) in the assembler code, the linker first tries to map it into the `L1_B` memory segment. If `_func2` does not fit into `L1_B`, it tries the `L2` segment.
3. Because `_L1_func` is assigned the lowest priority (10) in the assembler code, the linker first tries to map it into the `L1_A` memory segment. If `_L1_func` does not fit into `L1_A`, it tries the `L1_B` segment.

.REFERENCE, Provide Better Info in an X-REF File

 Used with Blackfin processors only.

The `.REFERENCE` directive is used by the compiler to provide better information in an X-REF file generated by the linker. This directive is used when there are indirect symbol references that would otherwise not appear in an X-REF file.

The `.REFERENCE` directive uses the following syntax:

```
.REFERENCE symbol;
```

where:

symbol – is a symbol

Example:

```
.REFERENCE P1;  
.REFERENCE P2;
```

.RETAIN_NAME, Stop Linker from Eliminating Symbol

The `.RETAIN_NAME` directive stops the linker from eliminating the symbol when linking the generated object file. This directive has the same effect as the `KEEP()` LDF command has when used with the linker.

Syntax:

The `.RETAIN_NAME` directive uses the following syntax:

```
.RETAIN_NAME symbol;
```

where:

symbol – is a user-defined symbol

For information on `KEEP()`, refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.

.ROUND_, Select Floating-Point Rounding

 Used with SHARC processors only.

The `.ROUND_` directives control how the assembler interprets literal floating-point numeric data after `.PRECISION` is defined. The `.PRECISION` directive determines the number of bits to be truncated to match the number of significant bits (see [on page 1-115](#)).

The `.ROUND_` directives determine how the assembler handles the floating-point values in constant declarations and variable initializations. To configure the floating-point rounding modes of the target processor system, you must set up control registers on the chip using instructions specific to the processor core.

The `.ROUND_` directives use the following syntax:

```
.ROUND_mode;
```

where:

The `mode` string specifies the rounding scheme used to fit a value in the destination format. Use one of the following IEEE standard modes:

```
.ROUND_NEAREST;    (default)  
.ROUND_PLUS;      (rounds to round-to-positive infinity)  
.ROUND_MINUS;     (rounds to round-to-negative infinity)  
.ROUND_ZERO;      (selects round-to-zero)
```

In the following examples, the numbers with four decimal places are reduced to three decimal places and are rounded accordingly.

```
.ROUND_NEAREST;
/* Selects Round-to-Nearest scheme; the default setting.
   A 5 is added to the digit that follows the third
   decimal digit (the least significant bit - LSB). The
   result is truncated after the third decimal digit (LSB).

   1.2581 rounds to 1.258
   8.5996 rounds to 8.600
   -5.3298 rounds to -5.329
   -6.4974 rounds to -6.496
*/

.ROUND_ZERO;
/* Selects Round-to-Zero. The closer to zero value is taken.
   The number is truncated after the third decimal digit (LSB).

   1.2581 rounds to 1.258
   8.5996 rounds to 8.599
   -5.3298 rounds to -5.329
   -6.4974 rounds to -6.497
*/

.ROUND_PLUS;
/* Selects Round-to-Positive Infinity. The number rounds
   to the next larger.
   For positive numbers, a 1 is added to the third decimal
   digit (the least significant bit). Then the result is
   truncated after the LSB.
   For negative numbers, the mantissa is truncated after
   the third decimal digit (LSB).

   1.2581 rounds to 1.259
   8.5996 rounds to 8.600
   -5.3298 rounds to -5.329
```

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```
-6.4974 rounds to -6.497
*/
.ROUND_MINUS;
/* Selects Round-to-Negative Infinity. The value
   rounds to the next smaller.
   For negative numbers, a 1 is subtracted from the
   third decimal digit (the least significant bit).
   Then the result is truncated after the LSB.
   For positive numbers, the mantissa is truncated
   after the third decimal digit (LSB).

1.2581 rounds to 1.258
8.5996 rounds to 8.599
-5.3298 rounds to -5.330
-6.4974 rounds to -6.498
*/
```


.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section


The `.SECTION` directive marks the beginning of a logical section mirroring an array of contiguous locations in your processor memory. Statements between one `.SECTION` directive and the following `.SECTION` directive (or the end-of-file instruction), comprise the content of the section.

TigerSHARC and Blackfin Syntax:

```
.SECTION/qualifier [/qualifier] sectionName [sectionType];
```

SHARC Syntax:


```
.SECTION[/TYPE/qualifier sectionName [sectionType];
```

 All qualifiers are optional, and more than one qualifier can be used.

Common .SECTION Attributes

The following are common syntax attributes used by the assembler:

- *sectionName* – section name symbol which is not limited in length and is case sensitive. Section names must match the corresponding input section names used by the `.ldf` file to place the section. Use the default `.ldf` file included in the `<install_path>/ldf` subdirectory of the VisualDSP++ installation directory, or write your own `.ldf` file.

 Some sections starting with “.” names have certain meaning within the linker. Do not use the dot (.) as the initial character in *sectionName*.

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The assembler generates re-locatable sections for the linker to fill in the addresses of symbols at link-time. The assembler implicitly prefixes the name of the section with the “.rela.” string to form a re-locatable section. To avoid ambiguity, ensure that your section names do not begin with “.rela.”.

- *sectionType* – an optional ELF section type identifier. The assembler uses the default `SHT_PROGBITS` when this identifier is absent. For example, `.SECTION program SHT_DEBUGINFO;`

Supported ELF section types are `SHT_PROGBITS`, `SHT_DEBUGINFO`, and `SHT_NULL`. These *sectionTypes* are described in the `ELF.h` header file, which is available from third-party software development kits. For more information on the ELF file format, see the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.



If you select an invalid common qualifier or specify no common qualifier, the assembler exits with an error message.

Blackfin Example:

```
/* Declared below memory sections correspond to the default
   LDF's input sections. */
.SECTION/DOUBLE32 data1;    /* memory section to store data */
.SECTION/DOUBLE32 program; /* memory section to store code */
```


DOUBLE* Qualifiers

The `DOUBLE*` qualifier can be one of the following, listed in [Table 1-19](#).

Table 1-19. `DOUBLE` Qualifiers

Qualifier	Description
<code>DOUBLE32</code>	<code>DOUBLEs</code> are represented as 32-bit types
<code>DOUBLE64</code>	<code>DOUBLEs</code> are represented as 64-bit types
<code>DOUBLEANY</code>	Section does not include code that depends on the size of <code>DOUBLE</code>

The `DOUBLE` size qualifiers are used to ensure that object files are consistent when linked together and with run-time libraries. A memory section may have one `DOUBLE` size qualifier – it cannot have two `DOUBLE` size qualifiers. Sections in the same file do not have to have the same type size qualifiers.

 Use of `DOUBLEANY` in a section implies that `DOUBLE`'s are not used in this section in any way that would require consistency checking with any other section.


TigerSHARC-Specific Qualifiers

In addition, the TigerSHARC-specific *qualifier1, qualifier2 ...* can be one of the following, listed in [Table 1-20](#).

Table 1-20. TigerSHARC-Specific Qualifiers

CHAR8	CHAR32	CHARANY
CHARs are represented as 8-bit types. Shorts are represented as 16-bit types.	CHARs are represented as 32-bit types. Shorts are represented as 32-bit types.	Section does not include code that depends on the size of CHAR.

The `char` size qualifiers are used to ensure that object files are consistent when linked together and with run-time libraries. A section may have a `double` size qualifier and a `char` size qualifier. It cannot have two `char` size qualifiers. Sections in the same file do not have to have the same type size qualifiers.

 Use of `CHARANY` in a section implies that `char` and `shorts` are not used in this section in any way that would require consistency checking with any other section.

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For the SHARC assembler, the `.SECTION` directive supports qualifiers that specify the size of data words in the section. A qualifier can specify restricted placement for the section. Each section that defines data or code must bear an appropriate size qualifier; the placement qualifier is optional. [Table 1-21](#) lists the SHARC-specific qualifiers.

Table 1-21. SHARC-Specific Qualifiers

Memory/Section Type	Description
PM or Code	Section contains instructions and/or data in 48-bit words. By default, PM is assembled as SW on 2146x processors.
DM or Data	Section contains data in 40-bit words
DATA64	Section defines data in 64-bit words
DMAONLY	Placement qualifier for a section to be placed in memory and accessed through DMA only. The qualifier passes to the linker a request to place the section in a memory segment with the DMAONLY qualifier, which applies to memory accessed through the external parallel port of the ADSP-2126x and some ADSP-2136x processors.
NW	Placement qualifier for a normal-word section. Instructions will be assembled as normal 48-bit instructions and loaded into a 48-bit memory segment. Unlike PM sections, NW sections are always 48 bits and unaffected by the <code>-short-word-code</code> or <code>-swc</code> switch. See page 1-169 for more information. Note: Applicable to the ADSP-2146x processors only.
SW	Placement qualifier for a 16-bit short-word section. Instructions will be assembled and loaded into a 16-bit short-word memory segment. Instructions will be assembled as compressed 16- or 32-bit instructions, if possible. See <code>-short-word-code</code> or <code>-swc</code> for more information. Note: Applicable to the ADSP-2146x processors only.

Example:

```
.SECTION/DM/DMAONLY seg_extm;  
.VAR _external_var[100];
```

Initialization Section Qualifiers

The `.SECTION` directive may identify “how/when/if” a section is initialized. The initialization qualifiers, common for all supported assemblers, are listed in [Table 1-22](#).

Table 1-22. SHARC-Specific Qualifiers

Qualifier	Description
<code>NO_INIT</code>	The section is “sized” to have enough space to contain all data elements placed in this section. No data initialization is used for this memory section.
<code>ZERO_INIT</code>	Similar to <code>/NO_INIT</code> , except that the memory space for this section is initialized to zero at “load time” or “runtime”, if invoked with the linker’s <code>-meminit</code> switch. If the <code>-meminit</code> switch is not used, the memory is initialized at “load” time when the <code>.DXE</code> file is loaded via VisualDSP++ IDDE, or boot-loaded by the boot kernel. If the memory initializer is invoked, the C/C++ run-time library (CRTLIB) processes embedded information to initialize the memory space during the CRTLIB initialization process.
<code>RUNTIME_INIT</code>	If the memory initializer is not run, this qualifier has no effect. If the memory initializer is invoked, the data for this section is set during the CRTLIB initialization process.

Example:

```
.SECTION/NO_INIT seg_bss;
.VAR big[0x100000];

.SECTION/ZERO_INIT seg_bsz;
.VAR big[0x100000];
```

Initialized data in a `/NO_INIT` or `/ZERO_INIT` section is ignored. For example, the assembler can generate a warning for the `.VAR zz` initialization.

```
.SECTION/NO_INIT seg_bss;
.VAR xx[1000];
.VAR zz = 25; /* [Warning ea1141] "example.asm":3 'zz':
```

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```
Data directive with assembly-time initializers found
in .SECTION 'seg_bss' with qualifier /NO_INIT. */
```

Likewise, the assembler generates a warning for an explicit initialization to 0 in a ZERO_INIT section.

```
.SECTION/ZERO_INIT seg_bsz;
.VAR xx[1000];
.VAR zz = 0;
```

The assembler calculates the size of NO_INIT and ZERO_INIT sections exactly as for the standard SHT_PROGBITS sections. These sections, like the sections with initialized data, have the SHF_ALLOC flag set. Alignment sections are produced for NO_INIT and ZERO_INIT sections.

Table 1-23. Section Qualifiers, Section-Header-Types, and Section-Header-Flags

.SECTION Qualifier	ELF SHT_* (Elf.h) Section-Header-Type	ELF SHF_* (Elf.h) Section-Header-Flag
.SECTION/NO_INIT	SHT_NOBITS	SHF_ALLOC
.SECTION/ZERO_INIT	SHT_NOBITS	SHF_ALLOC, SHF_INIT
.SECTION/RUNTIME_INIT	SHT_PROGBITS	SHF_ALLOC, SHF_INIT

For more information, refer to the *VisualDSP++ 5.0 Linker and Utilities Manual*.


.SEGMENT and .ENDSEG, Legacy Directives

 Used with SHARC processors only.

Releases of the ADSP-210xx DSP development software prior to VisualDSP++ 4.1 used the `.SEGMENT` and `.ENDSEG` directives to define the beginning and end of a section of contiguous memory addresses.

Although these directives have been replaced with the `.SECTION` directive, source code written with `.SEGMENT/.ENDSEG` legacy directives is accepted by the ADSP-21xxx assembler.

.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS

 Used with TigerSHARC processors only.

The `.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS` directive allows you to specify two buffers the linker should try to place into different memory segments.

Syntax:

```
.SECTION data1;
.VAR buf1;
.VAR buf2;
.EXTERN buf3;
.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS buf1, buf2;
.SEPARATE_MEM_SEGMENTS buf1, buf3;
```

You can also use the compiler's `separate_mem_segments` pragma to perform the same function. For more information, refer to your processor's *VisualDSP++ 5.0 C/C++ Compiler and Library Manual*.

.SET, Set a Symbolic Alias

The `.SET` directive is used to alias one symbol for another.

Syntax:

```
.SET symbol1, symbol2
```

where:

symbol1 becomes an alias to *symbol2*.

Example:

```
.SET symbol1, symbol1
```

.SHORT, Defines and initializes 2-byte data objects

 Used with Blackfin processors only.

The `.SHORT` directive declares and optionally initializes two-byte data objects. It is effectively equivalent to `.BYTE2 initExpression1, initExpression2, ...`. For more information, see [“.BYTE, Declare a Byte Data Variable or Buffer” on page 1-80](#).

Syntax:

When declaring and/or initializing memory variables or buffer elements, use this format. Note that the terminating semicolon is optional.

```
.SHORT initExpression1, initExpression2, ...[;]
```

```
.SHORT constExpression1, constExpression2, ...[;]
```

where:

initExpressions parameters – contain one or more comma-separated “symbol=value” expressions

constExpressions parameters – contain a comma-separated list of constant values

The following lines of code demonstrate `.SHORT` directives:

```

        // Declare three 2-byte variables, zero-initialized
.SHORT Ins, Outs, Remains;
        // Declare a 2-byte variable and initialize it to 100
.SHORT taps=100;
        // Declare three 2-byte areas of memory, initialized to
3, 4 and 5 respectively
.SHORT 0x3, 0x4, 0x5;
```

.STRUCT, Create a Struct Variable

The `.STRUCT` directive allows you to define and initialize high-level data objects within the assembly code. The `.STRUCT` directive creates a struct variable using a C-style *typedef* as its guide from `.IMPORT C` header files.

Syntax:

```

.STRUCT typedef structName;
.STRUCT typedef structName = {};
.STRUCT typedef structName = { struct-member-initializers
    [ ,struct-member-initializers ...] };
.STRUCT typedef ArrayOfStructs [] =
    { struct-member-initializers
    [ ,struct-member-initializers ...] };
```

where:

typedef – the type definition for a struct VAR*structName* – a struct name

struct-member-initializers – per struct member initializers

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The { } curly braces are used for consistency with the C initializer syntax. Initialization can be in “long” form or “short” form where data member names are not included. The short form corresponds to the syntax in C compiler struct initialization with these changes:

- C compiler keyword `struct` is changed to `.struct` by adding the period (.)
- C compiler constant string syntax “MyString” is changed to `'MyString'` by changing the double quotes (" ") into single quotes (' ')

The long form is assembler-specific and provides the following benefits:

- Provides better error checking
- Supports self-documenting code
- Protects from possible future changes to the layout of the `struct`. If an additional member is added before the member is initialized, the assembler will continue to offset to the correct location for the specified initialization and zero-initialize the new member.

Any members that are not present in a long-form initialization are initialized to zero. For example, if `struct StructThree` has three members (`member1`, `member2`, and `member3`), and

```
.STRUCT StructThree myThree {  
    member1 = 0xaa,  
    member3 = 0xff  
};
```

`member2` will be initialized to 0 because no initializer was present for it. If no initializers are present, the entire `struct` is zero-initialized.

If data member names are present, the assembler validates that the assembler and compiler are in agreement about these names. The initialization of data struct members declared via the assembly `.STRUCT` directive is processor-specific.

Example 1. Long Form `.STRUCT` Directive

```
#define NTSC 1
        // contains layouts for playback and capture_hdr
.IMPORT "comdat.h";
.STRUCT capture_hdr myLastCapture = {
    captureInt = 0,
    captureString = 'InitialState'
};
.STRUCT myPlayback playback = {
    theSize = 0,
    ready = 1,
    stat_debug = 0,
    last_capture = myLastCapture,
    watchdog = 0,
    vidtype = NTSC
};
```

Example 2. Short Form `.STRUCT` Directive

```
#define NTSC 1
        // contains layouts for playback and capture_hdr
.IMPORT "comdat.h";
.STRUCT capture_hdr myLastCapture = { 0, 'InitialState' };
.STRUCT playback myPlayback = { 0, 1, 0, myLastCapture, 0, NTSC};
```

Example 3. Long Form `.STRUCT` Directive to Initialize an Array

```
.STRUCT structWithArrays XXX = {
    scalar = 5,
    array1 = { 1,2,3,4,5 },
    array2 = { "file1.dat" },
```

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```
    array3 = "WithBraces.dat"    // must have { } within dat
};
```

In the short form, nested braces can be used to perform partial initializations as in C. In Example 4 below, if the second member of the struct is an array with more than four elements, the remaining elements is initialized to zero.

Example 4. Short Form .STRUCT Directive to Initialize an Array

```
.STRUCT structWithArrays XXX = { 5, { 1,2,3,4 }, 1, 2 };
```

Example 5. Initializing a Pointer

A struct may contain a pointer. Initialize pointers with symbolic references.

```
.EXTERN outThere;
.VAR myString[] = 'abcde',0;
.STRUCT structWithPointer PPP = {
    scalar = 5,
    myPtr1 = myString,
    myPtr2 = outThere
};
```

Example 6. Initializing a Nested Structure

A struct may contain a struct. Use fully qualified references to initialize nested struct members. The struct name is implied.

For example, the reference “scalar” (“nestedOne->scalar” implied) and “nested->scalar1” (“nestedOne->nested->scalar1” implied).

```
.STRUCT NestedStruct nestedOne = {
    scalar = 10,
    nested->scalar1 = 5,
    nested->array = { 0x1000, 0x1010, 0x1020 }
};
```

.TYPE, Change Default Symbol Type

The `.TYPE` directive directs the assembler to change the default symbol type of an object. This directive may appear in the compiler-generated assembly source file (`.s`).

Syntax:

```
.TYPE symbolName, symbolType;
```

where:

symbolName – the name of the object to which the *symbolType* is applied

symbolType – an ELF symbol type `STT_*`. Valid ELF symbol types are listed in the `ELF.h` header file. By default, a label has an `STT_FUNC` symbol type, and a variable or buffer name defined in a storage directive has an `STT_OBJECT` symbol type.

.VAR, Declare a Data Variable or Buffer

The `.VAR` directive declares and optionally initializes variables and data buffers. A variable uses a single memory location, and a data buffer uses an array of memory locations.

When declaring or initializing variables:

- A `.VAR` directive may appear only within a section. The assembler associates the variable with the memory type of the section in which the `.VAR` appears.
- A single `.VAR` directive can declare any number of variables or buffers, separated by commas, on one line.

Unless the absolute placement for a variable is specified with a `RESOLVE()` command (from an `.ldf` file), the linker places variables in consecutive memory locations. For example, `.VAR d,f,k[50]`; sequentially places symbols `x`, `y`, and 50 elements of the buffer `z` in the processor memory. Therefore, code example may look like:

```
.VAR d;  
.VAR f;  
.VAR k[50];
```

- The number of initializer values may not exceed the number of variables or buffer locations that you declare.
- The `.VAR` directive may declare an implicit-size buffer by using empty brackets `[]`. The number of initialization elements defines the *length* of the implicit-size buffer. At runtime, the `length` operator can be used to determine the buffer size. For example,

```
.SECTION data1;  
    .VAR buffer [] = 1,2,3,4;  
.SECTION program;  
    LO = LENGTH( buffer );    // Returns 4
```

Syntax:

The `.VAR` directive takes one of the following forms:

```
.VAR varName1[, varName2,...];
.VAR = initExpression1, initExpression2, ...;
.VAR bufferName[] = {initExpression1, initExpression2, ...};
.VAR bufferName[] = {"fileName"};
.VAR bufferName[length] = "fileName";
.VAR bufferName[length] = initExpression1,initExpression2, ...;
```

where:

varName – user-defined symbols that identify variables

bufferName – user-defined symbols that identify buffers

fileName parameter – indicates that the elements of a buffer get their initial values from the *fileName* data file. The *fileName* can consist of the actual name and path specification for the data file. If the initialization file is in the current directory of your operating system, only the *fileName* need be given quotes. Note that when reading in a data file, the assembler reads in whitespace-separated lists of decimal digits or hex strings.

Initialization from files is useful for loading buffers with data, such as filter coefficients or FFT phase rotation factors that are generated by other programs. The assembler determines how the values are stored in memory when it reads the data files.


Ellipsis (...) – a comma-delimited list of parameters

[*length*] – optional parameter that defines the length (in words) of the associated buffer. When length is not provided, the buffer size is determined by the number of initializers.

Brackets ([]) – enclosing the optional [*length*] is required. For more information, see the following `.VAR` examples.


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initExpressions parameters – set initial values for variables and buffer elements.

 With Blackfin processors, the assembler uses a `/R32` qualifier (`.VAR/R32`) to support 32-bit initialization for use with 1.31 fracts (see [on page 1-60](#)).

The following code demonstrate some `.VAR` directives:

```
.VAR buf1=0x1234;
    /* Define one initialized variable */
.VAR=0x1234, 0x5678;
    /* Define two initialized words */
.VAR samples[] = {10, 11, 12, 13, 14};
    /* Declare and initialize an implicit-length buffer
       since there are five values; this has the same effect
       as samples[5]. */
    /* Initialization values for implicit-size buffer must
       be in curly brackets. */
.VAR Ins, Outs, Remains;
    /* Declare three uninitialized variables */
.VAR samples[100] = "inits.dat";
    /* Declare a 100-location buffer and initialize it
       with the contents of the inits.dat file; */
.VAR taps=100;
    /* Declare a variable and initialize the variable to 100 */
.VAR twiddles[10] = "phase.dat";
    /* Declare a 10-location buffer and load the buffer
       with the contents of the phase.dat file */
.VAR Fract_Var_R32[] = "fr32FormatFract.dat";
```

 All Blackfin processor memory accesses require proper alignment. Therefore, when loading or storing an `N`-byte value into the processor, ensure that this value is aligned in memory by `N` boundary; otherwise, a hardware exception is generated.

Blackfin Code Example:

In the following example, the 4-byte variables `y0`, `y1`, and `y2` would be misaligned unless the `.ALIGN 4;` directive is placed before the `.VAR y0;` and `.VAR y2;` statements.

```
.SECTION data1;
.ALIGN 4;
.VAR X0;
.VAR X1;
.BYTE B0;
.ALIGN 4; /* aligns the following data item "Y0" on a word
           boundary; advances other data items consequently */
.VAR Y0;
.VAR Y1;
.BYTE B1;
.ALIGN 4; /* aligns the following data item "Y2" on a word
           boundary */
.VAR Y2;
```

.VAR and ASCII String Initialization Support

The assemblers support ASCII string initialization. This allows the full use of the ASCII character set, including digits and special characters.

On SHARC and TigerSHARC processors, the characters are stored in the upper byte of 32-bit words. The least significant bits (LSBs) are cleared.

When using 16-bit Blackfin processors, refer to the `.BYTE` directive description [on page 1-80](#) for more information.

String initialization takes one of the following forms:

```
.VAR symbolString[length] = 'initString', 0;
.VAR symbolString[] = 'initString', 0;
```

Note that the number of initialization characters defines length of a string.

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For example,

```
.VAR x[13] = 'Hello world!', 0;  
.VAR x[] = {'Hello world!', 0};
```

The trailing zero character is optional. It simulates ANSI-C string representation.

The assemblers also accept ASCII characters within comments.

Note special characters handling:

```
.VAR s1[] = {'1st line',13,10,'2nd line',13,10,0};  
                                                    /* carriage return */  
.VAR s2[] = {'say:"hello"',13,10,0}; /* quotation mark */  
.VAR s3[] = {'say:',39,'hello',39,13,10,0};  
                                                    /* simple quotation marks */
```

.WEAK, Support Weak Symbol Definition and Reference

The `.WEAK` directive supports weak binding for a symbol. Use this directive where the symbol is defined (replacing the `.GLOBAL` directive to make a weak definition) and the `.EXTERN` directive (to make a weak reference).

Syntax:


```
.WEAK symbol;
```

where:

symbol – the user-defined symbol

Although the linker generates an error if two objects define global symbols with identical names, it allows any number of instances of weak definitions of a name. All will resolve to the first, or to a single, global definition of a symbol.

One difference between `.EXTERN` and `.WEAK` references is that the linker does not extract objects from archives to satisfy weak references. Such references, left unresolved, have the value 0.

 The `.WEAK` (or `.GLOBAL` scope) directive is required to make symbols available for placement through `RESOLVE` commands in the `.ldf` file.

Assembler Command-Line Reference

This section describes the assembler command-line interface and switch set. It describes the assembler's switches, which are accessible from the operating system's command line or from the VisualDSP++ environment.

This section contains:

- [“Running the Assembler” on page 1-145](#)
- [“Assembler Command-Line Switch Descriptions” on page 1-147](#)

Command-line switches control certain aspects of the assembly process, including debugging information, listing, and preprocessing. Because the assembler automatically runs the preprocessor as your program assembles (unless you use the `-sp` switch), the assembler's command line can receive input for the preprocessor program and direct its operation. For more information on the preprocessor, see Chapter 2, [“Preprocessor”](#).



When developing a DSP project, you may find it useful to modify the assembler's default options settings. The way you set assembler options depends on the environment used to run the DSP development software.

See [“Specifying Assembler Options in VisualDSP++” on page 1-174](#) for more information.

Running the Assembler

To run the assembler from the command line, type the name of the appropriate assembler program followed by arguments (in any order), and the name of the assembly source file.

```
easm21k    [-switch1 [-switch2 ...]] sourceFile
```

```
easmts    [-switch1 [-switch2 ...]] sourceFile
```

```
easmb1kf  [-switch1 [-switch2 ...]] sourceFile
```

[Table 1-24](#) explains these arguments.

Table 1-24. Assembler Command Line Arguments

Argument	Description
easm21k easmts easmb1kfn	Name of the assembler program for SHARC, TigerSHARC, and Blackfin processors, respectively.
-switch	Switch (or switches) to process. The command-line interface offers many optional switches that select operations and modes for the assembler and pre-processor. Some assembler switches take a file name as a required parameter.
sourceFile	Name of the source file to assemble.

The name of the source file to assemble can be provided as:

- *ShortFileName* – a file name without quotes (no special characters)
- *LongFileName* – a quoted file name (may include spaces and other special path name characters)

The assembler outputs a list of command-line options when run without arguments (same as `-h[elp]`).

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The assembler supports relative path names and absolute path names. When you specify an input or output file name as a parameter, follow these guidelines for naming files:

- Include the drive letter and path string if the file is not in the current project directory.
- Enclose long file names in double quotation marks; for example, “long file name”.
- Append the appropriate file name extension to each file.

Table 1-25 summarizes file extension conventions accepted by the VisualDSP++ environment.

Table 1-25. File Name Extension Conventions

Extension	File Description
.asm	Assembly source file Note: The assembler treats files with unrecognized (or not existing) extensions as assembly source files.
.is	Preprocessed assembly source file
.h	Header file
.lst	Listing file
.doj	Assembled object file in ELF/DWARF-2 format
.dat	Data initialization file

Assembler command-line switches are case sensitive. For example, the following command line

```
easmbldfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -l pList.lst -Dmax=100 -v -o  
bin\pl.doj pl.asm
```

runs the assembler with:

- proc ADSP-BF535 – specifies assembles instructions unique to ADSP-BF535 processors
- l pList.lst – directs the assembler to output the listing file
- Dmax=100 – defines the preprocessor macro `max` to be 100
- v – displays verbose information on each phase of the assembly
- o bin\p1.doj – specifies the name and directory for the assembled object file
- p1.asm – identifies the assembly source file to assemble

Assembler Command-Line Switch Descriptions

This section describes the assembler command-line switches in ASCII collation order. A summary of the assembler switches appears in [Table 1-26](#). A detailed description of each assembler switch starts [on page 1-152](#).

Table 1-26. Assembler Command-Line Switch Summary

Switch Name	Purpose
-align-branch-lines (on page 1-152)	Aligns branch lines to avoid ADSP-TS101 processor sequencer anomaly. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-anomaly-detect id1[,id2 ...] all none (on page 1-152)	Issues a warning or an error for an anomaly id.
-anomaly-warn {id1[,id2] all none} (on page 1-153)	Checks assembly instructions against hardware anomalies. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
-anomaly-workaround {id1[,id2] all none} (on page 1-153)	Implements a workaround for an anomaly id.

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Table 1-26. Assembler Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)

Switch Name	Purpose
-char-size-8 (on page 1-154)	Adds /CHAR8 to .SECTIONs in the source file. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-char-size-32 (on page 1-154)	Adds /CHAR32 to .SECTIONs in the source file. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-char-size-any (on page 1-155)	Adds /CHARANY to .SECTIONs in the source file. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-default-branch-np (on page 1-155)	Makes branch lines default to NP to avoid ADSP-TS101 processor sequencer anomaly. NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-default-branch-p (on page 1-155)	Makes branch lines default to the Branch Target Buffer (BTB). NOTE: TigerSHARC processors only.
-Dmacro[= <i>definition</i>] (on page 1-155)	Passes macro definition to the preprocessor.
-double-size-32 (on page 1-156)	Adds /DOUBLE32 to the .SECTIONs in the source file.
-double-size-64 (on page 1-156)	Adds /DOUBLE64 to the .SECTIONs in the source file.
-double-size-any (on page 1-157)	Adds /DOUBLEANY to the .SECTIONs in the source file.
-expand-symbolic-links (on page 1-157)	Enables support for Cygwin style paths.
-expand-windows-shortcuts (on page 1-157)	Enables support for Windows shortcuts.
-file-attr attr [=value] (on page 1-157)	Creates an attribute in the generated object file.
-flags-compiler -opt1 ... (on page 1-157)	Passes each comma-separated option to the compiler. (Used when compiling .IMPORT C header files.)
-flags-pp ... -opt1 ... (on page 1-159)	Passes each comma-separated option to the preprocessor.

Table 1-26. Assembler Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)

Switch Name	Purpose
-g (on page 1-160)	Generates debug information (DWARF-2 format).
-h[elp] (on page 1-161)	Outputs a list of assembler switches.
-i -I <i>directory pathname</i> (on page 1-161)	Searches a directory for included files.
-l <i>filename</i> (on page 1-162)	Outputs the named listing file.
-li <i>filename</i> (on page 1-163)	Outputs the named listing file with <code>#include</code> files expanded.
-M (on page 1-163)	Generates make dependencies for <code>#include</code> and data files only; does not assemble. For example, <code>-M</code> suppresses the creation of an object file.
-MM (on page 1-163)	Generates make dependencies for <code>#include</code> and data files. Use <code>-MM</code> for make dependencies with assembly.
-Mo <i>filename</i> (on page 1-164)	Writes make dependencies to the <i>filename</i> specified. The <code>-Mo</code> option is for use with either the <code>-M</code> or <code>-MM</code> option. If <code>-Mo</code> is not present, the default is <code><stdout></code> display.
-Mt <i>filename</i> (on page 1-164)	Specifies the make dependencies target name. The <code>-Mt</code> option is for use with either the <code>-M</code> or <code>-MM</code> option. If <code>-Mt</code> is not present, the default is base name plus 'DOJ'.
-mिकासwarn (on page 1-164)	Treats multi-issue conflicts as warnings. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
-no-anomaly-detect {id1[,id2...]} all none (on page 1-165)	Does not issue a warning or an error for an anomaly id.
-no-anomaly-workaround {id1[,id2...]} all none (on page 1-165)	Does not implement a workaround for an anomaly id.
-no-expand-symbolic-links (on page 1-166)	Disables support for Cygwin style paths.

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Table 1-26. Assembler Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)


Switch Name	Purpose
-no-expand-windows-shortcuts (on page 1-166)	Disables support for Windows shortcuts.
-no-temp-data-file (on page 1-166)	Suppresses writing temporary data to a disk file. NOTE: Blackfin processors only.
-no-source-dependency (on page 1-164)	Suppresses output of the source filename in the dependency output produced when "-M" or "-MM" has been specified.
-normal-word-code -nwc (on page 1-167)	Encodes input sections bearing the /PM qualifier (see Table 1-21) for execution from normal word memory. NOTE: ADSP-2146x processors only.
-o <i>filename</i> (on page 1-167)	Outputs the named object [binary] file.
-pp (on page 1-168)	Runs the preprocessor only; does not assemble.
-proc <i>processor</i> (on page 1-168)	Specifies a target processor for which the assembler should produce suitable code.
-save-temps (on page 1-169)	Saves intermediate files
-short-word-code -swc (on page 1-169)	Encodes input sections bearing the /PM qualifier (see Table 1-21) for execution from short word memory. NOTE: ADSP-2146x processors only.
-si-revision <i>version</i> (on page 1-169)	Specifies silicon revision of the specified processor.
-sp (on page 1-170)	Assembles without preprocessing.
-stallcheck={none cond all} (on page 1-170)	Displays stall information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none - no messages • cond - conditional stalls only (default) • all - all stall information NOTE: Blackfin processors only.

Table 1-26. Assembler Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)

Switch Name	Purpose
<code>-swc-exclude name1[,name2 ...]</code> (on page 1-171)	Excludes the named section(s) from the effect of the <code>-short-word-code (-swc)</code> switch. NOTE: ADSP-2146x processors only.
<code>-v</code> or <code>-verbose</code> (on page 1-171)	Displays information on each assembly phase.
<code>-version</code> (on page 1-171)	Displays version information for the assembler and pre-processor programs.
<code>-w</code> (on page 1-171)	Disables all assembler-generated warnings.
<code>-Werror number[,number ...]</code> (on page 1-171)	Selectively turn assembler messages into errors.
<code>-Winfo number[,number ...]</code> (on page 1-172)	Selectively turns assembler messages into informationals.
<code>-Wno-info</code> (on page 1-172)	Does not display informational assembler messages..
<code>-Wnumber[,number ...]</code> (on page 1-172)	Selectively disables warnings by one or more message numbers. For example, <code>-W1092</code> disables warning message <code>ea1092</code> .
<code>-Wsuppress number[,number ...]</code> (on page 1-172)	Selectively turns off assembler messages.
<code>-Wwarn number[,number ...]</code> (on page 1-173)	Selectively turns assembler messages into warnings.
<code>-Wwarn-error</code> (on page 1-173)	Display all assembler warning messages as errors.

A description of each command-line switch includes information about case-sensitivity, equivalent switches, switches overridden/contradicted by the one described, and naming and spacing constraints on parameters.

-align-branch-lines

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.

The `-align-branch-lines` switch directs the assembler to align branch instructions (JUMP, CALL, CJMP, CJMP_CALL, RETI, and RTI) on quad-word boundaries by inserting NOP instructions prior to the branch instruction. This may be done by adding NOP instructions in free slots in previous instruction lines.

-anomaly-detect {id1[,id2...]|all|none}

The `-anomaly-detect` switch directs the assembler to check for assembly code that may be affected by any of the hardware anomalies listed in the `id` switches. The `id` switch parameter is:


`id` – Anomaly identifier

The anomaly identifier syntax may use or omit dashes. For example, either `05-00-0245` or `05000245` are accepted. Additionally, `ids` specified override the `all` and `none` options. For example, `-anomaly-detect none,050000245` detects only anomaly `050000245`.

`all` – use all identifiers applicable to the given processor

`none` – ignore all identifiers not specifically provided (same as `-no-anomaly-detect all`)

If the check detects assembly code that will be affected by the specified anomaly (or anomalies), the assembler issues a warning. Using this option helps you detect and avoid code combinations affected by anomalies.

 A warning can also be issued if the assembler always implements a code workaround for an anomaly, instead of just performing a check.

-anomaly-warn {id1[,id2] | all | none}

The `-anomaly-warn` switch directs the assembler to check assembly instructions against hardware anomalies. Switch parameters are:

`id` – anomaly identifier (for example, `05-00-0245` or `05000245`)

`all` – uses all identifiers known to the assembler

`none` – do nothing

This switch allows the user to control which anomaly warnings are to be displayed. Typically, code is assembled using the `-anomaly-warn all` selection. This will cause the assembler to issue a warning for all anomalies it knows about. To date, this includes the following anomaly IDs:

05000165	05000209	05000227	05000244
05000245	F3F008	F3F013	F3F021

Any combination of these warning IDs can be used as part of the command-line option.



This switch is used with Blackfin processors only.

-anomaly-workaround {id1[,id2...] | all | none}

The `-anomaly-workaround` switch directs the assembler to switch on any workaround instruction for a specific hardware anomaly. Switch parameters are:

`id` – anomaly identifier (for example, `05-00-0245` or `05000245`)

`all` – uses all identifiers applicable to the given processor (same as `-no-anomaly-workaround none`)

`none` – ignore all identifiers not specifically provided (same as `-no-anomaly-workaround all`)

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The anomaly identifier syntax may use or omit dashes. For example, either `05-00-00245` or `050000245` are accepted. Additionally, specified ids override the `all` and `none` options. For example, `-anomaly-workaround none,050000245` works around only anomaly `050000245`.

The workaround may result in an assembler altering the user assembly code so that it cannot encounter the anomaly. The assembler may issue a warning to indicate that it has altered the user assembly code. This option overrules any default behavior for the anomaly.

A warning may be issued if the assembler always checks for the anomaly and has no workaround.


-char-size-8

The `-char-size-8` switch directs the assembler to add `/CHAR8` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have `char size` qualifiers. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a `char size` qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. For more information, see “[.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section](#)” on page 1-125.

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.


-char-size-32

The `-char-size-32` switch directs the assembler to add `/CHAR32` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have `char size` qualifiers. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a `char size` qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. For more information, see “[.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section](#)” on page 1-125.

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.


-char-size-any

The `-char-size-any` switch directs the assembler to add `/CHARANY` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have `char` size qualifiers. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a `char` size qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. For more information, see [“.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section” on page 1-125](#).

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.


-default-branch-np

The `-default-branch-np` (branch lines default to NP) switch directs the assembler to stop branch instructions (`JUMP`, `CALL`) from using the branch target buffer (BTB). This can be used to avoid a sequencer anomaly present on the ADSP-TS101 processor only. It is still possible to make branch instructions use the BTB when `-default-branch-np` is used by adding the `(P)` instruction option; for example, `JUMP label (P);;`

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.

-default-branch-p

The `-default-branch-p` switch makes branch instructions (`JUMP`, `CALL`) use the branch target buffer (BTB). This is the default behavior. It is still possible to make branch instructions not use the BTB when `-default-branch-p` is used by adding the `(NP)` instruction option; for example, `JUMP label (NP);;`

 This switch is used with TigerSHARC processors only.

-Dmacro[=definition]

The `-D` (define macro) switch directs the assembler to define a macro and pass it to the preprocessor. See [“Using Assembler Feature Macros” on page 1-25](#) for the list of predefined macros.

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For example,

```
-Dinput                // defines input as 1
-Dsamples=10          // defines samples as 10
-Dpoint='Start'       // defines point as the string 'Start'
```

-double-size-32

The `-double-size-32` switch directs the assembler to add `/DOUBLE32` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have double size qualifiers. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a double size qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. For more information, see [“.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section” on page 1-125](#).

-double-size-64

The `-double-size-64` switch directs the assembler to add `/DOUBLE64` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have double size qualifiers. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a double size qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. The `-double-size-any` flag should be used to avoid a linker warning when compiling C/C++ sources with `-double-size-64`.

Warning Example:

```
[Warning 1i2151] Input sections have inconsistent qualifiers as follows.
```

For more information, see [“.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section” on page 1-125](#).

-double-size-any

The `-double-size-any` switch directs the assembler to add `/DOUBLEANY` to `.SECTIONS` in the source file that do not have `double size` qualifiers, making `SECTION` contents independent of size of `double` type. For `.SECTIONS` in the source file that already have a `double size` qualifier, this option is ignored and a warning is produced. For more information, see [“.SECTION, Declare a Memory Section” on page 1-125](#).

-expand-symbolic-links

The `expand-symbolic-links` switch directs the assembler to correctly access directories and files whose name or path contain Cygwin path components.

-expand-windows-shortcuts

The `expand-windows-shortcuts` switch directs the assembler to correctly access directories and files whose name or path contain Windows shortcuts.

-file-attr attr[=val]

The `-file-attr` (file attribute) switch directs the assembler to add an attribute (`attr`) to the object file. The attribute will be given the value (`val`) or “1” if the value is omitted. `Attr` should follow the rules for naming symbols. `Val` should be double-quoted unless it follows the rules for naming symbols. See [“Assembler Keywords and Symbols” on page 1-41](#) for more information on naming conventions.

-flags-compiler

The `-flags-compiler -opt1 [, -opt2 ...]` switch passes each comma-separated option to the C compiler. The switch takes a list of one or more comma-separated compiler options that are passed on the compiler command line for compiling `.IMPORT` headers. The assembler calls

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the compiler to process each header file in an `.IMPORT` directive. It calls the compiler with the `-debug-types` option along with any `-flags-compiler` switches given on the assembler command line.

For example:

```
// file.asm has .IMPORT "myHeader.h"
easmbklm -proc ADSP-BF535 -flags-compiler -I/Path -I. file.asm
```

The rest of the assembly program, including its `#include` files, are processed by the assembler preprocessor. The `-flags-compiler` switch processes a list of one or more valid C compiler options, including the `-D` and `-I` options.

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`-D` (defines) options in an assembler command line are passed to the assembler preprocessor, but they are not passed to the compiler for `.IMPORT` header processing. If `#defines` are used for `.IMPORT` header compilation, they must be explicitly specified with the `-flags-compiler` switch.

For example:

```
                // file.asm has .IMPORT "myHeader.h"
easmbklfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -DaDef -flags-compiler -DbDef,
-DbDefTwo=2 file.asm
                // -DaDef is not passed to the compiler
ccbklfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -c -debug-types -DbDef -DbDefTwo=2
myHeader.h
```



See [“Using Assembler Feature Macros” on page 1-25](#) for the list of predefined macros, including default macros.

Include Options

The `-I` (include search path) options and `-flags-compiler` arguments are passed to the C compiler for each `.IMPORT` header compilation. The compiler `include` path is always present automatically.

Use the `-flags-compiler` switch to control the order that the `include` directories are searched. The `-flags-compiler` switch attributes take precedence from the assembler's `-I` options.

For example,

```
easblkfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -I/aPath -DaDef -flags-compiler
-I/cPath,-I. file.asm
```

```
ccblkfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -c -debug-types -I/cPath -I. myHeader.h
```

The `.IMPORT` C header files are preprocessed by the C compiler preprocessor. The `struct` headers are standard C headers, and the standard C compiler preprocessor is needed. The rest of the assembly program (including its `#include` files) are processed by the assembler preprocessor.

Assembly programs are preprocessed using the `pp` preprocessor (the assembler/linker preprocessor) as well as `-I` and `-D` options from the assembler command line. However, the `pp` call does not receive the `-flags-compiler` switch options.

-flags-pp -opt1 [,-opt2...]

The `-flags-pp` switch passes each comma-separated option to the preprocessor.



Use `-flags-pp` with caution. For example, if `pp` legacy comment syntax is enabled, the comment characters become unavailable for non-comment syntax.

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-g

The `-g` (generate debug information) switch directs the assembler to generate complete data type information for arrays, functions, and the C structs. This switch also generates DWARF2 function information with starting and ending ranges based on the `myFunc: ... myFunc.end: label` boundaries, as well as line number and symbol information in DWARF2 binary format, allowing you to debug the assembly source files.

When the assembler's `-g` switch is in effect, the assembler produces a warning when it is unable to match a `*.end` label to a matching beginning label. This feature can be disabled using the `-Wnumber[,number]` switch (see [on page 1-172](#)).

WARNING ea1121: Missing End Labels


Warning `ea1121` occurs on assembly file debug builds (using the `-g` switch) when a globally-defined function or label for a data object is missing its corresponding ending label, with the naming convention `label + ".end"`. For example:

```
[Warning ea1121] "./gfxeng_thickarc.asm":42 _gfxeng_thickarc:  
-g assembly with global function without ending label. Use  
'_gfxeng_thickarc.end' or '_gfxeng_thickarc.END' to mark the  
ending boundary of the function for debugging information for  
automated statistical profiling of assembly functions.
```

The ending label marks the boundary of the end of a function. Compiled code automatically provides ending labels. Hand-written assembly code needs to have the ending labels explicitly added to tell the tool chain where the ending boundary is. This information is used to automate statistical profiling of assembly functions. It is also needed by the linker to eliminate unused functions and other features.

To suppress a specific assembler warning by unique warning number, the assembler provides the following option:

```
-Wsuppress 1121
```

 It is highly recommended that warning `ea1121` **not** be suppressed and the code be updated to have ending labels.

Functions (Code)

```
_gfxeng_vertspan:
```

```
    [--sp] = fp;
    ...
    rts;
```

Add an ending label after `rts;`. Use the suffix `.end` and begin the label with `."` to have it treated as an internal label that is not displayed in the debugger.


```
.global _gfxeng_vertspan;
_gfxeng_vertspan:
    [--sp] = fp;
    ...
    rts;
._gfxeng_vertspan.end:
```

-h[elp]

The `-h` (or `-help`) switch directs the assembler to output to standard output a list of command-line switches with a syntax summary.

-i

The `-i` *directory* (or `-I`) switch (include directory path) directs the assembler to append the specified directory (or a list of directories separated by semicolons `“;”`) to the search path for included files.

 No space is allowed between `-i` and the path name.

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These files are:

- Header files (.h) included with the `#include` preprocessor command
- Data initialization files (.dat) specified with the `.VAR` assembly directive

The assembler passes this information to the preprocessor; the preprocessor searches for included files in the following order:

1. Directory for assembly program
2. `\include` subdirectory of the VisualDSP++ installation directory
3. Specified directory (or list of directories). The order of the list defines the order of multiple searches.

The *current directory* is the directory where the assembly service is, not the directory of the project. Usage of full path names for the `-I` switch on the command line is recommended.

For example,

```
easm21K -proc ADSP-21161 -I "\bin\include" file.asm
```

-l filename

The `-l filename` (listing) switch directs the assembler to generate the named listing file. Each listing file (.lst) shows the relationship between your source code and instruction opcodes that the assembler produces.

For example,

```
easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF533 -I\path -I. -l file.lst file.asm
```

The file name is a required argument to the `-l` switch. For more information, see [“Reading a Listing File” on page 1-37](#).

-li filename

The `-li` (listing) switch directs the assembler to generate the named listing file with `#include` files. The file name is a required argument to the `-li` switch. For more information, see [“Reading a Listing File” on page 1-37](#).

-M

The `-M` (generate make rule only) assembler switch directs the assembler to generate make dependency rules, suitable for the make utility, describing the dependencies of the source file. No object file is generated for `-M` assemblies. For make dependencies with assembly, use the `-MM` switch.

The output, an assembly make dependencies list, is written to `stdout` in the standard command-line format:

```
“target_file”: “dependency_file.ext”
```

dependency_file.ext may be an assembly source file, a header file included with the `#include` preprocessor command, a data file, or a header file imported via the `.IMPORT` directive.

The `-Mo filename` switch writes make dependencies to the *filename* specified instead of `<stdout>`. For consistency with the compilers, when `-o filename` is used with `-M`, the assembler outputs the make dependencies list to the named file. The `-Mo filename` takes precedence if both `-o filename` and `-Mo filename` are present with `-M`.


-MM

The `-MM` (generate make rule and assemble) assembler switch directs the assembler to output a rule, suitable for the make utility, describing the dependencies of the source file. The assembly of the source into an object file proceeds normally. The output, an assembly make dependencies list, is written to `stdout`. The only difference between `-MM` and `-M` actions is that the assembling continues with `-MM`. See [-M](#) for more information.

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-Mo filename

The `-Mo` (output make rule) assembler switch specifies the name of the make dependencies file that the assembler generates when you use the `-M` or `-MM` switch. If `-Mo` is not present, the default is `<stdout>` display. If the named file is not in the current directory, you must provide the path name in double quotation marks (" ").


 The `-Mo filename` switch takes precedence over the `-o filename` switch.

-Mt filename

The `-Mt filename` (output make rule for named object) assembler switch specifies the name of the object file for which the assembler generates the make rule when you use the `-M` or `-MM` switch. If the named file is not in the current directory, you must provide the path name. If `-Mt` is not present, the default is the base name plus the `.doj` extension. See [-M](#) for more information.

-micaswarn

The `-micaswarn` switch treats multi-issue conflicts as warnings.

 This switch is used with Blackfin processors only.

-no-source-dependency

The `-no-source-dependency` switch directs the assembler not to print anything about dependency between the `.asm` source file and the `.doj` object file when outputting dependency information. This switch can only be used in conjunction with the `-M` or `-MM` switches.

-no-anomaly-detect {id1[,id2...] | all | none}

The `-no-anomaly-detect` switch directs the assembler to switch off any check for a specific anomaly ID in the assembler. No assembler warning or error will be issued when the assembler encounters assembly code that the anomaly will have an impact upon. This option overrules any default behavior for the anomaly. The switch parameter is:

`id` – anomaly identifier (for example, `05-00-0245` or `05000245`)

`all` – ignore all identifiers not specifically provided (same as `-anomaly-detect none`)

`none` – use all identifiers applicable to the given processor (same as `-anomaly-detect all`)

The anomaly identifier syntax may use or omit dashes. For example, either `05-00-00245` or `050000245` are accepted. Additionally, specified ids override the `all` and `none` options. For example, `-no-anomaly-detect all,050000245` detects only anomaly `050000245`.

A warning may be issued if the assembler always implements a workaround for the anomaly instead of a check.

-no-anomaly-workaround {id1[,id2...] | all | none}

The `-no-anomaly-workaround` switch directs the assembler to switch off any workaround for a specific anomaly id in the assembler. The assembler will not alter the user assembly code so that it cannot encounter the anomaly. This option overrules any default behavior for the anomaly.

The switch parameter is:

`id` – anomaly identifier (for example, `05-00-0245` or `05000245`)

`all` – ignore all identifiers not specifically provided (same as `-anomaly-workaround none`)

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`none` – use all identifiers applicable to the given processor (same as `-anomaly-workaround all`)

The anomaly identifier syntax may use or omit dashes. For example, either `05-00-00245` or `050000245` are accepted. Additionally, specified ids override the `all` and `none` options. For example, `-no-anomaly-workaround all,050000245` works around only anomaly `050000245`.

A warning may be issued if the assembler always checks for the anomaly and has no workaround.

-no-expand-symbolic-links

The `no-expand-symbolic-links` switch directs the assembler not to expand any directories or files whose name or path contain Cygwin path components.

-no-expand-windows-shortcuts

The `-no-expand-windows-shortcuts` switch directs the assembler not to expand directories or files whose name or path contain Windows shortcuts.

-no-temp-data-file

The `-no-temp-data-file` switch directs the assembler not to write temporary data to a memory (disk).

As part of a space saving measure, the assembler stores all data declarations into a file. This is to allow large sources to assemble more quickly by freeing valuable memory resources. By default, the temporary data files are stored into the system temporary folder (for example, `C:\Documents and Settings\User\Local Settings\Temp`) and is given the prefix “`Easmb1kfnNode`”). These files are removed by the assembler but, if for any

reason the assembler does not complete, these files will not be deleted and persist in the temporary folder. These files can always be safely deleted in such circumstances after the assembler has stopped.

This command-line option allows the user to turn off this default feature. When turned off, all data is stored into internal memory and not written to the disk.

-normal-word-code or -nwc

The `-normal-word-code` or `-nwc` switch directs the assembler to encode input sections bearing the `/PM` qualifier (see [Table 1-21](#)) for execution from normal word memory.



The switch is used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

-o filename

The `-o filename` (output file) switch directs the assembler to use the specified *filename* argument as the output file. This switch names the output, whether for conventional production of an object, a preprocessed, assemble-produced file (`.is`), or make dependency (`-M`). By default, the assembler uses the root input file name for the output and appends a `.doj` extension.

Some examples of this switch syntax are:

```
easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -pp -o test1.is test.asm
           // preprocessed output goes into test1.is
```

```
easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF535 -o -debug/prog3.doj prog3.asm
           // specify directory and filename for the object file
```

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-pp

The `-pp` (proceed with preprocessing only) switch directs the assembler to run the preprocessor, but stop without assembling the source into an object file. When assembling with the `-pp` switch, the `.is` file is the final result of the assembly. By default, the output file name uses the same root name as the source, with the `.is` extension.

-proc processor

The `-proc processor` (target processor) switch specifies that the assembler produces code suitable for the specified processor.

The *processor* identifiers directly supported by VisualDSP++ 5.0 are listed in VisualDSP++ online Help.

For example:

```
easm21K -proc ADSP-21161 -o bin\pl.doj pl.asm
```

```
easmts -proc ADSP-TS201 -o bin\pl.doj pl.asm
```

```
easmb1kfn -proc ADSP-BF533 -o bin\pl.doj pl.asm
```

If the processor identifier is unknown to the assembler, it attempts to read required switches for code generation from the file `<processor>.ini`.

The assembler searches for the `.ini` file in the VisualDSP++ System folder. For custom processors, the assembler searches the section “proc” in the `<processor>.ini` file for key “architecture”. The custom processor must be based on an architecture key that is one of the known processors.

For example, `-proc Custom-xxx` searches the `Custom-xxx.ini` file.



See also the [-si-revision version](#) switch description for more information on silicon revision of the specified processor.

-save-temps

The `-save-temps` (save intermediate files) switch directs the assembler to retain intermediate files generated and normally removed as part of the assembly process.

-short-word-code or -swc

The `-short-word-code` or `-swc` switch directs the assembler to encode input sections bearing the `/PM` qualifier (see [Table 1-21](#)) for execution from short word memory.



The switch is used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

-si-revision version

The `-si-revision version` (silicon revision) switch directs the assembler to build for a specific hardware revision. Any errata workarounds available for the targeted silicon revision will be enabled. The *version* parameter represents a silicon revision for the processor specified by the `-proc processor` switch.

For example,

```
easmbldkfn -proc ADSP- BF533 -si-revision 0.1
```

If silicon version “none” is used, no errata workarounds are enabled, whereas specifying silicon version “any” enables all errata workarounds for the target processor.

If the `-si-revision` switch is not used, the assembler will build for the target processor’s latest known silicon revision and will enable any errata workarounds appropriate for the latest silicon revision.

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The `__SILICON_REVISION__` macro is set by the assembler to two hexadecimal digits representing the major and minor numbers in the silicon revision. For example, 1.0 becomes 0x100 and 10.21 becomes 0xa15.

If the silicon revision is set to “any”, the `__SILICON_REVISION__` macro is set to 0xffff. If the `-si-revision` switch is set to “none”, the assembler will not set the `__SILICON_REVISION__` macro.

-sp

The `-sp` (skip preprocessing) switch directs the assembler to assemble the source file into an object file without running the preprocessor. When the assembler skips preprocessing, no preprocessed assembly file (`.is`) is created.

-stallcheck

The `-stallcheck = option` switch provides the following choices for displaying stall information:

Table 1-27. `-stallcheck` Options

<code>-stallcheck</code> Option	Description
<code>-stallcheck=none</code>	Displays no messages for stall information
<code>-stallcheck=cond</code>	Displays information about conditional stalls only (default)
<code>-stallcheck=all</code>	Displays all stall information



This switch is used with Blackfin processors only.

-swc-exclude name1[,name2]

The `-swc-exclude` *name* switch directs the assembler to exclude the named input section(s) from the effect of the `-short-word-code/-swc` switch.



The switch is used with the ADSP-2146x SHARC processors only.

-v[erbose]

The `-v` (or `-verbose`) switch directs the assembler to display version and command-line information for each phase of assembly.

-version

The `-version` (display version) switch directs the assembler to display version information for the assembler and preprocessor programs.

-w

The `-w` (disable all warnings) switch directs the assembler not to display warning messages generated during assembly.

-Werror number[,number]

The `-Werror` *number* switch turns the specified assembler messages into errors. For example, “`-Werror 1177`” turns warning message `ea1177` into an error. This switch optionally accepts a list, such as `[,number ...]`.



Many error messages cannot be altered in severity as the assembler behavior is unknown.

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-Winfo number[,number]

The `-Winfo number` switch turns the specified assembler messages into informational messages. For example, “`-Winfo 1177`” turns warning message `ea1177` into an informational message. This switch optionally accepts a list, such as `[,number ...]`.



Many error messages cannot be altered in severity as the assembler behavior is unknown.

-Wno-info

The `-Wno-info` switch turns off all assembler informational messages.

-Wnumber[,number]

The `-Wnumber` (warning suppression) switch selectively disables warnings specified by one or more message numbers. For example, `-W1092` disables warning message `ea1092`. Optionally, this switch accepts a list, such as `[,number ...]`. See also “[-g](#)” on page 1-160.

-Wsuppress number[,number]

The `-Wsuppress number` switch selectively turns off assembler messages. For example, “`-Wsuppress 1177`” turns off warning message `ea1177`. Optionally, this switch accepts a list, such as `[,number ...]`.



Many error messages cannot be altered in severity as the assembler behavior is unknown.

-Wwarn number[,number]

The `-Wwarn number` switch turns the specified assembler messages into warnings. For example, “`-Wwarn 1154`” turns error message `ea1154` into a warning. Optionally, this switch accepts a list, such as `[,number ...]`.



Many error messages cannot be altered in severity as the assembler behavior is unknown.

-Wwarn-error

The `-Wwarn-error` switch displays all the assembler warning messages as errors.

Specifying Assembler Options in VisualDSP++

Within the VisualDSP++ IDDE, specify tool settings for project builds. Use the **Project** menu to open the **Project Options** dialog box

Figure 1-5 shows an example of the **Project** page of the **Project Options** dialog box showing selections for a Blackfin processors.

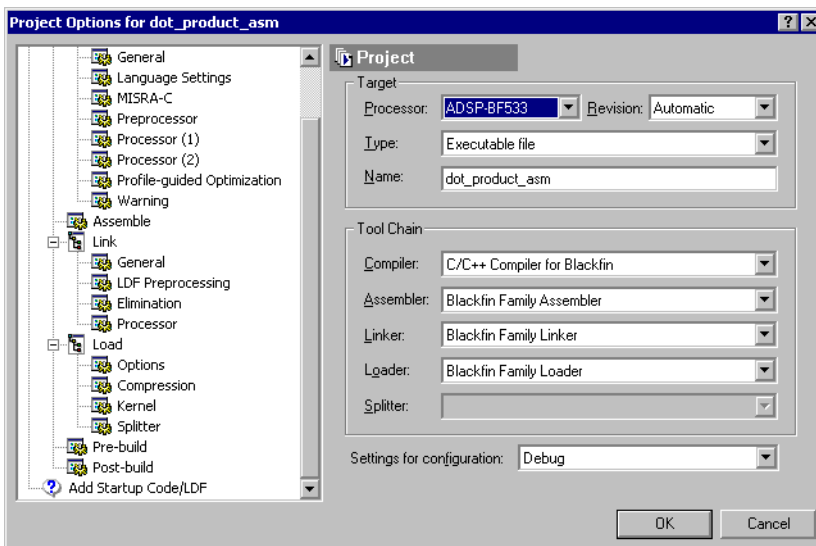


Figure 1-5. Example: Project Options Dialog Box - Project Page

This dialog box allows you to select the target processor, type and name of the executable file, as well as VisualDSP++ tools available for use with the selected processor.

When using the VisualDSP++ IDDE, use the **Assemble** page of the **Project Options** dialog box (Figure 1-6) to select and/or set assembler functional options.

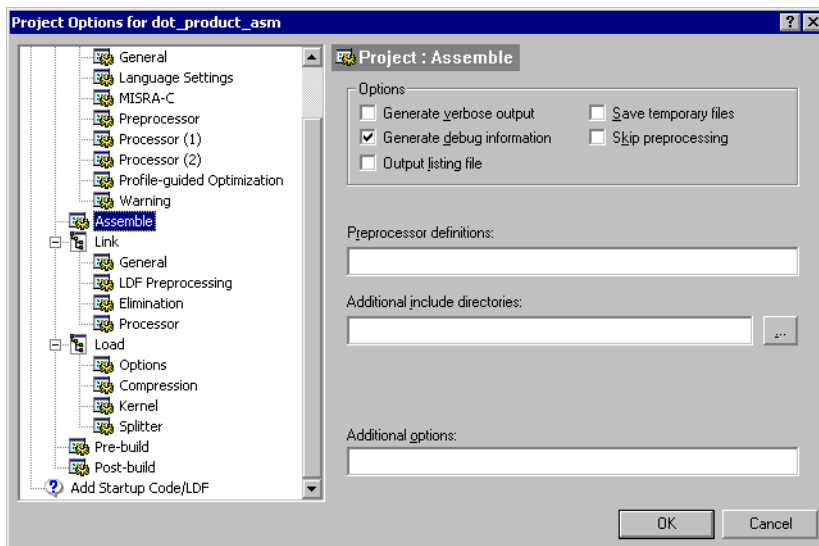


Figure 1-6. Example: Project Options Dialog Box – Assemble Page

Most dialog box options have corresponding assembler command-line switches described in “[Assembler Command-Line Switch Descriptions](#)” on page 1-147.

For more information, use the VisualDSP++ context-sensitive Help view select information on assembler options you can specify in VisualDSP++. To do that, click on the toolbar’s “?” button and then click on the dialog box field or box for which you require information.

Use the **Additional options** field to enter appropriate command-line switches, file names, and options that do not have corresponding controls on the **Assemble** page but are available via command-line invocation.

Assembler Command-Line Reference

Assembler options apply to directing calls to an assembler when assembling `.asm` files. Changing assembler options in VisualDSP++ does not affect the assembler calls made by the compiler during the compilation of `.c/.cpp` files.

2 PREPROCESSOR

The preprocessor program (`pp.exe`) evaluates and processes preprocessor commands in source files on all supported processors. The preprocessor commands direct the preprocessor to define macros and symbolic constants, include header files, test for errors, and control conditional assembly and compilation. The preprocessor supports ANSI C standard preprocessing with extensions, such as “?” and “...”.

The preprocessor is run by other build tools (assembler and linker) from the operating system’s command line or from within the VisualDSP++ 5.0 environment. The `pp` preprocessor can also operate from the command line with its own command-line switches.

This chapter contains:

- [“Preprocessor Guide” on page 2-2](#)
Contains the information on building programs
- [“Preprocessor Command Reference” on page 2-18](#)
Describes the preprocessor’s commands, with syntax and usage examples
- [“Preprocessor Command-Line Reference” on page 2-41](#)
Describes the preprocessor’s command-line switches, with syntax and usage examples

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This section describes `pp` preprocessor information used when building programs from a command line or from within the VisualDSP++ 5.0 environment. Software developers who use the preprocessor should be familiar with:

- [“Writing Preprocessor Commands” on page 2-3](#)
- [“Header Files and #include Command” on page 2-4](#)
- [“Writing Macros” on page 2-7](#)
- [“Using Predefined Preprocessor Macros” on page 2-15](#)
- [“Specifying Preprocessor Options” on page 2-17](#)

Compiler Preprocessor

The compiler has its own preprocessor that enables the use of preprocessor commands within C/C++ source. The compiler preprocessor automatically runs before the compiler. This preprocessor is separate from the assembler preprocessor and has some features that may not be used within your assembly source files. For more information, refer to the *VisualDSP++ C/C++ Compiler and Library Manual* for the target processor.

Assembler Preprocessor

The assembler preprocessor differs from the ANSI C standard preprocessor in several ways. First, the assembler preprocessor supports a “?” operator (see [on page 2-39](#)) that directs the preprocessor to generate a unique label for each macro expansion. Second, the assembler preprocessor does not treat “.” as a separate token. Instead, “.” is always treated as

part of an identifier. This behavior matches the assembler's behavior, which uses "." to start directives and accepts "." in symbol names. For example, the following command sequence:

```
#define VAR my_var  
.VAR x;
```

does not cause any change to the variable declaration. The text ".VAR" is treated as a single identifier which does not match the macro name VAR.

The standard C preprocessor treats .VAR as two tokens ("." and "VAR") and makes the following substitution:

```
.my_var x;
```

The assembler preprocessor also produces assembly-style strings (single-quote delimiters) instead of C-style strings.

Finally, under command-line switch control, the assembler preprocessor supports legacy assembler commenting formats ("!" and "{ }").

Writing Preprocessor Commands

Preprocessor commands begin with a pound sign (#) and end with a carriage return. The pound sign must be the first non-white space character on the line containing the command. If the command is longer than one line, use a backslash (\) and a carriage return to continue the command on the next line. Do not place any characters between the backslash and the carriage return. Unlike assembly directives, preprocessor commands are case sensitive and must be lowercase.

For more information on preprocessor commands, see [“Preprocessor Command-Line Reference” on page 2-41](#).

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For example:

```
#include "string.h"  
#define MAXIMUM 100
```

When the preprocessor runs, it modifies the source code by:

- Including system header files and user-defined header files
- Defining macros and symbolic constants
- Providing conditional assembly

Specify preprocessing options with preprocessor commands—lines that start with a `#` character. In the absence of commands, the preprocessor performs these three global substitutions:

- Replaces comments with single spaces
- Deletes line continuation characters (`\`)
- Replaces macro references with corresponding expansions

The following cases are notable exceptions to the described substitutions:

- The preprocessor does not recognize comments or macros within the file name delimiters of an `#include` command.
- The preprocessor does not recognize comments or predefined macros within a character or string constant.

Header Files and `#include` Command

Header (`.h`) files contain lines of source code to be included (textually inserted) into another source file. Typically, header files contain declarations and macro definitions.

The `#include` preprocessor command includes a copy of the header file at the location of the command. There are three forms for the `#include` command, as described next.

System Header Files

Syntax: `#include <filename>`

The file name is placed between a pair of angle bracket characters. The file name in this form is interpreted as a system header file. These files are used to declare global definitions, especially memory-mapped registers, system architecture, and processors.

Example:

```
#include <device.h>
#include <major.h>
```

System header files are installed in the `.../VisualDSP/Blackfin/include` folder for the processor family.

User Header Files

Syntax: `#include "filename"`

The file name is placed within a pair of double quote characters. The file name in this form is interpreted as a user header file. These files contain declarations for interfaces between the source files of the program.

Example:

```
#include "defTS.h"
#include "fft_ovly.h"
```

Sequence of Tokens

Syntax: `#include text`

In this case, *text* is a sequence of tokens subject to macro expansion by the preprocessor.

It is an error if after macro expansion the text does not match one of the two header file forms. If the text on the line after the `#include` is not placed between double quotes (as a user header file) or between angle brackets (as a system header file), the preprocessor performs macro expansion on the text. After that expansion, the line requires either of the two header file forms.



Unlike most preprocessor commands, the text after the `#include` is available for macro expansion.

Examples:

```
/* define preprocessor macro with name for include file */
#define includefilename "header.h"
/* use the preprocessor macro in an #include command */
#include includefilename
/* the code above evaluates to #include "header.h" */

/* define preprocessor macro to build system include file */
#define syshdr(name) <name ## .h>
/* use the preprocessor macro in a #include command */
#include syshdr(adi)
/* the code above evaluates to #include <adi.h> */
```

Include Path Search

It is good programming practice to distinguish between system header files and user header files. The only technical difference between the two different notations is the directory search order that the assembler follows to locate the specified header file.

For example, when using Blackfin processors, the `#include <file>` search order is:

1. The include path specified by the `-I` switch
2. `<install_path>/VisualDSP/Blackfin/include` folders

The `#include "file"` search order is:

1. The local directory – the directory in which the source file resides
2. The include path specified by the `-I` switch
3. `<install_path>/VisualDSP/Blackfin/include` folders

If you use the `-I` and the `-I-` switches on the command line, the system search path (`#include < >`) is modified in such a manner that search the directories specified with the `-I` switch that appear before the directory specified with the `-I-` switch are ignored. For syntax information and usage examples on the `#include` preprocessor command, see [#include](#).

Writing Macros

The assembler/linker preprocessor processes macros in assembly source files and linker description files (`.ldf`). Macros provide for text substitution.

The term *macro* defines a macro-identifying symbol and its corresponding definition that the preprocessor uses to substitute the macro reference(s).

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For example, use macros to define symbolic constants or to manipulate register bit masks in an assembly program based on a macro argument, as follows:

```
/* Define a symbolic constant */
#define MAX_INPUT      256

/* Mask peripheral #x interrupt */
#define SIC_MASK(x)    (1 << ((x)&0x1F))
```

Macros can be defined to repeat code sequences in assembly source code. When you pass parameters to a code macro, the macro serves as a general-purpose routine that is usable in many different programs. The block of instructions that the preprocessor substitutes can vary with each new set of arguments.

A macro differs from a subroutine call. During assembly, each instance of a macro inserts a copy of the same block of instructions, so multiple copies of that code appear in different locations in the object code. By comparison, a subroutine appears only once in the object code, and the block of instructions at that location are executed for every call.

For more information, see:

- [“#define” on page 2-20](#)
- [“Macro Definition and Usage Guidelines” on page 2-9](#)
- [“Examples of Multi-Line Code Macros with Arguments” on page 2-12](#)
- [“Debugging Macros” on page 2-13](#)

Macro Definition and Usage Guidelines

A macro definition can be any text that may occur legally in the source file that references the macro. In assembly files, the macro may expand to include instructions, directives, register names, constants, and so on. In LDFs, a macro may expand to include LDF commands, memory descriptions and other items that are legal in an LDF. The macro definition may also have other macro names that are replaced with their own definitions.

The following guidelines are provided to help you construct macros and use them appropriately.

- A **macro definition** must begin with `#define` and must end with a carriage return.
- **Macro termination.** If a macro definition ends with a terminator on the instruction (one semicolon (;) for SHARC and Blackfin processors; two semicolons (;;) for TigerSHARC processors), do not place a terminator at the end of the macro (usage) in an assembly statement. However, if a macro definition does not end with a terminator, each instance of the macro usage must be followed by the terminator in the assembly statement.

Be consistent with regard to how you use terminators in macro definitions.



Examples shown in this section omit the terminator in the macro definition and use the terminator in the assembly text. Note that the `mac ;` statement in the following Blackfin example has a “;”.

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```
#define mac mrf = mrf+R2*R5(ssfr) // macro definition

R2 = R1-R0; // macro usage; set parameters
R5 = DM(I1,M0);
mac;
```

- **Line continuation.** A macro definition can be split across multiple lines for readability. When a macro definition is longer than one line, place a backslash (\) character at the end of **each** line (except the last line) for line continuation.

Incorrect

```
#define MultiLineMacro
    instruction1; \
    instruction2; \
    instruction3
```

Notice that the backslash in the `#define` line is missing.

Correct

```
#define MultiLineMacro \
    instruction1; \
    instruction2; \
    instruction3
```

No characters are permitted on a line after a backslash.

A warning is generated when there is white space after what might have been intended as a line continuation. For example:

```
#define macro1 \
    instruction1; \(whitespace)
    instruction2; \
    instruction3
```

```
[Warning pp0003] "header.h":3
```

```
The backslash at the end of this line
is followed by whitespace
It is not a line continuation
```

- **Comments within #define.** Use C-style comments (`/* comment */`) within multi-line macros. Otherwise, the line-continuation character (`\`) will cause the next line to be concatenated to the comment, thus becoming part of the comment.

The preprocessor supports C-style comments (`/* comment */`) as well as C++-style comments (`// comment`). The C-style comment has a delimiter at the start and end of the comment; the C++-style comment begins at the “`//`” and terminates at the end of the line.

The “terminates at the end of the line” aspect of C++-style comments renders “`//`” comments unsuitable within multi-line macro definitions. The line continuation character causes the next line to be concatenated to the comment, thus becoming part of the comment.

The following code fragment demonstrates the problem.

```
#define macro          \
first line;           \
second line
```

when expanded by writing “macro” in your `.asm` file, this code becomes:

```
first line; second line
```

If you use C-style comments, you can write:

```
#define macro          \
/* this macro has two lines */ \
first line;           \
```

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```
/* and two comments */          \  
second line
```

which will expand to:

```
first line; second line
```

However, if you use C++ style comments as shown below:

```
#define macro          \  
// this comment will devour the rest of the macro \  
first line;          \  
second line
```

the macro expands into an “empty” macro.

In the code above, the first line of the macro definition starts a comment. Since there are line-continuation characters, the logical end of line for that comment is the end of the macro. Thus, the code yields an “empty” macro.

- Macro nesting (macros called within another macro) is limited only by the memory available during preprocessing. Recursive macro expansion, however, is not allowed.

Refer to [“#define” on page 2-20](#) for more information on the `#define` command.

Examples of Multi-Line Code Macros with Arguments

The following are examples of multi-line code macros with arguments.

Blackfin Code Example:

```
#define false 0  
#define xchg(xv,yv)  \  

```



```

P0=xv;          \
P1=yv;          \
R0=[P0];        \
R1=[P1];        \
[P1]=R0;        \
[P0]=R1

```

SHARC Code Example:

```

#define ccall(x)  \
    R2=I6; I6=I7; \
    JUMP (pc, x) (db); \
    DM(I7,M7)=R2;   \
    DM(I7, M7)=PC

```

Macro Usage in Code Section:

```

    <instruction code here>
    ccall(label1);
    <instruction code here>
label1: NOP;
    <instruction code here>

```

TigerSHARC Code Example:

```

#define copy (src,dest)  \
    J0 = src;;           \
    J1 = dest;;          \
    R0 = [J0+0];;       \
    [J1+0] = R0

```

Debugging Macros

If you get an unexpected syntax error from the assembler on a macro expansion, it can be helpful to debug the macro by looking at what the preprocessor produced post preprocessing. The intermediate file produced by the preprocessor is the `.is` output file.

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From the VisualDSP++ IDDE, select the **Save temporary files** check box on the **Assemble** page of the **Project Options** dialog box. If you are running the assembler from the command line, add the `-save-temps` switch (see [-save-temps](#)).

Tips for Debugging Macros

Assembly programmers may find it useful to include the processor system header files for pre-defined macros that are helpful to assembly language programmers for that processor family. These are known as “def headers”. For example, an ADSP-BF534 programmer would use:

```
// Header is located in <install_path>/Blackfin/include
#include "defBF534.h"
```

A symbol in your program may inadvertently use the same spelling as a `#define` in the def header. Typically, this results in a syntax error due to the symbol being replaced with a constant or constant expression, which is not what you intended.

For example, `defBF534.h` contains:

```
#define ALARM    0x0002    /* Alarm Interrupt Enable */
```

If an assembly program uses `ALARM` as a symbol name, it will get a textual replacement of “0x0002”, making the program illegal, as demonstrated by the following code fragment.

```
#include "defBF534.h"
#define FALSE 0
#define TRUE 1
```

```
.SECTION data1;
```

```
.VAR ALARM = FALSE;
```

```
[Error ea5004] "alarm.asm":7 Syntax Error in :
```

```
.var 0x0002 = 1;  
syntax error is at or near text '0x0002'.  
Attempting error recovery by ignoring text until the ';'.
```

Using Predefined Preprocessor Macros

In addition to macros you define, the `pp` preprocessor provides a set of predefined macros and feature macros that can be used in assembly code. The preprocessor automatically replaces each occurrence of the macro reference found throughout the program with the specified (predefined) value. The DSP development tools also define feature macros that can be used in your code.


 The `__DATE__`, `__FILE__`, and `__TIME__` macros return strings within the single quotation marks (' ') suitable for initializing character buffers. For more information, see “.VAR and ASCII String Initialization Support” on page 1-141.

Table 2-1 on page 2-16 describes the common predefined macros provided by the preprocessor. Table 1-5 on page 1-26 lists feature macros for Blackfin processors. Table 1-7 on page 1-29 lists feature macros for SHARC processors. Table 1-8 on page 1-32 lists feature macros for Tiger-SHARC processors. These processor-specific feature macros are defined by the project development tools to specify the architecture and language being processed.

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Table 2-1. Common Predefined Preprocessor Macros

Macro	Definition
ADI	Defines ADI as 1
__LastSuffix__	Specifies the last value of suffix that was used to build preprocessor generated labels
__LINE__	Replaces __LINE__ with the line number in the source file that the macro appears on
__FILE__	Defines __FILE__ as the name and extension of the file in which the macro is defined, for example, 'macro.asm'
__TIME__	Defines __TIME__ as current time in the 24-hour format 'hh:mm:ss', for example, '06:54:35'
__DATE__	Defines __DATE__ as current date in the format 'mm dd yyyy', for example, 'Oct 02 2000'
_LANGUAGE_ASM	Always set to 1
_LANGUAGE_C	Equals 1 when used for C compiler calls to specify .IMPORT headers. Replaces _LANGUAGE_ASM

-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__ Predefined Macro (Preprocessor)



The macro applies to all Analog Devices processors.

The `-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__` predefined macro provides VisualDSP++ product version information. The macro allows a pre-processing check to be placed within code. It can be used to differentiate between VisualDSP++ releases and updates. The assemblers and linker predefine `-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__` in calls to the preprocessor.

For further information on the product version encoding (including parameters and examples), see [“-D__VISUALDSPVERSION__ Predefined Macro” on page 1-33](#).

Specifying Preprocessor Options

When developing a DSP project, it may be useful to modify the preprocessor’s default options. Because the assembler, compiler, and linker automatically run the preprocessor as your program is built (unless you skip processing entirely), these project development tools can receive input for the preprocessor program and direct its operation. The way the preprocessor options are set depends on the environment used to run the project development software.

You can specify preprocessor options from the preprocessor’s command line or via the VisualDSP++ environment:

- From the operating system command line, select the preprocessor’s command-line switches. For more information on these switches, see [“Preprocessor Command-Line Switches” on page 2-42](#).
- In the VisualDSP++ environment, select the preprocessor’s options in the **Assemble** or **Link** pages of the **Project Options** dialog box, accessible from the **Project** menu. Refer to [“Specifying Assembler](#)

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[Options in VisualDSP++](#)” on page 1-174 for the *Assemble* page.

For more information, see the *VisualDSP++ User’s Guide* and VisualDSP++ online Help.

Preprocessor Command Reference

This section provides reference information about the processor’s preprocessor commands and operators used in source code, including their syntax and usage examples. It provides the summary and descriptions of all preprocessor commands and operators.

The preprocessor reads code from a source file (`.asm` or `.ldf`), modifies it according to preprocessor commands, and generates an altered preprocessed source file. The preprocessed source file is an input file for the assembler or linker; it is purged when a binary object file (`.doj`) is created.

Preprocessor command syntax must conform to these rules:

- Must be the first non-whitespace character on its line
- Cannot be more than one line in length unless the backslash character (`\`) is inserted
- Cannot come from a macro expansion

The preprocessor operators are defined as special operators when used in a `#define` command.

Preprocessor Commands and Operators

[Table 2-2](#) lists preprocessor commands. [Table 2-3](#) lists preprocessor operators. Sections that begin on [page 2-20](#) describe each of the preprocessor commands and operators.

Table 2-2. Preprocessor Command Summary

Command/Operator	Description
<code>#define</code> (on page 2-20)	Defines a macro
<code>#elif</code> (on page 2-23)	Subdivides an <code>#if ... #endif</code> pair
<code>#else</code> (on page 2-24)	Identifies alternative instructions within an <code>#if ... #endif</code> pair
<code>#endif</code> (on page 2-25)	Ends an <code>#if ... #endif</code> pair
<code>#error</code> (on page 2-26)	Reports an error message
<code>#if</code> (on page 2-27)	Begins an <code>#if ... #endif</code> pair
<code>#ifdef</code> (on page 2-28)	Begins an <code>#ifdef ... #endif</code> pair and tests if macro is defined
<code>#ifndef</code> (on page 2-29)	Begins an <code>#ifndef ... #endif</code> pair and tests if macro is not defined
<code>#include</code> (on page 2-30)	Includes contents of a file
<code>#line</code> (on page 2-32)	Sets a line number during preprocessing
<code>#pragma</code> (on page 2-33)	Takes any sequence of tokens
<code>#undef</code> (on page 2-34)	Removes macro definition
<code>#warning</code> (on page 2-35)	Reports a warning message

Table 2-3. Preprocessor Operator Summary

Command/Operator	Description
<code>#</code> (on page 2-36)	Converts a macro argument into a string constant. By default, this operator is OFF. Use the command-line switch <code>-stringize</code> to enable it.
<code>##</code> (on page 2-38)	Concatenates two tokens
<code>?</code> (on page 2-39)	Generates unique labels for repeated macro expansions
<code>...</code> (on page 2-21)	Specifies a variable-length argument list

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#define

The `#define` command defines macros.

When defining macros in your source code, the preprocessor substitutes each occurrence of the macro with the defined text. Defining this type of macro has the same effect as using the **Find/Replace** feature of a text editor, although it does not replace literals in double quotation marks (" ") and does not replace a match within a larger token.

For macro definitions longer than one line, place a backslash character (\) at the end of each line (except the last line) for readability; refer to the macro definition rules in [“Writing Macros” on page 2-7](#).

You can add arguments to the macro definition. The arguments are symbols separated by commas that appear within parentheses.

Syntax:

```
#define macroSymbol replacementText  
#define macroSymbol[(arg1,arg2,...)] replacementText
```

where:

macroSymbol – macro identifying symbol

replacementText – text to substitute each occurrence of *macroSymbol* in your source code

Examples:

```

#define BUFFER_SIZE 1020
    /* Defines a macro named BUFFER_SIZE and sets its
       value to 1020. */

#define copy(src,dest)xr0=[J31+src ];; \
[J31+dest] = xr0;;
    /* Define a macro named copy with two arguments.
       The definition includes two instructions that copy
       a word from memory to memory.
       For example,
           copy (0x3F,0xC0);
       calls the macro, passing parameters to it.
       The preprocessor replaces the macro with the code:
           [xr0 = [j31+0x3F]];;
           [j31+0xC0] = xr0;; */

```

Variable-Length Argument Definitions

A macro can also be defined with a variable-length argument list (by means of the ... operator).

```
#define test(a, ...) <definition>
```

For example, the code above defines a macro named `test`, which takes two or more arguments. It is invoked like any other macro, although the number of arguments can vary.

For example, in the macro definition, the `__VA_ARGS__` identifier is available to take on the value of all of the trailing arguments, including the commas, all of which are merged to form a single item. See [Table 2-4](#).

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Table 2-4. Sample Variable-Length Argument List

Sample Argument List	Description
test(1)	Error; the macro must have at least one more argument than formal parameters, not counting “...”
test(1,2)	Valid entry
test(1,2,3,4,5)	Valid entry

For example, the following code

```
#define test(a, ...) bar(a); testbar(__VA_ARGS__);
```

expands into:

```
test (1,2) -> bar(1); testbar(2);  
test (1,2,3,4,5) -> bar(1); testbar(2,3,4,5);
```

#elif

The `#elif` command (else if) is used within an `#if ... #endif` pair. The `#elif` includes an alternative condition to test when the initial `#if` condition evaluates as `FALSE`. The preprocessor tests each `#elif` condition inside the pair and processes instructions that follow the first true `#elif`. There can be an unlimited number of `#elif` commands inside one `#if ... #endif` pair.

Syntax:

```
#elif condition
```

where:

condition – expression to evaluate as `TRUE (nonzero)` or `FALSE (zero)`

Example:

```
#if X == 1
...
#elif X == 2
...
    /* The preprocessor includes text within the section
    and excludes all other text before #else when X=2. */
#else
#endif
```

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#else

The `#else` command is used within an `#if ... #endif` pair. It adds an alternative instruction to the `#if ... #endif` pair. Only one `#else` command can be used inside the pair. The preprocessor executes instructions that follow `#else` after all the preceding conditions are evaluated as FALSE (zero). If no `#else` text is specified, and all preceding `#if` and `#elif` conditions are FALSE, the preprocessor does not include any text inside the `#if ... #endif` pair.

Syntax:

```
#else
```

Example:

```
#if X == 1
    ...
#elif X == 2
    ...
#else
    ...
    /* The preprocessor includes text within the section
       and excludes all other text before #else when
       x!=1 and x!=2. */
#endif
```

#endif

The `#endif` command is required to terminate `#if ... #endif`, `#ifdef ... #endif`, and `#ifndef ... #endif` pairs. Ensure that the number of `#if` commands matches the number of `#endif` commands.

Syntax:

```
#endif
```

Example:

```
#if condition  
...  
...  
#endif
```

```
/* The preprocessor includes text within the section only  
if the test is true. */
```

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#error

The `#error` command causes the preprocessor to raise an error. The preprocessor uses the text following the `#error` command as the error message.

Syntax:

```
#error messageText
```

where:

messageText – user-defined text

To break a long *messageText* without changing its meaning, place a backslash character (`\`) at the end of each line (except the last line).

Example:

```
#ifndef __ADSPBF535__  
#error \  
    MyError: \  
    Expecting a ADSP-BF535. \  
    Check the Linker Description File!  
#endif
```

#if

The `#if` command begins an `#if ... #endif` pair. Statements inside an `#if ... #endif` pair can include other preprocessor commands and conditional expressions. The preprocessor processes instructions inside the `#if ... #endif` pair only when *condition* that follows the `#if` evaluates as TRUE. Every `#if` command must be terminated with an `#endif` command.

Syntax:

```
#if condition
```

where:

condition – expression to evaluate as TRUE (nonzero) or FALSE (zero)

Example:

```
#if x!=100      /* test for TRUE condition */
...
    /* The preprocessor includes text within the section
       if the test is true. */
#endif
```

More examples:

```
#if (x!=100) && (y==20)
...
#endif

#if defined(__ADSPBF535__)
...
#endif
```

Preprocessor Command Reference

#ifdef

The `#ifdef` (if defined) command begins an `#ifdef ... #endif` pair and instructs the preprocessor to test whether the macro is defined. Each `#ifdef` command must have a matching `#endif` command.

Syntax:

```
#ifdef macroSymbol
```

where:

macroSymbol – macro identifying symbol

Example:

```
#ifdef __ADSPBF535__
    /* Includes text after #ifdef only when __ADSPBF535__ has
       been defined. */
#endif
```


#ifndef

The `#ifndef` (if not defined) command begins an `#ifndef ... #endif` pair and directs the preprocessor to test for an undefined macro. The preprocessor considers a macro undefined if it has no defined value. Each `#ifndef` command must have a matching `#endif` command.

Syntax:

```
#ifndef macroSymbol
```

where:

macroSymbol – macro identifying symbol

Example:

```
#ifndef __ADSPBF535__
    /* Includes text after #ifndef only when __ADSPBF535__
       is not defined. */
#endif
```

Preprocessor Command Reference

#include

The `#include` command directs the preprocessor to insert the text from a header file at the command location. There are two types of header files: system and user. However, the `#include` command may be presented in three forms:

- `#include <filename>` – used with system header files
- `#include "filename"` – used with user header files
- `#include text` – used with a sequence of tokens

The sequence of tokens is subject to macro expansion by the preprocessor. After macro expansion, the text must match one of the header file forms.

The only difference to the preprocessor between the two types of header files is the way the preprocessor searches for them.

- System Header File `<fileName>` – The preprocessor searches for a system header file in this order: (1) the directories you specify, and (2) the standard list of system directories.
- User Header File `"fileName"` – The preprocessor searches for a user header file in this order:
 1. Current directory – the directory where the source file that has the `#include` command(s) lives
 2. Directories you specify
 3. Standard list of system directories

Refer to [“Header Files and #include Command”](#) on page 2-4 for more information.

Syntax:

```
#include <fileName> // include a system header file
#include "fileName" // include a user header file
#include macroFileNameExpansion
    /* Include a file named through macro expansion.
       This command directs the preprocessor to expand the
       macro. The preprocessor processes the expanded text,
       which must match either <fileName> or "fileName". */
```

Example:

```
#ifdef __ADSPBF535__
    /* Tests that __ADSPBF535__ has been defined. */
#include <stdlib.h>

#endif
```

Preprocessor Command Reference

#line

The `#line` command directs the preprocessor to set the internal line counter to the specified value. Use this command for error tracking purposes.

Syntax:

```
#line lineNumber "sourceFile"
```

where:

lineNumber – line number of the source line

sourceFile – name of the source file included in double quotation marks. The *sourceFile* entry can include the drive, directory, and file extension as part of the file name.

Example:

```
#line 7 "myFile.c"
```



All assembly programs have `#line` directives after preprocessing. They always have a first line with `#line 1 "filename.asm"` and they will also have `#line` directives to establish correct line numbers for text that came from include files as a result of the processed `#include` directives.

#pragma

The `#pragma` command is the implementation-specific command that modifies the preprocessor behavior. The `#pragma` command can take any sequence of tokens. This command is accepted for compatibility with other VisualDSP++ software tools. The `pp` preprocessor currently does not support any pragmas; therefore, it ignores any information in the `#pragma` command.

Syntax:

```
#pragma any_sequence_of_tokens
```

Example:

```
#pragma disable_warning 1024
```

Preprocessor Command Reference

#undef

The `#undef` command directs the preprocessor to undefine a macro.

Syntax:

```
#undef macroSymbol
```

where:

macroSymbol – macro created with the `#define` command

Example:

```
#undef BUFFER_SIZE    /* undefines a macro named BUFFER_SIZE */
```

#warning

The `#warning` command causes the preprocessor to issue a warning. The preprocessor uses the text following the `#warning` command as the warning message.

Syntax:

```
#warning messageText
```

where:

messageText – user-defined text

To break a long *messageText* without changing its meaning, place a backslash character (`\`) at the end of each line (except the last line).

Example:

```
#ifndef __ADSPBF535__
#warning \
    MyWarning: \
    Expecting a ADSPBF535. \
    Check the Linker Description File!
#endif
```

(Argument)

The # (argument) “stringization” operator directs the preprocessor to convert a macro argument into a string constant. The preprocessor converts an argument into a string when macro arguments are substituted into the macro definition.

The preprocessor handles white space in string-to-literal conversions by:

- Ignoring leading and trailing white spaces
- Converting white space in the middle of the text to a single space in the resulting string

Syntax:

toString

where:

toString – macro formal parameter to convert into a literal string. The # operator must precede a macro parameter. The preprocessor includes a converted string within double quotation marks (" ").



This feature is off by default. Use the [-stringize](#) command-line switch to enable it.

C Code Example:

```
#define WARN_IF(EXP)\
fprintf (stderr,"Warning:">#EXP "/n")
    /* Defines a macro that takes an argument and converts
       the argument to a string. */
WARN_IF(current <minimum);
    /* Invokes the macro passing the condition. */
fprintf (stderr,"Warning:""current <minimum""/n");
```



```
/* Note that the #EXP has been changed to current <minimum  
and is enclosed in " ". */
```

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(Concatenate)

The ## (concatenate) operator directs the preprocessor to concatenate two tokens. When you define a macro, you request concatenation with ## in the macro body. The preprocessor concatenates the syntactic tokens on either side of the concatenation operator.

Syntax:

token1##token2

Example:

```
#define varstring(name) .VAR var_##name[] = {'name', 0};
    varstring (error);
    varstring (warning);

/* The above code results in */
.VAR var_error[] = {'error', 0};
.VAR var_warning[] = {'warning', 0};
```

? (Generate a unique label)

The “?” operator directs the preprocessor to generate unique labels for iterated macro expansions. Within the definition body of a macro (`#define`), you can specify one or more identifiers with a trailing question mark (?) to ensure that unique label names are generated for each macro invocation.

The preprocessor affixes “_num” to a label symbol, where `num` is a uniquely generated number for every macro expansion. For example:

```
abcd? ==> abcd_1
```

If a question mark is a part of the symbol that needs to be preserved, ensure that “?” is delimited from the symbol. For example, “`abcd?`” is a generated label, and “`abcd ?`” is not.

Example:

```
#define loop(x,y) mylabel?:x =1+1;/
x = 2+2;/
yourlabel?:y =3*3;/
y = 5*5;/
JUMP mylabel?;/
JUMP yourlabel?;
loop (bz,kjb)
loop (lt,ss)
loop (yc,jl)

// Generates the following output:
mylabel_1:bz =1+1;bz =2+2;yourlabel_1:kjb =3*3;kjb = 5*5;
JUMP mylabel_1;
JUMP yourlabel_1;
mylabel_2:lt =1+1;lt =2+2;yourlabel_2:ss =3*3;ss =5*5;
JUMP mylabel_2;
```

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```
JUMP yourlabel_2;
mylabel_3:yc =1+1;yc =2+2;yourlabel_3:J1 =3*3;J1 =5*5;
JUMP mylabel_3;

JUMP yourlabel_3;
```

The last numeric suffix used to generate unique labels is maintained by the preprocessor and is available through a preprocessor predefined macro `__LastSuffix__` (see [on page 2-16](#)). This value can be used to generate references to labels in the last macro expansion.

The following example assumes the macro “loop” from the previous example.

```
// Some macros for appending a suffix to a label
#define makelab(a, b) a##b
#define Attach(a, b) makelab(a##_ , b)
#define LastLabel(foo) Attach( foo, __LastSuffix__)

// jump back to label in the previous expansion
JUMP LastLabel(mylabel);
```

The above expands to (the last macro expansion had a suffix of 3):

```
JUMP mylabel_3;
```

Preprocessor Command-Line Reference

The `pp` preprocessor is the first step in the process of building (assembling, compiling, and linking) your programs. The `pp` preprocessor is run before the assembler and linker, using the assembler or linker as the command-line tool. You can also run the preprocessor independently from its own command line.

This section contains:

- [“Running the Preprocessor”](#)
- [“Preprocessor Command-Line Switches” on page 2-42](#)

Running the Preprocessor

To run the preprocessor from the command line, type the name of the program followed by arguments in any order.

```
pp [-switch1 [-switch2 ... ]] [sourceFile]
```

[Table 2-5](#) summarizes these arguments.

Table 2-5. Preprocessor Command Line Argument Summary

Argument	Description
<code>pp</code>	Name of the preprocessor program
<code>-switch</code>	Switch (or switches) to process. The preprocessor offers several switches that are used to select its operation and modes. Some preprocessor switches take a file name as a required parameter.
<code>sourceFile</code>	Name of the source file to process. The preprocessor supports relative path names and absolute path names. The <code>pp.exe</code> outputs a list of command-line switches when runs without this argument.

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For example, the following command line

```
pp -Dfilter_taps=100 -v -o bin/p1.is p1.asm
```

runs the preprocessor with:

`-Dfilter_taps=100` – defines the macro `filter_taps` as equal to 100

`-v` – displays verbose information for each phase of the preprocessing

`-o bin\p1.is` – specifies the name and directory for the intermediate preprocessed file

`p1.asm` – specifies the assembly source file to preprocess



Most switches without arguments can be negated by prefixing `-no` to the switch. For example, `-nowarn` turns off warning messages, and `-nocsl!` turns off omitting “!” style comments.

Preprocessor Command-Line Switches

The preprocessor is controlled through the switches (or VisualDSP++ options) of other development tools, such as the compiler, assembler, and linker. Note that the preprocessor (`pp.exe`) can operate independently from the command line with its own command-line switches.

[Table 2-6](#) lists `pp.exe` switches. A detailed description of each switch appears beginning [on page 2-44](#).

Table 2-6. Preprocessor Command-Line Switch Summary

Switch Name	Description
<code>-cpredef</code> (on page 2-44)	Enables the “stringization” operator and provides C compiler-style preprocessor behavior

Table 2-6. Preprocessor Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)

-cs! (on page 2-45)	Treats as a comment all text after “!” on a single line
-cs/* (on page 2-45)	Treats as a comment all text within /* */
-cs// (on page 2-46)	Treats as a comment all text after //
-cs{ (on page 2-46)	Treats as a comment all text within { }
-csall (on page 2-46)	Accepts comments in all formats
-Dmacro[=definition] (on page 2-46)	Defines <i>macro</i>
-h[elp] (on page 2-46)	Outputs a list of command-line switches
-i (on page 2-47)	Outputs only makefile dependencies for include files specified in double quotes
-i Idirectory (on page 2-47)	Searches <i>directory</i> for included files
-I (on page 2-48)	Indicates where to start searching for system include files, which are delimited by < >
-M (on page 2-49)	Makes dependencies only
-MM (on page 2-49)	Makes dependencies and produces preprocessor output
-Mo filename (on page 2-49)	Specifies <i>filename</i> for the make dependencies output file
-Mt filename (on page 2-50)	Makes dependencies for the specified source file
-o filename (on page 2-50)	Outputs named object file
-stringize (on page 2-50)	Enables stringization (includes a string in double quotes)

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Table 2-6. Preprocessor Command-Line Switch Summary (Cont'd)

<code>-tokenize-dot</code> (on page 2-50)	Treats “.” (dot) as an operator when parsing identifiers
<code>-Uname</code> (on page 2-51)	Undefines a macro on the command line
<code>-v[erbose]</code> (on page 2-51)	Displays information about each preprocessing phase
<code>-version</code> (on page 2-51)	Displays version information for the preprocessor
<code>-w</code> (on page 2-51)	Removes all preprocessor-generated warnings
<code>-Wnumber</code> (on page 2-52)	Suppresses any report of the specified warning
<code>-warn</code> (on page 2-52)	Prints warning messages (default)

The following sections describe preprocessor command-line switches.

-cpredef

The `-cpredef` switch directs the preprocessor to produce C compiler-style strings in all cases. By default, the preprocessor produces assembler-style strings within single quotes (for example, ‘*string*’) unless the `-cpredef` switch is used.

The `-cpredef` switch sets the following C compiler-style behaviors:

- Directs the preprocessor to use double quotation marks rather than the default single quotes as string delimiters for any preprocessor-generated strings. The preprocessor generates strings for predefined

macros that are expressed as string constants, and as a result of the stringize operator in macro definitions (see [Table 2-1 on page 2-16](#) for the predefined macros).

- Enables the stringize operator (`#`) in macro definitions. By default, the stringize operator is disabled to avoid conflicts with constant definitions (see [-stringize](#)).
- Parses identifiers using C language rules instead of assembler rules. In C, the character “.” is an operator and is not considered part of an identifier. In the assembler, the “.” is considered part of a directive or label. With `-cpredef`, the preprocessor treats “.” as an operator.

The following example shows the difference in effect of the two styles.

```
#define end last
// what label.end looks like with -cpredef
label.last    // "end" parsed as ident and macro expanded

// what label.end looks like without -cpredef (asm rules)
label.end     // "end" not parsed separately
```

-cs!

The `-cs!` switch directs the preprocessor to treat as a comment all text after “!” on a single line.

-cs/*

The `-cs/*` switch directs the preprocessor to treat as a comment all text within `/* */` on multiple lines.

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-cs//

The `-cs//` switch directs the preprocessor to treat as a comment all text after `//` on a single line.

-cs{

The `-cs{` switch directs the preprocessor to treat as a comment all text within `{ }` on multiple lines.

-csall

The `-csall` switch directs the preprocessor to accept comments in all formats.

-Dmacro[=def]

The `-Dmacro` switch directs the preprocessor to define a macro. If you do not include the optional definition string (`=def`), the preprocessor defines the macro as value 1. Similar to the C compiler, you can use the `-D` switch to define an assembly language constant macro.

Some examples of this switch are:

```
-Dinput                // defines input as 1
-Dsamples=10          // defines samples as 10
-Dpoint="Start"       // defines point as "Start"
-D_LANGUAGE_ASM=1    // defines _LANGUAGE_ASM as 1
```

-h[elp]

The `-h` (or `-help`) switch directs the preprocessor to send to standard output the list of command-line switches with a syntax summary.

-i

The `-i` (less includes) switch may be used with the `-M` or `-MM` switches to direct the preprocessor to *not* output dependencies on any system files. System files are any files that are brought in using `#include < >`. Files included using `#include " "` (double quote characters) are included in the dependency list.

-i

The `-idirectory` (or `-Idirectory`) switch direct the preprocessor to append the specified directory (or a list of directories separated by semicolons) to the search path for included header files (see [on page 2-30](#)).



No space is allowed between `-i` and the path name.

The preprocessor searches for included files delimited by double quotation marks (" ") in this order:

1. The source directory (that is, the directory in which the original source file resides)
2. The directories in the search path supplied by the `-I` switch. If more than one directory is supplied by the `-I` switch, they are searched in the order that they appear on the command line.
3. The system directory (that is, the `/include` subdirectory of the VisualDSP++ installation directory)



The *current directory* is the directory where the source file lives, not the directory of the assembler program. Usage of full path names for the `-I` switch on the command line (omitting the disk partition) is recommended.

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The preprocessor searches for included files delimited by < > in this order:

1. The directories in the search path supplied by the `-I` switch (subject to modification by the `-I-` switch, as shown in “`-I-`” on [page 2-48](#). If more than one directory is supplied by the `-I` switch, the directories are searched in the order that they appear on the command line.
2. The system directory (that is, the `\include` subdirectory of the VisualDSP++ installation directory).

`-I-`

The `-I-` switch indicates where to start searching for system include files, which are delimited by < >. If there are several directories in the search path, the `-I-` switch indicates where in the path the search for system include files begins.

For example:

```
pp -I-dir1 -I-dir2 -I- -I-dir3 -I-dir4 myfile.asm
```

When searching for `#include "incl.h"` the preprocessor searches in the source directory, then `dir1`, `dir2`, `dir3`, and `dir4` in that order.

When searching for `#include <inc2.h>` the preprocessor searches for the file in `dir3` and then `dir4`. The `-I-` switch marks the point where the system search path starts.

-M

The `-M` switch directs the preprocessor to output a rule (generate make rule only) suitable for the make utility, describing the dependencies of the source file. The output, a make dependencies list, is written to `stdout` in the standard command-line format.

“target_file”: *“dependency_file.ext”*

where:

dependency_file.ext may be an assembly source file or a header file included with the `#include` preprocessor command

When the `-o filename` switch is used with `-M`, the `-o` option is ignored. To specify an alternate target name for the make dependencies, use the `-Mt filename` switch. To direct the make dependencies to a file, use the `-Mo filename` switch.

-MM

The `-MM` switch directs the preprocessor to output a rule (generate make rule and preprocess) suitable for the make utility, describing the dependencies of the source file. The output, a make dependencies list, is written to `stdout` in the standard command-line format.

The only difference between `-MM` and `-M` actions is that the preprocessing continues with `-MM`. See `-M` for more information.

-Mo filename

The `-Mo` switch specifies the name of the make dependencies file (output make rule) that the preprocessor generates when using the `-M` or `-MM` switch. The switch overrides default of make dependencies to `stdout`.

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-Mt filename

The `-Mt` switch specifies the name of the target file (output make rule for the named source) for which the preprocessor generates the make rule using the `-M` or `-MM` switch. The `-Mt filename` switch overrides the default `filename.is` file. See [-M](#) for more information.

-o filename

The `-o` switch directs the preprocessor to use (output) the specified `filename` argument for the preprocessed assembly file. The preprocessor directs the output to `stdout` when no `-o` option is specified.

-stringize

The `-stringize` switch enables the preprocessor stringization operator. By default, this switch is off. When set, this switch turns on the preprocessor stringization functionality (see [# \(Argument\)](#)) which, by default, is turned off to avoid possible undesired stringization.

For example, there is a conflict between the stringization operator and the assembler's boolean constant format in the following macro definition:

```
#define bool_const b#00000001
```

-tokenize-dot

The `-tokenize-dot` switch parses identifiers using C language rules instead of assembler rules, without the need of other C semantics (see [-cprefix](#) for more information).

When the `-tokenize-dot` switch is used, the preprocessor treats “.” as an operator and not as part of an identifier. If the `-notokenize-dot` switch is used, it returns the preprocessor to the default behavior. The only benefit

to the negative version is that if it appears on the command line after the `-cpredef` switch, it can turn off the behavior of “.” without affecting other C semantics.

-Uname

The `-Uname` switch directs the preprocessor to undefine a macro on the command line. The “undefine macro” switch applies only to macros defined on the same command line. The functionality provides a way for users to undefine feature macros specified by the assembler or linker.

-v[erbose]

The `-v[erbose]` switch directs the preprocessor to output the version of the preprocessor program and information for each phase of the preprocessing.

-version

The `-version` switch directs the preprocessor to display version information for the preprocessor program.



The `-version` switch on the assembler command line provides version information for both the assembler and preprocessor. The `-version` switch on the preprocessor command line provides preprocessor version information only.

-w

The `-w` (disable all warnings) switch directs the assembler not to display warning messages generated during assembly. Note that `-w` has the same effect as the `-nowarn` switch.

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-Wnumber

The *-Wnumber* (warning suppression) switch selectively disables warnings specified by one or more message numbers. For example, *-W74* disables warning message pp0074.

-warn

The *-warn* switch generates (prints) warning messages (this switch is on by default). The *-nowarn* switch negates this action.

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