

B TCL SCRIPTING

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Overview

VisualDSP++ includes an interpreter for the Tool Command Language (Tcl) scripting language. This well-documented C-like language, developed by UC Berkely researchers, provides an excellent means of scripting repeated sequences of debugging operations. You can use this powerful language to develop comprehensive test applications of DSP systems.

Analog Devices has enhanced Tcl version 8.3 with several procedures to access key debugging features. Use the power of the Tcl language with Analog Devices’ extensions to script your work in VisualDSP++.

Tcl Output and Command Issuance

You can view the output of Tcl commands in the Output window's **Console** tab. Tcl output is logged to `VisualDSP_log.txt`, which by default, is located in the directory:

```
C:\Program Files\Analog Devices\VisualDSP\Data\
```

View this file to analyze the Tcl output.

You can issue commands as follows:

- From the command line
- From a menu
- From the Output window
- From an Editor window
- Through a user tool

Issue a simple command by typing it on the **Console** tab page of the Output window. For extensive scripting, use one of the other methods.

Issuing Commands from the Command Line

Load a script from a DOS command window by typing:

```
idde -f filename
```

Optionally, add `-s` and the *session name* to specify a previously created session. When no session name is specified, the last session is used.



If the script encounters an error during execution, VisualDSP++ automatically exits.

Issuing Commands from the Output Window

Load a script from the Output window's **Console** tab by typing the command:

```
source filename
```

Note:

- Similar to C/C++, Tcl uses a backslash (\) as its escape character. When you specify paths in the Windows environment, you must escape the escape character. For example:

```
source c:\\my_dir\\my_subdir\\my_file.tcl
```

- You can also use forward slashes to delimit directories in a path; for example:

```
source c:/my_dir/my_subdir/my_file.tcl
```

Command execution is deferred until a line is typed without a trailing backslash. This feature permits the entry of an entire block of code (or entire Tcl procedures) for the Tcl interpreter to evaluate at once.

Issuing Commands from a Menu

You can quickly issue frequently used Tcl scripts. From the **File** menu, choose **Recent Tcl Scripts**, and then select the Tcl script.

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Issuing Commands from an Editor Window

From an open Editor window that contains a Tcl script, right-click and choose **Source Tcl Script**.

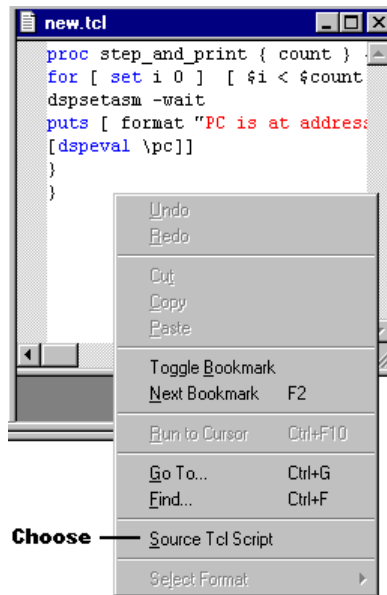


Figure B-1. Selecting Source Tcl Script

Issuing Commands through a User Tool

Click a toolbar user tool or choose a user tool from the **Tools** menu.

Types of Tcl Commands and Examples

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Target Query and Manipulation Commands

Use these Tcl commands to query the target and manipulate values:

Table B-1. Target Query and Manipulation Command Summary

Command	Description
“dspsetbreak” on page B-55	Sets (inserts) a breakpoint
“dspcancelbreak” on page B-19	Cancels (deletes) a breakpoint
“dspgetbreak” on page B-26	Returns information about the breakpoint
“dspeval” on page B-24	Evaluates an expression
“dspgetmemblock” on page B-28	Fetches a block of memory

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“dspgetmeminfo” on page B-30	Gets information about types of memory. This information is used by other commands.
“dspgetprocessors” on page B-31	Gets the names of the processors in a multiprocessor debug session
“dspgetstate” on page B-31	Gets the current state of a processor
“dspreset” on page B-51	Gets the C-language software stack for a processor
“dsphalt” on page B-33	Requests a halt of the processor
“dspload” on page B-34	Loads a file to the target
“dsplookupline” on page B-35	Looks up the start and end address corresponding to a line in a file
“dsplookupsymbol” on page B-36	Looks up the address of a symbol identified by a label
“dspplotrotate” on page B-38	Rotates a waterfall plot by azimuth and elevation
“dspplotwin” on page B-39	Configures and displays a plot in a Plot window
“dspreset” on page B-51	Sends a reset message to the target
“dsprestart” on page B-52	Sends a restart message to the target

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“dsp_{run}” on page B-53	Sends a run message to the target
“dsp_{set}” on page B-54	Evaluates an expression and assigns the value to another expression
“dsp_{setmemblock}” on page B-57	Sets a block of memory
“dsp_{setswstack}” on page B-59	Changes the debug focus
“dsp_{stepasm}” on page B-60	Steps the target a single disassembly step
“dsp_{stepin}” on page B-61	Steps the target a single source language step
“dsp_{stepout}” on page B-62	Steps the target out of the current subroutine in a source language
“dsp_{stepover}” on page B-63	Steps the target a single source language step, skipping over any subroutine calls
“dsp_{waitforhalt}” on page B-64	Delays further execution until the target halts

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GUI Manipulation Commands

These Graphic User Interface (GUI) manipulation commands create windows and menu items without using the GUI:

Table B-2. GUI Manipulation Command Summary

Command	Description
“dspaddmenuitem” on page B-17	Adds a menu item (command) to the menu bar
“dspcheckmenuitem” on page B-20	Queries or sets the “checked” attribute for a menu item
“dspclickmenuitem” on page B-21	Simulates a mouse click of a menu item
“dspdeletemenuitem” on page B-22	Deletes a menu item
“dspenablemenuitem” on page B-23	Queries or sets the “enabled” attribute of a menu item
“dspmemorywin” on page B-37	Displays a Memory window
“dspregisterwin” on page B-50	Creates a custom register window

Project Build and Maintenance Commands

Use these Tcl commands to operate at the project level:

Table B-3. Project Build and Maintenance Command Summary

Command	Description
“dspprojectload” on page B-47	Loads the project into VisualDSP++
“dspprojectbuild” on page B-44	Builds the currently loaded project configuration
“dspprojectinfo” on page B-46	Returns information about the currently loaded project
“dspprojectaddfile” on page B-42	Adds a file to the current project
“dspprojectaddfolder” on page B-43	Adds a folder to the current project
“dspprojectremovefile” on page B-48	Removes a file from the current project
“dspprojectremovefolder” on page B-49	Removes a folder from the current project
“dspsetbreak” on page B-55	Closes the currently loaded project

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Tcl Script Example

The following example shows how to create and run a Tcl script that prints to the Output window's **Console** tab.

This Tcl procedure, named `step_and_print`, single-steps through your assembly code a specified number of times. When you run the script, you must supply the number of steps (the count).

To create the Tcl script:

1. Use a text editor to type the following code:

```
proc step_and_print { count } {  
    for { set i 0 } { $i < $count } { incr i } {  
        dspstepasm -wait  
        puts [ format "PC is at address 0x%x\n" [dspeval \ $pc]]  
    }  
}
```

2. Save to `C:\Temp\test.tcl`.

To run the new Tcl script:

1. From the Output window's **Console** tab, type the `Tcl source` command followed by the path and file name of the new Tcl script.

```
>source C:\\Temp\\test.tcl
```

Note: Use double backslash characters.

2. Press **Enter** to load the Tcl script.
3. In the **Console** tab, call the function and supply the step count, for example:

```
step_and_print 10
```

4. Press **Enter** to run the function. The program counter single-steps ten times (the step count in this example) and halts.

```
{bmct tcl_2.bmp}
```

Note: Output resulting from commands entered in the Output window's **Console** tab is saved to `VisualDSP_log.txt`.

Example Regression Test

Use Tcl with Analog Devices' extensions to build sophisticated behaviors. Below is the implementation of a regression test used by Analog Devices software developers to test the VisualDSP++'s debugging capability. This particular test ensures that function parameters evaluate correctly.

Note: At one time, this test was performed manually with the GUI, taking several minutes. It is now tested with a Tcl script and takes seconds, a considerable productivity booster.

Two procedures are defined to help implement this test. The `goto_line` procedure runs the program to a certain line number. The `assert` procedure trips an error if a given expression evaluates to zero (false).

Tcl Example – Performing a Regression Test

```
proc assert { e } {
    if { 0 == $e } {
        error "Assertion Failed!"
    }
}

proc goto_line { file line } {
    # Lookup the address corresponding to {file, line} pair.
    # The return value from dsplookupline is a list of start
    # and end address (we use lindex to extract the car of
    # the list).
    dspsetbreak [ lindex [ dsplookupline $file $line ] 0 ] \
        -temporary
    dsprun
    dspwaitforhalt
}

dspload argtest.dxe
goto_line main.c 126
```

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```
assert [ expr 0x56          == [ dspeval "cNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x7890        == [ dspeval "sNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x1234        == [ dspeval "iNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0xdeaddead    == [ dspeval "lNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 1.234         == [ dspeval "fNum" float ] ]
assert [ expr 5.678         == [ dspeval "dNum" float ] ]

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assert [ expr 0x56          == [ dspeval "cNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x7890        == [ dspeval "sNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x1234        == [ dspeval "iNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0xdeaddead    == [ dspeval "lNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 1.234         == [ dspeval "fNum" float ] ]
assert [ expr 5.678         == [ dspeval "dNum" float ] ]

assert [ expr 0x56          == [ dspeval "g_cNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x7890        == [ dspeval "g_sNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x1234        == [ dspeval "g_iNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 0xdeaddead    == [ dspeval "g_lNum" ] ]
assert [ expr 1.234         == [ dspeval "g_fNum" float ] ]
assert [ expr 5.678         == [ dspeval "g_dNum" float ] ]

assert [ expr 0x56          == [ dspeval "c" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x7890        == [ dspeval "s" ] ]
assert [ expr 0x1234        == [ dspeval "i" ] ]
assert [ expr 0xdeaddead    == [ dspeval "l" ] ]
assert [ expr 1.234         == [ dspeval "f" float ] ]
assert [ expr 5.678         == [ dspeval "d" float ] ]

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assert [ expr 0xdeaf == [ dspeval "iNum" ] ]

dsprun
dspwaitforhalt

exit
```

For reference, the source code for `main.c` is presented here.

Note: `ScareCompiler()` is an auxiliary stub function used to (intentionally) suppress compiler optimizations.

```
#include <stdio.h>

extern void ScareCompiler(void *pv);

char    g_cNum;
short   g_sNum;
int     g_iNum;
long    g_lNum;
float    g_fNum;
double  g_dNum;

int LotsOfArgs(char c, short s, int i, long l, float f, double
d)
{
    char    cNum;
    short   sNum;
    int     iNum;
    long    lNum;
    float    fNum;
    double  dNum;

    cNum = c;
    sNum = s;
    iNum = i;
    lNum = l;
    fNum = f;
    dNum = d;

    ScareCompiler((void*)&cNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&sNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&iNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&lNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&fNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&dNum);

    g_cNum = cNum;
    g_sNum = sNum;
    g_iNum = iNum;
    g_lNum = lNum;
    g_fNum = fNum;
    g_dNum = dNum;
}
```

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```
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_cNum);
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_sNum);
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_iNum);
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_lNum);
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_fNum);
ScareCompiler((void*)&g_dNum);

/*****
Set a break here verify that the locals, arguments and globals
look ok. They should have the same values as the locals in
main().
Examples:
    g_cNum, cNum, & c should all equal 0x56
    g_sNum, sNum, & s should all equal 0x7890
*****/

if(cNum != 0x56)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(sNum != 0x7890)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(iNum != 0x1234)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(lNum != 0xdeaddead)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(fNum != 1.234)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(dNum != 5.678)
    printf("As If!\n");
if(cNum && sNum && iNum && lNum && fNum && dNum)
    return (0xdeaf);
else
    return (0xbad);
}

/*****/

TestArg test program
This tests the debugger and the debug information
generated by the compiler for the basic types. It tests
that the information is ok regardless of whether the
variable is a local or an argument to a function.
To use this file:
1. Load the argtest executable
2. Load the argtest layout file
```

3. Deposit break points at the specified locations
4. Enter the following into the expressions window


```
g_cNum
g_sNum
g_iNum
g_lNum
g_fNum
g_dNum
```
5. Run evaluating correctness based on the comments in the code.

```

*****/

void main(void)
{
    char    cNum;
    short   sNum;
    int     iNum;
    long    lNum;
    float   fNum;
    double  dNum;

    cNum = 0x56;
    sNum = 0x7890;
    iNum = 0x1234;
    lNum = 0xdeaddead;
    fNum = 1.234;
    dNum = 5.678;

    ScareCompiler((void*)&cNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&sNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&iNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&lNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&fNum);
    ScareCompiler((void*)&dNum);

```

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```
/******  
    Set a break here  
    verify that the locals look exactly  
    as they were initialized. The ScareCompiler  
    function does nothing to the variables.  
******/  
  
if(cNum > 0x56)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
if(sNum > 0x7890)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
if(iNum > 0x1234)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
if(lNum > 0xdeaddead)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
if(fNum > 1.234)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
if(dNum > 5.678)  
    printf("No way!\n");  
  
/* This should return 0xdeaf */  
iNum = LotsOfArgs(cNum, sNum, iNum, lNum, fNum, dNum);  
// Set a break here check that iNum is 0xdeaf  
if(iNum == 0xbad)  
    printf("That's just wrong\n");  
else  
    printf("No problems\n");  
}
```

Tcl Command Reference

This section describes all Tcl commands with their syntax and arguments.

Syntax Statements

Optional Tcl command parameters in syntax statements are indicated with question-mark characters (?). For example, in the following syntax statement, `-all` is optional:

```
dspprojectbuild projconfig ?-all?
```

Tcl Commands

The Tcl commands are described below in alphabetical order.

dspaddmenuitem

Syntax:

```
dspaddmenuitem menuItem callback
                    ?-head? ?-info value? ?-help value?
```

Purpose:

Adds a menu item to the menu bar

Returns: A cookie, representing the identifier for the menu item. The cookie is used in calls to:

```
dspcheckmenuitem, dspenablemenuitem, and dspdeletemenuitem
```

The cookie is passed to the callback function, allowing a single callback function to service multiple menu items.

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Arguments:

`menuItem`

Specifies the path to the menu item in the format:

`MENU:SUBMENU:SUBMENU:ITEM`

`callback`

Specifies the Tcl procedure called when the menu item is clicked. This function must be of the form:

```
proc function_name { id } { body }
```

The `id` parameter to this callback function is the cookie for the menu item (see “Returns” above).

`-head`

Specifies that the menu item is to be pre-pended to the menu. Otherwise, the menu item is appended to the menu.

`-info value`

Specifies an information string to be displayed in the application’s status bar when the menu item has focus

`-help value`

Specifies a callback to a help function. This callback has the same format as the function callback described above.

Example:

The following script creates a menu item that outputs a message when you choose the menu item:

```
proc callback { id } {  
    puts [ format "Menu ID %d clicked.\n" $id ]  
}  
  
set id [ dspaddmenuitem "Custom:Menu #1" callback \  
    -info "Demo menu item" ]  
puts [ format "Menu ID %d installed.\n" $id ]
```

dspcancelbreak

Syntax:

```
dspcancelbreak ?-processor value? id
```

Purpose:

Cancels (deletes) the breakpoint identified by `id`

Returns: `id`

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`id`

An identifier from a previous call to [“dspsetbreak” on page B-55](#)

You can also determine a breakpoint’s identifier by using [“dspgetbreak” on page B-26](#).

Example:

```
# Cancel all breakpoints
foreach bp [dspgetbreak] { dspcancelbreak [lindex $bp 0] }
```

dspcheckmenuitem

Syntax:

```
dspcheckmenuitem id ?value?
```

Purpose:

Queries or sets the checked attribute of the menu item identified by `id`

Returns: The string “checked” or “unchecked”

Arguments:

`id`

Obtained from a previous call to `dspaddmenuitem`

`value`

Specifies the new value for this attribute. Valid values are `checked` and `unchecked`.

If `value` is not specified, the value of the attribute is not altered.

dspclickmenuitem

`dspclickmenuitem menuItem`

Purpose:

Simulates a mouse click on a menu item

Returns: **1** if successful, **0** otherwise (that is, when the menu item does not exist)

Arguments:

`menuItem`

Specifies the menu item to click in the format:

`MENU:SUBMEU:SUBMENU:ITEM`

Example:

This command refreshes the window:

```
> dspclickmenuitem Window:Refresh
```

dspdeletemenuitem

Syntax:

```
dspdeletemenuitem id
```

Purpose:

Deletes the menu item specified by `id`

Returns: Nothing

Arguments:

`id`

Obtained from a previous call to `dspaddmenuitem` (see [“dspaddmenuitem” on page B-17](#))

dspenablemenuitem

Syntax:

`dspenablemenuitem id ?value?`

Purpose:

Queries or sets the enabled attribute of the menu item identified by `id`

Returns: The string `enabled`, `disabled`, or `grayed`

Arguments:

`id`

Obtained from a previous call to `dspaddmenuitem` (see [“dspaddmenuitem” on page B-17](#))

`value`

Specifies the new value for this attribute. Valid values are `enabled`, `disabled`, or `grayed`.

If `value` is not specified, the value of the attribute is not altered.

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dspeval

Syntax:

```
dspeval [-processor value?] expr ?format?
```

Purpose:

Evaluates an expression specified by `expr`. Valid forms of expressions are the expressions that can be accepted by the Expressions window.

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`expr`

The expression to be evaluated

`format`

Specifies the format used to format the output. Valid values are hexadecimal (default), integer, unsigned integer, float, and octal.

Escape Character:

When using the dollar sign (\$) character in an expression, escape this character with a backslash (\).

Note: The \$ is the variable signifier in Tcl.

Examples:

The following example returns the value of the expression or an error message if a problem was encountered:

```
> dspeval "\$PC"
```

The following example evaluates a C expression:

```
> dspeval "&my_array[5]"
```

The following example fetches the opcode at the PC:

```
> dspeval "\$PM (\$PC)"
```

dspgetbreak

Syntax:

```
dspgetbreak ?-processor value? ?id?
```

Purpose:

Returns a list containing information about the breakpoint identified by `id`

The list consists of these elements:

- The `id` of the breakpoint
- The software overlay or hardware page in which the breakpoint is located (-1, if none)
- The address of the breakpoint
- The source file of the breakpoint ("", if unknown)
- The line number of the breakpoint (zero if unknown)
- "temporary" or "permanent"
- "enabled" or "disabled"
- "placed" or "unplaced"
- The skip count
- The test expression ("", if unknown)

Note: If `id` is omitted, a list of **all** breakpoint information is returned.

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

id

A value previously returned by [“dspsetbreak” on page B-55](#)

dspgetmemblock

Syntax:

```
dspgetmemblock ?-processor value?  
                memory  
                start  
                count  
                ?-stride value?  
                ?-format value?
```

Purpose:

Fetches a block of memory and returns a list comprised of the memory fetched. Each element of the list represents the value of a single address.

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

memory

Specifies the memory from which to fetch the block. One of the strings outputted by [“dspgetmeminfo” on page B-30](#)

start

Specifies the first address to fetch in the block

count

Specifies the total number of addresses to fetch

`-stride value`

Specifies the distance between memory locations. If `value` is omitted, 1 is used.

`-format value`

Specifies the format used for the output

Valid values are hexadecimal (default), integer, unsigned integer, float, and octal.

Values vary from target to target. The default is hexadecimal.

Example:

```
> set pm [ lindex [ lindex [dspgetmeminfo] 0 ] 0 ]  
      Program(PM) Memory  
> dspgetmemblock $pm 0x20004 3 -format "Assembly"  
      {nop;} {jump __lib_start;} {nop;}
```

dspgetmeminfo

Syntax:

```
dspgetmeminfo ?-processor value?
```

Purpose:

Returns information about the types of memory within the target and returns a list of memories. Each element of the list is itself a list comprised of two elements:

- An ASCII string representing the canonical name of the memory
- The width of the memory in bits

The returned information is used by other commands to identify a particular memory by its name.

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

Example:

The ADSP-TSxxx simulator's output:

```
> dspgetmeminfo
{ "PM" 24 } { "DM" 16 } { "IOM" 16 }
```

dspgetprocessors

Syntax:

```
dspgetprocessors
```

Purpose:

Returns the names of the processors in a multiprocessor debug session. For a single-processor session, an empty list is returned.

These names are used in the `-processor` argument of other Tcl commands.

dspgetstate

Syntax:

```
dspgetstate ?-processor value?
```

Purpose:

This Tcl command returns the current state of a processor.

Returns: One of the following strings: `reset`, `running`, `stepping`, `halted`, `loaded`, or `unknown`

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

dspgetswstack

Syntax:

```
dspgetswstack ?-processor value?
```

Purpose:

Returns the C-language software stack for a processor



Do not confuse this stack with the internal hardware stack found on some targets.

Returns: A list of frames. Each frame is a list comprised of a name (C function) and a cookie value. The cookie value changes the debug focus to a different frame (see “[dspsetswstack](#)” on page B-59). If a frame currently has the debug focus, a third item in the list is the string focus. One frame only may have focus at a given time.

If the stack cannot be found or identified because the program is in an assembly language module (or no debug information is present), a null list is returned.

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

dsphalt

Syntax:

```
dsphalt ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Sends a message to the target to request a halt

Note: This command does not guarantee that the target will halt, only that a message is sent.

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

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dspload

Syntax:

```
dspload [-processor value?] fileName [-symbols?] [-wait?]
```

Purpose:

Loads a file to the target

Returns: 1 if successful, an error message otherwise

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`fileName`

Specifies the file to be loaded to the target

`-symbols`

Indicates that symbolic debugging information only be loaded from the file. The target itself is not loaded with the binary's image. Use this option to debug a ROM target.

`-wait`

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

dsplookupline

Syntax:

```
dsplookupline [-processor value] file line
```

Purpose:

Looks up the start and end address corresponding to `file line`

Returns: A list comprising two elements, representing the start and end addresses. If line number information cannot be determined, an error is returned.

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`file`

Specifies the name of the file

`line`

Specifies the line in the file

Example:

Set a breakpoint at a line.

```
> dspsetbreak [lindex [dsplookupline foo.c 100] 0]
```

Note: This example uses Tcl's `lindex` command to access the first element in the two-element list.

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dsplookupsymbol

Syntax:

```
dsplookupsymbol ?-processor value? ?-memory value? label
```

Purpose:

Looks up the address of a symbol

Returns: The label's address

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-memory value

Specifies the memory in which the look up is to be performed. The form of this argument is one of the strings returned by the `dspgetmeminfo` command (see [“dspgetmeminfo” on page B-30](#)).

label

Specifies the symbol

dspmemorywin

Syntax:

```
dspmemorywin memory addr
                ?-rect { left top right bottom }?
                ?-title name? ?-track expr?
```

Purpose:

Opens a Memory window for the memory identified by `memory` at the address specified by `addr`

Returns: 1

Arguments:

`memory`

One of the strings returned by `dspgetmeminfo` (see [“dspgetmeminfo” on page B-30](#))

`addr`

Specifies the address

`-rect { left top right bottom }`

Specifies the coordinates of the rectangle enclosing the window. This list has four integer values. If the rectangle size is not specified, the MS-Windows system library sets the size.

`-title name`

Assigns the specified name to the window

`-track expr`

Focuses the window onto a specific activity. The expression `expr` is evaluated at every processor halt, and the window moves to the address based on the evaluation of the expression. Use this option to follow pointer movement.

Tcl Command Reference

dspplotrotate

Syntax:

```
dspplotrotate title az el
```

Purpose:

Rotates a waterfall plot. You choose the degree of azimuth rotation and elevation rotation.

Returns: If the command fails, an error message in the Output window

Arguments:

title

This title must match a title of a previously defined waterfall plot.

az

The azimuth rotation angle (from 0 to 360 degrees)

el

The elevation viewpoint (from -90 to +90 degrees)

dspplotwin

Syntax:

```

dspplotwin memtype addr count
        ?-stride value?
        ?-datatype value?
        ?-plottype value?
        ?-title value?
        ?-setname value?
        ?-xmemtype value?
        ?-xaddr value?
        ?-xstride value?
        ?-xdatatype value?
        ?-columncount value?
        ?-add?

```

Purpose:

Creates and displays a plot in a Plot window

Returns: If the command fails, an error message in the Output window

Arguments:

memtype

The Y-axis or Z-axis memory type, such as \$dm or \$pm. This value depends on the plot type.

addr

The Y-axis or Z-axis address. This value depends on the plot type.

count

The Y-axis or Z-axis row count. This value depends on the plot type.

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-stride value

The Y-axis or Z-axis stride. This depends value on the plot type.

-datatype value

The Y-axis or Z-axis data type, such as float. This value depends on the plot type.

-plottype value

Specifies the desired plot type. Choose: line, xy, constellation, eyediagram, waterfall, or image.

-title value

The plot's title. Surround the text with double-quote characters (").

-setname value

The name of this data set. Surround the text with double-quote characters (").

-xmementype value

The X-axis memory type, such as \$dm. This value depends on the plot type.

-xaddr value

The X-axis address. This value depends on the plot type.

-xstride value

The X-axis stride. This value depends on the plot type.

-xdatatype value

The X-axis data type, such as float. This value depends on the plot type.

-columncount value

The Z-axis column count

-add

Specifies that you are adding data to a previously defined plot

Examples:

The following commands configure and display various plots:

Eye Diagram Plot

```
dspplotwin
    $dm eyedata 100
    -datatype float
    -plottype eyediagram
    -title "Eye Diagram"
    -setname "Input"
```

Constellation Plot

```
dspplotwin
    $dm ydata 100
    -datatype float
    -plottype constellation
    -xmemtype $dm
    -xaddr xdata
    -xdatatype float
    -title "Constellation Plot"
    -setname "Input"
```

Waterfall Plot

```
dspplotwin
    $dm zdata 64
    -datatype float
    -plottype waterfall
    -title "Waterfall Plot"
    -setname "Input"
    -columncount 20
```

dspprojectaddfile

Syntax:

```
dspprojectaddfile ?-folder name? filename
```

Purpose:

Adds the file's `filename` to the currently loaded project

Arguments:

`-folder name`

Specifies the folder in which to place the file

If the folder does not exist, it is created.

If no folder is specified, the file is inserted at the root of the project file hierarchy.

`filename`

Specifies the name of the file to be added

Returns: An error condition when:

- No project is loaded
- `filename` does not exist
- `filename` is already in the project

dspprojectaddfolder

Syntax:

```
dspprojectaddfolder ?-ext extensions? foldername
```

Purpose:

Adds the folder's `foldername` (for example, `folder1` or `folder1/folder2`) to the currently loaded project

Arguments:

`-ext extensions`

Specifies extensions for the folder

`Foldername`

Specifies the name of the folder

A parent folders specified in the path name that does not currently exist is created.

Returns: An error condition when no project is loaded

An attempt to add a folder currently in the project results in success.

dspprojectbuild

Syntax:

```
dspprojectbuild projconfig ?-all?
```

Purpose:

Builds the configuration `projconfig` of the currently loaded project

Arguments:

`projconfig`

Identifies the project configuration

`-all`

Performs a **Rebuild All**. If not specified, an increment build is preformed

Returns: If successful, the text output by the build process

Returns an error condition when:

- `projconfig` does not exist
- No project is loaded
- The build fails for any reason

dspprojectclose

Syntax:

```
dspprojectclose ?-save? ?filename?
```

Purpose:

Closes the currently loaded project

Arguments:

`-save`

Specifies that changes to the project be saved

If the flag is omitted, the project is closed without saving.

`filename`

Specifies the filename to save to (**Save As**)

If the filename is not specified, the project is saved to the location from which it was loaded.

Returns: An error condition when:

- No project is loaded
- The project cannot be saved (for example, when the project file is read-only)
- `filename` is specified and `-save` is not

dspprojectinfo

Syntax:

```
dspprojectinfo
```

Purpose:

Returns information about the currently loaded project

The return value is a list comprising two members:

- A list of the project's configurations
- A list of the project's input files. Each element of the list is a list containing the filename and project folder. Project folders use a file hierarchy-like syntax, with "/" to indicate the root of the project's file hierarchy.

Returns: An error condition when no project is loaded

Example:

```
% dspprojectinfo
{debug release} {{ "C:/ProjectA/ProjectA.c" "/" } \
{ "C:/ProjectA/ProjectA.h" "/Include Files" }}
```

In this example, the returned information indicates that the project has two configurations (debug and release) and comprises two input files.

dspprojectload

Syntax:

```
dspprojectload projectname
```

Purpose:

Loads the project's `projectname` into VisualDSP++

Returns: An error condition when:

- `projectname` **does not exist**
- Another project is already loaded into VisualDSP++

dspprojectremovefile

Syntax:

```
dspprojectremovefile filename
```

Purpose:

Removes the file `filename` from the currently loaded project

Returns: An error condition when:

- No project is loaded
- `filename` is not included in the project

dspprojectremovefolder

Syntax:

```
dspprojectremovefolder foldername
```

Purpose:

Removes the folder's `foldername` from the currently loaded project

Returns: An error condition when:

- No project is loaded
- `foldername` is not included in the project

dspreregisterwin

Syntax:

```
dspreregisterwin { { name x y ?type? } }  
                ?-title name?  
                ?-format value?  
                ?-rect { left top right bottom }?
```

Purpose:

Creates and displays a custom register window

Returns: 1

Arguments:

```
{ { name x y [type] } }
```

A list of registers. Each element of this list is itself a list, containing information for a single register, including: the ASCII name of the register, the X and Y coordinates that position the register in the window (measured in characters), and (optionally) the type of the register.

Valid values for type are `normal` (default), `nodata`, `nolabel`, and `private`.

```
-title name
```

Assigns a title to the register window

```
-format value
```

Specifies the base format for which the X and Y position were calculated (default value is hexadecimal)

```
-rect { left top right bottom }
```

A list comprising four integers. If the rectangle size is not specified, the MS-Windows system library picks the size.

dspreset

Syntax:

```
dspreset ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Sends a message to the target to reset

Note: Only the program's image is reloaded. Memory that is not overwritten by the program's image is not changed.

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

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dsprestart

Syntax:

`dsprestart ?-processor value? ?-wait?`

Purpose:

Sends a message to the target to restart

Returns: 1

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`-wait`

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

dsprun

Syntax:

```
dsprun ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Sends a message to the target to run

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

Tcl Command Reference

dspset

Syntax:

```
dspset [-processor value?] left_expr right_expr
```

Purpose:

Evaluates `right_expr` and assigns its value to `left_expr`

Only rudimentary checking is performed. Modifiers like `const` are ignored.

Returns: `right_expr`

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

`left_expr`

Specifies the expression to be assigned a value. This expression must be an `lvalue`.

`right_expr`

Specifies the expression to be evaluated

Example:

The following command sets the value of `R0` to the address of a C variable:

```
> dspset \R0 "&my_variable"
```

dspsetbreak

Syntax:

```
dspsetbreak ?-processor value?
            address
            ?-expression value?
            ?-count value?
            ?-temporary?
            ?-disabled?
```

Purpose:

Sets (inserts) a breakpoint on the target at the address specified by `address`

This command returns a non-zero value representing the identifier of the breakpoint. This value can be used in subsequent calls to `dspcancebreak` and `dspgetbreak`.

Note: This functionality was available by means of the `dspbreakpoint` command in earlier software releases.

Returns: If successful, a non-zero value that represents the identifier of the breakpoint. Otherwise, 0. The returned value can be stored and used in subsequent calls to:

[“dspcancebreak” on page B-19](#) and [“dspgetbreak” on page B-26](#)

Arguments:

`-processor value`

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

`value` specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

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`address`

The address to which a breakpoint is specified

`-expression value`

Specifies a condition that must be evaluated to TRUE to halt execution of the debug target at the breakpoint address

If `expression` and `count` are omitted, execution of the debug target stops at the breakpoint.

Valid expressions are anything that the Expressions window accepts.

`-count value`

Delays the setting of the breakpoint

`value` specifies the number of halts that pass before setting the breakpoint

`-temporary`

Cancels the breakpoint at the next halt (implements features like `run-to-cursor`)

`-disabled`

Disables the breakpoint

Example:

The following command sets a temporary breakpoint at `main()`:

```
dspsetbreak [dsplookupsymbol main] -temporary
```

dspsetmemblock

Syntax:

```
dspsetmemblock ?-processor value? memory start count
?-stride value? ?-format value? { fill ... }
```

Purpose:

Sets a block of memory

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

memory

Specifies the memory to set the block in and is one of the strings outputted by dspgetmeminfo (see [“dspgetmeminfo” on page B-30](#))

start

Specifies the first address to set in the block

count

Specifies the total number of addresses to set

If the length of fill is less than count, the fill values wrap to provide values for all count addresses.

Tcl Command Reference

`-stride value`

Specifies the distance between memory locations. If `value` is not specified, 1 is used.

`-format value`

Specifies the format used to format the data

Valid values are hexadecimal (default), integer, unsigned integer, float, and octal.

Values vary from target to target.

`fill`

This list specifies the value(s) with which to fill memory.

If the length of `fill` is less than the `count`, the fill values wrap to provide values for all `count` addresses.

Example:

This example fills ten addresses in data memory with a dummy fill value (as Microsoft Visual C++ does in `malloc()`):

```
> set dm [lindex [lindex [dspgetmeminfo] 1] 0]
Data(DM) Memory
> dspsetmemblock $dm 0x30000 10 0xcdcdcdcd
1
```

dspsetswstack

Syntax:

```
dspsetswstack ?-processor value? cookie
```

Purpose:

Changes the debug focus to the frame identified by cookie

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

cookie

Specifies the frame

This value is determined by calling `dspgetswstack` (see [“dspreset” on page B-51](#)).

Example:

Notice the movement of focus:

```
>dspgetswstack
{"foo()" 0x2fff5 focus} {"main(int, char**)" 0x2ffff}
>dspsetswstack 0x2ffff
1
>dspgetswstack
{"foo()" 0x2fff5} {"main(int, char**)" 0x2ffff focus}
```

Tcl Command Reference

dspstepasm

Syntax:

```
dspstepasm ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Steps the target a single disassembly step

Returns: 1

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

dspstepin

Syntax:

```
dspstepin ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Steps the target a single source language step

Returns: 1 on success, 0 when source stepping is not enabled at PC

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

Tcl Command Reference

dspstepout

Syntax:

```
dspstepout ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Steps the target out of the current subroutine in a source language

Returns: 1 if successful, 0 otherwise (that is, source stepping is not enabled at the PC)

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Prevents further execution of a Tcl script until the target has halted

dspstepover

Syntax:

```
dspstepover ?-processor value? ?-wait?
```

Purpose:

Steps the target a single source language step, but skips over subroutine calls

Returns: **1** if successful, **0** otherwise (that is, source stepping is not enabled at the PC)

Arguments:

-processor value

Relevant only in a multiprocessor debug session and ignored during a single-processor debug session

value specifies the processor to which the command is directed. Omitting this argument steers the command toward the currently focused processor.

-wait

Indicates that the script should execute and halt the target, which places the target in a known state

Additional Tcl Resources

dspwaitforhalt

Syntax:

`dspwaitforhalt`

Purpose:

Delays further execution of Tcl commands until the target has halted

Returns: 1

Additional Tcl Resources

The following resources can help you use Tcl to enhance your debug sessions:

- *www.scriptics.com* is a resource for Tcl programmers
- *Practical Programming in Tcl & Tk*, by Brent B. Welch (ISBN 0136168302)