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## Using This Documentation

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- **Overview** – Describes the Oracle Developer Studio 12.5 C Compiler
- **Audience** – Application developers, system developers, architects, support engineers
- **Required knowledge** – Programming experience, software development testing, aptitude to build and compile software products

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# Introduction to the C Compiler

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This chapter provides basic information about the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler.

## 1.1 What's New in C Version 5.14 Oracle Developer Studio 12.5 Release

Note the following new and changed features in the current C compiler release.

- Support for SPARC M6, M7, and T7 processors.
- Support for the Intel Broadwell/avx2\_i processor.
- Many SIMD (`__m128{d|i}`) intrinsic functions are provided for SPARCACE and SPARCACE+.
- Support for x86 dataspace profiling.
- New compiler options:
  - `-features=[no%]mergestrings` causes the compiler to put string literals and other suitable const or read-only data into a special section of the binary where the linker removes duplicate strings. This option is available only on SPARC.
  - `-atomic` specifies which atomics support runtime library is linked.
  - `-xcheck=noreturn` informs the compiler to add code to cause a runtime error if a routine which has been described as "do not return" returns.
  - `-xsecure_code_analysis` enables compiler secure code analysis to find and display possible memory safety violations at compile time.

## 1.2 Special x86 Notes

Be aware of the following important issues when compiling for x86 Oracle Solaris platforms.

- Programs compiled with `-xarch` set to `sse`, `sse2`, `sse2a`, `sse3`, or beyond must be run only on platforms that provide these extensions and features.

- With this release, the default instruction set and the meaning of `-xarch=generic` has changed to `sse2`. Now, compiling without specifying a target platform option results in an `sse2` binary incompatible with older Pentium III or earlier systems.
- If you compile and link in separate steps, always link using the compiler and with the same `-xarch` setting to ensure that the correct startup routine is linked.
- Numerical results on x86 might differ from results on SPARC due to the x86 80-bit floating-point registers. To minimize these differences, use the `-fstore` option or compile with `-xarch=sse2` if the hardware supports SSE2.
- Numerical results can also differ between Oracle Solaris and Oracle Linux because the intrinsic math libraries (for example, `sin(x)`) are not the same.

## 1.3 Binary Compatibility Verification

On Oracle Solaris systems, beginning with Sun Studio 11, program binaries compiled with the Oracle Developer Studio compilers are marked with architecture hardware flags indicating the instruction sets assumed by the compiled binary. At runtime, these marker flags are checked to verify that the binary can run on the hardware it is attempting to execute on.

Running programs that do not contain these architecture hardware flags on platforms that are not enabled with the appropriate features or instruction set extensions could result in segmentation faults or incorrect results occurring without any explicit warning messages.

This warning extends also to programs that employ `.il` inline assembly language functions or `__asm()` assembler code that use SSE, SSE2, SSE2a, and SSE3 and newer instructions and extensions.

## 1.4 Compiling for 64–Bit Platforms

Use the `-m32` option to compile for the ILP32 32–bit model. Use the `-m64` option to compile for the LP64 64–bit model.

The ILP32 model specifies that C-language `int`, `long`, and `pointer` data types are each 32-bits wide. The LP64 model specifies that `long` and `pointer` data types are each 64-bits wide and `int` is 32-bits wide. The Oracle Solaris and Oracle Linux OS also support large files and large arrays under the LP64 data type model.

## 1.5 Standards Conformance

The term C11 used in this book refers to the ISO/IEC 9899:2011 C programming language. The term C99 refers to the ISO/IEC 9899:1999 C programming language. The term C90 refers to the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 C programming language.

This compiler supports the language features, as described in [Appendix C, “Features of C11”](#), of the C11 standard on Oracle Solaris platforms when you specify `-std=c11`.

This compiler is in full compliance with the C99 standard on Oracle Solaris platforms when you specify `-std=c99 -pedantic`.

This compiler also conforms with the ISO/IEC 9899:1990, Programming Languages- C standard when you specify `-std=c89 -pedantic`.

Because the compiler also supports traditional K&R C (Kernighan and Ritchie, or pre-ANSI C), it can ease your migration to ISO C.

For information about C90 implementation-specific behavior, see [Appendix F, “Implementation-Defined ISO/IEC C90 Behavior”](#).

For more information about C11 features, see [Appendix C, “Features of C11”](#).

For more information about C99 features, see [Appendix D, “Features of C99”](#).

## 1.6 C Readme File

The C compiler’s readme file is now part of the [What’s New in the Oracle Developer Studio 12.5 Release](#) guide. It highlights important information about the compiler, including:

- Information discovered after the manuals were printed
- New and changed features
- Software corrections
- Problems and workarounds
- Limitations and incompatibilities

## 1.7 Man Pages

Online reference manual (`man`) pages provide immediate documentation about a command, function, subroutine, and so on.

You can display the man page for the C compiler by running the command:

```
example% man cc
```

Throughout the C documentation, man page references appear with the topic name and man section number: `cc(1)` is accessed with `man cc`. Other sections, denoted by `ieee_flags(3M)`, for example, are accessed using the `-s` option on the `man` command:

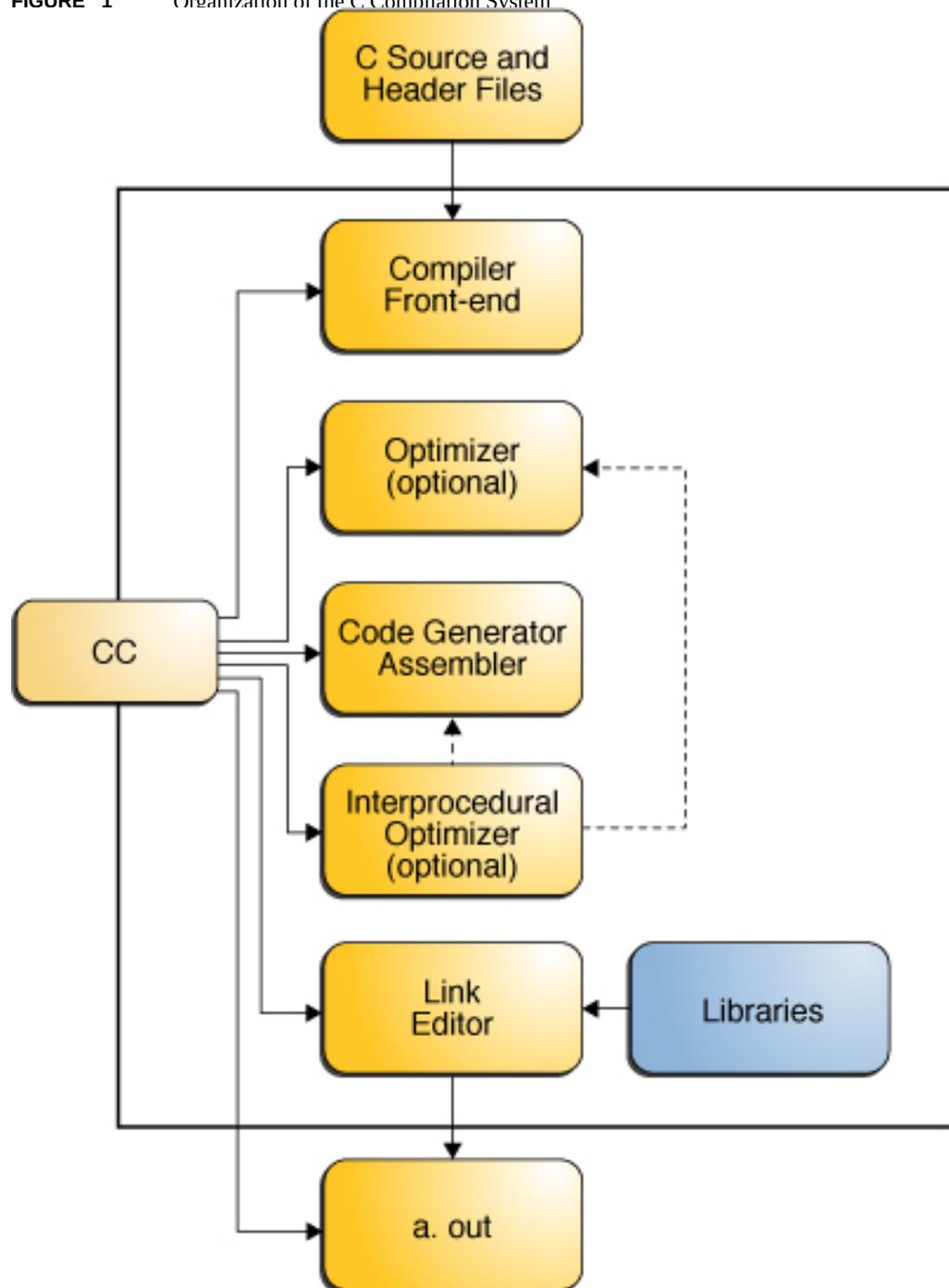
```
example% man -s 3M ieee_flags
```

## 1.8 Organization of the Compiler

The C compilation system consists of a compiler, an assembler, and a link editor. The `cc` command invokes each of these components automatically unless you use command-line options to specify otherwise.

[Table 36, “Obsolete Options Table,” on page 237](#) discusses all the options available with `cc`.

The following figure shows the organization of the C compilation system.

**FIGURE 1** Organization of the C Compilation System

The following table summarizes the components of the compilation system.

**TABLE 1** Components of the C Compilation System

Component	Description	Notes on Use
cpp	Preprocessor	-Xs only
acomp	Compiler	
ssbd	Static synchronization bug detection	(SPARC)
iropt	Code optimizer	-O, -x02, -x03, -x04, -x05, -fast
fbe	Assembler	
cg	Code generator, inliner, assembler	
ipo	Interprocedural Optimizer	
postopt	Postoptimizer	(SPARC)
ube	Code generator	(x86)
ld	Linker	
mcs	Manipulate comment section	-mr

## 1.9 C-Related Programming Tools

A number of tools are available to aid in developing, maintaining, and improving your C programs. The two most closely tied to C, `cscope` and `lint`, are described in this book, and `man` pages exist for each of these tools.

# ◆◆◆ 2 CHAPTER 2

## C-Compiler Implementation-Specific Information

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This chapter documents areas specific to the C compiler. The information is organized into language extensions and the environment.

The C compiler is compatible with some of the features of the C language described in the new ISO C standard, ISO/IEC 9899:2011. If you need to compile code that is compatible with the previous C standard, ISO/IEC 9899:1999, use `-std=c99`. If you need to compile code that is compatible with the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 C standard (and amendment 1), use `-std=c89`.

### 2.1 SPARC Oracle Linux

The implementation of `FLT_ROUNDS` supplied with Oracle Developer Studio C for SPARC Oracle Linux behaves as specified in the C standard. It returns the appropriate value for the current rounding mode. It does not always return the value 1 specified in the manpage that describes the functions defined in the standard C header `fenv.h`.

### 2.2 Constants

This section contains information related to constants that are specific to the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler.

#### 2.2.1 Integer Constants

Decimal, octal, and hexadecimal integral constants can be suffixed to indicate type, as shown in the following table.

**TABLE 2** Data Type Suffixes

Suffix	Type
u or U	unsigned
l or L	long
ll or LL	long long (not available with -std=c89 -pedantic)
lu, LU, Lu, LU, ul, uL, Ul, or UL	unsigned long
llu, LLU, LLu, llU, ull, ULL, uLL, Ull	unsigned long long (not available with -std=c89 -pedantic)

With the `-std=c99` or `-std=c11`, the compiler uses the first item of the following list in which the value can be represented, as required by the size of the constant:

- `int`
- `long int`
- `long long int`

The compiler issues a warning if the value exceeds the largest value a `long long int` can represent.

With the `-std=c89`, the compiler uses the first item of the following list in which the value can be represented, as required by the size of the constant, when assigning types to unsuffixed constants:

- `int`
- `long int`
- `unsigned long int`
- `long long int`
- `unsigned long long int`

## 2.2.2 Character Constants

A multiple-character constant that is not an escape sequence has a value derived from the numeric values of each character. For example, the constant `'123'` has a value of:

0	'3'	'2'	'1'
---	-----	-----	-----

or `0x333231`.

With the `-Xs` option, the value is:

0	'1'	'2'	'3'
---	-----	-----	-----

or 0x313233.

## 2.3 Linker Scoping Specifiers

The following declaration specifiers help hide declarations and definitions of extern symbols. By using these specifiers, you no longer need to use mapfiles for linker scoping. You can also control the default setting for variable scoping by specifying `-xldscope` on the command line. For more information, see [“B.2.124 -xldscope={v}” on page 313](#).

**TABLE 3** Declaration Specifiers

Value	Meaning
<code>__global</code>	The symbol has global linker scoping and is the least restrictive linker scoping. All references to the symbol bind to the definition in the first dynamic module that defines the symbol. This linker scoping is the current linker scoping for extern symbols.
<code>__symbolic</code>	The symbol has symbolic linker scoping and is more restrictive than global linker scoping. All references to the symbol from within the dynamic module being linked bind to the symbol defined within the module. Outside of the module, the symbol appears as though it were global. This linker scoping corresponds to the linker option <code>-Bsymbolic</code> . For more information about the linker, see <code>ld(1)</code> .
<code>__hidden</code>	The symbol has hidden linker scoping. Hidden linker scoping is more restrictive than symbolic and global linker scoping. All references within a dynamic module bind to a definition within that module. The symbol will not be visible outside of the module.

An object or function may be redeclared with a more restrictive specifier, but may not be redeclared with a less restrictive specifier. A symbol may not be declared with a different specifier once the symbol has been defined.

`__global` is the least restrictive scoping, `__symbolic` is more restrictive, and `__hidden` is the most restrictive scoping.

## 2.4 Thread Local Storage Specifier

Take advantage of thread-local storage by declaring thread-local variables. A thread-local variable declaration consists of a normal variable declaration with the addition of the variable specifier `__thread`. For more information, see [“B.2.176 -xthreadvar\[=o\]” on page 351](#).

You must include the `__thread` specifier in the first declaration of the thread variable in the source file being compiled.

You can only use the `__thread` specifier in the declaration of an object with static storage duration. You can statically initialize a thread variable as you would any other object of static-storage duration.

Variables that you declare with the `__thread` specifier have the same linker binding as they would without the `__thread` specifier. This includes tentative definitions, such as declarations without initializers.

The address of a thread variable is not a constant. Therefore, the address-of operator (`&`) for a thread variable is evaluated at run time and returns the address of the thread variable for the current thread. As a consequence, objects of static storage duration are initialized dynamically to the address of a thread variable.

The address of a thread variable is stable for the lifetime of the corresponding thread. Any thread in the process can freely use the address of a thread variable during the variable's lifetime. You cannot use a thread variable's address after its thread terminates. After a thread terminates, all addresses of that thread's variables are invalid.

## 2.5 Floating Point, Nonstandard Mode

This section provides a summary of IEEE 754 floating-point default arithmetic, which is “nonstop.” Underflows are “gradual.” For more detailed information, see the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Numerical Computation Guide](#).

Nonstop means that execution does not halt on occurrences like division by zero, floating-point overflow, or invalid operation exceptions. For example, consider the following, where `x` is zero and `y` is positive:

```
z = y / x;
```

By default, `z` is set to the value `+Inf`, and execution continues. With the `-fnonstd` option, however, this code causes an exit, such as a core dump.

The following example shows how gradual underflow works. Suppose you have the following code:

```
x = 10;
for (i = 0; i < LARGE_NUMBER; i++)
x = x / 10;
```

The first time through the loop, `x` is set to 1; the second time to 0.1; the third time to 0.01; and so on. Eventually, `x` reaches the lower limit of the machine's capacity to represent its value. What happens the next time the loop runs?

Assume that the smallest number characterizable is `1.234567e-38`.

The next time the loop runs, the number is modified by “stealing” from the mantissa and “giving” to the exponent so the new value is `1.23456e-39` and, subsequently, `1.2345e-40` and so on. This behavior is known as “gradual underflow,” and is the default. In nonstandard mode, none of this “stealing” takes place, and `x` is simply set to zero.

## 2.6 Labels as Values

The C compiler recognizes the extension to C known as computed `goto`. Computed `goto` enables runtime determination of branching destinations. The address of a label can be acquired by using the `&&` operator and assigned to a pointer of type `void *`:

```
void *ptr;
...
ptr = &&label1;
```

A later `goto` statement can branch to `label1` through `ptr`:

```
goto *ptr;
```

Because `ptr` is computed at runtime, `ptr` can take on the address of any label that is in-scope and the `goto` statement can branch to it.

One way of using computed `goto` is for the implementation of a jump table:

```
static void *ptrarray[] = { &&label1, &&label2, &&label3 };
```

Now the array elements can be selected by indexing:

```
goto *ptrarray[i];
```

Addresses of labels can be computed only from the current function scope. Attempting to take addresses of labels out of the current function yields unpredictable results.

The jump table works similarly to a `switch` statement although the jump table can make it more difficult to follow program flow. A notable difference is that the `switch`-statement jump-destinations are all in the forward direction from the `switch` reserved word. Using computed `goto` to implement a jump table enables branching in both forward and reverse directions.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void foo()
{
    void *ptr;

    ptr = &&label1;

    goto *ptr;

    printf("Failed!\n");
    return;

label1:
    printf("Passed!\n");
    return;
}

int main(void)
{
    void *ptr;

    ptr = &&label1;

    goto *ptr;

    printf("Failed!\n");
    return 0;

label1:
    foo();
    return 0;
}
```

The following example also makes use of a jump table to control program flow:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int i = 0;
    static void * ptr[3]={&&label1, &&label2, &&label3};

    goto *ptr[i];

label1:
    printf("label1\n");
    return 0;

label2:
```

```

printf("label2\n");
return 0;

label3:
printf("label3\n");
return 0;
}

%example: a.out
%example: label1

```

Another application of computed goto is as an interpreter for threaded code. The label addresses within the interpreter function can be stored in the threaded code for fast dispatching.

## 2.7 long long Data Type

When you compile with `-std=c89`, the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler includes the data types `long long` and `unsigned long long`, which are similar to the data type `long`. The `long long` data type stores 64 bits of information; `long` stores 32 bits of information when compiling with `-m32`. The `long` data type stores 64 bits when compiling with `-m64`. The `long long` data type is not available in `-std=c89 -pedantic` (a warning is issued).

### 2.7.1 Printing long long Data Types

To print or scan `long long` data types, prefix the conversion specifier with the letters `ll`. For example, to print `llvar`, a variable of `long long` data type, in signed decimal format, use:

```
printf("%lld\n", llvar);
```

### 2.7.2 Usual Arithmetic Conversions

Some binary operators convert the types of their operands to yield a common type, which is also the type of the result. These conversions are called the usual arithmetic conversions. For `-std=c11` the usual arithmetic conversions are defined in the 9899:2011 ISO/IEC C Programming Language standard. For `-std=c99` the usual arithmetic conversions are defined in the 9899:1999 ISO/IEC C Programming Language standard. For `-std=c89 -pedantic` the usual arithmetic conversions are defined in the 9899:1990 ISO/IEC C Programming Language. For `-std=c89 -pedantic=no` and `-Xs` flags the usual arithmetic conversions are defined as follows:

- If either operand is type `long double`, the other operand is converted to `long double`.
- Otherwise, if either operand has type `double`, the other operand is converted to `double`.
- Otherwise, if either operand has type `float`, the other operand is converted to `float`.
- Otherwise, the integral promotions are performed on both operands. Then, these rules are applied:
  - If either operand has type `unsigned long long int`, the other operator is converted to `unsigned long long int`.
  - If either operand has type `long long int`, the other operator is converted to `long long int`.
  - If either operand has type `unsigned long int`, the other operand is converted to `unsigned long int`.
  - Otherwise, when you compile with `-m64`, if one operand has type `long int` and the other has type `unsigned int`, both operands are converted to `unsigned long int`.
  - Otherwise, if either operand has type `long int`, the other operand is converted to `long int`.
  - Otherwise, if either operand has type `unsigned int`, the other operand is converted to `unsigned int`.
  - Otherwise, both operands have type `int`.

## 2.8 Case Ranges in Switch Statements

In standard C, a case label in a `switch` statement can have only one associated value. Oracle Developer Studio C allows an extension found in some compilers, known as *case ranges*.

A case range specifies a range of values to associate with an individual case label. The case range syntax is:

```
case low ... high :
```

A case range behaves as if case labels had been specified for each value in the given range from *low* to *high* inclusive. (If *low* and *high* are equal, the case range specifies only the one value.) The lower and upper values must conform to the requirements of the C standard, that is, they must be valid integer constant expressions (C standard 6.8.4.2). Case ranges and case labels can be freely intermixed, and multiple case ranges can be specified within a `switch` statement.

The following programming example illustrates case ranges in `switch` statements:

```
enum kind { alpha, number, white, other };  
enum kind char_class(char c)  
{
```

```

enum kind result;
switch(c) {
    case 'a' ... 'z':
    case 'A' ... 'Z':
        result = alpha;
        break;
    case '0' ... '9':
        result = number;
        break;
    case ' ':
    case '\n':
    case '\t':
    case '\r':
    case '\v':
        result = white;
        break;
    default:
        result = other;
        break;
}
return result; }

```

Error conditions in addition to existing requirements on case labels are as follows::

- If the value of low is greater than the value of high, the compiler rejects the code with an error message. Because the behavior of other compilers is not consistent, an error condition is the only way to ensure that programs will not behave differently when compiled by other compilers.
- If the value of a case label falls within a case range that has already been used in the switch statement, the compiler rejects the code with an error message.
- If case ranges overlap, the compiler rejects the code with an error message.

If an endpoint of a case range is a numeric literal, leave whitespace around the ellipsis (...) to avoid one of the dots being treated as a decimal point.

Example:

```

case 0...4; // error
case 5 ... 9; // ok

```

## 2.9 Assertions

A line of the form:

```
#assert predicate (token-sequence)
```

associates the *token-sequence* with the predicate in the assertion name space (separate from the space used for macro definitions). The predicate must be an identifier token.

```
#assert predicate
```

asserts that *predicate* exists, but does not associate any token sequence with it.

The compiler provides the following predefined predicates by default when `-pedantic` is not in effect:

```
#assert system (unix)
#assert machine (sparc)
#assert machine (i386)(x86)
#assert cpu (sparc)
#assert cpu (i386)(x86)
```

`lint` provides the following predefinition predicate by default when `-pedantic` is not in effect:

```
#assert lint (on)
```

Any assertion may be removed by using `#unassert`, which uses the same syntax as `assert`. Using `#unassert` with no argument deletes all assertions on the predicate; specifying an assertion deletes only that assertion.

An assertion may be tested in a `#if` statement with the following syntax:

```
#if #predicate(non-empty token-list)
```

For example, the predefined predicate `system` can be tested with the following line, which evaluates true.

```
#if #system(unix)
```

## 2.10 Supported Attributes

The compiler implements the following attributes (`__attribute__ ((keyword))`) for compatibility. Spelling the attribute keyword within double underscores, `__keyword__`, is also accepted.

<code>alias</code>	Makes a name an alias for a declared function or variable name
<code>aligned</code>	Roughly equivalent to <code>#pragma align</code> . Generates a warning and is ignored if used on variable length arrays.
<code>always_inline</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma inline</code> and <code>-xinline</code>

<code>cleanup</code> (cleanup function)	Causes the function specified with the attribute to be executed when the associated variable goes out of scope (exits the block in which it is declared). It can be applied only to auto function scope (local) variables, and cannot be applied to parameters or variables with static storage duration. The function must take one parameter, a pointer to a type compatible with the variable. The return value of the function (if any) is ignored. It is undefined what happens if the cleanup function does not return normally.
<code>const</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma no_side_effect</code>
<code>constructor</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma init</code> , except the constructor will only be called once.
<code>deprecated(msg)</code>	Results in a warning if the variable or function is used anywhere in the source file. The optional argument <i>msg</i> must be a string and will be included in the warning message if issued.
<code>destructor</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma fini</code>
<code>malloc</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma returns_new_memory</code>
<code>noinline</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma no_inline</code> and <code>-xinline</code>
<code>noreturn</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma does_not_return</code>
<code>pure</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma does_not_write_global_data</code>
<code>packed</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma pack()</code>
<code>returns_twice</code>	Equivalent to <code>#pragma unknown_control_flow</code>
<code>tls_model</code>	Sets the thread-local storage model. The <code>tls_model</code> argument should be one of <code>global-dynamic</code> , <code>local-dynamic</code> , <code>initial-exec</code> , or <code>local-exec</code> .
<code>vector_size</code>	Indicates that a variable or a type name (created using typedef) represents a vector.
<code>visibility</code>	Provides linker scoping as described in <a href="#">“2.3 Linker Scoping Specifiers” on page 33</a> . Syntax is: <code>__attribute__((visibility (“visibility-type”)))</code> , where <i>visibility-type</i> is one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>default</code>                    Same as <code>__global</code> linker scoping</li> </ul>

	hidden	Same as <code>__hidden</code> linker scoping
	internal	Same as <code>__symbolic</code> linker scoping
weak		Equivalent to <code>#pragma weak</code>

### 2.10.1 `__has_attribute` function-like macro

The predefined function-like macro

```
__has_attribute(attr)
```

evaluates to 1 if *attr* is a supported attribute. It evaluates to 0 otherwise. Example usage:

```
#ifndef __has_attribute // if we don't have __has_attribute, ignore it
    #define __has_attribute(x) 0
#endif
#if __has_attribute(deprecated)
    #define DEPRECATED __attribute__((deprecated))
#else
    #define DEPRECATED // attribute "deprecated" not available
#endif
void DEPRECATED old_func(int); // use the attribute if available
```

## 2.11 Warnings and Errors

The `#error` and `#warning` preprocessor directives can be used to generate compile-time diagnostics.

`#error token-string` Issue error diagnostic *token-string* and terminate compilation

`#warning token-string` Issue warning diagnostic *token-string* and continue compilation

## 2.12 Pragmas

Preprocessing lines of the following form specify implementation-defined actions.

```
#pragma pp-tokens
```

The following #pragmas are recognized by the compilation system. The compiler ignores unrecognized pragmas. Using the -v option will generate a warning for unrecognized pragmas.

## 2.12.1 align

```
#pragma align integer (variable[, variable])
```

The align pragma makes all the mentioned variables memory aligned to *integer* bytes, overriding the default. The following limitations apply:

- The *integer* value must be a power of 2 between 1 and 128. Valid values are: 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128.
- *variable* is a global or static variable.
- If the specified alignment is smaller than the default, the default is used.
- The pragma line must appear before the declaration of the variables which it mentions. Otherwise, it is ignored.
- Any variable that is mentioned but not declared in the text following the pragma line is ignored. For example:

```
#pragma align 64 (aninteger, astring, astruct)
int aninteger;
static char astring[256];
struct astruct{int a; char *b};
```

## 2.12.2 c99

```
#pragma c99("implicit" | "no%implicit")
```

This pragma controls diagnostics for implicit function declarations. If the c99 pragma value is set to "implicit" (note the use of quotation marks), a warning is generated when the compiler finds an implicit function declaration. If the c99 pragma value is set to "no%implicit" (note the use of quotation marks) the compiler silently accepts implicit function declaration until the pragma value is reset.

The value of the -std option affects the default state of this pragma. For -std=c11 or -std=c99, the default state is #pragma c99("implicit"). For -std=c89, the default state is #pragma c99("no%implicit").

### 2.12.3 `does_not_read_global_data`

```
#pragma does_not_read_global_data (funcname [, funcname])
```

This pragma asserts that the specified list of routines do not read global data directly or indirectly. This behavior results in better optimization of code around calls to such routines. In particular, assignment statements or stores could be moved around such calls.

The specified functions must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to this pragma. If the assertion about global access is not true, then the behavior of the program is undefined.

### 2.12.4 `does_not_return`

```
#pragma does_not_return (funcname [, funcname])
```

This pragma is an assertion to the compiler that the calls to the specified routines will not return. The compiler can then perform optimizations consistent with that assumption. For example, register life-times will terminate at the call sites, which in turn enables more optimizations.

If the specified function does return, then the behavior of the program is undefined. This pragma is permitted only after the specified functions are declared with a prototype or empty parameter list, as shown in the following example:

```
extern void exit(int);
#pragma does_not_return(exit)

extern void __assert(int);
#pragma does_not_return(__assert)
```

### 2.12.5 `does_not_write_global_data`

```
#pragma does_not_write_global_data (funcname [, funcname])
```

This pragma asserts that the specified list of routines do not write global data directly or indirectly. This behavior results in better optimization of code around calls to such routines. In particular, assignment statements or stores could be moved around such calls.

The specified functions must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to this pragma. If the assertion about global access is not true, then the behavior of the program is undefined.

## 2.12.6 dumpmacros

```
#pragma dumpmacros(value[,value...])
```

Use this pragma when you want to see how macros are behaving in your program. This pragma provides information such as macro defines, undefines, and instances of usage. It prints output to the standard error (`stderr`) based on the order macros are processed. The `dumpmacros` pragma is in effect through the end of the file or until it reaches a `#pragma end_dumpmacros`. See “[2.12.7 end\\_dumpmacros](#)” on page 46. The following table lists the possible values for *value*:

Value	Meaning
defs	Print all macro defines
undefs	Print all macro undefines
use	Print information about the macros used
loc	Print location (path name and line number) also for <code>defs</code> , <code>undefs</code> , and <code>use</code>
conds	Print use information for macros used in conditional directives
sys	Print all macros defines, undefines, and use information for macros in system header files

**Note** - The suboptions `loc`, `conds`, and `sys` are qualifiers for `defs`, `undefs` and `use` options. By themselves, `loc`, `conds`, and `sys` have no effect. For example, `#pragma dumpmacros(loc, conds, sys)` has no effect.

The `dumpmacros` pragma has the same effect as the command-line option, however, the pragma overrides the command-line option. See “[B.2.106 - xdumpmacros\[=value\[,value...\]\]](#)” on page 295.

The `dumpmacros` pragma does not nest so the following lines of code stop printing macro information when the `#pragma end_dumpmacros` is processed:

```
#pragma dumpmacros(defs, undefs)
#pragma dumpmacros(defs, undefs)
...
```

```
#pragma end_dumppmacros
```

The effect of the `dumppmacros` pragma is cumulative. The following lines

```
#pragma dumppmacros(defs, undefs)
#pragma dumppmacros(loc)
```

have the same effect as:

```
#pragma dumppmacros(defs, undefs, loc)
```

If you use the option `#pragma dumppmacros(use, no%loc)`, the name of each macro that is used is printed only once. If you use the option `#pragma dumppmacros(use, loc)`, the location and macro name is printed every time a macro is used.

## 2.12.7 end\_dumppmacros

```
#pragma end_dumppmacros
```

This pragma marks the end of a `dumppmacros` pragma and stops printing information about macros. If you do not use an `end_dumppmacros` pragma after a `dumppmacros` pragma, the `dumppmacros` pragma continues to generate output through the end of the file.

## 2.12.8 error\_messages

```
#pragma error_messages (on|off|default, tag... tag)
```

The `error_messages` pragma provides control within the source program over the messages issued by the C compiler and lint. For the C compiler, the pragma has an effect on warning messages only.

- `#pragma error_messages (on, tag... tag)`

The `on` option ends the scope of any preceding `#pragma error_messages` option, such as the `off` option, and overrides the effect of the `-erroff` option.
- `#pragma error_messages (off, tag... tag)`

The `off` option prevents the C compiler or the lint program from issuing the given messages beginning with the token specified in the pragma. The scope of the pragma for any specified error message remains in effect until overridden by another `error_messages` pragma, or the end of compilation.
- `#pragma error_messages (default, tag... tag)`

The default option ends the scope of any preceding `#pragma error_messages` directive for the specified tags.

- `#pragma error_messages` will not suppress messages issued by lint pass 2. See [“5.2 Using lint” on page 112](#) for more information about lint passes.

## 2.12.9 fini

```
#pragma fini (f1[, f2...,fn]
```

Causes the implementation to call functions *f1* to *fn* (finalization functions) after it calls `main()` routine. Such functions are expected to be of type `void` and to accept no arguments. They are called either when a program terminates under program control or when the containing shared object is removed from memory. As with initialization functions, finalization functions are executed in the order processed by the link editors.

You should be careful when a finalization function affects the global-program state. For example, unless an interface explicitly states what happens when you use a system-library finalization function, you should capture and restore any global state information, such as the value of `errno`, that the system-library finalization function may change.

Such functions are called once for every time they appear in a `#pragma fini` directive.

## 2.12.10 hdrstop

```
#pragma hdrstop
```

The `hdrstop` pragma must be placed after the last header file to identify the end of the viable prefix in each source file that is to share the same precompiled-header file. For example, consider the following files:

```
example% cat a.c
#include "a.h"
#include "b.h"
#include "c.h"
#include <stdio.h>
#include "d.h"
.
.
.
example% cat b.h
```

```
#include "a.h"  
#include "b.h"  
#include "c.h"
```

The viable source prefix ends at `c.h` so you would insert a `#pragma hdrstop` after `c.h` in each file.

`#pragma hdrstop` must only appear at the end of the viable prefix of a source file that is specified with the `cc` command. Do not specify `#pragma hdrstop` in any `include` file.

### 2.12.11 **ident**

```
#pragma ident string
```

Places *string* in the `.comment` section of the executable.

### 2.12.12 **init**

```
#pragma init (f1[, f2...fn])
```

Causes the implementation to call functions *f1* to *fn* (initialization functions) before it calls `main()`. Such functions are expected to be of type `void` and to accept no arguments. They are called while constructing the memory image of the program at the start of execution. Initializers in a shared object are executed during the operation that brings the shared object into memory, either at program startup or some dynamic loading operation, such as `dlopen()`. The only ordering of calls to initialization functions is the order in which they were processed by the link editors, both static and dynamic.

Take extra precautions when an initialization function affects the global-program state. For example, unless an interface explicitly states what happens when you use a system-library initialization-function, you should capture and restore any global state information, such as the value of `errno`, that the system-library initialization-function may change.

Such functions are called once for every time they appear in a `#pragma init` directive.

### 2.12.13 **inline**

```
#pragma [no_]inline (funcname[, funcname])
```

This pragma controls the inlining of routine names listed in the argument of the pragma. The scope of this pragma is over the entire file. Only global inlining control is allowed — call-site specific control is not permitted by this pragma.

`#pragma inline` provides a suggestion to the compiler to inline the calls in the current file that match the list of routines listed in the pragma. This suggestion may be ignored in certain situations. For example, the suggestion is ignored when the body of the function is in a different module and the crossfile option is not used.

`#pragma no_inline` provides a suggestion to the compiler not to inline the calls in the current file that match the list of routines listed in the pragma.

Both `#pragma inline` and `#pragma no_inline` are permitted only after the function is declared with a prototype or empty parameter list, as shown in the following example.

```
static void foo(int);
static int bar(int, char *);
#pragma inline(foo, bar)
```

For more information, see the descriptions of compiler options `-xldscope`, `-xinline`, `-x0`, and `-xipo`.

## 2.12.14 `int_to_unsigned`

```
#pragma int_to_unsigned (funcname)
```

For a function that returns a type of unsigned, in `-Xt` or `-Xs` mode, changes the function return to be of type `int`.

## 2.12.15 `must_have_frame`

```
#pragma must_have_frame(funcname[, funcname])
```

This pragma requests that the specified list of functions always be compiled to have a complete stack frame (as defined in the System V ABI). You must declare the prototype for a function before listing that function with this pragma.

```
extern void foo(int);
extern void bar(int);
#pragma must_have_frame(foo, bar)
```

This pragma is permitted only after the prototype for the specified functions is declared. The pragma must precede the end of the function.

```
void foo(int) {  
    .  
    #pragma must_have_frame(foo)  
    .  
    return;  
}
```

## 2.12.16 **nomemorydepend**

```
#pragma nomemorydepend
```

(SPARC) This pragma specifies that within any iteration of a loop, there are no memory dependences caused by references to the same memory address. This pragma enables the compiler to schedule instructions more effectively within a single iteration of a loop. If any memory dependences exist within any iteration of a loop, the results of executing the program are undefined. The compiler takes advantage of this information at optimization level of 3 or above.

The scope of this pragma begins with the pragma and ends with whichever of the following situations occurs first: the beginning of the next block, the next `for` loop within the current block, the end of the current block. The pragma applies to the next `for` loop prior to the end of the pragma's scope.

## 2.12.17 **no\_side\_effect**

```
#pragma no_side_effect(funcname [, funcname...])
```

*funcname* specifies the name of a function within the current translation unit. The function must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to the pragma. The pragma must be specified prior to the function's definition. For the named function, *funcname*, the pragma declares that the function has no side effects of any kind and returns a result value that depends only on the passed arguments. In addition, *funcname* and any called descendants behave as follows:

- Do not access for reading or writing any part of the program state visible in the caller at the point of the call.
- Do not perform I/O.

- Do not change any part of the program state not visible at the point of the call.

The compiler can use this information when doing optimizations using the function. If the function does have side effects, the results of executing a program that calls this function are undefined. The compiler takes advantage of this information at optimization level of 3 or above.

## 2.12.18 **opt**

```
#pragma opt level (funcname[, funcname])
```

*funcname* specifies the name of a function defined within the current translation unit. The value of *level* specifies the optimization level for the named function. You can assign optimization levels 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. You can disable optimization by setting *level* to 0. The functions must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to the pragma. The pragma must precede the definitions of the functions to be optimized.

The level of optimization for any function listed in the pragma is reduced to the value of `-xmaxopt`. The pragma is ignored when `-xmaxopt=off`.

## 2.12.19 **pack**

```
#pragma pack(n)
```

Use `#pragma pack(n)` to affect member packing of a structure or a union. By default, members of a structure or union are aligned on their natural boundaries; one byte for a char, two bytes for a short, four bytes for an integer, and so on. If *n* is present, it must be a power of 2 specifying the strictest natural alignment for any structure or union member. Zero is not accepted.

The `#pragma pack(n)` directive applies to all structure or union definitions that follow it until the next `pack` directive. If the same structure or union is defined in different translation units with different packing, your program may fail in unpredictable ways. In particular, you should not use `#pragma pack(n)` prior to including a header that defines the interface of a precompiled library. The recommended usage of `#pragma pack(n)` is to place it in your program code immediately before any structure or union to be packed. Follow the packed structure immediately with `#pragma pack()`.

You can use `#pragma pack(n)` to specify an alignment boundary for a structure or union member. For example, `#pragma pack(2)` aligns `int`, `long`, `long long`, `float`, `double`, `long double`, and pointers on two byte boundaries instead of their natural alignment boundaries.

If  $n$  is the same or greater than the strictest alignment on your platform, (four on x86 with `-m32`, eight on SPARC with `-m32`, and 16 with `-m64`), the directive has the effect of natural alignment. Also, if  $n$  is omitted, member alignment reverts to the natural alignment boundaries.

Note that when you use `#pragma pack`, the alignment of the packed structure or union itself is the same as its more strictly aligned member. Therefore any declaration of that `struct` or union will be at the pack alignment. For example, a `struct` with only chars has no alignment restrictions, whereas a `struct` containing a double would be aligned on an 8-byte boundary.

---

**Note** - If you use `#pragma pack` to align `struct` or union members on boundaries other than their natural boundaries, accessing these fields usually leads to a bus error on SPARC. To avoid this error, be sure to also specify the `-xmemalign` option. See [“B.2.139 - `xmemalign=ab`” on page 320](#), for the optimal way to compile such programs.

---

```
#pragma pack(push[,n])
```

Use `#pragma pack(push[,n])` to push the current alignment setting onto an internal stack and optionally set the new alignment with the given value of  $n$ .

```
#pragma pack(pop)
```

Use `#pragma pack(pop)` to set the alignment to the last value saved onto the internal stack via a previous push and remove, or pop, that stack entry.

---

**Note** - `#pragma pack(n)` does not affect the internal stack.

---

## 2.12.20 pipelooop

```
#pragma pipelooop(n)
```

This pragma accepts a positive constant integer value, or 0, for the argument  $n$ . This pragma specifies that a loop can be pipelined and the minimum dependence distance of the loop-carried dependence is  $n$ . If the distance is 0, then the loop is effectively a Fortran-style `doall` loop and should be pipelined on the target processors. If the distance is greater than 0, then the compiler (pipeliner) will only try to pipeline  $n$  successive iterations. The compiler takes advantage of this information at optimization level of 3 or above.

The scope of this pragma begins with the pragma and ends with whichever of the following situations occurs first: the beginning of the next block, the next for loop within the current block, the end of the current block. The pragma applies to the next for loop prior to the end of the pragma's scope.

## 2.12.21 rarely\_called

```
#pragma rarely_called(funcname[, funcname])
```

This pragma provides a hint to the compiler that the specified functions are called infrequently. The compiler can then perform profile-feedback style optimizations on the call-sites of such routines without the overhead of a profile-collections phase. Because this pragma is a suggestion, the compiler can choose not to perform any optimizations based on this pragma.

The specified functions must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to this pragma. The following example shows `#pragma rarely_called`:

```
extern void error (char *message);
#pragma rarely_called(error)
```

## 2.12.22 redefine\_extname

```
#pragma redefine_extname old_extname new_extname
```

This pragma causes every externally defined occurrence of the name *old\_extname* in the object code to be replaced by *new\_extname*. As a result, the linker sees the name *new\_extname* only at link time. If `#pragma redefine_extname` is encountered after the first use of *old\_extname*, as a function definition, an initializer, or an expression, the effect is undefined. (This pragma is not supported in `-Xs` mode.)

When `#pragma redefine_extname` is available, the compiler provides a definition of the predefined macro `__PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME`, which you can use to write portable code that works both with and without `#pragma redefine_extname`.

`#pragma redefine_extname` provides an efficient means of redefining a function interface when the name of the function cannot be changed. For example, if the original function definition must be maintained in a library for compatibility with existing programs along with a new definition of the same function for use by new programs, you can add the new function definition to the library by a new name. Subsequently, the header file that declares the function uses `#pragma redefine_extname` so that all of the uses of the function are linked with the new definition of that function.

```
#if defined(__STDC__)

#ifdef __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME
extern int myroutine(const long *, int *);
#endif
#endif
```

```

#pragma redefine_extname myroutine __fixed_myroutine
#else /* __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME */

static int
myroutine(const long * arg1, int * arg2)
{
    extern int __myroutine(const long *, int*);
    return (__myroutine(arg1, arg2));
}
#endif /* __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME */

#else /* __STDC__ */

#ifdef __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME
extern int myroutine();
#pragma redefine_extname myroutine __fixed_myroutine
#else /* __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME */

static int
myroutine(arg1, arg2)
    long *arg1;
    int *arg2;
{
    extern int __fixed_myroutine();
    return (__fixed_myroutine(arg1, arg2));
}
#endif /* __PRAGMA_REDEFINE_EXTNAME */

#endif /* __STDC__ */

```

## 2.12.23 returns\_new\_memory

```

#pragma returns_new_memory (funcname[, funcname])

```

This pragma asserts that the return value of the specified functions does not alias with any memory at the call site. In effect, this call returns a new memory location. This information enables the optimizer to better track pointer values and clarify memory location, resulting in improved scheduling, pipelining, and parallelization of loops. However, if the assertion is false, the behavior of the program is undefined.

This pragma is permitted only after the specified functions are declared with a prototype or empty parameter list as shown in the following example.

```

void *malloc(unsigned);
#pragma returns_new_memory(malloc)

```

## 2.12.24 unknown\_control\_flow

```
#pragma unknown_control_flow (funcname[, funcname])
```

To describe procedures that alter the flow graphs of their callers, use the `#pragma unknown_control_flow` directive. Typically, this directive accompanies declarations of functions like `setjmp()`. On Oracle Solaris systems, the include file `<setjmp.h>` contains the following code:

```
extern int setjmp();
#pragma unknown_control_flow(setjmp)
```

Other functions with properties like those of `setjmp()` must be declared similarly.

In principle, an optimizer that recognizes this attribute could insert the appropriate edges in the control flow graph, thus handling function calls safely in functions that call `setjmp()` while maintaining the ability to optimize code in unaffected parts of the flow graph.

The specified functions must be declared with a prototype or empty parameter list prior to this pragma.

## 2.12.25 unroll

```
#pragma unroll (unroll_factor)
```

This pragma accepts a positive constant integer value for the argument *unroll\_factor*. Setting *unroll\_factor* other than 1 serves as a suggestion to the compiler that the specified loop should be unrolled by the given factor when possible. If *unroll\_factor* is 1, this directive commands the compiler that the not to unroll the loop. The compiler takes advantage of this information at optimization levels 3 or above.

The scope of this pragma begins with the pragma and ends with whichever of the following situations occurs first: the beginning of the next block, the next `for` loop within the current block, the end of the current block. The pragma applies to the next `for` loop prior to the end of the pragma's scope.

## 2.12.26 warn\_missing\_parameter\_info

```
#pragma [no_]warn_missing_parameter_info
```

When you specify `#pragma warn_missing_parameter_info`, the compiler issues a warning for a function call whose function declaration contains no parameter type information. Consider the following example:

```
example% cat -n t.c
 1  #pragma warn_missing_parameter_info
 2
 3  int foo();
 4
 5  int bar () {
 6
 7      int i;
 8
 9      i = foo(i);
10
11      return i;
12  }
% cc t.c -c -errtags
"t.c", line 9: warning: function foo has no prototype (E_NO_MISSED_PARAMS_ALLOWED)
example%
```

`#pragma no_warn_missing_parameter_info` turns off the effect of any previous `#pragma warn_missing_parameter_info`.

By default, `#pragma no_warn_missing_parameter_info` is in effect.

## 2.12.27 weak

```
#pragma weak symbol1 [= symbol2]
```

This pragma defines a *weak global symbol*. It is used mainly when building libraries. The linker does not produce an error message if it is unable to resolve a weak symbol.

```
#pragma weak symbol
```

defines *symbol* to be a weak symbol. The linker does not produce an error message if it does not find a definition for *symbol*.

```
#pragma weak symbol1 = symbol2
```

defines *symbol1* to be a weak symbol, which is an alias for the symbol *symbol2*. This form of the pragma can only be used in the same translation unit where *symbol2* is defined, either in the source files or one of its included header files. Otherwise, a compilation error will result.

If your program calls but does not define *symbol1* and *symbol1* is a weak symbol in a library being linked, the linker uses the definition from that library. However, if your program defines

its own version of *symbol1*, then the program's definition is used and the weak global definition of *symbol1* in the library is not used. If the program directly calls *symbol2*, the definition from the library is used. A duplicate definition of *symbol2* causes an error.

## 2.13 Predefined Names

A current list of predefinitions is given in the `cc(1)` man page.

The `__STDC__` identifier is predefined as an object-like macro as shown in the following table.

**TABLE 4** Predefined Identifier `__STDC__` on Oracle Solaris

Expands to:	When compiled with
1	-Xc or -pedantic
0	-Xa,-Xt or -std without -pedantic flag
<i>Not defined</i>	-Xs

On Oracle Linux the compiler predefines `__STDC__` to expand to 1.

The compiler issues a warning if `__STDC__` is undefined (`#undef __STDC__`). `__STDC__` is not defined in -Xs mode.

## 2.14 Preserving the Value of `errno`

With `-fast`, the compiler is free to replace calls to floating-point functions with equivalent optimized code that does not set the `errno` variable. Further, `-fast` also defines the macro `__MATHERR_ERRNO_DONTCARE`, which requests the compiler ignore ensuring the validity of `errno` and floating-point exceptions raised. As a result, user code that relies on the value of `errno` or an appropriate floating-point exception after a floating-point function call could produce inconsistent results.

One way around this problem is to avoid compiling such codes with `-fast`. However, if `-fast` optimization is required and the code depends on the value of `errno` being set properly after floating-point library calls, you should compile with the following options

```
-xbuiltin=none -U__MATHERR_ERRNO_DONTCARE -xnolibmopt -xnolibmil
```

These options should follow `-fast` on the command line to inhibit the compiler from optimizing out such library calls and to ensure that `errno` is handled properly.

## 2.15 Extensions

The C compiler implements a number of extensions to the C language.

### 2.15.1 `_Restrict` Keyword

The C compiler supports the `_Restrict` keyword as an equivalent to the `restrict` keyword in the C99 standard. The `_Restrict` keyword is available with any `-std` flag value when `-pedantic` is not specified, whereas the `restrict` keyword is only available with `-std=c99` or `-std=c11`.

For more information about supported C11 features, see [Appendix C, “Features of C11”](#).

For more information about supported C99 features, see [Appendix D, “Features of C99”](#).

### 2.15.2 `__asm` Keyword

The `__asm` keyword (note the initial double-underscore) is a synonym for the `asm` keyword. The compiler will issue a warning for uses of the `asm` keyword when `-pedantic` is in effect. Use `__asm` to avoid these warnings. The `__asm` statement has the form:

```
__asm("string");
```

where *string* is a valid assembly language statement.

The statement emits the given assembler text directly into the assembly file. A basic `asm` statement declared at file scope, rather than function scope, is referred to as a *global asm statement*. Other compilers refer to this as a *oplevel asm statement*.

Global `asm` statements are emitted in the order they are specified, retaining their order relative to each other and maintaining their position relative to surrounding functions.

At higher optimization levels, the compiler may remove functions that it has determined are not referenced. Because the compiler cannot evaluate which functions are referenced from within global assembly language statements, they might be removed inadvertently.

Note that extended `asm` statements, those which provide a template and operand specifications, are not allowed to be global. `__asm` and `__asm__` are synonyms for the `asm` keyword and can be used interchangeably.

When specifying architecture-specific instructions it might be necessary to specify an appropriate `-xarch` value to avoid compilation errors.

### 2.15.3 `__inline` and `__inline__`

`__inline` and `__inline__` are synonyms for the `inline` keyword (C standard, section 6.4.1)

### 2.15.4 `__builtin_constant_p()`

`__builtin_constant_p` is a compiler builtin function. It takes a single numeric argument and returns 1 if the argument is a compile-time constant. A return value of 0 means that the compiler can not determine whether the argument is a compile-time constant. A typical use of this built-in function is in manual compile-time optimizations in macros.

### 2.15.5 `__FUNCTION__` and `__PRETTY_FUNCTION__`

`__FUNCTION__` and `__PRETTY_FUNCTION__` are predefined identifiers that contain the name of the lexically enclosing function. They are functionally equivalent to the predefined identifier, `__func__`. On Oracle Solaris platforms, `__FUNCTION__` and `__PRETTY_FUNCTION__` are not available in `-Xs` and `-Xc` modes or when `-pedantic` is in effect.

### 2.15.6 `untyped _Complex`

As an extension, `untyped _Complex` now defaults to `double _Complex` under the default language standard option. With `-pedantic` (strict conformance with errors/warnings for non-ANSI constructs), a warning is generated.

### 2.15.7 `__alignof__`

The `__alignof__` operator allows you to inquire about how an object is aligned, or the minimum alignment usually required by a type. Its syntax is just like `sizeof`.

For example, `__alignof__ (float)` is 4.

If the operand of `__alignof__` is an object rather than a type, its value is the required alignment for its type, taking into account any minimum alignment specified with an alignment related `__attribute__` extension.

## 2.15.8 `__atomic` built-ins

The Oracle Developer Studio C compiler implements the gcc `__atomic` built-in functions for memory model aware atomic operations.

## 2.16 Environment Variables

This section lists environment variables that enable you to control the compilation and runtime environment.

See also the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for descriptions of environment variables related to OpenMP and automatic parallelization.

### 2.16.1 `SUN_PROFDATA`

Controls the name of the file in which the `-xprofile=collect` command stores execution-frequency data.

### 2.16.2 `SUN_PROFDATA_DIR`

Controls in which directory the `-xprofile=collect` command places the execution-frequency data file.

### 2.16.3 `TMPDIR`

`cc` normally creates temporary files in the directory `/tmp`. You can specify another directory by setting the environment variable `TMPDIR` to the directory of your choice. However, if `TMPDIR` is not a valid directory, `cc` uses `/tmp`. The `-xtemp` option has precedence over the `TMPDIR` environment variable.

Bourne shell:

```
$ TMPDIR=dir; export TMPDIR
```

C shell:

```
% setenv TMPDIR dir
```

## 2.17 How to Specify Include Files

To include any of the standard header files supplied with the C compilation system, use this format:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

The angle brackets (<>) cause the preprocessor to search for the header file in the standard place for header files on your system, usually the `/usr/include` directory.

The format is different for header files that you have stored in your own directories:

```
#include "header.h"
```

For statements of the form `#include "foo.h"` (where quotation marks are used), the compiler searches for include files in the following order:

1. The current directory (that is, the directory containing the “including” file)
2. The directories named with `-I` options, if any
3. The `/usr/include` directory

If your header file is not in the same directory as the source files that include it, use the `-I` compiler option to specify the path of the directory in which it is stored. For instance, suppose you have included both `stdio.h` and `header.h` in the source file `mycode.c`:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
#include "header.h"
```

Suppose further that `header.h` is stored in the directory `../defs`. You might then want to use this command:

```
% cc -I../defs mycode.c
```

It directs the preprocessor to search for `header.h` first in the directory containing `mycode.c`, then in the directory `../defs`, and finally in the standard place. It also directs the preprocessor to search for `stdio.h` first in `../defs`, then in the standard place. The difference is that the

current directory is searched only for header files whose names you have enclosed in quotation marks.

You can specify the `-I` option more than once on the `cc` command-line. The preprocessor searches the specified directories in the order they appear. You can specify multiple options to `cc` on the same command line:

```
% cc -o prog -I ./defs mycode.c
```

## 2.17.1 Using the `-I` Option to Change the Search Algorithm

The `-I` option gives more control over the default search rules. Only the first `-I` option on the command line works as described in this section.

`include` files of the form `#include "foo.h"`, search the directories in the following order:

1. The directories named with `-I` options (both before and after `-I`).
2. The directories for compiler-provided C++ header files, ANSI C header files, and special-purpose files.
3. The `/usr/include` directory.

`include` files of the form `#include <foo.h>`, search the directories in the following order:

1. The directories named in the `-I` options that appear after `-I`.
2. The directories for compiler-provided C++ header files, ANSI C header files, and special-purpose files.
3. The `/usr/include` directory.

The following example shows the results of using `-I` when compiling `prog.c`.

```
prog.c
#include "a.h"

#include <b.h>

#include "c.h"

c.h
#ifndef _C_H_1

#define _C_H_1
```

```
int c1;

#endif

int/a.h
#ifndef _A_H

#define _A_H

#include "c.h"

int a;

#endif

int/b.h
#ifndef _B_H

#define _B_H

#include <c.h>

int b;

#endif
int/c.h
#ifndef _C_H_2

#define _C_H_2

int c2;

#endif
```

The following command shows the default behavior of searching the current directory (the directory of the including file) for include statements of the form `#include "foo.h"`. When processing the `#include "c.h"` statement in `inc/a.h`, the preprocessor includes the `c.h` header file from the `inc` subdirectory. When processing the `#include "c.h"` statement in `prog.c`, the preprocessor includes the `c.h` file from the directory containing `prog.c`. Note that the `-H` option instructs the compiler to print the paths of the included files.

```
example% cc -c -Iinc -H prog.c
inc/a.h          inc/c.h
inc/b.h          inc/c.h
```

```
c.h
```

The next command shows the effect of the `-I` option. The preprocessor does not look in the including directory first when it processes statements of the form `#include "foo.h"`. Instead, it searches the directories named by the `-I` options in the order that they appear in the command line. When processing the `#include "c.h"` statement in `inc/a.h`, the preprocessor includes the `./c.h` header file instead of the `inc/c.h` header file.

```
example% cc -c -I. -I- -Iinc -H prog.c
inc/a.h
        ./c.h
inc/b.h
        inc/c.h
./c.h
```

### 2.17.1.1 Warnings

Never specify the compiler installation area, `/usr/include`, `/lib`, or `/usr/lib`, as search directories.

For more information, see [“B.2.40 -I\[- |dir\]” on page 258](#).

## 2.18 Compiling in Free-Standing Environments

The Oracle Developer Studio C compiler supports compilation of programs that link with the standard C library and execute in a runtime environment that includes the standard C library and other runtime support libraries. The C standard terms such an environment a *hosted* environment. An environment that does not provide the standard library functions is termed a *free-standing* environment.

The C compiler does not support the general case of compilation for free-standing environments because certain runtime support functions that might be called from compiled code are generally available only in the standard C library. The problem is that source code translation by the compiler may introduce calls to runtime support functions in source code constructs that do not contain function calls and these functions are generally not available for use in a freestanding environment. Consider the following example:

```
% cat -n lldiv.c
1 void
2 lldiv(
3     long long *x,
4     long long *y,
```

```

5     long long *z)
6 {
7     *z = *x / *y ;
8 }
% cc -c -m32 lldiv.c
% nm lldiv.o | grep " U "
0x00000000 U __div64
% cc -c -m64 lldiv.c
% nm lldiv.o | grep " U "

```

In this example, when the source file `lldiv.c` is compiled to run on a 32-bit platform using the `-m32` option, translation of the statement at line 7 results in an external reference to a runtime support function named `__div64`, which is only available in the 32-bit version of the standard C library.

When the same source file is compiled to run on a 64-bit platform using the `-m64` option, the compiler uses the target machine's 64-bit arithmetic instruction set, obviating the need for a runtime support function in the 64-bit version of the standard C library.

Although the use of the C compiler to target a free-standing environment is not supported in the general case, the compiler can be used, with caveats, to compile code for a particular freestanding environment, namely the Oracle Solaris kernel and device drivers.

Code that runs in the Oracle Solaris kernel, including device drivers, must be written so that external function calls reference only functions that are available within the kernel. To make this possible, the following guidelines are recommended:

- Do not include header files for libraries that run only in user mode.
- Do not call functions in the standard C library or in other user mode libraries unless the same function is known to exist in the kernel.
- Do not use floating point or complex types.
- Do not use compiler options associated with runtime support libraries (such as, `-xprofile`, `-xopenmp`, and `-xautopar`).

Relocatable object files associated with particular compiler options are documented in the FILES section of the `cc(1)` man page. Runtime support libraries associated with C compiler options are documented under the descriptions of the associated options.

As noted previously, the compiler might generate calls to runtime support functions as a result of source code translation. For the specific case of the Oracle Solaris kernel, the set of runtime support functions that might be called is smaller than the general case, since the kernel does not use floating-point or complex types, math library functions, or compiler options associated with runtime support libraries.

The following table lists runtime support functions that may be called in code compiled to run in the Oracle Solaris kernel as a result of source code translation by the C compiler. The table

lists platforms on which source code translation generates calls, names of called functions, and source constructs or compiler features that cause generation of function calls. Only 64-bit platforms are listed, since all versions of Oracle Solaris that support the C compiler run a 64-bit kernel.

When compiling for 32-bit instruction sets, additional machine-specific support functions may be called, due to specific limitations of the instruction set.

**TABLE 5** Runtime Support Functions

Function	64-bit Platform	Reference From
<code>__align_cpy_n</code>	SPARC	returning large structs; <i>n</i> is 1,2,4,8, or 16
<code>_memcpy</code>	x86	returning large structs
<code>_memcpy</code>	x86 and SPARC	vectorization
<code>_memmove</code>	x86 and SPARC	vectorization
<code>_memset</code>	x86 and SPARC	vectorization

Note that some versions of the kernel do not provide `_memmove()`, `_memcpy()`, or `_memset()`, but do provide kernel mode analogues of the user mode routines `memmove()`, `memcpy()`, and `memset()`.

It is important to note that when compiling Oracle Solaris kernel code for x86 platforms, the option `-xvector=%none` must be used. By default, the C compiler generates code using XMM registers on x86 platforms to improve performance of general user applications, including applications that do not use C floating point arithmetic types. Use of XMM registers is inappropriate for kernel code.

Additional information can be found in the *Writing Device Drivers Guide*, and the *SPARC Compliance Definition*, version 2.4.

## 2.19 Compiler Support for Intel MMX and Extended x86 Platform Intrinsics

Prototypes declared in the `mmintrin.h` header file support the Intel MMX intrinsics, and are provided for compatibility.

Specific header files provide prototypes for additional extended platform intrinsics, as shown in [Table 6, “MMX and Extended x86 Intrinsics,” on page 67](#). Include these header files in

your source code like any other system header file; that is, `#include <header>` where `header.h` is one of the files listed in Table 6, “MMX and Extended x86 Intrinsics,” on page 67. To find the location of these header files to examine their content, use the `-H` flag when compiling with the C compiler. For example:

```
% cat t.c
#include <xmintrin.h>
% cc -H t.c -c
/opt/studio/lib/compilers/include/cc/xmintrin.h
/opt/studio/lib/compilers/include/cc/sys/xmintrin.h
/opt/studio/lib/compilers/include/cc/sys/mmmintrin.h
/opt/studio/lib/compilers/include/cc/sys/sunmedia_types.h
%
```

**TABLE 6** MMX and Extended x86 Intrinsics

x86 Platform	Header File
SSE	<code>mmmintrin.h</code>
SSE2	<code>xmintrin.h</code>
SSE3	<code>pmmintrin.h</code>
SSSE3	<code>tmintrin.h</code>
SSE4A	<code>ammintrin.h</code>
SSE4.1	<code>smmintrin.h</code>
SSE4.2	<code>nmmintrin.h</code>
AES encryption and PCLMULQDQ	<code>wmintrin.h</code>
AVX, CORE-AVX-I, AVX2	<code>immintrin.h</code>

Each header file includes the prototypes before it in the table. For example, on an SSE4.1 platform, including `smmintrin.h` in the user program declares the intrinsic names supporting SSE4 .1, SSSE3, SSE3, SSE2, SSE, and MMX platforms because `smmintrin.h` includes `tmintrin.h`, which includes `pmmintrin.h`, and so on down to `mmmintrin.h`.

Note that `ammintrin.h` is published by AMD and is not included in any of the Intel intrinsic headers. `ammintrin.h` includes `pmmintrin.h`, so by including `ammintrin.h`, all AMD SSE4A as well as Intel SSE3, SSE2, SSE and MMX functions are declared.

Alternatively, the single Oracle Developer Studio header file `sunmedia_intrin.h` includes declarations from all the Intel header files, but does not include the AMD header file `ammintrin.h`.

Be aware that code deployed on a host platform (for example, SSE3) that calls any super-set intrinsic function (for example, for AVX) will not load on Oracle Solaris platforms and could

fail with undefined behavior or incorrect results on Oracle Linux platforms. Deploy programs that call these platform-specific intrinsics only on the platforms that support them.

These are system header files and should appear in your program as shown in this example:

```
#include <nmmintrin.h>
```

Refer to the latest Intel C++ compiler reference guides for details on these intrinsics.

## 2.20 Compiler Support for SPARC64™X and SPARC64™X+ Platform Intrinsics

Oracle Developer Studio compilers provide intrinsic types and functions to support special features that SPARC64™X and SPARC64™X+ have, namely, SIMD data and Decimal Floating-Point numbers.

You must specify both `-xarch=[sparcace|sparcaceplus]` and `-m64` options to compile source files which use these intrinsics.

### 2.20.1 SIMD Intrinsics

The SIMD data provided by SPARC64™X and SPARC64™X+ can hold a pair of double or unsigned long long values. The compiler has a few intrinsic types and functions to handle these data.

#### 2.20.1.1 Types and Operations

Prototypes declared in the `sparcace_types.h` header file support the following two SIMD data types that SPARC64™X and SPARC64™X+ provide:

`__m128d` a pair of double-precision floating-point numbers

`__m128i` a pair of signed/unsigned 64-bit integers

SIMD data type

- is handled as a basic type, not aggregate; it has no internal structures. You need to use a intrinsic function to get a part of the data.
- can be modified with type modifiers: `const` and/or `volatile`.

- can be specified with storage class specifiers: `auto`, `static`, `register`, `extern` and/or `typedef`.
- can be elements of an aggregate: `array`, `struct` and/or `union`.

SIMD data type variables can be any of the following:

- a formal parameter of a function
- an actual argument of a function call
- the return value of a function
- lhs or rhs of assignment operator "="
- the operand of address operator "&"
- the operand of `sizeof` operator
- the operand of `typeof` operator

Literal syntax is not supported for SIMD data types; you can build a SIMD data type constant with a proper intrinsic function.

### 2.20.1.2 Extensions to the Application Binary Interface

Passing/receiving a SIMD value to/from a function

Up to the first 8 SIMD arguments are passed via floating-point registers. The first halves of SIMD arguments occupy `%d0`, `%d4`, `%d8`, ..., `%d28`. The second halves of SIMD arguments occupy `%d256`, `%d260`, `%d264`, ..., `%d284`. If there are nine or more SIMD arguments, they are passed via the stack area.

Returning a SIMD value from a function

The first half of a SIMD return value appears in `%d0`. The second half appears in `%d256`.

Storing a SIMD value in memory

A SIMD type value should be stored at a 16 byte-aligned address in order to be loaded/stored with SIMD `load(ldd,s)/store(std,s)`.

### 2.20.1.3 Intrinsic functions

The intrinsic functions declared in the `sparcace_types.h` header file are as follows:

```
__m128d __sparcace_set_m128d(double a, double b)
```

This function builds an `__m128d` type data from a pair of double-precision floating-point numbers and returns the object.

`__m128d_mm_set_pd(double z, double y)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_set_m128d()`.

`__m128i__sparcace_set_m128i(unsigned long long a, unsigned long long b)`

This function builds an `__m128i` type data from a pair of unsigned long long type numbers and returns the object.

`__m128i_mm_set_epi64x(long long a, long long b)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_set_m128i()`.

`double __sparcace_extract_m128d(__m128d a, int imm)`

This function extracts a double-precision floating-point number from the `__m128d` type data passed as the first parameter. The value extracted is controlled by the second parameter. The second parameter must be an integer and must be a constant of 0 or 1.

`unsigned long long __sparcace_extract_m128i(__m128i a, int imm)`

This function extracts an unsigned long long type number from the `__m128i` type data passed as the first parameter. The value extracted is controlled by the second parameter. The second parameter must be an integer and must be a constant of 0 or 1.

`long long mm_extract_epi64(__m128i a, const int imm)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_extract_m128i()`.

`__m128i__sparcace_cast_m128d_m128i(__m128d a)`

This function returns a `__m128i` type value which has exactly the same bit pattern of the parameter.

`__m128i_mm_castpd_si128(__m128d in)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_cast_m128d_m128i()`.

`__m128d__sparcace_cast_m128i_m128d(__m128i a)`

This function returns a `__m128d` type value which has exactly the same bit pattern of the parameter.

`__m128d_mm_castsi128_pd(__m128i in)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_cast_m128i_m128d()`.

`__m128d__sparcace_fdivd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function executes two double-precision divisions serially and produce a `__m128d` result of the first parameter divided by the second.

```
__m128d __mm_div_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fdivd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fshiftorx_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This function executes logical right or left shift on the first and second parameter, masked the fragments out of them and bitwise-or them together to produce a `__m128d` result. The shift width mask width and mask offset are given as the third parameter.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fshiftorx_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b, __m128i c)
```

This function executes logical right or left shift on the first and second parameter, masked the fragments out of them and bitwise-or them together to produce a `__m128i` result. The shift width mask width and mask offset are given as the third parameter.

```
void __sparcace_stdfr_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d *p)
```

This function stores each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the 16 byte-aligned address pointed to by the third parameter if the MSB of the corresponding floating-point number of the second parameter is one. Otherwise does nothing.

```
void __sparcace_stdfr_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b, __m128i *p)
```

This function stores each unsigned long long type number of the first parameter to the 16 byte-aligned address pointed to by the third parameter if the MSB of the corresponding unsigned long long type number of the second parameter is one. Otherwise does nothing.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fandnot1_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise AND operation between the first parameter inverted and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fandnot1_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise AND operation between the first parameter inverted and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_andnot_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fandnot1_m128d()`.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fandnot1_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise AND operation between the first parameter inverted and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128i __mm_andnot_si128(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fandnot1_m128i()`.

```
__m128i_mm_andnot_si128(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fandnot1_m128i()`.

```
__m128d_sparcace_fand_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise AND operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d_mm_and_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fand_m128d()`.

```
__m128i_sparcace_fand_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise AND operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128i_mm_and_si128(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fand_m128i()`.

```
__m128d_sparcace_fnand_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise NAND operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i_sparcace_fnand_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise NAND operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128d_sparcace_fnor_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise NOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i_sparcace_fnor_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise NOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128d_sparcace_fnot1_m128d(__m128d a)
```

This function performs bitwise inversion operation of the first parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i_sparcace_fnot1_m128i(__m128i a)
```

This function performs bitwise inversion operation of the first parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fone_m128d()
```

This function produces a `__m128d` result whose bits are all 1.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fone_m128i()
```

This function produces a `__m128i` result whose bits are all 1.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fornot1_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise OR operation between the first parameter inverted and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fornot1_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise OR operation between the first parameter inverted and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128d __sparcace_for_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise OR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_or_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_for_m128d()`.

```
__m128i __sparcace_for_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise OR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128i __mm_or_si128(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_for_m128i()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fxnor_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise XNOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fxnor_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function performs bitwise XNOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fxor_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function performs bitwise XOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_xor_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fxor_m128d()`.

`__m128i __sparcace_fxor_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function performs bitwise XOR operation between the first parameter and the second parameter to produce a `__m128i` result.

`__m128i __mm_xor_si128(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fxor_m128i()`.

`__m128d __sparcace_fzero_m128d()`

This function produces a `__m128d` result whose bits are all 0.

`__m128d __mm_setzero_pd()`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fzero_m128d()`.

`__m128i __sparcace_fzero_m128i()`

This function produces a `__m128i` result whose bits are all 0.

`__m128i __mm_setzero_si128()`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fzero_m128i()`.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpeqd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is equal to the second one.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpqed_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is equal to the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmlped_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is less than or equal to the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmlted_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter.

All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is less than the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpned_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is not equal to the second one.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpneed_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is not equal to the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpgtd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is greater than the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fcmpgeed_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function compares each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter to the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the second parameter. All the bits of the corresponding double-precision floating-point number of the `__m128d` result are set to 1 if the first one is greater than or equal to the second one. An Exception will be raised if unordered.

`__m128d __sparcace_fselmovd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)`

This function produces a `__m128d` result by copying each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter, regarding the MSB's of the third parameter.

`__m128i __sparcace_fselmovd_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b, __m128i c)`

This function produces a `__m128d` result by copying each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter, regarding the MSB's of the third parameter.

`__m128d __sparcace_fabsd_m128d(__m128d a)`

This function produces a `__m128d` result which has the absolute value of the parameter.

```
__m128d __sparcace_faddd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function executes addition to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_add_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_faddd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fmaddd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This function executes  $(a * b + c)$  operation with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first, second and third parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_fmadd_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fmaddd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fmsubd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This function executes  $(a * b - c)$  with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first, second and third parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_fmsub_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fmsubd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fnmsubd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This function executes  $-(a * b - c)$  with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first, second and third parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_fnmadd_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fnmsubd_m128d()`. CAUTION: this is not an alias to `__sparcace_fnmaddd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fnmaddd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This function executes  $-(a * b + c)$  with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first, second and third parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_fnmsub_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b, __m128d c)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fnmaddd_m128d()`. CAUTION: this is not an alias to `__sparcace_fnmsubd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fmaxd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function produces a `__m128d` result by copying the maximum values of each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

```
__m128d __mm_max_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fmaxd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fmind_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function produces a `__m128d` result by copying the minimum values of each double-precision floating-point number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

```
__m128d __mm_min_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fmind_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fmuld_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function executes multiplication to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_mul_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fmuld_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fnegd_m128d(__m128d a)
```

This function negates the value of the parameter.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fsubd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This function executes subtraction to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128d __mm_sub_pd(__m128d a, __m128d b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fsubd_m128d()`.

```
__m128d __sparcace_fxtod_m128i_m128d(__m128i a)
```

This function converts a pair of unsigned `long long` type values in the `__m128i` type parameter into a pair of double-precision floating-point numbers in a `__m128d` type result.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fdtox_m128d_m128i(__m128d a)
```

This function converts a pair of double-precision floating-point numbers in a `__m128d` type values into a pair of unsigned `long long` in the `__m128i` type parameter type result.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpmaddx_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b, __m128i c)
```

This function executes  $(a * b + c)$  operation with the pairs of unsigned `long long` numbers in first, second and third parameters, takes the lower 8 bytes of the result pair to produce a `__m128d` result.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpmaddxhi_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b, __m128i c)
```

This function executes  $(a * b + c)$  operation with the pairs of unsigned `long long` numbers in first, second and third parameters, takes the upper 8 bytes of the result pair to produce a `__m128d` result.

`__m128d __sparcace_fnadd_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function executes  $-(a - b)$  operation with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first and second parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

`__m128d __sparcace_fnmuld_m128d(__m128d a, __m128d b)`

This function executes  $-(a * b)$  operation with the pairs of double-precision floating-point numbers in the first and second parameters to produce a `__m128d` result.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpmx64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by copying the maximum values of each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpmn64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by copying the minimum values of each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpmn64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by copying the minimum values of each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpmnu64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by copying the minimum values of each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter or the ones of the second parameter.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpsll64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by logical-shifting left of each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter by the shift amount indicated by the unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter.

`__m128i __mm_sll_epi64(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fpsll64x_m128i()`.

`__m128i __sparcace_fpsrl64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This function produces a `__m128i` result by logical-shifting right of each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter by the shift amount indicated by the unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter.

`__m128i __mm_srl_epi64(__m128i a, __m128i b)`

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fpsrl64x_m128i()`.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpsra64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function produces a `__m128i` result by arithmetic-shifting right of each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter by the shift amount indicated by the unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmp1e64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding signed `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding signed `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is less than or equal to the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmpgt64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each signed `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding signed `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding signed `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is greater than the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmp1e64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is less than or equal to the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmp1ne64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is not equal to the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmpugt64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is greater than the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpcmp1ueq64x_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function compares each unsigned `long long` type number of the first parameter to the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the second parameter. The MSB of the corresponding unsigned `long long` type number of the `__m128i` result is set to 1 if the first one is equal to the second one. Bit 0 to bit 62 are set to 0.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpadd64_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function produces a `__m128i` result by adding each unsigned long long type number of the first parameter and the unsigned long long type number of the second parameter.

```
__m128i __mm_add_epi64(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fpadd64_m128i()`.

```
__m128i __sparcace_fpsub64_m128i(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This function produces a `__m128i` result by subtracting each unsigned long long type number of the second parameter from the unsigned long long type number of the first parameter.

```
__m128i __mm_sub_epi64(__m128i a, __m128i b)
```

This is an alias to `__sparcace_fpsub64_m128i()`.

## 2.20.2 Decimal Floating-Point Intrinsic

SPARC64™X and SPARC64™X+ support the Decimal Floating-Point data type and operations. The data format conforms to 64bit DPD defined in IEEE 754-2008. The compiler provides the type and various functions to handle the data.

### 2.20.2.1 Types and Operations

To represent Decimal Floating-Point numbers, `_Decimal64` intrinsic type is declared in `dpd_conf.h`. You must include the header file prior to use of the type as in the following example:

```
#include <dpd_conf.h>
int main(void) {
    _Decimal64 dd;
    ...
    return 0;
}
```

`_Decimal64` type

- can be modified with type modifiers: `const` and/or `volatile`.
- can be specified with storage class specifiers: `auto`, `static`, `register`, `extern` and/or `typedef`.

- can be an element of an aggregate: array, struct and/or union.

`_Decimal64` type variables

- can be a formal parameter of a function.
- can be an actual argument of a function call.
- can be the return value of a function.
- can be lhs or rhs of assignment operator "=".
- can be the operand of address operator "&".
- can be the operand of `sizeof` operator.
- can be the operand of `typeof` operator.

Intrinsic functions are provided for other operations such as arithmetic, comparison, or type conversion.

Literal syntax for `_Decimal64` is not supported. Intrinsic for type conversion can be used instead.

Memory alignment of an `_Decimal64` type data is the same as a 64-bit Binary Floating-Point number.

### 2.20.2.2 Macros and Pragmas

The `__DEC_FP_INTR` macro is defined as 1 when `-xarch=[sparcace|sparcaceplus]` and `-m64` are specified. This macro is useful to determine whether the compiler supports the Decimal Floating-Point intrinsic feature.

The `DEC_EVAL_METHOD` macro required by IEEE 754-2008 is defined as 1 when `dpd_conf.h` is included.

The `__STDC_DEC_FP__` macro is not defined, as the compiler does not fully support the functionality described in ISO/IEC TR 24732.

The `#pragma FLOAT_CONST_DECIMAL_64` required by IEEE 754-2008 is *not* supported.

### 2.20.2.3 Intrinsic functions

Intrinsic functions listed below are declared in `dpd_conf.h`. They are useful to operate `_Decimal64` type variables.

```
void __dpd64_store(const _Decimal64 src, _Decimal64 * const addr)
```

This function stores *src* into memory addressed by *addr*. *addr* must be aligned on an 8-byte boundary, or the behavior is undefined regardless of the `-xmalign` setting.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_load(const _Decimal64 * const addr)
```

This function loads `_Decimal64` type value from memory addressed by *addr*, and returns it. *addr* must be aligned on an 8-byte boundary, or the behavior is undefined regardless of the `-xmalign` setting.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_add(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function adds *src1* and *src2*, and returns the result. A floating-point exception is thrown in accordance with the IEEE 754-2008 standard.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_sub(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function subtracts *src2* from *src1*, and returns the result. A floating-point exception is thrown in accordance with the IEEE 754-2008 standard.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_mul(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function multiplies *src1* and *src2*, and returns the result. A floating-point exception is thrown in accordance with the IEEE 754-2008 standard.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_div(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function divides *src1* by *src2*, and returns the result. A floating-point exception is thrown in accordance with the IEEE 754-2008 standard.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_abs(_Decimal64 src)
```

This function computes the absolute value of *src* and returns the result. No floating-point exception is thrown even if *src* is signaling NaN.

```
_Decimal64 __dpd64_neg(_Decimal64 src)
```

This function reverses the sign of *src* and returns the result. No floating-point exception is thrown even if *src* is signaling NaN.

```
int __dpd64_cmpeq(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is equal to *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

```
int __dpd64_cmpne(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)
```

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is not equal to *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

`int __dpd64_cmpgt(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)`

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is greater than *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

`int __dpd64_cmpge(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)`

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is greater than or equal to *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

`int __dpd64_cmplt(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)`

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is less than *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

`int __dpd64_cmple(_Decimal64 src1, _Decimal64 src2)`

This function returns non-0 when *src1* is less than or equal to *src2*, otherwise it returns 0. The treatments of NaN, Inf and negative-Zero conforms to IEEE 754-2008.

`_Decimal64 __dpd64_convert_from_int64(int64_t src)`

This function converts a 64-bit signed integer value in *src* to a Decimal Floating-Point value and returns the result.

`_Decimal64 __dpd64_convert_from_uint64(uint64_t src)`

This function converts a 64-bit unsigned integer value in *src* to a Decimal Floating-Point value and returns the result.

`_Decimal64 __dpd64_convert_from_double(double src)`

This function converts a Binary Floating-Point value in *src* to a Decimal Floating-Point value and returns the result.

`_Decimal64 __dpd64_convert_from_str(const char * restrict nptr, char ** restrict endptr);`

This function behaves just as the function `strtod64()` defined in "ISO/IEC TR 24732", except the rounding direction is fixed to "to nearest, ties even".

`int64_t __dpd64_convert_to_int64(_Decimal64 src)`

This function converts a Decimal Floating-Point value in *src* to a 64-bit signed integer value and returns the result.

`uint64_t __dpd64_convert_to_uint64(_Decimal64 src)`

This function converts a Decimal Floating-Point value in *src* to a 64-bit unsigned integer value and returns the result.

`double __dpd64_convert_to_double(_Decimal64 src)`

This function converts a Decimal Floating-Point value in *src* to a Binary Floating-Point value and returns the result.

```
char *__d64_convert_to_stre(_Decimal64 dec, char *buf, size_t n);
```

This function prints *dec* in %He format to the memory addressed by *buf*. The precision is as long as the coefficient of *dec*. The output string is terminated with a null character at the (*n*-1)th character when the string is equal to or longer than *n*, or at the end of the string. This function returns *buf* when *dec* is successfully translated to string and a null pointer otherwise.

```
char *__d64_convert_to_strf(_Decimal64 dec, char *buf, size_t n);
```

This function prints *dec* in %Hf format to the memory addressed by *buf*. The precision is as long as the coefficient of *dec*. The output string is terminated with a null character at the (*n*-1)th character when the string is equal to or longer than *n*, or at the end of the string. This function returns *buf* when *dec* is successfully translated to string and a null pointer otherwise.

```
int __d64_getround(void)
```

This function retrieves the current rounding mode for `_Decimal64`. The value is defined in `d64_conf.h`, as follows:

```
__DPD_ROUND_NEAREST  
    round to nearest, ties to even  
  
__DPD_ROUND_TOZERO  
    round toward zero  
  
__DPD_ROUND_POSITIVE  
    round toward positive infinity  
  
__DPD_ROUND_NEGATIVE  
    round toward negative infinity
```

```
__DPD_ROUND_NEARESTFROMZERO  
    round to nearest, ties away from zero
```

The initial value of the rounding mode for `_Decimal64` is `__DPD_ROUND_NEAREST`. Note that the `-fround` option does not alter the rounding mode for `_Decimal64`.

```
int __d64_setround(int r)
```

This function set the rounding mode for `_Decimal64` to *r*. *r* should be one those listed above. It returns 0 on success or non-0 on failure.

## Support for Atomic Types

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This chapter discusses size and alignment of atomic C types.

### 3.1 Size and Alignment of Atomic C Types

The following table shows the atomic data types and how they are represented. Alignment (align columns) is in bytes.

**TABLE 7** Size and alignment of atomic C types

C Type	LP64 (AMD64) size	LP64 (AMD64) align	ILP32 (i386) size	ILP32 (i386) align	LP64 (v9) size	LP64 (v9) align	ILP32 (SPARC) size	ILP32 (SPARC) align
<i>Integral</i>								
_Atomic_Bool	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
_Atomic_char	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
_Atomic_signed_char								
_Atomic_unsigned_char	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
_Atomic_short	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
_Atomic_signed_short								
_Atomic_unsigned_short	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
_Atomic_int	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
_Atomic_signed_int								
_Atomic_enum								
_Atomic_unsigned_int	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
_Atomic_long	8	8	4	4	8	8	4	4
_Atomic_signed_long								

### 3.1 Size and Alignment of Atomic C Types

C Type	LP64 (AMD64) size	LP64 (AMD64) align	ILP32 (i386) size	ILP32 (i386) align	LP64 (v9) size	LP64 (v9) align	ILP32 (SPARC) size	ILP32 (SPARC) align
<i>_Atomic unsigned long</i>								
<i>_Atomic long long</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>_Atomic signed long long</i>								
<i>_Atomic unsigned long long</i>								
<i>Pointer</i>								
<i>any-type _Atomic *</i>	8	8	4	4	8	8	4	4
<i>_Atomic( any-type (*) )</i>								
<i>Floating-Point</i>								
<i>_Atomic float</i>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<i>_Atomic double</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>_Atomic long double</i>	16	16	12	4	16	16	16	8
<i>Complex</i>								
<i>_Atomic float _Complex</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>_Atomic double _Complex</i>	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	8
<i>_Atomic long double _Complex</i>	32	16	24	4	32	16	32	8
<i>Imaginary</i>								
<i>_Atomic float _Imaginary</i>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<i>_Atomic double _Imaginary</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
<i>_Atomic long double _Imaginary</i>	16	16	12	4	16	16	16	8
<i>struct (selective examples)</i>								
<i>_Atomic struct {char a[2];}</i>	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
<i>_Atomic struct {short a[2];}</i>	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
<i>_Atomic struct {int a[2];}</i>	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

C Type	LP64 (AMD64) size	LP64 (AMD64) align	ILP32 (i386) size	ILP32 (i386) align	LP64 (v9) size	LP64 (v9) align	ILP32 (SPARC) size	ILP32 (SPARC) align
<code>_Atomic struct {char a[16];}</code>	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	8

The general alignment rule for atomic struct types is: if the size of the struct type is one of 2, 4, 8 or 16 and the alignment of the corresponding non-atomic type is smaller than the size, then the alignment of the atomic struct type is increased to match the size.

Atomic types are not permitted for bit-fields.

## 3.2 Bundled Atomics Library

Atomics is a new language feature in the C11 and C++11 standards that requires runtime support from the operating system. For more information about using the atomics features, see the [atomic\\_fence\(3A\)](#), [atomic\\_flag\(3A\)](#), and [stdatomic.h\(3A\)](#) man pages.

Because there is not yet a standard interface for this runtime support, there are slight differences between the gcc atomics library and the Oracle Developer Studio atomics library.

GCC supports atomics with a runtime library called `libatomic.so` that is included in `/usr/lib` on Oracle Solaris 11.3 and Oracle Linux 7.x.

Oracle Developer Studio 12.5 compilers support atomics with a new runtime library called `libstatomic.so`. This library is bundled with the Oracle Developer Studio release, and is not included in Oracle Solaris or Oracle Linux. This is an interim solution until the GCC and Oracle Developer Studio libraries can be merged and incorporated into Oracle Solaris and until the Linux-bundled library conforms to a standard interface.

The `libstatomic.so` library has been tested and is compatible with the GCC 4.8, 4.9, and 5.1 releases of `libatomic.so` with a few exceptions discussed in [“3.2.2 Compatibility with GCC Atomics Library libatomic” on page 89](#).

A new compiler option `-xatomic` enables you to specify whether to use the GCC `libatomic` library or the Oracle Developer Studio `libstatomic` library when linking your programs and libraries.

## 3.2.1 Selecting an Atomics Library

You can choose to use either the Oracle Developer Studio atomics library (`libstatomic.so`) or the GCC atomics library (`libatomic.so`), but it is important to make this consistent among executables and libraries that are linked together. Only one atomics library should be used in a running process.

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**Note** - If you do not need to be compatible with gcc-built libraries that use atomics, you should use `libstatomic.so` with the Oracle Developer Studio compilers.

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To control which library is used at link time, use the `-xatomic` option. To link to Oracle Developer Studio's library `libstatomic`, use `-xatomic=studio` and to link to GCC's library `libatomic`, use `-xatomic=gcc`. To prevent linking with a library, use `-xatomic=none`.

As an aid to porting existing Makefiles or source code that uses GCC compilers, if `-latomic` is passed to the compiler, the option is converted to `-xatomic=studio`.

For C++ programs, the atomic support library is linked by default, when needed.

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**Note** - The `-xatomic=none` option ensures that the application does not have the Oracle Developer Studio `libstatomic` installation directory as a run path. In order to build the application that calls the library functions with `-xatomic=none`, `libstatomic.so` should be linked explicitly at build time.

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### ▼ Deploying Applications that use `libstatomic.so`

The bundled atomics library `libstatomic.so` is fully supported as a part of the Oracle Developer Studio product. You can deploy an application that uses the library, but you need to include the library unless the application will run on a system where Oracle Developer Studio is installed.

- 1. Determine the run-time path from your executable to `libstatomic.so`.**

For example:

```
./lib
```

- 2. Determine the build-time path to `libstatomic.so`.**

For example:

```
build-path/import/libstatomic.so
```

- 3. Add `-xatomic=none` to your linking step.**

**4. Add new link time options.**

For example:

```
-R runtime-path build-path-to-atomics/libstatomic.so.1
```

**5. Copy the libstatomic library into your own product installation tree.****Example 1** Including `libstatomic.so` With a `myprog` Executable

The following example deploys an application on a 64-bit SPARC platform that does not have Oracle Developer Studio installed.

Before the application is built on the build machine, decide where `libstatomic` will be located relative to the executable. For example, if your application is located at `app_root`, and the `libstatomic` library is in `app_root/lib`, the relative directory of the library is `./lib`.

```
bash-4.1$ ls app_root/
lib      myprog
bash-4.1$ ls app_root/lib/
libstatomic.so  libstatomic.so.1
```

On the build machine, determine where `libstatomic.so` is located. For example, if Oracle Developer Studio is installed in `install-dir/`, then `libstatomic.so` is located at `install-dir/lib/compilers/atomic/sparcv9/libstatomic.so`.

Compile the program, using the following command:

```
$ install-dir/bin/CC -m64 [compiler-options] -xatomic=none myprog.cc -o myprog -R./lib install-dir/lib/compilers/atomic/sparcv9/libstatomic.so
```

On the deployment machine, create the package directories.

Then copy the 64-bit `libstatomic.so` library to `app_root/lib`.

```
$ cp install-dir/lib/compilers/atomic/sparcv9/libstatomic.so app_root/lib
```

Copy the resulting executable for `myprog` to the `app_root` directory. This enables the runtime linker to find `libstatomic.so` under `./lib` when `myprog` is executed.

```
$ cp myprog.out app_root
```

## 3.2.2 Compatibility with GCC Atomics Library `libatomic`

If your application or library uses atomics and it needs to interoperate with executables and libraries which use the GCC version of `libatomic`, then you must link your Oracle Developer

Studio program with the GCC version of `libatomic`. You must be careful to have only one version of the atomics runtime library in your program.

To link your Oracle Developer Studio C and C++ programs with the GCC version of `libatomic`, use the compiler option `-xatomic=gcc`.

If you are linking and running on an older system that does not have the GCC version of `libatomic` in `/usr/lib`, then you do not have to worry about incompatible atomic support. In that circumstance, you can use `libstatomic` in combination with GCC binaries on that system, because no other atomics library will be in use.

The Oracle Developer Studio compiler works best with the `libstatomic` library, but is compatible with GCC's `libatomic` version 1.1, with the known issues listed below:

- **GCC 4.8 includes libatomic 1.0.0.** - This version of `libatomic` supports C11 and C++11 atomics, if you avoid using floating point atomics in C 11 programs. The GCC 4.8 compiler itself does not support C11 until a later release.
- **GCC 4.9 and 5.1 include libatomic 1.1.** - This version includes the floating-point atomics for C11, and the GCC compilers with these versions support the C11 atomics keyword.

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**Note** - Your C11 program might take the address of an atomic function, which is legal only for non-generic functions. This will not work correctly with `libatomic 1.0.0` or with `libatomic 1.1`, because the library assumes all the atomic functions will always be inlined by the compiler and don't need code in the library. You can see the list of these functions in the atomic man pages. You should use `libstatomic` if you need to get function pointers for these.

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Oracle Linux 7.x and Oracle Solaris 11.3 include GCC 4.8 with `libatomic 1.0.0`.

### 3.2.3 Implementation Notes

When multiple components such as executables or shared libraries require an atomic runtime, you should dynamically link each component with the appropriate `-xatomic` option to create a correct dynamic dependency. You should not produce a shared library that requires an atomic option to be supplied when the library is linked.

It is not recommend to use both runtime libraries in the same process, for the following reasons:

- Some atomic types require calls to the runtime support library to perform synchronization. The two runtime systems have different internal data structures, so the two libraries cannot synchronize the same object.

- The Oracle Developer Studio library `libstatomic` uses the same global symbol names for functions as `libatomic`. If both libraries are used in the same process, an executable or library could call functions in an unexpected library.

Programs that attempt to use both runtime libraries might seem to work at first, but are likely to fail and cannot be supported.

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**Note** - Using `-latomic` to link will not result in linking with `/usr/lib/libatomic.so.1`. That library is the GCC implementation and primarily intended to be used with GCC until a compatible library is released in Oracle Solaris and Linux.

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Because many of the atomic operations are inlined, your application might be able to use the atomics feature without depending on the atomics runtime library. The behavior is implementation specific, so the results might change if you upgrade compilers. If your application uses only scalar atomic types (`flags`, `char`, `int`, `long`, or `pointers`) and builds on an x86 platform, then your resulting binary might not need `libstatomic`. You can try compiling such an application or library with the `-xatomic=none` option and check if it links and runs correctly.



## Parallelizing C Code

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The Oracle Developer Studio C compiler can optimize code to run on shared-memory multiprocessor/multicore/multithreaded systems. The compiled code can execute in parallel using the multiple processors on the system. Both explicit (using OpenMP) and automatic parallelization methods are available. This chapter explains how you can take advantage of the compiler's parallelizing features.

### 4.1 Parallelizing Using OpenMP

The C compiler supports the OpenMP API for parallelization. The API consists of a set of pragmas, runtime routines, and environment variables. Information on the OpenMP API specification is at the OpenMP web site at <http://www.openmp.org>.

To enable the compiler's OpenMP support and recognition of the OpenMP pragmas, compile with the `-xopenmp` option. Without `-xopenmp`, the compiler treats the OpenMP pragmas as comments. See “B.2.146 `-xopenmp[={parallel|noopt|none}]`” on page 325.

For information specific to this implementation of OpenMP, including pragmas, environment variables, and runtime routines, see the *Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide*.

### 4.2 Automatic Parallelization

The C compiler generates parallel code for those loops that it determines are safe to parallelize. Typically, these loops have iterations that are independent of each other. For such loops, the order in which iterations are executed or if they are executed in parallel, does not matter. Many, though not all, vector loops fall into this category.

Because of the way aliasing works in C, determining the safety of parallelization is difficult. To help the compiler, Oracle Developer Studio C offers pragmas and additional pointer

qualifications to provide aliasing information known to the programmer that the compiler cannot determine. See [Chapter 6, “Type-Based Alias Analysis”](#) for more information.

The following example illustrates how to enable and control parallelized C:

```
% cc -fast -x04 -xautopar example.c -o example
```

This compiler command generates an executable called `example`, which can be executed normally. To find out how to take advantage of multiprocessor execution, see [“B.2.88 - xautopar” on page 280](#).

## 4.2.1 Data Dependence and Interference

The C compiler performs analysis on loops in programs to determine whether executing different iterations of the loops in parallel is safe. The purpose of this analysis is to determine whether any two iterations of the loop could interfere with each other. Typically, this problem occurs if one iteration of a loop could read a variable while another iteration is writing the very same variable. Consider the following program fragment:

### EXAMPLE 2 Loop With Dependence

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {  
    sum = sum + a[i]; /* S1 */  
}
```

In this example, any two successive iterations, `i` and `i+1`, will write and read the same variable `sum`. Therefore, in order for these two iterations to execute in parallel some form of locking on the variable would be required. Otherwise, allowing the two iterations to execute in parallel is not safe.

However, the use of locks imposes overhead that might slow down the program. The C compiler will not ordinarily parallelize the loop in the example above because there is a data dependence between two iterations of the loop. Consider another example:

### EXAMPLE 3 Loop Without Dependence

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {  
    a[i] = 2 * a[i]; /* S1 */  
}
```

In this case, each iteration of the loop references a different array element. Therefore different iterations of the loop can be executed in any order. They may be executed in parallel without any locks because no two data elements of different iterations can possibly interfere.

The analysis performed by the compiler to determine whether two different iterations of a loop could reference the same variable is called data dependence analysis. Data dependences prevent loop parallelization if one of the references writes to the variable. The dependence analysis performed by the compiler can have three outcomes:

- There is a dependence, in which case, executing the loop in parallel is not safe.
- There is no dependence, in which case the loop may safely execute in parallel using an arbitrary number of processors.
- The dependence cannot be determined. The compiler assumes, for safety, that a dependence might prevent parallel execution of the loop and will not parallelize the loop.

In the following example, whether two iterations of the loop write to the same element of array `a` depends on whether array `b` contains duplicate elements. Unless the compiler can determine this fact, it must assume there might be a dependence and not parallelize the loop.

**EXAMPLE 4** Loop That Might Contain Dependencies

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    a[b[i]] = 2 * a[i];
}
```

## 4.2.2 Private Scalars and Private Arrays

For some data dependences, the compiler might still be able to parallelize a loop. Consider the following example.

**EXAMPLE 5** Parallelizable Loop With Dependence

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    t = 2 * a[i];          /* S1 */
    b[i] = t;             /* S2 */
}
```

In this example, assuming that arrays `a` and `b` are non-overlapping arrays, there appears to be a data dependence in any two iterations due to the variable `t`. The following statements execute during iterations one and two.

**EXAMPLE 6** Iterations One and Two

```
t = 2*a[1]; /* 1 */
b[1] = t;  /* 2 */
```

```
t = 2*a[2]; /* 3 */
b[2] = t; /* 4 */
```

Because statements one and three modify the variable `t`, the compiler cannot execute them in parallel. However, because the value of `t` is always computed and used in the same iteration, the compiler can use a separate copy of `t` for each iteration. This method eliminates the interference between different iterations due to such variables. In effect, variable `t` is used as a private variable for each thread executing that iteration, as shown in the following example.

**EXAMPLE 7** Variable `t` as a Private Variable for Each Thread

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    pt[i] = 2 * a[i]; /* S1 */
    b[i] = pt[i]; /* S2 */
}
```

In this example, each scalar variable reference `t` is replaced by an array reference `pt`. Each iteration now uses a different element of `pt`, eliminating any data dependencies between any two iterations. One problem with this is that it may lead to an extra large array. In practice, the compiler only allocates one copy of the variable for each thread that participates in the execution of the loop. Each such variable is, in effect, private to the thread.

The compiler can also privatize array variables to create opportunities for parallel execution of loops. Consider the following example:

**EXAMPLE 8** Parallelizable Loop With an Array Variable

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    for (j=1; j < 1000; j++) {
        x[j] = 2 * a[i]; /* S1 */
        b[i][j] = x[j]; /* S2 */
    }
}
```

In this example, different iterations of the outer loop modify the same elements of array `x`, and thus the outer loop cannot be parallelized. However, if each thread executing the outer loop iterations has a private copy of the entire array `x`, then no interference between any two iterations of the outer loop would occur. The following example illustrates this point.

**EXAMPLE 9** Parallelizable Loop Using a Privatized Array

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    for (j=1; j < 1000; j++) {
        px[i][j] = 2 * a[i]; /* S1 */
    }
}
```

```

        b[i][j] = px[i][j];    /* S2 */
    }
}

```

As in the case of private scalars, you need to expand the array only up to the number of threads executing in the system. This expansion is done automatically by the compiler by allocating one copy of the original array in the private space of each thread.

## 4.2.3 Storeback

Privatization of variables can be very useful for improving the parallelism in the program. However, if the private variable is referenced outside the loop then the compiler needs to verify that it has the right value. Consider the following example:

### EXAMPLE 10 Parallelized Loop Using Storeback

```

for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    t = 2 * a[i];        /* S1 */
    b[i] = t;           /* S2 */
}
x = t;                  /* S3 */

```

In this example, the value of `t` referenced in statement S3 is the final value of `t` computed by the loop. After the variable `t` has been privatized and the loop has finished executing, the right value of `t` needs to be stored back into the original variable. This process is called *storeback*, and is accomplished by copying the value of `t` on the final iteration back to the original location of variable `t`. In many cases the compiler can do this automatically, but sometimes the last value cannot be computed easily.

### EXAMPLE 11 Loop That Cannot Use Storeback

```

for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {
    if (c[i] > x[i]) {    /* C1 */
        t = 2 * a[i];    /* S1 */
        b[i] = t;        /* S2 */
    }
}
x = t*t;                 /* S3 */

```

For correct execution, the value of `t` in statement S3 is not, usually the value of `t` on the final iteration of the loop. In fact, it is the last iteration for which the condition C1 is true. Computing the final value of `t` can be difficult in general. In cases like this example, the compiler will not parallelize the loop.

## 4.2.4 Reduction Variables

There are cases when there is a real dependence between iterations of a loop that cannot be removed by simply privatizing the variables causing the dependence. For example, look at the following code where values are being accumulated from one iteration to the next.

**EXAMPLE 12** Loop That Might Be Parallelized

```
for (i=1; i < 1000; i++) {  
    sum += a[i]*b[i]; /* S1 */  
}
```

In this example, the loop computes the vector product of two arrays into a common variable called `sum`. This loop cannot be parallelized in a simple manner. The compiler can take advantage of the associative nature of the computation in statement `S1` and allocate a private variable called `psum[i]` for each thread. Each copy of the variable `psum[i]` is initialized to `0`. Each thread computes its own partial sum in its own copy of the variable `psum[i]`. Before crossing the barrier, all the partial sums are added onto the original variable `sum`. In this example, the variable `sum` is called a reduction variable because it computes a sum-reduction. However, one danger of promoting scalar variables to reduction variables is that the manner in which rounded values are accumulated can change the final value of `sum`. The compiler performs this transformation only if you specifically give permission for it to do so.

## 4.2.5 Loop Transformations

The compiler performs several loop restructuring transformations to help improve the parallelization of a loop in programs. Some of these transformations can also improve the single processor execution of loops as well. The transformations performed by the compiler are described in this section.

### 4.2.5.1 Loop Distribution

Loops often contain a few statements that cannot be executed in parallel and many statements that can be executed in parallel. Loop Distribution attempts to remove the sequential statements into a separate loop and gather the parallelizable statements into a different loop. This process is illustrated in the following example:

**EXAMPLE 13** Candidate for Loop Distribution

```
for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
```

```

    x[i] = y[i] + z[i]*w[i];          /* S1 */
    a[i+1] = (a[i-1] + a[i] + a[i+1])/3.0; /* S2 */
    y[i] = z[i] - x[i];              /* S3 */
}

```

Assuming that arrays  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $w$ ,  $a$ , and  $z$  do not overlap, statements S1 and S3 can be parallelized but statement S2 cannot be. The following example shows how the loop looks after it is split or distributed into two different loops.

**EXAMPLE 14** Distributed Loop

```

/* L1: parallel loop */
for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
    x[i] = y[i] + z[i]*w[i];          /* S1 */
    y[i] = z[i] - x[i];              /* S3 */
}
/* L2: sequential loop */
for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
    a[i+1] = (a[i-1] + a[i] + a[i+1])/3.0; /* S2 */
}

```

After this transformation, loop L1 does not contain any statements that prevent the parallelization of the loop and may be executed in parallel. Loop L2, however, still has a non-parallelizable statement from the original loop.

Loop distribution is not always profitable or safe to perform. The compiler performs analysis to determine the safety and profitability of distribution.

## 4.2.5.2 Loop Fusion

If the granularity of a loop, or the work performed by a loop, is small, the performance gain from distribution might be insignificant because the overhead of parallel loop startup is too high compared to the loop workload. In such situations, the compiler uses loop fusion to combine several loops into a single parallel loop, increasing the granularity of the loop. Loop fusion is easy and safe when loops with identical trip counts are adjacent to each other. Consider the following example:

**EXAMPLE 15** Loops With Small Work Loads

```

/* L1: short parallel loop */
for (i=0; i < 100; i++) {
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];              /* S1 */
}
/* L2: another short parallel loop */

```

```
for (i=0; i < 100; i++) {  
    b[i] = a[i] * d[i];      /* S2 */  
}
```

The two short parallel loops are next to each other, and can be safely combined as follows:

**EXAMPLE 16** The Two Loops Fused

```
/* L3: a larger parallel loop */  
for (i=0; i < 100; i++) {  
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];      /* S1 */  
    b[i] = a[i] * d[i];      /* S2 */  
}
```

The new loop generates half the parallel loop execution overhead. Loop fusion can also help in other ways. For example if the same data is referenced in two loops, then combining them can improve the locality of reference.

However, loop fusion is not always safe to perform. If loop fusion creates a data dependence that did not exist previously, the fusion could result in incorrect execution. Consider the following example:

**EXAMPLE 17** Unsafe Fusion Candidates

```
/* L1: short parallel loop */  
for (i=0; i < 100; i++) {  
    a[i] = a[i] + b[i];      /* S1 */  
}  
/* L2: a short loop with data dependence */  
for (i=0; i < 100; i++) {  
    a[i+1] = a[i] * d[i];    /* S2 */  
}
```

If the loops in this example are fused, a data dependence is created from statement S2 to S1. In effect, the value of `a[i]` in the right side of statement S1 is computed in statement S2. If the loops are not fused, this dependence would not occur. The compiler performs safety and profitability analysis to determine whether loop fusion should be done. Often, the compiler can fuse an arbitrary number of loops. Increasing the granularity in this manner can sometimes push a loop far enough up for it to be profitable for parallelization.

### 4.2.5.3 Loop Interchange

Parallelizing the outermost loop in a nest of loops is generally more profitable because the overheads incurred are small. However, parallelizing the outermost loops is not always safe

due to dependences that might be carried by such loops. The following example illustrates this situation.

**EXAMPLE 18** Nested Loop That Cannot Be Parallelized

```
for (i=0; i <n; i++) {
    for (j=0; j <n; j++) {
        a[j][i+1] = 2.0*a[j][i-1];
    }
}
```

In this example, the loop with the index variable *i* cannot be parallelized because of a dependency between two successive iterations of the loop. The two loops can be interchanged and the parallel loop (the *j*-loop) becomes the outer loop:

**EXAMPLE 19** Loops Interchanged

```
for (j=0; j<n; j++) {
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        a[j][i+1] = 2.0*a[j][i-1];
    }
}
```

The resulting loop incurs an overhead of parallel work distribution only once, while previously the overhead was incurred *n* times. The compiler performs safety and profitability analysis to determine whether to perform loop interchange.

## 4.2.6 Aliasing and Parallelization

ISO C aliasing can often prevent loops from getting parallelized. Aliasing occurs when there are two possible references to the same memory location. Consider the following example:

**EXAMPLE 20** Loop With Two References to the Same Memory Location

```
void copy(float a[], float b[], int n) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
        a[i] = b[i]; /* S1 */
    }
}
```

Because variables *a* and *b* are parameters, it is possible that *a* and *b* might be pointing to overlapping regions of memory, for example, if *copy* were called as follows:

```
copy (x[10], x[11], 20);
```

In the called routine, two successive iterations of the copy loop might be reading and writing the same element of the array `x`. However, if the routine `copy` were called as follows, there is no possibility of overlap in any of the 20 iterations of the loop:

```
copy (x[10], x[40], 20);
```

The compiler cannot analyze this situation correctly without information about how the routine is called. However, the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler does provide a keyword extension to standard ISO C to convey this kind of aliasing information. See [“4.2.6.2 Restricted Pointers” on page 102](#) for more information.

### 4.2.6.1 Array and Pointer References

Part of the aliasing problem is that the C language can define array referencing and definition through pointer arithmetic. In order for the compiler to effectively parallelize loops automatically, all data that is laid out as an array must be referenced using C array reference syntax and not pointers. If pointer syntax is used, the compiler cannot determine the relationship of the data between different iterations of a loop. Thus, the compiler will be conservative and not parallelize the loop.

### 4.2.6.2 Restricted Pointers

In order for a compiler to effectively perform parallel execution of a loop, it needs to determine whether certain lvalues designate distinct regions of storage. Aliases are lvalues whose regions of storage are not distinct. Determining whether two pointers to objects are aliases is a difficult and time consuming process because it could require analysis of the entire program. Consider function `vsq()` in the following example:

**EXAMPLE 21** Loop With Two Pointers

```
void vsq(int n, double * a, double * b) {
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        b[i] = a[i] * a[i];
    }
}
```

The compiler can parallelize the execution of the different iterations of the loops if it has determined that pointers `a` and `b` access different objects. If there is an overlap in objects

accessed through pointers `a` and `b` then it would be unsafe for the compiler to execute the loops in parallel. At compile time, the compiler cannot determine whether the objects accessed by `a` and `b` overlap by simply analyzing the function `vsq()`. The compiler might need to analyze the whole program to get this information.

Restricted pointers are used to specify pointers that designate distinct objects so that the compiler can perform pointer alias analysis. The following example shows function `vsq()` in which function parameters are declared as restricted pointers:

```
void vsq(int n, double * restrict a, double * restrict b)
```

Pointers `a` and `b` are declared as restricted pointers, so the compiler knows that `a` and `b` point to distinct regions of storage. With this alias information, the compiler is able to parallelize the loop.

The keyword `restrict` is a type-qualifier, like `volatile`, and it shall only qualify pointer types. There are situations in which you may not want to change the source code. You can specify that pointer-valued function-parameters be treated as restricted pointers by using the following command line option:

```
-xrestrict=[func1,...,funcn]
```

If a function list is specified, then pointer parameters in the specified functions are treated as restricted; otherwise, all pointer parameters in the entire C file are treated as restricted. For example, `-xrestrict=vsq`, qualifies the pointers `a` and `b` given in the first example of the function `vsq()` with the keyword `restrict`.

It is critical that you use `restrict` correctly. If pointers qualified as restricted pointers point to objects which are not distinct, the compiler can incorrectly parallelize loops resulting in undefined behavior. For example, assume that pointers `a` and `b` of function `vsq()` point to objects which overlap, such that `b[i]` and `a[i+1]` are the same object. If `a` and `b` are not declared as restricted pointers the loops will be executed serially. If `a` and `b` are incorrectly qualified as restricted pointers the compiler may parallelize the execution of the loops, which is not safe, because `b[i+1]` should only be computed after `b[i]` is computed.

## 4.3 Environment Variables

Some environment variables related to parallelized C are the following. There are additional environment variables defined by the OpenMP API specification and others that are specific to the Oracle Developer Studio implementation. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for descriptions of all parallelization related environment variables.

- **OMP\_NUM\_THREADS**

Set the `OMP_NUM_THREADS` environment variable to specify the number of threads to use for the program. Refer to the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for the default number of threads, if this environment variable is not set.
- **SUNW\_MP\_THR\_IDLE**

Controls the status of idle threads in an OpenMP program that are waiting at a barrier or waiting for new parallel regions to work on. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for details.
- **SUNW\_MP\_WARN**

Set this environment variable to `TRUE` to print warning messages from OpenMP and other parallelization runtime-systems. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for details.
- **OMP\_STACKSIZE**

The executing program maintains a main memory stack for the master thread and a distinct stack for each slave thread. Stacks are temporary memory address spaces used to hold arguments and automatic variables during subprogram executions. The `OMP_STACKSIZE` environment variable can be used to control the size of the stack for a slave thread. Refer to the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for the default slave thread stack size, if this environment variable is not set.

Note that the setting of the `OMP_STACKSIZE` environment variable has no effect on programs using the Oracle Solaris Pthreads API.

Stack overflow might occur if the size of a thread's stack is too small, causing silent data corruption or a segmentation fault. See the `-xcheck=stkovf` compiler option for information about how to detect and diagnose stack overflow.

## 4.4 Parallel Execution Model

The execution of parallel loops is performed by threads. The thread starting the initial execution of the program is called the master thread. When the master thread encounters a parallel loop, it creates a team of threads composed of itself and multiple slave threads. The iterations of the loop are divided into chunks, and the chunks are distributed among the threads in the team. When a thread finishes execution of its chunk(s), it synchronizes with the remaining threads of the team. This synchronization is called a barrier. The master thread cannot continue executing the remainder of the program until all the slave threads have finished their work on the parallel loop and reached the barrier. At the end of the barrier, the master thread continues executing the program serially, until it encounters another parallel loop.

During this process, various overheads can occur, such as those related to:

- Thread creation
- Work distribution
- Barrier synchronization

For some parallel loops, the amount of useful work performed is not enough to justify the overhead. For such loops, there may be appreciable slowdown from parallelization. However, if the amount of useful work in the loop is large enough, then the parallel execution of the loop will speed up the program.

## 4.5 Speedups

If the compiler does not parallelize a portion of a program where a significant amount of time is spent, then no speedup occurs. For example, if a loop that accounts for five percent of the execution time of a program is parallelized, then the overall speedup is limited to five percent. However, any improvement depends on the size of the workload and parallel execution overheads.

As a general rule, the larger the fraction of program execution that is parallelized, the greater the likelihood of a speedup.

Each parallel loop incurs a small overhead during startup and shutdown. The start overhead includes the cost of work distribution, and the shutdown overhead includes the cost of the barrier synchronization. If the total amount of work performed by the loop is not big enough then no speedup will occur. In fact, the loop might even slow down. If a large amount of program execution is accounted by a large number of short parallel loops, then the whole program may slow down instead of speeding up.

The compiler performs several loop transformations that try to increase the granularity of the loops. Some of these transformations are loop interchange and loop fusion. If the amount of parallelism in a program is small or is fragmented among small parallel regions, then the speedup is usually less.

Scaling up a problem size often improves the fraction of parallelism in a program. For example, consider a problem that consists of two parts: a quadratic part that is sequential, and a cubic part that is parallelizable. For this problem, the parallel part of the workload grows faster than the sequential part. At some point the problem will speed up unless it runs into resource limitations.

Try some tuning and experimentation with directives, problem sizes, and program restructuring in order to achieve the most benefit from parallel C.

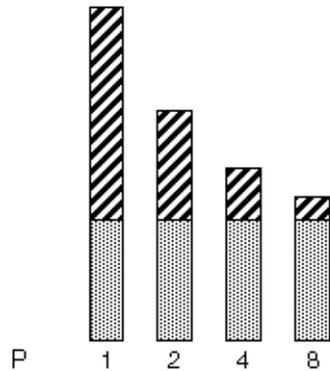
## 4.5.1 Amdahl's Law

Fixed problem-size speedup is generally governed by Amdahl's law, which simply says that the amount of parallel speedup of a given problem is limited by the sequential portion of the problem. The following equation describes the speedup,  $S$ , of a problem where  $F$  is the fraction of time spent in sequential code and the remaining fraction of the time  $(1 - F)$  is divided up uniformly among  $P$  processors. If the second term of the equation  $((1 - F) / P)$  drops to zero, the total speedup is limited by the first term,  $F$ , which remains fixed.

$$\frac{1}{S} = F + \frac{(1 - F)}{P}$$

The following figure illustrates this concept diagrammatically. The darkly shaded portion represents the sequential part of the program, and remains constant for one, two, four, and eight processors. The lightly shaded portion represents the parallel portion of the program that can be divided uniformly among an arbitrary number of processors.

**FIGURE 2** Fixed Problem Speedups

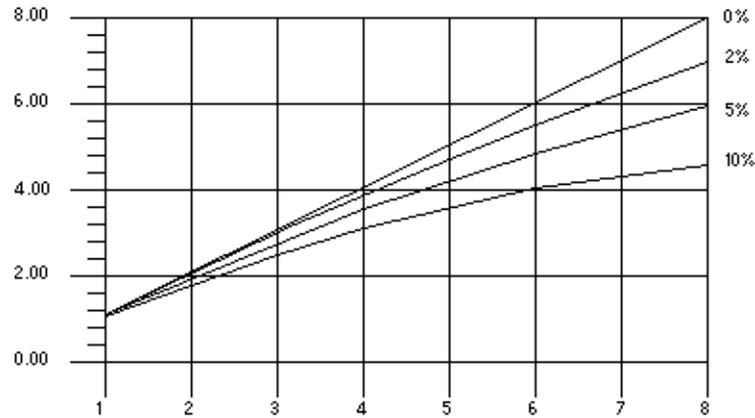


As the number of processors increases, the amount of time required for the parallel portion of each program decreases whereas the serial portion of each program stays the same.

In reality, however, you might incur overheads due to communication and distribution of work to multiple processors. These overheads might not be fixed for arbitrary numbers of processors used.

The following figure illustrates the ideal speedups for a program containing 0%, 2%, 5%, and 10% sequential portions. No overhead is assumed.

**FIGURE 3** Amdahl's Law Speedup Curve

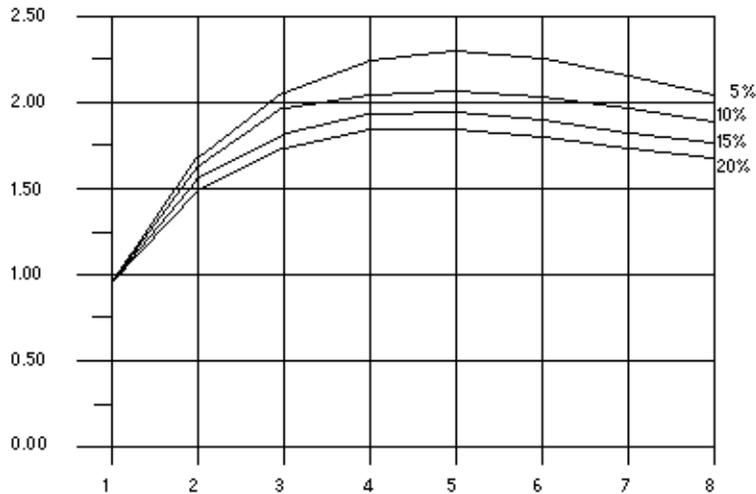


### 4.5.1.1 Overheads

Once the overheads are incorporated in the model, the speedup curves change dramatically. For the purposes of illustration, assume that overheads consist of two parts: a fixed part that is independent of the number of processors, and a non-fixed part that grows quadratically with the number of the processors used:

$$\frac{1}{S} = \frac{1}{F + \left(1 - \frac{F}{P}\right) + K_1 + K_2 P^2}$$

In this equation,  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are some fixed factors. Under these assumptions, the speedup curve is shown in the following figure. Note that in this case, the speedups peak out. After a certain point, adding more processors is detrimental to performance.

**FIGURE 4** Speedup Curve With Overheads

The graph shows that all programs reach the greatest speedup at five processors and then lose this benefit as up to eight processors are added. The x-axis measures the number of processors and the y-axis measures the speedup.

### 4.5.1.2 Gustafson's Law

Amdahl's law can be misleading for predicting parallel speedups in real problems. The fraction of time spent in sequential sections of the program sometimes depends on the problem size. That is, by scaling the problem size, you might improve the chances of speedup, as shown in the following example.

**EXAMPLE 22** Scaling the Problem Size Might Improve Chances of Speedup

```

/*
 * initialize the arrays
 */
for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
    for (j=0; j < n; j++) {
        a[i][j] = 0.0;
    }
}

```

```

        b[i][j] = ...
        c[i][j] = ...
    }
}
/*
 * matrix multiply
 */
for (i=0; i < n; i++) {
    for(j=0; j < n; j++) {
        for (k=0; k < n; k++) {
            a[i][j] = b[i][k]*c[k][j];
        }
    }
}

```

Assume an ideal overhead of zero and that only the second loop nest is executed in parallel. For small problem sizes (that is, small values of  $n$ ), the sequential and parallel parts of the program are not so far from each other. However, as  $n$  grows larger, the time spent in the parallel part of the program grows faster than the time spent in the sequential part. For this problem, increasing the number of processors as the problem size increases is beneficial.

## 4.6 Memory-Barrier Ininsics

The compiler provides the header file `mbarrier.h`, which defines various memory-barrier intrinsics for SPARC and x86 processors. These intrinsics may be of use to developers writing multithreaded code using their own synchronization primitives. Developers should refer to the documentation of their processors to determine when and whether these intrinsics are necessary for their particular situation.

Memory-ordering intrinsics supported by `mbarrier.h` are:

- `__machine_r_barrier()` — This is a *read* barrier. It ensures that all the load operations before the barrier will be completed before all the load operations after the barrier.
- `__machine_w_barrier()` — This is a *write* barrier. It ensures that all the store operations before the barrier will be completed before all the store operations after the barrier.
- `__machine_rw_barrier()` — This is a *read-write* barrier. It ensures that all the load and store operations before the barrier will be completed before all the load and store operations after the barrier.
- `__machine_acq_barrier()` — This is a barrier with *acquire* semantics. It ensures that all the load operations before the barrier will be completed before all the load and store operations after the barrier.

- `__machine_rel_barrier()` — This is a barrier with *release* semantics. It ensures that all the load and store operations before the barrier will be completed before all the store operations after the barrier.
- `__compiler_barrier()` — Prevents the compiler from moving memory accesses across the barrier.

All the barrier intrinsics except the `__compiler_barrier()` intrinsic generate memory-ordering instructions. On x86 platforms, these are `mfence`, `sfence`, or `lfence` instructions. On SPARC platforms, these are `membar` instructions.

The `__compiler_barrier()` intrinsic generates no instructions and instead informs the compiler that all previous memory operations must be completed before any future memory operations are initiated. The practical result is that all non-local variables and local variables with the `static` storage class specifier will be stored back to memory before the barrier, and reloaded after the barrier. The compiler will not mix memory operations from before the barrier with those after. All other barriers implicitly include the behavior of the `__compiler_barrier()` intrinsic.

In the following example, the presence of the `__compiler_barrier()` intrinsic stops the compiler from merging the two loops:

```
#include "mbarrier.h"
int thread_start[16];
void start_work()
{
    /* Start all threads */
    for (int i=0; i<8; i++)
    {
        thread_start[i]=1;
    }
    __compiler_barrier();
    /* Wait for all threads to complete */
    for (int i=0; i<8; i++)
    {
        while (thread_start[i]==1){}
    }
}
```

## lint Source Code Checker

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This chapter explains how you can use the `lint` program to check your C code for errors that could cause a compilation failure or unexpected results at runtime. In many cases, `lint` warns you about incorrect, error-prone, or nonstandard code that the compiler does not necessarily flag.

The `lint` program issues every error and warning message produced by the C compiler. It also issues warnings about potential bugs and portability problems. Many messages issued by `lint` can assist you in improving your program's effectiveness, including reducing its size and required memory.

The `lint` program uses the same locale as the compiler and the output from `lint` is directed to `stderr`. See [“5.6.3 lint Filters” on page 140](#) for more information about how to use `lint` to check code before you perform type-based alias-disambiguation.

### 5.1 Basic and Enhanced lint Modes

The `lint` program operates in two modes:

- *Basic*, which is the default
- *Enhanced*, which provides additional, detailed analysis of code

In both basic and enhanced modes, `lint` compensates for separate and independent compilation in C by flagging inconsistencies in definition and use across files, including any libraries you have used. In a large project environment where the same function might be used by different programmers in hundreds of separate modules of code, `lint` can help discover bugs that otherwise might be difficult to find. A function called with one less argument than expected, for example, looks at the stack for a value the call has never pushed, with results correct in one condition, incorrect in another, depending on whatever happens to be in memory at that stack location. By identifying dependencies like this one and dependencies on machine architecture as well, `lint` can improve the reliability of code run on your machine or someone else's.

In enhanced mode, `lint` provides more detailed reporting than in basic mode. In basic mode, `lint`'s capabilities include:

- Structure and flow analysis of the source program
- Constant propagations and constant expression evaluations
- Analysis of control flow and data flow
- Analysis of data types usage

In enhanced mode, `lint` can detect these problems:

- Unused `#include` directives, variables, and procedures
- Memory usage after its deallocation
- Unused assignments
- Usage of a variable value before its initialization
- Deallocation of nonallocated memory
- Usage of pointers when writing in constant data segments
- Nonequivalent macro redefinitions
- Unreached code
- Conformity of the usage of value types in unions
- Implicit casts of actual arguments.

## 5.2 Using lint

Invoke the `lint` program and its options from the command line. To invoke `lint` in the basic mode, use the following command:

```
% lint file1.c file2.c
```

Enhanced `lint` is invoked with the `-Nlevel` or `-Ncheck` option. For example, you can invoke enhanced `lint` as follows:

```
% lint -Nlevel=3 file1.c file2.c
```

`lint` examines code in two *passes*. In the first pass, `lint` checks for error conditions within C source files; in the second pass, it checks for inconsistencies across C source files. This process is invisible to the user unless `lint` is invoked with `-c`:

```
% lint -c file1.c file2.c
```

This command directs `lint` to execute the first pass only and collect information relevant to the second pass in intermediate files named `file1.ln` and `file2.ln`. The second pass covers inconsistencies in definition and use across `file1.c` and `file2.c`.

```
% ls
file1.c
file1.ln
file2.c
file2.ln
```

In this way, the `-c` option to `lint` is analogous to the `-c` option to `cc`, which suppresses the link editing phase of compilation. The `lint`'s command-line syntax closely follows `cc`'s.

When the `.ln` files are linted the second pass is executed.

```
% lint file1.ln file2.ln
```

`lint` processes any number of `.c` or `.ln` files in their command-line order. For example, the following command, directs `lint` to check `file3.c` for errors internal to it and all three files for consistency.

```
% lint file1.ln file2.ln file3.c
```

`lint` searches directories for included header files in the same order as `cc`. You can use the `-I` option to `lint` as you would the `-I` option to `cc`. See [“2.17 How to Specify Include Files” on page 61](#).

You can specify multiple options to `lint` on the same command line. Options can be concatenated unless one of the options takes an argument or if the option has more than one letter.

```
% lint -cp -Idir1 -Idir2 file1.c file2.c
```

This command directs `lint` to perform the following actions:

- Execute the first pass only
- Perform additional portability checks
- Search the specified directories for included header files

`lint` has many options you can use to direct `lint` to perform certain tasks and report on certain conditions.

Use the environment variable `LINT_OPTIONS` to define default set of options to `lint`. `LINT_OPTIONS` is read by `lint` as if its value had been placed on the command line, immediately following the name used to invoke `lint`.

```
lint $LINT_OPTIONS ... other-arguments ...
```

The `lint` command also recognizes the `SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH` environment variable to locate a user-supplied default options file `lint.defaults`. See [“B.4 User-Supplied Default Options File” on page 358](#).

## 5.3 lint Command-Line Options

The `lint` program is a static analyzer. It cannot evaluate the runtime consequences of the dependencies it detects. For example, certain programs might contain hundreds of unreachable break statements that are of little importance that `lint` flags nevertheless. For example, you could use the `lint` command-line options and special directives embedded as comments in the source text, as follows:

- Invoking `lint` with the `-b` option suppresses all the error messages about unreachable break statements.
- Precede any unreachable statement with the comment `/*NOT REACHED*/` to suppress the diagnostic for that statement.

The `lint` options are listed below alphabetically. Several `lint` options relate to suppressing `lint` diagnostic messages. These options are also listed in [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,” on page 128](#), following the alphabetized options, along with the specific messages they suppress. The options for invoking enhanced `lint` begin with `-N`.

`lint` recognizes many `cc` command-line options, including `-A`, `-D`, `-E`, `-g`, `-H`, `-O`, `-P`, `-U`, `-ansi`, `-std=value`, `-pedantic`, `-Xa`, `-Xc`, `-Xs`, `-Xt`, and `-Y`, although `-g` and `-O` are ignored. Unrecognized options are warned about and ignored.

### 5.3.1 `-#`

Enables verbose mode, showing each component as it is invoked.

### 5.3.2 `-###`

Shows each component as it is invoked, but does not actually execute it.

### 5.3.3 `-a`

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,” on page 128](#).

**5.3.4 -b**

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,”](#) on page 128.

**5.3.5 -C filename**

Creates a .ln file with the file name specified. These .ln files are the product of lint’s first pass only. *filename* can be a complete path name.

**5.3.6 -c**

Creates a .ln file consisting of information relevant to lint’s second pass for every .c file named on the command line. The second pass is not executed.

**5.3.7 -dirout=dir**

Specifies the directory *dir* where the lint output files (.ln files) will be placed. This option affects the -c option.

**5.3.8 -err=warn**

-err=warn is a macro for -errwarn=%all. See [“5.3.15 -errwarn=t”](#) on page 119.

**5.3.9 -errchk=l(, l)**

Perform additional checking as specified by *l*. The default is -errchk=%none. Specifying -errchk is equivalent to specifying -errchk=%all. *l* is a comma-separated list of checks that consists of one or more of the flags in the following table, for example, -errchk=longptr64, structarg.

**TABLE 8** -errchk Flags

Value	Meaning
%all	Perform all of -errchk’s checks.

Value	Meaning
%none	Perform none of -errchk's checks. This is the default.
[no%]locfmtchk	Check for printf-like format strings during the first pass of lint. Regardless of whether you use -errchk=locfmtchk, lint always checks for printf-like format strings in its second pass.
[no%]longptr64	<p>Check portability to environment for which the size of long integers and pointers is 64 bits and the size of plain integers is 32 bits. Check assignments of pointer expressions and long integer expressions to plain integers, even when explicit cast is used.</p> <p>Note that system header files define types intended to manipulate pointers. With the -m32 flag those types may be defined as base types like int that cannot safely manipulate a pointer, thus leading to false warnings. For example, usages of size_t:</p> <pre>#include &lt;stdlib.h&gt; size_t myfiunk(uint32_t param) {     return sizeof(uint64_t) * param; } . \$ lint -m32 -mux -errchk=longptr64 bug.c (5) warning: assignment of 64-bit integer to 32-bit integer \$</pre>
[no%]structarg	Check structural arguments passed by value and report the cases when formal parameter type is not known.
[no%]parentheses	Check the clarity of precedence within your code. Use this option to enhance the maintainability of code. If -errchk=parentheses returns a warning, consider using additional parentheses to clearly signify the precedence of operations within the code.
[no%]signext	Check for situations in which the normal ISO C value-preserving rules allow the extension of the sign of a signed-integral value in an expression of unsigned-integral type. This option only produces error messages when you specify -errchk=longptr64 as well.
[no%]sizematch	Check for the assignment of a larger integer to a smaller integer and issue a warning. These warnings are also issued for assignment between same size integers that have different signs (unsigned int gets a signed int).

### 5.3.10 -errfmt=f

Specifies the format of lint output. *f* can be one of the following: macro, simple, src, or tab.

**TABLE 9** -errfmt Flags

Value	Meaning
macro	Displays the source code, the line number, and the place of the error, with macro unfolding
simple	Displays the line number and the place number, in brackets, of the error, for one-line (simple) diagnostic messages. Similar to the -s option, but includes error-position information

Value	Meaning
src	Displays the source code, the line number, and the place of the error (no macro unfolding)
tab	Displays in tabular format. This is the default.

The default is `-errfmt=tab`. Specifying `-errfmt` is equivalent to specifying `-errfmt=tab`.

If more than one format is specified, the last format specified is used, and `lint` warns about the unused formats.

### 5.3.11 `-errhdr=h`

Enables `lint` to report certain messages for header files when you also specify `-Ncheck`. *h* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following: *dir*, *no%dir*, *%all*, *%none*, *%user*.

**TABLE 10** `-errhdr` Flags

Value	Meaning
<i>dir</i>	Report the <code>-Ncheck</code> messages for header files included from the directory <i>dir</i>
<i>no%dir</i>	Does not report the <code>-Ncheck</code> messages for header files included from the directory <i>dir</i>
<i>%all</i>	Checks all used header files
<i>%none</i>	Does not check header files
<i>%user</i>	Checks all used user header files, that is, all header files except those in <code>/usr/include</code> and its subdirectories, as well as those supplied by the compiler. This is the default.

Examples:

```
% lint -errhdr=inc1 -errhdr=./inc2
```

Checks used header files in directories `inc1` and `./inc2`.

```
% lint -errhdr=%all,no%./inc
```

Checks all used header files except those in the directory `./inc`.

### 5.3.12 `-erroff=tag(, tag)`

Suppresses or enables `lint` error messages.

*t* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following: *tag*, *no%tag*, *%all*, *%none*.

**TABLE 11** -erroff Flags

Value	Meaning
<i>tag</i>	Suppresses the message specified by this <i>tag</i> . You can display the tag for a message by using the <code>-errtags=yes</code> option.
<i>no%tag</i>	Enables the message specified by this <i>tag</i>
<i>%all</i>	Suppresses all messages
<i>%none</i>	Enables all messages. This is the default.

The default is `-erroff=%none`. Specifying `-erroff` is equivalent to specifying `-erroff=%all`.

Examples:

```
% lint -erroff=%all,no%E_ENUM_NEVER_DEF,no%E_STATIC_UNUSED
```

Prints only the messages “enum never defined” and “static unused” and suppresses other messages.

```
% lint -erroff=E_ENUM_NEVER_DEF,E_STATIC_UNUSED
```

Suppresses only the messages “enum never defined” and “static unused”.

### 5.3.13 -errsecurity=*level*

Use the `-errsecurity` option to check your code for security loopholes.

*level* must be one of the values shown in the following table.

**TABLE 12** The -errsecurity Flags

<i>level</i> Value	Meaning
core	<p>This level checks for source code constructs that are almost always either unsafe or difficult to verify. Checks at this level include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Use of variable format strings with the <code>printf()</code> and <code>scanf()</code> family of functions</li> <li>■ Use of unbounded string (<code>%s</code>) formats in <code>scanf()</code> functions</li> <li>■ Use of functions with no safe usage: <code>gets()</code>, <code>cftime()</code>, <code>ascftime()</code>, <code>creat()</code></li> <li>■ Incorrect use of <code>open()</code> with <code>O_CREAT</code></li> </ul> <p>Consider source code that produces warnings at this level to be a bug. The source code in question should be changed. In all cases, straightforward safer alternatives are available.</p>

<i>level</i> Value	Meaning
standard	<p>This level includes all checks from the core level plus constructs that might be safe but have better alternatives available. This level is recommended when checking newly written code. Additional checks at this level include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Use of string copy functions other than <code>strcpy()</code></li> <li>■ Use of weak random number functions</li> <li>■ Use of unsafe functions to generate temporary files</li> <li>■ Use of <code>fopen()</code> to create files</li> <li>■ Use of functions that invoke the shell</li> </ul> <p>Replace source code that produces warnings at this level with new or significantly modified code. Balance addressing these warnings in legacy code against the risks of destabilizing the application.</p>
extended	<p>This level contains the most complete set of checks, including everything from the core and standard levels. In addition, a number of warnings are generated about constructs that may be unsafe in some situations. The checks at this level are useful as an aid in reviewing code, but need not be used as a standard with which acceptable source code must comply. Additional checks at this level include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Calls to <code>getc()</code> or <code>fgetc()</code> inside a loop</li> <li>■ Use of functions prone to pathname race conditions</li> <li>■ Use of the <code>exec()</code> family of functions</li> <li>■ Race conditions between <code>stat()</code> and other functions</li> </ul> <p>Review source code that produces warnings at this level to determine whether the potential security issue is present.</p>
%none	Disables <code>-errsecurity</code> checks

If you do not specify a setting for `-errsecurity`, the `lint` sets it to `-errsecurity=%none`. If you do specify `-errsecurity` but not an argument, the `lint` sets it to `-errsecurity=standard`.

### 5.3.14 `-errtags=a`

Displays the message tag for each error message. *a* can be either yes or no. The default is `-errtags=no`. Specifying `-errtags` is equivalent to specifying `-errtags=yes`.

Works with all `-errfmt` options.

### 5.3.15 `-errwarn=t`

If the indicated warning message is issued, `lint` exits with a failure status. *t* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following: *tag*, `no%tag`, `%all`, `%none`. The order

of the tags is important. For example `%all, no%tag` causes `lint` to exit with a fatal status if any warning except `tag` is issued. The following table lists the `-errwarn` values.

**TABLE 13** `-errwarn` Flags

<i>tag</i> Value	Meaning
<i>tag</i>	Cause <code>lint</code> to exit with a fatal status if the message specified by this <i>tag</i> is issued as a warning message. Has no effect if <i>tag</i> is not issued.
<code>no%tag</code>	Prevent <code>lint</code> from exiting with a fatal status if the message specified by <i>tag</i> is issued only as a warning message. Has no effect if <i>tag</i> is not issued. Use this option to revert a warning message that was previously specified by this option with <i>tag</i> or <code>%all</code> from causing <code>lint</code> to exit with a fatal status when issued as a warning message.
<code>%all</code>	Cause <code>lint</code> to exit with a fatal status if any warning messages are issued. <code>%all</code> can be followed by <code>no%tag</code> to exempt specific warning messages from this behavior.
<code>%none</code>	Prevents any warning message from causing <code>lint</code> to exit with a fatal status should any warning message be issued.

The default is `-errwarn=%none`. Specifying `-errwarn` alone is equivalent to `-errwarn=%all`.

### 5.3.16 -F

Prints the path names as supplied on the command line rather than only their base names when referring to the `.c` files named on the command line.

### 5.3.17 -fd

Reports about old-style function definitions or declarations.

### 5.3.18 -flagsrc=*file*

Executes `lint` with options contained in the file *file*. Multiple options can be specified in *file*, one per line.

### 5.3.19 -h

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,”](#) on page 128.

### 5.3.20 -I*dir*

Searches the directory *dir* for included header files.

### 5.3.21 -k

Alter the behavior of /\* LINTED [*message*] \*/ directives or NOTE(LINTED(*message*)) annotations. Normally, lint suppresses warning messages for the code following these directives. Instead of suppressing the messages, lint prints an additional message containing the comment inside the directive or annotation.

### 5.3.22 -L*dir*

Searches for a lint library in the directory *dir* when used with -l.

### 5.3.23 -lx

Accesses the lint library lib-lx.ln.

### 5.3.24 -m

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,”](#) on page 128.

### 5.3.25 -m32|-m64

Specifies the data type model for the program being analyzed. Also searches for lint libraries that correspond to the selected data type model (32-bit or 64-bit).

Use -m32 to verify 32-bit C programs and -m64 to verify 64-bit C programs.

The ILP32 data type model (32-bit int, long, pointer data types) is the default on all Oracle Solaris platforms and on Oracle Linux platforms that are not 64-bit enabled. The LP64 data type

model (64-bit long, pointer data types) is the default on Oracle Linux platforms that are 64-bit enabled. `-m64` is permitted only on platforms that are enabled for the LP64 model.

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**Note** - Prior to the release of Sun Studio 12, the data type model, ILP32 or LP64, was implied by the choice of the `-Xarch` option. This behavior is no longer the case. On most platforms, just adding `-m64` to the command line is sufficient for linting 64-bit programs.

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## 5.3.26 -Ncheck=c

Checks header files for corresponding declarations, and checks macros. *c* is a comma-separated list of checks that consists of one or more of the following: `macro`, `extern`, `%all`, `%none`, `no%macro`, `no%extern`.

**TABLE 14** -Ncheck Flags

Value	Meaning
<code>macro</code>	Checks for consistency of macro definitions across files
<code>extern</code>	Checks for one-to-one correspondence of declarations between source files and their associated header files (for example, for <code>file1.c</code> and <code>file1.h</code> ). Ensures that there are neither extraneous nor missing <code>extern</code> declarations in a header file.
<code>%all</code>	Performs all of <code>-Ncheck</code> 's checks
<code>%none</code>	Performs none of <code>-Ncheck</code> 's checks. This is the default.
<code>no%macro</code>	Performs none of <code>-Ncheck</code> 's <code>macro</code> checks
<code>no%extern</code>	Performs none of <code>-Ncheck</code> 's <code>extern</code> checks

The default is `-Ncheck=%none`. Specifying `-Ncheck` is equivalent to specifying `-Ncheck=%all`.

Values may be combined with a comma, for example, `-Ncheck=extern,macro`.

The following example performs all checks except macro checks.

```
% lint -Ncheck=%all,no%macro
```

## 5.3.27 -Nlevel=n

(Obsolete) The `-Nlevel` option will be removed in a future release.

Enables enhanced lint mode by specifying the level of enhanced lint analysis for reporting problems. This option provides control of the amount of errors detected. The higher the level,

the longer the verification time.  $n$  is a number: 1, 2, 3, or 4. There is no default. If you do not specify `-Nlevel`, `lint` uses its basic analysis mode. If you specify `-Nlevel` without an argument, `lint` sets `-Nlevel=4`.

See [“5.2 Using lint” on page 112](#) for an explanation of basic and enhanced `lint` modes.

#### 5.3.27.1 `-Nlevel=1`

Analyzes single procedures. Reports unconditional errors that occur on some program execution paths. Does not do global data and control flow analysis.

#### 5.3.27.2 `-Nlevel=2`

Analyzes the whole program, including global data and control flow. Reports unconditional errors that occur on some program execution paths.

#### 5.3.27.3 `-Nlevel=3`

Analyzes the whole program, including constant propagation (cases when constants are used as actual arguments) as well as the analysis performed under `-Nlevel=2`.

Verification of a C program at this analysis level takes two to four times longer than at the preceding level. The extra time is required because `lint` assumes partial interpretation of the program by creating sets of possible values for program variables. These sets of variables are created on the basis of constants and conditional statements that contain constant operands available in the program. The sets form the basis for creating other sets (a form of constant propagation).

Sets received as the result of the analysis are evaluated for correctness according to the following algorithm:

If a correct value exists among all possible values of an object, then that correct value is used as the basis for further propagation; otherwise an error is diagnosed.

#### 5.3.27.4 `-Nlevel=4`

Analyzes the whole program, and reports conditional errors that could occur when certain program execution paths are used, as well as the analysis performed under `-Nlevel=3`.

At this analysis level, there are additional diagnostic messages. The analysis algorithm generally corresponds to the analysis algorithm of `-Nlevel=3` with the exception that any

invalid values now generate an error message. The amount of time required for analysis at this level can increase as much as two orders (about 20 to 100 times more slowly). In this case, the extra time required is directly proportional to the program complexity as characterized by recursion, conditional statements and the like. As a result using this level of analysis might be difficult for a program that exceeds 100,000 lines.

### 5.3.28 -n

Suppresses checks for compatibility with the default lint standard C library.

### 5.3.29 -oX

Causes lint to create a lint library with the name `llib-lx.ln`. This library is created from all the `.ln` files that lint used in its second pass. The `-c` option nullifies any use of the `-o` option. To produce a `llib-lx.ln` without extraneous messages, you can use the `-x` option. The `-v` option is useful if the source files for the lint library are only external interfaces. The lint library produced can be used later if lint is invoked with `-lx`.

By default, you create libraries in lint's basic format. If you use lint's enhanced mode, the library created will be in enhanced format, and can only be used in enhanced mode.

### 5.3.30 -p

Enables certain messages relating to portability issues.

### 5.3.31 -Rfile

Write a `.ln` file to *file*, for use by `cxref(1)`. This option disables the enhanced mode if it is switched on.

### 5.3.32 -s

Produce simple diagnostics with "warning:" or "error:" prefixes. By default lint buffers some messages to produce compound output.

**5.3.33 -u**

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,”](#) on page 128. This option is suitable for running lint on a subset of files of a larger program.

**5.3.34 -v**

Writes the product name and releases to standard error.

**5.3.35 -v**

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, “lint Options to Suppress Messages,”](#) on page 128.

**5.3.36 -wfile**

Write a .ln file to *file*, for use by `cfLOW(1)`. This option disables the enhanced mode if it is switched on.

**5.3.37 -XCC=*a***

Accepts C++-style comments. In particular, `//` can be used to indicate the start of a comment. *a* can be either `yes` or `no`. The default is `-XCC=no`. Specifying `-XCC` is equivalent to specifying `-XCC=yes`.

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**Note** - You only need to use this option when `-std=c89` is in effect.

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**5.3.38 -Xalias\_level[=*l*]**

With this option, *l* is one of `any`, `basic`, `weak`, `layout`, `strict`, `std`, or `strong`. See [Table 49, “Levels of Alias-Disambiguation,”](#) on page 273 for a detailed explanation of the different levels of disambiguation.

If you do not specify `-Xalias_level`, the default of the flag is `-Xalias_level=any`, which means that no type-based alias-analysis is performed. If you specify `-Xalias_level` but do not supply a level, the default is `-Xalias_level=layout`.

Be sure to run `lint` at a level of disambiguation that is no more strict than the level at which you ran the compiler. If you run `lint` at a level of disambiguation that is more strict than the level at which you compiled, the results will be difficult to interpret and possibly misleading.

See “5.6.3 lint Filters” on page 140 for a detailed explanation of disambiguation as well as a list of pragmas designed to help with disambiguation.

### 5.3.39 **-Xarch=v9**

(Oracle Solaris) Deprecated. Do not use. See “5.3.25 -m32|-m64” on page 121.

### 5.3.40 **-Xc99[=o]**

The `-Xc99` flag controls compiler recognition of the implemented features from the C99 standard (ISO/IEC 9899:1999, Programming Language -C).

`o` can be one of the following: `all`, `none`.

`-Xc99=none` disables recognition of C99 features. `-Xc99=all` enables recognition of supported C99 features.

Specifying `-Xc99` without any arguments is the same as `-Xc99=all`.

The `-Xc99` flag cannot be used if the `-std` or `-pedantic` flag has been specified.

### 5.3.41 **-Xkeeptmp=a**

Keeps temporary files created during linting instead of deleting them automatically. `a` can be either `yes` or `no`. The default is `-Xkeeptmp=no`. Specifying `-Xkeeptmp` is equivalent to specifying `-Xkeeptmp=yes`.

### 5.3.42 **-Xtemp=dir**

Sets the directory for temporary files to `dir`. Without this option, temporary files go into `/tmp`.

### 5.3.43 -Xtime=*a*

Reports the execution time for each lint pass. *a* can be either yes or no. The default is -Xtime=no. Specifying -Xtime is equivalent to specifying -Xtime=yes.

### 5.3.44 -Xtransition=*a*

Issues warnings for the differences between K&R C and Oracle Developer Studio ISO C. *a* can be either yes or no. The default is -Xtransition=no. Specifying -Xtransition is equivalent to specifying -Xtransition=yes.

### 5.3.45 -Xustr={ascii\_utf16\_ushort|no}

This option enables recognition of string literals of the form U"ASCII-string" as an array of unsigned short int. The default is -Xustr=no, which disables compiler recognition of U"ASCII-string" string literals. "-Xustr=ascii\_utf16\_ushort enables compiler recognition of U"ASCII-string" string literals.

### 5.3.46 -x

Suppresses certain messages. Refer to [Table 15, "Lint Options to Suppress Messages," on page 128](#).

### 5.3.47 -y

Treats every .c file named on the command line as if it begins with the directive /\* LINTLIBRARY \*/ or the annotation NOTE(LINTLIBRARY). A lint library is normally created using the /\* LINTLIBRARY \*/ directive or the NOTE(LINTLIBRARY) annotation.

## 5.4 lint Messages

Most of lint's messages are simple, one-line statements printed for each occurrence of the problem they diagnose. Errors detected in included files are reported multiple times by the

compiler, but only once by `lint` no matter how many times the file is included in other source files. Compound messages are issued for inconsistencies across files and, in a few cases, for problems within them as well. A single message describes every occurrence of the problem in the file or files being checked. When use of a `lint` filter requires that a message be printed for each occurrence, compound diagnostics can be converted to the simple type by invoking `lint` with the `-s` option. See [“5.6.2 lint Libraries” on page 138](#) for more information.

`lint`'s messages are written to `stderr`.

## 5.4.1 Options to Suppress Messages

You can use several `lint` options to suppress `lint` diagnostic messages. Messages can be suppressed with the `-erroff` option followed by one or more *tags*. These mnemonic tags can be displayed with the `-errtags=yes` option.

The following table lists the options that suppress `lint` messages.

**TABLE 15** lint Options to Suppress Messages

Option	Messages Suppressed
-a	assignment causes implicit narrowing conversion conversion to larger integral type may sign-extend incorrectly
-b	statement not reached (unreachable break and empty statements)
-h	assignment operator "=" found where equality operator "==" was expected constant operand to op: "!" fallthrough on case statements pointer cast may result in improper alignment precedence confusion possible; parenthesize statement has no consequent: if statement has no consequent: else
-m	declared global, could be static
-erroff= <i>tag</i>	One or more <code>lint</code> messages specified by <i>tag</i>
-u	name defined but never used name used but not defined
-v	arguments unused in function
-x	name declared but never used or defined

## 5.4.2 lint Message Formats

The `lint` program can, with certain options, show precise source file lines with pointers to the line position where the error occurred. The option enabling this feature is `-errfmt=f`, which causes `lint` to provide the following information:

- Source lines and positions
- Macro unfolding
- Error-prone stacks

For example, the following program, `Test1.c`, contains an error.

```
1 #include <string.h>
2 static void cpv(char *s, char* v, unsigned n)
3 { int i;
4   for (i=0; i<=n; i++){
5     *v++ = *s++;}
6 }
7 void main(int argc, char* argv[])
8 {
9   if (argc != 0){
10    cpv(argv[0], argc, strlen(argv[0]));}
11}
```

Using `lint` on `Test1.c` with the `-errfmt=src` option produces the following output::

```
% lint -errfmt=src-Nlevel=2 Test1.c
|static void cpv(char *s, char* v, unsigned n)
|      ^ line 2, Test1.c
|
|      cpv(argv[0], argc, strlen(argv[0]));
|      ^ line 10, Test1.c
warning: improper pointer/integer combination: arg #2
|
|static void cpv(char *s, char* v, unsigned n)
|      ^ line 2, Test1.c
|
|cpv(argv[0], argc, strlen(argv[0]));
|      ^ line 10, Test1.c
|
|      *v++ = *s++;
|      ^ line 5, Test1.c
warning: use of a pointer produced in a questionable way
v defined at Test1.c(2)    ::Test1.c(5)
call stack:
main()                    ,    Test1.c(10)
```

```
cpv() , Test1.c(5)
```

The first warning indicates two source lines that are contradictory. The second warning shows the call stack with the control flow leading to the error.

Another program, Test2.c, contains a different error:

```
1 #define AA(b) AR[b+l]
2 #define B(c,d) c+AA(d)
3
4 int x=0;
5
6 int AR[10]={1,2,3,4,5,6,77,88,99,0};
7
8 main()
9 {
10  int y=-5, z=5;
11  return B(y,z);
12 }
```

Using lint on Test2.c with the `-errfmt=macro` option produces the following output, showing the steps of macro substitution:

```
% lint -errfmt=macro Test2.c
| return B(y,z);
|      ^ line 11, Test2.c
|
| #define B(c,d) c+AA(d)
|      ^ line 2, Test2.c
|
| #define AA(b) AR[b+l]
|      ^ line 1, Test2.c
error: undefined symbol: l
|
|   return B(y,z);
|       ^ line 11, Test2.c
|
| #define B(c,d) c+AA(d)
|       ^ line 2, Test2.c
|
| #define AA(b) AR[b+l]
|       ^ line 1, Test2.c
variable may be used before set: l
lint: errors in Test2.c; no output created
lint: pass2 not run - errors in Test2.c
```

## 5.5 lint Directives

### 5.5.1 Predefined Values

Running `lint` predefines the `lint` token. See also the `cc(1)` man page for a list of predefined tokens.

### 5.5.2 Directives

`lint` directives in the form of `/*...*/` are supported for existing annotations but will not be supported for future annotations. Directives in the form of source code annotations, `NOTE(...)`, are recommended for all annotations.

Specify `lint` directives in the form of source code annotations by including the file `note.h`, for example:

```
#include <note.h>
```

`lint` shares the Source Code Annotations scheme with several other tools. When you install the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler, you also automatically install the file `/usr/lib/note/SUNW_SPRO-lint`, which contains the names of all the annotations that LockLint understands. However, the Oracle Developer Studio C source code checker, `lint`, also checks all the files in `/usr/lib/note` and the Oracle Developer Studio default location `install-directory/prod/lib/note` for all valid annotations.

You may specify a location other than `/usr/lib/note` by setting the environment variable `NOTEPATH`, as in:

```
setenv NOTEPATH $NOTEPATH:other_location
```

The following table lists the `lint` directives along with their actions.

**TABLE 16** lint Directives

Directive	Action
<code>NOTE(ALIGNMENT(<i>fname</i>,<i>n</i>))</code> where <i>n</i> =1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128	Makes <code>lint</code> set the following function result alignment in <i>n</i> bytes. For example, <code>malloc()</code> is defined as returning a <code>char*</code> or <code>void*</code> when it actually returns pointers that are <code>word</code> , or even <code>doubleword</code> , aligned.  Suppresses the following message:  ■ improper alignment
<code>NOTE(ARGSUSED(<i>n</i>))</code>	This directive acts like the <code>-v</code> option for the next function.

Directive	Action
<code>/*ARGUSEDn*/</code>	<p>Suppresses the following message for every argument but the first <i>n</i> in the function definition it precedes. Default is 0. For the NOTE format, <i>n</i> must be specified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ argument unused in function</li> </ul>
<code>NOTE (ARGUNUSED (par_name[,par_name...]))</code>	<p>Makes lint not check the mentioned arguments for usage (this option acts only for the next function).</p> <p>Suppresses the following message for every argument listed in NOTE or directive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ argument unused in function</li> </ul>
<code>NOTE (CONSTCOND) /*CONSTCOND*/</code>	<p>Suppresses complaints about constant operands for the conditional expression. Suppresses the following messages for the constructs it precedes.</p> <p>Also NOTE (CONSTANTCONDITION) or /* CONSTANTCONDITION */.</p> <p>constant in conditional context</p> <p>constant operands to op: "!"</p> <p>logical expression always false: op "&amp;&amp;"</p> <p>logical expression always true: op "  "</p>
<code>NOTE (EMPTY) /*EMPTY*/</code>	<p>Suppresses complaints about a null statement consequent on an if statement. This directive should be placed after the test expression and before the semicolon. This directive is supplied to support empty if statements when a valid else statement follows. It suppresses messages on an empty else consequent.</p> <p>Suppresses the following messages when inserted between the controlling expression of the if and semicolon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ statement has no consequent: else when inserted between the else and semicolon;</li> <li>■ statement has no consequent: if</li> </ul>
<code>NOTE (FALLTHRU) /*FALLTHRU*/</code>	<p>Suppresses complaints about a fall through to a case or default labelled statement. This directive should be placed immediately preceding the label.</p> <p>Suppresses the following message for the case statement it precedes. Also NOTE (FALLTHROUGH) or /* FALLTHROUGH */.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ fallthrough on case statement</li> </ul>
<code>NOTE (LINTED (msg)) /*LINTED [msg]*/</code>	<p>Suppresses any intra-file warning (those issued by lint pass 1) except those dealing with unused variables or functions. Messages that require inter-file analysis and are issued by lint pass 2 cannot be suppress with the LINTED directive, and a warning message that the</p>

Directive	Action
	<p>LINTED suppression directive was not used is usually given to indicate so. This directive should be placed on the line immediately preceding where the lint warning occurred. The -k option alters the way in which lint handles this directive. Instead of suppressing messages, lint prints an additional message, if any, contained in the comments. This directive is useful in conjunction with the -s option for post-lint filtering.</p> <p>When -k is not invoked, suppresses every warning pertaining to an intra-file problem, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ argument unused in function</li> <li>■ declarations unused in block</li> <li>■ set but not used in function</li> <li>■ static unused</li> <li>■ variable not used in function</li> </ul> <p>for the line of code it precedes. <i>msg</i> is ignored.</p>
<p>NOTE(LINTLIBRARY)</p> <p>/*LINTLIBRARY*/</p>	<p>When -o is invoked, writes to a library .ln file, only definitions in the .c file it heads. This directive suppresses messages about unused functions and function arguments in this file.</p>
<p>NOTE(NOTREACHED)</p> <p>/*NOTREACHED*/</p>	<p>At appropriate points, stops comments about unreachable code. This comment is typically placed just after calls to functions such as exit(2).</p> <p>Suppresses the following messages for the closing curly brace it precedes at the end of the function.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ statement not reached for the unreachable statements it precedes;</li> <li>■ fallthrough on case statement for the case it precedes that cannot be reached from the preceding case;</li> <li>■ function falls off bottom without returning value</li> </ul>
<p>NOTE(PRINTFLIKE(<i>n</i>))</p> <p>NOTE(PRINTFLIKE(<i>fun_name,n</i>))</p> <p>/*PRINTFLIKE<i>n</i>*/</p>	<p>Treats the <i>n</i>th argument of the function definition it precedes as a [fs]printf() format string and issues the following messages for mismatches between the remaining arguments and the conversion specifications. lint issues these warnings by default for errors in the calls to [fs]printf() functions provided by the standard C library.</p> <p>For the NOTE format, <i>n</i> must be specified.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ malformed format strings for invalid conversion specifications in that argument, and function argument type inconsistent with format</li> <li>■ too few arguments for format</li> <li>■ too many arguments for format</li> </ul>

Directive	Action
NOTE (PROTOLIB( <i>n</i> ))  /*PROTOLIB <i>n</i> */	When <i>n</i> is 1 and NOTE (LINTLIBRARY) or /* LINTLIBRARY */ is used, writes to a library .ln file only the function prototype declarations in the .c file it heads. The default is 0, which cancels the process.  For the NOTE format, <i>n</i> must be specified.
NOTE (SCANFLIKE( <i>n</i> ))  NOTE (SCANLIKE( <i>fun_name</i> , <i>n</i> ))  /*SCANFLIKE <i>n</i> */	Same as NOTE (PRINTFLIKE( <i>n</i> )) or /* PRINTFLIKE <i>n</i> */, except that the <i>n</i> th argument of the function definition is treated as a [ <i>fs</i> ] scanf() format string. By default, lint issues warnings for errors in the calls to [ <i>fs</i> ] scanf() functions provided by the standard C library.  For the NOTE format, <i>n</i> must be specified.
NOTE (VARARGS( <i>n</i> ))  NOTE (VARARGS( <i>fun_name</i> , <i>n</i> ))  /*VARARGS <i>n</i> */	Suppresses the usual checking for variable numbers of arguments in the following function declaration. The data types of the first <i>n</i> arguments are checked; a missing <i>n</i> is taken to be 0. The use of the ellipsis (...) terminator in the definition is suggested in new or updated code.  For the function whose definition it precedes, suppresses the following message for calls to the function with <i>n</i> or more arguments. For the NOTE format, <i>n</i> must be specified.  ■ functions called with variable number of arguments

## 5.6 lint Reference and Examples

This section provides reference information on lint, including checks performed by lint, lint libraries, and lint filters.

### 5.6.1 Diagnostics Performed by lint

lint-specific diagnostics are issued for three broad categories of conditions: inconsistent use, nonportable code, and questionable constructs. This section reviews examples of lint's behavior in each of these areas, and suggests possible responses to the issues they raise.

#### 5.6.1.1 Consistency Checks

Inconsistent use of variables, arguments, and functions is checked within files as well as across them. Generally speaking, the same checks are performed for prototype uses, declarations, and parameters as lint checks for old-style functions. If your program does not use function prototypes, lint checks the number and types of parameters in each call to a function more

strictly than the compiler. `lint` also identifies mismatches of conversion specifications and arguments in `[fs]printf()` and `[fs]scanf()` control strings.

Examples:

- Within files, `lint` flags non-void functions that return without giving a value to the invoking function. In the past, programmers often indicated that a function was not meant to return a value by omitting the return type: `fun() {}`. That convention has no meaning to the compiler, which assumes `fun()` has the return type `int`. Declare the function with the return type `void` to eliminate the problem.
- Across files, `lint` detects cases where a non-void function does not return a value but is used in an expression as if it did, and the opposite problem where a function returns a value that is sometimes or always ignored. If the value is *always* ignored, an inefficiency in the function definition might be present, while *sometimes* ignoring the value could be bad programming style (typically, not testing for error conditions). If you do not need to check the return values of string functions like `strcat()`, `strcpy()`, and `sprintf()`, or output functions like `printf()` and `putchar()`, cast the offending calls to `void`.
- `lint` identifies variables or functions that are declared but not used or defined, used, but not defined, or defined, but not used. When `lint` is applied to some but not all files of a collection to be loaded together, it issues error messages about functions and variables that are in the following situations:
  - Declared in those files but defined or used elsewhere
  - Used in those files but defined elsewhere
  - Defined in those files but used elsewhere

Invoke the `-x` option to suppress the first situation, and `-u` to suppress the latter two.

### 5.6.1.2 Portability Checks

Some nonportable code is flagged by `lint` in its default behavior, and a few more cases are diagnosed when `lint` is invoked with `-p` or `-pedantic`. The latter causes `lint` to check for constructs that do not conform to the ISO C standard. For the messages issued under `-p` and `-pedantic`, see [“5.6.2 lint Libraries” on page 138](#).

Examples:

- In some C language implementations, character variables that are not explicitly declared signed or unsigned are treated as signed quantities with a range typically from -128 to 127. In other implementations, they are treated as nonnegative quantities with a range typically from 0 to 255. The following test, where `EOF` has the value -1, always fails on machines where character variables take on nonnegative values.

```
char c;
c = getchar();
if (c == EOF) ...
```

lint invoked with `-p` checks all comparisons that imply a *plain* char may have a negative value. However, declaring `c` as a signed char in the example eliminates the diagnostic, not the problem. `getchar()` must return all possible characters and a distinct EOF value, so a char cannot store its value. This example, perhaps the most common one arising from implementation-defined sign-extension, shows how a thoughtful application of lint's portability option can help you discover bugs not related to portability. In any case, declare `c` as an `int`.

- A similar issue arises with bit-fields. When constant values are assigned to bit-fields, the field may be too small to hold the value. On a machine that treats bit-fields of type `int` as unsigned quantities, the values allowed for `int x:3` range from 0 to 7, whereas on machines that treat them as signed quantities, they range from -4 to 3. However, a three-bit field declared type `int` cannot hold the value 4 on the latter machines. lint invoked with `-p` flags all bit-field types other than unsigned `int` or signed `int`. These are the only *portable* bit-field types. The compiler supports `int`, `char`, `short`, and `long` bit-field types that may be unsigned, signed, or *plain*. It also supports the `enum` bit-field type.
- Problems can arise when a larger-sized type is assigned to a smaller-sized type. If significant bits are truncated, accuracy is lost:

```
short s;
long l;
s = l;
```

lint flags all such assignments by default; the diagnostic can be suppressed by invoking the `--a` option. Bear in mind that you may be suppressing other diagnostics when you invoke lint with this or any other option. Check the list in [“5.6.2 lint Libraries” on page 138](#) for the options that suppress more than one diagnostic.

- A cast of a pointer to one object type to a pointer to an object type with stricter alignment requirements might not be portable. lint flags the following example because, on most machines, an `int` cannot start on an arbitrary byte boundary, whereas a `char` can.

```
int *fun(y)
char *y;
{
    return(int *)y;
}
```

You can suppress the diagnostic by invoking `lint` with `-h`, although, again, you may be disabling other messages. Better still, eliminate the problem by using the generic pointer `void *`.

- ISO C leaves the order of evaluation of complicated expressions undefined. That is, when function calls, nested assignment statements, or the increment and decrement operators cause side effects when a variable is changed as a by-product of the evaluation of an expression, the order in which the side effects take place is highly machine-dependent. By default, `lint` flags any variable changed by a side effect and used elsewhere in the same expression:

```
int a[10];
main()
{
    int i = 1;
    a[i++] = i;
}
```

In this example, the value of `a[1]` could be 1 with one compiler and 2 with a different compiler. The bitwise logical operator `&` can give rise to this diagnostic when it is mistakenly used in place of the logical operator `&&`:

```
if ((c = getchar()) != EOF & c != '0')
```

### 5.6.1.3 Questionable Constructs

`lint` flags a miscellany of legal constructs that might not represent what the programmer intended. Examples:

- An unsigned variable always has a nonnegative value. So the following test always fails:

```
unsigned x;
if (x < 0) ...
```

The following test:

```
unsigned x;
if (x > 0) ...
```

is equivalent to:

```
if (x != 0) ...
```

This result might not be the intended action. `lint` flags questionable comparisons of unsigned variables with negative constants or `0`. To compare an unsigned variable to the bit pattern of a negative number, cast it to unsigned:

```
if (u == (unsigned) -1) ...
```

Or use the `U` suffix:

```
if (u == -1U) ...
```

- `lint` flags expressions without side effects that are used in a context where side effects are expected, that is, where the expression might not represent what the programmer intends. It issues an additional warning whenever the equality operator is found where the assignment operator is expected, that is, where a side effect is expected:

```
int fun()
{
    int a, b, x, y;
    (a = x) && (b == y);
}
```

- `lint` cautions you to parenthesize expressions that mix both the logical and bitwise operators (specifically, `&`, `|`, `^`, `<<`, `>>`), where misunderstanding of operator precedence may lead to incorrect results. For example, because the precedence of bitwise `&` falls below logical `==`, the expression:

```
if (x & a == 0) ...
```

is evaluated as:

```
if (x & (a == 0)) ...
```

This result is most likely not what was intended. Invoking `lint` with `-h` disables the diagnostic.

## 5.6.2 lint Libraries

You can use `lint` libraries to check your program for compatibility with the library functions you have called in it: the declaration of the function return type, the number and types of arguments the function expects, and so on. The standard `lint` libraries correspond to libraries supplied by the C compilation system, and generally are stored in a standard place on your system. By convention, `lint` libraries have names of the form `llib-lx.ln`.

The lint standard C library, `llib-1c.ln`, is appended to the lint command line by default. Checks for compatibility with it can be suppressed by invoking the `-n` option. Other lint libraries are accessed as arguments to `-l`. The following example directs lint to check the usage of functions and variables in `file1.c` and `file2.c` for compatibility with the lint library `llib-1x.ln`.

```
% lint -lx file1.c file2.c
```

The library file, which consists only of definitions, is processed exactly as are ordinary source files and ordinary `.ln` files, except that functions and variables used inconsistently in the library file, or defined in the library file but not used in the source files, elicit no complaints.

To create your own lint library, insert the directive `NOTE(LINTLIBRARY)` at the head of a C source file, then invoke lint for that file with the `-o` option and the library name given to `-l`. The following example causes only definitions in the source files headed by `NOTE(LINTLIBRARY)` to be written to the file `llib-1x.ln`.

```
% lint -ox file1.c file2.c
```

Note the analogy of lint `-o` to cc `-o`. A library can be created from a file of function prototype declarations in the same way, except that both `NOTE(LINTLIBRARY)` and `NOTE(PROTOLIB(n))` must be inserted at the head of the declarations file. If `n` is 1, prototype declarations are written to a library `.ln` file just as are old-style definitions. If `n` is 0, the default, the process is cancelled. Invoking lint with `-y` is another way of creating a lint library. The following command line causes each source file named on that line to be treated as if it begins with `NOTE(LINTLIBRARY)`, and only its definitions to be written to `llib-1x.ln`.

```
% lint -y -ox file1.c file2.c
```

By default, lint searches for lint libraries in the standard place. To direct lint to search for a lint library in a directory other than the standard place, specify the path of the directory with the `-L` option:

```
% lint -Ldir -lx file1.c file2.c
```

In enhanced mode, lint produces `.ln` files which store additional information than `.ln` files produced in basic mode. In enhanced mode, lint can read and understand all `.ln` files generated by either basic or enhanced lint modes. In basic mode, lint can read and understand `.ln` files generated only using basic lint mode.

By default, lint uses libraries from the `/lib` and `/usr/lib` directories. These libraries are in the basic lint format. You can run a `makefile` once, and create enhanced lint libraries in a new format, which will enable enhanced lint to work more effectively. To run the `makefile` and create the new libraries, use the following command:

```
% cd install-directory/prod/src/lintlib; make
```

where *install-directory* is the installation directory. After the `makefile` is run, `lint` uses the new libraries in enhanced mode, instead of the libraries in the `/lib` or `/usr/lib` directory.

The specified directory is searched before the standard locations.

### 5.6.3 lint Filters

A `lint` filter is a project-specific post-processor that typically uses an `awk` script or similar program to read the output of `lint` and discard messages that your project has deemed as *not* identifying real problems, for example, string functions, that, return values that are sometimes or always ignored. `lint` filters generate customized diagnostic reports when `lint` options and directives do not provide sufficient control over output.

Two options to `lint` are particularly useful in developing a filter:

- The `-s` option causes compound diagnostics to be converted into simple, one-line messages issued for each occurrence of the problem diagnosed. The easily parsed message format is suitable for analysis by an `awk` script.
- The `-k` option causes certain comments you have written in the source file to be printed in output. It can be useful both in documenting project decisions and specifying the post-processor's behavior. In the latter instance, if the comment identifies an expected `lint` message and the reported message is the same, the message can be filtered out. To use `-k`, insert the `NOTE(LINTED(msg))` directive on the line preceding the code you want to comment, where *msg* refers to the comment to be printed when `lint` is invoked with `-k`.

Refer to the list of directives in [Table 16, “lint Directives,” on page 131](#) for an explanation of what `lint` does when `-k` is *not* invoked for a file containing `NOTE(LINTED(msg))`.

## Type-Based Alias Analysis

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This chapter explains how to use the `-xalias_level` option and several pragmas to enable the compiler to perform type-based alias analysis and optimizations. You use these extensions to express type-based information about the way pointers are used in your C program. The C compiler uses this information, in turn, for alias disambiguation of pointer-based memory references in your program.

See “[B.2.83 -xalias\\_level\[=l\]](#)” on page 272 for a detailed explanation of this command’s syntax. Also, see “[5.3.38 -Xalias\\_level\[=l\]](#)” on page 125 for an explanation of the `lint` program’s type-based alias-analysis capabilities.

### 6.1 Introduction to Type-Based Analysis

You can use the `-xalias_level` option to specify one of seven alias levels. Each level specifies a certain set of properties related to the way you use pointers in your C program.

As you compile with higher levels of the `-xalias_level` option, the compiler makes increasingly extensive assumptions about the pointers in your code. You have greater programming freedom when the compiler makes fewer assumptions. However, the optimizations that result from these narrow assumptions might not result in significant runtime performance improvement. If you code in accordance with the compiler assumptions of the more advanced levels of the `-xalias_level` option, the resulting optimizations are more likely to enhance runtime performance.

The `-xalias_level` option specifies which alias level applies to each translation unit. For cases where more detail is beneficial, you can use new pragmas to override whatever alias levels are in effect so that you can explicitly specify the aliasing relationships between individual types or pointer variables in the translation unit.

## 6.2 Using Pragmas for Finer Control

For cases in which type-based analysis can benefit from more detail, you can use the pragmas described in this section to override the alias level in effect and specify the aliasing relationships between individual types or pointer variables in the translation unit. These pragmas provide the most benefit when the use of pointers in a translation unit is consistent with one of the available alias levels while a few specific pointer variables are used in an irregular way not allowed by one of the available levels.

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**Note** - If you do not declare the named type or variable prior to the pragma, a warning message is issued and the pragma is ignored. The results of the program are undefined if the pragma appears after the first memory reference to which its meaning applies.

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The terms listed in the following table are used in the pragma definitions.

Term	Meaning
<i>level</i>	Any of the alias levels listed under “B.2.83 <code>-xalias_level[=I]</code> ” on page 272.
<i>type</i>	Any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>char</code>, <code>short</code>, <code>int</code>, <code>long</code>, <code>long long</code>, <code>float</code>, <code>double</code>, <code>long double</code></li> <li>■ <code>void</code>, which denotes all pointer types</li> <li>■ <code>typedef name</code>, which is the name of a defined type from a typedef declaration</li> <li>■ <code>struct name</code>, which is the keyword <code>struct</code> followed by a <i>struct tag</i> name</li> <li>■ <code>union</code>, which is the keyword <code>union</code> followed by a <i>union tag</i> name</li> </ul>
<i>pointer_name</i>	The name of any variable of pointer type in the translation unit.

### 6.2.1 `#pragma alias_level level (list)`

Replace *level* with one of the seven alias levels: `any`, `basic`, `weak`, `layout`, `strict`, `std`, or `strong`. You can replace *list* with either a single type or pointer, or a comma-delimited list of types or pointers. For example, you can issue `#pragma alias_level` as follows:

- `#pragma alias_level level (type [, type])`
- `#pragma alias_level level (pointer [, pointer])`

This pragma specifies that the indicated alias level applies either to all of the memory references of the translation unit for the listed types, or to all of the dereferences of the translation unit where any of the named pointer variables are being dereferenced.

If you specify more than one alias level to be applied to a particular dereference, the level that is applied by the pointer name, if any, has precedence over all other levels. The level applied by the type name, if any, has precedence over the level applied by the option. In the following example, the `std` level applies to `p` if the program is compiled with `#pragma alias_level` set higher than any.

```
typedef int * int_ptr;
int_ptr p;
#pragma alias_level strong (int_ptr)
#pragma alias_level std (p)
```

### 6.2.1.1 `#pragma alias (type, type [, type]...)`

This pragma specifies that all the listed types alias each other. In the following example, the compiler assumes that the indirect access `*pt` aliases the indirect access `*pf`.

```
#pragma alias (int, float)
int *pt;
float *pf;
```

### 6.2.1.2 `#pragma alias (pointer, pointer [, pointer]...)`

This pragma specifies that at the point of any dereference of any of the named pointer variables, the pointer value being dereferenced can point to the same object as any of the other named pointer variables. However, the pointer is not limited to only the objects contained in the named variables and can point to objects that are not included in the list. This pragma overrides the aliasing assumptions of any applied alias levels. In the following example, any indirect accesses of `p` and `q` after the pragma are considered to alias regardless of their type.

```
#pragma alias(p, q)
```

### 6.2.1.3 `#pragma may_point_to (pointer, variable [, variable]...)`

This pragma specifies that at the point of any dereference of the named pointer variable, the pointer value being dereferenced can point to the objects that are contained in any of the named variables. However, the pointer is not limited to only the objects contained in the named variables and can point to objects that are not included in the list. This pragma overrides the aliasing assumptions of any applied alias levels. In the following example, the compiler assumes that any indirect access of `*p`, aliases any direct accesses `a`, `b`, and `c`.

```
#pragma alias may_point_to(p, a, b, c)
```

#### 6.2.1.4 **#pragma noalias (type, type [, type]...)**

This pragma specifies that the listed types do not alias each other. In the following example, the compiler assumes that any indirect access of \*p does not alias the indirect access \*ps.

```
struct S {
    float f;
    ...} *ps;

#pragma noalias(int, struct S)
int *p;
```

#### 6.2.1.5 **#pragma noalias (pointer, pointer [, pointer]...)**

This pragma specifies that at the point of any dereference of any of the named pointer variables, the pointer value being dereferenced does not point to the same object as any of the other named pointer variables. This pragma overrides all other applied alias levels. In the following example, the compiler assumes that any indirect access of \*p does not alias the indirect access \*q regardless of the types of the two pointers.

```
#pragma noalias(p, q)
```

#### 6.2.1.6 **#pragma may\_not\_point\_to (pointer, variable [, variable]...)**

This pragma specifies that at the point of any dereference of the named pointer variable, the pointer value being dereferenced does not point to the objects that are contained in any of the named variables. This pragma overrides all other applied alias levels. In the following example, the compiler assumes that any indirect access of \*p does not alias the direct accesses a, b, or c.

```
#pragma may_not_point_to(p, a, b, c)
```

#### 6.2.1.7 **#pragma ivdep**

The `ivdep` pragmas tell a compiler to ignore some or all loop-carried dependences on array references that it finds in a loop for purposes of optimization. This enables a compiler to perform various loop optimizations such as microvectorization, distribution, software pipelining, and so on, which would not be otherwise possible. It is used in cases where the user knows either that the dependences do not matter or that they never occur in practice.

The interpretation of `#pragma ivdep` directives depend upon the value of the `-xivdep` option.

## 6.3 Checking With lint

The lint program recognizes the same levels of type-based alias-disambiguation as the compiler's `-xalias_level` command. The lint program also recognizes the pragmas related to type-based alias-disambiguation documented in this chapter. For a detailed explanation of the lint `-xalias_level` command, see “5.3.38 `-xalias_level[=!]`” on page 125.

Four situations that lint detects and generates warnings are:

- Casting a scalar pointer to a struct pointer
- Casting a void pointer to a struct pointer
- Casting a structure field to a scalar pointer
- Casting a struct pointer to a struct pointer at the level of `-xalias_level=strict` without explicit aliasing

### 6.3.1 Struct Pointer Cast of Scalar Pointer

In the following example, the pointer `p` of type `integer` is cast as a pointer of type `struct foo`. With lint `-xalias_level=weak` (or higher), this example generates an error.

```
struct foo {
    int a;
    int b;
};

struct foo *f;
int *p;

void main()
{
    f = (struct foo *)p; /* struct pointer cast of scalar pointer error */
}
```

### 6.3.2 Struct Pointer Cast of Void Pointer

In the following example, the void pointer `vp`, is cast as a struct pointer. With lint `-xalias_level=weak` (or higher), this example generates a warning.

```
struct foo {
    int a;
    int b;
```

```
};

struct foo *f;
void *vp;

void main()
{
    f = (struct foo *)vp; /* struct pointer cast of void pointer warning */
}
```

### 6.3.3 Cast of Struct Field to Structure Pointer

In the following example, the address of structure member `foo.b` is being cast as a struct pointer and then assigned to `f2`. With `lint -Xalias_level=weak` (or higher), this example generates an error.

```
struct foo{
    int a;
    int b;
};

struct foo *f1;
struct foo *f2;

void main()
{
    f2 = (struct foo *)&f1->b; /* cast of a scalar pointer to struct pointer error*/
}
```

### 6.3.4 Explicit Aliasing Required

In the following example, the pointer `f1` of type `struct fooa` is being cast as a pointer of type `struct foob`. With `lint -Xalias_level=strict` (or higher) such a cast requires explicit aliasing, unless the struct types are identical (the same number of fields of the same type). In addition, at alias levels `standard` and `strong`, the assumption is that the tags must match for aliasing to occur. Use `#pragma alias (struct fooa, struct foob)` before the assignment to `f1` and `lint` stops generating the warning.

```
struct fooa {
    int a;
};

struct foob {
```

```

    int b;
};

struct foaa *f1;
struct foob *f2;

void main()
{
    f1 = (struct foaa *)f2; /* explicit aliasing required warning */
}

```

## 6.4 Examples of Memory Reference Constraints

This section provides examples of code that are likely to appear in your source files. Each example is followed by a discussion of the compiler's assumptions about the code as dictated by the applied level of type-based analysis.

### 6.4.1 Example: Levels of Aliasing

Consider the following code. It can be compiled with different levels of aliasing to demonstrate the aliasing relationship of the shown types.

```

struct foo {
    int f1;
    short f2;
    short f3;
    int f4;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    int b1;
    int b2;
    int b3;
} *bp;

int *ip;
short *sp;

```

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=any` option, the compiler considers the following indirect accesses as aliases to each other:

```
*ip, *sp, *fp, *bp, fp->f1, fp->f2, fp->f3, fp->f4, bp->b1, bp->b2, bp->b3
```

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=basic` option, the compiler considers the following indirect accesses as aliases to each other:

`*ip, *bp, fp->f1, fp->f4, bp->b1, bp->b2, bp->b3`

Additionally, `*sp, fp->f2`, and `fp->f3` can alias each other, and `*sp` and `*fp` can alias each other.

However, under `-xalias_level=basic`, the compiler assumes the following:

- `*ip` does not alias `*sp`.
- `*ip` does not alias `fp->f2` and `fp->f3`.
- `*sp` does not alias `fp->f1, fp->f4, bp->b1, bp->b2, and bp->b3`.

The compiler makes these assumptions because the access types of the two indirect accesses are different basic types.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=weak` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- `*ip` can alias `*fp, fp->f1, fp->f4, *bp, bp->b1, bp->b2, and bp->b3`.
- `*sp` can alias `*fp, fp->f2 and fp->f3`.
- `fp->f1` can alias `bp->b1`.
- `fp->f4` can alias `bp->b3`.

The compiler assumes that `fp->f1` does not alias `bp->b2` because `f1` is a field with offset 0 in a structure, whereas `b2` is a field with a 4-byte offset in a structure. Similarly, the compiler assumes that `fp->f1` does not alias `bp->b3`, and `fp->f4` does not alias either `bp->b1` or `bp->b2`.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=layout` option, the compiler assumes the following information:

- `*ip` can alias `*fp, *bp, fp->f1, fp->f4, bp->b1, bp->b2, and bp->b3`.
- `*sp` can alias `*fp, fp->f2, and fp->f3`.
- `fp->f1` can alias `bp->b1` and `*bp`.
- `*fp` and `*bp` can alias each other.

`fp->f4` does not alias `bp->b3` because `f4` and `b3` are not corresponding fields in the common initial sequence of `foo` and `bar`.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strict` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- `*ip` can alias `*fp, fp->f1, fp->f4, *bp, bp->b1, bp->b2, and bp->b3`.

- `*sp` can alias `*fp`, `fp->f2`, and `fp->f3`.

With `-xalias_level=strict`, the compiler assumes that `*fp`, `*bp`, `fp->f1`, `fp->f2`, `fp->f3`, `fp->f4`, `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3` do not alias each other because `foo` and `bar` are not the same when field names are ignored. However, `fp` aliases `fp->f1` and `bp` aliases `bp->b1`.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=std` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- `*ip` can alias `*fp`, `fp->f1`, `fp->f4`, `*bp`, `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3`.
- `*sp` can alias `*fp`, `fp->f2`, and `fp->f3`.

However, `fp->f1` does not alias `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, or `bp->b3` because `foo` and `bar` are not the same when field names are considered.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strong` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- `*ip` does not alias `fp->f1`, `fp->f4`, `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3` because a pointer, such as `*ip`, should not point to the interior of a structure.
- Similarly, `*sp` does not alias `fp->f1` or `fp->f3`.
- `*ip` does not alias `*fp`, `*bp`, and `*sp` due to differing types.
- `*sp` does not alias `*fp`, `*bp`, and `*ip` due to differing types.

## 6.4.2 Example: Compiling with Different Aliasing Levels

Consider the following example source code. It demonstrates the aliasing relationship of the shown types when compiled with different levels of aliasing.

```
struct foo {
    int f1;
    int f2;
    int f3;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    int b1;
    int b2;
    int b3;
} *bp;
```

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=any` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

\*fp, \*bp, fp->f1, fp->f2, fp->f3, bp->b1, bp->b2 and bp->b3 all can alias each other because any two memory accesses alias each other at the level of `-xalias_level=any`.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=basic` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

\*fp, \*bp, fp->f1, fp->f2, fp->f3, bp->b1, bp->b2 and bp->b3 all can alias each other. Any two field accesses using pointers \*fp and \*bp can alias each other in this example because all the structure fields are the same basic type.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=weak` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- \*fp and \*fp can alias each other.
- fp->f1 can alias bp->b1, \*bp and \*fp.
- fp->f2 can alias bp->b2, \*bp and \*fp.
- fp->f3 can alias bp->b3, \*bp and \*fp.

However, `-xalias_level=weak` imposes the following restrictions:

- fp->f1 does not alias bp->b2 or bp->b3 because f1 has an offset of zero, which is different from that of b2 (four bytes) and b3 (eight bytes).
- fp->f2 does not alias bp->b1 or bp->b3 because f2 has an offset of four bytes, which is different from b1 (zero bytes) and b3 (eight bytes).
- fp->f3 does not alias bp->b1 or bp->b2 because f3 has an offset of eight bytes, which is different from b1 (zero bytes) and b2 (four bytes).

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=layout` options, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- \*fp and \*bp can alias each other.
- fp->f1 can alias bp->b1, \*bp, and \*fp.
- fp->f2 can alias bp->b2, \*bp, and \*fp.
- fp->f3 can alias bp->b3, \*bp, and \*fp.

However, `-xalias_level=layout` imposes the following restrictions:

- fp->f1 does not alias bp->b2 or bp->b3 because field f1 corresponds to field b1 in the common initial sequence of foo and bar.
- fp->f2 does not alias bp->b1 or bp->b3 because f2 corresponds to field b2 in the common initial sequence of foo and bar.
- fp->f3 does not alias bp->b1 or bp->b2 because f3 corresponds to field b3 in the common initial sequence of foo and bar.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strict` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- `*fp` and `*bp` can alias each other.
- `fp->f1` can alias `bp->b1`, `*bp`, and `*fp`.
- `fp->f2` can alias `bp->b2`, `*bp`, and `*fp`.
- `fp->f3` can alias `bp->b3`, `*bp`, and `*fp`.

However, `-xalias_level=strict` imposes the following restrictions:

- `fp->f1` does not alias `bp->b2` or `bp->b3` because field `f1` corresponds to field `b1` in the common initial sequence of `foo` and `bar`.
- `fp->f2` does not alias `bp->b1` or `bp->b3` because `f2` corresponds to field `b2` in the common initial sequence of `foo` and `bar`.
- `fp->f3` does not alias `bp->b1` or `bp->b2` because `f3` corresponds to field `b3` in the common initial sequence of `foo` and `bar`.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=std` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

`fp->f1`, `fp->f2`, `fp->f3`, `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3` do not alias each other.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strong` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

`fp->f1`, `fp->f2`, `fp->f3`, `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3` do not alias each other.

### 6.4.3 Example: Interior Pointers

Consider the following example source code that demonstrates that certain levels of aliasing cannot handle interior pointers. For a definition of interior pointers see [Table 49, “Levels of Alias-Disambiguation,” on page 273](#).

```
struct foo {
    int f1;
    struct bar *f2;
    struct bar *f3;
    int f4;
    int f5;
    struct bar fb[10];
} *fp;

struct bar
```

```
        struct bar *b2;
        struct bar *b3;
        int b4;
    } *bp;

bp=(struct bar*)&fp->f2);
```

The dereference in this example is not supported by `weak`, `layout`, `strict`, or `std`. After the pointer assignment `bp=(struct bar*)&fp->f2)`, the following pair of memory accesses touches the same memory locations:

- `fp->f2` and `bp->b2` access the same memory location
- `fp->f3` and `bp->b3` access the same memory location
- `fp->f4` and `bp->b4` access the same memory location

However, with the options `weak`, `layout`, `strict`, and `std`, the compiler assumes that `fp->f2` and `bp->b2` do not alias. The compiler makes this assumption because `b2` has an offset of zero, which is different from the offset of `f2` (four bytes), and `foo` and `bar` do not have a common initial sequence. Similarly, the compiler also assumes that `bp->b3` does not alias `fp->f3`, and `bp->b4` does not alias `fp->f4`.

Thus, the pointer assignment `bp=(struct bar*)&fp->f2)` creates a situation in which the compiler's assumptions about alias information are incorrect. This situation could lead to incorrect optimization.

Try compiling after you make the modifications shown in the following example.

```
struct foo {
    int f1;
    struct bar fb; /* Modified line */
#define f2 fb.b2 /* Modified line */
#define f3 fb.b3 /* Modified line */
#define f4 fb.b4 /* Modified line */
    int f5;
    struct bar fb[10];
} *fp;

struct bar
    struct bar *b2;
    struct bar *b3;
    int b4;
} *bp;

bp=(struct bar*)&fp->f2);
```

After the pointer assignment `bp=(struct bar*)&fp->f2)`, the following pair of memory accesses touches the same memory locations:

- fp->f2 and bp->b2
- fp->f3 and bp->b3
- fp->f4 and bp->b4

The changes shown in this code example illustrate that the expression fp->f2 is another form of the expression fp->fb.b2. Because fp->fb is of type bar, fp->f2 accesses the b2 field of bar. Furthermore, bp->b2 also accesses the b2 field of bar. Therefore, the compiler assumes that fp->f2 aliases bp->b2. Similarly, the compiler assumes that fp->f3 aliases bp->b3, and fp->f4 aliases bp->b4. As a result, the aliasing assumed by the compiler matches the actual aliases caused by the pointer assignment.

## 6.4.4 Example: Struct Fields

Consider the following example source code.

```

struct foo {
    int f1;
    int f2;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    int b1;
    int b2;
} *bp;

struct cat {
    int c1;
    struct foo cf;
    int c2;
    int c3;
} *cp;

struct dog {
    int d1;
    int d2;
    struct bar db;
    int d3;
} *dp;

```

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=weak` option, the compiler assumes the following alias information:

- fp->f1 can alias bp->b1, cp->c1, dp->d1, cp->cf.f1, and df->db.b1.
- fp->f2 can alias bp->b2, cp->cf.f1, dp->d2, cp->cf.f2, df->db.b2, cp->c2.

- bp->b1 can alias fp->f1, cp->c1, dp->d1, cp->cf.f1, and df->db.b1.
- bp->b2 can alias fp->f2, cp->cf.f1, dp->d2, cp->cf.f1, and df->db.b2.

fp->f2 can alias cp->c2 because \*dp can alias \*cp and \*fp can alias dp->db.

- cp->c1 can alias fp->f1, bp->b1, dp->d1, and dp->db.b1.
- cp->cf.f1 can alias fp->f1, fp->f2, bp->b1, bp->b2, dp->d2, and dp->d1.

cp->cf.f1 does not alias dp->db.b1.

- cp->cf.f2 can alias fp->f2, bp->b2, dp->db.b1, and dp->d2.
- cp->c2 can alias dp->db.b2.

cp->c2 does not alias dp->db.b1 and cp->c2 does not alias dp->d3.

With respect to offsets, cp->c2 can alias db->db.b1 only if \*dp aliases cp->cf. However, if \*dp aliases cp->cf, then dp->db.b1 must alias beyond the end of foo cf, which is prohibited by object restrictions. Therefore, the compiler assumes that cp->c2 cannot alias db->db.b1.

cp->c3 can alias dp->d3.

Notice that cp->c3 does not alias dp->db.b2. These memory references do not alias because the offsets of the fields of the types involved in the dereferences differ and do not overlap. Based on this, the compiler assumes they cannot alias.

- dp->d1 can alias fp->f1, bp->b1, and cp->c1.
- dp->d2 can alias fp->f2, bp->b2, and cp->cf.f1.
- dp->db.b1 can alias fp->f1, bp->b1, and cp->c1.
- dp->db.b2 can alias fp->f2, bp->b2, cp->c2, and cp->cf.f1.
- dp->d3 can alias cp->c3.

Notice that dp->d3 does not alias cp->cf.f2. These memory references do not alias because the offsets of the fields of the types involved in the dereferences differ and do not overlap. Based on this analysis, the compiler assumes they cannot alias.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=layout` option, the compiler assumes only the following alias information:

- fp->f1, bp->b1, cp->c1 and dp->d1 all can alias each other.
- fp->f2, bp->b2 and dp->d2 all can alias each other.
- fp->f1 can alias cp->cf.f1 and dp->db.b1.
- bp->b1 can alias cp->cf.f1 and dp->db.b1.

- fp->f2 can alias cp->cf.f2 and dp->db.b2.
- bp->b2 can alias cp->cf.f2 and dp->db.b2.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strict` option, the compiler assumes only the following alias information:

- fp->f1 and bp->b1 can alias each other.
- fp->f2 and bp->b2 can alias each other.
- fp->f1 can alias cp->cf.f1 and dp->db.b1.
- bp->b1 can alias cp->cf.f1 and dp->db.b1.
- fp->f2 can alias cp->cf.f2 and dp->db.b2.
- bp->b2 can alias cp->cf.f2 and dp->db.b2.

If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=std` option, the compiler assumes only the following alias information:

- fp->f1 can alias cp->cf.f1.
- bp->b1 can alias dp->db.b1.
- fp->f2 can alias cp->cf.f2.
- bp->b2 can alias dp->db.b2.

## 6.4.5 Example: Unions

Consider the following example source code.

```
struct foo {
    short f1;
    short f2;
    int f3;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    int b1;
    int b2;
} *bp;

union moo {
    struct foo u_f;
    struct bar u_b;
} u;
```

The compiler's assumptions based on various alias levels are the following:

- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=weak` option, `fp->f3` and `bp->b2` can alias each other.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=layout` option, no fields can alias each other.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strict` option, `fp->f3` and `bp->b2` can alias each other.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=std` option, no fields can alias each other.

## 6.4.6 Example: Structs of Structs

Consider the following example source code.

```
struct bar;

struct foo {
    struct foo *ffp;
    struct bar *fbp;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    struct bar *bbp;
    long      b2;
} *bp;
```

The compiler's assumptions based on various alias levels are the following:

- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=weak` option, only `fp->ffp` and `bp->bbp` can alias each other.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=layout` option, only `fp->ffp` and `bp->bbp` can alias each other.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=strict` option, no fields can alias because the two `struct` types are still different even after their tags are removed.
- If this example is compiled with the `-xalias_level=std` option, no fields can alias because the two types and the tags are not the same.

## 6.4.7 Example: Using a Pragma

Consider the following example source code:

```
struct foo;
```

```
struct bar;
#pragma alias (struct foo, struct bar)

struct foo {
    int f1;
    int f2;
} *fp;

struct bar {
    short b1;
    short b2;
    int b3;
} *bp;
```

The pragma in this example tells the compiler that `foo` and `bar` are allowed to alias each other. The compiler makes the following assumptions about alias information:

- `fp->f1` can alias with `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3`
- `fp->f2` can alias with `bp->b1`, `bp->b2`, and `bp->b3`



## Transitioning to ISO C

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This chapter provides information that you can use to help you port applications for K&R (Kernigan and Ritchie) style C to conform with ISO/IEC C standard. The chapter was written specifically to aid in porting to 9899:1990 ISO/IEC C standard, but can effectively aid in porting to the 9899:1999 or 9899:2011 versions of ISO/IEC C standards.

This version of the C compiler defaults to accepting code that conforms with 9899:2011, i.e. `-std=c11`. To compile for 9899:1999 use `-std=c99`, and to compile for 9899:1990 use `-std=c89`.

To compile a program that is maximally conformant to the ISO C dialect specified by the `-std` flag, you must also specify the `-pedantic` flag.

### 7.1 New-Style Function Prototypes

The 1990 ISO C standard's most sweeping change to the language is the function prototype borrowed from the C++ language. By specifying the number and types of parameters for each function, every regular compile gets the benefits of argument and parameter checking (similar to those of `lint`) for each function call, while arguments are automatically converted (just as with an assignment) to the type expected by the function. The 1990 ISO C standard includes rules that govern the mixing of old- and new-style function declarations since there are many, many lines of existing C code that could and should be converted to use prototypes.

The 1999 ISO C standard made old-style function declarations obsolete.

#### 7.1.1 Writing New Code

When you write an entirely new program, use new-style function declarations (function prototypes) in headers and new-style function declarations and definitions in other C source files. However, if someone might port the code to a system with a pre-ISO C compiler, use the macro `__STDC__` (which is defined only for ISO C compilation systems) in both header and source files. Refer to [“7.1.3 Mixing Considerations” on page 160](#) for an example.

An ISO C-conforming compiler must issue a diagnostic whenever two incompatible declarations for the same object or function are in the same scope. If all functions are declared and defined with prototypes and the appropriate headers are included by the correct source files, all calls should agree with the definition of the functions. This protocol eliminates one of the most common C programming mistakes.

## 7.1.2 Updating Existing Code

If you have an existing application and want the benefits of function prototypes, a number of possibilities for updating exist, depending on how much of the code you would like to change:

1. Recompile without making any changes.  
Even with no coding changes, the compiler warns you about mismatches in parameter type and number when invoked with the `-v` option.
2. Add function prototypes only to the headers.  
All calls to global functions are covered.
3. Add function prototypes to the headers and start each source file with function prototypes for its local (static) functions.  
All calls to functions are covered, but this method requires typing the interface for each local function twice in the source file.
4. Change all function declarations and definitions to use function prototypes.

For most programmers, choices 2 and 3 are probably the best cost/benefit compromise. Unfortunately, these options are precisely the ones that require detailed knowledge of the rules for mixing old and new styles.

## 7.1.3 Mixing Considerations

For function prototype declarations to work with old-style function definitions, both must specify functionally identical interfaces or have *compatible types* using ISO C's terminology.

For functions with varying arguments, you cannot mix ISO C's ellipsis notation and the old-style `varargs()` function definition. For functions with a fixed number of parameters, you can specify the types of the parameters as they were passed in previous implementations.

In K&R C, each argument was converted just before it was passed to the called function according to the default argument promotions. These promotions specified that all integral types narrower than `int` were promoted to `int` size, and any `float` argument was promoted

to double, which simplified both the compiler and libraries. Function prototypes are more expressive, as the specified parameter type is what is passed to the function.

Thus, if a function prototype is written for an existing (old-style) function definition, the function prototype should not contain any parameters with any of the following types: char, signed char, unsigned char, float, short, signed short, unsigned short.

Two complications remain with writing prototypes: typedef names and the promotion rules for narrow unsigned types.

If parameters in old-style functions were declared using typedef names, such as `off_t` and `ino_t`, you must know whether the typedef name designates a type that is affected by the default argument promotions. For these two, `off_t` is a long, you can use it in a function prototype; `ino_t` used to be an unsigned short, so if it were used in a prototype, the compiler issues a diagnostic because the old-style definition and the prototype specify different and incompatible interfaces.

Determining what should be used instead of an unsigned short is complicated. The biggest incompatibility between K&R C and the 1990 ISO C compiler is the promotion rule for the widening of unsigned char and unsigned short to an int value. (See [“7.3 Promotions: Unsigned Versus Value Preserving”](#) on page 165.) The parameter type that matches this old-style parameter depends on the compilation mode used when you compile:

- `-Xs` and `-Xt` should use unsigned int
- `-Xa`, `-Xc`, and `-std=anyvalue` should use int

The best approach is to change the old-style definition to specify either int or unsigned int and use the matching type in the function prototype. You can always assign its value to a local variable with the narrower type, if necessary, after you enter the function.

Be careful about the use of ID's in prototypes that may be affected by preprocessing. Consider the following example:

```
#define status 23
void my_exit(int status); /* Normally, scope begins */
                          /* and ends with prototype */
```

Do not mix function prototypes with old-style function declarations that contain narrow types.

```
void foo(unsigned char, unsigned short);
void foo(i, j) unsigned char i; unsigned short j; {...}
```

Appropriate use of `__STDC__` produces a header file that can be used for both the old and new compilers:

```
header.h:
```

```
struct s { /* . . . */ };
#ifdef __STDC__
    void errmsg(int, ...);
    struct s *f(const char *);
    int g(void);
#else
    void errmsg();
    struct s *f();
    int g();
#endif
```

The following function uses prototypes and can still be compiled on an older system:

```
struct s *
#ifdef __STDC__
    f(const char *p)
#else
    f(p) char *p;
#endif
{
    /* . . . */
}
```

The following example shows an updated source file (as with choice 3 above). The local function still uses an old-style definition, but a prototype is included for newer compilers:

```
source.c:
#include "header.h"
typedef /* . . . */ MyType;
#ifdef __STDC__
    static void del(MyType *);
    /* . . . */
    static void
    del(p)
    MyType *p;
    {
    /* . . . */
    }
    /* . . . */
```

## 7.2 Functions With Varying Arguments

In previous implementations, you could not specify the parameter types that a function expected, but ISO C encourages you to use prototypes to do just that. To support functions such as `printf()`, the syntax for prototypes includes a special ellipsis (...) terminator. Because

an implementation might need to do unusual things to handle a varying number of arguments, ISO C requires that all declarations and the definition of such a function include the ellipsis terminator.

Because the “...” part of the parameters have no name, a special set of macros contained in `stdarg.h` gives the function access to these arguments. Earlier versions of such functions had to use similar macros contained in `varargs.h`.

Assume that the function you want to write is an error handler called `errmsg()` that returns `void`, and whose only fixed parameter is an `int` that specifies details about the error message. This parameter can be followed by a file name, a line number, or both. These items are followed by format and arguments, similar to those of `printf()`, that specify the text of the error message.

For this example to compile with earlier compilers requires extensive use of the macro `__STDC__`, which is defined only for ISO C compilers. The function’s declaration in the appropriate header file is:

```
#ifdef __STDC__
    void errmsg(int code, ...);
#else
    void errmsg();
#endif
```

The file that contains the definition of `errmsg()` is where the old and new styles can get complex. First, the header to include depends on the compilation system:

```
#ifdef __STDC__
#include <stdarg.h>
#else
#include <varargs.h>
#endif
#include <stdio.h>
```

`stdio.h` is included because we call `fprintf()` and `fprintf()` later.

Next comes the definition for the function. The identifiers `va_alist` and `va_dcl` are part of the old-style `varargs.h` interface.

```
void
#ifdef __STDC__
errmsg(int code, ...)
#else
errmsg(va_alist) va_dcl /* Note: no semicolon! */
#endif
{
    /* more detail below */
```

```
}
```

Because the old-style variable argument mechanism did not allow you to specify any fixed parameters, they must be accessed before the varying portion. Also, due to the lack of a name for the “...” part of the parameters, the new `va_start()` macro has a second argument, which is the name of the parameter that comes just before the “...” terminator.

As an extension, Oracle Developer Studio ISO C allows functions to be declared and defined with no fixed parameters, as in:

```
int f(...);
```

For such functions, `va_start()` should be invoked with an empty second argument, for example:

```
va_start(ap,)
```

The following example is the body of the function:

```
{
    va_list ap;
    char *fmt;
#ifdef __STDC__
    va_start(ap, code);
#else
    int code;
    va_start(ap);
    /* extract the fixed argument */
    code = va_arg(ap, int);
#endif
    if (code & FILENAME)
        (void)fprintf(stderr, "\\\"%s\\\": ", va_arg(ap, char *));
    if (code & LINENUMBER)
        (void)fprintf(stderr, "%d: ", va_arg(ap, int));
    if (code & WARNING)
        (void)fputs("warning: ", stderr);
    fmt = va_arg(ap, char *);
    (void)vfprintf(stderr, fmt, ap);
    va_end(ap);
}
```

Both the `va_arg()` and `va_end()` macros work the same for the old-style and ISO C versions. Because `va_arg()` changes the value of `ap`, the call to `vfprintf()` cannot be:

```
(void)vfprintf(stderr, va_arg(ap, char *), ap);
```

The definitions for the macros `FILENAME`, `LINENUMBER`, and `WARNING` are presumably contained in the same header as the declaration of `errmsg()`.

A sample call to `errmsg()` could be:

```
errmsg(FILENAME, "<command line>", "cannot open: %s\n",  
argv[optind]);
```

## 7.3 Promotions: Unsigned Versus Value Preserving

The following information appears in the Rationale section that accompanies the 1990 ISO C Standard: “QUIET CHANGE”. A program that depends on unsigned preserving arithmetic conversions will behave differently, probably without complaint. This change is considered to be the most serious made by the Committee to a widespread current practice.

This section explores how this change affects our code.

### 7.3.1 Some Background History

In the first edition of *The C Programming Language*, unsigned specified exactly one type, with no unsigned chars, unsigned shorts, or unsigned longs. Most C compilers added these these very soon thereafter. Some compilers did not implement unsigned long but included the other two. Naturally, implementations chose different rules for type promotions when these new types mixed with others in expressions.

In most C compilers, the simpler rule *unsigned preserving* is used. When an unsigned type needs to be widened, it is widened to an unsigned type; when an unsigned type mixes with a signed type, the result is an unsigned type.

The other rule, specified by ISO C, is known as *value preserving*, in which the result type depends on the relative sizes of the operand types. When an unsigned char or unsigned short is widened, the result type is `int` if an `int` is large enough to represent all the values of the smaller type. Otherwise, the result type is unsigned `int`. The value preserving rule produces fewer unexpected arithmetic results for most expressions.

### 7.3.2 Compilation Behavior

Only in the transition or ISO modes (`-Xt` or `-Xs`) does the ISO C compiler use the unsigned preserving promotions. When `-std=anyvalue` is specified or in the other two modes, conforming (`-Xc`) and ISO (`-Xa`), the value preserving promotion rules are used.

### 7.3.3 Example: The Use of a Cast

In the following code, assume that an unsigned char is smaller than an int.

```
int f(void)
{
    int i = -2;
    unsigned char uc = 1;

    return (i + uc) < 17;
}
```

The code causes the compiler to issue the following warning when you use the `-xtransition` option:

```
line 6: warning: semantics of "<" change in ISO C; use explicit cast
```

The result of the addition has type `int` (value preserving) or `unsigned int` (unsigned preserving), but the bit pattern does not change between these two. On a two's-complement machine:

```
      i:      111...110 (-2)
+   uc:      000...001 ( 1)
=====
      111...111 (-1 or UINT_MAX)
```

This bit representation corresponds to `-1` for `int` and `UINT_MAX` for `unsigned int`. Thus, if the result has type `int`, a signed comparison is used and the less-than test is true. If the result has type `unsigned int`, an unsigned comparison is used and the less-than test is false.

The addition of a cast serves to specify which of the two behaviors is desired:

```
value preserving:
    (i + (int)uc) < 17
unsigned preserving:
    (i + (unsigned int)uc) < 17
```

Because differing compilers chose different meanings for the same code, this expression can be ambiguous. The addition of a cast is as much to help the reader as it is to eliminate the warning message.

The same situation applies to the promotion of bit-field values. In ISO C, if the number of bits in an `int` or `unsigned int` bit-field is less than the number of bits in an `int`, the promoted type is `int`; otherwise, the promoted type is `unsigned int`. In most older C compilers, the promoted type is `unsigned int` for explicitly unsigned bit-fields, and `int` otherwise.

Similar use of casts can eliminate situations that are ambiguous.

### 7.3.4 Example: Same Result, No Warning

In the following code, assume that both unsigned short and unsigned char are narrower than int.

```
int f(void)
{
    unsigned short us;
    unsigned char uc;
    return uc < us;
}
```

In this example, both automatics are either promoted to int or to unsigned int, so the comparison is sometimes unsigned and sometimes signed. However, the C compiler does not warn you because the result is the same for the two choices.

### 7.3.5 Integral Constants

As with expressions, the rules for the types of certain integral constants have changed. In K&R C, an unsuffixed decimal constant had type int only if its value fit in an int. An unsuffixed octal or hexadecimal constant had type int only if its value fit in an unsigned int. Otherwise, an integral constant had type long. At times, the value did not fit in the resulting type. In the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard, the constant type is the first type encountered in the following list that corresponds to the value:

- Unsuffixed decimal: int, long, unsigned long
- Unsuffixed octal or hexadecimal: int, unsigned int, long, unsigned long
- U suffixed: unsigned int, unsigned long
- L suffixed: long, unsigned long
- UL suffixed: unsigned long

When you use the `-xtransition` option, the ISO C compiler warns you about any expression whose behavior might change according to the typing rules of the constants involved. The old integral constant typing rules are used only in the transition mode. The ISO and conforming modes use the new rules.

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**Note** - The rules for typing unsuffixed decimal constants has changed in accordance with the 1999 ISO C standard. See [“2.2.1 Integer Constants” on page 31](#).

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## 7.3.6 Example: Integral Constants

In the following code, assume ints are 16 bits.

```
int f(void)
{
    int i = 0;

    return i > 0xffff;
}
```

Because the hexadecimal constant's type is either `int` (with a value of  $-1$  on a two's-complement machine) or an `unsigned int` (with a value of 65535), the comparison is true in `-Xs` and `-Xt` modes, and false in `-Xa` and `-Xc` modes or when `-std` flag is specified.

Again, an appropriate cast clarifies the code and suppresses a warning:

```
-Xt, -Xs modes:
    i > (int)0xffff

-Xa, -Xc modes, or when -std flag is specified:
    i > (unsigned int)0xffff
    or
    i > 0xffffU
```

The `U` suffix character is a new feature of ISO C and probably produces an error message with older compilers.

## 7.4 Tokenization and Preprocessing

Probably the least specified part of previous versions of C concerned the operations that transformed each source file from a bunch of characters into a sequence of tokens, ready to parse. These operations included recognition of white space (including comments), bundling consecutive characters into tokens, handling preprocessing directive lines, and macro replacement. However, their respective ordering was never guaranteed.

### 7.4.1 ISO C Translation Phases

The order of these translation phases is specified by ISO C.

Every trigraph sequence in the source file is replaced. ISO C has exactly nine trigraph sequences that were invented solely as a concession to deficient character sets. They are three-character sequences that name a character not in the ISO 646-1983 character set:

**TABLE 17** Trigraph Sequences

Trigraph Sequence	Converts to
??=	#
??-	~
??(	[
??)	]
??!	
??<	{
??>	}
??/	\
??'	^

These sequences must be understood by ISO C compilers, but are not recommended. When you use the `-xtransition` option, the ISO C compiler warns you whenever it replaces a trigraph while in transition (`-Xt`) mode, even in comments. For example, consider the following:

```
/* comment *?*/
/* still comment? */
```

The `*/` becomes a backslash. This character and the following newline are removed. The resulting characters are:

```
/* comment */ still comment? */
```

The first `/` from the second line is the end of the comment. The next token is the `*`.

1. Every backslash/new-line character pair is deleted.
2. The source file is converted into preprocessing tokens and sequences of white space. Each comment is effectively replaced by a space character.
3. Every preprocessing directive is handled and all macro invocations are replaced. Each `#included` source file is run through the earlier phases before its contents replace the directive line.
4. Every escape sequence (in character constants and string literals) is interpreted.
5. Adjacent string literals are concatenated.
6. Every preprocessing token is converted into a regular token. The compiler properly parses these and generates code.
7. All external object and function references are resolved, resulting in the final program.

## 7.4.2 Old C Translation Phases

Previous C compilers did not follow such a simple sequence of phases, and the order in which these steps were applied was not predictable. A separate preprocessor recognized tokens and white space at essentially the same time as it replaced macros and handled directive lines. The output was then completely retokenized by the compiler proper, which then parsed the language and generated code.

The tokenization process within the preprocessor was a moment-by-moment operation and macro replacement was done as a character-based, not token-based, operation. Therefore, the tokens and white space could greatly vary during preprocessing.

A number of differences arise from these two approaches. The rest of this section discusses how code behavior can change due to line splicing, macro replacement, stringizing, and token pasting, which occur during macro replacement.

## 7.4.3 Logical Source Lines

In K&R C, backslash/new-line pairs were allowed only as a means to continue a directive, a string literal, or a character constant to the next line. ISO C extended the notion so that a backslash/new-line pair can continue anything to the next line. The result is a logical source line. Therefore, any code that relies on the separate recognition of tokens on either side of a backslash/new-line pair does not behave as expected.

## 7.4.4 Macro Replacement

The macro replacement process was not described in detail prior to ISO C. This vagueness spawned a great many divergent implementations. Any code that relied on anything more complex than manifest constant replacement and simple function-like macros was probably not truly portable. This manual cannot uncover all the differences between the old C macro replacement implementation and the ISO C version. Nearly all uses of macro replacement with the exception of token pasting and stringizing produce exactly the same series of tokens as before. Furthermore, the ISO C macro replacement algorithm can do things not possible in the old C version. The following example causes any use of `name` to be replaced with an indirect reference through `name`.

```
#define name (*name)
```

The old C preprocessor would produce a huge number of parentheses and stars and eventually produce an error about macro recursion.

The major change in the macro replacement approach taken by ISO C is to require macro arguments, other than those that are operands of the macro substitution operators # and ##, to be expanded recursively prior to their substitution in the replacement token list. However, this change seldom produces an actual difference in the resulting tokens.

## 7.4.5 Using Strings

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**Note** - In ISO C, the examples below marked with a ? produce a warning about use of old features when you use the `-xtransition` option. Only in the transition mode (`-Xt` and `-Xs`) is the result the same as in previous versions of C.

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In K&R C, the following code produced the string literal "x y!":

```
#define str(a) "a!"  ?
str(x y)
```

Thus, the preprocessor searched inside string literals and character constants for characters that looked like macro parameters. ISO C recognized the importance of this feature, but could not condone operations on parts of tokens. In ISO C, all invocations of the above macro produce the string literal "a!". To achieve the old effect in ISO C, use the # macro substitution operator and the concatenation of string literals.

```
#define str(a) #a "!"
str(x y)
```

This code produces the two string literals "x y" and "!" which, after concatenation, produce the identical "x y!".

There is no direct replacement for the analogous operation for character constants. The major use of this feature was similar to the following example:

```
#define CNTL(ch) (037 & 'ch')  ?
CNTL(L)
```

This example produces the following result, which evaluates to the ASCII control-L character.

```
(037 & 'L')
```

The best solution is to change all uses of this macro as follows:

```
#define CNTL(ch) (037 & (ch))
CNTL('L')
```

This code is more readable and more useful, as it can also be applied to expressions.

## 7.4.6 Token Pasting

K&R C had at least two ways to combine two tokens. Both invocations in the following code produced a single identifier `x1` out of the two tokens `x` and `1`.

```
#define self(a) a
#define glue(a,b) a/**/b ?
self(x)1
glue(x,1)
```

Again, ISO C could not sanction either approach. In ISO C, both invocations would produce the two separate tokens `x` and `1`. The second of the two methods can be rewritten for ISO C by using the `##` macro substitution operator:

```
#define glue(a,b) a ## b
glue(x, 1)
```

`#` and `##` should be used as macro substitution operators only when `__STDC__` is defined. Because `##` is an actual operator, the invocation can be much freer with respect to white space in both the definition and invocation.

The compiler issues a warning diagnostic for an undefined `##` operation (C standard, section 3.4.3), where undefined is a `##` result that, when preprocessed, consists of multiple tokens rather than one single token (C standard, section 6.10.3.3(3)). The result of an undefined `##` operation is now defined as the first individual token generated by preprocessing the string created by concatenating the `##` operands.

No direct approach reproduces the first of the two old-style pasting schemes but because it put the burden of the pasting at the invocation, it was used less frequently than the other form.

## 7.5 const and volatile

The keyword `const` was one of the C++ features included in ISO C. When the analogous keyword, `volatile`, was invented by the ISO C Committee, the *type qualifier* category was created.

### 7.5.1 Types for *lvalue* Only

`const` and `volatile` are part of an identifier's type, not its storage class. However, they are often removed from the topmost part of the type when an object's value is fetched in the

evaluation of an expression, exactly at the point when an *lvalue* becomes an *rvalue*. These terms arise from the prototypical assignment *left-hand-side=right-hand-side*; in which the left side must still refer directly to an object (an *lvalue*) and the right side need only be a value (an *rvalue*). Thus, only expressions that are *lvalues* can be qualified by `const` or `volatile` or both.

## 7.5.2 Type Qualifiers in Derived Types

The type qualifiers may modify type names and derived types. Derived types are those parts of declarations in C that can be applied repeatedly to build more and more complex types: pointers, arrays, functions, structures, and unions. Except for functions, one or both type qualifiers can be used to change the behavior of a derived type.

The following example declares and initializes an object with type `const int` whose value is not changed by a correct program.

```
const int five = 5;
```

The order of the keywords is not significant to C. For example, the following declarations are identical to the first example in its effect:

```
int const five = 5;
```

```
const five = 5;
```

The following declaration declares an object with type pointer to `const int`, which initially points to the previously declared object.

```
const int *pci = &five;
```

The pointer itself does not have a qualified type, but rather it points to a qualified type. It can be changed to point to essentially any `int` during program execution. `pci` cannot be used to modify the object to which it points unless a cast is used, as in the following example:

```
*(int *)pci = 17;
```

If `pci` actually points to a `const` object, the behavior of this code is undefined.

The following declaration indicates that somewhere in the program is a definition of a global object with type `const` pointer to `int`.

```
extern int *const cpi;
```

In this case, `cpi`'s value will not be changed by a correct program, but it can be used to modify the object to which it points. Notice that `const` comes after the `*` in the declaration. The following pair of declarations produces the same effect:

```
typedef int *INT_PTR;
```

```
extern const INT_PTR cpi;
```

These declarations can be combined as in the following declaration in which an object is declared to have type const pointer to const int:

```
const int *const cpci;
```

### 7.5.3 const Means readonly

In hindsight, `readonly` would have been a better choice for a keyword than `const`. If one reads `const` in this manner, declarations such as the following example, are easily understood to mean that the second parameter is only used to read character values, while the first parameter overwrites the characters to which it points:

```
char *strcpy(char *, const char *);
```

Furthermore, despite the fact that in the example the type of `cpi` is a pointer to a `const int`, you can still change the value of the object to which it points through some other means, unless it actually points to an object declared with `const int` type.

### 7.5.4 Examples of const Usage

The two main uses for `const` are to declare large compile-time initialized tables of information as unchanging, and to specify that pointer parameters do not modify the objects to which they point.

The first use potentially allows portions of the data for a program to be shared by other concurrent invocations of the same program. It might cause attempts to modify this invariant data to be detected immediately by means of some sort of memory protection fault, because the data resides in a read-only portion of memory.

The second use of `const` helps locate potential errors before generating a memory fault. For example, functions that temporarily place a null character into the middle of a string are detected at compile time, if passed a pointer to a string that cannot be so modified.

### 7.5.5 Examples of volatile Usage

So far, the examples have shown `const` to be conceptually simple. But what does `volatile` really mean? For the compiler, it means don't take any code generation shortcuts when

accessing such an object. On the other hand, ISO C makes it the programmer's responsibility to declare `volatile` every object that has the appropriate special properties.

The usual four examples of `volatile` objects are:

- An object that is a memory-mapped I/O port
- An object that is shared between multiple concurrent processes
- An object that is modified by an asynchronous signal handler
- An automatic storage duration object declared in a function that calls `setjmp`, and whose value is changed between the call to `setjmp` and a corresponding call to `longjmp`

The first three examples are all instances of an object with a particular behavior: its value can be modified at any point during the execution of the program. Thus, the following seemingly infinite loop is valid as long as `flag` has a `volatile` qualified type.

```
flag = 1;
while (flag);
```

Presumably, some asynchronous event sets `flag` to zero in the future. Otherwise, because the value of `flag` is unchanged within the body of the loop, the compilation system is free to change the above loop into a truly infinite loop that completely ignores the value of `flag`.

The fourth example, involving variables local to functions that call `setjmp`, is more involved. The details about the behavior of `setjmp` and `longjmp` indicates that the values for objects matching the fourth case are unpredictable. For the most desirable behavior, `longjmp` must examine every stack frame between the function calling `setjmp` and the function calling `longjmp` for saved register values. The possibility of asynchronously created stack frames makes this job even harder.

When an automatic object is declared with a `volatile` qualified type, the compiler must generate code that exactly matches what the programmer wrote. Therefore, the most recent value for such an automatic object is always in memory and not just in a register, and is guaranteed to be up-to-date when `longjmp` is called.

## 7.6 Multibyte Characters and Wide Characters

At first, the internationalization of ISO C affected only library functions. However, the final stage of internationalization, multibyte characters and wide characters, also affected the language proper.

The 1990 ISO/IEC C standard provides five library functions that manage multibyte characters and wide characters, the 1999 ISO/IEC C standard provides many more such functions.

## 7.6.1 Asian Languages Require Multibyte Characters

The basic difficulty in an Asian-language computer environment is the huge number of ideograms needed for I/O. To work within the constraints of usual computer architectures, these ideograms are encoded as sequences of bytes. The associated operating systems, application programs, and terminals understand these byte sequences as individual ideograms. Moreover, all of these encodings allow intermixing of regular single-byte characters with the ideogram byte sequences. The level of difficulty recognizing distinct ideograms depends on the encoding scheme used.

The term “multibyte character” is defined by ISO C to denote a byte sequence that encodes an ideogram, no matter what encoding scheme is employed. All multibyte characters are members of the “extended character set.” A regular single-byte character is just a special case of a multibyte character. The only requirement placed on the encoding is that no multibyte character can use a null character as part of its encoding.

ISO C specifies that program comments, string literals, character constants, and header names are all sequences of multibyte characters.

## 7.6.2 Encoding Variations

The encoding schemes fall into two camps. The first is one in which each multibyte character is self-identifying, that is, any multibyte character can simply be inserted between any pair of multibyte characters.

The second scheme is one in which the presence of special shift bytes changes the interpretation of subsequent bytes. An example is the method used by some character terminals to enter and leave line-drawing mode. For programs written in multibyte characters with a shift-state-dependent encoding, ISO C requires that each comment, string literal, character constant, and header name must both begin and end in the unshifted state.

## 7.6.3 Wide Characters

Some of the inconvenience of handling multibyte characters would be eliminated if all characters were of a uniform number of bytes or bits. Because such a character set can contain thousands or tens of thousands of ideograms, a 16-bit or 32-bit sized integer value should be used to hold all members. (The full Chinese alphabet includes more than 65,000 ideograms!) ISO C includes the typedef name `wchar_t` as the implementation-defined integer type large enough to hold all members of the extended character set.

Each wide character has a corresponding multibyte character, and vice versa. The wide character that corresponds to a regular single-byte character is required to have the same value as its single-byte value, including the null character. However, the macro EOF might not necessarily be stored in a `wchar_t`, just as EOF might not be representable as a `char`.

## 7.6.4 C Language Features

To give even more flexibility to the programmer in an Asian-language environment, ISO C provides wide character constants and wide string literals. These have the same form as their non-wide versions, except that they are immediately prefixed by the letter L:

- 'x' regular character constant
- '¥' regular character constant
- L'x' wide character constant
- L'¥' wide character constant
- "abc¥xyz" regular string literal
- L"abcxyz" wide string literal

Multibyte characters are valid in both the regular and wide versions. The sequence of bytes necessary to produce the ideogram¥ is encoding-specific. If it consists of more than one byte, the value of the character constant '¥' is implementation-defined, just as the value of 'ab' is implementation-defined. Except for escape sequences, a regular string literal contains exactly the bytes specified between the quotes, including the bytes of each specified multibyte character.

When the compilation system encounters a wide character constant or wide string literal, each multibyte character is converted into a wide character, as if by calling the `mbtowc()` function. Thus, the type of L'¥' is `wchar_t`; the type of abc¥xyz is array of `wchar_t` with length eight. Just as with regular string literals, each wide string literal has an extra zero-valued element appended, but in these cases, it is a `wchar_t` with value zero.

Just as regular string literals can be used as a shorthand method for character array initialization, wide string literals can be used to initialize `wchar_t` arrays:

```
wchar_t *wp = L"a¥z";
wchar_t x[] = L"a¥z";
wchar_t y[] = {L'a', L'¥', L'z', 0};
wchar_t z[] = {'a', L'¥', 'z', '\0'};
```

In this example, the three arrays x, y, and z, and the array pointed to by wp, have the same length. All are initialized with identical values.

Finally, adjacent wide string literals are concatenated, just as with regular string literals. However, with the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard, adjacent regular and wide string literals produce undefined behavior. Also, the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard specifies that a compiler is not required to produce an error if it does not accept such concatenations.

## 7.7 Standard Headers and Reserved Names

Early in the standardization process, the ISO Standards Committee chose to include library functions, macros, and header files as part of ISO C.

This section presents the various categories of reserved names and some rationale for their reservations. At the end is a set of rules to follow that can steer your programs clear of any reserved names.

### 7.7.1 Standard Headers

The standard headers are: `assert.h`, `ctype.h`, `errno.h`, `float.h`, `limits.h`, `locale.h`, `math.h`, `setjmp.h`, `signal.h`, `stdarg.h`, `stddef.h`, `stdio.h`, `stdlib.h`, `string.h`, `time.h`.

Most implementations provide more headers, but a strictly conforming 1990 ISO/IEC C program can only use the ones listed.

Other standards disagree slightly regarding the contents of some of these headers. For example, POSIX (IEEE 1003.1) specifies that `fdopen` is declared in `stdio.h`. To allow these two standards to coexist, POSIX requires the macro `_POSIX_SOURCE` to be `#defined` prior to the inclusion of any header to guarantee that these additional names exist. The *X/Open Portability Guide* also uses this macro scheme for its extensions. X/Open's macro is `_XOPEN_SOURCE`.

ISO C requires the standard headers to be both self-sufficient and idempotent. No standard header needs any other header to be `#included` before or after it, and each standard header can be `#included` more than once without causing problems. The Standard also requires that its headers be `#included` only in safe contexts, so that the names used in the headers are guaranteed to remain unchanged.

### 7.7.2 Names Reserved for Implementation Use

The ISO C standard places further restrictions on implementations regarding their libraries. In the past, most programmers avoided using names like `read` and `write` for their own functions

on UNIX Systems. ISO C requires that only names reserved by the standard be introduced by references within the implementation.

Thus, the standard reserves a subset of all possible names for implementations to use. This class of names consists of identifiers that begin with an underscore and continue with either another underscore or a capital letter. The class of names contains all names matching the following regular expression:

```
_[_A-Z][0-9_a-zA-Z]*
```

Strictly speaking, if your program uses such an identifier, its behavior is undefined. Thus, programs using `_POSIX_SOURCE` (or `_XOPEN_SOURCE`) have undefined behavior.

However, undefined behavior is a matter of degree. If, in a POSIX-conforming implementation you use `_POSIX_SOURCE`, your program's undefined behavior consists of certain additional names in certain headers, and your program still conforms to an accepted standard. This deliberate loophole in the ISO C standard allows implementations to conform to seemingly incompatible specifications. On the other hand, an implementation that does not conform to the POSIX standard is free to behave in any manner when encountering a name such as `_POSIX_SOURCE`.

The standard also reserves all other names that begin with an underscore for use in header files as regular file scope identifiers and as tags for structures and unions, but not in local scopes. The common practice of having functions named `_filbuf` and `_doprnt` to implement hidden parts of the library is allowed.

### 7.7.3 Names Reserved for Expansion

In addition to all the names explicitly reserved, the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard also reserves names for implementations and future standards that match certain patterns:

**TABLE 18** Names Reserved for Expansion

File	Reserved Name Pattern
<code>errno.h</code>	<code>E[0-9A-Z].*</code>
<code>ctype.h</code>	<code>(to is)[a-z].*</code>
<code>locale.h</code>	<code>LC_[A-Z].*</code>
<code>math.h</code>	<i>current function names</i> [ <code>f1</code> ]
<code>signal.h</code>	<code>(SIG SIG_[A-Z]).*</code>
<code>stdlib.h</code>	<code>str[a-z].*</code>
<code>string.h</code>	<code>(str mem wcs)[a-z].*</code>

In this list, names that begin with a capital letter are macros and are reserved only when the associated header is included. The rest of the names designate functions and cannot be used to name any global objects or functions.

## 7.7.4 Names Safe to Use

Four simple rules you can follow to keep from colliding with any ISO C reserved names are:

- `#include` all system headers at the top of your source files (except possibly after a `#define` of `_POSIX_SOURCE` or `_XOPEN_SOURCE`, or both).
- Do not define or declare any names that begin with an underscore.
- Use an underscore or a capital letter somewhere within the first few characters of all file scope tags and regular names. Beware of the `va_` prefix found in `stdarg.h` or `varargs.h`.
- Use a digit or a non-capital letter somewhere within the first few characters of all macro names. Almost all names beginning with an `E` are reserved if `errno.h` is `#included`.

These rules are just a general guideline to follow, as most implementations will continue to add names to the standard headers by default.

## 7.8 Internationalization

[“7.6 Multibyte Characters and Wide Characters” on page 175](#) introduced the internationalization of the standard libraries. This section discusses the affected library functions and provides some guidelines on how programs should be written to take advantage of these features. The section discusses internationalization only with respect to the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard. The 1999 ISO/IEC C standard has no significant extension to support internationalization besides those discussed here.

### 7.8.1 Locales

At any time, a C program has a current locale: a collection of information that describes the conventions appropriate to some nationality, culture, and language. Locales have names that are strings. The only two standardized locale names are `"C"` and `""`. Each program begins in the `"C"` locale, which causes all library functions to behave just as they have historically. The `""` locale is the implementation's best guess at the correct set of conventions appropriate to the program's invocation. `"C"` and `""` can cause identical behavior. Other locales may be provided by implementations.

For the purposes of practicality and expediency, locales are partitioned into a set of categories. A program can change the complete locale, or just one or more categories. Generally, each category affects a set of functions disjoint from the functions affected by other categories, so temporarily changing one category for a limited duration can make sense.

## 7.8.2 `setlocale()` Function

The `setlocale()` function is the interface to the program's locale. Any program that uses the invocation country's conventions should place a call such as the following example early in the program's execution path.

```
#include <locale.h>
/*...*/
setlocale(LC_ALL, "");
```

This call causes the program's current locale to change to the appropriate local version, because `LC_ALL` is the macro that specifies the entire locale instead of one category. The standard categories are:

<code>LC_COLLATE</code>	Sorting information
<code>LC_CTYPE</code>	Character classification information
<code>LC_MONETARY</code>	Currency printing information
<code>LC_NUMERIC</code>	Numeric printing information
<code>LC_TIME</code>	Date and time printing information

Any of these macros can be passed as the first argument to `setlocale()` to specify that category.

The `setlocale()` function returns the name of the current locale for a given category (or `LC_ALL`) and serves in an inquiry-only capacity when its second argument is a null pointer. Thus, code similar to the following example can be used to change the locale or a portion thereof for a limited duration:

```
#include <locale.h>
/*...*/
char *oloc;
/*...*/
oloc = setlocale(LC_category, NULL);
if (setlocale(LC_category, "new") != 0)
```

```
{
    /* use temporarily changed locale */
    (void)setlocale(LC_category, oloc);
}
```

Most programs do not need this capability.

### 7.8.3 Changed Functions

Wherever possible and appropriate, existing library functions were extended to include locale-dependent behavior. These functions came in two groups:

- Those declared by the `ctype.h` header (character classification and conversion), and
- Those that convert to and from printable and internal forms of numeric values, such as `printf()` and `strtod()`.

All `ctype.h` predicate functions, except `isdigit()` and `isxdigit()`, can return nonzero (true) for additional characters when the `LC_CTYPE` category of the current locale is other than "C". In a Spanish locale, `isalpha('ñ')` should be true. Similarly, the character conversion functions, `tolower()` and `toupper()`, should appropriately handle any extra alphabetic characters identified by the `isalpha()` function. The `ctype.h` functions are almost always macros that are implemented using table lookups indexed by the character argument. Their behavior is changed by resetting the tables to the new locale's values, and therefore have no performance impact.

Those functions that write or interpret printable floating values can change to use a decimal-point character other than period (.) when the `LC_NUMERIC` category of the current locale is other than "C". There is no provision for converting any numeric values to printable form with thousands separator-type characters. When converting from a printable form to an internal form, implementations are allowed to accept such additional forms, again in other than the "C" locale. Those functions that make use of the decimal-point character are the `printf()` and `scanf()` families, `atof()`, and `strtod()`. Those functions that are allowed implementation-defined extensions are `atof()`, `atoi()`, `atol()`, `strtod()`, `strtol()`, `strtoul()`, and the `scanf()` family.

### 7.8.4 New Functions

Certain locale-dependent capabilities were added as new standard functions. Besides `setlocale()`, which allows control over the locale itself, the standard includes the following new functions:

<code>localeconv()</code>	Numeric/monetary conventions
<code>strcoll()</code>	Collation order of two strings
<code>strxfrm()</code>	Translate string for collation
<code>strftime()</code>	Format date and time

In addition, there are the multibyte functions `mblen()`, `mbtowc()`, `mbstowcs()`, `wctomb()`, and `wcstombs()`.

The `localeconv()` function returns a pointer to a structure containing information useful for formatting numeric and monetary information appropriate to the current locale's `LC_NUMERIC` and `LC_MONETARY` categories. This is the only function whose behavior depends on more than one category. For numeric values, the structure describes the decimal-point character, the thousands separator, and where the separators should be located. Fifteen other structure members describe how to format a monetary value.

The `strcoll()` function is analogous to the `strcmp()` function except that the two strings are compared according to the `LC_COLLATE` category of the current locale. The `strxfrm()` function can also be used to transform a string into another, such that any two such after-translation strings can be passed to `strcmp()` and result in an ordering analogous to what `strcoll()` would have returned if passed the two pre-translation strings.

The `strftime()` function provides formatting similar to that used with `sprintf()` of the values in a `struct tm`, along with some date and time representations that depend on the `LC_TIME` category of the current locale. This function is based on the `ascftime()` function released as part of UNIX System V Release 3.2.

## 7.9 Grouping and Evaluation in Expressions

K&R C gives compilers a license to rearrange expressions involving adjacent operators that are mathematically commutative and associative, even in the presence of parentheses. However, ISO C does not grant compilers this same freedom.

This section discusses the differences between these two definitions of C and clarifies the distinctions between an expression's side effects, grouping, and evaluation by considering the expression statement from the following code fragment.

```
int i, *p, f(void), g(void);
/*...*/
i = *++p + f() + g();
```

## 7.9.1 Expression Definitions

The side effects of an expression are its modifications to memory and its accesses to `volatile` qualified objects. The side effects in the example expression are the updating of `i` and `p` and any side effects contained within the functions `f()` and `g()`.

An expression's grouping is the way values are combined with other values and operators. The example expression's grouping is primarily the order in which the additions are performed.

An expression's evaluation includes everything necessary to produce its resulting value. To evaluate an expression, all specified side effects must occur anywhere between the previous and next sequence point, and the specified operations are performed with a particular grouping. For the example expression, the updating of `i` and `p` must occur after the previous statement and by the `;` of this expression statement. The calls to the functions can occur in either order, any time after the previous statement but before their return values are used. In particular, the operators that cause memory to be updated have no requirement to assign the new value before the value of the operation is used.

## 7.9.2 K&R C Rearrangement License

The K&R C rearrangement license applies to the example expression because addition is mathematically commutative and associative. To distinguish between regular parentheses and the actual grouping of an expression, the left and right curly braces designate grouping. The three possible groupings for the expression are:

```
i = { { *++p + f() } + g() };  
i = { *++p + { f() + g() } };  
i = { { *++p + g() } + f() };
```

All of these are valid given K&R C rules. Moreover, all of these groupings are valid even if the expression were written instead, for example, in either of these ways:

```
i = *++p + ( f() + g() );  
i = ( g() + *++p ) + f();
```

If this expression is evaluated on an architecture for which either overflows cause an exception, or addition and subtraction are not inverses across an overflow, these three groupings behave differently if one of the additions overflows.

For such expressions on these architectures, the only recourse available in K&R C was to split the expression to force a particular grouping. The following possible rewrites respectively enforce the previous three groupings:

```
i = *++p; i += f(); i += g()
```

```
i = f(); i += g(); i += *++p;
i = *++p; i += g(); i += f();
```

### 7.9.3 ISO C Rules

ISO C does not allow operations to be rearranged that are mathematically commutative and associative, but that are not actually so on the target architecture. Thus, the precedence and associativity of the ISO C grammar completely describes the grouping for all expressions. All expressions must be grouped as they are parsed. The expression under consideration is grouped in this manner:

```
i = { { *++p + f() } + g() };
```

This code still does not mean that `f()` must be called before `g()`, or that `p` must be incremented before `g()` is called.

In ISO C, expressions need not be split to guard against unintended overflows.

### 7.9.4 Parentheses Usage

ISO C is often erroneously described as honoring parentheses or evaluating according to parentheses due to an incomplete understanding or an inaccurate presentation.

Because ISO C expressions have the grouping specified by their parsing, parentheses serve only as a way of controlling how an expression is parsed. The natural precedence and associativity of expressions carry exactly the same weight as parentheses.

The previous expression could have been written as follows with no different effect on its grouping or evaluation.

```
i = (((*(++p)) + f()) + g());
```

### 7.9.5 The *As If* Rule

Some reasons for the K&R C rearrangement rules are:

- The rearrangements provide many more opportunities for optimizations, such as compile-time constant folding.
- The rearrangements do not change the result of integral-typed expressions on most machines.

- Some of the operations are both mathematically and computationally commutative and associative on all machines.

The ISO C Committee eventually decided that the rearrangement rules were intended to be an instance of the *as if* rule when applied to the described target architectures. ISO C's *as if* rule is a general license that permits an implementation to deviate arbitrarily from the abstract machine description as long as the deviations do not change the behavior of a valid C program.

Thus, all the binary bitwise operators (other than shifting) are allowed to be rearranged on any machine because such regroupings are not noticeable. On typical two's-complement machines in which overflow wraps around, integer expressions involving multiplication or addition can be rearranged for the same reason.

Therefore, this change in C does not have a significant impact on most C programmers.

## 7.10 Incomplete Types

The ISO C standard introduced the term “incomplete type” to formalize a fundamental, yet misunderstood, portion of C, implicit from its beginnings. This section describes incomplete types, where they are permitted, and why they are useful.

### 7.10.1 Types

ISO separates C's types into three distinct sets: function, object, and incomplete. Function types are obvious; object types cover everything else, except when the size of the object is not known. The Standard uses the term “object type” to specify that the designated object must have a known size, but note that incomplete types other than `void` also refer to an object.

There are only three variations of incomplete types: `void`, arrays of unspecified length, and structures and unions with unspecified content. The type `void` differs from the other two in that it is an incomplete type that cannot be completed, and it serves as a special function return and parameter type.

### 7.10.2 Completing Incomplete Types

An array type is completed by specifying the array size in a following declaration in the same scope that denotes the same object. When an array without a size is declared and initialized in

the same declaration, the array has an incomplete type only between the end of its declarator and the end of its initializer.

An incomplete structure or union type is completed by specifying the content in a following declaration in the same scope for the same tag.

### 7.10.3 Declarations

Certain declarations can use incomplete types, but others require complete object types. Those declarations that require object types are array elements, members of structures or unions, and objects local to a function. All other declarations permit incomplete types. In particular, the following constructs are permitted:

- Pointers to incomplete types
- Functions returning incomplete types
- Incomplete function parameter types
- typedef names for incomplete types

The function return and parameter types are special. Except for `void`, an incomplete type used in such a manner must be completed by the time the function is defined or called. A return type of `void` specifies a function that returns no value, and a single parameter type of `void` specifies a function that accepts no arguments.

Because array and function parameter types are rewritten to be pointer types, a seemingly incomplete array parameter type is not actually incomplete. The typical declaration of `main`'s `argv`, namely, `char *argv[]`, as an unspecified length array of character pointers, is rewritten to be a pointer to character pointers.

### 7.10.4 Expressions

Most expression operators require complete object types. The only three exceptions are the unary `&` operator, the first operand of the comma operator, and the second and third operands of the `?:` operator. Most operators that accept pointer operands also permit pointers to incomplete types unless pointer arithmetic is required. The list includes the unary `*` operator.

For example, given the following expression, `&*p` is a valid subexpression that makes use of this situation.

```
void *p
```

## 7.10.5 Justification

Besides `void`, C has no other way to handle incomplete types: forward references to structures and unions. If two structures need pointers to each other, the only way to do so is with incomplete types:

```
struct a { struct b *bp; };
struct b { struct a *ap; };
```

All strongly typed programming languages that have some form of pointer and heterogeneous data types provide some method of handling this case.

## 7.10.6 Examples: Incomplete Types

Defining typedef names for incomplete structure and union types is frequently useful. If you have a complicated bunch of data structures that contain many pointers to each other, having a list of typedefs to the structures up front, possibly in a central header, can simplify the declarations.

```
typedef struct item_tag Item;
typedef union note_tag Note;
typedef struct list_tag List;
. . .
struct item_tag { . . . };
. . .
struct list_tag {
    struct list_tag {
};
```

Moreover, for those structures and unions whose contents should not be available to the rest of the program, a header can declare the tag without the content. Other parts of the program can use pointers to the incomplete structure or union without any problems unless they attempt to use any of its members.

A frequently used incomplete type is an external array of unspecified length. Generally, you do not need to know the extent of an array to make use of its contents.

## 7.11 Compatible and Composite Types

With K&R C, and even more so with ISO C, two declarations that refer to the same entity can be other than identical. The term “compatible type” is used in ISO C to denote those types

that are “close enough”. This section describes compatible types as well as “composite types”, which are the result of combining two compatible types.

### 7.11.1 Multiple Declarations

If a C program were only allowed to declare each object or function once, compatible types would not be necessary. Linkage, which allows two or more declarations to refer to the same entity, function prototypes, and separate compilation all need such a capability. Separate translation units (source files) have different rules for type compatibility from within a single translation unit.

### 7.11.2 Separate Compilation Compatibility

Because each compilation probably looks at different source files, most of the rules for compatible types across separate compiles are structural in nature:

- Matching scalar (integral, floating, and pointer) types must be compatible, as if they were in the same source file.
- Matching structures, unions, and enums must have the same number of members. Each matching member must have a compatible type (in the separate compilation sense), including bit-field widths.
- Matching structures must have the members in the same order. The order of union and enum members does not matter.
- Matching enum members must have the same value.

An additional requirement is that the names of members, including the lack of names for unnamed members, match for structures, unions, and enums, but not necessarily their respective tags.

### 7.11.3 Single Compilation Compatibility

When two declarations in the same scope describe the same object or function, the two declarations must specify compatible types. These two types are then combined into a single composite type that is compatible with the first two.

The compatible types are defined recursively. At the bottom are type specifier keywords. These rules say that `unsigned short` is the same as `unsigned short int`, and that a type without type specifiers is the same as one with `int`. All other types are compatible only if the types from

which they are derived are compatible. For example, two qualified types are compatible if the qualifiers, `const` and `volatile`, are identical, and the unqualified base types are compatible.

## 7.11.4 Compatible Pointer Types

For two pointer types to be compatible, the types they point to must be compatible and the two pointers must be identically qualified. Recall that the qualifiers for a pointer are specified after the `*`, so that these following two declarations declare two differently qualified pointers to the same type, `int`.

```
int *const cpi;
int *volatile vpi;
```

## 7.11.5 Compatible Array Types

For two array types to be compatible, their element types must be compatible. If both array types have a specified size, they must match, that is, an incomplete array type (see [“7.10 Incomplete Types” on page 186](#)) is compatible both with another incomplete array type and an array type with a specified size.

## 7.11.6 Compatible Function Types

To make functions compatible, follow these rules:

- For two function types to be compatible, their return types must be compatible. If either or both function types have prototypes. The rules are more complicated.
- For two function types with prototypes to be compatible, they also must have the same number of parameters, including use of the ellipsis (...) notation, and the corresponding parameters must be parameter-compatible.
- For an old-style function definition to be compatible with a function type with a prototype, the prototype parameters must *not* end with an ellipsis (...). Each of the prototype parameters must be parameter-compatible with the corresponding old-style parameter, after application of the default argument promotions.
- For an old-style function declaration (not a definition) to be compatible with a function type with a prototype, the prototype parameters must not end with an ellipsis (...). All of the prototype parameters must have types that would be unaffected by the default argument promotions.

- For two types to be parameter-compatible, the types must be compatible after the top-level qualifiers, if any, have been removed, and after a function or array type has been converted to the appropriate pointer type.

### 7.11.7 Special Cases

`signed int` behaves the same as `int`, except possibly for bit-fields in which a plain `int` may denote an unsigned-behaving quantity.

Note that each enumeration type must be compatible with some integral type. For portable programs, this means that enumeration types are separate types. In general, the ISO C standard views them in that manner.

### 7.11.8 Composite Types

The construction of a composite type from two compatible types is also recursively defined. The ways compatible types can differ from each other are due either to incomplete arrays or to old-style function types. As such, the simplest description of the composite type is that it is the type compatible with both of the original types, including every available array size and every available parameter list from the original types.



## Converting Applications for a 64-Bit Environment

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This chapter provides the information you need for writing code for the 32-bit or the 64-bit compilation environment.

Once you try to write or modify code for both the 32-bit and 64-bit compilation environments, you face two basic issues:

- Data type consistency between the different data-type models
- Interaction between the applications using different data-type models

Maintaining a single code-source with as few `#ifdefs` as possible is usually better than maintaining multiple source trees. Therefore, this chapter provides guidelines for writing code that works correctly in both 32-bit and 64-bit compilation environments. In some cases, the conversion of current code requires only a recompilation and relinking with the 64-bit libraries. However, for those cases where code changes are required, this chapter discusses the tools and strategies that make conversion easier.

### 8.1 Overview of the Data Model Differences

The biggest difference between the 32-bit and the 64-bit compilation environments is the change in data-type models.

The C data-type model for 32-bit applications is the ILP32 model, so named because integers, longs, and pointers are 32-bit data types. The LP64 data model, so named because longs and pointers grow to 64-bits, is the creation of a consortium of companies across the industry. The remaining C types, `int`, `long long`, `short`, and `char`, are the same in both data-type models.

Regardless of the data-type model, the standard relationship between C integral types holds true:

```
sizeof (char) <= sizeof (short) <= sizeof (int) <= sizeof (long)
```

The following table lists the basic C data types and their corresponding sizes in bits for both the ILP32 and LP64 data models.

**TABLE 19** Data Type Size for ILP32 and LP64

C Data Type	ILP32	LP64
char	8	8
short	16	16
int	32	32
long	32	64
long long	64	64
pointer	32	64
enum	32	32
float	32	32
double	64	64
long double	128	128

current 32-bit applications typically assume that integers, pointers, and longs are the same size. However, the size of longs and pointers changes in the LP64 data model, which can cause many ILP32 to LP64 conversion problems.

In addition, declarations and casts are very important. How expressions are evaluated can be affected when the types change. The effects of standard C conversion rules are influenced by the change in data-type sizes. To adequately show what you intend, you need to explicitly declare the types of constants. You can also use casts in expressions to make certain that the expression is evaluated the way you intend. This practice is particularly important with sign extension, where explicit casting is essential for demonstrating intent.

## 8.2 Implementing Single Source Code

The following sections describe some of the available resources that you can use to write single-source code that supports 32-bit and 64-bit compilation.

### 8.2.1 Derived Types

Using the system derived types to make code safe for both the 32-bit and the 64-bit compilation environment is good programming practice. When you use derived data-types, only the system derived types need to change for data model changes, or porting.

The system include files `<sys/types.h>` and `<inttypes.h>` contain constants, macros, and derived types that are helpful in making applications 32-bit and 64-bit safe.

### 8.2.1.1 `<sys/types.h>`

Include `<sys/types.h>` in an application source file to gain access to the definition of `_LP64` and `_ILP32`. This header also contains a number of basic derived types that should be used whenever appropriate. In particular, the following are of special interest:

- `clock_t` represents the system times in clock ticks.
- `dev_t` is used for device numbers.
- `off_t` is used for file sizes and offsets.
- `ptrdiff_t` is the signed integral type for the result of subtracting two pointers.
- `size_t` reflects the size, in bytes, of objects in memory.
- `ssize_t` is used by functions that return a count of bytes or an error indication.
- `time_t` counts time in seconds.

All of these types remain 32-bit quantities in the ILP32 compilation environment and grow to 64-bit quantities in the LP64 compilation environment.

### 8.2.1.2 `<inttypes.h>`

The include file `<inttypes.h>` provides constants, macros, and derived types that help you make your code compatible with explicitly sized data items, independent of the compilation environment. It contains mechanisms for manipulating 8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit, and 64-bit objects. The following is a discussion of the basic features provided by `<inttypes.h>`:

- Fixed-width integer types.
- Helpful types such as `uintptr_t`
- Constant macros
- Limits
- Format string macros

The following sections provide more information about the basic features of `<inttypes.h>`.

## Fixed-Width Integer Types

The fixed-width integer types that `<inttypes.h>` provides include signed integer types such as `int8_t`, `int16_t`, `int32_t`, and `int64_t`, and unsigned integer types such as `uint8_t`, `uint16_t`, `uint32_t`, and `uint64_t`.

Derived types, defined as the smallest integer types that can hold the specified number of bits, include `int_least8_t`, ..., `int_least64_t`, `uint_least8_t`, ..., `uint_least64_t`.

Using an `int` or unsigned `int` for such operations as loop counters and file descriptors is safe. Using a `long` for an array index is also safe. However, do not use these fixed-width types indiscriminately. Use fixed-width types for explicit binary representations of the following items:

- On-disk data
- Over the data wire
- Hardware registers
- Binary interface specifications
- Binary data structures

## Helpful Types Such as `uintptr_t`

The `<inttypes.h>` file includes signed and unsigned integer types large enough to hold a pointer. These are given as `intptr_t` and `uintptr_t`. In addition, `<inttypes.h>` provides `intmax_t` and `uintmax_t`, which are the longest (in bits) signed and unsigned integer types available.

Use the `uintptr_t` type as the integral type for pointers instead of a fundamental type such as unsigned `long`. Even though an unsigned `long` is the same size as a pointer in both the ILP32 and LP64 data models, using `uintptr_t` means that only the definition of `uintptr_t` is affected if the data model changes. This method makes your code portable to many other systems and is also a clearer way to express your intentions in C.

The `intptr_t` and `uintptr_t` types are extremely useful for casting pointers when you want to perform address arithmetic. Use `intptr_t` and `uintptr_t` types instead of `long` or unsigned `long` for this purpose.

## Constant Macros

Use the macros `INT8_C(c)`, ..., `INT64_C(c)`, `UINT8_C(c)`, ..., `UINT64_C(c)` to specify the size and sign of a given constant. Basically, these macros place an `l`, `ul`, `ll`, or `ull` at the end of the

constant, if necessary. For example, `INT64_C(1)` appends `LL` to the constant `1` for ILP32 and an `L` for LP64.

Use the `INTMAX_C(c)` and `UINTMAX_C(c)` macros to make a constant the biggest type. These macros can be very useful for specifying the type of constants described in “[8.3 Converting to the LP64 Data Type Model](#)” on page 199.

## Limits

The limits defined by `<inttypes.h>` are constants that specify the minimum and maximum values of various integer types. These limits include minimum and maximum values for each of the fixed-width types such as `INT8_MIN`, ..., `INT64_MIN`, `INT8_MAX`, ..., `INT64_MAX`, and their unsigned counterparts.

The `<inttypes.h>` file also provides the minimum and maximum values for each of the least-sized types. These types include `INT_LEAST8_MIN`, ..., `INT_LEAST64_MIN`, `INT_LEAST8_MAX`, ..., `INT_LEAST64_MAX`, as well as their unsigned counterparts.

Finally, `<inttypes.h>` defines the minimum and maximum values of the largest supported integer types. These types include `INTMAX_MIN` and `INTMAX_MAX` and their corresponding unsigned versions.

## Format String Macros

The `<inttypes.h>` file includes the macros that specify the `printf(3C)` and `scanf(3C)` format specifiers. Essentially, these macros prepend the format specifier with an `l` or `ll` to identify the argument as a `long` or `long long`, given that the number of bits in the argument is built into the name of the macro.

Some macros for `printf(3C)` print both the smallest and largest integer types in decimal, octal, unsigned, and hexadecimal formats, as shown in the following example.

```
int64_t i;
printf("i =%" PRIx64 "\n", i);
```

Similarly, macros for `scanf(3C)` read both the smallest and largest integer types in decimal, octal, unsigned, and hexadecimal formats.

```
uint64_t u;
scanf("%" SCNu64 "\n", &u);
```

Do not use these macros indiscriminately. They are best used in conjunction with the fixed-width types discussed in “[Fixed-Width Integer Types](#)” on page 196.

## 8.2.2 Checking With `lint`

The `lint` program's `-errchk` option detects potential 64-bit porting problems. You can also specify `cc -v`, which directs the compiler to perform additional and more strict semantic checks. The `-v` option also enables certain `lint`-like checks on the named files.

When you enhance code to be 64-bit safe, use the header files present in the Oracle Solaris operating system because these files have the correct definition of the derived types and data structures for the 64-bit compilation environment.

Use `lint` to check code that is written for both the 32-bit and the 64-bit compilation environment. Specify the `-errchk=longptr64` option to generate LP64 warnings. Also use the `-errchk=longptr64` flag, which checks portability to an environment for which the size of long integers and pointers is 64 bits and the size of plain integers is 32 bits. The `-errchk=longptr64` flag checks assignments of pointer expressions and long integer expressions to plain integers, even when explicit casts are used.

Use the `-errchk=longptr64, signext` option to find code where the normal ISO C value-preserving rules allow the extension of the sign of a signed-integral value in an expression of unsigned-integral type.

Use the `-m64` option of `lint` when you want to check code that you intend to run in the Oracle Solaris 64-bit compilation environment only.

`lint` warnings show the line number of the offending code, a message that describes the problem, and an indication of whether a pointer is involved. The warning message also indicates the sizes of the involved data types. When you know a pointer is involved and you know the size of the data types, you can find specific 64-bit problems and avoid the preexisting problems between 32-bit and smaller types.

Be aware, however, that even though `lint` gives warnings about potential 64-bit problems, it cannot detect all problems. Also, in many cases, code that is intentional and correct for the application generates a warning.

You can suppress the warning for a given line of code by placing a comment of the form `"NOTE (LINTED("<optional message">))"` on the previous line. This comment directive is useful when you want `lint` to ignore certain lines of code such as casts and assignments. Exercise extreme care when you use the `"NOTE (LINTED("<optional message">))"` comment because it can mask real problems. When you use `NOTE`, include `note.h`. Refer to the `lint` man page for more information.

## 8.3 Converting to the LP64 Data Type Model

The examples that follow illustrate some of the more common problems you are likely to encounter when you convert code. Where appropriate, the corresponding `lint` warnings are shown.

### 8.3.1 Integer and Pointer Size Change

Because integers and pointers are the same size in the ILP32 compilation environment, some code relies on this assumption. Pointers are often cast to `int` or `unsigned int` for address arithmetic. Instead, cast your pointers to `long` because `long` and pointers are the same size in both ILP32 and LP64 data-type models. Rather than explicitly using `unsigned long`, use `uintptr_t` instead. It expresses your intent more closely and makes the code more portable, insulating it against future changes. Consider the following example:

```
char *p;
p = (char *) ((int)p & PAGEOFFSET);
%
warning: conversion of pointer loses bits
```

The modified version is:

```
char *p;
p = (char *) ((uintptr_t)p & PAGEOFFSET);
```

### 8.3.2 Integer and Long Size Change

Because integers and longs are never really distinguished in the ILP32 data-type model, your existing code probably uses them indiscriminately. Modify any code that uses integers and longs interchangeably so it conforms to the requirements of both the ILP32 and LP64 data-type models. While an integer and a long are both 32-bits in the ILP32 data-type model, a `long` is 64 bits in the LP64 data-type model.

Consider the following example:

```
int waiting;
long w_io;
long w_swap;
...
waiting = w_io + w_swap;

%
warning: assignment of 64-bit integer to 32-bit integer
```

Furthermore, large arrays of `long` or `unsigned long` can cause serious performance degradation in the LP64 data-type model as compared to arrays of `int` or `unsigned int`. Large arrays of `long` or `unsigned long` can also cause significantly more cache misses and consume more memory.

Therefore, if `int` works just as well as `long` for the application purposes, use `int` rather than `long`.

This argument also applies to using arrays of `int` instead of arrays of pointers. Some C applications suffer from serious performance degradation after conversion to the LP64 data-type model because they rely on many large arrays of pointers.

### 8.3.3 Sign Extension

Sign extension is a common problem when you convert to the 64-bit compilation environment because the type conversion and promotion rules are somewhat obscure. To prevent sign extension problems, use explicit casting to achieve the intended results.

To understand why sign extension occurs, consider the conversion rules for ISO C. The conversion rules that seem to cause the most sign extension problems between the 32-bit and the 64-bit compilation environment come into effect during the following operations:

- Integral promotion

You can use a `char`, `short`, enumerated type, or bit-field, whether signed or unsigned, in any expression that calls for an integer.

If an integer can hold all possible values of the original type, the value is converted to an integer; otherwise, the value is converted to an unsigned integer.

- Conversion between signed and unsigned integers

When an integer with a negative sign is promoted to an unsigned integer of the same or larger type, it is first promoted to the signed equivalent of the larger type, then converted to the unsigned value.

When the following example is compiled as a 64-bit program, the `addr` variable becomes sign-extended, even though both `addr` and `a.base` are unsigned types.

```
%cat test.c
struct foo {
    unsigned int base:19, rehash:13;
};

main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    struct foo a;
```

```

unsigned long addr;

a.base = 0x40000;
addr = a.base << 13; /* Sign extension here! */
printf("addr 0x%lx\n", addr);

addr = (unsigned int)(a.base << 13); /* No sign extension here! */
printf("addr 0x%lx\n", addr);
}

```

This sign extension occurs because the conversion rules are applied as follows:

- `a.base` is converted from an unsigned int to an int because of the integral promotion rule. Thus, the expression `a.base << 13` is of type int, but no sign extension has yet occurred.
- The expression `a.base << 13` is of type int, but it is converted to a long and then to an unsigned long before being assigned to `addr`, because of signed and unsigned integer promotion rules. The sign extension occurs when it is converted from an int to a long.

```

% cc -o test64 -m64 test.c
% ./test64
addr 0xffffffff80000000
addr 0x80000000
%

```

When this same example is compiled as a 32-bit program it does not display any sign extension:

```

cc -o test -m32 test.c
%test

addr 0x80000000
addr 0x80000000

```

For a more detailed discussion of the conversion rules, refer to the ISO C standard. Also included in this standard are useful rules for ordinary arithmetic conversions and integer constants.

## 8.3.4 Pointer Arithmetic Instead of Integers

Using pointer arithmetic usually works better than integers because pointer arithmetic is independent of the data model, whereas integers might not be. Also, you can usually simplify your code by using pointer arithmetic. Consider the following example:

```

int *end;
int *p;
p = malloc(4 * NUM_ELEMENTS);
end = (int *)((unsigned int)p + 4 * NUM_ELEMENTS);

```

```
%  
warning: conversion of pointer loses bits
```

The modified version is:

```
int *end;  
int *p;  
p = malloc(sizeof (*p) * NUM_ELEMENTS);  
end = p + NUM_ELEMENTS;
```

## 8.3.5 Structures

Check the internal data structures in an application for holes. Use extra padding between fields in the structure to meet alignment requirements. This extra padding is allocated when long or pointer fields grow to 64 bits for the LP64 data-type model. In the 64-bit compilation environment on SPARC platforms, all types of structures are aligned to the size of the largest member within them. When you repack a structure, follow the simple rule of moving the long and pointer fields to the beginning of the structure. Consider the following structure definition:

```
struct bar {  
    int i;  
    long j;  
    int k;  
    char *p;  
}; /* sizeof (struct bar) = 32 */
```

The following example shows the same structure with the long and pointer data types defined at the beginning of the structure:

```
struct bar {  
    char *p;  
    long j;  
    int i;  
    int k;  
}; /* sizeof (struct bar) = 24 */
```

## 8.3.6 Unions

Be sure to check unions because their fields can change size between the ILP32 and the LP64 data-type models. Consider the following example:

```
typedef union {  
    double _d;
```

```

    long _l[2];
} llx_t;

```

The modified version is:

```

typedef union {
    double _d;
    int _l[2];
} llx_t;

```

## 8.3.7 Type Constants

A lack of precision can cause the loss of data in some constant expressions. Be explicit when you specify the data types in your constant expression. Specify the type of each integer constant by adding some combination of {u,U,l,L}. You can also use casts to specify the type of a constant expression. Consider the following example:

```

int i = 32;
long j = 1 << i; /* j will get 0 because RHS is integer */
                /* expression */

```

The modified version is:

```

int i = 32;
long j = 1L << i;

```

## 8.3.8 Beware of Implicit Declarations

If you use `-std=c90` or `-xc99=none`, the C compiler assumes that any function or variable that is used in a module and is not defined or declared externally is an integer. Any long and pointer data used in this way is truncated by the compiler's implicit integer declaration. Place the appropriate `extern` declaration for the function or variable in a header and not in the C module. Include this header in any C module that uses the function or variable. Even if the function or variable is defined by the system headers, you still need to include the proper header in the code. Consider the following example:

```

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *name = getlogin();
    printf("login = %s\n", name);
    return (0);
}

```

```
%
warning: improper pointer/integer combination: op "="
warning: cast to pointer from 32-bit integer
implicitly declared to return int
getlogin      printf
```

The proper headers are now in the following modified version.

```
#include <unistd.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    char *name = getlogin();
    (void) printf("login = %s\n", name);
    return (0);
}
```

### 8.3.9 `sizeof( )` Is an Unsigned `long`

In the LP64 data-type model, `sizeof( )` has the effective type of an unsigned `long`. Occasionally, `sizeof( )` is passed to a function expecting an argument of type `int`, or assigned or cast to an integer. In some cases, this truncation causes loss of data.

```
long a[50];
unsigned char size = sizeof (a);

%
warning: 64-bit constant truncated to 8 bits by assignment
warning: initializer does not fit or is out of range: 0x190
```

### 8.3.10 Use Casts to Show Your Intentions

Relational expressions can be tricky because of conversion rules. You should be very explicit about how you want the expression to be evaluated by adding casts wherever necessary.

### 8.3.11 Check Format String Conversion Operation

Make sure the format strings for `printf(3C)`, `sprintf(3C)`, `scanf(3C)`, and `sscanf(3C)` can accommodate `long` or pointer arguments. For pointer arguments, the conversion operation

given in the format string should be `%p` to work in both the 32-bit and 64-bit compilation environments. Consider the following example:

```
char *buf;
struct dev_info *devi;
...
(void) sprintf(buf, "di%x", (void *)devi);

%
warning: function argument (number) type inconsistent with format
sprintf (arg 3)      void *: (format) int
```

The modified version is:

```
char *buf;
struct dev_info *devi;
...
(void) sprintf(buf, "di%p", (void *)devi);
```

For long arguments, the long size specification, `l`, should be prepended to the conversion operation character in the format string. Furthermore, check to be sure that the storage pointed to by `buf` is large enough to contain 16 digits.

```
size_t nbytes;
u_long align, addr, raddr, alloc;
printf("kalloca:%d%%d from heap got%x.%x returns%x\n",
nbytes, align, (int)raddr, (int)(raddr + alloc), (int)addr);

%
warning: cast of 64-bit integer to 32-bit integer
warning: cast of 64-bit integer to 32-bit integer
warning: cast of 64-bit integer to 32-bit integer
```

The modified version is:

```
size_t nbytes;
u_long align, addr, raddr, alloc;
printf("kalloca:%lu%%lu from heap got%lx.%lx returns%lx\n",
nbytes, align, raddr, raddr + alloc, addr);
```

## 8.4 Other Conversion Considerations

The remaining guidelines highlight common problems encountered when converting an application to a full 64-bit program.

### 8.4.1 **Note: Derived Types That Have Grown in Size**

A number of derived types now represent 64-bit quantities in the 64-bit application compilation environment. This change does not affect 32-bit applications; however, any 64-bit applications that consume or export data described by these types need to be re-evaluated. For example, in applications that directly manipulate the `utmp(4)` or `utmpx(4)` files, do not attempt to directly access these files. For correct operation in the 64-bit application environment, use the `getutxent(3C)` and related family of functions instead.

### 8.4.2 **Check for Side Effects of Changes**

Be aware that a type change in one area can result in an unexpected 64-bit conversion in another area. For example, check all the callers of a function that previously returned an `int` and now returns an `ssize_t`.

### 8.4.3 **Check Literal Uses of `long` Still Make Sense**

A variable that is defined as a `long` is 32 bits in the ILP32 data-type model and 64 bits in the LP64 data-type model. Where possible, avoid problems by redefining the variable and use a more portable derived type.

Related to this issue, a number of derived types have changed under the LP64 data-type model. For example, `pid_t` remains a `long` in the 32-bit environment, but under the 64-bit environment, a `pid_t` is an `int`.

### 8.4.4 **Use `#ifdef` for Explicit 32-bit Versus 64-bit Prototypes**

In some cases, specific 32-bit and 64-bit versions of an interface are unavoidable. You can distinguish these versions by specifying the `_LP64` or `_ILP32` feature test macros in the headers. Similarly, code that runs in 32-bit and 64-bit environments needs to use the appropriate `#ifdefs`, depending on the compilation mode.

## 8.4.5 Calling Convention Changes

When you pass structures by value and compile the code for a 64-bit environment, the structure is passed in registers rather than as a pointer to a copy if it is small enough. This process can cause problems if you try to pass structures between C code and handwritten assembly code.

Floating-point parameters work in a similar fashion: some floating-point values passed by value are passed in floating-point registers.

## 8.4.6 Algorithm Changes

After your code is safe for the 64-bit environment, review your code again to verify that the algorithms and data structures still make sense. The data types are larger, so data structures might use more space. The performance of your code might change as well. Given these concerns, you might need to modify your code appropriately.

## 8.5 Checklist for Getting Started

Use the following checklist to help you convert your code to 64-bit.

- Review all data structures and interfaces to verify that these are still valid in the 64-bit environment.
- Include `<inttypes.h>` in your code to provide the `_ILP32` or `_LP64` definitions as well as many basic derived types. For systems programs, include `<sys/types.h>` (or at a minimum, `<sys/isa_defs.h>`) to obtain the definitions of `_ILP32` or `_LP64`.
- Move function prototypes and external declarations with non-local scope to headers and include these headers in your code.
- Run `lint` using the `-m64` and `-errchk=longptr64` and `signext` options. Review each warning individually. Keep in mind that not all warnings require a change to the code. Depending on the changes, run `lint` again in both 32-bit and 64-bit modes.
- Compile code as both 32-bit and 64-bit unless the application is being provided only as 64-bit.
- Test the application by executing the 32-bit version and the 64-bit versions on the 64-bit operating system.



## cscope: Interactively Examining a C Program

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`cscope` is an interactive program that locates specified elements of code in C, `lex`, or `yacc` source files. With `cscope`, you can search and edit your source files more efficiently than you could with a typical editor. `cscope` has the advantage of supporting function calls, when a function is being called and when it is doing the calling, as well as C language identifiers and keywords.

This chapter provides information about the `cscope` browser provided with this release.

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**Note** - The `cscope` program has not yet been updated to understand codes written for the 1999 ISO/IEC C standard. For example, it does not yet recognize the new keywords introduced in the 1999 ISO/IEC C standard.

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### 9.1 The `cscope` Process

When `cscope` is called for a set of C, `lex`, or `yacc` source files, it builds a symbol cross-reference table for the functions, function calls, macros, variables, and preprocessor symbols in those files. You can then query that table about the locations of symbols you specify. First, from a menu you choose the type of search you would like to have performed. You might, for instance, want `cscope` to find all the functions that call a specified function.

When `cscope` has completed this search, it prints a list. Each list entry contains the name of the file, the number of the line, and the text of the line in which `cscope` has found the specified code. The list can also include the names of the functions that call the specified function. You then have the option of requesting another search or examining one of the listed lines with the editor. If you choose the latter, `cscope` invokes the editor for the file in which the line appears, with the cursor on that line. You can then view the code in context and edit the file as any other file. You can then return to the menu from the editor to request a new search.

Because the procedure you follow depends on the task at hand, no single set of instructions is relevant for using `cscope`. For an extended example of its use, review the `cscope` session

described in the next section, which shows how you can locate a bug in a program without learning all the code.

## 9.2 Basic Use

Suppose you are given responsibility for maintaining the program `prog`. You are told that an error message, out of storage, sometimes appears just as the program starts up. Now you want to use `cscope` to locate the parts of the code that are generating the message. Here is how you do it.

### 9.2.1 Step 1: Set Up the Environment

`cscope` is a screen-oriented tool that can only be used on terminals listed in the Terminal Information Utilities (`terminfo`) database. Be sure you have set the `TERM` environment variable to your terminal type so that `cscope` can verify that it is listed in the `terminfo` database. If you have not done so, assign a value to `TERM` and export it to the shell as follows:

In a Bourne shell, type:

```
$ TERM=term_name; export TERM
```

In a C shell, type:

```
% setenv TERM term_name
```

You may now want to assign a value to the `EDITOR` environment variable. By default, `cscope` invokes the `vi` editor. (The examples in this chapter illustrate `vi` usage.) If you prefer not to use `vi`, set the `EDITOR` environment variable to the editor of your choice and export `EDITOR`, as follows:

In a Bourne shell, type:

```
$ EDITOR=emacs; export EDITOR
```

In a C shell, type:

```
% setenv EDITOR emacs
```

You may have to write an interface between `cscope` and your editor. For details, see [“9.2.9 Command-Line Syntax for Editors” on page 225](#).

If you want to use `cscope` only for browsing (without editing), you can set the `VIEWER` environment variable to `pg` and export `VIEWER`. `cscope` will then invoke `pg` instead of `vi`.

An environment variable called `VPATH` can be set to specify directories to be searched for source files. See [“9.2.6 View Paths” on page 220](#).

## 9.2.2 Step 2: Invoke the `cscope` Program

By default, `cscope` builds a symbol cross-reference table for all the C, `lex`, and `yacc` source files in the current directory, and for any included header files in the current directory or the standard place. So, if all the source files for the program to be browsed are in the current directory, and if its header files are there or in the standard place, invoke `cscope` without arguments:

```
% cscope
```

To browse through selected source files, invoke `cscope` with the names of those files as arguments:

```
% cscope file1.c file2.c file3.h
```

For other ways to invoke `cscope`, see [“9.2.5 Command-Line Options” on page 218](#).

`cscope` builds the symbol cross-reference table the first time it is used on the source files for the program to be browsed. By default, the table is stored in the file `cscope.out` in the current directory. On a subsequent invocation, `cscope` rebuilds the cross-reference only if a source file has been modified or the list of source files is different. When the cross-reference is rebuilt, the data for the unchanged files is copied from the old cross-reference, which makes rebuilding faster than the initial build, and reduces startup time for subsequent invocations.

## 9.2.3 Step 3: Locate the Code

Now let’s return to the task we undertook at the beginning of this section: to identify the problem that is causing the error message out of storage to be printed. You have invoked `cscope`, the cross-reference table has been built. The `cscope` menu of tasks appears on the screen.

The `cscope` Menu of Tasks:

```
% cscope
```

```
cscope    Press the ? key for help
```

```
Find this C symbol:
```

Find this global definition:  
 Find functions called by this function:  
 Find functions calling this function:  
 Find this text string:  
 Change this text string:  
 Find this egrep pattern:  
 Find this file:  
 Find files #including this file:

Press the Return key to move the cursor down the screen (with wraparound at the bottom of the display), and ^p (Control-p) to move the cursor up; or use the up (ua) and down (da) arrow keys. You can manipulate the menu and perform other tasks with the following single-key commands:

**TABLE 20** cscope Menu Manipulation Commands

Tab	Move to the next input field.
Return	Move to the next input field.
^n	Move to the next input field.
^p	Move to the previous input field.
^y	Search with the last text typed.
^b	Move to the previous input field and search pattern.
^f	Move to the next input field and search pattern.
^c	Toggle ignore/use letter case when searching. For example, a search for FILE matches file and File when ignoring the letter case.
^r	Rebuild cross-reference.
!	Start an interactive shell. Type ^d to return to cscope.
^l	Redraw the screen.
?	Display the list of commands.
^d	Exit cscope.

If the first character of the text for which you are searching matches one of these commands, you can escape the command by entering a \ (backslash) before the character.

Now move the cursor to the fifth menu item, Find this text string, enter the text out of storage, and press the Return key.

cscope Function: Requesting a Search for a Text String:

\$ **cscope**

cscope Press the ? key for help

---

```

Find this C symbol
Find this global definition
Find functions called by this function
Find functions calling this function
Find this text string: out of storage
Change this text string
Find this egrep pattern
Find this file
Find files #including this file

```

---

**Note** - Follow the same procedure to perform any other task listed in the menu except the sixth, Change this text string. Because this task is slightly more complex than the others, there is a different procedure for performing it. For a description of how to change a text string, see [“9.2.8 Examples” on page 221](#).

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`cscope` searches for the specified text, finds one line that contains it, and reports its finding.

`cscope` Function: Listing Lines Containing the Text String:

Text string: out of storage

```

File Line
1 alloc.c 63 (void) fprintf(stderr, "\n%s: out of storage\n", argv0);

```

```

Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string:
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:

```

After `cscope` shows you the results of a successful search, you have several options. You may want to change one of the lines or examine the code surrounding it in the editor. Or, if `cscope` has found so many lines that a list of them does not fit on the screen at once, you may want to look at the next part of the list. The following table shows the commands available after `cscope` has found the specified text:

**TABLE 21** Commands for Use After an Initial Search

1 -9	Edit the file referenced by this line. The number you type corresponds to an item in the list of lines printed by <code>cscope</code> .
------	---

Space	Display the next set of matching lines.
+	Display the next set of matching lines.
^v	Display the next set of matching lines.
-	Display the previous set of matching lines.
^e	Edit the displayed files in order.
>	Append the list of lines being displayed to a file.
	Pipe all lines to a shell command.

Again, if the first character of the text for which you are searching matches one of these commands, you can escape the command by entering a backslash before the character.

Now examine the code around the newly found line. Enter **1** (the number of the line in the list). The editor is invoked with the file `alloc.c` with the cursor at the beginning of line 63 of `alloc.c`.

cscope Function: Examining a Line of Code:

```
{
    return(alloctest(realloc(p, (unsigned) size)));
}

/* check for memory allocation failure */

static char *
alloctest(p)
char *p;
{
    if (p == NULL) {
        (void) fprintf(stderr, "\n%s: out of storage\n", argv0);
        exit(1);
    }
    return(p);
}
~
~
~
~
~
~
~
"alloc.c" 67 lines, 1283 characters
```

You can see that the error message is generated when the variable `p` is `NULL`. To determine how an argument passed to `alloctest()` could have been `NULL`, you must first identify the functions that call `alloctest()`.

Exit the editor by using normal quit conventions. You are returned to the menu of tasks. Now type **alloctest** after the fourth item, Find functions calling this function.

cscope Function: Requesting a List of Functions That Call `alloctest()`:

Text string: out of storage

```
File Line
1 alloc.c 63(void)fprintf(stderr,"\n%s:  out of storage\n",argv0);
```

```
Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:  alloctest
Find this text string:
Change this text string:
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
```

cscope finds and lists three such functions.

cscope Function: Listing Functions That Call `alloctest()`:

```
Functions calling this function: alloctest
File Function Line
1 alloc.c mymalloc 33 return(alloctest(malloc((unsigned) size)));
2 alloc.c mycalloc 43 return(alloctest(calloc((unsigned) nelem, (unsigned) size)));
3 alloc.c myrealloc 53 return(alloctest(realloc(p, (unsigned) size)));
```

```
Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string:
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
```

Now you want to know which functions call `mymalloc()`. cscope finds ten such functions. It lists nine of them on the screen and instructs you to press the space bar to see the rest of the list.

cscope Function: Listing Functions That Call `mymalloc()`:

```
Functions calling this function: mymalloc
```

File	Function	Line
1 alloc.c	stralloc	24 return(strcpy(mymalloc (strlen(s) + 1), s));
2 crossref.c	crossref	47 symbol = (struct symbol *)mymalloc (msymbols * sizeof(struct symbol));
3 dir.c	makevpsrcdirs	63 srcdirs = (char **) mymalloc (nsrkdirs * sizeof(char*));
4 dir.c	addinmdir	167 incdirs = (char **)mymalloc (sizeof(char *));
5 dir.c	addinmdir	168 incnames = (char **) mymalloc(sizeof(char *));
6 dir.c	addsrcfile	439 p = (struct listitem *) mymalloc (sizeof(struct listitem));
7 display.c	dispinit	87 displine = (int *) mymalloc (mdisprefs * sizeof(int));
8 history.c	addcmd	19 h = (struct cmd *) mymalloc (sizeof(struct cmd));
9 main.c	main	212 s = mymalloc((unsigned ) (strlen(reffile) +strlen(home) + 2));

\* 9 more lines - press the space bar to display more \*

Find this C symbol:

Find this global definition:

Find functions called by this function:

Find functions calling this function:

Find this text string:

Change this text string:

Find this egrep pattern:

Find this file:

Find files #including this file:

Because you know that the error message out of storage is generated at the beginning of the program, you can guess that the problem may have occurred in the function `dispinit()` (display initialization).

To view `dispinit()`, the seventh function on the list, type **7**.

**cscope Function: Viewing `dispinit()` in the Editor:**

```
void
dispinit()
{
    /* calculate the maximum displayed reference lines */
    lastdispline = FLDLINE - 4;
    mdisprefs = lastdispline - REFLINE + 1;
    if (mdisprefs > 9) {
        mdisprefs = 9;
    }
}
```

```

    }
    /* allocate the displayed line array */
    displine = (int *) mymalloc(mdisprefs * sizeof(int));
}
^L/* display a page of the references */

void
display()
{
    char file[PATHLEN + 1]; /* file name */
    char function[PATHLEN + 1]; /* function name */
    char linenum[NUMLN + 1]; /* line number */
    int screenline; /* screen line number */
    int width; /* source line display width */
    register int i, j;
"display.c" 622 lines, 14326 characters

```

`mymalloc()` failed because it was called either with a very large number or a negative number. By examining the possible values of `FLDLIN` and `REFLIN`, you can see that there are situations in which the value of `mdisprefs` is negative, that is, in which you are trying to call `mymalloc()` with a negative number.

## 9.2.4 Step 4: Edit the Code

On a windowing terminal, you may have multiple windows of arbitrary size. The error message out of storage might have appeared as a result of running `prog` in a window with too few lines. In other words, that may have been one of the situations in which `mymalloc()` was called with a negative number. Now you want to be sure that when the program aborts in this situation in the future, it does so after printing the more meaningful error message screen too small. Edit the function `dispinit()` as follows.

cscope Function: Correcting the Problem:

```

void
dispinit()
{
/* calculate the maximum displayed reference lines */
    lastdispline = FLDLINE - 4;
    mdisprefs = lastdispline - REFLINE + 1;
    if (mdisprefs > 9) {
        mdisprefs = 9;
    }
/* allocate the displayed line array */
    displine = (int *) mymalloc(mdisprefs * sizeof(int));
}

```

```
^L/* display a page of the references */

void
display()
{
    char file[PATHLEN + 1]; /* file name */
    char function[PATHLEN + 1]; /* function name */
    char linenum[NUMLIN + 1]; /* line number */
    int screenline; /* screen line number */
    int width; /* source line display width */
    register int i, j;
}
"display.c" 622 lines, 14326 characters
```

You have fixed the problem we began investigating at the beginning of this section. Now if prog is run in a window with too few lines, it does not simply fail with the unedifying error message out of storage. Instead, it checks the window size and generates a more meaningful error message before exiting.

## 9.2.5 Command-Line Options

As noted, `cscope` builds a symbol cross-reference table for the C, `lex`, and source files in the current directory by default. That is,

```
% cscope
```

is equivalent to:

```
% cscope *. [chly]
```

We have also seen that you can browse through selected source files by invoking `cscope` with the names of those files as arguments:

```
% cscope file1.c file2.c file3.h
```

`cscope` provides command-line options with greater flexibility in specifying source files to be included in the cross-reference. When you invoke `cscope` with the `-s` option and any number of directory names (separated by commas):

```
% cscope- s dir1,dir2,dir3
```

`cscope` builds a cross-reference for all the source files in the specified directories as well as the current directory. To browse through all of the source files whose names are listed in *file* (file names separated by spaces, tabs, or new-lines), invoke `cscope` with the `-i` option and the name of the file containing the list:

```
% cscope- i file
```

If your source files are in a directory tree, use the following commands to browse through all of them:

```
% find .- name '*. [chly]'- print | sort > file  
% cscope- i file
```

If this option is selected, however, `cscope` ignores any other files appearing on the command-line.

The `- I` option can be used for `cscope` in the same way as the `- I` option to `cc`. See [“2.17 How to Specify Include Files” on page 61](#).

You can specify a cross-reference file other than the default `cscope.out` by invoking the `- f` option. This is useful for keeping separate symbol cross-reference files in the same directory. You may want to do this if two programs are in the same directory, but do not share all the same files:

```
% cscope- f admin.ref admin.c common.c aux.c libs.c  
% cscope- f delta.ref delta.c common.c aux.c libs.c
```

In this example, the source files for two programs, `admin` and `delta`, are in the same directory, but the programs consist of different groups of files. By specifying different symbol cross-reference files when you invoke `cscope` for each set of source files, the cross-reference information for the two programs is kept separate.

You can use the `- pn` option to specify that `cscope` display the path name, or part of the path name, of a file when it lists the results of a search. The number you give to `- p` stands for the last  $n$  elements of the path name you want to be displayed. The default is 1, the name of the file itself. So if your current directory is `home/common`, the command:

```
% cscope- p2
```

causes `cscope` to display `common/file1.c`, `common/file2.c`, and so forth when it lists the results of a search.

If the program you want to browse contains a large number of source files, you can use the `- b` option, so that `cscope` stops after it has built a cross-reference; `cscope` does not display a menu of tasks. When you use `cscope- b` in a pipeline with the `batch(1)` command, `cscope` builds the cross-reference in the background:

```
% echo 'cscope -b' | batch
```

Once the cross-reference is built, and as long as you have not changed a source file or the list of source files in the meantime, you need only specify:

% **cscope**

for the cross-reference to be copied and the menu of tasks to be displayed in the normal way. You can use this sequence of commands when you want to continue working without having to wait for `cscope` to finish its initial processing.

The `-d` option instructs `cscope` not to update the symbol cross-reference. You can use it to save time if you are sure that no such changes have been made; `cscope` does not check the source files for changes.

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**Note** - Use the `-d` option with care. If you specify `-d` under the erroneous impression that your source files have not been changed, `cscope` refers to an outdated symbol cross-reference in responding to your queries.

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Check the `cscope(1)` man page for other command-line options.

## 9.2.6 View Paths

As we have seen, `cscope` searches for source files in the current directory by default. When the environment variable `VPATH` is set, `cscope` searches for source files in directories that comprise your view path. A view path is an ordered list of directories, each of which has the same directory structure below it.

For example, suppose you are part of a software project. There is an *official* set of source files in directories below `/fs1/ofc`. Each user has a home directory (`/usr/you`). If you make changes to the software system, you may have copies of just those files you are changing in `/usr/you/src/cmd/prog1`. The official versions of the entire program can be found in the directory `/fs1/ofc/src/cmd/prog1`.

Suppose you use `cscope` to browse through the three files that comprise `prog1`, namely, `f1.c`, `f2.c`, and `f3.c`. You would set `VPATH` to `/usr/you` and `/fs1/ofc` and export it, as in:

In a Bourne shell, type:

```
$ VPATH=/usr/you:/fs1/ofc; export VPATH
```

In a C shell, type:

```
% setenv VPATH /usr/you:/fs1/ofc
```

You then make your current directory `/usr/you/src/cmd/prog1`, and invoke `cscope`:

```
% cscope
```

The program locates all the files in the view path. In case duplicates are found, `cscope` uses the file whose parent directory appears earlier in `VPATH`. Thus, if `f2.c` is in your directory, and all three files are in the official directory, `cscope` examines `f2.c` from your directory, and `f1.c` and `f3.c` from the official directory.

The first directory in `VPATH` must be a prefix of the directory you will be working in, usually `$HOME`. Each colon-separated directory in `VPATH` must be absolute: it should begin at `/`.

## 9.2.7 `cscope` and Editor Call Stacks

`cscope` and editor calls can be stacked. That is, when `cscope` puts you in the editor to view a reference to a symbol and there is another reference of interest, you can invoke `cscope` again from within the editor to view the second reference without exiting the current invocation of either `cscope` or the editor. You can then back up by exiting the most recent invocation with the appropriate `cscope` and editor commands.

## 9.2.8 Examples

This section presents examples of how `cscope` can be used to perform three tasks: changing a constant to a preprocessor symbol, adding an argument to a function, and changing the value of a variable. The first example demonstrates the procedure for changing a text string, which differs slightly from the other tasks on the `cscope` menu. That is, once you have entered the text string to be changed, `cscope` prompts you for the new text, displays the lines containing the old text, and waits for you to specify which of these lines you want it to change.

### 9.2.8.1 Changing a Constant to a Preprocessor Symbol

Suppose you want to change a constant, `100`, to a preprocessor symbol, `MAXSIZE`. Select the sixth menu item, `Change this text string`, and enter `\100`. The `1` must be escaped with a backslash because it has a special meaning (item 1 on the menu) to `cscope`. Now press Return. `cscope` prompts you for the new text string. Type `MAXSIZE`.

`cscope` Function: Changing a Text String:

```
cscope          Press the ? key for help
```

```
Find this C symbol:
```

```

Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string: \100
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
To: MAXSIZE

```

cscope displays the lines containing the specified text string, and waits for you to select those in which you want the text to be changed.

cscope Function: Prompting for Lines to be Changed:

```
cscope          Press the ? key for help
```

```

Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string: \100
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
To: MAXSIZE

```

You know that the constant `100` in lines 1, 2, and 3 of the list (lines 4, 26, and 8 of the listed source files) should be changed to `MAXSIZE`. You also know that `0100` in `read.c` and `100.0` in `err.c` (lines 4 and 5 of the list) should not be changed. You select the lines you want changed with the following single-key commands:

**TABLE 22** Commands for Selecting Lines to Be Changed

1-9	Mark or unmark the line to be changed.
*	Mark or unmark all displayed lines to be changed.
Space	Display the next set of lines.
+	Display the next set of lines.
-	Display the previous set of lines.
a	Mark all lines to be changed.
^d	Change the marked lines and exit.
Esc	Exit without changing the marked lines.

In this case, enter **1**, **2**, and **3**. The numbers you type are not printed on the screen. Instead, `cscope` marks each list item you want to be changed by printing a `>` (greater than) symbol after its line number in the list.

`cscope` Function: Marking Lines to be Changed:

Change "100" to "MAXSIZE"

```

File Line
1>init.c 4 char s[100];
2>init.c 26 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
3>find.c 8 if (c < 100) {
4 read.c 12 f = (bb & 0100);
5 err.c 19 p = total/100.0; /* get percentage */

```

```

Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string:
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
Select lines to change (press the ? key for help):

```

Now type `^d` to change the selected lines. `cscope` displays the lines that have been changed and prompts you to continue.

`cscope` Function: Displaying Changed Lines of Text:

Changed lines:

```

char s[MAXSIZE];
for (i = 0; i < MAXSIZE; i++)
if (c < MAXSIZE) {

```

Press the RETURN key to continue:

When you press Return in response to this prompt, `cscope` redraws the screen, restoring it to its state before you selected the lines to be changed.

The next step is to add the `#define` for the new symbol `MAXSIZE`. Because the header file in which the `#define` is to appear is not among the files whose lines are displayed, you must escape to the shell by typing `!`. The shell prompt appears at the bottom of the screen. Then enter the editor and add the `#define`.

`cscope` Function: Exiting to the Shell:

```
Text string: 100
```

```
File Line
1 init.c 4 char s[100];
2 init.c 26 for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
3 find.c 8 if (c < 100) {
4 read.c 12 f = (bb & 0100);
5 err.c 19 p = total/100.0;                                /* get percentage */
```

```
Find this C symbol:
Find this global definition:
Find functions called by this function:
Find functions calling this function:
Find this text string:
Change this text string:
Find this egrep pattern:
Find this file:
Find files #including this file:
$ vi defs.h
```

To resume the `cscope` session, quit the editor and type `^d` to exit the shell.

## 9.2.8.2 Adding an Argument to a Function

Adding an argument to a function involves two steps: editing the function itself and adding the new argument to every place in the code where the function is called.

First, edit the function by using the second menu item, `Find this global definition`. Next, find out where the function is called. Use the fourth menu item, `Find functions calling this function`, to obtain a list of all the functions that call it. With this list, you can either invoke the editor for each line found by entering the list number of the line individually, or invoke the editor for all the lines automatically by typing `^e`. Using `cscope` to make this kind of change ensures that none of the functions you need to edit are overlooked.

## 9.2.8.3 Changing the Value of a Variable

At times, you may want to see how a proposed change affects your code.

Suppose you want to change the value of a variable or preprocessor symbol. Before doing so, use the first menu item, `Find this C symbol`, to obtain a list of references that are affected. Then use the editor to examine each one. This step helps you predict the overall effects of your proposed change. Later, you can use `cscope` in the same way to verify that your changes have been made.

## 9.2.9 Command-Line Syntax for Editors

`cscope` invokes the `vi` editor by default. You can override the default setting by assigning your preferred editor to the `EDITOR` environment variable and exporting `EDITOR`, as described in “9.2.1 Step 1: Set Up the Environment” on page 210. However, `cscope` expects the editor it uses to have a command-line syntax of the form:

```
% editor +linenum filename
```

as does `vi`. If the editor you want to use does not have this command-line syntax, you must write an interface between `cscope` and the editor.

Suppose you want to use `ed`. Because `ed` does not allow specification of a line number on the command-line, you cannot use it to view or edit files with `cscope` unless you write a shell script that contains the following line:

```
/usr/bin/ed $2
```

Let’s name the shell script `myedit`. Now set the value of `EDITOR` to your shell script and export `EDITOR`:

In a Bourne shell, type:

```
$ EDITOR=myedit; export EDITOR
```

In a C shell, type:

```
% setenv EDITOR myedit
```

When `cscope` invokes the editor for the list item you have specified, say, line 17 in `main.c`, it invokes your shell script with the command-line:

```
% myedit +17 main.c
```

`myedit` then discards the line number (`$1`) and calls `ed` correctly with the file name (`$2`). Of course, you are not moved automatically to line 17 of the file and must execute the appropriate `ed` commands to display and edit the line.

## 9.3 Unknown Terminal Type Error

If you see the error message:

```
Sorry, I don't know how to deal with your "term" terminal
```

your terminal may not be listed in the Terminal Information Utilities (terminfo) database that is currently loaded. Make sure you have assigned the correct value to TERM. If the message reappears, try reloading the Terminal Information Utilities.

If this message is displayed:

```
Sorry, I need to know a more specific terminal type than "unknown"
```

set and export the TERM variable as described in [“9.2.1 Step 1: Set Up the Environment”](#) on page 210.

## Compiler Options Grouped by Functionality

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This chapter summarizes the C compiler options by function. Detailed explanations of the options and the compiler command-line syntax are provided in [Table 36, “Obsolete Options Table,” on page 237](#).

### A.1 Options Summarized by Function

In this section, the compiler options are grouped by function to provide a quick reference. For a detailed description of each option, refer to [Appendix B, “C Compiler Options Reference”](#). Some flags serve more than one purpose and appear more than once.

The options apply to all platforms except as noted. Features that are unique to SPARC-based systems are identified as (SPARC), and the features that are unique to x86/x64-based systems are identified as (x86). Options that apply to Oracle Solaris platforms only are marked (Oracle Solaris). Options for Oracle Linux-only platforms are marked (Oracle Linux).

#### A.1.1 Optimization and Performance Options

**TABLE 23** Optimization and Performance Options

Option	Action
-fast	Selects the optimum combination of compilation options for speed of executable code.
-fma	Enables automatic generation of floating-point fused multiply-add instructions.
-library=sunperf	Links with the Sun Performance Library.
-p	Prepares the object code to collect data for profiling.
-xalias_level	Enables the compiler to perform type-based alias analysis and optimizations.
-xannotate	Instructs the compiler to create binaries that can be used by the optimization and observability tools <code>binopt(1)</code> , <code>code-analyzer(1)</code> , <code>discover(1)</code> , <code>collect(1)</code> , and <code>uncover(1)</code> .

## A.1 Options Summarized by Function

Option	Action
-xbinopt	Prepares the binary for later optimizations, transformations and analysis.
-xbuiltin	Improves the optimization of code that calls standard library functions.
-xdepend	Analyzes loops for inter-iteration data dependencies and does loop restructuring.
-xF	Enables reordering of data and functions by the linker.
-xglobalize	Controls globalization of file static variables but not functions.
-xhwcprof	Enables compiler support for hardware counter-based profiling.
-xinline	Tries to inline only those functions specified.
-xinline_param	Manually changes the heuristics used by the compiler for deciding when to inline a function call.
-xinline_report	Generates a report written to standard output on the inlining of functions by the compiler.
-xinstrument	Compiles and instruments your program for analysis by the Thread Analyzer.
-xipo	Performs whole-program optimizations by invoking an interprocedural analysis component.
-xipo_archive	Allows crossfile optimization to include archive (.a) libraries.
-xipo_build	Reduces compile time by avoiding optimizations during the initial pass through the compiler, optimizing only at link time.
-xkeepframe	Prohibits stack related optimizations for the named functions.
-xjobs	Sets how many processes the compiler creates.
-xlibmil	Inlines some library routines for faster execution.
-xlic_lib=sunperf	Obsolete. Use -library=sunperf to link to the Sun Performance Library.
-xlinkopt	Performs link-time optimizations on relocatable object files.
-xlibmopt	Enables library of optimized math routines.
-xmaxopt	Limits the level of pragma opt to the level specified.
-xnolibmil	Does not inline math library routines.
-xnolibmopt	Does not enable library of optimized math routines.
-xO	Optimizes the object code.
-xnorunpath	Prevents inclusion of a runtime search path for shared libraries in the executable.
-xpagesize	Sets the preferred page size for the stack and the heap.
-xpagesize_stack	Sets the preferred page size for the stack.
-xpagesize_heap	Sets the preferred page size for the heap.
-xpch	Reduces compile time for applications whose source files share a common set of include files.
-xpec	Generates a Portable Executable Code (PEC) binary which can be used with additional tuning and troubleshooting.

Option	Action
-xpchstop	Can be used in conjunction with -xpch to specify the last include file of the viable prefix.
-xprefetch	Enables prefetch instructions.
-xprefetch_level	Controls the aggressiveness of automatic insertion of prefetch instructions as set by -xprefetch=auto
-xprefetch_auto_type	Controls how indirect prefetches are generated.
-xprofile	Collects data for a profile or uses a profile to optimize.
-xprofile_ircache	Improves compilation time of -xprofile=use phase by reusing compilation data saved from the -xprofile=collect phase.
-xprofile_pathmap	Support for multiple programs or shared libraries in a single profile directory.
-xrestrict	Treats pointer-valued function parameters as restricted pointers.
-xsafe	(SPARC) Allows the compiler to assume no memory-based traps occur.
-xspace	Does no optimizations or parallelization of loops that increase code size.
-xthroughput	Specifies that the application will be run in situations where many processes are simultaneously running on the system.
-xunroll	Suggests to the optimizer to unroll loops <i>n</i> times.

## A.1.2 Compile-Time and Link-Time Options

The following table lists the options that must be specified both at link-time and at compile-time.

**TABLE 24** Compile-Time and Link-Time Options

Option	Action
-fast	Selects the optimum combination of compilation options for speed of executable code.
-fopenmp	Equivalent to -xopenmp=parallel.
-m32 -m64	Specifies the data type model for the compiled binary object.
-mt	Macro option that expands to -D_REENTRANT -lthread.
-p	Prepares the object code to collect data for profiling with prof(1)
-xarch	Specify instruction set architecture.
-xautopar	Enables automatic parallelization for multiple processors.
-xhwcpof	Enables compiler support for hardware counter-based profiling.
-xipo	Performs whole-program optimizations by invoking an interprocedural analysis component.
-xlinkopt	Performs link-time optimizations on relocatable object files.

Option	Action
-xmemalign	(SPARC) Specify maximum assumed memory alignment and behavior of misaligned data accesses.
-xopenmp	Supports the OpenMP interface for explicit parallelization including a set of source code directives, run-time library routines, and environment variables
-xpagesize	Sets the preferred page size for the stack and the heap.
-xpagesize_stack	Sets the preferred page size for the stack.
-xpagesize_heap	Sets the preferred page size for the heap.
-xpatchpadding	Reserve an area of memory before the start of each function.
-xpg	Prepares the object code to collect data for profiling with gprof(1).
-xprofile	Collects data for a profile or uses a profile to optimize.
-xs	(Oracle Solaris) Link debug information from object files into executable.
-xvector=lib	Enable automatic generation of calls to the vector library functions.

## A.1.3 Data-Alignment Options

**TABLE 25** Data-Alignment Options

Option	Action
-xchar_byte_order	Produce an integer constant by placing the characters of a multi-character character-constant in the specified byte order.
-xdepend	Analyzes loops for inter-iteration data dependencies and does loop restructuring.
-xmemalign	(SPARC) Specify maximum assumed memory alignment and behavior of misaligned data accesses.
-xsegment_align	Cause the driver to include a special mapfile on the link line.

## A.1.4 Numerics and Floating-Point Options

**TABLE 26** Numerics and Floating-Point Options

Option	Action
-flteval	(x86) Controls floating point evaluation.
-fma	Enables automatic generation of floating-point fused multiply-add instructions.
-fnonstd	Causes nonstandard initialization of floating-point arithmetic hardware.
-fns	Turns on nonstandard floating-point mode.
-fprecision	(x86) Initializes the rounding-precision mode bits in the Floating-point Control Word
-fround	Sets the IEEE 754 rounding mode that is established at runtime during the program initialization.

Option	Action
-fsimple	Allows the optimizer to make simplifying assumptions concerning floating-point arithmetic.
-fsingle	Causes the compiler to evaluate float expressions as single precision rather than double precision.
-fstore	(x86) Causes the compiler to convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment
-ftrap	Sets the IEEE 754 trapping mode in effect at startup.
-nofstore	(x86) Does not convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment
-xdepend	Analyzes loops for inter-iteration data dependencies and does loop restructuring.
-xlibmieee	Forces IEEE 754 style return values for math routines in exceptional cases.
-xsfpconst	Represents unsuffixed floating-point constants as single precision
-xvector	Enable automatic generation of calls to the vector library functions.

## A.1.5 Parallelization Options

TABLE 27 Parallelization Options

Option	Action
-fopenmp	Equivalent to -xopenmp=parallel.
-mt	Macro option that expands to -D_REENTRANT -pthread.
-xautopar	Enables automatic parallelization for multiple processors.
-xcheck	Adds runtime checks for stack overflow and initializes local variables.
-xdepend	Analyzes loops for inter-iteration data dependencies and does loop restructuring.
-xloopinfo	Shows which loops are parallelized and which are not.
-xopenmp	Supports the OpenMP interface for explicit parallelization including a set of source code directives, run-time library routines, and environment variables
-xreduction	Enables reduction recognition during automatic parallelization.
-xrestrict	Treats pointer-valued function parameters as restricted pointers.
-xthreadvar	Controls the implementation of thread local variables.
-xthroughput	Specify that the application will be run in situations where many processes are simultaneously running on the system.
-xvpara	Warns about loops that have #pragma MP directives specified but might not be properly specified for parallelization.

## A.1.6 Source Code Options

**TABLE 28** Source Code Options

Option	Action
-A	Associates <i>name</i> as a predicate with the specified <i>tokens</i> as if by a <code>#assert</code> preprocessing directive.
-ansi	Equivalent to <code>-std=c89</code> .
-C	Prevents the preprocessor from removing comments, except those on the preprocessing directive lines.
-D	Associates <i>name</i> with the specified <i>tokens</i> as if by a <code>#define</code> preprocessing directive.
-E	Runs the source file through the preprocessor only and sends the output to <code>stdout</code> .
-fd	Reports K&R-style function definitions and declarations.
-H	Prints to standard error, one per line, the path name of each file included during the current compilation.
-I	Adds directories to the list that is searched for <code>#include</code> files with relative file names.
-include	Causes the compiler to treat the argument <i>filename</i> as if it appears in the first line of a primary source file as a <code>#include</code> preprocessor directive.
-P	Runs the source file through the C preprocessor only.
-pedantic	Enforce strict conformance with errors/warnings for non-ANSI constructs.
-preserve_argvalues	(x86) Save copies of register-based function arguments in the stack.
-std	Specify C language standard.
-U	Removes any initial definition of the preprocessor symbol <i>name</i> .
-X	The -X options specify varying degrees of compliance to the ISO C standard.
-xCC	Accepts the C++-style comments.
-xc99	Controls compiler recognition of supported C99 features.
-xchar	Helps with migration from systems where <code>char</code> is defined as unsigned.
-xcsi	Allows the C compiler to accept source code written in locales that do not conform to the ISO C source character code requirements
-xM	Runs only the preprocessor on the named C programs, requesting that it generate makefile dependencies and send the result to the standard output
-xM1	Collects dependencies like -xM, but excludes <code>/usr/include</code> files.
-xMD	Generates makefile dependencies like -xM but includes compilation.
-xMF	Specifies a filename which stores makefile dependency information.
-xMMD	Generates makefile dependencies but excludes system headers.
-xP	Prints prototypes for all K&R C functions defined in this module
-xpg	Prepares the object code to collect data for profiling with <code>gprof(1)</code> .
-xtrigraphs	Determines recognition of trigraph sequences.

Option	Action
-xustr	Enables recognition of string literals composed of sixteen-bit characters.

## A.1.7 Compiled Code Options

TABLE 29 Compiled Code Options

Option	Action
-c	Directs the compiler to suppress linking with <code>ld(1)</code> and to produce a <code>.o</code> file in the current working directory for each source file
-o	Names the output file
-S	Directs the compiler to produce an assembly source file but not to assemble the program.

## A.1.8 Compilation Mode Options

TABLE 30 Compilation Mode Options

Option	Action
-#	Enables verbose mode, which shows how command options expand and shows each component as it is invoked.
-###	Shows each component as it would be invoked, but does not actually execute it. Also shows how command options expand.
-ansi	Equivalent to <code>-std=c89</code> .
-features	Enables or disables various C-language features.
-keepmp	Retains temporary files created during compilation instead of deleting them automatically.
-std	Specify C language standard.
-temp	Define the directory for temporary files.
-V	Directs <code>cc</code> to print the name and version ID of each component as the compiler executes.
-w	Passes arguments to C compilation-system components.
-X	The <code>-X</code> options specify varying degrees of compliance to the ISO C standard.
-xc99	Controls compiler recognition of supported C99 features.
-xchar	Preserves the sign of a char
-xhelp	Displays on-line help information.
-xjobs	Sets how many processes the compiler creates.
-xlang	Override the default <code>libc</code> behavior as specified by the <code>-std</code> flag.

Option	Action
-xpch	Reduces compile time for applications whose source files share a common set of include files.
-xpchstop	Can be used in conjunction with -xpch to specify the last include file of the viable prefix.
-xtime	Reports the time and resources used by each compilation component.
-Y	Specifies a new directory for the location of a C compilation-system component.
-YA	Changes the default directory searched for components.
-YI	Changes the default directory searched for include files.
-YP	Changes the default directory for finding library files.
-YS	Changes the default directory for startup object files.

## A.1.9 Diagnostic Options

**TABLE 31** Diagnostic Options

Option	Action
-errfmt	Prefix error messages with string "error:" for ready distinction from warning messages.
-errhdr	Limits the warnings from header files to a specified group.
-erroff	Suppresses compiler warning messages.
-errshort	Control how much detail is in the error message produced by the compiler when it discovers a type mismatch.
-errtags	Displays the message tag for each warning message.
-errwarn	If the indicated warning message is issued, cc exits with a failure status.
-pedantic	Enforce strict conformance with errors/warnings for non-ANSI constructs.
-v	Directs the compiler to perform stricter semantic checks and to enable other lint-like checks.
-w	Suppresses compiler warning messages.
-xanalyze	Produce a static analysis of the source code that can be viewed using the Code Analyzer.
-xe	Performs only syntax and semantic checking on the source file, but does not produce any object or executable code.
-xprevis	Produce a static analysis of the source code that can be viewed using the Code Analyzer.
-xs	(Oracle Solaris) Link debug information from object files into executable.
-xtransition	Issues warnings for the differences between K&R C and Oracle Developer Studio ISO C.
-xvpara	Warns about loops that have #pragma MP directives specified but might not be properly specified for parallelization.

## A.1.10 Debugging Options

TABLE 32 Debugging Options

Option	Action
-g	Produces additional symbol table information for the debugger.
-g3	Produces addition debugging information.
-s	Removes all symbolic debugging information from the output object file.
-xcheck	Adds runtime checks for stack overflow and initializes local variables.
-xdebugformat	Generates debugging information in dwarf format instead of stabs format.
-xdebuginfo	Control how much debugging and observability information is emitted.
-xglobalize	Control globalization of file static variables but not functions.
-xkeep_unref	Keep definitions of unreferenced functions and variables.
-xpagesize	Sets the preferred page size for the stack and the heap.
-xpagesize_stack	Sets the preferred page size for the stack.
-xpagesize_heap	Sets the preferred page size for the heap.
-xs	Disables Auto-Read of object files for dbx.
-xvis	(SPARC) Enables compiler recognition of the assembly-language templates defined in the VIS instruction set

## A.1.11 Linking and Libraries Options

TABLE 33 Linking and Libraries Options Table

Option	Action
-B	Specifies whether bindings of libraries for linking are <i>static</i> or <i>dynamic</i> .
-d	Specifies dynamic or static linking in the link editor.
-G	Passes the option to the link editor to produce a shared object rather than a dynamically linked executable.
-h	Assigns a name to a shared dynamic library as a way to have different versions of a library.
-i	Passes the option to the linker to ignore any LD_LIBRARY_PATH setting.
-L	Adds directories to the list that the linker searches for libraries.
-l	Links with object library <code>libname.so</code> , or <code>libname.a</code> .
-mc	Removes duplicate strings from the <code>.comment</code> section of the object file.
-mr	Removes all strings from the <code>.comment</code> section. Can also insert a <i>string</i> in that section of the object file.
-Q	Determines whether to emit identification information to the output file.

Option	Action
-R	Passes a colon-separated list of directories used to specify library search directories to the runtime linker.
-staticlib	Specify whether linking with the Sun performance libraries will be static or dynamic.
-xMerge	Merges data segments into text segments.
-xcode	Specify code address space.
-xlang	Override the default libc behavior as specified by the -std flag.
-xldscope	Controls the default scope of variable and function definitions to create faster and safer shared libraries.
-xnolib	Does not link any libraries by default
-xnolibmil	Does not inline math library routines.
-xpatchpadding	Reserve an area of memory before the start of each function.
-xsegment_align	Cause the driver to include a special mapfile on the link line.
-xstrconst	This option may be deprecated in a future release. Use -features=[no%]conststrings instead.  Inserts string literals into the read-only data section of the text segment instead of the default data segment.
-xunboundsym	Specify whether the program contains references to dynamically bound symbols.

## A.1.12 Target Platform Options

TABLE 34 Target Platform Options

Option	Action
-m32 -m64	Specifies the data type model for the compiled binary object.
-xarch	Specify instruction set architecture.
-xcache	Defines the cache properties for use by the optimizer.
-xchip	Specifies the target processor for use by the optimizer.
-xregs	Specifies the usage of registers for the generated code.
-xtarget	Specifies the target system for instruction set and optimization.

## A.1.13 x86-Specific Options

TABLE 35 x86-Specific Options

Option	Action
-fltval	Controls floating point evaluation.

Option	Action
-fprecision	Initializes the rounding-precision mode bits in the Floating-point Control Word
-fstore	Causes the compiler to convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment
-nofstore	Does not convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment
-preserve_argvalues	(x86) Save copies of register-based function arguments in the stack.
-xmodel	Modifies the form of 64-bit objects for the Oracle Solaris x86 platforms

## A.1.14 Obsolete Options

The following table lists the options that have been deprecated. Note that the compiler might still accept these options, but might not do so in future releases. Begin using the suggested alternative option as soon as possible.

**TABLE 36** Obsolete Options Table

Option	Action
-dalign	Use -xmemalign=8s instead.
-KPIC (SPARC)	Use -xcode=pic32 instead.
-Kpic (SPARC)	Use -xcode=pic13 instead.
-misalign	Use -xmemalign=1i instead.
-misalign2	Use -xmemalign=2i instead.
-x386	Use -xchip=generic instead.
-x486	Use -xchip=generic instead.
-xa	Use -xprofile=tcov instead.
-xanalyze	Produce a static analysis of the source code that can be viewed using the Code Analyzer.
-xarch=v7, v8, v8a	Obsolete.
-xcg	Use -O instead to take advantage of the default values for -xarch, -xchip, and -xcache.
--xcrossfile	Obsolete. Use -xipo instead.
-xlicinfo	Obsolete; there is no alternative option.
-xnativeconnect	Obsolete, there is no alternative option.
-xprefetch=yes	Use -xprefetch=auto,explicit instead.
-xprefetch=no	Use -xprefetch=no%auto,no%explicit instead.
-xsb	Obsolete, there is no alternative option.

## A.1 Options Summarized by Function

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<b>Option</b>	<b>Action</b>
-xsbfast	Obsolete, there is no alternative option.
-xtarget=386	Use -xtarget=generic instead.
-xtarget=486	Use -xtarget=generic instead.
-xvector=yes	Use -xvector=lib instead.
-xvector=no	Use -xvector=none instead.

# ◆◆◆ APPENDIX B

## C Compiler Options Reference

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This chapter describes the C compiler options in alphabetical order. See [Appendix A, “Compiler Options Grouped by Functionality”](#) for options grouped by functionality. For example, [Table 23, “Optimization and Performance Options,”](#) on page 227 lists all the optimization and performance options.

The C compiler recognizes by default some of the constructs of the 2011 ISO/IEC C standard. The supported features are detailed in [Appendix C, “Features of C11”](#). Use the `-std` command if you want to limit the compiler to a previous version of ISO/IEC C standard.

### B.1 Option Syntax

The syntax of the `cc` command is:

```
% cc [options] filenames [libraries]...
```

where:

- *options* represents one or more of the options described in [Table 36, “Obsolete Options Table,”](#) on page 237.

- *filenames* represents one or more files used in building the executable program

The C compiler accepts a list of C source files and object files contained in the list of files specified by *filenames*. The resulting executable code is placed in a `.out`, unless the `-o` option is used. In this case, the code is placed in the file named by the `-o` option.

Use the C compiler to compile and link any combination of the following:

- C source files, with a `.c` suffix
- Inline template files, with a `.i1` suffix (only when specified with `.c` files)
- C preprocessed source files, with a `.i` suffix
- Object-code files, with `.o` suffixes
- Assembler source files, with `.s` suffixes

After linking, the C compiler places the linked files, now in executable code, into a file named `a.out`, or into the file specified by the `-o` option. When the compiler produces object code for each `.i` or `.c` input file, it always creates an object (`.o`) file in the current working directory.

*libraries* represents any of a number of standard or user-provided libraries containing functions, macros, and definitions of constants.

Use the option `-YP, dir` to change the default directories used for finding libraries. *dir* is a colon-separated path list. The default library search order can be seen by using the `###` or `-xdryrun` option and examining the `-Y` option of the `ld` invocation.

`cc` uses `getopt` to parse command-line options. Options are treated as a single letter or a single letter followed by an argument. See `thegopt(3c)` man page.

## B.2 cc Options

This section describes the `cc` options, arranged alphabetically. These descriptions are also available on the `cc(1)` man page. Use the `cc -flags` option for a one-line summary of these descriptions.

Options noted as being unique to one or more platforms are accepted without error and ignored on all other platforms.

### B.2.1 `-#`

Enables verbose mode, showing how command options expand. Shows each component as it is invoked.

### B.2.2 `###`

Shows each component as it would be invoked, but does not actually execute it. Also shows how command options would expand.

### B.2.3 **-Aname[(tokens)]**

Associates *name* as a predicate with the specified *tokens* as if by a `#assert` preprocessing directive. Preassertions:

- `system(unix)`
- `machine(sparc) (SPARC)`
- `machine(i386) (x86)`
- `cpu(sparc) (SPARC)`
- `cpu(i386) (x86)`

These preassertions are not valid in `-pedantic` mode.

`-A` followed only by a dash (`-`) causes all predefined macros (other than those that begin with `__`) and predefined assertions to be ignored.

### B.2.4 **-ansi**

Equivalent to `-std=c89`.

### B.2.5 **-B[static|dynamic]**

Specifies whether bindings of libraries for linking are `static` or `dynamic`, indicating whether libraries are non-shared or shared, respectively.

You can use the `-B` option several times on a command line. This option is passed to the linker, [ld\(1\)](#).

`-Bdynamic` directs the link editor to look for `liblib.so` (shared) files, and if they are not found, to look for `liblib.a` (static, nonshared) files. Use this option if you want shared library bindings for linking.

`-Bstatic` directs the link editor to look only for `liblib.a` (static, nonshared) files. Use this option if you want nonshared library bindings for linking.

No space is allowed between `-B` and the `static` or `dynamic` value.

### B.2.5.1 Defaults

If `-B` is not specified, `-Bdynamic` is assumed.

### B.2.5.2 Interactions

The `-Bstatic` and `-Bdynamic` options affect the linking of the libraries that are provided by default. To ensure that the default libraries are linked dynamically, the last use of `-B` should be `-Bdynamic`.

### B.2.5.3 Examples

The following compiler command links `libfoo.a` even if `libfoo.so` exists; all other libraries are linked dynamically:

```
example% cc prog.c -Bstatic -lfoo -Bdynamic
```

### B.2.5.4 Warnings

With `-Bsymbolic`, references in different modules can bind to different copies of what is supposed to be one global object.

The exception mechanism relies on comparing addresses. If you have two copies of something, their addresses will not compare equal, and the exception mechanism can fail because the exception mechanism relies on comparing what are supposed to be unique addresses.

If you compile and link in separate steps and are using the `-Bbinding` option, you must include the option in the link step.

### B.2.5.5 See also

[“B.2.69 -staticlib=\[no%\]sunperf” on page 266, 1d\(1\), Oracle Solaris 11.3 Linkers and Libraries Guide](#)

## B.2.6 -c

Prevents the C preprocessor from removing comments, except those on the preprocessing directive lines.

## B.2.7 -c

Directs the C compiler to suppress linking with `ld(1)` and to produce a `.o` file for each source file. You can explicitly name a single object file using the `-o` option. When the compiler produces object code for each `.i` or `.c` input file, it always creates an object (`.o`) file in the current working directory. If you suppress the linking step, you also suppress the removal of the object files.

## B.2.8 -Dname[(arg[,arg])][=expansion]

Define a macro with optional arguments as if the macro is defined by a `#define` preprocessing directive. If no `=expansion` is specified, the compiler assumes 1.

See the `cc(1)` man page for a list of compiler predefined macros.

## B.2.9 -d[y|n]

`-dy` specifies dynamic linking, which is the default, in the link editor.

`-dn` specifies static linking in the link editor.

This option and its arguments are passed to `ld(1)`.

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**Note** - This option causes fatal errors if you use it in combination with dynamic libraries. Most system libraries are only available as dynamic libraries.

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## B.2.10 -dalign

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use `-xmemalign=8s` instead. See “[B.2.139 -xmemalign=ab](#)” on page 320 for more information. For a complete list of obsolete options, see “[A.1.14 Obsolete Options](#)” on page 237. This option is silently ignored on x86 platforms.

## B.2.11 -E

Runs the source file through the preprocessor only and sends the output to `stdout`. The preprocessor is built directly into the compiler, except in `-Xs` mode, where `/usr/ccs/lib/cpp`

is invoked. Includes the preprocessor line numbering information. See also the description of the `-P` option.

## B.2.12 `-errfmt=[no%]error`

Use this option if you want to prefix the string “error:” to the beginning of error messages so they are more easily distinguishable from warning messages. The prefix is also attached to warnings that are converted to errors by `-errwarn`.

**TABLE 37** `-errfmt` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>error</code>	Add the prefix “error:” to all error messages.
<code>no%error</code>	Do not add the prefix “error:” to any error messages.

If you do not specify this option, the compiler sets it to `-errfmt=no%error`. If you specify `-errfmt` but do not supply a value, the compiler sets it to `-errfmt=error`.

## B.2.13 `-errhdr[=h]`

Limits the warnings from header files to the group of header files indicated by the flags in the following table:

**TABLE 38** `-errhdr` option

Value	Meaning
<code>%all</code>	Check all header files used.
<code>%none</code>	Do not check header files.
<code>%user</code>	Checks all used user header files, that is, all header files except those in <code>/usr/include</code> and its subdirectories, as well as those supplied by the compiler. This is the default.

## B.2.14 `-erroff[=t]`

This command suppresses C compiler warning messages and has no effect on error messages. This option applies to all warning messages regardless of whether they have been designated by `-errwarn` to cause a non-zero exit status.

*t* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following: *tag*, *no%tag*, *%all*, *%none*. Order is important; for example, *%all, no%tag* suppresses all warning messages except *tag*. The following table lists the `-erroff` values.

**TABLE 39** `-erroff` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<i>tag</i>	Suppresses the warning message specified by <i>tag</i> . You can display the tag for a message by using the <code>-errtags=yes</code> option.
<i>no%tag</i>	Enables the warning message specified by <i>tag</i> .
<i>%all</i>	Suppresses all warning messages.
<i>%none</i>	Enables all warning messages (default).

The default is `-erroff=%none`. Specifying `-erroff` is equivalent to specifying `-erroff=%all`.

Only warning messages from the C compiler that display a tag when the `-errtags` option is used can be suppressed with the `-erroff` option. You can achieve finer control over error message suppression. See [“2.12.8 error\\_messages” on page 46](#).

## B.2.15 `-errshort[=i]`

Use this option to control how much detail is in the error message produced by the compiler when it discovers a type mismatch. This option is particularly useful when the compiler discovers a type mismatch that involves a large aggregate.

*i* can be one of the values listed in the following table.

**TABLE 40** `-errshort` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<i>short</i>	Error messages are printed in short form with no expansion of types. Aggregate members are not expanded, neither are function argument and return types.
<i>full</i>	Error messages are printed in full verbose form showing the full expansion of the mismatched types.
<i>tags</i>	Error messages are printed with tag names for types which have tag names. If there is no tag name, the type is shown in expanded form.

If you do not specify `-errshort`, the compiler sets the option to `-errshort=full`. If you specify `-errshort` but do not provide a value, the compiler sets the option to `-errshort=tags`.

This option does not accumulate. It accepts the last value specified on the command line.

## B.2.16 **-errtags[=*a*]**

Displays the message tag for each warning message of the C compiler that can be suppressed with the `-erroff` option or made a fatal error with the `-errwarn` option. Messages from the C compiler driver and other components of the C compilation system do not have error tags, and cannot be suppressed with `-erroff` and made fatal with `-errwarn`.

*a* can be either `yes` or `no`. The default is `-errtags=no`. Specifying `-errtags` is equivalent to specifying `-errtags=yes`.

## B.2.17 **-errwarn[=*t*]**

Use the `-errwarn` option to cause the C compiler to exit with a failure status for the given warning messages.

*t* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following: *tag*, `no%tag`, `%all`, `%none`. Order is important; for example `%all,no%tag` causes `cc` to exit with a fatal status if any warning except *tag* is issued.

The warning messages generated by the C compiler change from release to release as the compiler error checking improves and features are added. Code that compiles using `-errwarn=%all` without error might not compile without error in the next release of the compiler.

Only warning messages from the C compiler that display a tag when the `-errtags` option is used can be specified with the `-errwarn` option to cause the C compiler to exit with a failure status.

The following table details the `-errwarn` values:

**TABLE 41**      `-errwarn` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<i>tag</i>	Cause <code>cc</code> to exit with a fatal status if the message specified by <i>tag</i> is issued as a warning message. Has no effect if <i>tag</i> is not issued.
<code>no%tag</code>	Prevent <code>cc</code> from exiting with a fatal status if the message specified by <i>tag</i> is issued only as a warning message. Has no effect if the message specified by <i>tag</i> is not issued. Use this option to revert a warning message that was previously specified by this option with <i>tag</i> or <code>%all</code> from causing <code>cc</code> to exit with a fatal status when issued as a warning message.

Flag	Meaning
<code>%all</code>	Cause the compiler to exit with a fatal status if any warning messages are issued. <code>%all</code> can be followed by <code>no%tag</code> to exempt specific warning messages from this behavior.
<code>%none</code>	Prevents any warning message from causing the compiler to exit with a fatal status should any warning message be issued.

The default is `-errwarn=%none`. Specifying `-errwarn` alone is equivalent to `-errwarn=%all`.

## B.2.18 -fast

This option is a macro that can be effectively used as a starting point for tuning an executable for maximum runtime performance. The `-fast` option macro can change from one release of the compiler to the next and expands to options that are target platform specific. Use the `-#` option or `-xdryrun` to examine the expansion of `-fast`, and incorporate the appropriate options of `-fast` into the ongoing process of tuning the executable.

The expansion of `-fast` includes the `-xlibmopt` option, which enables the compiler to use a library of optimized math routines. For more information, see [“B.2.127 -xlibmopt” on page 315](#).

The `-fast` option impacts the value of `errno`. See [“2.14 Preserving the Value of errno” on page 57](#) for more information.

Modules that are compiled with `-fast` must also be linked with `-fast`. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [“A.1.2 Compile-Time and Link-Time Options” on page 229](#).

The `-fast` option is unsuitable for programs intended to run on a different target than the compilation machine. In such cases, follow `-fast` with the appropriate `-xtarget` option. For example:

```
cc -fast -xtarget=generic ...
```

For C modules that depend on exception handling specified by SUID, follow `-fast` by `-xno libmil`:

```
% cc -fast -xno libmil
```

With `-xlibmil`, exceptions cannot be noted by setting `errno` or calling `matherr(3m)`.

The `-fast` option is unsuitable for programs that require strict conformance to the IEEE 754 Standard.

The following table lists the set of options selected by `-fast` across platforms.

**TABLE 42** `-fast` Expansion Flags

Option	SPARC	x86
<code>-fma=fused</code>	X	X
<code>-fns</code>	X	X
<code>-fsimple=2</code>	X	X
<code>-fsingle</code>	X	X
<code>-nofstore</code>	-	X
<code>-xalias_level=basic</code>	X	X
<code>-xbuiltin=%all</code>	X	X
<code>-xlibmil</code>	X	X
<code>-xlibmopt</code>	X	X
<code>-xmemalign=8s</code>	X	-
<code>-x05</code>	X	X
<code>-xregs=frameptr</code>	-	X
<code>-xtarget=native</code>	X	X

**Note** - Some optimizations make certain assumptions about program behavior. If the program does not conform to these assumptions, the application might fail or produce incorrect results. Refer to the description of the individual options to determine whether your program is suitable for compilation with `-fast`.

The optimizations performed by these options might alter the behavior of programs from that defined by the ISO C and IEEE standards. See the description of the specific option for details.

The `-fast` flag acts like a macro expansion on the command line. Therefore, you can override the optimization level and code generation option aspects by following `-fast` with the desired optimization level or code generation option. Compiling with the `-fast -x04` pair is like compiling with the `-x02 -x04` pair. The latter specification takes precedence.

On x86, the `-fast` option includes `-xregs=frameptr`. See the discussion of this option for details, especially when compiling mixed C, Fortran, and C++ source codes.

Do not use this option for programs that depend on IEEE standard exception handling; you can get different numerical results, premature program termination, or unexpected SIGFPE signals.

To see the actual expansion of `-fast` on a running platform, use the following command:

```
% cc -fast -xdryrun |& grep ###
```

## B.2.19 -fd

Reports K&R-style function definitions and declarations.

## B.2.20 -features=[v]

The following table lists acceptable values for *v*.

**TABLE 43** The -features Flags

Value	Meaning
[no%]conststrings	Enables the placement of string literals in read-only memory. The default is <code>-features=conststrings</code> which places string literals into the read-only data section. Note that compiling a program that attempts to write to the memory location of a string literal will now cause a segmentation fault when compiled with this option. <code>no%</code> prefix disables this suboption.
[no%]extensions	Allows/disallows zero-sized <code>struct/union</code> declarations and void functions with return statements returning a value to work.
extinl	Generates extern inline functions as global functions. This is the default, which conforms to the 1999 C standard.
no%extinl	Generates extern inline functions as static functions. Compile new codes with <code>-features=no%extinl</code> to obtain the same treatment of extern inline functions as provided by older versions of the C and C++ compilers.
[no%]iddollar	Allow a dollar symbol (\$) as a noninitial identifier character. The default is <code>no%iddollar</code> .
[no%]mergestrings	(SPARC) Causes the compiler to put string literals and other suitable <code>const</code> or read-only data into a special section of the binary where the linker removes duplicate strings.  The default is <code>-features=no%mergestrings</code> , and duplicate strings are not removed.  <code>-features=mergestrings</code> is only effective when <code>-features=conststrings</code> is also in effect.
[no%]typeof	Enables/disables recognition of the <code>typeof</code> operator. The <code>typeof</code> operator returns the type of its argument (either an expression or a type). It is specified syntactically like the <code>sizeof</code> operator, but it behaves semantically like a type defined with <code>typedef</code> .  Accordingly, it can be used anywhere a <code>typedef</code> can be used. For example, it can be used in a declaration, a cast, or inside of a <code>sizeof</code> or <code>typeof</code> . The default is <code>-features=typeof</code> .

Value	Meaning
	The <code>no%</code> prefix disables this feature.
<code>[no]zla</code>	Allow an array to be declared with a size of 0, which is otherwise not allowed in C. For example,  <code>int b[0]; /* allowed only with -features=zla */</code>
<code>%none</code>	The <code>-features=%none</code> option is deprecated and should be replaced by <code>-features=no%</code> followed by the suboption..

Old C and C++ objects (created with Studio compilers prior to this release) can be linked with new C and C++ objects with no change of behavior for the old objects. To get standard conforming behavior, you must recompile old code with the current compiler.

### B.2.20.1 `-features=typeof` Examples

```
typeof(int) i; /* declares variable "i" to be type int*/
typeof(i+10) j; /* declares variable "j" to be type int,
                the type of the expression */

i = sizeof(typeof(j)); /* sizeof returns the size of
                        the type associated with variable "j" */

int a[10];
typeof(a) b; /* declares variable "b" to be array of
             size 10 */
```

The `typeof` operator can be especially useful in macro definitions, where arguments may be of arbitrary type. For example:

```
#define SWAP(a,b)
{ typeof(a) temp; temp = a; a = b; b = temp; }
```

### B.2.21 `-flags`

Prints a brief summary of each available compiler option.

### B.2.22 `-flteval[={any[2]}]`

(x86) Use this option to control how floating-point expressions are evaluated.

**TABLE 44** -flteval Flags

Flag	Meaning
2	Floating-point expressions are evaluated as long double.
any	Floating point-expressions are evaluated depending on the combination of the types of the variables and constants that make up an expression.

If you do not specify `-flteval`, the compiler sets it to `-flteval=any`. If you do specify `-flteval` but do not provide a value, the compiler sets it to `-flteval=2`.

`-flteval=2` is only usable with `-xarch=sse`, `pentium_pro`, `ssea`, or `pentium_proa`. `-flteval=2` is also not compatible in combination with options `-fprecision` or `-nofstore`.

See also “[D.1.1 Precision of Floating Point Evaluators](#)” on page 366.

## B.2.23 `-fma[={none|fused}]`

Enables automatic generation of floating-point fused multiply-add instructions. `-fma=none` disables generation of these instructions. `-fma=fused` allows the compiler to attempt to find opportunities to improve the performance of the code by using floating-point fused multiply-add instructions.

The default is `-fma=none`.

The minimum architecture requirement is `-xarch=sparcfmaf` on SPARC and `-xarch=avx2` on x86 to generate fused multiply-add instructions. The compiler marks the binary program if fused multiply-add instructions are generated in order to prevent the program from executing on platforms that do not support fused multiply-add instructions. When the minimum architecture is not used, then `-fma=fused` has no effect.

Fused multiply-add instructions eliminate the intermediate rounding step between the multiply and add. Consequently, programs may produce different results when compiled with `-fma=fused`, although precision will tend to increase rather than decrease.

## B.2.24 `-fnonstd`

This option is a macro for `-fns` and `-ftrap=common`.

## B.2.25 -fns[={no|yes}]

On SPARC platforms, this option enables nonstandard floating-point mode.

For x86 platforms, this option selects SSE flush-to-zero mode and, where available, denormals-are-zero mode, which causes subnormal results to be flushed to zero, and, where available, this option also causes subnormal operands to be treated as zero. This option has no effect on traditional x86 floating-point operations that do not utilize the SSE or SSE2 instruction set.

The default is `-fns=no`, standard floating-point mode. `-fns` is the same as `-fns=yes`.

Optional use of `=yes` or `=no` provides a way of toggling the `-fns` flag following some other macro flag that includes `-fns`, such as `-fast`.

On some SPARC systems, the nonstandard floating point mode disables “gradual underflow,” causing tiny results to be flushed to zero rather than producing subnormal numbers. It also causes subnormal operands to be replaced silently by zero. On those SPARC systems that do not support gradual underflow and subnormal numbers in hardware, use of this option can significantly improve the performance of some programs.

When nonstandard mode is enabled, floating point arithmetic may produce results that do not conform to the requirements of the IEEE 754 standard. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Numerical Computation Guide](#) for more information.

On SPARC systems, this option is effective only if used when compiling the main program.

## B.2.26 -fopenmp

Same as `-xopenmp=parallel`.

## B.2.27 -fPIC

Equivalent to `-KPIC`.

## B.2.28 -fpic

Equivalent to `-Kpic`.

## B.2.29 **-fprecision=*p***

`-fprecision={single, double, extended}`

(x86) Initializes the rounding-precision mode bits in the Floating-point Control Word to single (24 bits), double (53 bits), or extended (64 bits), respectively. The default floating-point rounding-precision mode is extended.

Note that on x86, only the precision, not exponent, range is affected by the setting of floating-point rounding precision mode.

This option is effective only on x86 systems and only if used when compiling the main program, but is ignored if compiling for 64-bit (`-m64`) or SSE2-enabled (`-xarch=sse2`) processors. It is also ignored on SPARC systems.

## B.2.30 **-fround=*r***

Sets the IEEE 754 rounding mode that is established at runtime during the program initialization.

*r* must be one of: nearest, tozero, negative, positive.

The default is `-fround=nearest`.

The meanings are the same as those for the `ieee_flags` subroutine.

When *r* is tozero, negative, or positive, this flag sets the rounding direction mode to round-to-zero, round-to-negative-infinity, or round-to-positive-infinity respectively when a program begins execution. When *r* is nearest or the `-fround` flag is not used, the rounding direction mode is not altered from its initial value (round-to-nearest by default).

This option is effective only if used when compiling the main program.

## B.2.31 **-fsimple[=*n*]**

Enables the optimizer to make simplifying assumptions concerning floating-point arithmetic.

The compiler defaults to `-fsimple=0`. Specifying `-fsimple`, is equivalent to `-fsimple=1`.

If *n* is present, it must be 0, 1, or 2.

**TABLE 45** -fsimple Flags

Value	Meaning
-fsimple=0	Permits no simplifying assumptions. Preserve strict IEEE 754 conformance.
-fsimple=1	<p>Allows conservative simplifications. The resulting code does not strictly conform to IEEE 754.</p> <p>With -fsimple=1, the optimizer can assume the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IEEE 754 default rounding/trapping modes do not change after process initialization.</li> <li>■ Computations producing no visible result other than potential floating-point exceptions may be deleted.</li> <li>■ Computations with Infinity or NaNs as operands need not propagate NaNs to their results. For example, <math>x*0</math> may be replaced by 0.</li> <li>■ Computations do not depend on sign of zero.</li> </ul> <p>With -fsimple=1, the optimizer is <i>not</i> allowed to optimize completely without regard to roundoff or exceptions. In particular, a floating-point computation cannot be replaced by one that produces different results with rounding modes held constant at runtime.</p>
-fsimple=2	<p>Includes all the functionality of -fsimple=1 and also enables use of SIMD instructions to compute reductions when -xvector=simd is in effect.</p> <p>The compiler attempts aggressive floating-point optimizations that might cause many programs to produce different numeric results due to changes in rounding. For example, -fsimple=2 permits the optimizer to replace all computations of <math>x/y</math> in a given loop with <math>x*z</math>, where <math>x/y</math> is guaranteed to be evaluated at least once in the loop, <math>z=1/y</math>, and the values of <math>y</math> and <math>z</math> are known to have constant values during execution of the loop.</p>

Even with -fsimple=2, the optimizer is not permitted to introduce a floating-point exception in a program that otherwise produces none.

See *Techniques for Optimizing Applications: High Performance Computing* by Rajat Garg and Ilya Sharapov for a more detailed explanation of how optimization can affect precision.

## B.2.32 -fsingle

(-Xt and -Xs modes only) By default -Xs and -Xt follow the K&R C rules for float expressions, by promoting them to double and evaluating them in double precision. Use -fsingle when specifying -Xs or -Xt to cause the compiler to evaluate float expressions as single precision.

## B.2.33 -fstore

(x86) Causes the compiler to convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment, when that expression or function is assigned to a variable, or when the expression is cast to a shorter floating-point type, rather than leaving the value in a register. Due to rounding and truncation, the results might be different from those that are generated from the register value. This is the default mode.

Use the `-nofstore` flag to disable this option.

## B.2.34 -ftrap=*t*[,*t*...]

Sets the IEEE trapping mode in effect at startup but does not install a SIGFPE handler. You can use `ieee_handler(3M)` or `fex_set_handling(3M)` to simultaneously enable traps and install a SIGFPE handler. If you specify more than one value, the list is processed sequentially from left to right.

*t* can be one of the values listed in the following table.

**TABLE 46** -ftrap Flags

Flag	Meaning
[no%]division	Trap on division by zero.
[no%]inexact	Trap on inexact result.
[no%]invalid	Trap on invalid operation.
[no%]overflow	Trap on overflow.
[no%]underflow	Trap on underflow.
%all	Trap on all of the above.
%none	Trap on none of the above.
common	Trap on invalid, division by zero, and overflow.

Note that the `no%` prefix is used only to modify the meaning of the `%all` and `common` values, and must be used with one of these values, as shown in the example. The `no%` prefix does not explicitly cause a particular trap to be disabled.

If you do not specify `-ftrap`, the compiler assumes `-ftrap=%none`.

Example: `-ftrap=%all,no%inexact` sets all traps except `inexact`.

If you compile one routine with `-fttrap=t`, you should compile all routines of the program with the same option to avoid unexpected results.

Use the `-fttrap=inexact` trap with caution. Use of `-fttrap=inexact` results in the trap being issued whenever a floating-point value cannot be represented exactly. For example, the following statement generates this condition:

```
x = 1.0 / 3.0;
```

This option is effective only if used when compiling the main program. Be cautious when using this option. To enable the IEEE traps, use `-fttrap=common`.

## **B.2.35**    **-G**

Produces a shared object rather than a dynamically linked executable. This option is passed to `ld(1)`, and cannot be used with the `-dn` option.

When you use the `-G` option, the compiler does not pass any default `-l` options to `ld`. If you want the shared library to have a dependency on another shared library, you must pass the necessary `-l` option on the command line.

If you are creating a shared object by specifying `-G` along with other compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and link time, make sure that those same options are also specified when you link with the resulting shared object.

When you create a shared object, all the 64-bit SPARC object files that are compiled with `-m64` must also be compiled with an explicit `-xcode` value as documented in [“B.2.99 - xcode\[=v\]”](#) on page 291.

## **B.2.36**    **-g**

See `-g[n]`.

## **B.2.37**    **-g[n]**

Produces additional symbol table information for debugging with `dbx(1)` and the Performance Analyzer, `analyzer(1)`.

If you specify `-g`, and the optimization level is `-x03` or lower, the compiler provides best-effort symbolic information with almost full optimization. Tail-call optimization and back-end inlining are disabled.

If you specify `-g` and the optimization level is `-x04`, the compiler provides best-effort symbolic information with full optimization.

Compile with the `-g` option to use the full capabilities of the Performance Analyzer. While some performance analysis features do not require `-g`, you must compile with `-g` to view annotated source, some function level information, and compiler commentary messages. See the `analyzer(1)` man page and the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Performance Analyzer](#) for more information.

The commentary messages that are generated with `-g` describe the optimizations and transformations that the compiler made while compiling your program. Use the `er_src(1)` command to display the messages, which are interleaved with the source code.

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**Note** - If you compile and link your program in separate steps, then including the `-g` option in one step and excluding it from the other step will not affect the correctness of the program, but it will affect the ability to debug the program. Any module that is not compiled with `-g`, but is linked with `-g` will not be prepared properly for debugging. Note that compiling the module that contains the function `main` with the `-g` option is usually necessary for debugging.

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`-g` is implemented as a macro that expands to various other, more primitive, options. See `-xdebuginfo` for the details of the expansions.

<code>-g</code>	Produce standard debugging information.
<code>-gnone</code>	Do not produce any debugging information. This is the default.
<code>-g1</code>	Produce file and line number as well as simple parameter information that is considered crucial during post-mortem debugging.
<code>-g2</code>	Same as <code>-g</code> .
<code>-g3</code>	Produce additional debugging information, which currently consists only of macro definition information. This added information can result in an increase in the size of the debug information in the resulting <code>.o</code> and executable when compared to using only <code>-g</code> .

For more information about debugging, see the *Debugging a Program With dbx* manual.

## B.2.38 -H

Prints to standard error, one per line, the path name of each file included during the current compilation. The display is indented to show which files are included by other files.

In the following example, the program `sample.c` includes the files `stdio.h` and `math.h`. `math.h` includes the file `floatingpoint.h`, which itself includes functions that use `sys/ieeefp.h`.

```
% cc -H sample.c
   /usr/include/stdio.h
   /usr/include/math.h
     /usr/include/floatingpoint.h
       /usr/include/sys/ieeefp.h
```

## B.2.39 -h *name*

Assigns a name to a shared dynamic library as a way to have different versions of a library. *name* should be the same as the file name provided with the `-o` option. The space between `-h` and *name* is optional.

The linker assigns the specified *name* to the library and records the name in the library file as the *intrinsic* name of the library. If there is no `-hname` option, then no intrinsic name is recorded in the library file.

When the runtime linker loads the library into an executable file, it copies the intrinsic name from the library file into the executable's, list of needed shared library files. Every executable has such a list. If no intrinsic name of a shared library is provided, the linker copies the path of the shared library file instead.

## B.2.40 -I[- |*dir*]

`-I dir` adds *dir* to the list of directories that are searched for `#include` files with relative file names prior to `/usr/include`, that is, those directory paths not beginning with a `/` (slash).

Directories for multiple `-I` options are searched in the order specified.

For more information on the search pattern of the compiler, see [“2.17.1 Using the -I- Option to Change the Search Algorithm” on page 62](#).

## B.2.41 **-i**

Passes the option to the linker to ignore any `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` or `LD_LIBRARY_PATH_64` setting.

## B.2.42 **-include filename**

This option causes the compiler to treat *filename* as if it appears in the first line of a primary source file as a `#include` preprocessor directive. Consider the source file `t.c`:

```
main()
{
    ...
}
```

If you compile `t.c` with the command `cc -include t.h t.c`, the compilation proceeds as if the source file contains the following:

```
#include "t.h"
main()
{
    ...
}
```

The compiler first searches for *filename* in the current working directory rather than the directory containing the main source file, as is the case when a file is explicitly included. For example, the following directory structure contains two header files with the same name, but at different locations:

```
foo/
  t.c
  t.h
bar/
  u.c
  t.h
```

If your working directory is `foo/bar` and you compile with the command `cc ../t.c -include t.h`, the compiler includes `t.h` from `foo/bar`, not `foo/` as would be the case with a `#include` directive from within the source file `t.c`.

If the compiler cannot find the file specified with `-include` in the current working directory, it searches the normal directory paths for the file. If you specify multiple `-include` options, the files are included in the order in which they appear on the command line.

### B.2.43 -KPIC

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use `-xcode=pic32` instead.

For more information, see [“B.2.99 -xcode\[=v\]” on page 291](#). For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

(x86) -KPIC is identical to `-Kpic`.

### B.2.44 -Kpic

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use `-xcode=pic13` instead. For more information, see [“B.2.99 -xcode\[=v\]” on page 291](#). For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

(x86) Produces position-independent code. Use this option to compile source files when building a shared library. Each reference to a global datum is generated as a dereference of a pointer in the global offset table. Each function call is generated in pc-relative addressing mode through a procedure linkage table.

### B.2.45 -keeptmp

Retains temporary files created during compilation instead of deleting them automatically.

### B.2.46 -Ldir

Adds *dir* to the list of directories searched for libraries by `ld(1)`. This option and its arguments are passed to `ld(1)`.

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**Note** - Never specify the compiler installation area (`/usr/include`, `/lib`, or `/usr/lib`) as search directories.

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### B.2.47 -lname

Links with object library `libname.so`, or `libname.a`. The order of libraries in the command is important, as symbols are resolved from left to right.

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This option must follow the *sourcefile* arguments.

## B.2.48 **-library=sunperf**

Link with the Oracle Developer Studio performance libraries.

## B.2.49 **-m32|-m64**

Specifies the data type model for the compiled binary object.

Use `-m32` to create 32-bit executables and shared libraries. Use `-m64` to create 64-bit executables and shared libraries.

Object files or libraries compiled with `-m32` cannot be linked with object files or libraries compiled with `-m64`.

When compiling applications with large amounts of static data using `-m64`, `-xmodel=medium` may also be required. Be aware that some Oracle Linux platforms do not support the medium model.

Modules that are compiled with `-m32|-m64` must also be linked with `-m32|-m64`. For a complete list of compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [“A.1.2 Compile-Time and Link-Time Options” on page 229](#)

On Oracle Solaris, `-m32` is the default. On Oracle Linux systems, `-m64` is the default.

See also the description of `-xarch`.

## B.2.50 **-mc**

Removes duplicate strings from the `.comment` section of the object file. When you use the `-mc` flag, `mcs -c` is invoked.

## B.2.51 **-misalign**

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use the `-xmemalign=1i` option instead. For more information, see [“B.2.139 -xmemalign=ab” on page 320](#). For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

## B.2.52 **-misalign2**

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use the `-xmemalign=2i` option instead. For more information, see [“B.2.139 -xmemalign=ab” on page 320](#). For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

## B.2.53 **-mr[,string]**

`-mr` removes all strings from the `.comment` section. When you use this flag, `mcs -d -a` is invoked.

`-mr, string` removes all strings from the `.comment` section and inserts `string` in that section of the object file. If `string` contains embedded blanks, it must be enclosed in quotation marks. A null `string` results in an empty `.comment` section. This option is passed as `-d -astring` to `mcs`.

## B.2.54 **-mt[={yes|no}]**

Use this option to compile and link multithreaded code.

This option passes `-D_REENTRANT` to the preprocessor.

`-mt=yes` is the default behavior of the compiler. `-mt` is equivalent to `-mt=yes`. If this behavior is not desired use the option `-mt=no`.

The `-xopenmp` option and the `-xautopar` option include `-mt=yes` automatically.

Use this option consistently. If you compile and link one translation unit with `-mt`, you must compile and link all units of the program with `-mt`.

To determine which system support libraries will be linked by default, compile with the `-dryrun` option.

See also [“B.2.141 -xno1ib” on page 322](#), the Oracle Solaris *Multithreaded Programming Guide*, and the *Oracle Solaris 11.3 Linkers and Libraries Guide*.

## B.2.55 **-native**

This option is a synonym for `-xtarget=native`.

## B.2.56 **-nofstore**

(x86) Does not convert the value of a floating-point expression or function to the type on the left-hand side of an assignment when that expression or function is assigned to a variable or is cast to a shorter floating-point type. Instead, it leaves the value in a register. See also “[B.2.33 -fstore](#)” on page 255.

## B.2.57 **-O**

Use default optimization level `-xO3`. The `-O` macro expands to `-xO3`.

The `-xO3` optimization level yields higher runtime performance. However, this may be inappropriate for programs that rely on all variables being automatically considered volatile. Typical programs that might have this assumption are device drivers and older multithreaded applications that implement their own synchronization primitives. The workaround is to compile with `-xO2` instead of `-O`.

## B.2.58 **-o filename**

Names the output file *filename*, instead of the default `a.out`. *filename* cannot be the same as the input source file since the compiler will not overwrite a source file.

*filename* must have an appropriate suffix. When used with `-c`, *filename* specifies the target `.o` object file; with `-G` it specifies the target `.so` library file. This option and its argument are passed to the linker, `ld`.

## B.2.59 **-P**

Runs the source file through the C preprocessor only. It then puts the output in a file with a `.i` suffix. Unlike `-E`, this option does not include preprocessor-type line number information in the output. See also the `-E` option.

## B.2.60 **-p**

The option is now obsolete. Use “[B.2.156 -xpg](#)” on page 335 instead.

### B.2.61 `-pedantic{=[yes|no]}`

Strict conformance with errors/warnings for non-ANSI constructs. The `-std` flag can be used to specify which ANSI standard is in effect. The `-xc`, `-xa`, `-xt`, `-xs`, and `-xc99` flags cannot be specified with the `-pedantic` flag. Doing so will result in an error being issued by the compiler.

When `-pedantic` is not specified, the default is `-pedantic=no`.

`-pedantic` is equivalent to `-pedantic=yes`.

### B.2.62 `-preserve_argvalues[=simple|none|complete]`

(x86) Saves copies of register-based function arguments in the stack.

When `none` is specified or if the `-preserve_argvalues` option is not specified on the command line, the compiler behaves as usual.

When `simple` is specified, up to six integer arguments are saved.

When `complete` is specified, the values of all function arguments in the stack trace are visible to the user in the proper order.

The values are not updated during the function lifetime on assignments to formal parameters.

### B.2.63 `-Qoption phase option[,option..]`

Passes *option* to the compilation *phase*.

To pass multiple options, specify them in order as a comma-separated list. Options that are passed to components with `-Qoption` might be reordered. Options that the driver recognizes are kept in the correct order. Do not use `-Qoption` for options that the driver already recognizes.

*phase* can be one of the values in the following list.

<code>acomp</code>	Compiler
<code>cg</code>	Code generator (SPARC)
<code>cpp</code>	Preprocessor
<code>driver</code>	cc driver

<code>fbc</code>	Assembler
<code>ipo</code>	Interprocedural optimizer
<code>previs</code>	Static error checking
<code>iropt</code>	Optimizer
<code>ld</code>	Link editor (ld)
<code>mcs</code>	<code>mcs</code> — manipulate comment section of object file when <code>-mc</code> or <code>-mr</code> specified.
<code>postopt</code>	Postoptimizer
<code>ube</code>	Code generator (x86)

See also `-Wc, arg`, which provides equivalent functionality. `-Qoption` is provided for compatibility with other compilers.

### B.2.64 `-Q[y|n]`

Determines whether to emit identification information to the output file. `-Qy` is the default.

If `-Qy` is used, identification information about each invoked compilation tool is added to the `.comment` section of output files, which is accessible with `mcs`. This option can be useful for software administration.

`-Qn` suppresses this information.

### B.2.65 `-qp`

Same as `-p`.

### B.2.66 `-Rdir[:dir]`

Passes a colon-separated list of directories used to specify library search directories to the runtime linker. If present and not null, the directory list is recorded in the output object file and passed to the runtime linker.

If both `LD_RUN_PATH` and the `-R` option are specified, the `-R` option takes precedence.

**B.2.67 -s**

Directs `cc` to produce an assembly source file but not to assemble or link the program. The assembler-language output is written to corresponding files suffixed `.s`.

**B.2.68 -s**

Removes all symbolic debugging information from the output object file. This option cannot be specified with `-g`.

Passed to `ld(1)`.

**B.2.69 -staticlib=[no%]sunperf**

When used with `-library=sunperf`, `-staticlib=sunperf` will link statically with the Sun performance libraries. By default and when `-library=no%sunperf` is specified, `-library=sunperf` results in dynamic linking of the Sun performance libraries.

For compatibility with CC, `%all` and `%none` are also accepted values for `-staticlib`, where `%all` is equivalent to `sunperf` and `%none` is equivalent to `no%sunperf`.

**B.2.70 -std=*value***

C language standard selection flag.

*value* is required and defined as one of the following:

`c89` C source language accepted is that defined by the ISO C90 standard.

`c99` C source language accepted is that defined by the ISO C99 standard.

`c11` C source language accepted is that defined by the ISO C11 standard.

`-std` defaults to `c11`.

When any of the flags `-Xc`, `-Xa`, `-Xt`, or `-xtransition` are specified, the `-std` default is not in effect and the compiler defaults to `-xc99=all,no_lib`. When `-Xs` is specified, the `-std` default

is not in effect and the compiler defaults to `-xc99=none`. When `-xc99` is specified, the `-std` default is not in effect and the compiler is as specified by the `-xc99` flag.

The `-Xc`, `-Xa`, `-Xt`, `-Xs`, and `-xc99` flags cannot be used if the `-std` flag has been specified. Doing so will result in an error being issued by the compiler.

If you compile and link in separate steps you must use the same values for `-std` flag in both steps.

## B.2.71 `-temp=path`

Defines the directory for temporary files.

This option sets the path name of the directory for storing the temporary files which are generated during the compilation process. The compiler gives precedence to the value set by `-temp` over the value of `TMPDIR`.

### B.2.71.1 See Also

`-keeptmp`

## B.2.72 `-t traceback[={%none|common|signals_list}]`

Issues a stack trace if a severe error occurs in execution.

The `-t traceback` option causes the executable to issue a stack trace to `stderr`, dump core, and exit if certain signals are generated by the program. If multiple threads generate a signal, a stack trace will only be produced for the first one.

To use traceback, add the `-t traceback` option to the compiler command line when linking. The option is also accepted at compile time but is ignored unless an executable binary is generated. Using `-t traceback` with `-G` to create a shared library is an error.

**TABLE 47** `-t traceback` Options

Option	Meaning
<code>common</code>	Specifies that a stack trace should be issued if any of a set of common signals occurs: <code>sigill</code> , <code>sigfpe</code> , <code>sigbus</code> , <code>sigsegv</code> , or <code>sigabrt</code> .

Option	Meaning
<i>signals_list</i>	<p>Specifies a comma-separated list of names of signals that should generate a stack trace, in lower case. The following signals that cause the generation of a core file can be caught: <code>sigquit</code>, <code>sigill</code>, <code>sigtrap</code>, <code>sigabrt</code>, <code>sigemt</code>, <code>sigfpe</code>, <code>sigbus</code>, <code>sigsegv</code>, <code>sigsys</code>, <code>sigxcpu</code>, <code>sigxfsz</code>.</p> <p>Any of these signals can be preceded with <code>no%</code> to disable catching the signal.</p> <p>For example: <code>-t traceback=sigsegv, sigfpe</code> will produce a stack trace and core dump if either <code>sigsegv</code> or <code>sigfpe</code> occurs.</p>
<code>%none or none</code>	Disables traceback.

If the option is not specified, the default is `-t traceback=%none`.

`-t traceback` alone, without `a = sign`, implies `-t traceback=common`.

If you don't want the core dump, set the `coredumpsize` limit to zero as follows:

```
% limit coredumpsize 0
```

The `-t traceback` option has no effect on runtime performance.

## B.2.73 -Uname

Undefines the preprocessor symbol *name*. This option removes any initial definition of the preprocessor symbol *name* created by `-D` on the same command line, including the ones placed there by the command-line driver.

`-U` has no effect on any preprocessor directives in source files. You can give multiple `-U` options on the command line.

If the same *name* is specified for both `-D` and `-U` on the command line, *name* is undefined, regardless of the order in which the options appear. In the following example, `-U` undefines `__sun`:

```
cc -U __sun text.c
```

Preprocessor statements of the following form in `test.c` will not take effect because `__sun` is undefined.

```
#ifdef(__sun)
```

See [“B.2.8 -Dname\[\(arg\[,arg\]\)\]\[=expansion\]”](#) on page 243 for a list of predefined symbols.

**B.2.74 -v**

Directs `cc` to print the name and version ID of each component as the compiler executes.

**B.2.75 -v**

Directs the compiler to perform stricter semantic checks and to enable other `lint`-like checks. For example, the following code compiles and executes without problem.

```
#include <stdio.h>
main(void)
{
    printf("Hello World.\n");
}
```

With the `-v` option it still compiles. However, the compiler displays this warning:

```
"hello.c", line 5: warning: function has no return statement:
main
```

`-v` does not give all the warnings that `lint(1)` does. You can see the difference by running the above example through `lint`.

**B.2.76 -Wc, arg**

Passes the argument *arg* to a specified component *c*. See [Table 1, “Components of the C Compilation System,” on page 30](#) for a list of components.

Arguments must be separated from the preceding only by a comma. All `-W` arguments are passed after the rest of the command-line arguments. To include a comma as part of an argument, use the escape character `\` (backslash) immediately before the comma. All `-W` arguments are passed after the regular command-line arguments.

For example, `-Wa, -o,objfile` passes `-o` and `objfile` to the assembler in that order. Also, `-Wl,-I,name` causes the linking phase to override the default name of the dynamic linker, `/usr/lib/ld.so.1`.

The order in which the arguments are passed to a tool with respect to the other specified command line options might change an subsequent compiler releases.

The possible values for *c* are listed in the following table.

**TABLE 48** -w Flags

Flag	Meaning
a	Assembler: (fbc); (gas)
c	C code generator: (cg) (SPARC);
d	cc driver
l	Link editor (ld)
m	mcs
O (Capital o)	Interprocedural optimizer
o (Lowercase o)	Postoptimizer
p	Preprocessor (cpp)
u	C code generator (ube) (x86)
0 (Zero)	Compiler (acomp)
2	Optimizer: (irop)
3	Static error checking: (previs)

Note that you cannot use -wd to pass cc options to the c compiler.

## B.2.77 -w

Suppresses compiler warning messages.

This option is equivalent to the option -erroff=%all.

## B.2.78 -X[c|a|t|s]

The -Xc, -Xa, -Xt, and -Xs flags cannot be used if the -std or -xlang flag has been specified.

When not using the -std flag, the -X (note uppercase X) options specify varying degrees of compliance to the 1990 and 1999 ISO C standard. The value of -xc99 affects which version of the ISO C standard the -X option applies. The -xc99 option defaults to -xc99=all which supports the 1999 ISO/IEC C standard. -xc99=none supports the 1990 ISO/IEC C standard. See D.1 for a discussion of supported 1999 ISO/IEC features. See Appendix H for a discussion of differences between ISO/IEC C and K&R C.

The default mode of the compiler is -std=c11 without the -pedantic flag. If the -xc99 flag has been specified or is in effect, then -Xa is the default mode of the compiler.

-xc	(c = conformance) Issues errors and warnings for programs that use non-ISO C constructs. This option is strictly conformant ISO C without K&R C compatibility extensions.
-xa	ISO C plus K&R C compatibility extensions with semantic changes required by ISO C. Where K&R C and ISO C specify different semantics for the same construct, the compiler uses the ISO C interpretation. If the -xa option is used in conjunction with the -xtransition option, the compiler issues warnings about the different semantics.
-xt (Obsolete)	(t = transition) The -xt option will be removed in a future release. It is recommended that C code that requires -xt to build and compile correctly be migrated to conform with at least the C99 dialect of the ISO C standard, that is, compilable with -std=c99.  This option uses ISO C plus K&R C compatibility extensions <i>without</i> semantic changes required by ISO C. Where K&R C and ISO C specify different semantics for the same construct, the compiler uses the K&R C interpretation. If you use the -xt option in conjunction with the -xtransition option, the compiler issues warnings about the different semantics.
-xs (Obsolete)	(s = K&R C) The -xs option will require the -E in a future release. It is recommended that C code that requires -xs to build and compile correctly be migrated to conform with at least the C99 dialect of the ISO C standard, that is, compilable with -std=c99.  Attempts to warn about all language constructs that have differing behavior between ISO C and K&R C. The compiler language includes all features compatible with K&R C. This option invokes cpp for preprocessing.

## B.2.79 -x386

(x86) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use -xchip=generic instead. For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

## B.2.80 -x486

(x86) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Use -xchip=generic instead. For a complete list of obsolete options, see [“A.1.14 Obsolete Options” on page 237](#).

## B.2.81 **-Xlinker arg**

Pass *arg* to linker `ld(1)`.

## B.2.82 **-xaddr32[=yes|no]**

(*Oracle Solaris x86/x64 only*) The `-xaddr32=yes` compilation flag restricts the resulting executable or shared object to a 32-bit address space.

An executable that is compiled in this manner results in the creation of a process that is restricted to a 32-bit address space.

When `-xaddr32=no` is specified a usual 64 bit binary is produced.

If the `-xaddr32` option is not specified, `-xaddr32=no` is assumed.

If only `-xaddr32` is specified `-xaddr32=yes` is assumed.

This option is only applicable to `-m64` compilations and only on Oracle Solaris platforms supporting `SF1_SUNW_ADDR32` software capability. Because Oracle Linux kernels do not support address space limitation, this option is not available on Oracle Linux.

When linking, if a single object file was compiled with `-xaddr32=yes`, the whole output file is assumed to be compiled with `-xaddr32=yes`.

A shared object that is restricted to a 32-bit address space must be loaded by a process that executes within a restricted 32-bit mode address space.

For more information refer to the `SF1_SUNW_ADDR32` software capabilities definition, described in the [Oracle Solaris 11.3 Linkers and Libraries Guide](#).

## B.2.83 **-xalias\_level[=l]**

The compiler uses the `-xalias_level` option to determine what assumptions it can make in order to perform optimizations using type-based alias-analysis. This option places the indicated alias level into effect for the translation units being compiled.

If you do not specify the `-xalias_level` command, the compiler assumes `-xalias_level=any`. If you specify `-xalias_level` without a value, the default is `-xalias_level=layout`.

The `-xalias_level` option requires optimization level `-xO3` or above. If optimization is set lower, a warning is issued and the `-xalias_level` option is ignored.

Remember that if you issue the `-xalias_level` option but you fail to adhere to all of the assumptions and restrictions about aliasing described for any of the alias levels, the behavior of your program is undefined.

Replace *l* with one of the terms in the following table.

**TABLE 49** Levels of Alias-Disambiguation

Flag	Meaning
any	The compiler assumes that all memory references can alias at this level. There is no type-based alias analysis at the level of <code>-xalias_level=any</code> .
basic	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=basic</code> option, the compiler assumes that memory references that involve different C basic types do not alias each other. The compiler also assumes that references to all other types can alias each other as well as any C basic type. The compiler assumes that references using <code>char *</code> can alias any other type.</p> <p>For example, at the <code>-xalias_level=basic</code> level, the compiler assumes that a pointer variable of type <code>int *</code> is not going to access a float object. Therefore the compiler can safely perform optimizations that assume a pointer of type <code>float *</code> will not alias the same memory that is referenced with a pointer of type <code>int *</code>.</p>
weak	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=weak</code> option, the compiler assumes that any structure pointer can point to any structure type.</p> <p>Any structure or union type that contains a reference to any type that is either referenced in an expression in the source being compiled or is referenced from outside the source being compiled must be declared prior to the expression in the source being compiled.</p> <p>You can satisfy this restriction by including all the header files of a program that contain types that reference any of the types of the objects referenced in any expression of the source being compiled.</p> <p>At the level of <code>-xalias_level=weak</code>, the compiler assumes that memory references that involve different C basic types do not alias each other. The compiler assumes that references using <code>char *</code> alias memory references that involve any other type.</p>
layout	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=layout</code> option, the compiler assumes that memory references that involve types with the same sequence of types in memory can alias each other.</p> <p>The compiler assumes that two references with types that do not look the same in memory do not alias each other. The compiler assumes that any two memory accesses through different <code>struct</code> types alias if the initial members of the structures look the same in memory. However, at this level, you should not use a pointer to a <code>struct</code> to access some field of a dissimilar <code>struct</code> object that is beyond any of the common initial sequence of members that look the same in memory between the two <code>structs</code>. The compiler assumes that such references do not alias each other.</p> <p>At the level of <code>-xalias_level=layout</code> the compiler assumes that memory references that involve different C basic types do not alias each other. The compiler assumes that references using <code>char *</code> can alias memory references involving any other type.</p>

Flag	Meaning
strict	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=strict</code> option, the compiler assumes that memory references, that involve types such as <code>structs</code> or unions, that are the same when tags are removed, can alias each other. Conversely, the compiler assumes that memory references involving types that are not the same even after tags are removed do not alias each other.</p> <p>However, any structure or union type that contains a reference to any type that is part of any object referenced in an expression in the source being compiled, or is referenced from outside the source being compiled, must be declared prior to the expression in the source being compiled.</p> <p>You can satisfy this restriction by including all the header files of a program that contain types that reference any of the types of the objects referenced in any expression of the source being compiled. At the level of <code>-xalias_level=strict</code> the compiler assumes that memory references that involve different C basic types do not alias each other. The compiler assumes that references using <code>char *</code> can alias any other type.</p>
std	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=std</code> option, the compiler assumes that types and tags need to be the same to alias, however, references using <code>char *</code> can alias any other type. This rule is the same as the restrictions on the dereferencing of pointers that are found in the 1999 ISO C standard. Programs that properly use this rule will be very portable and should see good performance gains under optimization.</p>
strong	<p>If you use the <code>-xalias_level=strong</code> option, the same restrictions apply as at the <code>std</code> level, but additionally, the compiler assumes that pointers of type <code>char *</code> are used only to access an object of type <code>char</code>. Also, the compiler assumes that there are no interior pointers. An interior pointer is defined as a pointer that points to a member of a <code>struct</code>.</p>

## B.2.84 `-xanalyze={code|none}`

(Obsolete) This option will be removed in a future release. Use `-xprevis` instead.

Produce a static analysis of the source code that can be viewed using the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Code Analyzer User's Guide](#).

When compiling with `-xanalyze=code` and linking in a separate step, include `-xanalyze=code` also on the link step.

The default is `-xanalyze=none`.

On Oracle Linux, `-xanalyze=code` needs to be specified along with `-xannotate`.

See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Code Analyzer User's Guide](#) for more information.

## B.2.85 `-xannotate[=yes|no]`

Create binaries that can later be used by the optimization and observability tools `binopt(1)`, `code-analyzer(1)`, `discover(1)`, `collect(1)`, and `uncover(1)`.

The default on Oracle Solaris is `-xannotate=yes`. The default on Oracle Linux is `-xannotate=no`. Specifying `-xannotate` without a value is equivalent to `-xannotate=yes`.

For optimal use of the optimization and observability tools, `-xannotate=yes` must be in effect at both compile and link time. Compile and link with `-xannotate=no` to produce slightly smaller binaries and libraries when optimization and observability tools will not be used.

## B.2.86 `-xarch=isa`

Specifies the target instruction set architecture (*ISA*).

This option limits the code generated by the compiler to the instructions of the specified instruction set architecture. This option does not guarantee use of any target-specific instructions. However, use of this option could affect the portability of a binary program.

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**Note** - Use the `-m64` or `-m32` option to specify the intended data type model, LP64 (64-bits) or ILP32 (32-bits) respectively. The `-xarch` option no longer indicates the data type model, except for compatibility with previous releases, as indicated below.

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If you compile and link in separate steps, make sure you specify the same value for `-xarch` in both steps.

When specifying the `_asm` statement, or compiling with `.i1` inline templates files that use architecture-specific instructions, it might be necessary to specify an appropriate `-xarch` value to avoid compilation errors.

### B.2.86.1 `-xarch` Flags for SPARC and x86

The following table lists the `-xarch` keywords common to both SPARC and x86 platforms.

**TABLE 50**      Flags Common to SPARC and x86 Platforms

Flag	Meaning
<code>generic</code>	Uses the instruction set common to most processors. This is the default.

Flag	Meaning
native	Compile for good performance on this system. The compiler chooses the appropriate setting for the current system processor it is running on.

## B.2.86.2 -xarch Flags for SPARC

The following table describes the -xarch keywords on SPARC platforms.

**TABLE 51** -xarch Flags for SPARC Platforms

Flag	Meaning
sparc	Compile for the SPARC-V9 ISA, but without the Visual Instruction Set (VIS), and without other implementation-specific ISA extensions. This option enables the compiler to generate code for good performance on the V9 ISA.
sparcvis	Compile for SPARC-V9 plus the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, and with UltraSPARC extensions. This option enables the compiler to generate code for good performance on the UltraSPARC architecture.
sparcvis2	Enables the compiler to generate object code for the UltraSPARC architecture, plus the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, and with UltraSPARC III extensions.
sparcvis3	Compile for the SPARC VIS version 3 of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, the fused multiply-add instructions, and the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 3.0
sparcfmaf	Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, and the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add.  You must use -xarch=sparcfmaf in conjunction with fma=fused and some optimization level to get the compiler to attempt to find opportunities to use the multiply-add instructions automatically.
sparcace	Compile for the sparcace version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add, the SPARC64 VII extensions for integer multiply-add, and the SPARC64 X extensions for ACE floating-point.
sparcaceplus	Compile for the sparcaceplus version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add, the SPARC64 VII extensions for integer multiply-add, the SPARC64 X extensions for SPARCACE floating-point, and the SPARC64 X+ extensions for SPARCACE floating-point.
sparcima	Compile for the sparcima version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, including the

Flag	Meaning
	Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, including the Visual Instruction Set (VIS) version 2.0, the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add, and the SPARC64 VII extensions for integer multiply-add.
sparc4	Compile for the SPARC4 version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the extensions, which includes VIS 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, which includes VIS2.0, the fused floating-point multiply-add instructions, VIS 3.0, and SPARC4 instructions.
sparc4b	Compile for the SPARC4B version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, which includes VIS 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, which includes VIS2.0, the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add, the SPARC64 VII extensions for integer multiply-add, and the PAUSE and CBCOND instructions from the SPARC T4 extensions.
sparc4c	Compile for the SPARC4C version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the UltraSPARC extensions, which includes VIS 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, which includes VIS2.0, the SPARC64 VI extensions for floating-point multiply-add, the SPARC64 VII extensions for integer multiply-add, the VIS3B subset of the VIS 3.0 instructions a subset of the SPARC T3 extensions, called the VIS3B subset of VIS 3.0, and the PAUSE and CBCOND instructions from the SPARC T4 extensions.
sparc5	Compile for the SPARC5 version of the SPARC-V9 ISA. Enables the compiler to use instructions from the SPARC-V9 instruction set, plus the extensions, which includes VIS 1.0, the UltraSPARC-III extensions, which includes VIS2.0, the fused floating-point multiply-add instructions, VIS 3.0, SPARC4, and SPARC5 instructions.
v9	Is equivalent to <code>-m64 -xarch=sparc</code> . Legacy makefiles and scripts that use <code>-xarch=v9</code> to obtain the 64-bit data type model need only use <code>-m64</code> .
v9a	Is equivalent to <code>-m64 -xarch=sparcvis</code> and is provided for compatibility with earlier releases.
v9b	Is equivalent to <code>-m64 -xarch=sparcvis2</code> and is provided for compatibility with earlier releases.

Also note the following:

- Object binary files (`.o`) compiled with `generic`, `sparc`, `sparcvis2`, `sparcvis3`, `sparcfmaf`, `sparcima` can be linked and can execute together but can only run on a processor supporting all the instruction sets linked.
- For any particular choice, the generated executable might not run or might run much more slowly on legacy architectures. Also, because quad-precision (`long double`) floating-point instructions are not implemented in any of these instruction set architectures, the compiler does not use these instructions in the code it generates.

### B.2.86.3 -xarch Flags for x86

The following table lists the `-xarch` flags on x86 platforms.

**TABLE 52** The -xarch Flags on x86

Flag	Meaning
pentium_pro	Limits the instruction set to the 32-bit Pentium Pro architecture.
pentium_proa	Adds the AMD extensions (3DNow!, 3DNow! extensions, and MMX extensions) to the 32-bit pentium_pro architecture.
sse	Adds the SSE instruction set to the pentium_pro architecture.
ssea	Adds the AMD extensions (3DNow!, 3DNow! extensions, and MMX extensions) to the 32-bit SSE architecture.
sse2	Adds the SSE2 instruction set to the pentium_pro architecture.
sse2a	Adds the AMD extensions (3DNow!, 3DNow! extensions, and MMX extensions) to the 32-bit SSE2 architecture.
sse3	Adds the SSE3 instruction set to SSE2 instruction set.
sse3a	Adds the AMD extended instructions including 3DNow! to the SSE3 instruction set.
ssse3	Supplements the pentium_pro, SSE, SSE2, and SSE3 instruction sets with the SSSE3 instruction set.
sse4_1	Supplements the pentium_pro, SSE, SSE2, SSE3, and SSSE3 instruction sets with the SSE4.1 instruction set.
sse4_2	Supplements the pentium_pro, SSE, SSE2, SSE3, SSSE3, and SSE4.1 instruction sets with the SSE4.2 instruction set.
amdsse4a	Uses the AMD SSE4a Instruction set.
aes	Uses Intel Advanced Encryption Standard instruction set.
avx	Uses Intel Advanced Vector Extensions instruction set.
avx_i	Uses Intel Advanced Vector Extensions instruction set with the RDRND, FSGSBASE and F16C instruction sets.
avx2	Uses Intel Advanced Vector Extensions 2 instruction set.
avx2_i	Supplements the pentium_pro, SSE, SSE2, SSE3, SSSE3, SSE4.1, SSE4.2, AVX, AVX2 instruction sets with Broadwell instructions (ADOX, ADCX, MULX, RDSEED, PREFETCHWT1).

If any part of a program is compiled or linked on an x86 platform with `-m64`, then all parts of the program must be compiled with one of these options as well. For details on the various Intel instruction set architectures (SSE, SSE2, SSE3, SSSE3, and so on) refer to the *Intel 64 and IA-32 Architectures Software Developer Manuals* at <http://www.intel.com>.

See also “1.2 Special x86 Notes” on page 25 and “1.3 Binary Compatibility Verification” on page 26.

## B.2.86.4 Interactions

Although this option can be used alone, it is part of the expansion of the `-xtarget` option and may be used to override the `-xarch` value that is set by a specific `-xtarget` option. For example, `-xtarget=T3` expands to `-xarch=sparcvis3 -xchip=T3 -xcache=8/16/4:6144/64/24`. In the following command `-xarch=sparc4` overrides the `-xarch=sparcvis3` that is set by the expansion of `-xtarget=T3`.

```
example% cc -xtarget=T3 -xarch=sparc4 foo.c
```

## B.2.86.5 Warnings

If you use this option with optimization, the appropriate choice can provide good performance of the executable on the specified architecture. An inappropriate choice, however, might result in serious degradation of performance or in a binary program that is not executable on the intended target platform.

If you compile and link in separate steps, make sure you specify the same value for `-xarch` in both steps.

## B.2.87 `-xatomic=a`

Specify which atomics support runtime library is linked.

`a` must be one of the following:

<code>studio</code>	Link with the <code>libstatomic</code> library bundled with Oracle Developer Studio.
<code>gcc</code>	Link with the <code>libatomic</code> library in <code>/usr/lib</code> .
<code>none</code>	Do not link with any atomics support library.

The option `-xatomic=none` is the default when neither `-latomic` nor `-xatomic` is specified.

`-latomic` will be automatically translated to `-xatomic=studio`.

An explicit `-xatomic` option should override the presence of `-latomic` regardless of the order on the command line. A warning message will be emitted if the setting of `-xatomic` is conflict with `-latomic`.

The C compiler supports Atomics by default, but does not link with an Atomics runtime support library by default. To use Atomics you may need to link your program with an atomics runtime support library using the `-xatomic` option.

For more information about selecting an Atomics runtime library that is appropriate for your application, see [“Bundled Atomics Library” in Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: C++ User’s Guide](#).

## B.2.88 `-xautopar`

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**Note** - This option does not enable OpenMP parallelization directives.

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Enables automatic parallelization of loops. Does dependence analysis (analyze loops for inter-iteration data dependence) and loop restructuring. If optimization is not at `-x03` or higher, optimization is raised to `-x03` and a warning is issued.

Avoid `-xautopar` if you do your own thread management.

To achieve faster execution, this option requires a system with multiple hardware threads. Use the `OMP_NUM_THREADS` or `PARALLEL` environment variable to specify the number of threads you want to use. Refer to the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User’s Guide](#) for information about these environment variables and their default values.

For best performance, the number of threads used to execute a parallel region should not exceed the number of hardware threads (or virtual processors) available on the machine. On Oracle Solaris systems, this number can be determined by using the `psrinfo(1M)` command. On Oracle Linux systems, this number can be determined by inspecting the file `/proc/cpuinfo`.

If you use `-xautopar` and compile and link in one step, then linking automatically includes the OpenMP runtime support library (`libmtnk.so`) and the threads-safe C runtime library. If you use `-xautopar` and compile and link in separate steps, then you must also link with `-xautopar`. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,” on page 229](#).

## B.2.89 `-xbinopt={prepare|off}`

(SPARC) *This option is now obsolete and will be removed in a future release of the compiler.* See [“B.2.85 `-xannotate\[=yes|no\]`” on page 275](#).

Instructs the compiler to prepare the binary for later optimizations, transformations and analysis. This option may be used for building executables or shared objects. This option must

be used with optimization level `-x01` or higher to be effective. There is a modest increase in size of the binary when built with this option.

If you compile in separate steps, `-xbinopt` must appear on both compile and link steps:

```
example% cc -c -x01 -xbinopt=prepare a.c b.c
example% cc -o myprog -xbinopt=prepare a.o
```

If some source code is not available for compilation, this option may still be used to compile the remainder of the code. It should then be used in the link step that creates the final binary. In such a situation, only the code compiled with this option can be optimized, transformed or analyzed.

Compiling with `-xbinopt=prepare` and `-g` increases the size of the executable by including debugging information. The default is `-xbinopt=off`.

For more information, see the `binopt(1)` man page.

## B.2.90 `-xbuiltin[=(%all|%default|%none)]`

Use the `-xbuiltin` option to improve the optimization of code that calls standard library functions. Many standard library functions, such as the ones defined in `math.h` and `stdio.h`, are commonly used by various programs. The `-xbuiltin` option enables the compiler to substitute intrinsic functions or inline system functions where profitable for performance. See the `er_src(1)` man page for an explanation of how to read compiler commentary in object files to determine the functions for which the compiler actually makes a substitution.

Note that these substitutions can cause the setting of `errno` to become unreliable. If your program depends on the value of `errno`, avoid this option. See also [“2.14 Preserving the Value of `errno`” on page 57](#).

`-xbuiltin=%default` only inlines functions that do not set `errno`. The value of `errno` is always correct at any optimization level, and can be checked reliably. With `-xbuiltin=%default` at `-x03` or lower, the compiler will determine which calls are profitable to inline, and not inline others. The `-xbuiltin=%none` option turns off all substitutions of library functions.

If you do not specify `-xbuiltin`, the default is `-xbuiltin=%default` when compiling with an optimization level `-x01` and higher, and `-xbuiltin=%none` at `-x00`. If you specify `-xbuiltin` without an argument, the default is `-xbuiltin=%all` and the compiler substitutes intrinsics or inlines standard library functions much more aggressively.

If you compile with `-fast`, then `-xbuiltin` is set to `%all`.

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**Note** - `-xbuiltin` only inlines global functions defined in system header files, and not static functions defined by the user.

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## B.2.91 `-xCC`

When you specify `-std=c89` and `-xCC`, the compiler accepts the C++-style comments. In particular, `//` can be used to indicate the start of a comment.

## B.2.92 `-xc99[=O]`

The `-xc99` option controls compiler recognition of the implemented features from the C99 standard (ISO/IEC 9899:1999, Programming Language - C).

The following table lists accepted values for `o`. Multiple values can be separated by commas.

**TABLE 53** `-xc99` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>lib</code>	(Oracle Solaris) Enable the 1999 C standard library semantics of routines that appeared in both the 1990 and 1999 C standard. <code>no_lib</code> limits semantics to the 1990 C standard. This flag has no effect on linux.
<code>all</code>	Turn on recognition of supported C99 language features and enable the 1999 C standard library semantics of routines that appear in both the 1990 and 1999 C standard.
<code>none</code>	Turn off recognition of C99 language features, and do not enable the 1999 C standard library semantics of routines that appeared in both the 1990 and 1999 C standard.

If you do not specify `-xc99`, the compiler defaults to `-xc99=all,no_lib`. If you specify `-xc99` without any values, the option is set to `-xc99=all`.

The `-xc99` flag cannot be used if the `-std` or `-xlang` flag has been specified.

## B.2.93 `-xcache[=C]`

Defines cache properties for use by the optimizer. This option does not guarantee that any particular cache property is used.

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**Note** - Although this option can be used alone, it is part of the expansion of the `-xtarget` option; its *primary* use is to override a value supplied by the `-xtarget` option.

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An optional property, `[/ti]`, sets the number of threads that can share the cache. If you do not specify a value for `t`, the default is 1.

`c` must be one of the following:

- `generic`
- `native`
- `s1/l1/a1[/t1]`
- `s1/l1/a1[/t1]:s2/l2/a2[/t2]`
- `s1/l1/a1[/t1]:s2/l2/a2[/t2]:s3/l3/a3[/t3]`

The `s/l/a/t` properties are defined as follows:

<code>si</code>	The size of the data cache at level <i>i</i> , in kilobytes
<code>li</code>	The line size of the data cache at level <i>i</i> , in bytes
<code>ai</code>	The associativity of the data cache at level <i>i</i>
<code>ti</code>	The number of hardware threads sharing the cache at level <i>i</i>

The following table lists the `-xcache` values.

**TABLE 54**    `-xcache` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>generic</code>	This is the default value. It directs the compiler to use cache properties for good performance on most x86 and SPARC processors without major performance degradation on any of them.  With each new release, these best timing properties will be adjusted, if appropriate.
<code>native</code>	Set the parameters for the best performance on the host environment.
<code>s1/l1/a1[/t1]</code>	Define level 1 cache properties.
<code>s1/l1/a1[/t1]:s2/l2/a2[/t2]</code>	Define levels 1 and 2 cache properties.
<code>s1/l1/a1[/t1]:s2/l2/a2[/t2]:</code>	Define levels 1, 2, and 3 cache properties.

Flag	Meaning
s3/l3/a3[t3]	

Example: `-xcache=16/32/4:1024/32/1` specifies the following:

- Level 1 cache with:
  - 16K bytes
  - 32 bytes line size
  - Four-way associativity
- Level 2 cache with:
  - 1024 bytes
  - 32 bytes line size
  - Direct mapping associativity

## B.2.94 `-xcg[89|92]`

(SPARC) Obsolete. You should not use this option. Compiling with this option generates code that runs slower on current SPARC platforms. Use `-O` instead and take advantage of compiler defaults for `-xarch`, `-xchip`, and `-xcache`.

## B.2.95 `-xchar[=o]`

The option is provided solely for the purpose of easing the migration of code from systems where the `char` type is defined as unsigned. Unless you are migrating from such a system, do not use this option. Only code that relies on the sign of a `char` type needs to be rewritten to explicitly specify `signed` or `unsigned`.

The following table lists the accepted values for `o`:

**TABLE 55** `-xchar` Flags

Flag	Meaning
signed	Treat character constants and variables declared as <code>char</code> as signed. This option affects the behavior of compiled code, but note the behavior of library routines.
s	Equivalent to <code>signed</code>
unsigned	Treat character constants and variables declared as <code>char</code> as unsigned. This option affects the behavior of compiled code, but not the behavior of library routines.

Flag	Meaning
u	Equivalent to <code>unsigned</code> .

If you do not specify `-xchar`, the compiler assumes `-xchar=s`.

If you specify `-xchar` but do not specify a value, the compiler assumes `-xchar=s`.

The `-xchar` option changes the range of values for the type `char` only for code compiled with `-xchar`. This option does not change the range of values for type `char` in any system routine or header file. In particular, the value of `CHAR_MAX` and `CHAR_MIN`, as defined by `limits.h`, do not change when this option is specified. Therefore, `CHAR_MAX` and `CHAR_MIN` no longer represent the range of values encodable in a plain `char`.

If you use `-xchar`, be particularly careful when you compare a `char` against a predefined system macro because the value in the macro may be signed. This situation is most common for any routine that returns an error code that is accessed through a macro. Error codes are typically negative values so when you compare a `char` against the value from such a macro, the result is always false. A negative number can never be equal to any value of an unsigned type.

Do not use `-xchar` to compile routines for any interface exported through a library. The ABIs for all target platforms of Oracle Developer Studio specify type `char` as signed, and system libraries behave accordingly. The effect of making `char` unsigned has not been extensively tested with system libraries. Instead of using this option, modify your code so that it does not depend on whether type `char` is signed or unsigned. The sign of type `char` varies among compilers and operating systems.

## B.2.96 `-xchar_byte_order[=o]`

Produce an integer constant by placing the characters of a multicharacter character-constant in the specified byte order. Use one of the following values for `o`:

- `low`: Places the characters of a multicharacter character-constant in low-to-high byte order.
- `high`: Places the characters of a multicharacter character-constant in high-to-low byte order.
- `default`: Places the characters of a multicharacter character-constant in an order determined by the compilation mode (`-Xv`). For more information, see [“2.2.2 Character Constants” on page 32](#) and [“B.2.78 `-X\[c|a|t|s\]`” on page 270](#).

## B.2.97 `-xcheck[=o[,o]]`

Adds runtime checks for stack overflow and initializes local variables.

The following table lists values for *o*.

**TABLE 56** -xcheck Flags

Flag	Meaning
%none	Perform none of the -xcheck checks.
%all	Perform all of the -xcheck checks.
stkovf[ <i>action</i> ]	<p>Generate code to detect stack overflow errors at runtime, optionally specifying an action to be taken when a stack overflow error is detected.</p> <p>A stack overflow error occurs when a thread's stack pointer is set beyond the thread's allocated stack bounds. The error may not be detected if the new top of stack address is writable.</p> <p>A stack overflow error is detected if a memory access violation occurs as a direct result of the error, raising an associated signal (usually SIGSEGV). The signal thus raised is said to be associated with the error.</p> <p>If -xcheck=stkovf[<i>action</i>] is specified, the compiler generates code to detect stack overflow errors in cases involving stack frames larger than the system page size. The code includes a library call to force a memory access violation instead of setting the stack pointer to an invalid but potentially mapped address (see <code>_stack_grow(3C)</code>).</p> <p>The optional <i>action</i>, if specified, must be either <code>:detect</code> or <code>:diagnose</code>.</p> <p>If <i>action</i> is <code>:detect</code>, a detected stack overflow error is handled by executing the signal handler normally associated with the error.</p> <p>On SPARC Oracle Solaris, -xcheck=stkovf:detect is enabled by default. This prevents silent corruption of the stack due to stack overflow. It can be disabled by specifying -xcheck=no%stkovf.</p> <p>If <i>action</i> is <code>:diagnose</code>, a detected stack overflow error is handled by catching the associated signal and calling <code>stack_violation(3C)</code> to diagnose the error. This is the default behavior if no action is specified.</p> <p>If a memory access violation is diagnosed as a stack overflow error, the following message is printed to <code>stderr</code>:</p> <pre>ERROR: stack overflow detected: pc=&lt;inst_addr&gt;, sp=&lt;sp_addr&gt;</pre> <p>where <code>&lt;inst_addr&gt;</code> is the address of the instruction where the error was detected, and <code>&lt;sp_addr&gt;</code> is the value of the stack pointer at the time that the error was detected. After checking for stack overflow and printing the above message if appropriate, control passes to the signal handler normally associated with the error.</p> <p>-xcheck=stkovf:detect adds a stack bounds check on entry to routines with stack frames larger than system page size (see <code>_stack_grow(3C)</code>). The relative cost of the additional bounds check should be negligible in most applications.</p> <p>-xcheck=stkovf:diagnose adds a system call to thread creation (see <code>sigaltstack(2)</code>). The relative cost of the additional system call depends on how frequently the application creates and destroys new threads.</p>

Flag	Meaning
	-xcheck=stkovf is supported only on Oracle Solaris. The C runtime library on Oracle Linux does not support stack overflow detection.
no%stkovf	Disable stack-overflow checking.
init_local	Initialize local variables.  Exercise caution when using -xcheck with a large amount of local data, such as arrays with more than 10,000 elements. This can cause the compiler's internal representation of the program to become very large when that local data is initialized, which can result in significantly longer compilation times, especially when combined with optimization levels greater than -O2.
no%init_local	Do not initialize local variables.
noreturn	Inform the compiler to add code to cause a runtime error if a routine which has been described as "do not return" returns.  A routine can be described as "do not return" by any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <code>__attribute__((noreturn))</code></li> <li>■ <code>#pragma does_not_return</code></li> <li>■ using the C11 qualifier <code>_Noreturn</code></li> </ul> Undefined behaviour will result if a routine returns after being described as not returning. The -xcheck=noreturn flag tells the compiler to add an illegal instruction after every call to a function marked as does not return to force the target application to abort if that function returns.

If you do not specify `-xcheck`, the compiler defaults to `-xcheck=noreturn`. If you specify `-xcheck` without any arguments, the compiler defaults to `-xcheck=all`, unless you are on an Oracle Solaris system for SPARC, in which case the compiler defaults to `-xcheck=stkovf`: detect for both cases.

The `-xcheck` option does not accumulate on the command line. The compiler sets the flag in accordance with the last occurrence of the command. Thus, to enable both stack overflow diagnosis and local variable initialization, use the following option:

```
cc -xcheck=stkovf:diagnose,init_local ...
```

### B.2.97.1 Initialization Values for `-xcheck=init_local`

With `-xcheck=init_local`, the compiler initializes local variables declared without an initializer to a predefined value as shown in the following table. (Note that these values might change and should not be relied upon.)

## Basic Types

**TABLE 57** `init_local` Initialization for Basic Types

Type	Initialization Value
<code>char, _Bool</code>	<code>0x85</code>
<code>short</code>	<code>0x8001</code>
<code>int, long, enum (-m32)</code>	<code>0xff80002b</code>
<code>long (-m64)</code>	<code>0xffff00031ff800033</code>
<code>long long</code>	<code>0xffff00031ff800033</code>
<code>pointer</code>	<code>0x00000001 (-m32)</code>
	<code>0x0000000000000001 (-m64)</code>
<code>float, float _Imaginary</code>	<code>0xff800001</code>
<code>float _Complex</code>	<code>0xff80000fff800011</code>
<code>double</code>	SPARC: <code>0xffff00003ff800005</code>
	x86: <code>0xffff00005ff800003</code>
<code>double _Imaginary</code>	<code>0xffff00013ff800015</code>
<code>long double, long double _Imaginary</code>	SPARC: <code>0xffff0007ff800009 / 0xffff0000bff80000d</code>
	x86: 12 bytes (-m32): <code>0x80000009ff800005 / 0x0000ffff</code>
	x86: 16 bytes (-m64): <code>0x80000009ff800005 / 0x0000ffff00000000</code>
<code>double _Complex</code>	<code>0xffff00013ff800015 / 0xffff00017ff800019</code>
<code>long double _Complex</code>	SPARC: <code>0xffff001bff80001d / 0xffff0001fff800021 / 0xffff0023ff800025 / 0xffff00027ff800029</code>
	x86: 12 bytes (-m32): <code>0x7fffb01bff80001d / 0x00007fff / 0x7fffb023ff800025 / 0x00007fff</code>
	x86: 16 bytes (-m64): <code>0x00007fff00080000 / 0x1b1d1f2100000000 / 0x00007fff00080000 / 0x2927252300000000</code>

Local variables declared for use with the computed goto, which are simple void \* pointers, will be initialized according to the description for pointers in the table.

The following local variable types are never initialized: const qualified, register, label numbers for computed gotos, local labels.

## Initializing Structs, Unions, and Arrays

Fields in a `struct` that are basic types are initialized as described in the table, as is the first declared pointer or `float` field in a union, to maximize the likelihood that an uninitialized reference generates a visible error.

Array elements are also initialized as described in the table.

Nested `struct`, union, and array fields are initialized as described in the table except for the following cases: a `struct` containing bit-fields, a union without a pointer or `float` field, or an array of types that cannot be fully initialized. These exceptions will be initialized with the value used for local variables of type `double`.

### B.2.98 `-xchip[=C]`

Specifies the target processor for use by the optimizer.

Although this option can be used alone, it is part of the expansion of the `-xtarget` option. Its *primary* use is to override a value supplied by the `-xtarget` option.

This option specifies timing properties by specifying the target processor. Some effects are:

- The ordering of instructions, that is, scheduling
- The way the compiler uses branches
- The instructions to use in cases where semantically equivalent alternatives are available

The following table lists the `-xchip` values for `C` for SPARC platforms:

**TABLE 58** SPARC `-xchip` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>generic</code>	Use timing properties for good performance on most SPARC architectures.  This is the default value. It directs the compiler to use the best timing properties for good performance on most processors, without major performance degradation on any of them.
<code>native</code>	Sets the parameters for the best performance on the host environment.
<code>sparc64vi</code>	Optimize for the SPARC64 VI processor.
<code>sparc64vii</code>	Optimize for the SPARC64 VII processor.
<code>sparc64viplus</code>	Optimize for the SPARC64 VII+ processor.
<code>sparc64x</code>	Optimize for the SPARC64 X processor.

Flag	Meaning
sparc64xplus	Optimize for the SPARC64 X+ processor.
ultraT1	Uses the timing properties of the UltraSPARC T1 processor.
ultraT2	Uses the timing properties of the UltraSPARC T2 processor.
ultraT2plus	Uses the timing properties of the UltraSPARC T2+ processor.
T3	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC T3 processor.
T4	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC T4 processor.
T5	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC T5 processor.
T7	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC T7 processor.
M5	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC M5 processor.
M6	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC M6 processor.
M7	Uses the timing properties of the SPARC M7 processor.

The following table lists the `-xchip` values for the x86 platforms:

**TABLE 59** x86 `-xchip` Flags

Flag	Meaning
generic	Use timing properties for good performance on most x86 architectures.  This is the default value. It directs the compiler to use the best timing properties for good performance on most processors without major performance degradation on any of them.
native	Set the parameters for the best performance on the host environment.
core2	Optimize for the Intel Core2 processor.
nehalem	Optimize for the Intel Nehalem processor.
opteron	Optimize for the AMD Opteron processor.
penryn	Optimize for the Intel Penryn processor.
pentium	Uses timing properties of the x86 Pentium architecture
pentium_pro	Uses timing properties of the x86 Pentium Pro architecture
pentium3	Uses the timing properties of the x86 Pentium 3 architecture.
pentium4	Uses the timing properties of the x86 Pentium 4 architecture.
amdfam10	Optimize for the AMD AMDFAM10 processor.
sandybridge	Intel Sandy Bridge processor
ivybridge	Intel Ivy Bridge processor
haswell	Intel Haswell processor
westmere	Intel Westmere processor
broadwell	Intel Broadwell processor

## B.2.99 -xcode[=v]

(SPARC) Specify code address space.

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**Note** - Build shared objects by specifying `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32`. While you can build workable shared objects with `-m64 -xcode=abs64` they will be inefficient. Shared objects built with `-m64, -xcode=abs32`, or `-m64, -xcode=abs44` will not work.

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The following table lists the values for *v*.

**TABLE 60** The -xcode Flags

Value	Meaning
abs32	This is the default on 32-bit architectures. Generates 32-bit absolute addresses. Code + data + BSS size is limited to 2**32 bytes.
abs44	This is the default on 64-bit architectures. Generates 44-bit absolute addresses. Code + data + BSS size is limited to 2**44 bytes. Available only on 64-bit architectures.
abs64	Generates 64-bit absolute addresses. Available only on 64-bit architectures.
pic13	Generates position-independent code for use in shared libraries (small model). Equivalent to <code>-Kpic</code> . Permits references to at most 2**11 unique external symbols on 32-bit architectures, 2**10 on 64-bit architectures.
pic32	Generates position-independent code for use in shared libraries (large model). Equivalent to <code>-KPIC</code> . Permits references to at most 2**30 unique external symbols on 32-bit architectures, 2**29 on 64-bit architectures.

The default is `-xcode=abs32` for 32-bit architectures. The default for 64-bit architectures is `-xcode=abs44`.

When building shared dynamic libraries, the default `-xcode` values of `abs44` and `abs32` will not work with 64-bit architectures. Specify `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32` instead. Two nominal performance costs with `-xcode=pic13` and `-xcode=pic32` on SPARC are:

- A routine compiled with either `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32` executes a few extra instructions upon entry to set a register to point at a table (`_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_`) used for accessing a shared library's global or static variables.
- Each access to a global or static variable involves an extra indirect memory reference through `_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_`. If the compilation includes `-xcode=pic32`, there are two additional instructions per global and static memory reference.

When considering these costs, remember that the use of `-xcode=pic13` and `-xcode=pic32` can significantly reduce system memory requirements due to the effect of library code sharing.

Every page of code in a shared library compiled `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32` can be shared by every process that uses the library. If a page of code in a shared library contains even a single non-pic (that is, absolute) memory reference, the page becomes nonsharable, and a copy of the page must be created each time a program using the library is executed.

The easiest way to tell whether a `.o` file has been compiled with `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32` is by using the `nm` command:

```
% nm file.o | grep _GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_ U _GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_
```

A `.o` file containing position-independent code contains an unresolved external reference to `_GLOBAL_OFFSET_TABLE_`, as indicated by the letter `U`.

To determine whether to use `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32`, check the size of the Global Offset Table (GOT) by using `elfdump -c` looking for the section header `sh_name: .got`. The `sh_size` value is the size of the GOT. If the GOT is less than 8,192 bytes, specify `-xcode=pic13`. Otherwise specify `-xcode=pic32`. See the `elfdump(1)` man page for more information.

Follow these guidelines to determine how you should use `-xcode`:

- If you are building an executable, do not use `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32`.
- If you are building an archive library only for linking into executables, do not use `-xcode=pic13` or `-xcode=pic32`.
- If you are building a shared library, start with `-xcode=pic13` and, once the GOT size exceeds 8,192 bytes, use `-xcode=pic32`.
- If you are building an archive library for linking into shared libraries, use `-xcode=pic32`.

## B.2.100 `-xcrossfile`

Obsolete, do not use. Use `-xipo` instead. `-xcrossfile` is an alias for `-xipo=1`.

## B.2.101 `-xcsi`

Allows the C compiler to accept source code written in locales that do not conform to the ISO C source character code requirements. These locales include `ja_JP.PCK`.

The compiler translation phases required to handle such locales may result in significantly longer compilation times. You should only use this option when you compile source files that contain source characters from one of these locales.

The compiler does not recognize source code written in locales that do not conform to the ISO C source character code requirements unless you specify `-xcsi`.

## B.2.102 `-xdebugformat=[stabs|dwarf]`

Specify `-xdebugformat=dwarf` if you maintain software which reads debugging information in the DWARF format. This option causes the compiler to generate debugging information by using the DWARF standard format and is the default.

**TABLE 61** The `-xdebugformat` Flags

Value	Meaning
stabs	<code>-xdebugformat=stabs</code> generates debugging information using the STABS standard format.
dwarf	<code>-xdebugformat=dwarf</code> generates debugging information using the DWARF standard format (default).

If you do not specify `-xdebugformat`, the compiler assumes `-xdebugformat=dwarf`. This option requires an argument.

This option affects the format of the data that is recorded with the `-g` option. Some small amount of debugging information is recorded even without `-g`, and the format of that information is also controlled with this option. Therefore, `-xdebugformat` has an effect even when `-g` is not used.

The dbx and Performance Analyzer software understand both STABS and DWARF format so using this option does not have any effect on the functionality of either tool.

See the `dumpstabs(1)` and `dwarfdump(1)` man pages for more information.

## B.2.103 `-xdebuginfo=a[,a...]`

Control how much debugging and observability information is emitted.

The term *tagtype* refers to tagged types: structs, unions, enums, and classes.

The following list contains the possible values for suboptions *a*. The prefix `no%` applied to a suboption disables that suboption. The default is `-xdebuginfo=%none`. Specifying `-xdebuginfo` without a suboption is forbidden.

`%none` No debugging information is generated. This is the default.

[no%]line	Emit line number and file information.
[no%]param	Emit location list info for parameters. Emit full type information for scalar values (for example, int, char *) and type names but not full definitions of tagtypes.
[no%]variable	Emit location list information for lexically global and local variables, including file and function statics but excluding class statics and externs. Emit full type information for scalar values such as int and char * and type names but not full definitions of tagtypes.
[no%]decl	Emit information for function and variable declarations, member functions, and static data members in class declarations.
[no%]tagtype	Emit full type definitions of tagtypes referenced from param and variable datasets, as well as template definitions.
[no%]macro	Emit macro information.
[no%]codetag	Emit DWARF codetags (also known as Stabs N_PATCH). This is information regarding bitfields, structure copy, and spills used by RTC and discover.
[no%]hwcpro	Generate information critical to hardware counter profiling. This information includes <code>ldst_map</code> , a mapping from <code>ld/st</code> instructions to the symbol table entry being referenced, and <code>branch_target</code> table of branch-target addresses used to verify that backtracking did not cross a branch-target. See <code>-xhwcprof</code> for more information.

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**Note** - `ldst_map` requires the presence of tagtype information. The driver will issue an error if this requirement is not met.

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These are macros which expand to combinations of `-xdebuginfo` and other options as follows:

```
-g = -g2

-gnone =
    -xdebuginfo=%none
    -xglobalize=no
    -xpatchpadding=fix
    -xkeep_unref=no%funcs,no%vars

-g1 =
    -xdebuginfo=line,param,codetag
    -xglobalize=no
    -xpatchpadding=fix
```

```

-xkeep_unref=no%funcs,no%vars

-g2 =
-xdebuginfo=line,param,decl,variable,tagtype,codetag
-xglobalize=yes
-xpatchpadding=fix
-xkeep_unref=funcs,vars

-g3 =
-xdebuginfo=line,param,decl,variable,tagtype,codetag,macro
-xglobalize=yes
-xpatchpadding=fix
-xkeep_unref=funcs,vars

```

### B.2.104 -xdepend=[yes|no]

Analyzes loops for interiteration data dependencies and does loop restructuring, including loop interchange, loop fusion, and scalar replacement.

-xdepend defaults to -xdepend=on for all optimization levels -xO3 and above. Specifying an explicit setting of -xdepend overrides any default setting.

Specifying -xdepend without an argument is equivalent to -xdepend=yes.

Dependency analysis can help on single-processor systems. However, if you use -xdepend on single-processor systems, you should not also specify -xautopar because the -xdepend optimization will be done for a multiprocessor system.

### B.2.105 -xdryrun

This option is a macro for -###.

### B.2.106 -xdumpmacros[=value[,value...]]

Use this option when you want to see how macros are behaving in your program. This option provides information such as macro defines, undefines, and instances of usage. It prints output to the standard error (stderr), based on the order in which macros are processed. The -xdumpmacros option is in effect through the end of the file or until it is overridden by the dumpmacros or end\_dumpmacros pragma. See [“2.12.6 dumpmacros” on page 45](#).

The following table lists the valid arguments for *value*. The prefix *no%* disables the associated value.

**TABLE 62** -xdumpmacros Values

Value	Meaning
[no%]defs	Print all macro defines.
[no%]undefs	Print all macro undefines.
[no%]use	Print information about macros used.
[no%]loc	Print location (path name and line number) also for defs, undefs, and use.
[no%]conds	Print use information for macros used in conditional directives.
[no%]sys	Print all macros defines, undefines, and use information for macros in system header files.
%all	Sets the option to -xdumpmacros=defs,undefs,use,loc,conds,sys. A good way to use this argument is in conjunction with the [no%] form of the other arguments. For example, -xdumpmacros=%all,no%sys would exclude system header macros from the output but still provide information for all other macros.
%none	Do not print any macro information.

The option values accumulate, so specifying -xdumpmacros=sys -xdumpmacros=undefs has the same effect as -xdumpmacros=undefs,sys.

**Note** - The sub-options *loc*, *conds*, and *sys* are qualifiers for *defs*, *undefs* and *use* options. By themselves, *loc*, *conds*, and *sys* have no effect. For example, -xdumpmacros=loc,conds,sys has no effect.

Specifying -xdumpmacros without any arguments defaults to -xdumpmacros=defs,undefs,sys. The default when not specifying -xdumpmacros is -xdumpmacros=%none.

If you use the option -xdumpmacros=use,no%loc, the name of each macro that is used is printed only once. However, if you want more detail, use the option -xdumpmacros=use,loc so the location and macro name is printed every time a macro is used.

Consider the following file *t.c*:

```
example% cat t.c
#ifdef FOO
#undef FOO
#define COMPUTE(a, b) a+b
#else
#define COMPUTE(a,b) a-b
#endif
int n = COMPUTE(5,2);
```

```
int j = COMPUTE(7,1);
#if COMPUTE(8,3) + NN + MM
int k = 0;
#endif
```

The following examples show the output for file `t.c` based on the `defs`, `undefs`, `sys`, and `loc` arguments.

```
example% cc -c -xdumpmacros -DFOO t.c
#define __SunOS_5_9 1
#define __SUNPRO_C 0x5140
#define unix 1
#define sun 1
#define sparc 1
#define __sparc 1
#define __unix 1
#define __sun 1
#define __BUILTIN_VA_ARG_INCR 1
#define __SVR4 1
#define __SUNPRO_CC_COMPAT 5
#define __SUN_PREFETCH 1
#define FOO 1
#undef FOO
#define COMPUTE(a, b) a + b

example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=defs,undefs,loc -DFOO -UBAR t.c
command line: #define __SunOS_5_9 1
command line: #define __SUNPRO_C 0x5140
command line: #define unix 1
command line: #define sun 1
command line: #define sparc 1
command line: #define __sparc 1
command line: #define __unix 1
command line: #define __sun 1
command line: #define __BUILTIN_VA_ARG_INCR 1
command line: #define __SVR4 1
command line: #define __SUN_PREFETCH 1
command line: #define FOO 1
command line: #undef BAR
t.c, line 2: #undef FOO
t.c, line 3: #define COMPUTE(a, b) a + b
```

The following examples show how the `use`, `loc`, and `conds` arguments report macro behavior in file `t.c`:

```
example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=use t.c
used macro COMPUTE

example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=use,loc t.c
```

```
t.c, line 7: used macro COMPUTE
t.c, line 8: used macro COMPUTE
```

```
example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=use,conds t.c
used macro FOO
used macro COMPUTE
used macro NN
used macro MM
```

```
example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=use,conds,loc t.c
t.c, line 1: used macro FOO
t.c, line 7: used macro COMPUTE
t.c, line 8: used macro COMPUTE
t.c, line 9: used macro COMPUTE
t.c, line 9: used macro NN
t.c, line 9: used macro MM
```

Consider the file `y.c`:

```
example% cat y.c
#define X 1
#define Y X
#define Z Y
int a = Z;
```

The following example shows the output from `-xdumpmacros=use,loc` based on the macros in `y.c`:

```
example% cc -c -xdumpmacros=use,loc y.c
y.c, line 4: used macro Z
y.c, line 4: used macro Y
y.c, line 4: used macro X
```

Pragma `dumpmacros/end_dumpmacros` overrides the scope of the `-xdumpmacros` command-line option.

## B.2.107 `-xe`

Performs syntax and semantic checking on the source file but does not produce any object or executable code.

## B.2.108 `-xF[=v[,v...]]`

Enables optimal reordering of functions and variables by the linker.

This option instructs the compiler to place functions or data variables into separate section fragments, which enables the linker, using directions in a mapfile specified by the linker's `-M` option, to reorder these sections to optimize program performance. This optimization is most effective when page-fault time constitutes a significant fraction of program runtime.

Reordering of variables can help solve the following problems that negatively affect runtime performance:

- Cache and page contention caused by unrelated variables that are near each other in memory.
- Unnecessarily large work-set size as a result of related variables that are not near each other in memory.
- Unnecessarily large work-set size as a result of unused copies of weak variables that decrease the effective data density.

Reordering variables and functions for optimal performance requires the following operations:

1. Compiling and linking with `-xF`.
2. Following the instructions about generating mapfiles for functions or for data in the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Performance Analyzer](#) and the [Oracle Solaris 11.3 Linkers and Libraries Guide](#).
3. Relinking with the new mapfile by using the linker's `-M` option.
4. Re-executing under the Analyzer to verify improvement.

## B.2.108.1 Values

The following table lists the values for `v`.

**TABLE 63** `-xF` Values

Value	Meaning
<code>func</code>	Fragment functions into separate sections.
<code>gbldata</code>	Fragment global data (variables with external linkage) into separate sections.
<code>lcldata</code>	Fragment local data (variables with internal linkage) into separate sections.
<code>%all</code>	Fragment functions, global data, and local data.
<code>%none</code>	Fragment nothing.

Precede the values (other than `%all` and `%none`) with `no%` to disable the suboption. For example `no%func`.

If you do not specify `-xF`, the default is `-xF=%none`. If you specify `-xF` without any arguments, the default is `-xF=%none, func`.

Using `-xF=lcldata` inhibits some address calculation optimizations, so you should use this flag only when it is experimentally justified.

See the `analyzer(1)`, and `ld(1)` man pages.

## **B.2.109 -xglobalize[={yes|no}]**

Control globalization of function-level or file-level static variables.

Globalization is a technique needed by `fix` and `continue` functionality in the debugger whereby function-level or file-level static symbols are promoted to globals while a prefix is added to the name to keep identically named symbols distinct.

The default is `-xglobalize=no`. Specifying `-xglobalize` is equivalent to specifying `-xglobalize=yes`.

### **B.2.109.1 Interactions**

See `-xpatchpadding`.

## **B.2.110 -xhelp=flags**

Displays online help information.

`-xhelp=flags` displays a summary of the compiler options.

## **B.2.111 -xhwcprof**

Enables compiler support for hardware counter-based profiling.

When `-xhwcprof` is enabled, the compiler generates information that helps tools associate profiled load and store instructions with the data-types and structure members (in conjunction with symbolic information produced with `-g` to which they refer. It associates profile data with

the data space of the target rather than the instruction space. It provides insight into behavior that is not easily obtained from only instruction profiling.

You can compile a specified set of object files with `-xhwcprof`. However, `-xhwcprof` is most useful when applied to all object files in the application, identifying and correlating all memory references distributed in the application's object files.

If you are compiling and linking in separate steps, use `-xhwcprof` at link time as well. Future extensions to `-xhwcprof` might require its use at link time. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, "Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,"](#) on page 229.

An instance of `-xhwcprof=enable` or `-xhwcprof=disable` overrides all previous instances of `-xhwcprof` in the same command line.

`-xhwcprof` is disabled by default. Specifying `-xhwcprof` without any arguments is the equivalent to `-xhwcprof=enable`.

`-xhwcprof` requires that optimization be enabled and that the debug data format be set to DWARF (`-xdebugformat=dwarf`), which is the default with current Oracle Developer Studio compilers. The occurrence of `-xhwcprof` and `-xdebugformat=stabs` on the same command line is not permitted.

`-xhwcprof` uses `-xdebuginfo` to automatically enable the minimum amount of debugging information it needs, so `-g` is not required.

The combination of `-xhwcprof` and `-g` increases compiler temporary file storage requirements by more than the sum of the increases due to `-xhwcprof` and `-g` specified alone.

`-xhwcprof` is implemented as a macro that expands to various other, more primitive, options as follows:

```
-xhwcprof
    -xdebuginfo=hwcprof,tagtype,line
-xhwcprof=enable
    -xdebuginfo=hwcprof,tagtype,line
-xhwcprof=disable
    -xdebuginfo=no%hwcprof,no%tagtype,no%line
```

The following command compiles `example.c` and specifies support for hardware counter profiling and symbolic analysis of data types and structure members using DWARF symbols:

```
example% cc -c -O -xhwcprof -g -xdebugformat=dwarf example.c
```

For more information on hardware counter-based profiling, see the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Performance Analyzer](#).

## B.2.112 `-xinline=list`

The format of the *list* for `-xinline` is as follows:

```
[{%auto,func_name,no%func_name}[,{%auto,func_name,no%func_name}]...]
```

`-xinline` tries to inline only those functions specified in the optional list. The list is either empty, or contains a comma-separated list of *func\_name*, *no%func\_name*, or `%auto`, where *func\_name* is a function name. `-xinline` only has an effect at `-x03` or higher.

**TABLE 64** `-xinline` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>%auto</code>	Specifies that the compiler is to attempt to automatically inline all functions in the source file. <code>%auto</code> takes effect only at <code>-x04</code> or higher optimization levels. <code>%auto</code> is silently ignored at <code>-x03</code> or lower optimization levels.
<i>func_name</i>	Specifies that the compiler is to attempt to inline the named function.
<i>no%func_name</i>	Specifies that the compiler is not to inline the named function.

The list of values accumulates from left to right. For a specification of `-xinline=%auto,no%foo` the compiler attempts to inline all functions except `foo`. For a specification of `-xinline=%bar,%myfunc,no%bar` the compiler only tries to inline `myfunc`.

When you compile with optimization set at `-x04` or above, the compiler normally tries to inline all references to functions defined in the source file. You can restrict the set of functions the compiler attempts to inline by specifying the `-xinline` option. Specifying only `-xinline=` without naming any functions or `%auto` indicates that none of the routines in the source files are to be inlined. If you specify *func\_name* and *no%func\_name* without specifying `%auto`, the compiler only attempts to inline those functions specified in the list. If `%auto` is specified in the list of values with the `-xinline` option at optimization level set at `-x04` or above, the compiler attempts to inline all functions that are not explicitly excluded by *no%func\_name*.

A function is not inlined if any of the following conditions apply. No warning is issued.

- Optimization is less than `-x03`.
- The routine cannot be found.
- Inlining the routine does not look practicable to the optimizer.
- The source for the routine is not in the file being compiled (however, see `-xipo`).

If you specify multiple `-xinline` options on the command line, they do not accumulate. The last `-xinline` on the command line specifies the functions that the compiler attempts to inline.

See also `-xldscope`.

## B.2.113 `-xinline_param=a[,a[,a]...]`

Use this option to manually change the heuristics used by the compiler for deciding when to inline a function call.

This option only has an effect at `-O3` or higher. The following sub-options have an effect only at `-O4` or higher when automatic inlining is on.

In the following sub-options *n* must be a positive integer; *a* can be one of the following:

**TABLE 65** `-xinline_param` Sub-options

Sub-option	Meaning
default	Set the values of all the sub-options to their default values.
<code>max_inst_hard[:n]</code>	Automatic inlining only considers functions smaller than <i>n</i> pseudo instructions (counted in compiler's internal representation) as possible inline candidates.  Under no circumstances will a function larger than this be considered for inlining.
<code>max_inst_soft[:n]</code>	Set inlined function's size limit to <i>n</i> pseudo instructions (counted in compiler's internal representation).  Functions of greater size than this may sometimes be inlined.  When interacting with <code>max_inst_hard</code> , the value of <code>max_inst_soft</code> should be equal to or smaller than the value of <code>max_inst_hard</code> , i.e., <code>max_inst_soft &lt;= max_inst_hard</code> .  In general, the compiler's automatic inliner only inlines calls whose called function's size is smaller than the value of <code>max_inst_soft</code> . In some cases a function may be inlined when its size is larger than the value of <code>max_inst_soft</code> but smaller than that of <code>max_inst_hard</code> . An example of this would be if the parameters passed into a function were constants.  When deciding whether to change the value of <code>max_inst_hard</code> or <code>max_inst_soft</code> for inlining one specific call site to a function, use <code>-xinline_report=2</code> to report detailed inlining message and follow the suggestion in the inlining message.
<code>max_function_inst[:n]</code>	Allow functions to increase due to automatic inlining by up to <i>n</i> pseudo instructions (counted in compiler's internal representation).
<code>max_growth[:n]</code>	The automatic inliner is allowed to increase the size of the program by up to <i>n</i> % where the size is measured in pseudo instructions.

Sub-option	Meaning
min_counter[:n]	<p>The minimum call site frequency counter as measured by profiling feedback (-xprofile) in order to consider a function for automatic inlining.</p> <p>This option is valid only when the application is compiled with profiling feedback (-xprofile=use).</p>
level[:n]	<p>Use this suboption to control the degree of automatic inlining that is applied. The compiler will inline more functions with higher settings for -xinline_param=level.</p> <p>n must be one of 1, 2, or 3.</p> <p>The default value of n is 2 when this option is not specified, or when the options is specified without :n.</p> <p>Specify the level of automatic inline:</p> <pre> level:1  basic inlining level:2  medium inlining (default) level:3  aggressive inlining </pre> <p>The level decides the specified values for the combination of the following inlining parameters:</p> <pre> max_growth + max_function_inst + max_inst + max_inst_call </pre> <p>When level = 1, all the parameters are half the values of the default.</p> <p>When level = 2, all the parameters are the default value.</p> <p>When level = 3, all the parameters are double the values of the default.</p>
max_recursive_depth[:n]	<p>When a function calls itself either directly or indirectly, it is said to be making a recursive call.</p> <p>This suboption allows a recursive call to be automatically inlined up to n levels.</p>
max_recursive_inst[:n]	<p>Specifies the maximum number of pseudo instructions (counted in compiler's internal representation) the caller of a recursive function can grow to by performing automatic recursive inlining.</p> <p>When interactions between max_recursive_inst and max_recursive_depth occur, recursive function calls will be inlined until either the max_recursive_depth number of recursive calls, or until the size of the function being inlined into exceeds max_recursive_inst. The settings of these two parameters control the degree of inlining of small recursive functions.</p>

If `-xinline_param=default` is specified, the compiler will set all the values of the suboptions to the default values.

If the option is not specified, the default is `-xinline_param=default`.

The list of values and options accumulate from left to right. So for a specification of `-xinline_param=max_inst_hard:30,...,max_inst_hard:50`, the value `max_inst_hard:50` will be passed to the compiler.

If multiple `-xinline_param` options are specified on the command line, the list of sub-options likewise accumulate from left to right. For example, the effect of

```
-xinline_param=max_inst_hard:50,min_counter:70 ...
-xinline_param=max_growth:100,max_inst_hard:100
```

will be the same as that of

```
-xinline_param=max_inst_hard:100,min_counter:70,max_growth:100
```

## B.2.114 `-xinline_report[=n]`

This option generates a report written to standard output on the inlining of functions by the compiler. The type of report depends on the value of *n*, which must be 0, 1, or 2.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 0 | No report is generated.  |
| 1 | A summary report of default values of inlining parameters is generated.  |
| 2 | A detailed report of inlining messages is generated, showing which callsites are inlined and which are not, with a short reason for not inlining a callsite. In some cases, this report will include suggested values for <code>-xinline_param</code> that can be used to inline a callsite that is not inlined. |

When `-xinline_report` is not specified, the default value for *n* is 0. When `-xinline_report` is specified without `=n`, the default value is 1.

When `-xlinkopt` is present, the inlining messages about the callsites that are not inlined might not be accurate.

## B.2.115 `-xinstrument=[no%]datarace`

Specify this option to compile and instrument your program for analysis by the Thread Analyzer. For more information on the Thread Analyzer, see the `tha(1)` man page for details.

You can then use the Performance Analyzer to run the instrumented program with `collect -r races` to create a data-race-detection experiment. If you run the instrumented code stand-alone, it runs more slowly.

You can specify `-xinstrument=no%datarace` to turn off preparation of source code for the thread analyzer. This is the default.

You must specify `-xinstrument=` with an argument.

If you compile and link in separate steps, you must specify `-xinstrument=datarace` in both the compilation and linking steps.

This option defines the preprocessor token `__THA_NOTIFY`. You can specify `#ifdef __THA_NOTIFY` to guard calls to `libtha(3)` routines.

This option also sets `-g`.

`-xinstrument` cannot be used together with `-xlinkopt`.

## B.2.116 `-xipo[=a]`

Replace *a* with 0, 1, or 2. `-xipo` without any arguments is equivalent `-xipo=1`. `-xipo=0` is the default setting and disables `-xipo`. With `-xipo=1`, the compiler performs inlining across all source files.

With `-xipo=2`, the compiler performs interprocedural aliasing analysis as well as optimizations of memory allocation and layout to improve cache performance.

The compiler performs partial-program optimizations by invoking an interprocedural analysis component. It performs optimizations across all object files in the link step, and is not limited to just the source files of the compile command. However, whole-program optimizations performed with `-xipo` do not include assembly (`.s`) source files.

You must specify `-xipo` both at compile time and at link time. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,”](#) on page 229.

The `-xipo` option generates significantly larger object files due to the additional information needed to perform optimizations across files. However, this additional information does not become part of the final executable binary file. Any increase in the size of the executable program is due to the additional optimizations performed. The object files created in the compilation steps have additional analysis information compiled within them to permit crossfile optimizations to take place at the link step.

If you have `.o` files compiled with the `-xipo` option from different compiler versions, mixing these files can result in failure with an error message about "IR version mismatch". When using the `-xipo` option, all the files should be compiled with the same version of the compiler.

`-xipo` is particularly useful when compiling and linking large multifile applications. Object files compiled with this flag have analysis information compiled within them that enables interprocedural analysis across source and precompiled program files.

Analysis and optimization is limited to the object files compiled with `-xipo`, and does not extend to object files or libraries.

`-xipo` is multiphased, so you need to specify `-xipo` for each step if you compile and link in separate steps.

Other important information about `-xipo`:

- It requires an optimization level of at least `-xO4`.
- Objects that are compiled without `-xipo` can be linked freely with objects that are compiled with `-xipo`.

### B.2.116.1 `-xipo` Examples

In this example, compilation and linking occur in a single step:

```
cc -xipo -xO4 -o prog part1.c part2.c part3.c
```

The optimizer performs crossfile inlining across all three source files. This process is done in the final link step, so the compilation of the source files need not all take place in a single compilation. It could take place over a number of separate compilations, each specifying `-xipo`.

In this example, compilation and linking occur in separate steps:

```
cc -xipo -xO4 -c part1.c part2.c
cc -xipo -xO4 -c part3.c
cc -xipo -xO4 -o prog part1.o part2.o part3.o
```

A restriction is that libraries, even if compiled with `-xipo`, do not participate in crossfile interprocedural analysis, as shown in the following example:

```
cc -xipo -xO4 one.c two.c three.c
ar -r mylib.a one.o two.o three.o
...
cc -xipo -xO4 -o myprog main.c four.c mylib.a
```

In this example, interprocedural optimizations are performed between `one.c`, `two.c` and `three.c`, and between `main.c` and `four.c`, but not between `main.c` or `four.c` and the routines

on `mylib.a`. (The first compilation might generate warnings about undefined symbols, but the interprocedural optimizations are performed because it is a compile and link step.)

### B.2.116.2 When Not To Use `-xipo=2` Interprocedural Analysis

The compiler tries to perform whole-program analysis and optimizations as it works with the set of object files in the link step. The compiler makes the following two assumptions for any function (or subroutine) `foo()` defined in this set of object files:

- `foo()` is not called explicitly by another routine that is defined outside this set of object files at runtime.
- The calls to `foo()` from any routine in the set of object files are not interposed upon by a different version of `foo()` defined outside this set of object files.

Do not compile with either `-xipo=1` or `-xipo=2` if assumption 2 is not true.

As an example, consider interposing on the function `malloc()` with your own version and compiling with `-xipo=2`. Consequently, all the functions in any library that reference `malloc()` that are linked with your code have to be compiled with `-xipo=2` also and their object files need to participate in the link step. Because this process might not be possible for system libraries, do not compile your version of `malloc()` with `-xipo=2`.

As another example, suppose that you build a shared library with two external calls, `foo()` and `bar()` inside two different source files. Furthermore, suppose that `bar()` calls `foo()`. If `foo()` could be interposed at runtime, then do not compile the source file for `foo()` or for `bar()` with `-xipo=1` or `-xipo=2`. Otherwise, `foo()` could be inlined into `bar()`, which could cause incorrect results.

### B.2.117 `-xipo_archive=[a]`

The `-xipo_archive` option enables the compiler to optimize object files that are passed to the linker with object files that were compiled with `-xipo` and that reside in the archive library (`.a`) before producing an executable. Any object files contained in the library that were optimized during the compilation are replaced with their optimized version.

The following table lists the values for `a`.

**TABLE 66** `-xipo_archive` Flags

Value	Meaning
<code>writeback</code>	The compiler optimizes object files passed to the linker with object files compiled with <code>-xipo</code> that reside in the archive library ( <code>.a</code> ) before producing an executable.

Value	Meaning
	<p>Any object files contained in the library that were optimized during the compilation are replaced with an optimized version.</p> <p>For parallel links that use a common set of archive libraries, each link should create its own copy of archive libraries to be optimized before linking.</p>
readonly	<p>The compiler optimizes object files passed to the linker with object files compiled with <code>-xipo</code> that reside in the archive library (<code>.a</code>) before producing an executable.</p> <p>The option <code>-xipo_archive=readonly</code> enables cross-module inlining and interprocedural data flow analysis of object files in an archive library specified at link time. However, it does not enable cross-module optimization of the archive library's code except for code that has been inserted into other modules by cross-module inlining.</p> <p>To apply cross-module optimization to code within an archive library, <code>-xipo_archive=writeback</code> is required. Note that this option modifies the contents of the archive library from which the code was extracted.</p>
none	<p>This is the default. There is no processing of archive files. The compiler does not apply cross-module inlining or other cross-module optimizations to object files compiled using <code>-xipo</code> and extracted from an archive library at link time. To do that, both <code>-xipo</code> and either <code>-xipo_archive=readonly</code> or <code>-xipo_archive=writeback</code> must be specified at link time.</p>

If you do not specify a setting for `-xipo_archive`, the compiler sets it to `-xipo_archive=none`.

You must specify `-xipo_archive=` with a value.

## B.2.118 `-xipo_build=[yes|no]`

Building `-xipo` without `-xipo_build` involves two passes through the compiler—once when producing the object files, and then again later at link time when performing the cross file optimization. Setting `-xipo_build` reduces compile time by avoiding optimizations during the initial pass and optimizing only at link time. Optimization is not needed for the object files, as with `-xipo` it will be performed at link time. If unoptimized object files built with `-xipo_build` are linked without including `-xipo` to perform optimization, the application will fail to link with an unresolved symbol error.

### B.2.118.1 `-xipo_build` Examples

The following example performs a fast build of `.o` files, followed by crossfile optimization at link time:

```
% cc -O -xipo -xipo_build -o code1.o -c code1.c
```

```
% cc -O -xipo -xipo_build -o code2.o -c code2.c
% cc -O -xipo -o a.out code1.o code2.o
```

The `-xipo_build` will turn off `-O` when creating the `.o` files, to build these quickly. Full `-O` optimization will be performed at link time as part of `-xipo` crossfile optimization.

The following example links without using `-xipo`.

```
% cc -O -o a.out code1.o code2.o
```

If either `code1.o` or `code2.o` were generated with `-xipo_build`, the result will be a link-time failure indicating the symbol `__unoptimized_object_file` is unresolved.

When building `.o` files separately, the default behavior is `-xipo_build=no`. However, when the executable or library is built in a single pass from source files, `-xipo_build` will be implicitly enabled. For example:

```
% cc -fast -xipo a.c b.c c.c
```

will implicitly enable `-xipo_build=yes` for the first passes that generate `a.o`, `b.o`, and `c.o`. Include the option `-xipo_build=no` to disable this behavior.

## B.2.119 `-xivdep[=p]`

Disable or set interpretation of `#pragma ivdep` pragmas (*ignore vector dependencies*).

The `ivdep` pragmas tell a compiler to ignore some or all loop-carried dependences on array references that it finds in a loop for purposes of optimization. This enables a compiler to perform various loop optimizations such as microvectorization, distribution, software pipelining, and so on., which would not be otherwise possible. It is used in cases where the user knows either that the dependences do not matter or that they never occur in practice.

The interpretation of `#pragma ivdep` directives depend upon the value of the `-xivdep` option.

The following list gives the values for *p* and their meaning.

<code>loop</code>	ignore assumed loop-carried vector dependences
<code>loop_any</code>	ignore all loop-carried vector dependences
<code>back</code>	ignore assumed backward loop-carried vector dependences
<code>back_any</code>	ignore all backward loop-carried vector dependences
<code>none</code>	do not ignore any dependences (disables <code>ivdep</code> pragmas)

These interpretations are provided for compatibility with other vendor's interpretations of the `ivdep` pragma.

## B.2.120 `-xjobs{=n|auto}`

Compile with multiple processes. If this flag is not specified, the default behavior is `-xjobs=auto`.

Specify the `-xjobs` option to set how many processes the compiler creates to complete its work. This option can reduce the build time on a multi-cpu machine. Currently, `-xjobs` works only with the `-xipo` option. When you specify `-xjobs=n`, the interprocedural optimizer uses  $n$  as the maximum number of code generator instances it can invoke to compile different files.

Generally, a safe value for  $n$  is 1.5 multiplied by the number of available processors. Using a value that is many times the number of available processors can degrade performance because of context switching overheads among spawned jobs. Also, using a very high number can exhaust the limits of system resources such as swap space.

When `-xjobs=auto` is specified, the compiler will automatically choose the appropriate number of parallel jobs.

You must always specify `-xjobs` with a value. Otherwise, an error diagnostic is issued and compilation aborts.

If `-xjobs` is not specified, the default behavior is `-xjobs=auto`. This can be overridden by adding `-xjobs=n` to the command line. Multiple instances of `-xjobs` on the command line override each other until the right-most instance is reached.

### B.2.120.1 `-xjobs` Examples

The following example links with up to three parallel processes for `-xipo`:

```
% cc -xipo -x04 -xjobs=3 t1.o t2.o t3.o
```

The following example links serially with a single process for `-xipo`:

```
% cc -xipo -x04 -xjobs=1 t1.o t2.o t3.o
```

The following example links in parallel, with the compiler choosing the number of jobs for `-xipo`:

```
% cc -xipo -x04 t1.o t2.o t3.o
```

Note that this is exactly the same behavior as when explicitly specifying `-xjobs=auto`:

```
% cc -xipo -x04 -xjobs=auto t1.o t2.o t3.o
```

### B.2.121 `-xkeep_unref[={[[no%]funcs,[no%]vars]}`

Keep definitions of unreferenced functions and variables. The `no%` prefix allows the compiler to potentially remove the definitions.

The default is `no%funcs,no%vars`. Specifying `-xkeep_unref` is equivalent to specifying `-xkeep_unref=funcs,vars`, meaning that `-keep_unref` keeps everything.

### B.2.122 `-xkeepframe=[[%all,%none,name,no%name]]`

Prohibit stack related optimizations for the named functions (*name*).

`%all` Prohibit stack related optimizations for all the code.

`%none` Allow stack related optimizations for all the code.

This option is accumulative and can appear multiple times on the command line. For example, `-xkeepframe=%all -xkeepframe=no%func1` indicates that the stack frame should be kept for all functions except `func1`. Also, `-xkeepframe` overrides `-xregs=frameptr`. For example, `-xkeepframe=%all -xregs=frameptr` indicates that the stack should be kept for all functions, but the optimizations for `-xregs=frameptr` would be ignored.

If not specified on the command line, the compiler assumes `-xkeepframe=%none` as the default. If specified but without a value, the compiler assumes `-xkeepframe=%all`.

### B.2.123 `-xlang=language`

(Oracle Solaris) The `-xlang` flag can be used to override the default `libc` behavior as specified by the `-std` flag. *language* must be one of the following:

`c89` Specify runtime library behavior of `libc` to be in conformance with the C90 standard.

`c99` Specify runtime library behavior of `libc` be in conformance with the C99 standard.

c11 Equivalent to c99. The runtime library behavior of libc for c99 and c11 are identical.

When `-xlang` is not specified, it defaults to the same value as the `-std` flag.

The `-Xc`, `-Xa`, `-Xt`, `-Xs`, and `-xc99` flags cannot be used if `-xlang` has been specified. Doing so will result in an error being issued by the compiler.

If you compile and link in separate steps you must use the same values for `-xlang` in both steps.

To determine which driver to use for mixed-language linking, use the following language hierarchy:

C++	Use the <code>CC</code> command. See the <a href="#">Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: C++ User's Guide</a> for details.
Fortran 95 (or Fortran 90)	Use the <code>f95</code> command. See the <a href="#">Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Fortran User's Guide</a> for details.
Fortran 77	Use <code>f95 -xlang=f77</code> . See the <a href="#">Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Fortran User's Guide</a> for details.
C	Use the <code>cc</code> command.

This flag is available only on Oracle Solaris and is silently ignored on Oracle Linux.

## B.2.124 `-xldscope={v}`

Specify the `-xldscope` option to change the default linker scoping for the definition of extern symbols. Changing the default can result in faster and safer shared libraries because the implementation is better hidden.

`v` must be one of the following:

**TABLE 67** `-xldscope` Flags

Flag	Meaning
global	Global linker scoping is the least restrictive linker scoping. All references to the symbol bind to the definition in the first dynamic module that defines the symbol. This linker scoping is the current linker scoping for extern symbols.
symbolic	Symbolic linker scoping is more restrictive than global linker scoping. All references to the symbol from within the dynamic module being linked bind to the symbol defined within the module. Outside of the module, the symbol appears as though it were global. This linker scoping corresponds to the linker option <code>-Bsymbolic</code> . See the <code>ld(1)</code> man page for more information about the linker.

Flag	Meaning
hidden	Hidden linker scoping is more restrictive than symbolic and global linker scoping. All references within a dynamic module bind to a definition within that module. The symbol will not be visible outside of the module.

If you do not specify `-xldscope`, the compiler assumes `-xldscope=global`. The compiler issues an error if you specify `-xldscope` without an argument. Multiple instances of this option on the command line override each other until the rightmost instance is reached.

If you intend to allow a client to override a function in a library, you must be sure that the function is not generated inline during the library build. The compiler inlines a function in the following situations:

- You specify the function name with `-xinline`.
- You compile at `-xO4` or higher, in which case inlining can happen automatically.
- You use the inline specifier.
- You use the inline pragma.
- You use cross-file optimization.

For example, suppose library ABC has a default allocator function that can be used by library clients, and is also used internally in the library:

```
void* ABC_allocator(size_t size) { return malloc(size); }
```

If you build the library at `-xO4` or higher, the compiler inlines calls to `ABC_allocator` that occur in library components. If a library user attempts to replace `ABC_allocator` with a customized version, the replacement will not occur in library components that called `ABC_allocator`. The final program will include different versions of the function.

Library functions declared with the `__hidden` or `__symbolic` specifiers can be generated inline when building the library. These functions are not supposed to be overridden by users. For more information, see [“2.3 Linker Scoping Specifiers” on page 33](#).

Library functions declared with the `__global` specifier should not be declared inline, and should be protected from inlining by use of the `-xinline` compiler option.

See also `-xinline`, `-xO`, `-xipo`, `#pragma inline`.

## B.2.125 `-xlibmieee`

Forces IEEE 754 style return values for math routines in exceptional cases. In such cases, no exception message is printed, and you should not rely on `errno`.

## B.2.126 `-xlibmil`

Inlines some library routines for faster execution. This option selects the appropriate assembly language inline templates for the floating-point option and platform for your system.

`-xlibmil` inlines a function regardless of any specification of the function as part of the `-xinline` flag.

However, these substitutions can cause the setting of `errno` to become unreliable. If your program depends on the value of `errno`, avoid this option. See also [“2.14 Preserving the Value of `errno`” on page 57](#).

## B.2.127 `-xlibmopt`

Enables the compiler to use a library of optimized math routines. You must use default rounding mode by specifying `-fround=nearest` when you use this option.

The math routine library is optimized for performance and usually generates faster code. The results may be slightly different from those produced by the normal math library. If so, they usually differ in the last bit.

Note that these substitutions can cause the setting of `errno` to become unreliable. If your program depends on the value of `errno`, avoid this option. For more information, see [“2.14 Preserving the Value of `errno`” on page 57](#).

The order on the command line for this library option is not significant.

This option is set by the `-fast` option.

See also `-fast` and `-xno libmopt`.

## B.2.128 `-xlic_lib=sunperf`

(Obsolete) Use `-library=sunperf` to link with the Sun Performance Library.

## B.2.129 `-xlicinfo`

This option is silently ignored by the compiler.

## B.2.130 `-xlinkopt[=level]`

(Oracle Solaris) Instructs the compiler to perform link-time optimizations on relocatable object files. These optimizations are performed at link time by analyzing the object binary code. The object files are not rewritten but the resulting executable code might differ from the original object codes.

You must use `-xlinkopt` on at least some of the compilation commands for `-xlinkopt` to be useful at link time. The optimizer can still perform some limited optimizations on object binaries that are not compiled with `-xlinkopt`.

`-xlinkopt` optimizes code coming from static libraries that appear on the compiler command line, but does not optimize code coming from shared (dynamic) libraries that appear on the command line. You can also use `-xlinkopt` when you build shared libraries (compiling with `-G`).

*level* sets the level of optimizations performed, and must be 0, 1, or 2. The optimization levels are listed in the following table:

**TABLE 68** `-xlinkopt` Flags

Flag	Meaning
0	The post-optimizer is disabled. (This is the default.)
1	Perform optimizations based on control flow analysis, including instruction cache coloring and branch optimizations, at link time.
2	Perform additional data flow analysis, including dead-code elimination and address computation simplification, at link time.

If you compile in separate steps, `-xlinkopt` must appear on both compile and link steps.

```
example% cc -c -xlinkopt a.c b.c
example% cc -o myprog -xlinkopt=2 a.o
```

For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,” on page 229](#).

Note that the level parameter is only used when the compiler is linking. In the example, the post- optimization level used is 2 even though the object binaries were compiled with an implied level of 1.

Specifying `-xlinkopt` without a level parameter implies `-xlinkopt=1`.

The `-xlinkopt` option requires profile feedback (`-xprofile`) in order to optimize the program. Profiling reveals the most- and least-used parts of the code, which enables the optimizer to focus its effort accordingly. Link-time optimization is particularly important with large

applications where optimal placement of code can substantially reduce instruction cache misses. Additionally, `-xlinkopt` is most effective when used to compile the whole program. Use this option as follows:

```
example% cc -o prog -xO5 -xprofile=collect:prog file.c
example% prog
example% cc -o prog -xO5 -xprofile=use:prog -xlinkopt file.c
```

For details about using profile feedback, see “[B.2.161 -xprofile=p](#)” on page 339.

Do not use the `-zcombreloc` linker option when you compile with `-xlinkopt`.

Note that compiling with this option increases link time slightly. Object file sizes also increase, but the size of the executable remains the same. Compiling with `-xlinkopt` and `-g` increases the size of the executable by including debugging information.

`-xlinkopt` cannot be used together with `-xinstrument`.

### B.2.131 `-xloopinfo`

Shows which loops are parallelized. Provides a brief reason for not parallelizing a loop. The `-xloopinfo` option is valid only if `-xautopar` is specified; otherwise, the compiler issues a warning.

To achieve faster execution, this option requires a multiprocessor system. On a single-processor system, the generated code usually runs slower.

### B.2.132 `-xM`

Runs only the C preprocessor on the named C programs, requesting that the preprocessor generate makefile dependencies and send the result to the standard output. See the `make(1)` man page for details about make files and dependencies.

For example:

```
#include <unistd.h>
void main(void)
{}
```

generates this output:

```
e.o: e.c
e.o: /usr/include/unistd.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/types.h
```

```
e.o: /usr/include/sys/machtypes.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/select.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/time.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/types.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/time.h
e.o: /usr/include/sys/unistd.h
```

If you specify `-xM` and `-xMF`, the compiler appends all makefile dependency information to the file specified with `-xMF`.

### B.2.133 `-xM1`

Generates makefile dependencies like `-xM`, but excludes `/usr/include` files. For example:

```
more hello.c
#include<stdio.h>
main()
{
    (void)printf("hello\n");
}
cc- xM hello.c
hello.o: hello.c
hello.o: /usr/include/stdio.h
```

Compiling with `-xM1` does not report header file dependencies:

```
cc- xM1 hello.c
hello.o: hello.c
```

`-xM1` is not available under `-Xs` mode.

If you specify `-xM1` and `-xMF`, the compiler appends all makefile dependency information to the file specified with `-xMF`.

### B.2.134 `-xMD`

Generates makefile dependencies like `-xM` but compilation continues. `-xMD` generates an output file for the makefile-dependency information derived from the `-o` output *filename*, if specified, or the input source *filename*, replacing (or adding) the *filename* suffix with `.d`. If you specify `-xMD` and `-xMF`, the preprocessor writes all makefile dependency information to the file specified with `-xMF`. Compiling with `-xMD -xMF` or `-xMD -o filename` with more than one source file is not allowed and generates an error. The dependency file is overwritten if it already exists.

**B.2.135** -xMF *filename*

Use this option to specify a file for the `makefile`-dependency output. You cannot specify individual *filenames* for multiple input files with `-xMF` on one command line. Compiling with `-xMD -xMF` or `-xMMD -xMF` with more than one source file is not allowed and generates an error. The dependency file is overwritten if it already exists.

This option cannot be used with `-xM` or `-xM1`.

**B.2.136** -xMMD

Use this option to generate makefile dependencies excluding system header files. This option provides the same functionality as `-xM1`, but compilation continues. `-xMMD` generates an output file for the makefile-dependency information derived from the `-o` output *filename*, if specified, or the input source *filename*, replacing (or adding) the *filename* suffix with `.d`. If you specify `-xMF`, the compiler uses the filename you provide instead. Compiling with `-xMMD -xMF` or `-xMMD -o filename` with more than one source file is not allowed and generates an error. The dependency file is overwritten if it already exists.

**B.2.137** -xMerge

Merges data segments into text segments. Data initialized in the object file produced by this compilation is read-only and (unless linked with `ld -N`) is shared between processes.

The three options `-xMerge -ztext -xprofile=collect` should not be used together. While `-xMerge` forces statically initialized data into read-only storage, `-ztext` prohibits position-dependent symbol relocations in read-only storage, and `-xprofile=collect` generates statically initialized, position-dependent symbol relocations in writable storage.

**B.2.138** -xmaxopt[=*v*]

This option limits the level of `pragma opt` to the level specified. *v* is one of `off`, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The default value is `-xmaxopt=off` which causes `pragma opt` to be ignored. Specifying `-xmaxopt` without supplying an argument is the equivalent of specifying `-xmaxopt=5`.

If you specify both `-xO` and `-xmaxopt`, the optimization level set with `-xO` must not exceed the `xmaxopt` value.

## B.2.139 -xmemalign=*ab*

(SPARC) Use the `-xmemalign` option to control the assumptions that the compiler makes about the alignment of data. By controlling the code generated for potentially misaligned memory accesses and by controlling program behavior in the event of a misaligned access, you can more easily port your code to the SPARC platform.

Specify the maximum assumed memory alignment and behavior of misaligned data accesses. You must provide a value for both *a* (alignment) and *b* (behavior). *a* specifies the maximum assumed memory alignment and *b* specifies the behavior for misaligned memory accesses. The following table lists the alignment and behavior values for `-xmemalign`.

**TABLE 69** The `-xmemalign` Alignment and Behavior Flags

<i>a</i>		<i>b</i>	
1	Assume at most 1 byte alignment.	i	Interpret access and continue execution.
2	Assume at most 2 byte alignment.	s	Raise signal SIGBUS.
4	Assume at most 4 byte alignment.	f	For 64-bit SPARC ( <code>-m64</code> ) only:  Raise signal SIGBUS for alignments less or equal to 4. Otherwise, interpret access and continue execution. For 32-bit programs, the <i>f</i> flag is equivalent to <i>i</i> .
8	Assume at most 8 byte alignment.		
16	Assume at most 16 byte alignment		

You must specify `-xmemalign` whenever you want to link to an object file that was compiled with the value of *b* set to either *i* or *f*. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,” on page 229](#).

For memory accesses where the alignment is determinable at compile time, the compiler generates the appropriate load/store instruction sequence for that alignment of data.

For memory accesses where the alignment cannot be determined at compile time, the compiler must assume an alignment to generate the needed load/store sequence. The `-xmemalign` option enables you to specify the maximum memory alignment of data to be assumed by the compiler in these situations. It also specifies the error behavior to be followed at run time when a misaligned memory access does take place.

If actual data alignment at runtime is less than the specified alignment, the misaligned access attempt (a memory read or write) generates a trap. The two possible responses to the trap are:

- The OS converts the trap to a SIGBUS signal. If the program does not catch the signal, the program stops. Even if the program catches the signal, the misaligned access attempt will not have succeeded.
- The OS handles the trap by interpreting the misaligned access and returning control to the program as if the access had succeeded normally.

The following default values apply only when no `-xmemalign` option is present:

- `-xmemalign=8i` for all 32-bit platforms (`-m32`).
- `-xmemalign=8s` for all 64-bit platforms (`-m64`).

The default when `-xmemalign` option is present but no value is given is `-xmemalign=1i` for all platforms.

The following table describes how you can use `-xmemalign` to handle different alignment situations.

**TABLE 70** Examples of `-xmemalign`

Command	Situation
<code>-xmemalign=1s</code>	There are many misaligned accesses so trap handling is too slow.
<code>-xmemalign=8i</code>	There are occasional, intentional, misaligned accesses in code that is otherwise correct.
<code>-xmemalign=8s</code>	There should be no misaligned accesses in the program.
<code>-xmemalign=2s</code>	You want to check for possible odd-byte accesses.
<code>-xmemalign=2i</code>	You want to check for possible odd-byte access and you want the program to work.

## B.2.140 `-xmodel=[a]`

(x86) The `-xmodel` option enables the compiler to modify the form of 64-bit objects for Oracle Solaris x86 platforms and should only be specified for the compilation of such objects.

This option is invalid when specified with `-m32`.

The following table lists the values for *a*.

**TABLE 71** `-xmodel` Flags

Value	Meaning
<code>small</code>	This option generates code for the small model in which the virtual address of code executed is known at link time and all symbols are known to be located in the virtual addresses in the range from 0 to $2^{31} - 2^{24} - 1$ .

Value	Meaning
kernel	Generates code for the kernel model in which all symbols are defined to be in the range from $2^{64} - 2^{31}$ to $2^{64} - 2^{24}$ .
medium	Generates code for the medium model in which no assumptions are made about the range of symbolic references to data sections. Size and address of the text section have the same limits as the small code model. Applications with large amounts of static data might require <code>-xmodel=medium</code> when compiling with <code>-m64</code> .

This option is not cumulative so the compiler sets the model value according to the rightmost instance of `-xmodel` on the command line.

If you do not specify `-xmodel`, the compiler assumes `-xmodel=small`. Specifying `-xmodel` without an argument is an error.

You do not have to compile all translation units with this option. You can compile select files as long as you ensure the object you are accessing is within reach.

Be aware that not all Oracle Linux systems support the medium model.

### **B.2.141 -xnoLib**

Does not link any libraries by default; that is, no `-l` options are passed to `ld(1)`. Normally, the `cc` driver passes `-lc` to `ld`.

When you use `-xnoLib`, you have to pass all the `-l` options yourself.

### **B.2.142 -xnoLibmil**

Does not inline math library routines. Use this option after the `-fast` option for example:

```
% cc- fast- xnoLibmil....
```

### **B.2.143 -xnoLibmopt**

Prevents the use of an optimized math library by the compiler by disabling any previously specified `-xlibmopt` option. For example, use this option after `-fast`, which enables `-xlibmopt`.

```
% cc -fast -xnoLibmopt ...
```

## B.2.144 -xnorunpath

Do not build a runtime search path for shared libraries into the executable.

This option is recommended for building executables that will be shipped to customers who might have a different path for the shared libraries that are used by the program.

## B.2.145 -xO[1|2|3|4|5]

Sets the compiler optimization level. Note the uppercase letter O followed by the digit 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. Generally, the higher the level of optimization, the better the runtime performance. However, higher optimization levels can result in longer compilation time and larger executable files.

In a few cases, -xO2 might perform better than the others, and -xO3 might outperform -xO4.

If the optimizer runs out of memory, it tries to recover by retrying the current procedure at a lower level of optimization and resumes subsequent procedures at the original level specified in the command-line option.

The default is no optimization, which is only possible if you do not specify an optimization level. If you specify an optimization level, you cannot disable optimization.

If you are trying to avoid setting an optimization level, be sure not to specify any option that implies an optimization level. For example, -fast is a macro option that sets optimization at -xO5. All other options that imply an optimization level issue a warning message that optimization has been set. The only way to compile without any optimization is to delete all options from the command line or makefile that specify an optimization level.

If you use -g and the optimization level is -xO3 or lower, the compiler provides best-effort symbolic information with almost full optimization. Tail-call optimization and back-end inlining are disabled.

If you use -g and the optimization level is -xO4 or higher, the compiler provides best-effort symbolic information with full optimization.

Debugging with -g does not suppress -xOn, but -xOn limits -g in certain ways. For example, the optimization options reduce the utility of debugging so that you cannot display variables from dbx, but you can still use the dbx where command to get a symbolic traceback. For more information, see “Debugging Optimized Code” in Chapter 1 of *Debugging a Program With dbx*.

If you specify both `-x0` and `-xmaxopt`, the optimization level set with `-x0` must not exceed the `-xmaxopt` value.

If you optimize at `-x03` or `-x04` with very large procedures (thousands of lines of code in the same procedure), the optimizer may require a large amount of virtual memory. In such cases, machine performance might degrade.

## B.2.145.1 SPARC Optimizations

The following table lists the optimization levels on SPARC platforms.

**TABLE 72** `-x0` Flags on SPARC Platforms

Value	Meaning
<code>-x01</code>	Does basic local optimization (peephole).
<code>-x02</code>	Does basic local and global optimization. This is induction variable elimination, local and global common subexpression elimination, algebraic simplification, copy propagation, constant propagation, loop-invariant optimization, register allocation, basic block merging, tail recursion elimination, dead code elimination, tail call elimination, and complex expression expansion.  The <code>-x02</code> level does not assign global, external, or indirect references or definitions to registers. It treats these references and definitions as if they were declared <code>volatile</code> . In general, the <code>-x02</code> level results in minimum code size.
<code>-x03</code>	Performs like <code>-x02</code> , but also optimizes references or definitions for external variables. Loop unrolling and software pipelining are also performed. This level does not trace the effects of pointer assignments. When compiling either device drivers or programs that modify external variables from within signal handlers, you might need to use the <code>volatile</code> type qualifier to protect the object from optimization. The <code>-x03</code> level usually results in increased code size.
<code>-x04</code>	Performs like <code>-x03</code> , but also automatically inlines functions contained in the same file; this usually improves execution speed. To control which functions are inlined, see <a href="#">“B.2.112 <code>-xinline=list</code>” on page 302</a> .  This level traces the effects of pointer assignments, and usually results in increased code size.
<code>-x05</code>	Attempts to generate the highest level of optimization. Uses optimization algorithms that take more compilation time or that do not have as high a certainty of improving execution time. Optimization at this level is more likely to improve performance if it is done with profile feedback. For more information, see <a href="#">“B.2.161 <code>-xprofile=p</code>” on page 339</a> .

## B.2.145.2 x86 Optimization Levels

The following table lists the optimization levels on x86 platforms.

**TABLE 73** -x0 Flags on x86 Platforms

Value	Meaning
-x01	Preloads arguments from memory, cross-jumping (tail-merging), as well as single pass default optimizations.
-x02	Schedules both high-level and low-level instructions and performs improved spill analysis, loop memory-reference elimination, register lifetime analysis, enhanced register allocation, and elimination of global common subexpressions.
-x03	Performs loop strength reduction and induction variable elimination, as well as the optimization done by level 2.
-x04	Performs automatic inlining of functions contained in the same file in addition to performing -x03 optimizations. This automatic inlining usually improves execution speed but sometimes can make it worse. This level usually results in increased code size.
-x05	Generates the highest level of optimization. Uses optimization algorithms that take more compilation time or that do not have as high a certainty of improving execution time. Some of these include generating local calling convention entry points for exported functions, further optimizing spill code, and adding analysis to improve instruction scheduling.

For more information about debugging, see the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Debugging a Program with dbx](#) . For more information on optimization, see the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Performance Analyzer](#) .

See also -xldscope and -xmaxopt.

## B.2.146 -xopenmp[={parallel|noopt|none}]

Enable explicit parallelization with OpenMP directives.

The following table details the -xopenmp values:

**TABLE 74** -xopenmp Flags

Value	Meaning
parallel	<p>Enables recognition of OpenMP pragmas. The optimization level under -xopenmp=parallel is -x03. The compiler raises the optimization level to -x03 if necessary and issues a warning.</p> <p>This flag also defines the preprocessor macro <code>_OPENMP</code>. The <code>_OPENMP</code> macro is defined to have the decimal value <code>yyyymm</code> where <code>yyyy</code> and <code>mm</code> are the year and month designations of the version of the OpenMP API that the implementation</p>

Value	Meaning
	supports. Refer to the <a href="#">Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide</a> for the value of the <code>_OPENMP</code> macro for a particular release.
<code>noopt</code>	<p>Enables recognition of OpenMP pragmas. The compiler does not raise the optimization level if it is lower than <code>-O3</code>.</p> <p>If you explicitly set the optimization lower than <code>-O3</code>, as in <code>cc -O2 -xopenmp=noopt</code>, the compiler issues an error. If you do not specify an optimization level with <code>-xopenmp=noopt</code>, the OpenMP pragmas are recognized, the program is parallelized accordingly, but no optimization is done.</p> <p>This flag also defines the preprocessor token <code>_OPENMP</code>.</p>
<code>none</code>	<p>Does not enable recognition of OpenMP pragmas, makes no change to the optimization level of your program, and does not define any preprocessor macros. This is the default when <code>-xopenmp</code> is not specified.</p>

If you specify `-xopenmp` but do not specify a value, the compiler assumes `-xopenmp=parallel`. If you do not specify `-xopenmp` at all, the compiler assumes `-xopenmp=none`.

If you are debugging an OpenMP program with `dbx`, compile with `-g -xopenmp=noopt` so you can breakpoint within parallel regions and display the contents of variables.

The default for `-xopenmp` might change in a future release. You can avoid warning messages by explicitly specifying an appropriate optimization level.

Use the `OMP_NUM_THREADS` environment variable to specify the number of threads to use when running an OpenMP program. If `OMP_NUM_THREADS` is not set, the default number of threads used is a multiple of the number of cores per socket (that is, cores per processor chip), which is less than or equal to the total number of cores or 32, whichever is less. You can specify a different number of threads by setting the `OMP_NUM_THREADS` environment variable, or by calling the `omp_set_num_threads()` OpenMP runtime routine, or by using the `num_threads` clause on the `parallel` region directive. For best performance, the number of threads used to execute a parallel region should not exceed the number of hardware threads (or virtual processors) available on the machine. On Oracle Solaris systems, this number can be determined by using the `psrinfo(1M)` command. On Oracle Linux systems, this number can be determined by inspecting the file `/proc/cpuinfo`. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for more information.

Nested parallelism is disabled by default. To enable nested parallelism, you must set the `OMP_NESTED` environment variable to `TRUE`. See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#) for details.

If you compile and link in separate steps, specify `-xopenmp` in both the compilation step and the link step. When used with the link step, the `-xopenmp` option will link with the OpenMP runtime support library, `libmtnsk.so`.

For up-to-date functionality and performance, make sure that the latest patch of the OpenMP runtime library, `libmtsk.so`, is installed on the system.

For more information about the OpenMP Fortran 95, C, and C++ application program interface (API) for building multithreaded applications, see the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#).

## B.2.147 -xP

The compiler performs only syntax and semantic checking on the source file in order to print prototypes for all K&R C functions. This option does not produce any object or executable code. For example, specifying `-xP` with the following source file,

```
f()
{
}

main(argc,argv)
int argc;
char *argv[];
{
}
```

produces this output:

```
int f(void);
int main(int, char **);
```

## B.2.148 -xpagesize=*n*

Sets the preferred page size for the stack and the heap.

SPARC: The following values are valid: 4k, 8K, 64K, 512K, 2M, 4M, 32M, 256M, 2G, 16G, or default.

x86: The following values are valid: 4K, 2M, 4M, 1G, or default.

If you do not specify a valid page size, the request is silently ignored at runtime. You must specify a valid page size for the target platform.

Use the `pagesize(1)` Oracle Solaris command to determine the number of bytes in a page. The operating system offers no guarantee that the page size request will be honored. However, appropriate segment alignment can be used to increase the likelihood of obtaining the requested

page size. See the `-xsegment_align` option on how to set the segment alignment. You can use `mmap(2)` or `meminfo(2)` to determine page size of the target platform.

The `-xpagesize` option has no effect unless you use it at compile time and at link time. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,” on page 229](#).

If you specify `-xpagesize=default`, the Oracle Solaris operating system sets the page size.

Compiling with this option has the same effect as setting the `LD_PRELOAD` environment variable to `mpss.so.1` with the equivalent options, or running the Oracle Solaris command `ppgsz(1)` with the equivalent options before running the program. See the related Oracle Solaris man pages for details.

This option is a macro for `-xpagesize_heap` and `-xpagesize_stack`. These two options accept the same arguments as `-xpagesize`. You can set both options with the same value by specifying `-xpagesize` or you can specify them individually with different values.

The `libhugetlbfs` library is required for `-xpagesize` to work on Oracle Linux. See the Oracle Linux `libhugetlbfs(7)` man page for more information.

## **B.2.149 -xpagesize\_heap=n**

Set the page size in memory for the heap.

This option accepts the same values as `-xpagesize`. If you do not specify a valid page size, the request is silently ignored at run-time.

Use the `getpagesize(3C)` command on the Oracle Solaris operating system to determine the number of bytes in a page. The Oracle Solaris operating system offers no guarantee that the page size request will be honored. You can use `mmap(1)` or `meminfo(2)` to determine page size of the target platform.

If you specify `-xpagesize_heap=default`, the Oracle Solaris operating system sets the page size.

Compiling with this option has the same effect as setting the `LD_PRELOAD` environment variable to `mpss.so.1` with the equivalent options, or running the Oracle Solaris command `ppgsz(1)` with the equivalent options before running the program. See the related Oracle Solaris man pages for details.

The `-xpagesize_heap` option has no effect unless you use it at compile time and at link time. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,” on page 229](#).

## B.2.150 -xpagesize\_stack=*n*

Set the page size in memory for the stack.

This option accepts the same values as `-xpagesize`. If you do not specify a valid page size, the request is silently ignored at run-time.

Use the `getpagesize(3C)` command on the Oracle Solaris operating system to determine the number of bytes in a page. The Oracle Solaris operating system offers no guarantee that the page size request will be honored. You can use `pmap(1)` or `meminfo(2)` to determine page size of the target platform.

If you specify `-xpagesize_stack=default`, the Oracle Solaris operating system sets the page size.

Compiling with this option has the same effect as setting the `LD_PRELOAD` environment variable to `mpss.so.1` with the equivalent options, or running the Oracle Solaris command `ppgsz(1)` with the equivalent options before running the program. See the related Oracle Solaris man pages for details.

The `-xpagesize_stack` option has no effect unless you use it at compile time and at link time. For a complete list of all compiler options that must be specified at both compile time and at link time, see [Table 24, “Compile-Time and Link-Time Options,”](#) on page 229.

## B.2.151 -xpatchpadding[={*fix*|*patch*|*size*}]

Reserve an area of memory before the start of each function. If `fix` is specified, the compiler will reserve the amount of space required by `fix` and continue. This is the first default. If either `patch` or no value is specified, the compiler will reserve a platform-specific default value. A value of `-xpatchpadding=0` will reserve 0 bytes of space. The maximum value for `size` on x86 is 127 bytes and on SPARC is 2048 bytes.

## B.2.152 -xpch=*v*

This compiler option activates the precompiled-header feature. `v` can be `auto`, `autofirst`, `collect:pch_filename`, or `use:pch_filename`. You can take advantage of this feature through the `-xpch` and `-xpchstop` options in combination with the `#pragma hdrstop` directive.

Use the `-xpch` option to create a precompiled-header file and improve your compilation time. The precompiled-header file reduces compile time for applications whose source files share a

common set of include files containing a large amount of source code. A precompiled header works by collecting information about a sequence of header files from one source file, and then using that information when recompiling that source file, and when compiling other source files that have the same sequence of headers. The information that the compiler collects is stored in a precompiled-header file.

For more information, see `-xpchstop`, “[2.12.10 hdrstop](#)” on page 47.

### B.2.152.1 Creating a Precompiled-Header File Automatically

The compiler can generate the precompiled- header file for you automatically in one of two ways. One way is for the compiler to create the precompiled-header file from the first include file it finds in the source file. The other way is for the compiler to select from the set of include files found in the source file starting with the first include file and extending through a well-defined point that determines which include file is the last one. Use one of the flags described in the following table to determine which method the compiler uses to automatically generate a precompiled header.

**TABLE 75** The `-xpch` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>-xpch=auto</code>	The content of the precompiled-header file is based on the longest viable prefix that the compiler finds in the source file. This flag produces a precompiled-header file that consists of the largest possible number of header files. For more information, see “ <a href="#">B.2.152.5 The Viable Prefix</a> ” on page 331
<code>-xpch=autofirst</code>	This flag produces a precompiled-header file that contains only the first header found in the source file.

### B.2.152.2 Creating a Precompiled-Header File Manually

To create your precompiled-header file manually, start by first using `-xpch`, and specifying the `collect` mode. The compilation command that specifies `-xpch=collect` must only specify one source file. In the following example, the `-xpch` option creates a precompiled-header file called `myheader.cpch` based on the source file `a.c`.

```
cc -xpch=collect:myheader a.c
```

A valid precompiled-header file name always has the suffix `.cpch`. When you specify *pch\_filename*, you can add the suffix or have the compiler add it for you. For example, if you specify `cc -xpch=collect:foo a.c`, the precompiled-header file is called `foo.cpch`.

### B.2.152.3 How the Compiler Handles an Existing Precompiled-Header File

If the compiler cannot use the precompiled-header file with `-xpch=auto` and `-xpch=autofirst`, it generates a new precompiled-header file. If the compiler cannot use the precompiled-header file with `-xpch=use`, a warning is issued and the compilation is done using the real headers.

### B.2.152.4 Directing the Compiler to Use a Specific Precompiled-Header File

You can also direct the compiler to use a specific precompiled header by specifying `-xpch=use:pch_filename`. You can specify any number of source files with the same sequence of include files as the source file that was used to create the precompiled-header file. For example, your command in use mode might be: `cc -xpch=use:foo.cpch foo.c bar.c foobar.c`.

You should only use an existing precompiled-header file if the following items are true. If any of the following is not true, you should re-create the precompiled-header file:

- The compiler that you are using to access the precompiled-header file is the same as the compiler that created the precompiled-header file. A precompiled-header file created by one version of the compiler might not be usable by another version of the compiler.
- Except for the `-xpch` option, the compiler options you specify with `-xpch=use` must match the options that were specified when the precompiled-header file was created.
- The set of included headers you specify with `-xpch=use` is identical to the set of headers that were specified when the precompile header was created.
- The contents of the included headers that you specify with `-xpch=use` is identical to the contents of the included headers that were specified when the precompiled header was created.
- The current directory (that is, the directory in which the compilation is occurring and attempting to use a given precompiled-header file) is the same as the directory in which the precompiled-header file was created.
- The initial sequence of preprocessing directives, including `#include` directives, in the file you specified with `-xpch=collect` are the same as the sequence of preprocessing directives in the files you specify with `-xpch=use`.

### B.2.152.5 The Viable Prefix

In order to share a precompiled-header file across multiple source files, those source files must share a common set of include files as their initial sequence of tokens. A token is a keyword,

name or punctuation mark. Comments and code that is excluded by `#if` directives are not recognized by the compiler as tokens. This initial sequence of tokens is known as the *viable prefix*. In other words, the viable prefix is the top portion of the source file that is common to all source files. The compiler uses this viable prefix as the basis for creating a precompiled-header file and thereby determining which header files from the source are precompiled.

The viable prefix that the compiler finds during the current compilation must match the viable prefix that it used to create the precompiled-header file. In other words, a viable prefix must be interpreted consistently across all the source files that use the same precompiled-header file.

The viable prefix of a source file can only consist of comments and any of the following preprocessor directives:

```
#include
#if/ifdef/ifndef/else/elif/endif
#define/undef
#ident (if identical, passed through as is)
#pragma (if identical)
```

Any of these directives may reference macros. The `#else`, `#elif`, and `#endif` directives must match within the viable prefix. Comments are ignored.

The compiler determines the end point of the viable prefix automatically when you specify `-xpch=auto` or `-xpch=autofirst`. It is defined as follows.

- The first declaration/definition
- The first `#line` directive
- A `#pragma hdrstop` directive
- After the named include file if you specify `-xpch=auto` and `-xpchstop`
- The first include file if you specify `-xpch=autofirst`

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**Note** - An end point within a preprocessor conditional compilation statement generates a warning and disables the automatic creation of a precompiled-header file. Also, if you specify both the `#pragma hdrstop` and the `-xpchstop` option, then the compiler uses the earlier of the two stop points to terminate the viable prefix.

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For `-xpch=collect` or `-xpch=use`, the viable prefix ends with a `#pragma hdrstop`.

Within the viable prefix of each file that shares a precompiled-header file, each corresponding `#define` and `#undef` directive must reference the same symbol. In the case of `#define`, each one must reference the same value. Their order of appearance within each viable prefix must be the same as well. Each corresponding `pragma` must also be the same and appear in the same order across all the files sharing a precompiled header.

## B.2.152.6 Screening a Header File for Problems

A header file is precompilable when it is interpreted consistently across different source files; specifically, when it contains only complete declarations. That is, a declaration in any one file must stand alone as a valid declaration. Incomplete type declarations, such as `struct S;`, are valid declarations. The complete type declaration can appear in some other file. Consider these example header files:

```
file a.h
struct S {
#include "x.h" /* not allowed */
};

file b.h
struct T; // ok, complete declaration
struct S {
    int i;
[end of file, continued in another file] /* not allowed*/
```

A header file that is incorporated into a precompiled-header file must not violate the following constraints. The results of compiling a program that violates any of these constraints is undefined.

- The header file must not use `__DATE__` and `__TIME__`.
- The header file must not contain `#pragma hdrstop`.

A header is also precompilable if it contains variable and function definitions, as well.

## B.2.152.7 Precompiled-Header File Cache

When the compiler creates a precompiled-header file automatically, the compiler writes it to the `SunWS_cache` directory. This directory always resides in the location where the object file is created. Updates to the file are performed under a lock so that it works properly under `dmake`.

If you need to force the compiler to rebuild automatically generated precompiled-header files, you can clear the precompiled-header file cache-directory with the `CCadmin` tool. See the `CCadmin(1)` man page for more information.

## B.2.152.8 Caveats

- Do not specify conflicting `-xpch` flags on the command line. For example, specifying both `-xpch=collect` and `-xpch=auto`, or specifying both `-xpch=autofirst` with `-xpchstop=<include>` generates an error.

- If you specify `-xpch=autofirst` or you specify `-xpch=auto` without `-xpchstop`, any declaration, definition, or `#line` directive that appears prior to the first include file, or appears prior to the include file that is specified with `-xpchstop` for `-xpch=auto`, generates a warning and disables the automatic generation of the precompiled-header file.
- A `#pragma hdrstop` before the first include file under `-xpch=autofirst` or `-xpch=auto` disables the automatic generation of the precompiled-header file.

### B.2.152.9 Precompiled-Header File Dependencies and make Files

The compiler generates dependency information for precompiled-header files when you specify `-xpch=collect`. You need to create the appropriate rules in your make files to take advantage of these dependencies. Consider this sample make file:

```
%.o : %.c shared.cpch
    $(CC) -xpch=use:shared -xpchstop=foo.h -c $<
default : a.out

foo.o + shared.cpch : foo.c
    $(CC) -xpch=collect:shared -xpchstop=foo.h foo.c -c

a.out : foo.o bar.o foobar.o
    $(CC) foo.o bar.o foobar.o

clean :
    rm -f *.o shared.cpch .make.state a.out
```

These make rules, along with the dependencies generated by the compiler, force a manually created precompiled- header file to be re-created if any source file you used with `-xpch=collect`, or any of the headers that are part of the precompiled-header file, have changed. This constraint prevents the use of an out-of-date precompiled-header file.

You do not have to create any additional make rules in your makefiles for `-xpch=auto` or `-xpch=autofirst`.

### B.2.153 `-xpchstop=[file]<include>`

Use the `-xpchstop=file` option to specify the last include file of the viable prefix for the precompiled-header file. Using `-xpchstop` on the command line is equivalent to placing a `hdrstop` pragma after the first include-directive that references *file* in each of the source files that you specify with the `cc` command.

Use `-xpchstop=<include>` with `-xpch=auto` to create a precompiled-header file that is based on header files up through and including `<include>`. This flag overrides the default `-xpch=auto` behavior of using all header files that are contained in the entire viable prefix.

In the following example, the `-xpchstop` option specifies that the viable prefix for the precompiled-header file ends with the include of `projectheader.h`. Therefore, `privateheader.h` is not a part of the viable prefix.

```
example% cat a.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <strings.h>
#include "projectheader.h"
#include "privateheader.h"
.
.
.
example% cc -xpch=collect:foo.cpch a.c -xpchstop=projectheader.h -c
```

See also `-xpch`.

## B.2.154 `-xpec [= {yes | no}]`

(Oracle Solaris) Generates a Portable Executable Code (PEC) binary. This option puts the program intermediate representations in the object file and the binary. This binary may be used later for tuning and troubleshooting.

A binary that is built with `-xpec` is usually five to ten times larger than if it is built without `-xpec`.

If you do not specify `-xpec`, the compiler assumes `-xpec=no`. If you specify `-xpec`, but do not supply a flag, the compiler assumes `-xpec=yes`.

## B.2.155 `-xpentium`

(x86) Generates code for the Pentium processor.

## B.2.156 `-xpg`

Prepares the object code to collect data for profiling with `gprof(1)`. It invokes a runtime recording mechanism that produces a `gmon.out` file at normal termination.

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**Note** - `-xpg` does not provide any additional benefit if used with `-xprofile`. The two options do not prepare or use data provided by the other.

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Profiles are generated by using `prof(1)` or `gprof(1)` on 64-bit Oracle Solaris platforms or just `gprof` on 32-bit Oracle Solaris platforms and include approximate user CPU times derived from PC sample data (see `pcsample(2)`) for routines in the main executable and routines in shared libraries specified as linker arguments when the executable is linked. Other shared libraries (libraries opened after process startup using `dlopen(3C)`) are not profiled.

On 32-bit Oracle Solaris systems, profiles generated using `prof(1)` are limited to routines in the executable. 32-bit shared libraries can be profiled by linking the executable with `-xpg` and using `gprof(1)`.

On x86 systems, `-xpg` is incompatible with `-xregs=frameptr`. These two options should not be used together. Note also that `-xregs=frameptr` is included in `-fast`. Compile with `-fast -xregs=no%frameptr -xpg` when using `-fast` with `-xpg`.

Current Oracle Solaris releases do not include system libraries compiled with `-p`. As a result, profiles collected current Oracle Solaris platforms do not include call counts for system library routines.

If you specify `-xpg` at compile time, you must also specify it at link time. See [“A.1.2 Compile-Time and Link-Time Options” on page 229](#) for a complete list of options that must be specified at both compile time and link time.

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**Note** - Binaries compiled with `-xpg` for `gprof` profiling should not be used with `binopt(1)`, as they are incompatible and can result in internal errors.

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## B.2.157 `-xprefetch[=val[, val]]`

Enables prefetch instructions on those architectures that support prefetch.

Explicit prefetching should be used only under special circumstances that are supported by measurements.

The following table lists the values of *val*.

**TABLE 76** `-xprefetch` Flags

Flag	Meaning
<code>latx:factor</code>	(SPARC) Adjust the compiler’s assumed prefetch-to-load and prefetch-to-store latencies by the specified factor. You can only combine this flag with <code>-xprefetch=auto</code> . See <a href="#">“B.2.157.1 Prefetch Latency Ratio (SPARC)” on page 337</a>

Flag	Meaning
[no%]auto	[Disable] Enable automatic generation of prefetch instructions.
[no%]explicit	[Disable] Enable explicit prefetch macros.
yes	Obsolete - do not use. Use <code>-xprefetch=auto,explicit</code> instead.
no	Obsolete - do not use. Use <code>-xprefetch=no%auto,no%explicit</code> instead.

The default is `-xprefetch=auto,explicit`. This default adversely affects applications that have essentially non-linear memory access patterns. Specify `-xprefetch=no%auto,no%explicit` to override the default.

The `sun_prefetch.h` header file provides the macros that you can use to specify explicit prefetch instructions. The prefetches are approximately at the place in the executable that corresponds to where the macros appear.

### B.2.157.1 Prefetch Latency Ratio (SPARC)

The prefetch latency is the hardware delay between the execution of a prefetch instruction and the time the data being prefetched is available in the cache.

The factor must be a positive number of the form  $n.n$ .

The compiler assumes a prefetch latency value when determining how far apart to place a prefetch instruction and the load or store instruction that uses the prefetched data. The assumed latency between a prefetch and a load might not be the same as the assumed latency between a prefetch and a store.

The compiler tunes the prefetch mechanism for optimal performance across a wide range of machines and applications. This tuning may not always be optimal. For memory-intensive applications, especially applications intended to run on large multiprocessors, you might be able to obtain better performance by increasing the prefetch latency values. To increase the values, use a factor that is greater than 1 (one). A value between .5 and 2.0 will most likely provide the maximum performance.

For applications with data sets that reside entirely within the external cache, you might be able to obtain better performance by decreasing the prefetch latency values. To decrease the values, use a factor that is less than one.

To use the `latx:factor` suboption, start with a factor value near 1.0 and run performance tests against the application. Increase or decrease the factor, as appropriate, and run the performance tests again. Continue adjusting the factor and running the performance tests until you achieve optimum performance. When you increase or decrease the factor in small steps, you will see no performance difference for a few steps, then a sudden difference, then performance will level off again.

## B.2.158 `-xprefetch_auto_type=a`

The value for *a* is `[no%]indirect_array_access`.

Use `-xprefetch_auto_type=indirect_array_access` to enable the compiler to generate indirect prefetches for the loops indicated by the option `-xprefetch_level` in the same fashion the prefetches for direct memory accesses are generated.

If you do not specify a setting for `-xprefetch_auto_type`, the compiler sets it to `-xprefetch_auto_type=no%indirect_array_access`.

Options such as `-xalias_level` can affect the aggressiveness of computing the indirect prefetch candidates and therefore the aggressiveness of the automatic indirect prefetch insertion due to better memory alias disambiguation information.

## B.2.159 `-xprefetch_level=l`

Use the `-xprefetch_level` option to control the aggressiveness of automatic insertion of prefetch instructions as determined with `-xprefetch=auto`. *l* must be 1, 2, or 3. The compiler becomes more aggressive, or in other words, introduces more prefetches with each higher level of `-xprefetch_level`.

The appropriate value for the `-xprefetch_level` depends on the number of cache misses the application has. Higher `-xprefetch_level` values have the potential to improve the performance of applications.

This option is effective only when it is compiled with `-xprefetch=auto` with optimization level 3 or greater.

`-xprefetch_level=1` enables automatic generation of prefetch instructions. `-xprefetch_level=2` enables additional generation beyond level 1. `-xprefetch_level=3` enables additional generation beyond level 2.

The default is `-xprefetch_level=1` when you specify `-xprefetch=auto`.

## B.2.160 `-xprewise={yes|no}`

Compile with this option to produce a static analysis of the source code that can be viewed using the Code Analyzer.

When compiling with `-xprewise=yes` and linking in a separate step, include `-xprewise=yes` also on the link step.

The default is `-xprewise=no`.

On Oracle Linux, `-xprewise=yes` needs to be specified along with `-xannotate`.

See the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Code Analyzer User's Guide](#) for further information.

## B.2.161 `-xprofile=p`

Collects data for a profile or uses a profile to optimize.

*p* must be `collect[:profdir]`, `use[:profdir]`, or `tcov[:profdir]`.

This option causes execution frequency data to be collected and saved during execution. The data can be used in subsequent runs to improve performance. Profile collection is safe for multithreaded applications. That is, profiling a program that does its own multitasking ( `-mt` ) produces accurate results. This option is valid only when you specify `-xO2` or greater level of optimization. If compilation and linking are performed in separate steps, the same `-xprofile` option must appear on the link step as well as the compile step.

`collect[:profdir]` Collects and saves execution frequency for later use by the optimizer with `-xprofile=use`. The compiler generates code to measure statement execution-frequency.

`-xMerge`, `-ztext`, and `-xprofile=collect` should not be used together. While `-xMerge` forces statically initialized data into read-only storage, `-ztext` prohibits position-dependent symbol relocations in read-only storage, and `-xprofile=collect` generates statically initialized, position-dependent symbol relocations in writable storage.

The profile directory name *profdir*, if specified, is the pathname of the directory where profile data are to be stored when a program or shared library containing the profiled object code is executed. If the *profdir* pathname is not absolute, it is interpreted relative to the current working directory when the program is compiled with the option `-xprofile=use:profdir`.

If no profile directory name is specified with `-xprofile=collect:prof_dir` or `-xprofile=tcov:prof_dir`, profile data are stored at run time in a directory named *program.profile* where *program* is the basename of the profiled process's main

program. In this case, the environment variables `SUN_PROFDATA` and `SUN_PROFDATA_DIR` can be used to control where the profile data are stored at run time. If set, the profile data are written to the directory given by `$SUN_PROFDATA_DIR/$SUN_PROFDATA`. If a profile directory name is specified at compilation time, `SUN_PROFDATA_DIR` and `SUN_PROFDATA` have no effect at run time. These environment variables similarly control the path and names of the profile data files written by `tcov`, as described in the `tcov(1)` man page.

If these environment variables are not set, the profile data is written to the directory `profdir.profile` in the current directory, where `profdir` is the name of the executable or the name specified in the `-xprofile=collect:profdir` flag. `-xprofile` does not append `.profile` to `profdir` if `profdir` already ends in `.profile`. If you run the program several times, the execution frequency data accumulates in the `profdir.profile` directory; that is output from prior executions is not lost.

If you are compiling and linking in separate steps, make sure that any object files compiled with `-xprofile=collect` are also linked with `-xprofile=collect`.

The following example collects and uses profile data in the directory `myprof.profile` located in the same directory where the program is built:

```
demo: cc -xprofile=collect:myprof.profile -xO5 prog.c -o prog
demo: ./prog
demo: cc -xprofile=use:myprof.profile -xO5 prog.c -o prog
```

The following example collects profile data in the directory `/bench/myprof.profile` and later uses the collected profile data in a feedback compilation at optimization level `-xO5`:

```
demo: cc -xprofile=collect:/bench/myprof.profile
\   -xO5 prog.c -o prog
...run prog from multiple locations..
demo: cc -xprofile=use:/bench/myprof.profile
\   -xO5 prog.c -o prog
```

`use[:profdir]`

Uses execution frequency data collected from code compiled with `-xprofile=collect[:profdir]` or `-xprofile=tcov[:profdir]` to optimize for the work performed when the profiled code was executed. `profdir` is the pathname of a directory containing profile data collected by running a program that was compiled with `-xprofile=collect[:profdir]` or `-xprofile=tcov[:profdir]`.

To generate data that can be used by both `tcov` and `-xprofile=use[:profdir]`, a profile directory must be specified at compilation time, using the option `-xprofile=tcov[:profdir]`. The same profile directory must be specified in both `-xprofile=tcov:profdir` and `-xprofile=use:profdir`. To minimize confusion, specify *profdir* as an absolute pathname.

The *profdir* path name is optional. If *profdir* is not specified, the name of the executable binary is used. `a.out` is used if `-o` is not specified. The compiler looks for *profdir*.profile/feedback, or `a.out`.profile/feedback when *profdir* is not specified. For example:

```
demo: cc -xprofile=collect -o myexe prog.c
demo: cc -xprofile=use:myexe -xO5 -o myexe prog.c
```

The program is optimized by using the execution frequency data previously generated and saved in the feedback files written by a previous execution of the program compiled with `-xprofile=collect`.

Except for the `-xprofile` option, the source files and other compiler options must be exactly the same as those used for the compilation that created the compiled program that generated the feedback file. The same version of the compiler must be used for both the `collect` build and the `use` build as well.

If compiled with `-xprofile=collect:profdir`, the same profile directory name *profdir* must be used in the optimizing compilation: `-xprofile=use:profdir`.

See also `-xprofile_ircache` for speeding up compilation between `collect` and `use` phases.

`tcov[:profdir]`

Instrument object files for basic block coverage analysis using `tcov(1)`.

If the optional *profdir* argument is specified, the compiler will create a profile directory at the specified location. The data stored in the profile directory can be used either by `tcov(1)` or by the compiler with `-xprofile=use:profdir`. If the optional *profdir* path name is omitted, a profile directory will be created when the profiled program is executed. The data stored in the profile directory can be used only by `tcov(1)`. The location of the profile directory can be controlled using environment variables `SUN_PROFDATA` and `SUN_PROFDATA_DIR`.

If the location specified by *profdir* is not an absolute path name, it is interpreted at compilation time relative to the current working directory.

The directory whose location is specified by *profdir* must be accessible from all machines where the profiled program is to be executed. The profile directory should not be deleted until its contents are no longer needed, because data stored there by the compiler cannot be restored except by recompilation.

Example 1: If object files for one or more programs are compiled with `-xprofile=tcov:/test/profdata`, a directory named `/test/profdata.profile` will be created by the compiler and used to store data describing the profiled object files. The same directory will also be used at execution time to store execution data associated with the profiled object files.

Example 2: If a program named `myprog` is compiled with `-xprofile=tcov` and executed in the directory `/home/joe`, the directory `/home/joe/myprog.profile` will be created at runtime and used to store runtime profile data.

## B.2.162 `-xprofile_ircache[=path]`

(SPARC) Use `-xprofile_ircache[=path]` with `-xprofile=collect|use` to improve compilation time during the use phase by reusing compilation data saved from the collect phase.

With large programs, compilation time in the use phase can improve significantly because the intermediate data is saved. Note that the saved data could increase disk space requirements considerably.

When you use `-xprofile_ircache[=path]`, *path* overrides the location where the cached files are saved. By default, these files are saved in the same directory as the object file. Specifying a path is useful when the collect and use phases happen in two different directories. The following example shows a typical sequence of commands:

```
example% cc -x05 -xprofile=collect -xprofile_ircache t1.c t2.c
example% a.out // run collects feedback data
example% cc -x05 -xprofile=use -xprofile_ircache t1.c t2.c
```

## B.2.163 `-xprofile_pathmap`

(SPARC) Use the `-xprofile_pathmap=collect_prefix:use_prefix` option when you are also specifying the `-xprofile=use` command. Use `-xprofile_pathmap` when both of the following

are true and the compiler is unable to find profile data for an object file that is compiled with `-xprofile=use`.

- You are compiling the object file with `-xprofile=use` in a directory that is different from the directory in which the object file was previously compiled with `-xprofile=collect`.
- Your object files share a common base name in the profile but are distinguished from each other by their location in different directories.

The *collect-prefix* is the prefix of the UNIX path name of a directory tree in which object files were compiled using `-xprofile=collect`.

The *use-prefix* is the prefix of the UNIX pathname of a directory tree in which object files are to be compiled using `-xprofile=use`.

If you specify multiple instances of `-xprofile_pathmap`, the compiler processes them in the order of their occurrence. Each *use-prefix* specified by an instance of `-xprofile_pathmap` is compared with the object file pathname until either a matching *use-prefix* is identified or the last specified *use-prefix* is found not to match the object file path name.

## B.2.164 `-xreduction`

Analyzes loops for reduction in automatic parallelization. This option is valid only if `-xautopar` is also specified. Otherwise the compiler issues a warning.

When a reduction recognition is enabled, the compiler parallelizes reductions such as dot products and maximum and minimum finding. These reductions yield roundoffs different from those obtained by unparallelized code.

See also the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: OpenMP API User's Guide](#).

## B.2.165 `-xregs=r[,r...]`

Specifies the usage of registers for the generated code.

*r* is a comma-separated list that consists of one or more of the following suboptions: `appl`, `float`, `frameptr`.

Prefixing a suboption with `no%` disables that suboption.

Note that `-xregs` suboptions are restricted to specific hardware platforms.

Example:

`-xregs=appl,no%float`

**TABLE 77** `-xregs` Sub-options

Value	Meaning
<code>appl</code>	<p>(SPARC) Allows the compiler to generate code using the application registers as scratch registers. The application registers are:</p> <p>g2, g3, g4 (on 32-bit platforms)</p> <p>g2, g3 (on 64-bit platforms)</p> <p>You should compile all system software and libraries using <code>-xregs=no%appl</code>. System software (including shared libraries) must preserve these registers' values for the application. Their use is intended to be controlled by the compilation system and must be consistent throughout the application.</p> <p>In the SPARC ABI, these registers are described as <i>application</i> registers. Using these registers can improve performance because fewer load and store instructions are needed. However, such use can conflict with some old library programs written in assembly code.</p>
<code>float</code>	<p>(SPARC) Allows the compiler to generate code by using the floating-point registers as scratch registers for integer values. Floating-point values may use these registers regardless of this option. If you want your code to be free of all references to floating point registers, use <code>-xregs=no%float</code> and make sure your code does not use floating-point types in any way.</p> <p>(x86) Allow the compiler to generate code by using the floating-point registers as scratch registers. Floating-point values may use these registers regardless of this option. To generate binary code free of all references to floating point registers, use <code>-xregs=no%float</code> and make sure your source code does not in any way use floating point types. During code generation the compilers will attempt to diagnose code that results in the use of floating point, <code>simd</code>, or <code>x87</code> instructions.</p>
<code>frameptr</code>	<p>(x86) Allows the compiler to use the frame-pointer register (<code>%ebp</code> on IA32, <code>%rbp</code> on AMD64) as a general-purpose register.</p> <p>The default is <code>-xregs=no%frameptr</code></p> <p>The C++ compiler ignores <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> unless exceptions are also disabled with <code>-features=no%except</code>. Note that <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> is part of <code>-fast</code>.</p> <p>With <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> the compiler is free to use the frame-pointer register to improve program performance. However, some features of the debugger and performance measurement tools might be limited as a result. Stack tracing, debuggers, and performance analyzers cannot report on functions compiled with <code>-xregs=frameptr</code></p> <p>Mixed C, Fortran, and C++ code should not be compiled with <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> if a C++ function, called directly or indirectly from a C or Fortran function, can throw an exception. If compiling such mixed source code with <code>-fast</code>, add <code>-xregs=no%frameptr</code> after the <code>-fast</code> option on the command line.</p> <p>With more available registers on 64-bit platforms, compiling with <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> has a better chance of improving 32-bit code performance than 64-bit code.</p>

Value	Meaning
	The compiler ignores <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> and issues a warning if you also specify <code>-xpg</code> . Also, <code>-xkeepframe</code> overrides <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> . For example, <code>-xkeepframe=all -xregs=frameptr</code> indicates that the stack should be kept for all functions, but the optimizations for <code>-xregs=frameptr</code> would be ignored.

The SPARC default is `-xregs=appl, float`.

The x86 default is `-xregs=no%frameptr, float`.

On x86 systems, `-xpg` is incompatible with `-xregs=frameptr`. These two options should not be used together. Note also that `-xregs=frameptr` is included in `-fast`.

You should compile code intended for shared libraries that will link with applications with `-xregs=no%appl, float`. At the very least, the shared library should explicitly document how it uses the application registers so that applications linking with those libraries are aware of these register assignments.

For example, an application using the registers in some global sense (such as using a register to point to some critical data structure) would need to be aware of how a library with code compiled without `-xregs=no%appl` is using the application registers in order to safely link with that library.

## B.2.166 `-xrestrict[=f]`

Treats pointer-valued function parameters as restricted pointers. *f* is `%all`, `%none`, or a comma-separated list of one or more function names: `{%all|%none|fn[,fn...]}`.

If a function list is specified with this option, pointer parameters in the specified functions are treated as restricted. If `-xrestrict=%all` is specified, all pointer parameters in the entire C file are treated as restricted. Refer to [“4.2.6.2 Restricted Pointers” on page 102](#) for more information.

This command-line option can be used on its own, but it is best used with optimization. For example, the command treats all pointer parameters in the file `prog.c` as restricted pointers:

```
%cc -xO3 -xrestrict=%all prog.c
```

The command treats all pointer parameters in the function `agc` in the file `prog.c` as restricted pointers:

```
%cc -xO3 -xrestrict=agc prog.c
```

The default is `%none`. Specifying `-xrestrict` is equivalent to specifying `-xrestrict=%all`.

## B.2.167 `-xs [= {yes | no} ]`

dbx

(Oracle Solaris) Link debug information from object files into executable.

`-xs` is the same as `-xs=yes`.

The default for `-xdebugformat=dwarf` is the same as `-xs=yes`.

The default for `-xdebugformat=stabs` is the same as `-xs=no`.

This option controls the trade-off of executable size versus the need to retain object files in order to debug. For dwarf, use `-xs=no` to keep the executable small but depend on the object files. For stabs, use `-xs` or `-xs=yes` to avoid dependence on the object files at the cost of a larger executable. This option has almost no effect on dbx performance or the runtime performance of the program.

When the compile command forces linking (that is, `-c` is not specified) there will be no object file(s) and the debug information must be placed in the executable. In this case, `-xs=no` (implicit or explicit) will be ignored.

The feature is implemented by having the compiler adjust the section flags and/or section names in the object file that it emits, which then tells the linker what to do for that object file's debug information. It is therefore a compiler option, not a linker option. It is possible to have an executable with some object files compiled `-xs=yes` and others compiled `-xs=no`.

Oracle Linux compilers accept but ignore `-xs`. Oracle Linux compilers do not accept `-xs={yes | no}`.

## B.2.168 `-xsafe=mem`

(SPARC) Allows the compiler to assume no memory protection violations occur.

This option grants permission to use non-faulting load instruction on the SPARC V9 architecture.

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**Note** - Because non-faulting loads do not cause a trap when a fault such as address misalignment or segmentation violation occurs, you should use this option only for programs in which such faults cannot occur. Because few programs incur memory-based traps, you can safely use this option for most programs. Do not use this option for programs that explicitly depend on memory-based traps to handle exceptional conditions.

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This option takes effect only when used with optimization level `-xO5` and one of the following `-xarch` values: `sparc`, `sparcvis`, `sparcvis2`, or `sparcvis3` for both `-m32` and `-m64`.

## B.2.169 `-xsecure_code_analysis{=[yes|no]}`

Enable or disable compiler secure code analysis to find and display possible memory safety violations at compile time. Secure code analysis runs in parallel with the compilation process and may result in increased compile time.

If `-xsecure_code_analysis` is not specified or if it is specified without a `yes|no` argument, the default is `-xsecure_code_analysis=yes`.

Use `-xsecure_code_analysis=no` to disable secure code analysis.

## B.2.170 `-xsegment_align=n`

(Oracle Solaris) This option causes the driver to include a special mapfile on the link line. The mapfile aligns the text, data, and bss segments to the value specified by *n*. When using very large pages, it is important that the heap and stack segments are aligned on an appropriate boundary. If these segments are not aligned, small pages will be used up to the next boundary, which could cause a performance degradation. The mapfile ensures that the segments are aligned on an appropriate boundary.

The *n* value must be one of the following:

SPARC: The following values are valid: 8K, 64K, 512K, 2M, 4M, 32M, 256M, 1G, and none.

x86: The following values are valid: 4K, 8K, 64K, 512K, 2M, 4M, 32M, 256M, 1G, and none.

The default for both SPARC and x86 is none.

Recommended usage is as follows:

SPARC 32-bit compilation: `-xsegment_align=64K`

SPARC 64-bit compilation: `-xsegment_align=4M`

x86 32-bit compilation: `-xsegment_align=8K`

x86 64-bit compilation: `-xsegment_align=4M`

The driver will include the appropriate mapfile. For example, if the user specifies `-xsegment_align=4M`, the driver adds `-M install-directory/lib/compilers/mapfiles/`

`map.4M.align` to the link line, where *install-directory* is the installation directory. The aforementioned segments will then be aligned on a 4M boundary.

### **B.2.171 -xsfpcnst**

Represents unsuffixed floating-point constants as single precision instead of the default mode of double precision. Not valid with `-pedantic`.

### **B.2.172 -xspace**

Does no optimizations or parallelization of loops that increase code size.

Example: The compiler will not unroll loops or parallelize loops if it increases code size.

### **B.2.173 -xstrconst**

This option is deprecated and might be removed in a future release. `-xstrconst` is an alias for `-features=conststrings`.

### **B.2.174 -xtarget=*t***

Specifies the target system for instruction set and optimization.

The value of *t* must be one of the following: `native`, `generic`, or *system-name*.

For example, `-xtarget=T3` is equivalent to `-xchip=T3 -xcache=8/16/4:6144/64/24 -xarch=sparcvis3`.

```
cc -dryrun -xtarget=T3 |& grep ###  
###      command line files and options (expanded):  
### -dryrun -xchip=T3 -xcache=8/16/4:6144/64/24 -xarch=sparcvis3
```

The data type model, either 32-bit or 64-bit, is indicated by the `-m32|-m64` option. To specify the 64-bit data type model, use the `-m64` option as follows:

```
-xtarget=<value> ... -m64
```

To specify the 32-bit data type model, use the `-m32` option as follows:

```
-xtarget=<value> ... -m32
```

See also the `-m32|-m64` option for a discussion of the default data type model.

**Note** - The expansion of `-xtarget` for a specific host system might not expand to the same `-xarch`, `-xchip`, or `-xcache` settings as `-xtarget=native` when compiling on that system.

**TABLE 78** `-xtarget` Values for All Systems

Value	Meaning
<code>native</code>	Equivalent to  <code>-m32 -xarch=native -xchip=native -xcache=native</code>  to give best performance on the host 32-bit system.
<code>generic</code>	Equivalent to  <code>-m32 -xarch=generic -xchip=generic -xcache=generic</code>  to give best performance on most 32-bit systems.
<code>system-name</code>	Gets the best performance for the specified platform.  Select a system name from the following lists that represents the actual system you are targeting.

The performance of some programs may benefit by providing the compiler with an accurate description of the target computer hardware. When program performance is critical, the proper specification of the target hardware could be very important, especially when running on the newer SPARC processors. However, for most programs and older SPARC processors, the performance gain is negligible and a generic specification is sufficient.

### B.2.174.1 `-xtarget` Values on SPARC Systems

**TABLE 79** `-xtarget` Expansions on SPARC

<code>-xtarget=</code>	<code>-xarch</code>	<code>-xchip</code>	<code>-xcache</code>
<code>ultraT1</code>	<code>sparc</code>	<code>ultraT1</code>	8/16/4/4: 3072/64/12/32
<code>ultraT2</code>	<code>sparcvis2</code>	<code>ultraT2</code>	8/16/4:4096/64/16
<code>ultraT2plus</code>	<code>sparcvis2</code>	<code>ultraT2plus</code>	8/16/4:4096/64/16
<code>T3</code>	<code>sparcvis3</code>	<code>ultraT3</code>	8/16/4:6144/64/24
<code>T4</code>	<code>sparc4</code>	<code>T4</code>	16/32/4:128/32/8: 4096/64/16
<code>sparc64vi</code>	<code>sparcfmaf</code>	<code>sparc64vi</code>	128/64/2:5120/64/10

-xtarget=	-xarch	-xchip	-xcache
sparc64vii	sparcima	sparc64vii	64/64/2:5120/256/10
sparc64viplus	sparcima	sparc64viplus	64/64/2: 11264/256/11
sparc64x	sparcace	sparc64x	64/128/4/2:24576/128/24/32
sparc64xplus	sparcaceplus	sparc64xplus	64/128/4/2:24576/128/24/32
T5	sparc4	T5	16/32/4/8:128/32/8/8: 8192/64/16/128
T7	sparc5	T7	16/32/4/8:256/64/8/16: 8192/64/8/32
M5	sparc4	M5	16/32/4/8:128/32/8/8: 49152/64/12/48
M6	sparc4	M6	16/32/4/8:128/32/8/8: 49152/64/12/96
M7	sparc5	M7	16/32/4/8:256/64/8/16: 8192/64/8/32

## B.2.174.2 -xtarget Values on x86 Systems

**TABLE 80** -xtarget Expansions on x86

-xtarget=	-xarch	-xchip	-xcache
pentium	386	pentium	generic
pentium_pro	pentium_pro	pentium_pro	generic
pentium3	sse	pentium3	16/32/4:256/32/4
pentium4	sse2	pentium4	8/64/4:256/128/8
opteron	sse2a	opteron	64/64/2:1024/64/16
woodcrest	ssse3	core2	32/64/8:4096/64/16
barcelona	amdsse4a	amdfam10	64/64/2:512/64/16
penryn	sse4_1	penryn	2/64/8:6144/64/24
nehalem	sse4_2	nehalem	32/64/8:256/64/8: 8192/64/16
westmere	aes	westmere	32/64/8:256/64/8:30720/64/24
sandybridge	avx	sandybridge	32/64/8/2:256/64/8/2: 20480/64/20/16
ivybridge	avx_i	ivybridge	32/64/8/2:256/64/8/2: 20480/64/20/16
haswell	avx2	haswell	32/64/8/2:256/64/8/2: 20480/64/20/16

<b>-xtarget=</b>	<b>-xarch</b>	<b>-xchip</b>	<b>-xcache</b>
broadwell	avx2_i	broadwell	32/64/8/2:256/64/8/2: 20480/64/20/16

## B.2.175 **-xtemp=***path*

Equivalent to `-temp=`*path*.

## B.2.176 **-xthreadvar[=***o***]**

Specify `-xthreadvar` to control the implementation of thread local variables. Use this option in conjunction with the `__thread` declaration specifier to take advantage of the compiler's thread-local storage facility. After you declare the thread variables with the `__thread` specifier, specify `-xthreadvar` to enable the use of thread-local storage with position dependent code (non-PIC code) in dynamic (shared) libraries. For more information about how to use `__thread`, see [“2.4 Thread Local Storage Specifier”](#) on page 33.

*o* must be `dynamic` or `no%dynamic`.

**TABLE 81** `-xthreadvar` Flags

<b>Flag</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
[no%] <code>dynamic</code>	Compile variables for dynamic loading.  Access to thread variables is significantly faster when <code>-xthreadvar=no%dynamic</code> but you cannot use the object file within a dynamic library. That is, you can only use the object file in an executable file.

If you do not specify `-xthreadvar`, the default used by the compiler depends upon whether position-independent code is enabled. If position-independent code is enabled, the option is set to `-xthreadvar=dynamic`. If position-independent code is disabled, the option is set to `-xthreadvar=no%dynamic`.

If you specify `-xthreadvar` but do not specify any values, the option is set to `-xthreadvar=dynamic`.

If a dynamic library contains non-position-independent code, you must specify `-xthreadvar`.

The linker cannot support the thread-variable equivalent of non-PIC code in dynamic libraries. Non-PIC thread variables are significantly faster, and therefore should be the default for executables.

See also the descriptions of `-xcode`, `-KPIC`, and `-Kpic`.

### **B.2.177** `-xthroughput[={yes|no}]`

The `-xthroughput` option tells the compiler that the application will be run in situations where many processes are simultaneously running on the system.

If `-xthroughput=yes`, the compiler will favor optimizations that slightly reduce performance for a single process while improving the amount of work achieved by all the processes on the system. As an example, the compiler might choose to be less aggressive in prefetching data. Such a choice would reduce the memory bandwidth consumed by the process, and as such the process may run slower, but it would also leave more memory bandwidth to be shared among other processes.

The default is `-xthroughput=no`.

### **B.2.178** `-xtime`

Reports the time and resources used by each compilation component.

### **B.2.179** `-xtransition`

Issues warnings for the differences between K&R C and Oracle Developer Studio ISO C.

The `-xtransition` option issues warnings in conjunction with the `-Xa` and `-Xt` options. You can eliminate all warning messages about differing behavior through appropriate coding. The following warnings no longer appear unless you issue the `-xtransition` option:

- `\a` is ISO C “alert” character
- `\x` is ISO C hex escape
- bad octal digit
- base type is really *type tag: name*
- comment is replaced by “##”
- comment does not concatenate tokens
- declaration introduces new type in ISO C: *type tag*
- macro replacement within a character constant

- macro replacement within a string literal
- no macro replacement within a character constant
- no macro replacement within a string literal
- operand treated as unsigned
- trigraph sequence replaced
- ISO C treats constant as unsigned: *operator*
- semantics of *operator* change in ISO C; use explicit cast

## B.2.180 **-xtrigraphs[={yes|no}]**

The `-xtrigraphs` option determines whether the compiler recognizes trigraph sequences as defined by the ISO C standard.

By default, the compiler assumes `-xtrigraphs=yes` and recognizes all trigraph sequences throughout the compilation unit.

If your source code has a literal string containing question marks (?) that the compiler is interpreting as a trigraph sequence, you can use the `-xtrigraph=no` suboption to disable the recognition of trigraph sequences. The `-xtrigraphs=no` option disables recognition of all trigraphs throughout the entire compilation unit.

Consider the following example source file named `trigraphs_demo.c`.

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main ()
{
    (void) printf("(?\?) in a string appears as (??)\n");

    return 0;
}
```

The following examples shows the output if you compile this code with `-xtrigraphs=yes`.

```
example% cc -xtrigraphs=yes trigraphs_demo.c
example% a.out
(??) in a string appears as ( )
```

The following example shows the output if you compile this code with `-xtrigraphs=no`.

```
example% cc -xtrigraphs=no trigraphs_demo.c
example% a.out
```

(??) in a string appears as (??)

### **B.2.181 -xunboundsym={yes|no}**

Specify whether the program contains references to dynamically bound symbols.

-xunboundsym=yes means the program contains references dynamically bound symbols.

-xunboundsym=no means the program does not contain references to dynamically bound symbols.

The default is -xunboundsym=no.

### **B.2.182 -xunroll=*n***

Suggests to the optimizer to unroll loops *n* times. *n* is a positive integer. When *n* is 1, it requires the compiler not to unroll loops. When *n* is greater than 1, -xunroll=*n* suggests that the compiler unroll loops *n* times where appropriate.

### **B.2.183 -xustr={ascii\_utf16\_ushort|no}**

Use this option if you need to support an internationalized application that uses ISO10646 UTF-16 string literals. In other words, use this option if your code contains a string literal that you want the compiler to convert to UTF-16 strings in the object file. Without this option, the compiler neither produces nor recognizes 16-bit character string literals. This option enables recognition of the U"*ASCII\_string*" string literals as an array of type unsigned short int. Because such strings are not yet part of any standard, this option enables recognition of non-standard C.

You can turn off compiler recognition of U"*ASCII\_string*" string literals by specifying -xustr=no. The right-most instance of this option on the command line overrides all previous instances.

The default is -xustr=no. If you specify -xustr without an argument, the compiler won't accept it and instead issues a warning. The default can change if the C or C++ standards define a meaning for the syntax.

You can specify -xustr=ascii\_utf16\_ushort without also specifying a U"*ASCII\_string*" string literals.

When specifying the flag `-xustr=ascii_utf16_ushort`, one of the following options must also be specified: `-Xc`, `-Xa`, `-Xt`, `-Xs`, `-xc99`, `-std=c99`, `-std=c89`, or `-ansi`.

Not all files have to be compiled with this option.

The following example shows a string literal in quotes that is prepended by `U`. It also shows a command line that specifies `-xustr`.

```
example% cat file.c
const unsigned short *foo = U"foo";
const unsigned short bar[] = U"bar";
const unsigned short *fun() { return foo;}
example% cc -xustr=ascii_utf16_ushort file.c -c
```

An 8-bit character literal can be prepended with `U` to form a 16-bit UTF-16 character of type unsigned short. Examples:

```
const unsigned short x = U'x';
const unsigned short y = U'\x79';
```

## B.2.184 `-xvector[=a]`

Enable automatic generation of calls to the vector library functions or the generation of the SIMD (Single Instruction Multiple Data) instructions on processors that support SIMD. You must use default rounding mode by specifying `-fround=nearest` when you use this option.

The following table lists the values of `a`. The `no%` prefix disables the associated suboption.

**TABLE 82** The `-xvector` Flags

Value	Meaning
<code>[no%]lib</code>	(Oracle Solaris) Enable the compiler to transform math library calls within loops into single calls to the equivalent vector math routines when such transformations are possible. This could result in a performance improvement for loops with large loop counts. Use <code>no%lib</code> to disable this option.
<code>[no%]simd</code>	(SPARC) For <code>-xarch=sparcace</code> and <code>-xarch=sparcaceplus</code> , directs the compiler to use floating point and integral SIMD instructions to improve the performance of certain loops. Contrary to that of the other SPARC <code>-xarch</code> values under <code>-xarch=sparcace</code> and <code>-xarch=sparcaceplus</code> , <code>-xvector=simd</code> is in effect unless <code>-xvector=none</code> or <code>-xvector=no%simd</code> has been specified. In addition <code>-x04</code> or greater is required for <code>-xvector=simd</code> , otherwise <code>-xvector=simd</code> is ignored.  For all other <code>-xarch</code> values, directs the compiler to use the Visual Instruction Set [VIS1, VIS2, ViS3, etc.] SIMD instructions to improve the performance of certain loops. Basically with explicit <code>-xvector=simd</code> option, the compiler will perform loop

Value	Meaning
	transformation enabling the generation of special vectorized SIMD instructions to reduce the number of loop iterations. In addition to the optimization level requirement noted below, the <code>-xvector=simd</code> option is effective only if <code>-xarch=sparcvis3</code> and above.
<code>[no%]simd</code>	(x86) Direct the compiler to use the native x86 SSE SIMD instructions to improve performance of certain loops. Streaming extensions are used on x86 by default at optimization level 3 and above where beneficial. Use <code>no%simd</code> to disable it this option.  The compiler will use SIMD only if streaming extensions exist in the target architecture; that is, if target ISA is at least SSE2. For example, you can specify <code>-xtarget=woodcrest</code> , <code>-xarch=generic</code> , <code>-xarch=sse2</code> , <code>-xarch=sse3</code> , or <code>-fast</code> on a modern platform to use it. If the target ISA has no streaming extensions, the suboption will have no effect.
<code>%none</code>	Disable this option completely.
<code>yes</code>	This is deprecated, specify <code>-xvector=lib</code> instead.
<code>no</code>	This is deprecated, specify <code>-xvector=%none</code> instead.

On x86, the default is `-xvector=simd`. On SPARC, the default is `-xvector=simd` under `-xarch=sparcace` and `-xarch=sparcaceplus`, and `-xvector=%none` on other SPARC `-xarch` values. If you specify `-xvector` without a suboption, the compiler assumes `-xvector=simd,lib` on x86 Oracle Solaris, `-xvector=lib` on SPARC Oracle Solaris, and `-xvector=simd` on Oracle Linux platforms.

The `-xvector` option requires optimization level `-xO3` or greater. The option is silently ignored if the optimization level is lower than `-xO3`.

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**Note** - Compile with `-xvector=%none` when compiling Oracle Solaris kernel code for x86 platforms.

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The compiler includes the `libmvec` libraries in the load step. If you compile and link in separate steps, use the same `-xvector` option on both commands.

## B.2.185 -xvis

(SPARC) Use the `-xvis=[yes|no]` command when you are using the `vis.h` header to generate VIS instructions, or when using assembler inline code (`.il`) that use VIS instructions. The default is `-xvis=no`. Specifying `-xvis` is equivalent to specifying `-xvis=yes`.

The VIS instruction set is an extension to the SPARC-V9 instruction set. Even though the SPARC processors are 64-bit, there are many cases, especially in multimedia applications, when the data are limited to 8 or 16 bits in size. The VIS instructions can process four 16-bit data with

one instruction so they greatly improve the performance of applications that handle new media such as imaging, linear algebra, signal processing, audio, video, and networking.

### B.2.186 -xvpara

Issues warnings about potential parallel-programming related problems that might cause incorrect results when using OpenMP. Use with `-xopenmp` and OpenMP API directives.

The compiler issues warnings when it detects the following situations:

- Loops are parallelized using MP directives with data dependencies between different loop iterations
- OpenMP data-sharing attributes clauses are problematic. For example, declaring a variable "shared" whose accesses in an OpenMP parallel region might cause a data race, or declaring a variable "private" whose value in a parallel region is used after the parallel region.

No warnings appear if all parallelization directives are processed without problems.

Example:

```
cc -xopenmp -vpara any.c
```

### B.2.187 -Yc, dir

Specifies a new directory *dir* for the location of component *c*. *c* can consist of any of the characters representing components that are listed under the `-W` option.

If the location of a component is specified, then the new path name for the tool is *dir/tool*. If more than one `-Y` option is applied to any one item, then the last occurrence holds.

### B.2.188 -YA, dir

Specifies a directory *dir* to search for all compiler components. If a component is not found in *dir*, the search reverts to the directory where the compiler is installed.

### B.2.189 -YI, dir

Changes the default directory that is searched for include files.

### **B.2.190**    **-YP, *dir***

Changes the default directory for finding library files.

### **B.2.191**    **-YS, *dir***

Changes the default directory for startup object files.

## **B.3**    **Options Passed to the Linker**

`cc` recognizes `-a`, `-e`, `-r`, `-t`, `-u`, and `-z` and passes these options and their arguments to `ld`. `cc` passes any unrecognized options to `ld` with a warning. On Oracle Solaris platforms, the `-i` option and its arguments are also passed to the linker.

## **B.4**    **User-Supplied Default Options File**

The default compiler options file enables the user to specify a set of default options that are applied to all compiles, unless otherwise overridden. For example, the file could specify that all compiles default at `-xO2`, or automatically include the file `setup.il`.

At startup, the compiler searches for a default options file listing default options it should include for all compiles. The environment variable `SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH` specifies a colon separated list of directories to search for the defaults file.

If the environment variable is not set, a standard set of defaults is used. If the environment variable is set but is empty, no defaults are used.

The defaults file name must be of the form `compiler.defaults`, where `compiler` is one of the following: `cc`, `c89`, `c99`, `CC`, `ftn`, or `lint`. For example, the defaults for the C compiler would be `cc.defaults`

If a defaults file for the compiler is found in the directories listed in `SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH`, the compiler will read the file and process the options prior to processing the options on the command line. The first defaults file found will be used and the search terminated.

System administrators may create system-wide default files in `Studio-install-path/lib/compilers/etc/config`. If the environment variable is set, the installed defaults file will not be read.

The format of a defaults file is similar to the command line. Each line of the file may contain one or more compiler options separated by white space. Shell expansions, such as wild cards and substitutions, will not be applied to the options in the defaults file.

The value of the `SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH` and the fully expanded command line will be displayed in the verbose output produced by options `-#`, `-###`, and `-dryrun`.

Options specified by the user on the command line will usually override options read from the defaults file. For example, if the defaults file specifies compiling with `-x04` and the user specifies `-x02` on the command line, `-x02` will be used.

Some options appearing in the default options file will be appended after the options specified on the command line. These are the preprocessor option `-I`, linker options `-B`, `-L`, `-R`, and `-l`, and all file arguments, such as source files, object files, archives, and shared objects.

The following is an example of how a user-supplied default compiler option startup file might be used.

```
demo% cat /project/defaults/cc.defaults
-I/project/src/hdrs -L/project/libs -llibproj -xvpara
demo% setenv SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH /project/defaults
demo% cc -c -I/local/hdrs -L/local/libs -lliblocal tst.c
```

This command is now equivalent to:

```
cc -fast -xvpara -c -I/local/hdrs -L/local/libs -lliblocal tst.c \
-I/project/src/hdrs -L/project/libs -llibproj
```

While the compiler defaults file provides a convenient way to set the defaults for an entire project, it can become the cause of hard to diagnose problems. Set the environment variable `SPRO_DEFAULTS_PATH` to an absolute path rather than the current directory to avoid such problems.

The interface stability of the default options file is uncommitted. The order of option processing is subject to change in a future release.



## Features of C11

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This appendix discusses the features of the ISO/IEC 9899:2011, Programming Language - C standard currently supported by the C compiler.

The `-std=c11` flag controls compiler recognition of 9899:2011 ISO/C. For more information about the syntax of the `-std` flag, see [Chapter 3, “Support for Atomic Types”](#).

### C.1 Keywords

- `_Alignas`
- `_Alignof`
- `_Atomic`
- `_Generic`
- `_Noreturn`
- `_Static_assert`
- `_Thread_local`

### C.2 C11 Supported Features

- `_Alignas` specifier
- `_Alignof` operator
- `_Atomic` qualifier
- `_Atomic` type specifier
- `_Noreturn`
- `_Static_assert`
- `_Thread_local` storage specifier

- Allow typedef redefinition
- anonymous structs/unions
- Generic selection
- Unicode characters and strings
- Updated set of UCN characters allowed
- `__STDC_ANALYZABLE__` macro
- `__STDC_NO_THREADS__` macro

## C.2.1 `_Alignas` specifier

Feature: 6.7.5 Alignment specifier

```
_Alignas ( type-name )  
_Alignas ( constant-expression )
```

The `_Alignas` specifier cannot be used in a declaration of a typedef, a bit-field, a function, a parameter, or an object declared with the register storage-class specifier.

The constant expression shall evaluate to an integer constant expression. The constant expression must evaluate to an integer constant expression that is a power of 2 between 1 and 128. Valid values are: 0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, and 128. The value must evaluate to an alignment that is the same or stricter than the alignment that would be required for the type of the object or member being declared.

`_Alignas ( type-name )` is equivalent of `_Alignas ( _Alignof ( type-name ) )`.

An alignment specifier of 0 has no effect.

The effective alignment is that of the strictest alignment specifier.

An object declared with an alignment specifier must be specified with the same alignment specifier, or no alignment specifier, on every other declaration of that object. The alignment of an object must be specified the same in every source file declaring the same object, or behavior is undefined.

## C.2.2 `_Alignof` operator

Feature: 6.5.3.4 `_Alignof` operators

```
_Alignof ( type-name )
```

The `_Alignof` operator evaluates to an integer constant representing the alignment requirement of its operand type. The operand is not evaluated. The `_Alignof` operator cannot be used on a function or incomplete type.

## C.2.3 **Atomics**

Feature: 6.7.2.4 Atomic type specifiers

Feature: 6.7.3 `_Atomic` qualifier

Feature: 6.5.2.4 Atomic operators

Feature: 6.5.3.1 Atomic operators

Feature: 6.5.16.2 Atomic operators

Feature: 7.17 Atomics

Atomics might require linking with an Atomics runtime support library, See “[B.2.87 - xatomic=a](#)” on page 279.

## C.2.4 **`_Noreturn`**

Feature: 6.7.4 Function Specifiers, `_Noreturn`

Place the `_Noreturn` specifier in the declaration of a function that never returns, for example:

```
_Noreturn void leave () {  
    abort();  
}
```

## C.2.5 **`_Static_assert`**

Feature: 6.7.10 Static assertions

```
_Static_assert ( constant-expression , string-literal ) ;
```

## **C.2.6 Universal Character Names (UCN)**

Update the set of characters allowed in UCNs as per Annex D of ISO/IEC 9899:2011. Refer to ISO/IEC 9899:2011 Annex D for the full list of characters allowed.

## Features of C99

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This appendix discusses some of the features of the ISO/IEC 9899:1999, Programming Language - C standard.

The `-std=c99` flag controls compiler recognition of 9899:1999 ISO/C. For more information about the syntax of the `-std` flag, see [“B.2.70 `-std=value`” on page 266](#).

### D.1 Discussion and Examples

This appendix provides discussions and examples for some of the following supported features:

- Sub-clause 5.2.4.2.2 Characteristics of floating types `<float.h>`
- Sub-clause 6.2.5 `_Bool`
- Sub-clause 6.2.5 `_Complex` type
- Sub-clause 6.3.2.1 Conversion of arrays to pointers not limited to lvalues
- Sub-clause 6.4.1 Keywords
- Sub-clause 6.4.2.2 Predefined identifiers
- 6.4.3 Universal character names
- Sub-clause 6.4.4.2 Hexadecimal floating-point literals
- Sub-clause 6.4.9 Comments
- Sub-clause 6.5.2.2 Function calls
- Sub-clause 6.5.2.5 Compound literals
- Sub-clause 6.7.2 Type specifiers
- Sub-clause 6.7.2.1 Structure and union specifiers
- Sub-clause 6.7.3 Type Qualifier
- Sub-clause 6.7.4 Function specifiers
- Sub-clause 6.7.5.2 Array declarator
- Sub-clause 6.7.8 Initialization

- Sub-clause 6.8.2 Compound statement
- Sub-clause 6.8.5 Iteration statements
- Sub-clause 6.10.3 Macro replacement
- Sub-clause 6.10.6 STDC pragmas
- Sub-clause 6.10.8 `__STDC_IEC_559` and `__STDC_IEC_559_COMPLEX` macros
- Sub-clause 6.10.9 Pragma operator

## D.1.1 Precision of Floating Point Evaluators

Feature: 5.2.4.2.2 Characteristics of floating types `<float.h>`

The values of operations with floating operands, and the values that are subject to both the usual arithmetic conversions and to floating constants, are evaluated to a format whose range and precision may be greater than required by the type. The use of evaluation formats is characterized by the implementation-defined value of `FLT_EVAL_METHOD`, shown in the following table.

**TABLE 83** `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` Values

Value	Meaning
-1	Indeterminable.
0	The compiler evaluates all operations and constants just to the range and precision of the type.
1	The compiler evaluates operations and constants of type <code>float</code> and <code>double</code> to the range and precision of a <code>double</code> . Evaluate <code>long double</code> operations and constants to the range and precision of a <code>long double</code> .
2	The compiler evaluates all operations and constants to the range and precision of a <code>long double</code> .

When you include `float.h` on SPARC architectures, `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` expands to `0` by default and all floating-point expressions are evaluated according to their type.

When you include `float.h` on x86 architectures, `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` expands to `-1` by default (except when `-xarch=sse2`). All floating-point constant expressions are evaluated according to their type and all other floating-point expressions are evaluated as `long double`.

When you specify `-fleteval=2` and include `float.h`, `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` expands to `2` and all floating expressions are evaluated as `long double`. See [“B.2.22 - fleteval\[={any|2}\]” on page 250](#) for more information.

When you specify `-xarch=sse2` (or any later version of the SSE2 processor family such as `sse3`, `ssse3`, `sse4_1`, `sse4_2`, and so on) or `-m64` on x86, and include `float.h`, `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` expands to 0. All floating-point expressions are evaluated according to their type.

The `-Xt` option does not affect the expansion of `FLT_EVAL_METHOD`, even though float expressions are evaluated as double. See “[B.2.78 -X\[c|a|t|s\]](#)” on page 270 for more information.

The `-fsingle` option causes float expressions to be evaluated with single precision. See “[B.2.32 -fsingle](#)” on page 254 for more information.

When you specify `-fprecision` on x86 architectures with `-xarch=sse2` (or any later version of the SSE2 processor family such as `sse3`, `ssse3`, `sse4_1`, `sse4_2`, and so on) or `-m64` and include `float.h`, `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` expands to -1.

## D.1.2 C99 Keywords

Feature: 6.4.1 Keywords

The C99 standard introduces the following new keywords. The compiler issues a warning if you use these keywords as identifiers while compiling with `-std=c89`. With `-std=c99` or `-std=c11` the compiler issues a warning or error messages for use of these keywords as identifiers depending on the context.

- `inline`
- `_Imaginary`
- `_Complex`
- `_Bool`
- `restrict`

### D.1.2.1 Using the `restrict` Keyword

An object that is accessed through a `restrict` qualified pointer requires that all accesses to that object use, directly or indirectly, the value of that particular `restrict` qualified pointer. Any access to the object through any other means might result in undefined behavior. The intended use of the `restrict` qualifier is to enable the compiler to make assumptions that promote optimizations.

See [“4.2.6.2 Restricted Pointers” on page 102](#) for examples and an explanation about how to use the `restrict` qualifier effectively.

## D.1.3 `__func__` Support

Feature: 6.4.2.2 Predefined identifiers

The compiler provides support for the predefined identifier `__func__`, defined as an array of chars which contains the name of the current function in which `__func__` appears.

## D.1.4 Universal Character Names (UCN)

Feature: 6.4.3 Universal character names

UCN allows the use of any character in a C source, not just English characters. A UCN has the following format:

- `\u4_hex_digits_value`
- `\U8_hex_digits_value`

A UCN must not specify a value less than 00A0 other than 0024 (\$), 0040 (@), or 0060 (?), nor a value in the range D800 through DFFF inclusive.

UCN may be used in identifiers, character constants, and string literals to designate characters that are not in the C basic character set.

The UCN `\Unnnnnnnn` designates the character whose eight-digit short identifier (as specified by ISO/IEC 10646) is `nnnnnnnn`. Similarly, the universal character name `\unnnn` designates the character whose four-digit short identifier is `nnnn` (and whose eight-digit short identifier is `0000nnnn`).

## D.1.5 Commenting Code With `//`

Feature: 6.4.9 Comments

The characters `//` introduce a comment that includes all multibyte characters up to, but not including, the next new-line character except when the `//` characters appear within a character constant, a string literal, or a comment.

## D.1.6 Disallowed Implicit `int` and Implicit Function Declarations

Feature: 6.5.2.2 Function calls

Implicit declarations are no longer allowed in the 1999 C standard as they were in the 1990 C standard. Previous versions of the C compiler issued warning messages about implicit definitions only with `-v` (verbose). These messages and new additional warnings about implicit definitions are now issued whenever identifiers are implicitly defined as `int` or functions.

This change is very likely to be noticed by nearly all users of this compiler because it can lead to a large number of warning messages. Common causes include a failure to include the appropriate system header files that declare functions being used, for example, `printf`, which needs `<stdio.h>` included. The 1990 C standard behavior of accepting implicit declarations silently can be restored using `-std=c89`.

The C compiler now generates a warning for an implicit function declaration, as shown in the following example.

```
example% cat test.c
void main()
{
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
}
example% cc test.c
"test.c", line 3: warning: implicit function declaration: printf
example%
```

## D.1.7 Declarations Using Implicit `int`

Feature: 6.7.2 Type specifiers:

At least one type specifier shall be given in the declaration specifiers in each declaration. For more information, see [“D.1.6 Disallowed Implicit `int` and Implicit Function Declarations” on page 369](#).

The C compiler now issues warnings on any implicit `int` declaration as shown in the following example:

```
example% more test.c
volatile i;
const foo()
{
```

```
    return i;
}
example% cc test.c "test.c", line 1: warning: no explicit type given
        "test.c", line 3: warning: no explicit type given
example%
```

## D.1.8 Flexible Array Members

Feature: 6.7.2.1 Structure and union specifiers

This feature is also known as the *struct hack*. Allows the last member of a `struct` to be an array of zero length, such as `int foo[]`; This type of a `struct` is commonly used as the header to access `malloc()`'d memory.

For example, in this structure, `struct s { int n; double d[]; } S;`, the array, `d`, is an incomplete array type. The C compiler does not count any memory offset for this member of `S`. In other words, `sizeof(struct s)` is the same as the offset of `S.n`.

`d` can be used like any ordinary array-member for example, `S.d[10] = 0;`.

Without the C compiler's support for an incomplete array type, you would define and declare a structure as the following example, called `DynamicDouble`, shows:

```
typedef struct { int n; double d[1]; } DynamicDouble;
```

Note that the array `d` is not an incomplete array type and is declared with one member.

Next, you declare a pointer `dd` and allocate memory:

```
DynamicDouble *dd = malloc(sizeof(DynamicDouble)+(actual_size-1)*sizeof(double));
```

You then store the size of the offset in `S.n` thus:

```
dd->n = actual_size;
```

Because the compiler supports incomplete array types, you can achieve the same result without declaring the array with one member:

```
typedef struct { int n; double d[]; } DynamicDouble;
```

You now declare a pointer `dd` and allocate memory as before, except that you no longer have to subtract one from `actual_size`:

```
DynamicDouble *dd = malloc (sizeof(DynamicDouble) + (actual_size)*sizeof(double));
```

The offset is stored, as before, in `S.n` :

```
dd->n = actual_size;
```

## D.1.9 Idempotent Qualifiers

Feature: 6.7.3 Type qualifiers

If the same qualifier appears more than once in the same specifier-qualifier-list, either directly or through one or more typedefs, the behavior is the same as when the type qualifier appears only once.

In C90, the following code would cause an error:

```
%example cat test.c

const const int a;

int main(void) {
    return(0);
}

%example cc -std=c89 test.c
"test.c", line 1: invalid type combination
```

However, with C99, the C compiler accepts multiple qualifiers.

```
%example cc -std=c99 test.c
%example
```

## D.1.10 inline Functions

Feature: 6.7.4 Function specifiers

Inline functions as defined by the 1999 C ISO standard are fully supported.

Note that according to the C standard, `inline` is only a suggestion to the C compiler. The C compiler can choose not to inline anything, and compile calls to the actual function.

The Oracle Developer Studio C compiler does not inline C function calls unless compiling at optimization level `-xO3` or above, and only if the optimizer's heuristics determine that it is profitable to do so. The C compiler does not provide a way to force a function to be inlined.

*Static inline functions* are simple. Either a function defined with the inline function specifier is inlined at a reference, or a call is made to the actual function. The compiler can choose which

to do at each reference. The compiler determines whether it is profitable to inline at `-xO3` and above. If not profitable to inline (or at an optimization of less than `-xO3`), a reference to the actual function will be compiled and the function definition will be compiled into the object code. Note that if the program uses the address of the function, the actual function will be compiled in the object code and not inlined.

*Extern inline functions* are more complicated. Two types of extern inline functions are: an *inline definition* and an *extern inline function*.

An *inline definition* is a function defined with the keyword `inline`, without either the keywords `static` or `extern`, and with all prototypes appearing within the source (or included files) also containing the keyword `inline` without either the keywords `static` or `extern`. For an inline definition the compiler must not create a global definition of the function. That means any reference to an inline definition that is not inlined will be a reference to a global function defined elsewhere. Put another way, the object file produced by compiling this translation unit (source file) will not contain a global symbol for the inline definition. And any reference to the function that is not inlined will be to an extern (global) symbol provided by some other object file or library at link time.

An *extern inline function* is declared by a file scope declaration with the `extern` storage-class-specifier (that is, the function definition or prototype). For an extern inline function the compiler will provide a global definition of the function in the resulting object file. The compiler may choose to inline any references to that function seen in the translation unit (source file) where the function definition has been provided, or the compiler can choose to call the global function.

The behavior of any program that relies on whether a function call is actually inlined is undefined.

Note also that an inline function with external linkage may not declare or reference a static variable anywhere in the translation-unit.

### **D.1.10.1 Oracle Developer Studio C compiler gcc compatibility for inline functions**

To obtain behavior from the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler that is compatible with the GNU C compiler's implementation of extern inline functions for most programs, use the `-features=no%extinl` flag. When this flag is specified the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler will treat the function as if it were declared as a static inline function.

The one place this is not compatible will be when the address of the function is taken. With gcc this will be an address of a global function, and with Oracle Developer Studio's C compiler the local static definition address will be used.

## D.1.11 Static and Other Type Qualifiers Allowed in Array Declarators

Feature: 6.7.5.2 Array declarator

The keyword `static` can now appear in the Array declarator of a parameter in a function declarator to indicate that the compiler can assume at least that many elements will be passed to the function being declared. Allows the optimizer to make assumptions about which it otherwise could not determine.

The C compiler adjusts array parameters into pointers therefore `void foo(int a[])` is the same as `void foo(int *a)`.

If you specify type qualifiers such as `void foo(int * restrict a);`, the C compiler expresses it with array syntax `void foo(int a[restrict]);` which is essentially the same as declaring a restricted pointer.

The C compiler also uses a `static` qualifier to preserve information about the array size. For example, if you specify `void foo(int a[10])` the compiler still expresses it as `void foo(int *a)`. Use a `static` qualifier as follows, `void foo(int a[static 10])`, to let the compiler know that pointer `a` is not `NULL` and that it provides access to an integer array of at least ten elements.

## D.1.12 Variable Length Arrays (VLA):

Feature: 6.7.5.2 Array declarators

VLAs are allocated on the stack as if by calling the `alloca` function. Their lifetime, regardless of their scope, is the same as any data allocated on the stack by calling `alloca`; until the function returns. The space allocated is freed when the stack is released upon returning from the function in which the VLA is allocated.

Not all constraints are yet enforced for variable length arrays. Constraint violations lead to undefined results.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void foo(int);

int main(void) {
    foo(4);
    return(0);
}
```

```
void foo (int n) {
    int i;
    int a[n];
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
        a[i] = n-i;
    for (i = n-1; i >= 0; i--)
        printf("a[%d] = %d\n", i, a[i]);
}
```

```
example% cc test.c
example% a.out
a[3] = 1
a[2] = 2
a[1] = 3
a[0] = 4
```

## D.1.13 Designated Initializers

Feature: 6.7.8 Initialization

Designated initializers provide a mechanism for initializing sparse arrays, a practice common in numerical programming.

Designated initializers enable initialization of sparse structures, common in systems programming, and initialization of unions through any member, regardless of whether it is the first member.

Consider these examples. This first example shows how designated initializers are used to initialize an array:

```
enum { first, second, third };
const char *nm[] = {
    [third] = "third member",
    [first] = "first member",
    [second] = "second member",
};
```

The following example demonstrates how designated initializers are used to initialize the fields of a struct object:

```
division_t result = { .quot = 2, .rem = -1 };
```

The following example shows how designated initializers can be used to initialize complicated structures that might otherwise be misunderstood:

```
struct { int z[3], count; } w[] = { [0].z = {1}, [1].z[0] = 2 };
```

An array can be created from both ends by using a single designator:

```
int z[MAX] = {1, 3, 5, 7, 9, [MAX-5] = 8, 6, 4, 2, 0};
```

If MAX is greater than ten, the array will contain zero-valued elements in the middle; if MAX is less than ten, some of the values provided by the first five initializers will be overridden by the second five.

Any member of a union can be initialized:

```
union { int i; float f;} data = { .f = 3.2 };
```

## D.1.14 Mixed Declarations and Code

Feature: 6.8.2 Compound statement

The C compiler accepts mixing type declarations with executable code as shown by the following example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void){
    int num1 = 3;
    printf("%d\n", num1);

    int num2 = 10;
    printf("%d\n", num2);
    return(0);
}
```

## D.1.15 Declaration in for-Loop Statement

Feature: 6.8.5 Iteration statements

The C compiler accepts a type declaration as the first expression in a for loop-statement:

```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++){ //loop body };
```

The scope of any variable declared in the initialization statement of the for loop is the entire loop (including controlling and iteration expressions).

## D.1.16 Macros With a Variable Number of Arguments

Feature: 6.10.3 Macro replacement

The C compiler accepts `#define` preprocessor directives of the following form:

```
#define identifier (...) replacement_list
#define identifier (identifier_list, ...) replacement_list
```

If the *identifier\_list* in the macro definition ends with an ellipsis, it means that there will be more arguments in the invocation than there are parameters in the macro definition, excluding the ellipsis. Otherwise, the number of parameters in the macro definition, including those arguments that contain no preprocessing tokens, matches the number of arguments. Use the identifier `__VA_ARGS__` in the replacement list of a `#define` preprocessing directive that uses the ellipsis notation in its arguments. The following example demonstrates the variable argument list macro facilities.

```
#define debug(...) fprintf(stderr, __VA_ARGS__)
#define showlist(...) puts(__VA_ARGS__)
#define report(test, ...) ((test)?puts(#test):\
    printf(__VA_ARGS__))

debug("Flag");
debug("X = %d\n",x);
showlist(The first, second, and third items.);
report(x>y, "x is %d but y is %d", x, y);
```

which results in the following:

```
fprintf(stderr, "Flag");
fprintf(stderr, "X = %d\n", x);
puts("The first, second, and third items.");
((x>y)?puts("x>y"):printf("x is %d but y is %d", x, y));
```

## D.1.17 `__Pragma`

Feature: 6.10.9 Pragma operator

A unary operator expression of the form: `__Pragma ( string-literal )` is processed as follows:

- The `L` prefix of the string literal is deleted, if it is present.
- The leading and trailing double-quotes are deleted.
- Each escape sequence `'` is replaced by a double-quote.
- Each escape sequence `\\` is replaced by a single backslash.

The resulting sequence of preprocessing tokens are processed as if they were the preprocessor tokens in a pragma directive.

The original four preprocessing tokens in the unary operator expression are removed.

`_Pragma` offers an advantage over `#pragma` in that `_Pragma` can be used in a macro definition.

`_Pragma("string")` behaves exactly the same as `#pragma string`. Consider the following example. First, the example's source code is listed and then the example's source is listed after the preprocessor has made its pass.

```
example% cat test.c

#include <omp.h>
#include <stdio.h>

#define Pragma(x) _Pragma(#x)
#define OMP(directive) Pragma(omp directive)

void main()
{
    omp_set_dynamic(0);
    omp_set_num_threads(2);
    OMP(parallel)
    {
        printf("Hello!\n");
    }
}

example% cc test.c -P -xopenmp -x03
example% cat test.i
```

The following shows the source after the preprocessor has finished.

```
void main()
{
    omp_set_dynamic(0);
    omp_set_num_threads(2);
    # pragma omp parallel
    {
        printf("Hello!\n");
    }
}

example% cc test.c -xopenmp
example% ./a.out
Hello!
Hello!
```

example%

## Implementation-Defined ISO/IEC C99 Behavior

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The ISO/IEC 9899:1999, Programming Languages- C standard specifies the form and establishes the interpretation of programs written in C. However, this standard leaves a number of issues as implementation-defined, that is, as varying from compiler to compiler. This chapter details these areas. The section numbers are provided as part of the headings in this appendix for ready comparison to the ISO/IEC 9899:1999 standard itself:

- Each section heading uses the same section text and *letter.number* identifier as found in the ISO standard.
- Each section provides the requirement (preceded by a bullet) from the ISO standard which describes what it is that the implementation shall define. This requirement is then followed by an explanation of our implementation.
- To obtain 9899:1999 ISO C behavior specify the `-std=c99` flag.

### E.1 Implementation-defined Behavior (J.3)

A conforming implementation is required to document its choice of behavior in each of the areas listed in this subclause. The following are implementation-defined:

#### E.1.1 Translation (J.3.1)

- How a diagnostic is identified (3.10, 5.1.1.3).  
Error and warning messages have the following format:  
*filename, line number: message*  
Where *filename* is the name of the file that contains the error or warning,  
*line number* is the number of the line on which the error or warning is found, and *message* is the diagnostic message.
- Whether each non-empty sequence of white-space characters other than new-line is retained or replaced by one space character in translation phase 3 (5.1.1.2).

A sequence of non-empty characters consisting of a tab (\t), form-feed (\f), or vertical-feed (\v) are replaced by a single space character.

## E.1.2 Environment (J.3.2)

- The mapping between physical source file multi-byte characters and the source character set in translation phase 1 (5.1.1.2).

There are eight bits in a character for the ASCII portion; locale-specific multiples of eight bits for locale-specific extended portion.

- The name and type of the function called at program startup in a free-standing environment (5.1.2.1).

The implementation is hosted environment.

- The effect of program termination in a free-standing environment (5.1.2.1).

The implementation is in a hosted environment.

- An alternative manner in which the `main` function may be defined (5.1.2.2.1).

There is no alternative way to define `main` other than that defined in the standard.

- The values given to the strings pointed to by the `argv` argument to `main` (5.1.2.2.1).

`argv` is an array of pointers to the command-line arguments, where `argv[0]` represents the program name if it is available.

- What constitutes an interactive device (5.1.2.3).

An interactive device is one for which the system library call `isatty()` returns a nonzero value

- The set of signals, their semantics, and their default handling (7.14).

The following table shows the semantics for each signal as recognized by the `signal` function:

**TABLE 84** Semantics of `signal` Function Signals

Signal Number	Default Event	Semantics of Signal
SIGHUP 1	Exit	hangup
SIGINT 2	Exit	interrupt (rubout)
SIGQUIT 3	Core	quit (ASCII FS)
SIGILL 4	Core	illegal instruction (not reset when caught)
SIGTRAP 5	Core	trace trap (not reset when caught)
SIGIOT 6	Core	IOT instruction
SIGABRT 6	Core	Used by abort

Signal Number	Default Event	Semantics of Signal
SIGEMT 7	Core	EMT instruction
SIGFPE 8	Core	floating-point exception
SIGKILL 9	Exit	kill (cannot be caught or ignored)
SIGBUS 10	Core	bus error
SIGSEGV 11	Core	segmentation violation
SIGSYS 12	Core	bad argument to system call
SIGPIPE 13	Exit	write on a pipe with no one to read it
SIGALRM 14	Exit	alarm clock
SIGTERM 15	Exit	software termination signal from kill
SIGUSR1 16	Exit	user defined signal 1
SIGUSR2 17	Exit	user defined signal 2
SIGCLD 18	Ignore	child status change
SIGCHLD 18	Ignore	child status change alias (POSIX)
SIGPWR 19	Ignore	power-fail restart
SIGWINCH 20	Ignore	window size change
SIGURG 21	Ignore	urgent socket condition
SIGPOLL 22	Exit	pollable event occurred
SIGIO 22	Sigpoll	socket I/O possible
SIGSTOP 23	Stop	stop (cannot be caught or ignored)
SIGTSTP 24	Stop	user stop requested from tty
SIGCONT 25	Ignore	stopped process has been continued
SIGTTIN 26	Stop	background tty read attempted
SIGTTOU 27	Stop	background tty write attempted
SIGVTALRM 28	Exit	virtual timer expired
SIGPROF 29	Exit	profiling timer expired
SIGXCPU 30	Core	exceeded cpu limit
SIGXFSZ 31	Core	exceeded file size limit
SIGWAITING 32	Ignore	reserved signal no longer used by threading code
SIGLWP 33	Ignore	reserved signal no longer used by threading code
SIGFREEZE 34	Ignore	Checkpoint suspend
SIGTHAW 35	Ignore	Checkpoint resume
SIGCANCEL 36	Ignore	Cancellation signal used by threads library
SIGLOST 37	Ignore	resource lost (record-lock lost)
SIGXRES 38	Ignore	Resource control exceeded (see <code>setrctl(2)</code> )

Signal Number	Default Event	Semantics of Signal
SIGJVM1 39	Ignore	Reserved for Java Virtual Machine 1
SIGJVM2 40	Ignore	Reserved for Java Virtual Machine 2

- Signal values other than SIGFPE, SIGILL, and SIGSEGV that correspond to a computational exception (7.14.1.1).  
 SIGILL, SIGFPE, SIGSEGV, SIGTRAP, SIGBUS, and SIGEMT, see [Table 84, “Semantics of signal Function Signals,” on page 380](#).
- Signals for which the equivalent of `signal(sig, SIG_IGN)`; is executed at program startup (7.14.1.1).  
 SIGILL, SIGFPE, SIGSEGV, SIGTRAP, SIGBUS, and SIGEMT, see [Table 84, “Semantics of signal Function Signals,” on page 380](#).
- The set of environment names and the method for altering the environment list used by the `getenv` function (7.20.4.5).  
 The environment names are listed in the man page `environ(5)`.
- The manner of execution of the string by the `system` function (7.20.4.6).  
 From the `system(3C)` man page:  
 The `system()` function causes *string* to be given to the shell as input, as if *string* had been typed as a command at a terminal. The invoker waits until the shell has completed, then returns the exit status of the shell in the format specified by `waitpid(2)`.  
 If *string* is a null pointer, `system()` checks if the shell exists and is executable. If the shell is available, `system()` returns a non-zero value; otherwise, it returns 0.

### E.1.3 Identifiers (J.3.3)

- Which additional multibyte characters may appear in identifiers and their correspondence to universal character names (6.4.2).  
 None
- The number of significant initial characters in an identifier (5.2.4.1, 6.4.2).  
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### E.1.4 Characters (J.3.4)

- The number of bits in a byte (3.6).  
 There are 8 bits in a byte.

- The values of the members of the execution character set (5.2.1).  
Mapping is identical between source and execution characters.
- The unique value of the member of the execution character set produced for each of the standard alphabetic escape sequences (5.2.2).

**TABLE 85** Standard Alphabetic Escape Sequence Unique Values

Escape Sequence	Unique Value
\a (alert)	7
\b (backspace)	8
\f (form feed)	12
\n (new line)	10
\r (carriage return)	13
\t (horizontal tab)	9
\v (vertical tab)	11

- The value of a char object into which has been stored any character other than a member of the basic execution character set (6.2.5).  
It is the numerical value of the low order 8 bits associated with the character assigned to the char object.
- Which of signed char or unsigned char has the same range, representation, and behavior as “plain” char (6.2.5, 6.3.1.1).  
A signed char is treated as a “plain” char.
- The mapping of members of the source character set (in character constants and string literals) to members of the execution character set (6.4.4.4, 5.1.1.2).  
Mapping is identical between source and execution characters.
- The value of an integer character constant containing more than one character or containing a character or escape sequence that does not map to a single-byte execution character (6.4.4.4).  
A multiple-character constant that is not an escape sequence has a value derived from the numeric values of each character.
- The value of a wide character constant containing more than one multibyte character, or containing a multibyte character or escape sequence not represented in the extended execution character set (6.4.4.4).  
A multiple-character wide character constant that is not an escape sequence has a value derived from the numeric values of each character.
- The current locale used to convert a wide character constant consisting of a single multibyte character that maps to a member of the extended execution character set into a corresponding wide character code (6.4.4.4).

The valid locale specified by `LC_ALL`, `LC_CTYPE`, or `LANG` environment variable.

- The current locale used to convert a wide string literal into corresponding wide character codes (6.4.5).

The valid locale specified by `LC_ALL`, `LC_CTYPE`, or `LANG` environment variable.

- The value of a string literal containing a multi-byte character or escape sequence not represented in the execution character set (6.4.5).

Each byte of the multi-byte character forms a character of the string literal, with a value equivalent to the numerical value of that byte in the multi-byte character.

## E.1.5 Integers (J.3.5)

- Any extended integer types that exist in the implementation (6.2.5).

None

- Whether signed integer types are represented using sign and magnitude, two's complement, or one's complement, and whether the extraordinary value is a trap representation or an ordinary value (6.2.6.2).

Signed integer types are represented as two's complement. Extraordinary value is an ordinary value.

- The rank of any extended integer type relative to another extended integer type with the same precision (6.3.1.1).

Not applicable to this implementation.

- The result of, or the signal raised by, converting an integer to a signed integer type when the value cannot be represented in an object of that type (6.3.1.3).

When an integer is converted to a shorter signed integer, the low order bits are copied from the longer integer to the shorter signed integer. The result may be negative.

When an unsigned integer is converted to a signed integer of equal size, the low order bits are copied from the unsigned integer to the signed integer. The result may be negative.

- The results of some bit-wise operations on signed integers (6.5).

The result of a bit-wise operation applied to a signed type is the bit-wise operation of the operands, including the sign bit. Thus, each bit in the result is set if—and only if—each of the corresponding bits in both of the operands is set.

## E.1.6 Floating point (J.3.6)

- The accuracy of the floating-point operations and of the library functions in `<math.h>` and `<complex.h>` that return floating-point results (5.2.4.2.2).

The accuracy of floating-point operations is consistent with the settings of `FLT_EVAL_METHOD`. The accuracy of the library functions in `<math.h>` and `<complex.h>` is as specified in the `libm(3LIB)` man page.

- The rounding behaviors characterized by non-standard values of `FLT_ROUNDS` (5.2.4.2.2).  
Not applicable to this implementation.
- The evaluation methods characterized by non-standard negative values of `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` (5.2.4.2.2).  
Not applicable to this implementation.
- The direction of rounding when an integer is converted to a floating-point number that cannot exactly represent the original value (6.3.1.4).  
It honors the prevailing rounding direction mode.
- The direction of rounding when a floating-point number is converted to a narrower floating-point number (6.3.1.5).  
It honors the prevailing rounding direction mode.
- How the nearest representable value or the larger or smaller representable value immediately adjacent to the nearest representable value is chosen for certain floating constants (6.4.4.2).  
Floating-point constant is always rounded to the nearest representable value.
- Whether and how floating expressions are contracted when not disallowed by the `FP_CONTRACT` pragma (6.5).  
Not applicable to this implementation.
- The default state for the `FENV_ACCESS` pragma (7.6.1).  
For `-fsimple=0`, the default value is `ON`. Otherwise for all other values of `-fsimple`, the default value for `FENV_ACCESS` is `OFF`.
- Additional floating-point exceptions, rounding modes, environments, and classifications, and their macro names (7.6, 7.12).  
Not applicable to this implementation.
- The default state for the `FP_CONTRACT` pragma (7.12.2).  
For `-fsimple=0`, the default value is `OFF`. Otherwise for all other values of `-fsimple`, the default value for `FP_CONTRACT` is `ON`.
- Whether the “inexact” floating-point exception can be raised when the rounded result actually does equal the mathematical result in an IEC 60559 conformant implementation (F.9).  
Results are indeterminable.
- Whether the underflow (and “inexact”) floating-point exception can be raised when a result is tiny but not inexact in an IEC 60559 conformant implementation(F.9).

The hardware does not raise underflow or inexact in such cases when trapping on underflow is disabled (the default).

## E.1.7 Arrays and Pointers (J.3.7)

- The result of converting a pointer to an integer or to 64 bits, vice versa (6.3.2.3).  
The bit pattern does not change when converting pointers and integers. Except when the results cannot be represented in the integer or pointer type, and then the results are undefined.
- The size of the result of subtracting two pointers to elements of the same array (6.5.6).  
For `-m32 int`, for `-m64 long` as defined in `stddef.h`.

## E.1.8 Hints (J.3.8)

- The extent to which suggestions made by using the register storage-class specifier are effective (6.7.1).  
The number of effective register declarations depends on patterns of use and definition within each function and is bounded by the number of registers available for allocation. Neither the compiler nor the optimizer is required to honor register declarations.
- The extent to which suggestions made by using the `inline` function specifier are effective (6.7.4).  
The `inline` keyword is effective in causing the inlining of code only when using optimization, and only when the optimizer determines it is profitable to inline. See [“A.1.1 Optimization and Performance Options” on page 227](#) for a list of optimization options.

## E.1.9 Structures, Unions, Enumerations, and Bit-fields (J.3.9)

- Whether a “plain” `int` bit-field is treated as signed `int` bit-field or as an unsigned `int` bit-field (6.7.2, 6.7.2.1).  
It is treated as an unsigned `int`.
- Allowable bit-field types other than `_Bool`, signed `int`, and unsigned `int` (6.7.2.1).  
A bit field can be declared as any integer type.
- Whether a bit-field can straddle a storage-unit boundary (6.7.2.1).

Bit-fields do not straddle storage-unit boundaries.

- The order of allocation of bit-fields within a unit (6.7.2.1).

Bit-fields are allocated within a storage unit from high-order to low-order.

- The alignment of non-bit-field members of structures (6.7.2.1). This should present no problem unless binary data written by one implementation is read by another.

**TABLE 86** Padding and Alignment of Structure Members

Type	Alignment Boundary	Byte Alignment
char and _Bool	byte	1
short	halfword	2
int	word	4
long -m32	word	4
long -m64	doubleword	8
float	word	4
double -m64	doubleword	8
double (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
double (x86) -m32	doubleword	4
long double (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
long double (x86) -m32	word	4
long double -m64	quadword	16
pointer -m32	word	4
pointer -m64	quadword	8
long long -m64	doubleword	8
long long (x86) -m32	word	4
long long (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
_Complex float	word	4
_Complex double -m64	doubleword	8
_Complex double (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
_Complex double (x86) -m32	doubleword	4
_Complex long double -m64	quadword	16
_Complex long double (SPARC) -m32	quadword	8
_Complex long double (x86) -m32	quadword	4
_Imaginary float	word	4
_Imaginary double -m64	doubleword	8
_Imaginary double (x86) -m32	doubleword	4

Type	Alignment Boundary	Byte Alignment
_Imaginary (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
_Imaginary long double (SPARC) -m32	doubleword	8
_Imaginary long double -m64	quadword	16
_Imaginary long double (x86) -m32	word	4

- The integer type compatible with each enumerated type (6.7.2.2).  
This is an int.

## E.1.10 Qualifiers (J.3.10)

- What constitutes an access to an object that has volatile-qualified type (6.7.3).  
Each reference to the name of an object constitutes one access to the object.

## E.1.11 Preprocessing Directives (J.3.11)

- How sequences in both forms of header names are mapped to headers or external source file names (6.4.7).  
Source file characters are mapped to their corresponding ASCII values.
- Whether the value of a character constant in a constant expression that controls conditional inclusion matches the value of the same character constant in the execution character set (6.10.1).  
A character constant within a preprocessing directive has the same numeric value as it has within any other expression.
- Whether the value of a single-character character constant in a constant expression that controls conditional inclusion may have a negative value (6.10.1).  
Character constants in this context may have negative values.
- The places that are searched for an included < > delimited header, and how the places are specified other header is identified (6.10.2).  
The location of header files depends upon the options specified on the command line, and in which file the #include directive appears. For more information, see [“2.17 How to Specify Include Files” on page 61](#).
- How the named source file is searched for in an included " " delimited header (6.10.2).

The location of header files depends upon the options specified on the command line, and in which file the `#include` directive appears. For more information, see [“2.17 How to Specify Include Files” on page 61](#).

- The method by which preprocessing tokens (possibly resulting from macro expansion) in a `#include` directive are combined into a header name (6.10.2).

All the tokens making up the header name (including white space) are treated as the file path used when searching for the header as described in [“2.17 How to Specify Include Files” on page 61](#).

- The nesting limit for `#include` processing (6.10.2).

No limit is imposed by the compiler.

- Whether the `#` operator inserts a `\` character before the `\` character that begins a universal character name in a character constant or string literal (6.10.3.2).

No.

- The behavior on each recognized non-STDC `#pragma` directive (6.10.6).

See [“2.12 Pragmas” on page 42](#) for a description of the behavior of each recognized non-STDC `#pragma` directive.

- The definitions for `__DATE__` and `__TIME__` when respectively, the date and time of translation are not available (6.10.8).

These macros are always available from the environment.

## E.1.12 Library Functions (J.3.12)

- Any library facilities available to a free-standing program, other than the minimal set required by clause 4 (5.1.2.1).

The implementation is on a hosted environment.

- The format of the diagnostic printed by the `assert` macro (7.2.1.1).

The diagnostic is structured as follows:

Assertion failed: *statement*. file *filename*, line *number*, function *name*

*statement* is the statement which failed the assertion. *filename* is the value of `__FILE__`. *line number* is the value of `__LINE__`. *function name* is the value of `__func__`.

- The representation of the floating-point status flags stored by the `fegetexceptflag` function (7.6.2.2).

Each exception stored in the status flag by `fegetexceptflag` expands to an integer constant expression with values such that bitwise-inclusive ORs of all combinations of the constants result in distinct values.

- Whether the `feraiseexcept` function raises the “inexact” floating-point exception in addition to the “overflow” or “underflow” floating-point exception (7.6.2.3).  
No, “inexact” is not raised.
- Strings other than “C” and “” that may be passed as the second argument to the `setlocale` function (7.11.1.1).

Intentionally left blank.

- The types defined for `float_t` and `double_t` when the value of the `FLT_EVAL_METHOD` macro is less than zero or greater than two (7.12).
  - For SPARC, the types are as follows:

```
typedef float float_t;
typedef double double_t;
```
  - For x86 the types are as follows:

```
typedef long double float_t;
typedef long double double_t;
```

Domain errors for the mathematics functions, other than those required by this International Standard (7.12.1).

`ilogb()`, `ilogbf()` and `ilogbl()` raise the invalid exception if the input argument is 0, +/-Inf or NaN.

- The values returned by the mathematics functions on domain errors (7.12.1).  
The values returned on domain errors are as specified in Annex F of ISO/IEC 9899:1999, Programming Language - C.
- The values returned by the mathematics functions on underflow range errors, whether `errno` is set to the value of the macro `ERANGE` when the integer expression `math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO` is nonzero, and whether the “underflow” floating-point exception is raised when the integer expression `math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT` is nonzero. (7.12.1).  
For underflow range errors: if the value can be represented as a subnormal number, the subnormal number is returned; otherwise `+0` is returned as appropriate.  
As for whether `errno` is set to the value of the macro `ERANGE` when the integer expression `math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO` is nonzero, since `(math_errhandling & MATH_ERRNO) == 0` in our implementation, this part does not apply.  
Whether the “underflow” floating-point exception is raised when the integer expression `math_errhandling & MATH_ERREXCEPT` is nonzero (7.12.1), the exception is raised when a floating-point underflow is coupled with loss of accuracy.
- Whether a domain error occurs or zero is returned when an `fmod` function has a second argument of zero (7.12.10.1).

A domain error occurs.

- The base-2 logarithm of the modulus used by the `remquo` functions in reducing the quotient (7.12.10.3).  
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- Whether the equivalent of `signal(sig, SIG_DFL)`; is executed prior to the call of a signal handler, and, if not, the blocking of signals that is performed (7.14.1.1).  
The equivalent of `signal(sig, SIG_DFL)`; is executed prior to the call of a signal handler.
- The null pointer constant to which the macro `NULL` expands (7.17).  
`NULL` expands to 0.
- Whether the last line of a text stream requires a terminating new-line character (7.19.2).  
The last line does not need to end in a newline.
- Whether space characters that are written out to a text stream immediately before a new-line character appear when read in (7.19.2).  
All characters appear when the stream is read.
- The number of null characters that may be appended to data written to a binary stream (7.19.2).  
No null characters are appended to a binary stream.
- Whether the file position indicator of an append-mode stream is initially positioned at the beginning or end of the file (7.19.3).  
The file position indicator is initially positioned at the end of the file.
- Whether a write on a text stream causes the associated file to be truncated beyond that point (7.19.3).  
A write on a text stream does not cause a file to be truncated beyond that point unless a hardware device forces it to happen.
- The characteristics of file buffering (7.19.3).  
Output streams, with the exception of the standard error stream (`stderr`), are by default-buffered if the output refers to a file, and line-buffered if the output refers to a terminal. The standard error output stream (`stderr`) is by default unbuffered.  
A buffered output stream saves many characters, and then writes the characters as a block. An unbuffered output stream queues information for immediate writing on the destination file or terminal immediately. Line-buffered output queues each line of output until the line is complete (a newline character is requested).
- Whether a zero-length file actually exists (7.19.3).  
A zero-length file does exist since it has a directory entry.
- The rules for composing valid file names (7.19.3).  
A valid file name can be from 1 to 1,023 characters in length and can use all character except the characters null and / (slash).
- Whether the same file can be simultaneously open multiple times (7.19.3).

The same file can be opened multiple times.

- The nature and choice of encodings used for multibyte characters in files (7.19.3).

The encodings used for multibyte characters are the same for each file.

- The effect of the `remove()` function on an open file (7.19.4.1).

The file is deleted on the last call which closes the file. A program cannot open a file which has already been removed.

- The effect if a file with the new name exists prior to a call to the `rename` function (7.19.4.2).

If the file exists, it is removed and the new file is written over the previously existing file.

- Whether an open temporary file is removed upon abnormal program termination (7.19.4.3).

If the process is killed in the period between file creation and unlinking, a permanent file may be left behind. See the `freopen(3C)` man page.

- Which changes of mode are permitted (if any), and under what circumstances (7.19.5.4).

The following changes of mode are permitted, depending upon the access mode of the file descriptor underlying the stream:

- When `+` is specified, the file descriptor mode must be `O_RDWR`.
- When `r` is specified, the file descriptor mode must be `O_RDONLY` or `O_RDWR`.
- When `a` or `w` is specified, the file descriptor mode must be `O_WRONLY` or `O_RDWR`.

See the `freopen(3C)` man page.

The style used to print an infinity or NaN, and the meaning of any `n-char` or `n-wchar` sequence printed for a NaN (7.19.6.1, 7.24.2.1).

`[-]Inf`, `[-]NaN`. With `F` conversion specifier, `[-]INF`, `[-]NAN`.

- The output for `%p` conversion in the `fprintf` or `fwprintf` function (7.19.6.1, 7.24.2.1).

The output for `%p` is equivalent to `%x`.

- The interpretation of a `-` character that is neither the first nor the last character, nor the second where a `^` character is the first, in the scanlist for `%[` conversion in the `fscanf()` or `fwscanf()` function (7.19.6.2, 7.24.2.1).

If a `-` is in the scanlist and is not the first character, nor the second where the first character is a `^`, nor the last character, it indicates a range of characters to be matched.

See the `fscanf(3C)` man page.

- The set of sequences matched by a `%p` conversion and the interpretation of the corresponding input item in the `fscanf()` or `fwscanf()` function (7.19.6.2, 7.24.2.2).

Matches the set of sequences that is the same as the set of sequences that is produced by the `%p` conversion of the corresponding `printf(3C)` functions. The corresponding argument must be a pointer to a pointer to void. If the input item is a value converted earlier during the same program execution, the pointer that results will compare equal to that value; otherwise the behavior of the `%p` conversion is undefined.

See the `fscanf(3C)` man page.

- The value to which the macro `errno` is set by the `fgetpos`, `fsetpos`, or `ftell` functions on failure (7.19.9.1, 7.19.9.3, 7.19.9.4).
  - EBADF The file descriptor underlying stream is not valid. See the `fgetpos(3C)` man page.
  - ESPIPE The file descriptor underlying stream is associated with a pipe, a FIFO, or a socket. See the `fgetpos(3C)` man page.
  - EOVERFLOW The current value of the file position cannot be represented correctly in an object of type `fpos_t`. See the `fgetpos(3C)` man page.
  - EBADF The file descriptor underlying stream is not valid. See the `fsetpos(3C)` man page.
  - ESPIPE The file descriptor underlying stream is associated with a pipe, a FIFO, or a socket. See the `fsetpos(3C)` man page.
  - EBADF The file descriptor underlying stream is not an open file descriptor. See the `ftell(3C)` man page.
  - ESPIPE The file descriptor underlying stream is associated with a pipe, a FIFO, or a socket. See the `ftell(3C)` man page.
  - EOVERFLOW The current file offset cannot be represented correctly in an object of type `long`. See the `ftell(3C)` man page.

The meaning of any *n-char* or *n-wchar* sequence in a string representing a NaN that is converted by the `strtod()`, `strtof()`, `strtold()`, `wcstod()`, `wcstof()`, or `wcstold()` function (7.20.1.3, 7.24.4.1.1).

No special meaning is given to the *n-char* sequence.

- Whether or not the `strtod`, `strtof`, `strtold`, `wcstod`, `wcstof`, or `wcstold` function sets `errno` to `ERANGE` when underflow occurs (7.20.1.3, 7.24.4.1.1).

Yes, `errno` is set to `ERANGE` on underflow.

- Whether the `calloc`, `malloc`, and `realloc` functions return a null pointer or a pointer to an allocated object when the size requested is zero (7.20.3).

Either a null pointer or a unique pointer that can be passed to `free()` is returned.

See the `malloc(3C)` man page.

- Whether open streams with unwritten buffered data are flushed, open streams are closed, or temporary files are removed when the `abort` or `_Exit` function is called (7.20.4.1, 7.20.4.4).

The abnormal termination processing includes at least the effect of `fclose(3C)` on all open streams. See the `abort(3C)` man page.

Open streams are closed and do not flush open streams. See the `_Exit(2)` man page.

- The termination status returned to the host environment by the `abort`, `exit`, or `_Exit` function (7.20.4.1, 7.20.4.3, 7.20.4.4).

The status made available to `wait(3C)` or `waitpid(3C)` by `abort` will be that of a process terminated by the `SIGABRT` signal. See the `abort(3C)`, `exit(1)`, and `_Exit(2)` man pages.

The termination status returned by `exit`, or `_Exit`, depends on the what the parent process of the calling process is doing.

If the parent process of the calling process is executing a `wait(3C)`, `wait3(3C)`, `waitid(2)`, or `waitpid(3C)`, and has neither set its `SA_NOCLDWAIT` flag nor set `SIGCHLD` to `SIG_IGN`, it is notified of the calling process's termination and the low-order eight bits (that is, bits 0377) of status are made available to it. If the parent is not waiting, the child's status is made available to it when the parent subsequently executes `wait()`, `wait3()`, `waitid()`, or `waitpid()`.

- The value returned by the system function when its argument is not a null pointer (7.20.4.6).

The exit status of the shell in the format specified by `waitpid(3C)`.
- The local time zone and Daylight Saving Time (7.23.1).

The local time zone is set by the environment variable `TZ`.
- The range and precision of times representable in `clock_t` and `time_t` (7.23).

The precision of `clock_t` and `time_t` is one millionth of a second. The range is -2147483647-1 to 4294967295 millionths of a second on x86 and SPARC-V8. And -9223372036854775807LL-1 to 18446744073709551615 on SPARC-v9.
- The era for the `clock` function (7.23.2.1).

The era for the clock is represented as clock ticks with the origin at the beginning of the execution of the program.
- The replacement string for the `%Z` specifier to the `strftime`, and `wcsftime` functions in the "C" locale (7.23.3.5, 7.24.5.1).

The time zone name or abbreviation, or by no characters if no time zone is determinable.
- Whether or when the `trigonometric`, `hyperbolic`, `base-e exponential`, `base-e logarithmic`, `error`, and `log gamma` functions raise the "inexact" floating-point exception in an IEC 60559 conformant implementation (F.9).

The inexact exception is generally raised when the result is not exactly representable. The inexact exception can be raised even when the result is exactly representable.
- Whether the functions in `<math.h>` honor the rounding direction mode in an IEC 60559 conformant implementation (F.9).

No attempt is made to force the default rounding direction mode for all functions in `<math.h>`.

## E.1.13 Architecture (J.3.13)

- The values or expressions assigned to the macros specified in the headers `<float.h>`, `<limits.h>`, and `<stdint.h>` (5.2.4.2, 7.18.2, 7.18.3).
- Here are the values or expressions for the macros specified in `<float.h>`:

```

#define CHAR_BIT 8 /* max # of bits in a "char" */
#define SCHAR_MIN (-128) /* min value of a "signed char" */
#define SCHAR_MAX 127 /* max value of a "signed char" */
#define CHAR_MIN SCHAR_MIN /* min value of a "char" */
#define CHAR_MAX SCHAR_MAX /* max value of a "char" */
#define MB_LEN_MAX 5
#define SHRT_MIN (-32768) /* min value of a "short int" */
#define SHRT_MAX 32767 /* max value of a "short int" */
#define USHRT_MAX 65535 /* max value of "unsigned short int" */
#define INT_MIN (-2147483647-1) /* min value of an "int" */
#define INT_MAX 2147483647 /* max value of an "int" */
#define UINT_MAX 4294967295U /* max value of an "unsigned int" */
#define LONG_MIN (-2147483647L-1L)
#define LONG_MAX 2147483647L /* max value of a "long int" */
#define ULONG_MAX 4294967295UL /* max value of "unsigned long int" */
#define LLONG_MIN (-9223372036854775807LL-1LL)
#define LLONG_MAX 9223372036854775807LL
#define ULLONG_MAX 18446744073709551615ULL

#define FLT_RADIX 2
#define FLT_MANT_DIG 24
#define DBL_MANT_DIG 53
#define LDBL_MANT_DIG 64

#if defined(__sparc)
#define DECIMAL_DIG 36
#elif defined(__i386)
#define DECIMAL_DIG 21
#endif
#define FLT_DIG 6
#define DBL_DIG 15
#if defined(__sparc)
#define LDBL_DIG 33
#elif defined(__i386)
#define LDBL_DIG 18
#endif

```

```

#define FLT_MIN_EXP (-125)
#define DBL_MIN_EXP (-1021)
#define LDBL_MIN_EXP (-16381)

#define FLT_MIN_10_EXP (-37)
#define DBL_MIN_10_EXP (-307)
#define LDBL_MIN_10_EXP (-4931)

#define FLT_MAX_EXP (+128)
#define DBL_MAX_EXP (+1024)
#define LDBL_MAX_EXP (+16384)

#define FLT_EPSILON 1.192092896E-07F
#define DBL_EPSILON 2.2204460492503131E-16

#if defined(__sparc)
#define LDBL_EPSILON 1.925929944387235853055977942584927319E-34L
#elif defined(__i386)
#define LDBL_EPSILON 1.0842021724855044340075E-19L
#endif

#define FLT_MIN 1.175494351E-38F
#define DBL_MIN 2.2250738585072014E-308

#if defined(__sparc)
#define LDBL_MIN 3.362103143112093506262677817321752603E-4932L
#elif defined(__i386)
#define LDBL_MIN 3.3621031431120935062627E-4932L
#endif

```

- Here are the values or expressions for the macros specified in <limits.h>:

```

#define INT8_MAX (127)
#define INT16_MAX (32767)
#define INT32_MAX (2147483647)
#define INT64_MAX (9223372036854775807LL)

#define INT8_MIN (-128)
#define INT16_MIN (-32767-1)
#define INT32_MIN (-2147483647-1)
#define INT64_MIN (-9223372036854775807LL-1)

#define UINT8_MAX (255U)

```

```

#define UINT16_MAX (65535U)
#define UINT32_MAX (4294967295U)
#define UINT64_MAX (18446744073709551615ULL)

#define INT_LEAST8_MIN INT8_MIN
#define INT_LEAST16_MIN INT16_MIN
#define INT_LEAST32_MIN INT32_MIN
#define INT_LEAST64_MIN INT64_MIN

#define INT_LEAST8_MAX INT8_MAX
#define INT_LEAST16_MAX INT16_MAX
#define INT_LEAST32_MAX INT32_MAX
#define INT_LEAST64_MAX INT64_MAX

#define UINT_LEAST8_MAX UINT8_MAX
#define UINT_LEAST16_MAX UINT16_MAX
#define UINT_LEAST32_MAX UINT32_MAX
#define UINT_LEAST64_MAX UINT64_MAX

```

- Here are the values or expressions for the macros specified in `<stdint.h>`:

```

#define INT_FAST8_MIN INT8_MIN
#define INT_FAST16_MIN INT16_MIN
#define INT_FAST32_MIN INT32_MIN
#define INT_FAST64_MIN INT64_MIN

#define INT_FAST8_MAX INT8_MAX
#define INT_FAST16_MAX INT16_MAX
#define INT_FAST32_MAX INT32_MAX
#define INT_FAST64_MAX INT64_MAX

#define UINT_FAST8_MAX UINT8_MAX
#define UINT_FAST16_MAX UINT16_MAX
#define UINT_FAST32_MAX UINT32_MAX
#define UINT_FAST64_MAX UINT64_MAX

```

- The number, order, and encoding of bytes in any object (when not explicitly specified in this International Standard) (6.2.6.1).

The implementation-defined number, order, and encodings of objects not explicitly specified in the 1999 C standard have been defined elsewhere in this chapter.

- The value of the result of the `sizeof` operator (6.5.3.4).

The following table lists the results for `sizeof`.

**TABLE 87** Results From the sizeof Operator in Bytes

Type	Size in Bytes
char and _Bool	1
short	2
int	4
long	4
long -m64	8
long long	8
float	4
double	8
long double (SPARC)	16
long double (x86) -m32	12
long double (x86) -m64	16
pointer	4
pointer -m64	8
_Complex float	8
_Complex double	16
_Complex long double (SPARC)	32
_Complex long double (x86) -m32	24
_Complex long double (x86) -m64	32
_Imaginary float	4
_Imaginary double	8
_Imaginary long double (SPARC)	16
_Imaginary long double (x86) -m32	12
_Imaginary long double (x86) -m64	16

## E.1.14 Locale-specific Behavior (J.4)

The following characteristics of a hosted environment are locale-specific and are required to be documented by the implementation:

- Additional members of the source and execution character sets beyond the basic character set (5.2.1).  
Locale-specific (no extension in C locale).
- The presence, meaning, and representation of additional multibyte characters in the execution character set beyond the basic character set (5.2.1.2).

There are no multibyte characters present in the execution characters set in the default or C locales.

- The shift states used for the encoding of multibyte characters (5.2.1.2).  
There are no shift states.
- The direction of writing of successive printing characters (5.2.2).  
Printing is always left to right.
- The decimal-point character (7.1.1).  
Locale-specific (“.” in C locale).
- The set of printing characters (7.4, 7.25.2).  
Locale-specific (“.” in C locale).
- The set of control characters (7.4, 7.25.2).  
The control character set is comprised of horizontal tab, vertical tab, form feed, alert, backspace, carriage return, and new line.
- The sets of characters tested for by the `isalpha`, `isblank`, `islower`, `ispunct`, `isspace`, `isupper`, `iswalph`, `iswblank`, `iswlower`, `iswpunct`, `iswspace`, or `iswupper` functions (7.4.1.2, 7.4.1.3, 7.4.1.7, 7.4.1.9, 7.4.1.10, 7.4.1.11, 7.25.2.1.2, 7.25.2.1.3, 7.25.2.1.7, 7.25.2.1.9, 7.25.2.1.10, 7.25.2.1.11).  
See the `isalpha(3C)` and `iswalph(3C)` man pages for descriptions of `isalpha()` and `iswalph()` as well as information on the related macros mentioned above. Note that their behaviors can be modified by changing locale.
- The native environment (7.11.1.1).  
The native environment is specified by the `LANG` and `LC_*` environment variables as described in the `setlocale(3C)` man page. However, if these environment variables are not set, the native environment is set to the C locale.
- Additional subject sequences accepted by the numeric conversion functions (7.20.1, 7.24.4.1).  
The radix character is defined in the program’s locale (category `LC_NUMERIC`), and may be defined as something other than a period (.).
- The collation sequence of the execution character set (7.21.4.3, 7.24.4.2).  
Locale-specific (ASCII collation in C locale).
- The contents of the error message strings set up by the `strerror` function (7.21.6.2).  
If the application is linked with `-lintl`, then messages returned by this function are in the native language specified by the `LC_MESSAGES` locale category. Otherwise they are in the C locale.
- The formats for time and date (7.23.3.5, 7.24.5.1).  
Locale-specific. Formats for the C locale are shown in the tables below.  
The names of the months are specified below:

**TABLE 88** The Names of the Months

January	May	September
February	June	October
March	July	November
April	August	December

The names of the days of the week are specified below:

**TABLE 89** Days and Abbreviated Days of the Week

Days	Abbreviated Days
Sunday Thursday	Sun Thu
Monday Friday	Mon Fri
Tuesday Saturday	Tue Sat
Wednesday	Wed

The format for time is:

`%H:%M:%S`

The format for date is:

`%m/%d/` with the `-pedantic` flag.

The formats for AM and PM designation are: AM PM.

- Character mappings that are supported by the `towctrans` function (7.25.1).  
 The rules of the coded character set defined by character mapping information in the program's locale (category `LC_CTYPE`) may provide for character mappings other than `tolower` and `toupper`. Refer to the *Oracle Solaris Internationalization Guide For Developers*, for details of available locales and their definitions.
- Character classifications that are supported by the `iswctype` function (7.25.1).  
 See the *Oracle Solaris Internationalization Guide For Developers*, for details of available locales and any non-standard reserved character classifications

## Implementation-Defined ISO/IEC C90 Behavior

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The ISO/IEC 9899:1990, Programming Languages- C standard specifies the form and establishes the interpretation of programs written in C. However, this standard leaves a number of issues as implementation-defined, that is, as varying from compiler to compiler. This chapter details these areas. They can be readily compared to the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 standard itself:

- Each item uses the same section text as found in the ISO standard.
- Each item is preceded by its corresponding section number in the ISO standard.

### F.1 Implementation Compared to the ISO Standard

#### F.1.1 Translation (G.3.1)

The numbers in parentheses correspond to section numbers in the ISO/IEC 9899:1990 standard.

##### F.1.1.1 (5.1.1.3) Identification of diagnostics:

Error messages have the following format:

*filename, line line number: message*

Warning messages have the following format:

*filename, line line number: warning message*

Where:

- *filename* is the name of the file containing the error or warning

- *line number* is the number of the line on which the error or warning is found
- *message* is the diagnostic message

## F.1.2 Environment (G.3.2)

### F.1.2.1 (5.1.2.2.1) Semantics of arguments to main:

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[])
{
    ....
}
```

`argc` is the number of command-line arguments with which the program is invoked with. After any shell expansion, `argc` is always equal to at least 1, the name of the program.

`argv` is an array of pointers to the command-line arguments.

### F.1.2.2 (5.1.2.3) What constitutes an interactive device:

An interactive device is one for which the system library call `isatty()` returns a nonzero value.

## F.1.3 Identifiers (G.3.3)

### F.1.3.1 (6.1.2) The number of significant initial characters (beyond 31) in an identifier without external linkage:

The first 1,023 characters are significant. Identifiers are case-sensitive.

### (6.1.2) The number of significant initial characters (beyond 6) in an identifier with external linkage:

The first 1,023 characters are significant. Identifiers are case-sensitive.

## **F.1.4 Characters (G.3.4)**

### **F.1.4.1 (5.2.1) The members of the source and execution character sets, except as explicitly specified in the Standard:**

Both sets are identical to the ASCII character sets, plus locale-specific extensions.

### **F.1.4.2 (5.2.1.2) The shift states used for the encoding of multibyte characters:**

There are no shift states.

### **F.1.4.3 (5.2.4.2.1) The number of bits in a character in the execution character set:**

There are 8 bits in a character for the ASCII portion; locale-specific multiple of 8 bits for locale-specific extended portion.

### **F.1.4.4 (6.1.3.4) The mapping of members of the source character set (in character and string literals) to members of the execution character set:**

Mapping is identical between source and execution characters.

### **F.1.4.5 (6.1.3.4) The value of an integer character constant that contains a character or escape sequence not represented in the basic execution character set or the extended character set for a wide character constant:**

It is the numerical value of the rightmost character. For example, `'\q'` equals `'q'`. A warning is emitted if such an escape sequence occurs.

**F.1.4.6 (3.1.3.4) The value of an integer character constant that contains more than one character or a wide character constant that contains more than one multibyte character:**

A multiple-character constant that is not an escape sequence has a value derived from the numeric values of each character.

**F.1.4.7 (6.1.3.4) The current locale used to convert multibyte characters into corresponding wide characters (codes) for a wide character constant:**

The valid locale specified by LC\_ALL, LC\_CTYPE, or LANG environment variable.

**F.1.4.8 (6.2.1.1) Whether a plain char has the same range of values as signed char OR unsigned char:**

A char is treated as a signed char.

**F.1.5 Integers (G.3.5)**

**F.1.5.1 (6.1.2.5) The representations and sets of values of the various types of integers:**

**TABLE 90** Representations and Sets of Values of Integers

Integer	Bits	Minimum	Maximum
char	8	-128	127
signed char	8	-128	127
unsigned char	8	0	255
short	16	-32768	32767
signed short	16	-32768	32767
unsigned short	16	0	65535

Integer	Bits	Minimum	Maximum
int	32	-2147483648	2147483647
signed int	32	-2147483648	2147483647
unsigned int	32	0	4294967295
long -m32	32	-2147483648	2147483647
long -m64	64	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
signed long -m32	32	-2147483648	2147483647
signed long -m64	64	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
unsigned long -m32	32	0	4294967295
unsigned long -m64	64	0	18446744073709551615
long long	64	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
signed long long <sup>†</sup>	64	-9223372036854775808	9223372036854775807
unsigned long long <sup>†</sup>	64	0	18446744073709551615

<sup>†</sup>Not valid with `-pedantic`.

### F.1.5.2 (6.2.1.2) The result of converting an integer to a shorter signed integer, or the result of converting an unsigned integer to a signed integer of equal length, if the value cannot be represented:

When an integer is converted to a shorter signed integer, the low order bits are copied from the longer integer to the shorter signed integer. The result may be negative.

When an unsigned integer is converted to a signed integer of equal size, the low order bits are copied from the unsigned integer to the signed integer. The result may be negative.

### F.1.5.3 (6.3) The results of bitwise operations on signed integers:

The result of a bitwise operation applied to a signed type is the bitwise operation of the operands, including the sign bit. Thus, each bit in the result is set if—and only if—each of the corresponding bits in both of the operands is set.

### F.1.5.4 (6.3.5) The sign of the remainder on integer division:

The result is the same sign as the dividend; thus, the remainder of  $-23/4$  is  $-3$ .

**F.1.5.5 (6.3.7) The result of a right shift of a negative-valued signed integral type:**

The result of a right shift is a signed right shift.

**F.1.6 Floating-Point (G.3.6)**

**F.1.6.1 (6.1.2.5) The representations and sets of values of the various types of floating-point numbers:**

**TABLE 91** Values for a float

<i>float</i>	
Bits	32
Min	1.17549435E-38
Max	3.40282347E+38
Epsilon	1.19209290E-07

**TABLE 92** Values for a double

<i>double</i>	
Bits	64
Min	2.2250738585072014E-308
Max	1.7976931348623157E+308
Epsilon	2.2204460492503131E-16

**TABLE 93** Values for long double

<i>long double</i>	
Bits	128 (SPARC) 80 (x86)
Min	3.362103143112093506262677817321752603E-4932 (SPARC) 3.3621031431120935062627E-4932 (x86)

Max	1.189731495357231765085759326628007016E+4932 (SPARC)
	1.1897314953572317650213E4932 (x86)
Epsilon	1.925929944387235853055977942584927319E-34 (SPARC)
	1.0842021724855044340075E-19 (x86)

**F.1.6.2 (6.2.1.3) The direction of truncation when an integral number is converted to a floating-point number that cannot exactly represent the original value:**

Numbers are rounded to the nearest value that can be represented.

**F.1.6.3 (6.2.1.4) The direction of truncation or rounding when a floating-point number is converted to a narrower floating-point number:**

Numbers are rounded to the nearest value that can be represented.

**F.1.7 Arrays and Pointers (G.3.7)**

**F.1.7.1 (6.3.3.4, 7.1.1) The type of integer required to hold the maximum size of an array; that is, the type of the sizeof operator, size\_t:**

unsigned int as defined in `stddef.h` (for `-m32`).

unsigned long (for `-m64`)

**F.1.7.2 (6.3.4) The result of casting a pointer to an integer, or vice versa:**

The bit pattern does not change for pointers and values of type `int`, `long`, `unsigned int` and `unsigned long`.

**F.1.7.3 (6.3.6, 7.1.1) The type of integer required to hold the difference between two pointers to members of the same array, ptrdiff\_t:**

int as defined in `stddef.h` (for `-m32`).

long (for `-m64`)

**F.1.8 Registers (G.3.8)**

**F.1.8.1 (6.5.1) The extent to which objects can actually be placed in registers by use of the register storage-class specifier:**

The number of effective register declarations depends on patterns of use and definition within each function and is bounded by the number of registers available for allocation. Neither the compiler nor the optimizer is required to honor register declarations.

**F.1.9 Structures, Unions, Enumerations, and Bit-Fields (G.3.9)**

**F.1.9.1 (6.3.2.3) A member of a union object is accessed using a member of a different type:**

The bit pattern stored in the union member is accessed, and the value interpreted, according to the type of the member by which it is accessed.

**F.1.9.2 (6.5.2.1) The padding and alignment of members of structures.**

**TABLE 94** Padding and Alignment of Structure Members

Type	Alignment Boundary	Byte Alignment
char and <code>_Bool</code>	Byte	1

Type	Alignment Boundary	Byte Alignment
short	Halfword	2
int	Word	4
long -m32	Word	4
long -m64	Doubleword	8
long long -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
long long -m64	Doubleword	8
float	Word	4
double -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
double -m64	Doubleword	8
long double -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
long double -m64	Quadword	16
pointer -m32	Word	4
pointer -m64	Quadword	8
float _Complex	Word	4
double _Complex -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
double _Complex -m64	Doubleword	8
long double _Complex -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
long double _Complex -m64	Quadword	16
float _Imaginary	Word	4
double _Imaginary -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
double _Imaginary -m64	Doubleword	8
long double _Imaginary -m32	Doubleword (SPARC)	8 (SPARC)
	Word (x86)	4 (x86)
long double _Imaginary -m64	Doubleword	16

Structure members are padded internally, so that every element is aligned on the appropriate boundary.

Alignment of structures is the same as its more strictly aligned member. For example, a `struct` with only `chars` has no alignment restrictions, whereas a `struct` containing a `double` compiled with `-m64` would be aligned on an 8-byte boundary.

**F.1.9.3 (6.5.2.1) Whether a plain `int` bit-field is treated as a signed `int` bit-field or as an unsigned `int` bit-field:**

It is treated as an unsigned `int`.

**F.1.9.4 (6.5.2.1) The order of allocation of bit-fields within an `int`:**

Bit-fields are allocated within a storage unit from high-order to low-order.

**F.1.9.5 (6.5.2.1) Whether a bit-field can straddle a storage-unit boundary:**

Bit-fields do not straddle storage-unit boundaries.

**F.1.9.6 (6.5.2.2) The integer type chosen to represent the values of an enumeration type:**

This is an `int`.

**F.1.10 Qualifiers (G.3.10)**

**F.1.10.1 (6.5.5.3) What constitutes an access to an object that has volatile-qualified type:**

Each reference to the name of an object constitutes one access to the object.

## **F.1.11    Declarators (G.3.11)**

### **F.1.11.1    (6.5.4) The maximum number of declarators that may modify an arithmetic, structure, or union type:**

No limit is imposed by the compiler.

## **F.1.12    Statements (G.3.12)**

### **F.1.12.1    (6.6.4.2) The maximum number of case values in a switch statement:**

No limit is imposed by the compiler.

## **F.1.13    Preprocessing Directives (G.3.13)**

### **F.1.13.1    (6.8.1) Whether the value of a single-character character constant in a constant expression that controls conditional inclusion matches the value of the same character constant in the execution character set:**

A character constant within a preprocessing directive has the same numeric value as it has within any other expression.

### **F.1.13.2    (6.8.1) Whether such a character constant may have a negative value:**

Character constants in this context may have negative values.

### **F.1.13.3 (6.8.2) The method for locating includable source files:**

A file whose name is delimited by < > is searched for first in the directories named by the -I option, and then in the standard directory. The standard directory is /usr/include, unless the -YI option is used to specify a different default location.

A file whose name is delimited by quotes is searched for first in the directory of the source file that contains the #include, then in directories named by the -I option, and last in the standard directory.

If a file name enclosed in < > or double quotes begins with a / character, the file name is interpreted as a path name beginning in the root directory. The search for this file is in the root directory only.

### **F.1.13.4 (6.8.2) The support of quoted names for includable source files:**

Quoted file names in include directives are supported.

### **F.1.13.5 (6.8.2) The mapping of source file character sequences:**

Source file characters are mapped to their corresponding ASCII values.

### **F.1.13.6 (6.8.6) The behavior on each recognized #pragma directive:**

The following pragmas are supported. See [“2.12 Pragmas” on page 42](#) for more information.

- `align integer (variable[, variable])`
- `c99 (“implicit” | “no%implicit”)`
- `does_not_read_global_data (funcname [, funcname])`
- `does_not_return (funcname[, funcname])`
- `does_not_write_global_data (funcname[, funcname])`
- `error_messages (on|off|default, tag1[ tag2... tagn])`
- `fini (f1[, f2..., fn])`
- `hdrstop`
- `ident string`

- `init (f1[, f2..., fn])`
- `inline (funcname[, funcname])`
- `int_to_unsigned (funcname)`
- `MP serial_loop`
- `MP serial_loop_nested`
- `MP taskloop`
- `no_inline (funcname[, funcname])`
- `no_warn_missing_parameter_info`
- `nomemorydepend`
- `no_side_effect (funcname[, funcname])`
- `opt_level (funcname[, funcname])`
- `pack(n)`
- `pipeloop(n)`
- `rarely_called (funcname[, funcname])`
- `redefine_extname old_extname new_extname`
- `returns_new_memory (funcname[, funcname])`
- `unknown_control_flow (name[, name])`
- `unroll (unroll_factor)`
- `warn_missing_parameter_info`
- `weak symbol1 [= symbol2]`

**F.1.13.7 (6.8.8) The definitions for `__DATE__` and `__TIME__` when, respectively, the date and time of translation are not available:**

These macros are always available from the environment.

**F.1.14 Library Functions (G.3.14)**

**F.1.14.1 (7.1.6) The null pointer constant to which the macro `NULL` expands:**

`NULL` equals 0.

**F.1.14.2 (7.2) The diagnostic printed by and the termination behavior of the assert function:**

The diagnostic is:

Assertion failed: *statement*. file *filename*, line *number*

Where:

- *statement* is the statement which failed the assertion
- *filename* is the name of the file containing the failure
- *line number* is the number of the line on which the failure occurs

**F.1.14.3 (7.3.1) The sets of characters tested for by the isalnum, isalpha, iscntrl, islower, isprint, and isupper functions:**

**TABLE 95** Character Sets Tested by isalpha, islower, etc.

isalnum	ASCII characters A-Z, a-z and 0-9
isalpha	ASCII characters A-Z and a-z, plus locale-specific single-byte letters
iscntrl	ASCII characters with value 0-31 and 127
islower	ASCII characters a-z
isprint	Locale-specific single-byte printable characters
isupper	ASCII characters A-Z

**F.1.14.4 (7.5.1) The values returned by the mathematics functions on domain errors:**

**TABLE 96** Values Returned on Domain Errors

Error	Math Functions	Compiler Modes	
		-Xs, -Xt	-pedantic, -Xa, -Xc
DOMAIN	acos( x >1)	0.0	0.0
DOMAIN	asin( x >1)	0.0	0.0
DOMAIN	atan2(+,-0,+,-0)	0.0	0.0

Error	Math Functions	Compiler Modes	
		-Xs, -Xt	-pedantic, -Xa, -Xc
DOMAIN	y0(0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	y0(x<0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	y1(0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	y1(x<0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	yn(n,0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	yn(n,x<0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	log(x<0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	log10(x<0)	-HUGE	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	pow(0,0)	0.0	1.0
DOMAIN	pow(0,neg)	0.0	-HUGE_VAL
DOMAIN	pow(neg,non-integral)	0.0	NaN
DOMAIN	sqrt(x<0)	0.0	NaN
DOMAIN	fmod(x,0)	x	NaN
DOMAIN	remainder(x,0)	NaN	NaN
DOMAIN	acosh(x<1)	NaN	NaN
DOMAIN	atanh( x >1)	NaN	NaN

**F.1.14.5 (7.5.1) Whether the mathematics functions set the integer expression `errno` to the value of the macro `ERANGE` on underflow range errors:**

Mathematics functions, except `scalbn`, set `errno` to `ERANGE` when underflow is detected.

**F.1.14.6 (7.5.6.4) Whether a domain error occurs or zero is returned when the `fmod` function has a second argument of zero:**

In this case, it returns the first argument with domain error.

**F.1.14.7 (7.7.1.1) The set of signals for the `signal` function:**

The following table shows the semantics for each signal as recognized by the `signal` function:

**TABLE 97** Semantics for signal Signals

Signal	No.	Default	Event
SIGHUP	1	Exit	hangup
SIGINT	2	Exit	interrupt
SIGQUIT	3	Core	quit
SIGILL	4	Core	illegal instruction (not reset when caught)
SIGTRAP	5	Core	trace trap (not reset when caught)
SIGIOT	6	Core	IOT instruction
SIGABRT	6	Core	Used by abort
SIGEMT	7	Core	EMT instruction
SIGFPE	8	Core	floating point exception
SIGKILL	9	Exit	kill (cannot be caught or ignored)
SIGBUS	10	Core	bus error
SIGSEGV	11	Core	segmentation violation
SIGSYS	12	Core	bad argument to system call
SIGPIPE	13	Exit	write on a pipe with no one to read it
SIGALRM	14	Exit	alarm clock
SIGTERM	15	Exit	software termination signal from kill
SIGUSR1	16	Exit	user defined signal 1
SIGUSR2	17	Exit	user defined signal 2
SIGCLD	18	Ignore	child status change
SIGCHLD	18	Ignore	child status change alias
SIGPWR	19	Ignore	power-fail restart
SIGWINCH	20	Ignore	window size change
SIGURG	21	Ignore	urgent socket condition
SIGPOLL	22	Exit	pollable event occurred
SIGIO	22	Exit	socket I/O possible
SIGSTOP	23	Stop	stop (cannot be caught or ignored)
SIGTSTP	24	Stop	user stop requested from tty
SIGCONT	25	Ignore	stopped process has been continued
SIGTTIN	26	Stop	background tty read attempted
SIGTTOU	27	Stop	background tty write attempted
SIGVTALRM	28	Exit	virtual timer expired
SIGPROF	29	Exit	profiling timer expired
SIGXCPU	30	Core	exceeded cpu limit

Signal	No.	Default	Event
SIGXFSZ	31	Core	exceeded file size limit
SIGWAITINGT	32	Ignore	process's lwps are blocked

**F.1.14.8 (7.7.1.1) The default handling and the handling at program startup for each signal recognized by the signal function:**

See above.

**F.1.14.9 (7.7.1.1) If the equivalent of `signal(sig, SIG_DFL)`; is not executed prior to the call of a signal handler, the blocking of the signal that is performed:**

The equivalent of `signal(sig, SIG_DFL)` is always executed.

**F.1.14.10 (7.7.1.1) Whether the default handling is reset if the SIGILL signal is received by a handler specified to the signal function:**

Default handling is not reset in SIGILL.

**F.1.14.11 (7.9.2) Whether the last line of a text stream requires a terminating new-line character:**

The last line does not need to end in a newline.

**F.1.14.12 (7.9.2) Whether space characters that are written out to a text stream immediately before a new-line character appear when read in:**

All characters appear when the stream is read.

**F.1.14.13 (7.9.2) The number of null characters that may be appended to data written to a binary stream:**

No null characters are appended to a binary stream.

**F.1.14.14 (7.9.3) Whether the file position indicator of an append mode stream is initially positioned at the beginning or end of the file:**

The file position indicator is initially positioned at the end of the file.

**F.1.14.15 (7.9.3) Whether a write on a text stream causes the associated file to be truncated beyond that point:**

A write on a text stream does not cause a file to be truncated beyond that point unless a hardware device forces it to happen.

**F.1.14.16 (7.9.3) The characteristics of file buffering:**

Output streams, with the exception of the standard error stream (`stderr`), are by default-buffered if the output refers to a file, and line-buffered if the output refers to a terminal. The standard error output stream (`stderr`) is by default unbuffered.

A buffered output stream saves many characters, and then writes the characters as a block. An unbuffered output stream queues information for immediate writing on the destination file or terminal immediately. Line-buffered output queues each line of output until the line is complete (a newline character is requested).

**F.1.14.17 (7.9.3) Whether a zero-length file actually exists:**

A zero-length file does exist since it has a directory entry.

**F.1.14.18 (7.9.3) The rules for composing valid file names:**

A valid file name can be from 1 to 1,023 characters in length and can use all character except the characters `null` and `/` (slash).

**F.1.14.19 (7.9.3) Whether the same file can be open multiple times:**

The same file can be opened multiple times.

**F.1.14.20 (7.9.4.1) The effect of the `remove` function on an open file:**

The file is deleted on the last call which closes the file. A program cannot open a file which has already been removed.

**F.1.14.21 (7.9.4.2) The effect if a file with the new name exists prior to a call to the `rename` function:**

If the file exists, it is removed and the new file is written over the previously existing file.

**F.1.14.22 (7.9.6.1) The output for `%p` conversion in the `fprintf` function:**

The output for `%p` is equivalent to `%x`.

**F.1.14.23 (7.9.6.2) The input for `%p` conversion in the `fscanf` function:**

The input for `%p` is equivalent to `%x`.

**F.1.14.24 (7.9.6.2) The interpretation of `a-` character that is neither the first nor the last character in the scan list for `%[` conversion in the `fscanf` function:**

The `-` character indicates an inclusive range; thus, `[0-9]` is equivalent to `[0123456789]`.

## **F.1.15    Locale-Specific Behavior (G.4)**

### **F.1.15.1    (7.12.1) The local time zone and Daylight Savings Time:**

The local time zone is set by the environment variable TZ.

### **F.1.15.2    (7.12.2.1) The era for the c`lock` function**

The era for the clock is represented as clock ticks with the origin at the beginning of the execution of the program.

The following characteristics of a hosted environment are locale-specific:

### **F.1.15.3    (5.2.1) The content of the execution character set, in addition to the required members:**

Locale-specific (no extension in C locale).

### **F.1.15.4    (5.2.2) The direction of printing:**

Printing is always left to right.

### **F.1.15.5    (7.1.1) The decimal-point character:**

Locale-specific (“.” in C locale).

### **F.1.15.6    (7.3) The implementation-defined aspects of character testing and case mapping functions:**

Same as 4.3.1.

### F.1.15.7 (7.11.4.4) The collation sequence of the execution character set:

Locale-specific (ASCII collation in C locale).

### F.1.15.8 (7.12.3.5) The formats for time and date:

Locale-specific. Formats for the C locale are shown in the tables below. The names of the months are:

**TABLE 98** Names of Months

January	May	September
February	June	October
March	July	November
April	August	December

The names of the days of the week are:

**TABLE 99** Days and Abbreviated Days of the Week

Days		Abbreviated Days	
Sunday	Thursday	Sun	Thu
Monday	Friday	Mon	Fri
Tuesday	Saturday	Tue	Sat
Wednesday		Wed	

The format for time is:

`%H:%M:%S`

The format for date is:

`%m/%d/%y`

The formats for AM and PM designation are: AM PM.



## ISO C Data Representations

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This appendix describes how ISO C represents data in storage and the mechanisms for passing arguments to functions. It can serve as a guide to programmers who want to write or use modules in languages other than C and have those modules interface with C code.

### G.1 Storage Allocation

The following tables show the data types and how they are represented. Sizes are in bytes.

**Note** - Storage allocated on the stack (identifiers with internal, or automatic, linkage) should be limited to 2 gigabytes or less.

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**TABLE 100** Storage Allocation for Data Types

C Type	LP64 (-m64) size	LP64 alignment	ILP32 (-m32) size	ILP 32 alignment
<i>Integer</i>				
_Bool	1	1	1	1
char				
signed char				
unsigned char				
short				
signed short	2	2	2	2
unsigned short				
int				
signed int	4	4	4	4
unsigned int				
enum				

C Type	LP64 (-m64) size	LP64 alignment	ILP32 (-m32) size	ILP 32 alignment
long				
signed long	8	8	4	4
unsigned long				
long long				
signed long long	8	8	8	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
unsigned long long				
<i>Pointer</i>				
<i>any-type *</i>	8	8	4	4
<i>any-type (*) ()</i>				
<i>Floating Point</i>				
float	4	4	4	4
double	8	8	8	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
long double	16	16	12 (x86) / 16 (SPARC)	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
<i>Complex</i>				
float _Complex	8	4	8	4
double _Complex	16	8	16	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
long double _Complex	32	16	24 (x86) / 32 (SPARC)	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
<i>Imaginary</i>				
float _Imaginary	4	4	4	4
double _Imaginary	8	8	8	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)
long double _Imaginary	16	16	12 (x86) / 16 (SPARC)	4 (x86) / 8 (SPARC)

*Size and alignment of atomic C types:*

Where T is any of the above types, and struct or union types

size : sizeof(\_Atomic(T)) is equal to sizeof(T)

alignment : if size is 1,2,4,8,16 then alignment is equal to the size,  
otherwise alignof(\_Atomic(T)) is equal to alignof(T)

## G.2 Data Representations

Bit numbering of any given data element depends on the architecture in use: SPARCstation™ machines use bit 0 as the least significant bit, with byte 0 being the most significant byte. The tables in this section describe the various representations.

### G.2.1 Integer Representations

Integer types used in ISO C are short, int, long, and long long:

**TABLE 101** Representation of short

Bits	Content
8- 15	Byte 0 (SPARC)
	Byte 1 (x86)
0- 7	Byte 1 (SPARC)
	Byte 0 (x86)

**TABLE 102** Representation of int

Bits	Content
24- 31	Byte 0 (SPARC)
	Byte 3 (x86)
16- 23	Byte 1 (SPARC)
	Byte 2 (x86)
8- 15	Byte 2 (SPARC)
	Byte 1 (x86)
0- 7	Byte 3 (SPARC)
	Byte 0 (x86)

**TABLE 103** Representation of long Compiled with -m32

Bits	Content
24- 31	Byte 0 (SPARC)
	Byte 3 (x86)
16- 23	Byte 1 (SPARC)

Bits	Content
	Byte 2 (x86)
8- 15	Byte 2 (SPARC)
	Byte 1 (x86)
0- 7	Byte 3 (SPARC)
	Byte 0 (x86)

**TABLE 104** Representation of long (-m64) and long long (both -m32 and -m64)

Bits	Content
56- 63	Byte 0 (SPARC)
	Byte 7 (x86)
48- 55	Byte 1 (SPARC)
	Byte 6 (x86)
40- 47	Byte 2 (SPARC)
	Byte 5 (x86)
32- 39	Byte 3 (SPARC)
	Byte 4 (x86)
24- 31	Byte 4 (SPARC)
	Byte 3 (x86)
16- 23	Byte 5 (SPARC)
	Byte 2 (x86)
8- 15	Byte 6 (SPARC)
	Byte 1 (x86)
0- 7	Byte 7 (SPARC)
	Byte 0 (x86)

## G.2.2 Floating-Point Representations

float, double, and long double data elements are represented according to the ISO IEEE 754-1985 standard. The representation is:

$$(-1)^s * 2^{(e - bias)} * [j.f]$$

where:

- $s$  is the sign
- $e$  is the biased exponent
- $j$  is the leading bit, determined by the value of  $e$ . In the case of long double (x86), the leading bit is explicit; in all other cases, it is implicit.
- $f$  = fraction
- $u$  means that the bit can be either 0 or 1 (used in the tables in this section).

For IEEE Single and Double,  $j$  is always implicit. When the biased exponent is 0,  $j$  is 0, and the resulting number is subnormal as long as  $f$  is not 0. When the biased exponent is greater than 0,  $j$  is 1 as long as the number is finite.

For Intel 80-bit Extended,  $j$  is always explicit.

The following tables show the position of the bits.

**TABLE 105** float Representation

Bits	Name
31	sign
23- 30	biased exponent
0- 22	fraction

**TABLE 106** double Representation

Bits	Name
63	sign
52- 62	biased exponent
0- 51	fraction

**TABLE 107** long double Representation (SPARC)

Bits	Name
127	sign
112- 126	biased exponent
0- 111	fraction

**TABLE 108** long double Representation (x86)

Bits	Name
80- 95	not used
79	sign
64- 78	biased exponent

Bits	Name
63	leading bit
0- 62	fraction

For further information, refer to the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Numerical Computation Guide](#).

## G.2.3 Exceptional Values

`float` and `double` numbers are said to contain a “hidden,” or implied, bit, providing for one more bit of precision than would otherwise be the case. In the case of `long double`, the leading bit is implicit (SPARC) or explicit (x86); this bit is 1 for normal numbers, and 0 for subnormal numbers.

**TABLE 109** `float` Representations

normal number ( $0 < e < 255$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(e-127)} 1.f$
subnormal number ( $e=0, f!=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(-126)} 0.f$
zero ( $e=0, f=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 0.0$
signaling NaN	$s=u, e=255(\text{max}); f=.0uuu-uu$ ; at least one bit must be nonzero
quiet NaN	$s=u, e=255(\text{max}); f=.1uuu-uu$
Infinity	$s=u, e=255(\text{max}); f=.0000-00$ (all zeroes)

**TABLE 110** `double` Representations

normal number ( $0 < e < 2047$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(e-1023)} 1.f$
subnormal number ( $e=0, f!=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(-1022)} 0.f$
zero ( $e=0, f=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 0.0$
signaling NaN	$s=u, e=2047(\text{max}); f=.0uuu-uu$ ; at least one bit must be nonzero
quiet NaN	$s=u, e=2047(\text{max}); f=.1uuu-uu$
Infinity	$s=u, e=2047(\text{max}); f=.0000-00$ (all zeroes)

**TABLE 111** `long double` Representations

normal number ( $0 < e < 32767$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(e-16383)} 1.f$
subnormal number ( $e=0, f!=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 2^{(-16382)} 0.f$
zero ( $e=0, f=0$ ):	$(-1)^s 0.0$

signaling NaN	s=u, e=32767(max); f=.0uuu-uu; at least one bit must be nonzero
quiet NaN	s=u, e=32767(max); f=.1uuu-uu
Infinity	s=u, e=32767(max); f=.0000-00 (all zeroes)

## G.2.4 Hexadecimal Representation of Selected Numbers

The following tables show the hexadecimal representations.

**TABLE 112** Hexadecimal Representation of Selected Numbers (SPARC)

Value	float	double	long double
+0	00000000	0000000000000000	00000000000000000000000000000000
-0	80000000	8000000000000000	80000000000000000000000000000000
+1.0	3F800000	3FF0000000000000	3FFF0000000000000000000000000000
-1.0	BF800000	BFF0000000000000	BFFF0000000000000000000000000000
+2.0	40000000	4000000000000000	40000000000000000000000000000000
+3.0	40400000	4008000000000000	40080000000000000000000000000000
+Infinity	7F800000	7FF0000000000000	7FFF0000000000000000000000000000
-Infinity	FF800000	FFF0000000000000	FFFF0000000000000000000000000000
NaN	7FBFFFFF	7FF7FFFFFFFFFFFF	7FFF7FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF

**TABLE 113** Hexadecimal Representation of Selected Numbers (x86)

Value	float	double	long double
+0	00000000	0000000000000000	000000000000000000000000
-0	80000000	0000000080000000	800000000000000000000000
+1.0	3F800000	000000003FF00000	3FFF80000000000000000000
-1.0	BF800000	00000000BFF00000	BFFF80000000000000000000
+2.0	40000000	0000000040000000	400080000000000000000000
+3.0	40400000	0000000040080000	4000C0000000000000000000
+Infinity	7F800000	000000007FF00000	7FFF80000000000000000000
-Infinity	FF800000	00000000FFF00000	FFFF80000000000000000000
NaN	7FBFFFFF	FFFFFFFF7FF7FFFF	7FFFBFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF

For further information, refer to the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Numerical Computation Guide](#).

## G.2.5 Pointer Representation

With `-m32`, a pointer in C occupies four bytes. With `-m64`, a pointer in C occupies 8 bytes. The NULL value pointer is equal to zero.

## G.2.6 Array Storage

Arrays are stored with their elements in a specific storage order. The elements are actually stored in a linear sequence of storage elements.

C arrays are stored in row-major order. The last subscript in a multidimensional array varies the fastest.

String data types are arrays of char elements. The maximum number of characters allowed in a string literal or wide string literal (after concatenation) is 4,294,967,295.

See [“G.1 Storage Allocation” on page 423](#) for information on the size limit of storage allocated on the stack.

**TABLE 114** Array Types and Storage

Type	Maximum Number of Elements for <code>-m32</code>	Maximum Number of Elements for <code>-m64</code>
char	4,294,967,295	2,305,843,009,213,693,951
short	2,147,483,647	1,152,921,504,606,846,975
int	1,073,741,823	576,460,752,303,423,487
long	1,073,741,823	288,230,376,151,711,743
float	1,073,741,823	576,460,752,303,423,487
double	536,870,911	288,230,376,151,711,743
long double	268,435,451	144,115,188,075,855,871
long long	536,870,911	288,230,376,151,711,743

Static and global arrays can accommodate many more elements.

## G.2.7 Arithmetic Operations on Exceptional Values

This section describes the results derived from applying the basic arithmetic operations to combinations of exceptional and ordinary floating-point values. The information that follows assumes that no traps or any other exception actions are taken.

The following table explains the abbreviations.

**TABLE 115** Abbreviation Usage

Abbreviation	Meaning
Num	Subnormal or normal number
Inf	Infinity (positive or negative)
NaN	Not a number
Uno	Unordered

The following tables describe the types of values that result from arithmetic operations performed with combinations of different types of operands.

**TABLE 116** Addition and Subtraction Results

	Right Operand: 0	Right Operand: Num	Right Operand: Inf	Right Operand: NaN
Left Operand: 0	0	Num	Inf	NaN
Left Operand: Num	Num	See <sup>†</sup>	Inf	NaN
Left Operand: Inf	Inf	Inf	See <sup>†</sup>	NaN
Left Operand: NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

<sup>†</sup>Num + Num could be Inf, rather than Num, when the result is too large (overflow). Inf + Inf = NaN when the infinities are of opposite sign.

**TABLE 117** Multiplication Results

	Right Operand:0	Right Operand:Num	Right Operand:Inf	Right Operand:NaN
Left Operand:0	0	0	NaN	NaN
Left Operand: Num	0	Num	Inf	NaN
Left Operand: Inf	NaN	Inf	Inf	NaN
Left Operand: NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

**TABLE 118** Division Results

	Right Operand:0	Right Operand:Num	Right Operand:Inf	Right Operand:NaN
Left Operand:0	NaN	0	0	NaN
Left Operand: Num	Inf	Num	0	NaN
Left Operand: Inf	Inf	Inf	NaN	NaN
Left Operand: NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN

**TABLE 119** Comparison Results

	Right Operand:0	Right Operand:+Num	Right Operand:+Inf	Right Operand:+NaN
Left Operand:0	=	<	<	Uno
Left Operand: +Num	>	The result of the comparison	<	Uno
Left Operand: +Inf	>	>	=	Uno
Left Operand: +NaN	Uno	Uno	Uno	Uno

**Note** - NaN compared with NaN is unordered, and results in inequality. +0 compares equal to -0.

## G.3 Argument-Passing Mechanism

This section describes how arguments are passed in ISO C.

- All arguments to C functions are passed by value.
- Actual arguments are passed in the reverse order from which they are declared in a function declaration.
- Actual arguments that are expressions are evaluated before the function reference. The result of the expression is then placed in a register or pushed onto the stack.

### G.3.1 32-Bit SPARC

Functions return `integer` results in register `%o0`, `float` results in register `%f0`, and `double` results in registers `%f0` and `%f1`.

`long long` integers are passed in registers with the higher word order in `%oN`, and the lower order word in `%o(N+1)`. In-register results are returned in `%o0` and `%o1`, with similar ordering.

All arguments, except `double` and `long double`, are passed as 4-byte values. A `double` is passed as an 8-byte value. The first six 4-byte values (`double` counts as 8) are passed in registers `%o0` through `%o5`. The rest are passed onto the stack. Structures are passed by making a copy of the structure and passing a pointer to the copy. A `long double` is passed in the same manner as a structure.

Registers described are as seen by the caller.

## G.3.2 64-Bit SPARC

All integral arguments are passed as 8-byte values.

Floating-point arguments are passed in floating-point registers when possible.

## G.3.3 x86/x64

Intel 386 psABI and AMD64 psABI are observed.

Functions return results in the following registers:

**TABLE 120** Registers Used by x86 Functions to Return Types (-m32)

Type Returned	Register
int	%eax
long long	%edx and %eax
float, double, and long double	%st(0)
float _Complex	%eax for the real part and %edx for the imaginary part
double _Complex and long double _Complex	The same as a struct that contains two elements of the corresponding floating-point type.

Refer to the AMD64 psABI for details at <https://github.com/hjl-tools/x86-psABI/wiki/X86-psABI>

All arguments except structs, unions, long longs, doubles and long doubles are passed as four-byte values; a long long is passed as an 8-byte value, a double is passed as an 8-byte value, and a long double is passed as a 12-byte value.

structs and unions are copied onto the stack. The size is rounded up to a multiple of four bytes. Functions returning structs and unions are passed a hidden first argument, pointing to the location into which the returned struct or union is stored.

Upon return from a function, the caller is responsible for popping arguments from the stack except for the extra argument for struct and union returns that is popped by the called function.



## Performance Tuning

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This appendix describes performance tuning of C program. See also the [Oracle Developer Studio 12.5: Performance Analyzer](#).

### H.1 `libfast.a` Library (SPARC)

`libfast.a` provides a fast but MT-Unsafe version of the standard C library functions `malloc()`, `free()`, `realloc()`, `calloc()`, `valloc()`, and `memalign()`. Because it is optimized for fast allocation in single-threaded applications, it may not be appropriate for applications requiring concurrent multi-threaded allocation or space-efficient memory reuse.

`libfast_r.a` is a MT-Safe version of `libfast.a`, though it does not support concurrent memory allocation by multiple threads. Only one thread at a time can allocate or free memory.

Both versions are supported on both 32-bit and 64-bit Oracle Solaris. They are supported on both SPARC and x86 platforms.

Freeing a block allocated by `libfast malloc()` does not make its storage available for allocating a new block of a different size. Because of this, `libfast` may not be suitable for use in multi-phase applications.

Use profiling to determine whether the routines in the following checklist are important to the performance of your application, then use this checklist to decide whether `libfast.a` or `libfast_r.a` benefits the performance.

- *Do* use `libfast.a` or `libfast_r.a` if the performance of memory allocation is important, and the size of the most commonly allocated blocks equals or is slightly less than a power of two. The important routines are: `malloc()`, `free()`, and `realloc()`.
- *Do not* use `libfast.a` if the application is multithreaded. Use `libfast_r.a` instead.

When linking the application, add the option `-lfast` or `-lfast_r` to the `cc` command used at link time. The `cc` command links the routines in `libfast.a` or `libfast_r.a` ahead of their counterparts in the standard C library.



## Oracle Developer Studio C: Differences Between K&R C and ISO C

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This appendix describes the differences between the previous K&R Oracle Developer Studio C and Oracle Developer Studio ISO C.

For more information see [“1.5 Standards Conformance” on page 27](#).

### I.1 Incompatibilities

**TABLE 121** K&R C Incompatibilities With ISO C

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
envp argument to main()	Allows envp as third argument to main().	Allows this third argument; however, this usage is not strictly conforming to the ISO C standard.
Keywords	Treats the identifiers const, volatile, and signed as ordinary identifiers.	const, volatile, and signed are keywords.
extern and static functions declarations inside a block	Promotes these function declarations to file scope.	The ISO standard does not guarantee that block scope function declarations are promoted to file scope.
Identifiers	Allows dollar signs (\$) in identifiers.	\$ not allowed.
long float types	Accepts long float declarations and treats these as double.	Does not accept these declarations.
Multi-character character-constants	int mc = 'abcd'; yields: abcd	int mc = 'abcd'; yields: dcba
Integer constants	Accepts 8 or 9 in octal escape sequences.	Does not accept 8 or 9 in octal escape sequences.
Assignment operators	Treats the following operator pairs as two tokens and, as a consequence, permits white space between them:	Treats them as single tokens, and therefore disallows white space in between.

## I.1 Incompatibilities

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
	<code>*=, /=, %=, +=, -=, &lt;&lt;=, &gt;&gt;=, &amp;=, ^=,  =</code>	
Unsigned preserving semantics for expressions	Supports unsigned preserving, that is, unsigned char/shorts are converted into unsigned int.	Supports value-preserving, that is, unsigned char/short(s) are converted into int.
Single/double precision calculations	Promotes the operands of floating-point expressions to double.  Functions that are declared to return floats always promote their return values to doubles.	Allows operations on floats to be performed in single precision calculations.  Allows float return types for these functions.
Name spaces of struct/union members	Allows struct, union, and arithmetic types using member selection operators ('.', '->') to work on members of other structs or unions.	Requires that every unique struct/union have its own unique name space.
A cast as an lvalue	Supports casts of integral and pointer types as lvalues. For example:  <code>(char *)ip = &amp;char;</code>	Does not support this feature.
Implied int declarations	Supports declarations without an explicit type specifier. A declaration such as <code>num;</code> is treated as implied int. For example:  <code>num; /*num implied as an int*/</code>  <code>int num2; /* num2 explicitly*/</code>  <code>/* declared an int */</code>	The <code>num;</code> declaration (without the explicit type specifier <code>int</code> ) is not supported, and generates a syntax error.
Empty declarations	Allows empty declarations, for example:  <code>int;</code>	Except for tags, disallows empty declarations.
Type specifiers on type definitions	Allows type specifiers such as <code>unsigned</code> , <code>short</code> , <code>long</code> on typedefs declarations. For example:  <code>typedef short small;</code>  <code>unsigned small x;</code>	Does not allow type specifiers to modify typedef declarations.
Types allowed on bit fields	Allows bit fields of all integral types, including unnamed bit fields.  The ABI requires support of unnamed bit fields and the other integral types.	Supports bit-fields only of the type <code>int</code> , <code>unsigned int</code> and <code>signed int</code> . Other types are undefined.
Treatment of tags in incomplete declarations	Ignores the incomplete type declaration. In the following example, <code>f1</code> refers to the outer struct:  <code>struct x { . . . } s1;</code>	In an ISO-conforming implementation, an incomplete struct or union type specifier hides an enclosing declaration with the same tag.

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
	<pre>{struct x; struct y {struct x f1; } s2; struct x { . . . };}</pre>	
Mismatch on struct/union/enum declarations	<p>Allows a mismatch on the struct/enum/union type of a tag in nested struct/union declarations. In the following example, the second declaration is treated as a struct:</p> <pre>struct x { . . . }s1; {union x s2;...}</pre>	Treats the inner declaration as a new declaration, hiding the outer tag.
Labels in expressions	Treats labels as (void *) lvalues.	Does not allow labels in expressions.
switch condition type	Allows floats and doubles by converting them to ints.	Evaluates only integral types (int, char, and enumerated) for the switch condition type.
Syntax of conditional inclusion directives	The preprocessor ignores trailing tokens after an #else or #endif directive.	Disallows such constructs.
Token-pasting and the ## preprocessor operator	<p>Does not recognize the ## operator. Token-pasting is accomplished by placing a comment between the two tokens being pasted:</p> <pre>#define PASTE(A,B) A/*any comment*/B</pre>	<p>Defines ## as the preprocessor operator that performs token-pasting, for example:</p> <pre>#define PASTE(A,B) A##B</pre> <p>Furthermore, the preprocessor does not recognize the method. Instead, it treats the comment between the two tokens as white space.</p>
Preprocessor rescanning	<p>The preprocessor recursively substitutes:</p> <pre>#define F(X) X(arg) F(F) yields arg(arg)</pre>	<p>A macro is not replaced if it is found in the replacement list during the rescan:</p> <pre>#define F(X)X(arg)F(F) yields: F(arg)</pre>
typedef names in formal parameter lists	You can use typedef names as formal parameter names in a function declaration. "Hides" the typedef declaration.	Disallows the use of an identifier declared as a typedef name as a formal parameter.
Implementation specific initializations of aggregates	<p>Uses a bottom-up algorithm when parsing and processing partially elided initializers within braces:</p> <pre>struct{ int a[3]; int b; }\w[]={1, 2}; yields sizeof(w)=16</pre>	<p>Uses a top-down parsing algorithm. For example:</p> <pre>struct{int a[3];int b;}\ w[]={1,2}; yields sizeof(w)=32w[0].a=1,0,0w[0]. =0w[1].a=2,0,0w[1].b=0</pre>

## I.1 Incompatibilities

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
	<pre>w[0].a=1,0,0 w[0].b=2</pre>	
Comments spanning include files	Allows comments that start in an #include file to be terminated by the file that includes the first file.	Comments are replaced by a white-space character in the translation phase of the compilation, which occurs before the #include directive is processed.
Formal parameter substitution within a character constant	Substitutes characters within a character constant when it matches the replacement list macro: <pre>#define charize(c) 'c' charize(Z) yields: 'Z'</pre>	The character is not replaced: <pre>#define charize(c) 'c'charize(Z) yields: 'c'</pre>
Formal parameter substitution within a string constant	The preprocessor substitutes a formal parameter when enclosed within a string constant: <pre>#define stringize(str) 'str' stringize(foo) yields: "foo"</pre>	The # preprocessor operator should be used: <pre>#define stringize(str) 'str' stringize(foo) yields: "str"</pre>
Preprocessor built into the compiler "front-end"	Compiler invokes cpp(1) followed by all the other components of the compilation system depending on the options specified.	The ISO C translation phases 1-4, which cover the processing of preprocessor directives, is built directly into acomp, so cpp is not directly invoked during compilation, except in -Xs mode.
Line concatenation with backslash	Does not recognize the backslash character in this context.	Requires that a newline character immediately preceded by a backslash character be spliced together.
Trigraphs in string literals	Does not support this ISO C feature.	
asm keyword	asm is a keyword.	asm is treated as an ordinary identifier.
Linkage of identifiers	Does not treat uninitialized static declarations as tentative declarations. As a consequence, the second declaration will generate a 'redeclaration' error, as in: <pre>static int i = 1; static int i;</pre>	Treats uninitialized static declarations as tentative declarations.

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
Name spaces	Distinguishes only three: <code>struct/union/enum</code> tags, members of <code>struct/union/enum</code> , and everything else.	Recognizes four distinct name spaces: label names, tags (the names that follow the keywords <code>struct</code> , <code>union</code> or <code>enum</code> ), members of <code>struct/union/enum</code> , and ordinary identifiers.
<code>long double</code> type	Not supported.	Allows <code>long double</code> type declaration.
Floating point constants	The floating point suffixes, <code>f</code> , <code>l</code> , <code>F</code> , and <code>L</code> , are not supported.	
Unsuffix integer constants can have different types	The integer constant suffixes <code>u</code> and <code>U</code> are not supported.	
Wide character constants	Does not accept the ISO C syntax for wide character constants, as in:  <code>wchar_t wc = L'x';</code>	Supports this syntax.
<code>'\a'</code> and <code>'\x'</code>	Treats them as the characters <code>'a'</code> and <code>'x'</code> .	Treats <code>'\a'</code> and <code>'\x'</code> as special escape sequences.
Concatenation of string literals	Does not support the ISO C concatenation of adjacent string literals.	
Wide character string literal syntax	Does not support the ISO C wide character, string literal syntax shown in this example:  <code>wchar_t *ws = L"hello";</code>	Supports this syntax.
Pointers: <code>void *</code> versus <code>char *</code>	Supports the ISO C <code>void *</code> feature.	
Unary plus operator	Does not support this ISO C feature.	
Function prototypes—ellipses	Not supported.	ISO C defines the use of ellipses <code>"..."</code> to denote a variable argument parameter list.
Type definitions	Disallows <code>typedefs</code> to be redeclared in an inner block by another declaration with the same type name.	Allows <code>typedefs</code> to be redeclared in an inner block by another declaration with the same type name.
Initialization of extern variables	Does not support the initialization of variables explicitly declared as <code>extern</code> .	Treats the initialization of variables explicitly declared as <code>extern</code> , as definitions.
Initialization of aggregates	Does not support the ISO C initialization of unions or automatic structures.	
Prototypes	Does not support this ISO C feature.	
Syntax of preprocessing directive	Recognizes only those directives with a <code>#</code> in the first column.	ISO C allows leading white-space characters before a <code>#</code> directive.
The <code>#</code> preprocessor operator	Does not support the ISO C <code>#</code> preprocessor operator.	
<code>#error</code> directive	Does not support this ISO C feature.	
Preprocessor directives	Supports <code>pragmas</code> , <code>unknown_control_flow</code> and	Does not specify its behavior for unrecognized <code>pragmas</code> .

Topic	Oracle Developer Studio C (K&R)	Oracle Developer Studio ISO C
	makes <code>_regs_inconsistent</code> along with the <code>#ident</code> directive. The preprocessor issues warnings when it finds unrecognized pragmas.	
Predefined macro names	These ISO C-defined macro names are not defined:  <code>__STDC__</code>  <code>__DATE__</code>  <code>__TIME__</code>  <code>__LINE__</code>	

## I.2 Keywords

The following tables list the keywords for the ISO C Standard, the Oracle Developer Studio ISO C compiler, and the Oracle Developer Studio C compiler.

The first table lists the keywords defined by the ISO C standard.

**TABLE 122** ISO C Standard Keywords

<code>_Alignas</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>_Alignof</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>_Atomic</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>_Bool</code> <sup>1</sup>
<code>_Complex</code> <sup>1</sup>	<code>_Generic</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>_Imaginary</code> <sup>1</sup>	<code>_Noreturn</code> <sup>2</sup>
<code>_Static_assert</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>_Thread_local</code> <sup>2</sup>	<code>auto</code>	<code>break</code>
<code>case</code>	<code>char</code>	<code>const</code>	<code>continue</code>
<code>default</code>	<code>do</code>	<code>double</code>	<code>else</code>
<code>enum</code>	<code>extern</code>	<code>float</code>	<code>for</code>
<code>goto</code>	<code>if</code>	<code>inline</code> <sup>1</sup>	<code>int</code>
<code>long</code>	<code>register</code>	<code>restrict</code>	<code>return</code>
<code>short</code>	<code>signed</code>	<code>sizeof</code>	<code>static</code>
<code>struct</code>	<code>switch</code>	<code>typedef</code>	<code>union</code>
<code>unsigned</code>	<code>void</code>	<code>volatile</code>	<code>while</code>

<sup>1</sup> Defined with `-std=c99` and `-std=c11` only

<sup>2</sup> Defined with `-std=c11` only

The C compiler also defines one additional keyword, `asm`. However, `asm` is not supported in -pedantic mode.

Keywords in K&R Oracle Developer Studio C are listed in the following table.

**TABLE 123** K&R Keywords

<code>asm</code>	<code>auto</code>	<code>break</code>	<code>case</code>
<code>char</code>	<code>continue</code>	<code>default</code>	<code>do</code>
<code>double</code>	<code>else</code>	<code>enum</code>	<code>extern</code>
<code>float</code>	<code>for</code>	<code>fortran</code>	<code>goto</code>
<code>if</code>	<code>int</code>	<code>long</code>	<code>register</code>
<code>return</code>	<code>short</code>	<code>sizeof</code>	<code>static</code>
<code>struct</code>	<code>switch</code>	<code>typedef</code>	<code>union</code>
<code>unsigned</code>	<code>void</code>	<code>while</code>	



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