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## SCOPE AND INTENT OF THIS GUIDE

This guide presents a syntax summary for the family of BLISS language dialects consisting of BLISS-16C, BLISS-32, and BLISS-36. It describes the Common BLISS Language features that constitute the bulk of all three dialects, plus the additional system-specific features unique to each dialect. A summary of the command-line syntax for the respective compilers is also provided.

The guide is primarily intended as a concise syntax reference for knowledgeable users of BLISS. (It also serves as a convenient means of comparing the several dialects.)

As an additional feature, the guide briefly describes the principal characteristics of BLISS and presents a short sample program, for the benefit of readers with no prior knowledge of the language.

## PRESENTATION CONVENTIONS

*Common BLISS Versus Dialect Syntax:* All Common BLISS syntax is printed in black; all variant syntax (and any commentary associated with it) is printed in color. A numeric flag (16, 32, or 36) at the left margin of the page is used to indicate the dialect(s) to which the variant syntax belongs.

*Method of Definition:* The general method of syntax definition is the same as that employed in other BLISS language documentation. A language construct definition consists of a set of production rules. Each rule defines a syntactic name (a descriptive name for a meaningful "piece" of the language), often in terms of other, lower-level syntactic names.

*Syntax Notation:* Each production rule consists of a production name and the symbol  $\rightarrow$  followed by a replacement for the production name, indented on a new line. Production names (always syntactic names) are lower-case

words of two or more letters, hyphenated if multiword (for example, control-expression). Production-name replacements may be other syntactic names, syntactic literals, or a combination of the two. For example:

```
tested-loop-expression →  
DO exp { WHILE | UNTIL } exp
```

Syntactic literals consist of all character strings that are neither syntactic names nor the notational symbols defined below.

The notational symbols and conventions used are as follows:

- The vertical-bar symbol ( | ) separates multiple alternatives listed on one line; otherwise, alternatives are listed vertically (at a uniform level of indentation; see Line Folding below).
- Braces, { }, enclose a set of alternatives, of which one and only one is to be selected, or enclose a single optional construct.
- The symbol “ . . . ” denotes an optional repetition of the item immediately preceding, with successive instances separated by “;”.
- The symbol “ . . . ” denotes an optional repetition of the item immediately preceding, with no separating delimiter.
- The symbol “——” indicates omission of part of an ordered sequence of alternatives, such as the alphabet or the numerals 0 through 9.
- Line Folding: A replacement element appearing on a new line that is *further indented* than the preceding line indicates a continuation of the preceding replacement element, rather than an alternative to it. (Such “line folding” is dictated by line-length constraints.)

- Defaults: Unconditional keyword defaults are indicated by underlining of the default keyword.

**Abbreviations:** The following abbreviations are used:

```
exp for expression  
ctce for compile-time-constant-expression  
ltce for link-time-constant-expression
```

Note particularly that “exp” and “expression” are used interchangeably (due to format constraints).

Also, any syntactic name that ends in “-name” or “-exp” represents a name or expression, respectively, and is not further defined.

**Use of Italics:** A few quite obvious deviations from the standard presentation format occur, primarily to allow for semantic comments. Such comments are always in italics.

## PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS OF BLISS

BLISS is a language designed for building system software. It provides the higher-level language features that are desirable for that purpose, and omits those that introduce inefficiency or a degree of complexity inconsistent with its performance and transportability goals. BLISS also provides facilities for accessing specific hardware functions, yet does so in a manner that clearly distinguishes between machine-independent code (transportable Common BLISS) and the elective machine-specific functions. Overall, it is best characterized as a “medium level” language.

The principal characteristics of BLISS that differ from most widely known languages are as follows:

- All constructs of the BLISS language except declarations are forms of expressions. Statements which perform actions without producing values, do not exist in BLISS. Whenever a BLISS expression is used in a statement-like way, it must be terminated by a semicolon. The compiler will then discard its value.

- The name of a storage location always represents the address of that storage location. Thus, address arithmetic can be accomplished in a simple and consistent fashion. When the contents of a storage location is needed, a fetch operator (.) must prefix the name of the storage location.
- BLISS is a "typeless" language, that is, the type of a given data item is not declared and is not an attribute of the item. The interpretation of the value of a constant or variable depends upon the operator that is applied to it.
- A value is assigned to a storage location by means of the normal assignment operator, "=". However, there is no restriction on the operand that appears on the left-hand side of the assignment. That is, the storage location operand can be any expression yielding an address value.
- The familiar GOTO construct is excluded from BLISS because it permits unclear and unreliable patterns of control flow. Equally important, "GOTO-less" programs are more amenable to global flow optimization. BLISS provides control expressions that are inherently more effective, including IF, CASE, and WHILE.

## SAMPLE COMMON BLISS PROGRAM

Note that this program calls on the "EZIO" character-string I/O package for basic file and terminal I/O services.

```

MODULE LISTER ( MAIN = LSTR ) =
BEGIN
!+
! This program asks for a file name, opens the named
! file, and copies the file to the terminal.
!-

EXTERNAL ROUTINE
    FILOPN,          ! Ezio open
    FILCLS,         ! Ezio close
    FILOUT,         ! Ezio output
    FILIN;          ! Ezio input

OWN          ! Holds one line of text.
    BUF : VECTORCH$ALLOCATION(120)];

MACRO          ! Outputs literal strings to tty.
    MSG (S) =
        FILOUT(-1, %CHARCOUNT(S), CH$PTR(UPLIT(S))) %;

ROUTINE LSTR =
    BEGIN

        LOCAL
            LEN,          ! Length of the string.
            PTR;         ! Pointer to buf.

        ! Open the tty. Note: no filespec.
        FILOPN(-1, 0, 0, 0);
        PTR = CH$PTR(BUF);
        MSG('ENTER FILE NAME: ');
        LEN = FILIN(-1, 60, .PTR);
        ! Get file name.

        ! Open the file on channel 0.
        IF NOT FILOPN(0, .LEN, .PTR, 0)
        THEN
            BEGIN
                MSG('OPEN FAILED. ');
                RETURN
            END;

        ! Process each line
        WHILE 1 DO
            BEGIN
                LEN = FILIN(0, 120, .PTR);

                IF .LEN EQL -1
                THEN
                    EXITLOOP;
                    ! End of file.

                FILOUT(-1, .LEN, .PTR) ! Output the string.
            END;

        FILCLS(0);
        MSG('DONE. ');
        END;

    END
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```

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# SYNTAX SUMMARY

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## 1.0 MODULES

---

module →  
MODULE module-head =  
    module-body  
ELUDOM

module-head →  
name { ( module-switch , ... ) }

module-body →  
{ BEGIN declaration ... END }  
{ declaration ... }

declaration – See Section 4.0.

## 1.1 Module Switches

module-switch →  
{ on-off-switch | special-switch }

on-off-switch →  
{  
    CODE | NOCODE  
    DEBUG | NODEBUG  
    ERRS | NOERRS  
    OPTIMIZE | NOOPTIMIZE  
    UNAMES | NOUNAMES  
    SAFE | NOSAFE  
    ZIP | NOZIP  
}

special-switch →  
{  
    IDENT = quoted-string  
    LANGUAGE ( language-list )  
    LINKAGE ( linkage-name )  
    LIST ( list-option , ... )  
    MAIN = routine-name  
    OPTLEVEL = { 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 }  
    VERSION = quoted-string  
    ADDRESSING\_MODE ( mode-16 )  
    ADDRESSING\_MODE ( mode-spec , ... )  
    ENTRY ( global-name , ... )  
    ENVIRONMENT ( environ-option , ... )  
    OBJECT ( object-option )  
    OTS = quoted-string  
}

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## 1.0 MODULES, Continued

language-list →  
{ COMMON  
language-name , ...  
nothing }

language-name →  
{ BLISS16 | BLISS32 | BLISS36 }

*Note: The effective default is 'no checking'.*

list-option →  
{ SOURCE | NOSOURCE  
REQUIRE | NOREQUIRE  
EXPAND | NOEXPAND  
TRACE | NOTRACE  
LIBRARY | NOLIBRARY  
OBJECT | NOOBJECT  
ASSEMBLY | NOASSEMBLY  
SYMBOLIC | NOSYMBOLIC  
BINARY | NOBINARY  
COMMENTARY | NOCOMMENTARY }

16 [ mode-16 →  
{ ABSOLUTE | RELATIVE }

32 [ mode-spec →  
{ EXTERNAL = mode-32  
NONEXTERNAL = mode-32 }

32 [ mode-32 →  
{ ABSOLUTE  
GENERAL  
LONG\_RELATIVE  
WORD\_RELATIVE }

16 [ object-option →  
{ ABSOLUTE | RELOCATABLE }

36 [ environ-option →  
{ BLISS10\_OTS | BLISS36C\_OTS  
KA10 | KI10 | KL10  
EXTENDED  
STACK = segment-name  
TOPS10 | TOPS20 }

## 2.0 EXPRESSIONS

expression →  
{ primary  
operator-expression  
executable-function  
control-expression }

### 2.1 Primaries

primary →  
{ numeric-literal  
string-literal  
plit  
name  
block  
structure-reference  
routine-call  
codecomment }

#### 2.1.1 Numeric Literals

numeric-literal →  
{ decimal-literal  
integer-literal  
character-code-literal  
float-literal }

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decimal-literal →  
opt-sign decimal-digit ...

opt-sign →  
{ + | - | nothing }

decimal-digit →  
{ 0 | 1 | 2 | ... | 8 | 9 }

integer-literal →  
{ %B | %O | %DECIMAL | %X }  
'opt-sign integer-digit ...'

integer-digit →  
{ 0 | 1 | ... | 9  
A | B | C | D | E | F }

character-code-literal →  
%C 'quoted-character'

32 [ float-literal →  
{ %E 'mantissa { E exponent }'  
%D 'mantissa { D exponent }' }



2.1.2 String Literals

string-literal →  
 {string-type} quoted-string

quoted-string →  
 'quoted-character ...'

quoted-character →  
 {printing-char-except-apostrophe  
 blank  
 tab  
 ' ' }

*Note: Two consecutive apostrophe characters represent a single apostrophe within a quoted-string.*

string-type →  
 { %ASCII | %ASCIZ  
 %RAD50\_11 | %ASCIC  
 %RAD50\_10 | %SIXBIT  
 %P }

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2.1.3 Plits

plit →  
 { PLIT | UPLIT }  
 { alloc-unit }  
 ( plit-item , ... )

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plit-item →  
 { plit-group  
 plit-expression  
 plit-string }

plit-group →  
 { alloc-unit  
 REP replicator OF  
 REP replicator OF alloc-unit  
 ( plit-item , ... ) }

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replicator →  
 ctce

plit-expression →  
 ltce

plit-string →  
 string-literal

alloc-unit →  
 { BYTE  
 WORD  
 LONG }

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*Default for 16: WORD; for 32: LONG.*

2.1.4 Names

name →  
 { letter | dollar | underscore }  
 { letter | dollar | underscore  
 digit | nothing } ...

letter →  
 { A | B | C | --- | Z }  
 { a | b | c | --- | z }

dollar →  
 \$

underscore →  
 \_

digit →  
 { 0 | 1 | 2 | --- | 9 }

*Note: A name may not contain more than 15 characters.*

2.1.5 Blocks

block →  
 { labeled-block  
 unlabeled-block }

labeled-block →  
 attached-label ... unlabeled-block

attached-label →  
 label-name :

unlabeled-block →  
 { BEGIN block-body END }  
 ( block-body )

---

## 2.0 EXPRESSIONS, Continued

---

block-body →  
  { declaration ... }  
  { block-action ... }  
  { block-value }

*Note: The block-body must not be null.*

block-action →  
  expression ;

block-value →  
  expression

### 2.1.6 Structure References

structure-reference →  
  { ordinary-structure-reference }  
  { general-structure-reference }

ordinary-structure-reference →  
  segment-name [ { access-actual , ... } ]

segment-name →  
  name — *of a data-segment declared with a structure attribute; see Section 4.2.*

access-actual →  
  { exp | field-name | nothing }

field-name — *See field-attribute, Section 4.1.*

general-structure-reference →  
  structure-name [ access-part  
  { ; alloc-actual , ... } ]

structure-name →  
  name — *of user-declared or predeclared structure; see Sections 4.3 and 6.3.*

access-part →  
  { segment-expression }  
  { , access-actual , ... }

alloc-actual — *See structure-attribute, Section 4.1.*

---

## 2.0 EXPRESSIONS, Continued

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### 2.1.7 Routine Calls

routine-call →  
  { ordinary-routine-call }  
  { general-routine-call }

ordinary-routine-call →  
  routine-designator  
  ( { actual-parameter , ... } )

routine-designator →  
  primary

actual-parameter →  
  expression

general-routine-call →  
  linkage-name ( routine-address  
  { , actual-parameter , ... } )

linkage-name — *See Sections 4.6 and 6.4 for a summary of linkage names.*

routine-address →  
  expression

### 2.1.8 Codecomments

codecomment →  
  CODECOMMENT quoted-string , ... :  
  block

## 2.2 Operator Expressions

operator-expression →  
  { fetch-expression }  
  { prefix-expression }  
  { infix-expression }  
  { assign-expression }

fetch-expression →  
  primary { field-selector }

field-selector — *See Section 2.2.1.*

## 2.0 EXPRESSIONS, Continued

prefix-expression  $\rightarrow$   
 $\{ + \mid - \mid \text{NOT} \}$  op-exp

op-exp  $\rightarrow$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{primary} \\ \text{operator-expression} \\ \text{executable-function} \end{array} \right\}$

executable-function — See Section 2.3.

infix-expression  $\rightarrow$   
 op-exp infix-operator op-exp

infix-operator  $\rightarrow$

+	-	*
/	MOD	^
EQL	EQLA	EQLU
NEQ	NEQA	NEQU
LSS	LSSA	LSSU
LEQ	LEQA	LEQU
GTR	GTRA	GTRU
GEQ	GEQA	GEQU
AND	OR	
EQV	XOR	

assign-expression  $\rightarrow$   
 op-exp { field-selector } = op-exp

### 2.2.1 Field Selectors

field-selector  $\rightarrow$   
 $\langle \text{position-exp, size-exp } \{ ; \text{sign-ext-flag} \} \rangle$

sign-ext-flag  $\rightarrow$   
 ctce — Value: 0 or 1


Note: The permissible value range for position-exp (*p*) and size-exp (*s*) is as follows:

BLISS-16	BLISS-32	BLISS-36
$0 \leq p$		$0 \leq p$
$p + s \leq 16$		$p + s \leq 36$
$0 \leq s \leq 16$	$0 \leq s \leq 32$	$0 \leq s \leq 36$

## 2.0 EXPRESSIONS, Continued

### 2.2.2 Operator Precedence

The operator-expressions are listed in the following table in order of decreasing priority level, with an associativity for the operators at each level. (Abbreviations: exp1 and exp2 represent any op-exp as defined in Section 2.2; "R" stands for right and "L" for left.)

Priority	Operator Expression	Associates from
highest  lowest	fetch-expression	R to L
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \\ - \end{array} \right\} \text{exp2}$	R to L
	exp1 ^ exp2	L to R
	exp1 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{MOD} \\ * \\ / \end{array} \right\} \text{exp2}$	L to R
	exp1 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} + \\ - \end{array} \right\} \text{exp2}$	L to R
	exp1 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{EQLx} \\ \text{NEQx} \\ \text{LSSx} \\ \text{LEQx} \\ \text{GTRx} \\ \text{GEQx} \end{array} \right\} \text{exp2}$	L to R
	NOT exp2	R to L
	exp1 AND exp2	L to R
	exp1 OR exp2	L to R
	exp1 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{EQV} \\ \text{XOR} \end{array} \right\} \text{exp2}$	L to R
	assign-expression	R to L

2.3 Executable Functions

executable-function →  
 executable-function-name  
 ( { actual-parameter , ... } )

executable-function-name →  
 { standard-function-name  
 linkage-function-name  
 supplementary-function-name  
 machine-specific-function-name  
 cond-handling-function-name }

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actual-parameter →  
 expression

2.3.1 Function Names

standard-function-name →  
*The names and syntax of the standard functions, plus brief semantic descriptions of each, are as follows:*

- ABS ( e1 )            — *Absolute value of signed integer*
- MAX ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Maximum of signed integer set*
- MAXA ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Maximum of address-value set*
- MAXU ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Maximum of unsigned integer set*
- MIN ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Minimum of signed integer set*
- MINA ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Minimum of address-value set*
- MINU ( e1, e2 , ... ) — *Minimum of unsigned integer set*
- SIGN ( e1 )         — *Sign of a signed integer value*
- %REF ( e1 )        — *Temporary address of actual parameter*

where e1 and e2 represent expressions.

linkage-function-name →  
 — See Section 6.4 for a summary of the linkage functions.

supplementary-function-name →  
 — See Section 6.5 for a summary of the supplementary functions.

machine-specific-function-name →  
 — See Section 7.0 for a summary of the machine-specific function names.

16, 32 [ cond-handling-function-name →  
 { SIGNAL  
 SIGNAL\_STOP  
 SETUNWIND }

2.4 Control Expressions

control-expression →  
 { conditional-expression  
 case-expression  
 select-expression  
 loop-expression  
 exit-expression  
 return-expression }

2.4.1 Conditional Expressions

conditional-expression →  
 IF exp THEN exp { ELSE exp }

2.4.2 Case Expressions

case-expression →  
 CASE exp  
 FROM ctce TO ctce OF  
 SET  
 case-line ...  
 TES

case-line →  
 [ case-label , ... ] : case-action ;

case-label →  
 { ctce  
 ctce TO ctce  
 INRANGE  
 OTRANGE }

case-action →  
 expression

**2.4.3 Select Expressions**

select-expression →

select-type  
select-index OF  
SET  
select-line ...  
TES

select-type →

{ SELECT | SELECTA | SELECTU  
SELECTONE | SELECTONEA | SELECTONEU }

select-index →

expression

select-line →

[ select-label , ... ] : select-action ;

select-label →

{ exp  
exp TO exp  
OTHERWISE  
ALWAYS }

select-action →

expression

**2.4.4 Loop Expressions**

loop-expression →

{ indexed-loop-expression  
tested-loop-expression }

indexed-loop-expression →

index-loop-type name  
{ FROM exp } { TO exp }  
{ BY exp }  
DO exp

index-loop-type →

{ INCR | INCRA | INCRU  
DECR | DECRA | DECRU }

tested-loop-expression →

{ pre-tested-loop  
post-tested-loop }

pre-tested-loop →

{ WHILE | UNTIL } exp DO exp

post-tested-loop →

DO exp { WHILE | UNTIL } exp

**2.4.5 Exit Expressions**

exit-expression →

{ leave-expression  
exitloop-expression }

leave-expression →

LEAVE label-name { WITH exp }

exitloop-expression

EXITLOOP { exp }

**2.4.6 Return Expressions**

return-expression →

RETURN { exp }

---

**3.0 CONSTANT EXPRESSIONS**

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**3.1 Compile-Time Constant Expressions (ctce)**

ctce →

*— is any constant expression that can be evaluated during compilation of the module in which it appears.***3.2 Link-Time Constant Expressions (ltce)**

ltce →

*— is any constant expression that can be evaluated by the time the module is bound into executable form by the linker.*

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS

declaration →

16, 32 { data-declaration  
structure-declaration  
field-declaration  
routine-declaration  
linkage-declaration  
enable-declaration  
bound-declaration  
compiletime-declaration  
macro-declaration  
require-declaration  
library-declaration  
psect-declaration  
switches-declaration  
label-declaration  
builtin-declaration  
undeclare-declaration }

### 4.1 Common Declaration Attributes

The following attributes are either common to many of the declarations named above or have a fairly complex syntax structure (or both):

16, 32 { structure-attribute  
field-attribute  
allocation-unit  
extension-attribute  
32 addressing-mode-attribute }

These attributes are defined immediately below, prior to the individual declaration descriptions. All other attributes are defined in the declaration descriptions themselves.

#### The Structure Attribute

structure-attribute →  
{ REF } structure-name  
{ [ alloc-actual , . . . ] }

structure-name — Either user-declared or predeclared; see Sections 4.3 and 6.3.

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

alloc-actual →

16, 32 { ctce  
allocation-unit  
extension-attribute  
nothing }

#### The Field Attribute

field-attribute →  
FIELD ( { field-name  
field-set-name } , . . . )

Note: See Section 4.4 for definition of field-name and field-set-name.

#### The Allocation Unit

allocation-unit →

16, 32 { BYTE  
WORD  
32 LONG }

Default for 16: WORD; for 32: LONG

#### The Extension Attribute

16, 32 { extension-attribute →  
{ SIGNED | UNSIGNED } }

#### The Addressing-Mode Attribute

addressing-mode-attribute →  
ADDRESSING\_MODE ( mode-32 )

32 { mode-32 →  
ABSOLUTE  
GENERAL  
LONG\_RELATIVE  
WORD\_RELATIVE }

4.2 Data Declarations

data-declaration →  
 {  
 own-declaration  
 global-declaration  
 external-declaration  
 forward-declaration  
 local-declaration  
 stacklocal-declaration  
 register-declaration  
 global-register-declaration  
 external-register-declaration  
 map-declaration  
 }

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4.2.1 Own Declarations

own-declaration →  
 OWN own-item , ... ;

own-item →  
 own-name { : own-attribute ... }

own-attribute →  
 {  
 structure-attribute  
 field-attribute  
 INITIAL ( plit-item , ... )  
 allocation-unit  
 extension-attribute  
 ALIGN ( boundary-ctce )  
 VOLATILE  
 }

16, 32 [

4.2.2 Global Declarations

global-declaration →  
 GLOBAL global-item , ... ;

global-item →  
 global-name { : global-attribute ... }

global-attribute →  
 {  
 structure-attribute  
 field-attribute  
 INITIAL ( plit-item , ... )  
 allocation-unit  
 extension-attribute  
 ALIGN ( boundary-ctce )  
 VOLATILE  
 WEAK  
 }

16, 32 [

4.2.3 External Declarations

external-declaration →  
 EXTERNAL external-item , ... ;

external-item →  
 external-name { : external-attribute ... }

external-attribute →  
 {  
 structure-attribute  
 field-attribute  
 allocation-unit  
 extension-attribute  
 addressing-mode-attribute  
 VOLATILE  
 WEAK  
 }

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4.2.4 Forward Declarations

forward-declaration →  
 FORWARD forward-item , ... ;

forward-item →  
 forward-name { : forward-attribute ... }

forward-attribute →  
 {  
 structure-attribute  
 field-attribute  
 allocation-unit  
 extension-attribute  
 addressing-mode-attribute  
 VOLATILE  
 }

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4.2.5 Local Declarations

local-declaration →  
 LOCAL local-item , ... ;

local-item →  
 local-name { : local-attribute ... }

local-attribute →  
 {  
 structure-attribute  
 field-attribute  
 allocation-unit  
 extension-attribute  
 ALIGN ( boundary-ctce )  
 VOLATILE  
 }

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## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

### 4.2.6 Stacklocal Declarations

stacklocal-declaration →  
STACKLOCAL local-item , ... ;

### 4.2.7 Register Declarations

register-declaration →  
REGISTER register-item , ... ;

register-item →  
{ reg-name { : register-attribute ... }  
  reg-name { = ctce } { : register-attribute ... } }

16, 32 [ register-attribute →  
{ structure-attribute  
  field-attribute  
  allocation-unit  
  extension-attribute }

### 4.2.8 Global Register Declarations

32, 36 [ global-register-declaration →  
          GLOBAL REGISTER global-reg-item , ... ;  
global-reg-item →  
          global-reg-name = ctce { : register-attribute ... }  
register-attribute — See Section 4.2.7.

### 4.2.9 External Register Declarations

32, 36 [ external-register-declaration →  
          EXTERNAL REGISTER external-reg-item , ... ;  
external-reg-item →  
          ext-reg-name { = ctce } { : register-attribute ... }  
register-attribute — See Section 4.2.7.

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

### 4.2.10 Map Declarations

map-declaration →  
MAP map-item , ... ;

map-item →  
map-name : map-attribute ...

16, 32 [ map-attribute →  
{ structure-attribute  
  field-attribute  
  allocation-unit  
  extension-attribute  
  VOLATILE }

### 4.3 Structure Declarations

structure-declaration →  
STRUCTURE structure-definition , ... ;

structure-definition →  
structure-name  
  [ { access-formal , ... }  
    { ; allocation-formal , ... } ]  
  = [ { structure-size-exp } ]  
  structure-body

access-formal →  
name

allocation-formal →  
allocation-name { = allocation-default }

allocation-default →  
ctce

structure-body →  
address-expression { field-selector }

field-selector — See Section 2.2.1.



## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

### 4.4 Field Declarations

field-declaration →  
FIELD { field-set-definition  
          field-definition } , . . . ;

field-set-definition →  
field-set-name =  
SET  
field-definition , . . .  
TES

field-definition →  
field-name = [field-component , . . . ]

field-component →  
ctce

### 4.5 Routine Declarations

routine-declaration →  
{ ordinary-routine-declaration  
  global-routine-declaration  
  external-routine-declaration  
  forward-routine-declaration }

#### 4.5.1 Ordinary Routine Declarations

ordinary-routine-declaration →  
ROUTINE routine-definition , . . . ;

routine-definition →  
routine-name { ( formal-name , . . . ) }  
          { : routine-attribute . . . }  
          = routine-body

routine-attribute →  
{ NOVALUE  
  linkage-name }

linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

routine-body →  
expression

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

### 4.5.2 Global Routine Declarations

global-routine-declaration →  
GLOBAL ROUTINE  
global-routine-definition , . . . ;

global-routine-definition →  
routine-name { ( formal-name , . . . ) }  
          { : global-routine-attribute . . . }  
          = routine-body

global-routine-attribute →  
{ NOVALUE  
  linkage-name  
  WEAK }

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linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

routine-body →  
expression

### 4.5.3 External Routine Declarations

external-routine-declaration →  
EXTERNAL ROUTINE  
external-routine-item , . . . ;

external-routine-item →  
routine-name { : ext-routine-attribute . . . }

ext-routine-attribute →  
{ NOVALUE  
  linkage-name  
  addressing-mode-attribute  
  WEAK }

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linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

### 4.5.4 Forward Routine Declarations

forward-routine-declaration →  
FORWARD ROUTINE  
forward-routine-item , . . . ;

forward-routine-item →  
routine-name { : fwd-routine-attribute . . . }

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

fwd-routine-attribute →

32 { NOVALUE  
linkage-name  
addressing-mode-attribute }

linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

### 4.6 Linkage Declarations

linkage-declaration →

LINKAGE linkage-definition , . . . ;

linkage-definition →

linkage-name = linkage-type  
{ ( parameter-location , . . . ) }  
{ : linkage-option . . . }

linkage-type →

16, 32 { CALL  
16 { JSR | EMT | TRAP  
32 { IOT | INTERRUPT  
36 { JSB  
PUSHJ | F10 }

parameter-location →

{ STANDARD  
REGISTER = ctce  
nothing }

linkage-option →

16 { CLEARSTACK | RTT  
32, 36 { GLOBAL ( global-segment , . . . )  
PRESERVE ( ctce , . . . )  
32 { NOPRESERVE ( ctce , . . . )  
NOTUSED ( ctce , . . . )  
36 { LINKAGE\_REGS ( ctce , ctce , ctce )  
PORTAL }

global-segment →

32, 36 { global-register-name = ctce

*Note: All syntax elements denoted by "ctce" in this section represent register-number expressions. Also, the order in which registers are specified in the LINKAGE\_REGS option is: SP, FP, value-return.*

## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

### 4.7 Enable Declarations

enable-declaration →

ENABLE handler-name  
{ ( enable-data-name , . . . ) }

handler-name — Must be a declared routine-name.

enable-data-name — Must be declared in an own-, global-, local-, stacklocal-, external-, or forward-declaration, with the VOLATILE attribute.

### 4.8 Bound Declarations

bound-declaration →

{ literal-declaration  
external-literal-declaration  
bind-data-declaration  
bind-routine-declaration }

#### 4.8.1 Literal Declarations

literal-declaration →

{ LITERAL  
GLOBAL LITERAL } literal-item , . . . ;

literal-item →

literal-name = ctce  
{ : literal-attribute . . . }

literal-attribute →

32 { { SIGNED | UNSIGNED } ( ctce )  
WEAK }

*Note: WEAK applies to the GLOBAL form only.*

#### 4.8.2 External Literal Declarations

external-literal-declaration →

EXTERNAL LITERAL  
external-literal-item , . . . ;

external-literal-item →

ext-literal-name { : literal-attribute . . . }

literal-attribute  $\rightarrow$   
 32  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{ \text{SIGNED} \mid \text{UNSIGNED} \} (\text{ctce}) \\ \text{WEAK} \end{array} \right\}$

#### 4.8.3 Bind Data Declarations

bind-data-declaration  $\rightarrow$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BIND} \\ \text{GLOBAL BIND} \end{array} \right\} \text{bind-data-item}, \dots;$

bind-data-item  $\rightarrow$   
 bind-data-name = expression  
 $\{ : \text{bind-data-attribute} \dots \}$

bind-data-attribute  $\rightarrow$   
 16, 32  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{structure-attribute} \\ \text{field-attribute} \\ \text{allocation-unit} \\ \text{extension-attribute} \\ \text{VOLATILE} \\ \text{WEAK} \end{array} \right\}$   
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*Note: WEAK applies to the GLOBAL form only.*

#### 4.8.4 Bind Routine Declarations

bind-routine-declaration  $\rightarrow$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{BIND ROUTINE} \\ \text{GLOBAL BIND ROUTINE} \end{array} \right\} \text{bind-routine-item}, \dots;$

bind-routine-item  $\rightarrow$   
 bind-routine-name = expression  
 $\{ : \text{bind-routine-attribute} \dots \}$

bind-routine-attribute  $\rightarrow$   
 32  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NOVALUE} \\ \text{linkage-name} \\ \text{WEAK} \end{array} \right\}$

*Note: WEAK applies to the GLOBAL form only.*

linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

#### 4.9 Compiletime Declarations

compiletime-declaration  $\rightarrow$   
 COMPILETIME compiletime-item, ...;

compiletime-item  $\rightarrow$   
 compiletime-name = initial-value

initial-value  $\rightarrow$   
 ctce

*Note: A compiletime-name value may be changed during compilation by the %ASSIGN lexical function (see Section 5.3).*

#### 4.10 Macro Declarations

macro-declaration  $\rightarrow$   
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{keyword-macro-declaration} \\ \text{positional-macro-declaration} \end{array} \right\}$

##### 4.10.1 Keyword Macro Declarations

keyword-macro-declaration  $\rightarrow$   
 KEYWORDMACRO keyword-macro-definition, ...

keyword-macro-definition  $\rightarrow$   
 keyword-macro-name ( keyword-formal, ... )  
 = macro-body %

keyword-formal  $\rightarrow$   
 name { = keyword-default-parameter }

keyword-default-parameter  $\rightarrow$   
 $\{ \text{lexeme} \dots \}$

macro-body  $\rightarrow$   
 any-lexeme-except-% ...

## 4.10.2 Positional Macro Declarations

positional-macro-declaration →  
MACRO positional-macro-definition , . . . ;

positional-macro-definition →  
{  
  simple-macro  
  conditional-macro  
  iterative-macro  
}

simple-macro →  
macro-name { ( name , . . . ) }  
= macro-body %

conditional-macro →  
macro-name { ( name , . . . ) } [ ]  
= macro-body %

iterative-macro →  
macro-name { ( name , . . . ) }  
[ name , . . . ]  
= macro-body %

macro-body →  
any-lexeme-except-% . . .

## 4.11 Require Declarations

require-declaration →  
REQUIRE file-designator ;

file-designator →  
quoted-string

## 4.12 Library Declarations

library-declaration →  
LIBRARY file-designator ;

file-designator →  
quoted-string

## 4.13 Psect Declarations

psect-declaration →  
PSECT psect-definition , . . . ;

psect-definition →  
storage-class = psect-name  
{ ( psect-attribute , . . . ) }

storage-class →  
{  
  OWN  
  GLOBAL  
  PLIT  
  CODE  
}

psect-attribute →  
{  
  EXECUTE | NOEXECUTE  
  WRITE | NOWRITE  
  OVERLAY | CONCATENATE  
  LOCAL | GLOBAL  
  READ | NOREAD  
  SHARE | NOSHARE  
  PIC | NOPIC  
  ALIGN ( boundary-ctce )  
  addressing-mode-attribute  
}

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## 4.14 Switches Declarations

switches-declaration →  
SWITCHES { on-off-switch-item } . . . ;  
          { special-switch-item }

on-off-switch-item →  
{  
  ERRS | NOERRS  
  OPTIMIZE | NOOPTIMIZE  
  SAFE | NOSAFE  
  ZIP | NOZIP  
  UNAMES | NOUNAMES  
}

special-switch-item →  
{  
  LANGUAGE ( language-list )  
  LINKAGE ( linkage-name )  
  LIST ( list-option , . . . )  
  ADDRESSING\_MODE ( mode-spec , . . . )  
}

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language-list — See Section 1.1.

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## 4.0 DECLARATIONS, Continued

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linkage-name — See Sections 4.6 and 6.4.

list-option — See Section 1.1.

mode-spec — See Section 1.1.

### 4.15 Label Declarations

label-declaration →  
LABEL label-name , . . . ;

### 4.16 Builtin Declarations

builtin-declaration →  
BUILTIN builtin-name , . . . ;

builtin-name — See Section 7 for a summary of the machine-specific names that may be declared as builtin-names.

### 4.17 Undeclare Declarations

undeclare-declaration →  
UNDECLARE undeclared-name , . . . ;

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## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES

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The compile-time features described in this section allow conditional compilation of alternative portions of the source text, and allow extensive modification and expansion of the source text during the compilation process. These features are lexical conditionals, lexical functions, and macro calls (in conjunction with the macro-declaration facility).

### 5.1 Lexical Conditionals

lexical-conditional →  
%IF lexical-test  
%THEN consequent-lexeme . . .  
{ %ELSE alternative-lexeme . . . }  
%FI

lexical-test →  
ctce

*Note: Either the consequent-lexeme or the alternative-lexeme may be null.*

### 5.2 Lexical Functions

The thirteen categories of lexical-functions are as follows:

String Functions  
Delimiter Functions  
Name Functions  
Sequence-Test Functions  
Bits Functions  
Allocation Functions  
Fieldexpand Functions  
Calculation Functions  
Compiler-State Functions  
Advisory Functions  
Title Functions  
Quote Functions  
Macro Functions

The individual functions corresponding to these categories are given below, with brief semantic descriptions of each.

#### String Functions

%CHAR ( ctce , . . . )

Returns a quoted-string formed by interpreting the numeric value of each ctce as a single ASCII character

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## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

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code, and concatenating the corresponding characters. E.g., %CHAR(65,66,67,39,97,98,99) is replaced by 'ABC'abc'.

%STRING ( string-param , . . . )

Returns a single quoted-string formed by concatenating the characters represented by each string-param. Each string-param, after evaluation, must result in a quoted-string, a name, a numeric-literal, or a null lexeme. E.g., %STRING(23,%B~111') is replaced by '23~7'.

%EXACTSTRING ( length, fill, string-param , . . . )

Returns a quoted-string as formed by %STRING, but either truncated or extended on the right as specified by the 'length' ctce value, and filled if necessary as specified by the 'fill' ctce value (interpreted as for %CHAR). E.g., %EXACTSTRING(6,%C'9','ABC') is replaced by 'ABC999'.

%CHARCOUNT ( string-param , . . . )

Evaluates string-params as for %STRING, and returns a numeric-literal equal to the count of characters within the resulting string. E.g., %CHARCOUNT('A'C'23) is replaced by 5.

### Delimiter Functions

%EXPLODE ( string-param , . . . )

Forms an intermediate quoted-string from string-params as for %STRING, and returns a comma-separated list of quoted-strings, each consisting of a single character of the intermediate string (in corresponding sequence). E.g., %EXPLODE('ABC',%O'77') is replaced by 'A','B','C','6','3'; i.e., 9 lexemes.

%REMOVE ( parameter )

Returns the indicated parameter after removing any enclosing (and matched) parentheses, square brackets ([ ]), or angle brackets (<>).

### Name Functions

%NAME ( string-param , . . . )

Returns a name formed by the characters represented by the string-params, which are interpreted as for %STRING. E.g., %NAME('302',beta) is replaced by 302BETA (as a name).

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## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

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### Sequence-Test Functions

%NULL ( parameter , . . . )

Returns the literal 1 if all of the given parameters are null; returns 0 otherwise. E.g., %NULL(ALPHA,,DELTA) is replaced by 0.

%IDENTICAL ( parameter , parameter )

Returns the literal 1 if the two parameters (after evaluation as for a normal macro call) consist of identical lexeme sequences; returns 0 otherwise. E.g., %IDENTICAL(A+B,a+b) is replaced by 1.

### Bits Functions

%NBITS ( ctce , . . . )

Returns the minimum number of bits needed to represent any of the ctce parameters (i.e., including the largest), interpreted as signed integers, in a sign-extended field. E.g., %NBITS(7,2) is replaced by 3. %NBITS(-8) is replaced by 4.

%NBITSU ( ctce , . . . )

Returns the minimum number of bits needed to represent any of the ctce parameters (i.e., including the largest), interpreted as unsigned integers, in a zero-extended field. E.g., %NBITSU(7,2) is replaced by 3. %NBITSU(-8,7) is replaced by %BPVAL.

### Allocation Functions

%ALLOCATION ( data-segment-name )

Returns the number of storage units allocated for the specified data segment. E.g., using the BLISS-32 compiler: %ALLOCATION(X) with X declared LONG is replaced by 4.

%SIZE ( structure-attribute )

Returns the number of storage units that would be allocated for a data structure declared with the specified structure-attribute. E.g., using the BLISS-32 compiler: %SIZE(VECTOR[10,WORD]) is replaced by 20.

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## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

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### Fieldexpand Functions

**%FIELDEXPAND** ( field-name { , ctce } )

Returns the *n*th field-component value of field-name, where *n* is specified by ctce as *n*-1. If the ctce parameter is null, all field-component values of the field-name are returned, as a comma-separated list. E.g., If DCB\_C=[0,11,16,3], then %FIELDEXPAND(DCB\_C,2) would be replaced by 16.

### Calculation Functions

**%ASSIGN** ( compiletime-name , ctce )

Assigns the ctce value as the new value of the specified COMPILETIME name.

**%NUMBER** ( number-param )

Returns a numeric-literal formed from the value represented by number-param, which must be either a numeric-literal, a literal-name, or a quoted-string consisting of decimal digits with optional sign. E.g., %NUMBER(%O'100') is replaced by 64.

### Compiler-State Functions

**%DECLARED** ( name )

Returns the literal 1 if the given name lexeme is a user-declared name (i.e., not predeclared); returns 0 otherwise.

**%SWITCHES** ( on-off-switch-name , . . . )

Returns the literal 1 if all given on-off-switch-names match the current on-off-switch settings; returns 0 otherwise.

**%BLISS** ( language-name )

Returns the literal 1 if the given language-name corresponds to the compiler processing the module; returns 0 otherwise. (Valid language-names are BLISS16, BLISS32, and BLISS36.)

**%VARIANT**

Returns a numeric-literal representing the setting of /VARIANT in the compilation command.

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## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

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### Advisory Functions

**%ERROR** ( string-param , . . . )

Causes an error diagnostic to be produced (by the compiler) from the string-params, processed as by %STRING.

**\*%ERRORMACRO** ( string-param , . . . )

Causes an error diagnostic to be produced (by the compiler) from the string-params, processed as by %STRING, and causes all currently active macro expansions to be terminated.

**%WARN** ( string-param , . . . )

Causes a warning diagnostic to be produced (by the compiler) from the string-params, processed as by %STRING.

**%INFORM** ( string-param , . . . )

Causes an informational diagnostic to be produced (by the compiler) from the string-params, processed as by %STRING.

**%PRINT** ( string-param , . . . )

Causes a line to be included in the listing file (if any) consisting of the string-params, processed as by %STRING.

### Title Functions

**%TITLE** quoted-string

Incorporates the quoted-string into the title portion of listing-page header.

**%SBTTL** quoted-string

Incorporates the quoted-string into the subtitle portion of listing-page header.

### Quote Functions

**%QUOTE**

Inhibits lexical binding of the lexeme following the function name.

**%UNQUOTE**

Forces lexical binding of the lexeme following the function name, even where it would not normally be bound.

## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

### %EXPAND

Forces lexical binding of the lexeme following the function name; and, if that lexeme is itself a macro or lexical-function name, expands the macro call or evaluates the function.

### Macro Functions

### %REMAINING

Returns a comma-separated list consisting of any actual parameters of the call that, during expansion, are not yet associated with formal parameters.

### %LENGTH

Returns the number of actual parameters in the call.

### %COUNT

Returns the recursion depth if within a conditional macro, or the number of completed iterations if within an iterative macro.

### %EXITITERATION

Terminates expansion of the current iteration of an iterative macro call. (For a noniterative expansion, this function is equivalent to %EXITMACRO.)

### %EXITMACRO

Terminates expansion of a macro call.

## 5.3 Macro Calls

macro-call →

{ keyword-macro-call  
positional-macro-call }

### 5.3.1 Keyword Macro Calls

keyword-macro-call →

name  
{ ( keyword-macro-actual , ... )  
[ keyword-macro-actual , ... ]  
< keyword-macro-actual , ... > }

keyword-macro-actual →

keyword-formal-name = { lexeme ... }

## 5.0 LEXICAL PROCESSING FACILITIES, Continued

### 5.3.2 Positional Macro Calls

positional-macro-call →

name  
{ nothing  
( lexeme ... )  
[ lexeme ... ]  
< lexeme ... > }

## 6.0 PREDECLARED NAMES

### 6.1 Literals

The literal names and values predeclared in every module are:

Name	Value		
	BLISS-16	BLISS-32	BLISS-36
%BPVAL	16	32	36
%BPADDR	16	32	18
%BPUNIT	8	8	36
%UPVAL	2	4	1

### 6.2 Macros

The macros predeclared in every module are:

For BLISS-16:

%BLISS16 [] = %REMAINING %  
%BLISS32 [] = %  
%BLISS36 [] = %

For BLISS-32:

%BLISS16 [] = %  
%BLISS32 [] = %REMAINING %  
%BLISS36 [] = %

For BLISS-36:

%BLISS16 [] = %  
%BLISS32 [] = %  
%BLISS36 [] = %REMAINING %



## 6.0 PREDECLARED NAMES, Continued

### 6.3 Structures

The structures predeclared in every module are:

*For BLISS-16:*

STRUCTURE

```
VECTOR[I;N,UNIT=2,EXT=0] =
  [N*UNIT]
  (VECTOR+I*UNIT)<0,8*UNIT,EXT>,

BLOCK[O,P,S,E;BS,UNIT=2] =
  [BS*UNIT]
  (BLOCK+O*UNIT)<P,S,E>,

BLOCKVECTOR[I,O,P,S,E;N,BS,UNIT=2] =
  [N*BS*UNIT]
  (BLOCKVECTOR+(I*BS+O)*UNIT)<P,S,E>,

BITVECTOR[I;N] =
  [((N+15)/16)*2]
  (BITVECTOR+I/16)<1 MOD 16,1,0>;
```

*For BLISS-32:*

STRUCTURE

```
VECTOR[I;N,UNIT=4,EXT=0] =
  [N*UNIT]
  (VECTOR+I*UNIT)<0,8*UNIT,EXT>,

BLOCK[O,P,S,E;BS,UNIT=4] =
  [BS*UNIT]
  (BLOCK+O*UNIT)<P,S,E>,

BLOCKVECTOR[I,O,P,S,E;N,BS,UNIT=4] =
  [N*BS*UNIT]
  (BLOCKVECTOR+(I*BS+O)*UNIT)<P,S,E>,

BITVECTOR[I;N] =
  [(N+7)/8]
  (BITVECTOR)<1,1,0>;
```

## 6.0 PREDECLARED NAMES, Continued

*For BLISS-36:*

STRUCTURE

```
VECTOR[I;N] =
  [N]
  (VECTOR+I)<0,36>,

BLOCK[O,P,S,E;BS] =
  [BS]
  (BLOCK+O)<P,S,E>,

BLOCKVECTOR[I,O,P,S,E;N,BS] =
  [N*BS]
  (BLOCKVECTOR+O+I*BS)<P,S,E>,

BITVECTOR[I;N] =
  [(N+35)/36]
  (BITVECTOR+I/36)<1 MOD 36, 1, 0>;
```

### 6.4 Linkages and Linkage-Functions

The predeclared linkage-names are:

BLISS-16	BLISS-32	BLISS-36
BLISS FORTRAN FORTRAN_FUNC FORTRAN_SUB	BLISS FORTRAN FORTRAN_FUNC FORTRAN_SUB	BLISS36C BLISS10 FORTRAN_FUNC FORTRAN_SUB

The default linkage-name for BLISS-16 and BLISS-32 is BLISS; for BLISS-36 the default linkage-name is BLISS36C.

The following linkage-functions are predefined and can be declared in a BUILTIN declaration for use in routines that have the CALL or F10 linkage-type:

	ACTUALCOUNT( )	— No. of actual params. in call
	ACTUALPARAMETER(i)	— Value of <i>ith</i> parameter
	ARGPTR( )	— Address of argument block
16, 32	NULLPARAMETER(i)	— 1 if <i>ith</i> param. is null; 0 otherwise

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## 6.0 PREDECLARED NAMES, Continued

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### 6.5 Supplementary Functions

The supplementary character-handling functions predeclared in every module are ("CS" stands for "character sequence"):

- CH\$PTR ( addr, i, chsize )  
– Create a CS-pointer
- CH\$PLUS ( ptr, i )  
– Increment a CS-pointer
- CH\$DIFF ( ptr1, ptr2 )  
– Take difference of two CS-pointers
- CH\$RCHAR ( ptr )  
– Fetch a character
- CH\$WCHAR ( char, ptr )  
– Assign a character
- CH\$RCHAR\_A ( addr )  
– Fetch a character, then advance CS-pointer
- CH\$WCHAR\_A ( char, addr )  
– Assign a character, then advance CS-pointer
- CH\$\_RCHAR ( addr )  
– Advance CS-pointer, then fetch a character
- CH\$\_WCHAR ( char, addr )  
– Advance CS-pointer, then assign a character
- CH\$ALLOCATION ( n, chsize )  
– Storage allocation for given number of characters
- CH\$SIZE ( ptr )  
– Number of bits per character ( i.e., returns character size)
- CH\$MOVE ( n, sptr, dptr )  
– Move a character sequence
- CH\$COPY ( sn1, sptr1, sn2, sptr2 , . . . , fill, dn, dptr )  
– Move and concatenate a series of character sequences
- CH\$FILL ( fill, dn, dptr )  
– Initialize character sequence with fill character

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## 6.0 PREDECLARED NAMES, Continued

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- CH\$LSS ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for less than
- CH\$LEQ ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for less than or equal
- CH\$GTR ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for greater than
- CH\$GEQ ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for greater than or equal
- CH\$EQL ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for equal
- CH\$NEQ ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for not equal
- CH\$COMPARE ( n1, ptr1, n2, ptr2, fill )  
– Compare character sequences for less than, equal to, or greater than. (The value returned is -1, 0, or 1 respectively.)
- CH\$FIND\_SUB ( cn, cptr, pn, pptr )  
– Find given sub-sequence
- CH\$FIND\_CH ( n, ptr, char )  
– Find given character
- CH\$FIND\_NOT\_CH ( n, ptr, char )  
– Find first character other than given character
- CH\$TRANSTABLE ( trans-string )  
– Create translation table
- CH\$TRANSLATE ( tab, sn, sptr, fill, dn, dptr )  
– Translate using translation table
- CH\$FAIL ( ptr )  
– Test for failure to satisfy search

## 7.0 MACHINE SPECIFIC NAMES

The following names may be declared by means of the BUILTIN declaration:

```
builtin-name →
{
  register-name
  machine-specific-function
  linkage-function
}
```

For BLISS-16:

```
register-name →
{ R0 | R1 | --- | R5 | SP | PC }

machine-specific-function →
{
  DECX
  HALT
  MFPD | MFPI | MFPS
  MTPD | MTPI | MTPS
  RESET | ROT
  SWAB
  WAIT
}

linkage-function — See Section 6.4.
```

For BLISS-32:

```
register-name →
{ R0 | R1 | --- | R11 | AP | FP | SP | PC }

machine-specific-function →
{
  ADAWI | ASHQ
  BICPSW | BISPSW | BPT
  CALLG | CHME | CHMK | CHMS
  CHMU | CMPD | CMPF | CMPP
  CRC | CVTDF | CVTDL | CVTFD
  CVTFL | CVTLD | CVTLF | CVTLP
  CVTPL | CVTPT | CVTRDL | CVTRFL
  CVTPS | CVTSP | CVTTP
  EDITPC | EDIV | EMUL
  FFC | FFS | HALT
  INDEX | INSQUE
  MFPR | MOVV | MOVPSL | MOVTUC
  MTPR | NOP | PROBER | PROBEW
  REMQUE | ROT | SCANC | SPANC
  TESTBITCC | TESTBITCCI | TESTBITCS
  TESTBITSC | TESTBITSS | TESTBITSSI
}

linkage-function — See Section 6.4.
```

## 7.0 MACHINE SPECIFIC NAMES, Continued

For BLISS-36:

```
register-name →
{ AP | FP | SP }

machine-specific-function →
{
  ASH
  COPYII | COPYIN | COPYNI | COPYNN
  DPB
  FIRSTONE
  INCP
  LDB | LSH
  MACHOP | MACHSKIP
  POINT
  REPLACEI | REPLACEN | ROT
  SCANI | SCANN
}

linkage-function — See Section 6.4.
```

## 8.0 NAMES RESERVED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

The following names are reserved for future extensions.

For all dialects:

BIT	RECORD
IOPAGE	SHOW
PRESET	

Additional for BLISS-16:

ALIGN
LONG
WEAK

Additional for BLISS-36:

ADDRESSING_MODE	
ALIGN	PSECT
BYTE	WEAK
ENABLE	WORD
LONG	

# COMMAND SUMMARY

## 1.0 BLISS-32 COMMANDS

This section describes the VAX/VMS command for invoking a BLISS-32 compilation. The notational conventions used earlier in this guide are used in this section, with the following additional convention:

- The symbol “+ . . .” denotes an optional repetition of the immediately preceding item (always a source file-spec), with successive instances separated by “+”.

### 1.1 Command Line Syntax

The syntax of the BLISS-32 compilation-request command, given following a command-level prompt (\$) in interactive mode, is:

compilation-request →  
BLISS {qualifier . . .} *b* input-spec , . . .

*b* →  
{blank | tab} . . .

input-spec →  
file-spec + . . . {qualifier}

qualifier →  
{  
output-qualifier  
general-qualifier  
terminal-qualifier  
optimization-qualifier  
source-list-qualifier  
machine-code-list-qualifier  
}

*Note: The individual qualifiers are described in Section 1.2.*

#### Usage Rules:

1. Each input-spec given in the command implies a separate compilation. That is, unless the /NOCODE qualifier is specified, one object- or library-module file is produced for each input-spec.
2. If no qualifiers (or corresponding module-head switches) are specified, the default compilation results are as follows:

## 1.0 BLISS-32 COMMANDS, Continued

- One or more object-module files (one per input-spec). Each object-module file takes its name from the corresponding input file name, and the default file-type OBJ is appended.
- No listing file is produced.
- Error messages, if any, and a compilation summary are reported at the user's terminal.

3. If an input-spec consists of two or more file-specs separated by plus signs, the specified files are concatenated and processed as one source module. That is, the specified files are assumed to contain, collectively, an entire source module. The object-module file in this case takes its name from the first source file name specified in the input-spec.
4. If the file type is omitted in an input-file specification, the default type B32 is assumed first and then, if necessary, type BLI. (See Sections 1.2 and 1.3 for type defaults for a library precompilation.)
5. One or more blanks or tabs may be used anywhere that a space appears in the command-line syntax definitions. (The only mandatory space is indicated by the symbol “*b*” in the syntax rule.)

### 1.2 Qualifiers

The default qualifiers and values for interactive-mode compilations are underlined.

#### Output Qualifiers

output-qualifier →  
{  
/OBJECT {= file-spec} | /NOOBJECT  
/LIST {= file-spec} | /NOLIST  
/LIBRARY {= file-spec} | /NOLIBRARY  
}

#### Usage Rules:

1. The /OBJECT and /LIBRARY qualifiers are mutually exclusive, i.e., only one of the two may be specified.
2. If the /LIBRARY qualifier is specified, a library-file precompilation is performed (as opposed to an object-module compilation).

## 1.0 BLISS-32 COMMANDS, Continued

- If an output-file type is not specified, the default types are OBJ, LIS, and L32, for the object, listing, and library file respectively.
- If a file-spec is not given in an output qualifier, the output file takes the name of the corresponding input file, with the appropriate default type (Rule 3).

### General Qualifiers

general-qualifier →  
{  
  /CODE | /NOCODE  
  /DEBUG | /NODEBUG  
  /TRACEBACK | /NOTRACEBACK  
  /VARIANT {= n}  
}

### Usage Rules:

- /NOCODE implies a syntax check only.
- /DEBUG implies full symbol-table information for the symbolic debugger.
- /NOTRACEBACK implies no symbol-table information for the debugger, and nullifies the effect of /DEBUG, if specified. It produces the most compact object module and is appropriate for final production compilations.
- If /VARIANT is not specified, a %VARIANT value of 0 is assumed. If /VARIANT is specified without a value, a %VARIANT value of 1 is implied. If a value (n) is specified, it must be a decimal integer within the value range of a signed longword.

### Terminal Qualifier

terminal-qualifier →  
/TERMINAL = {  
  terminal-value  
  ( terminal-value , ... )  
}

terminal-value →  
{  
  ERRORS | NOERRORS  
  STATISTICS | NOSTATISTICS  
}

### Usage Rules:

- If /TERMINAL is not specified, the underlined defaults for terminal-value are assumed.

## 1.0 BLISS-32 COMMANDS, Continued

- If NOERRORS is specified, compilation errors are not reported at the user's terminal.
- If STATISTICS is specified, the name and size of each routine is reported as it is compiled.

### Optimize Qualifier

optimize-qualifier →  
/OPTIMIZE = {  
  optimize-value  
  ( optimize-value , ... )  
}

optimize-value →  
{  
  LEVEL: { 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 }  
  QUICK | NOQUICK  
  SAFE | NOSAFE  
  SPACE | SPEED  
}

### Usage Rules:

- The several optimize-value alternatives affect the compiler's optimization strategies; see the *BLISS-32 User's Guide* for full details.
- The optimize-values SPEED and SPACE are mutually exclusive.
- QUICK implies the omission of some standard optimizations in favor of increased compilation speed.
- SAFE (a default) implies that all named data-segments are referenced by name only, i.e., not by computed addresses. If this is not true for a given module, the NOSAFE alternative should be specified.

### Source List Qualifier

source-list-qualifier →  
/SOURCE\_LIST = {  
  source-value  
  ( source-value , ... )  
}

source-value →  
{  
  HEADER | NOHEADER  
  PAGE\_SIZE: { 20 | 21 | ... | 52 }  
  LIBRARY | NOLIBRARY  
  REQUIRE | NOREQUIRE  
  EXPAND\_MACROS | NOEXPAND\_MACROS  
  TRACE\_MACROS | NOTRACE\_MACROS  
  SOURCE | NOSOURCE  
}

**Usage Rules:**

1. The several source-value alternatives affect the form and content of the source portion of the output listing; see the *BLISS-32 User's Guide* for full details.
2. The /LIST output-qualifier (or the corresponding module-head switch) must be in effect in order for any source-value alternatives to be meaningful.

**Machine-Code List Qualifier**

machine-code-list-qualifier →  
 /MACHINE\_CODE\_LIST = { code-value  
 ( code-value , ... ) }

code-value →  
 { OBJECT | NOOBJECT  
ASSEMBLER | NOASSEMBLER  
SYMBOLIC | NOSYMBOLIC  
BINARY | NOBINARY  
COMMENTARY | NOCOMMENTARY  
UNIQUE\_NAMES | NOUNIQUE\_NAMES }

**Usage Rules:**

1. The several code-value alternatives affect the form and content of the object portion of the output listing; see the *BLISS-32 User's Guide* for full details.
2. The /LIST output-qualifier (or the corresponding module-head switch) must be in effect in order for any code-value alternatives to be meaningful.
3. NOOBJECT is mutually exclusive with any other code-value alternative.

**1.3 Summary of File Type Defaults**

The ordered lists of successive type defaults assumed by the compiler for various input files, and the type defaults applied by the compiler for output files, are given below.

**Input-File Type Defaults**

Source File For:	Default Type List
● Object-module compilation	.B32, .BLI
● Library-file precompilation	.R32, .REQ, .B32, .BLI

**File Specified In:**

● REQUIRE declarations	.R32, .REQ, .B32, .BLI
● LIBRARY declarations	.L32

**Output-File Type Defaults**

● Object-module file	.OBJ
● Library file	.L32
● Listing file	.LIS

## 2.0 BLISS-16C AND BLISS-36 COMMANDS

The following monitor-level commands invoke the BLISS-16C and BLISS-36 compilers on a DECsystem-10 with appropriate BLISS support :

.R BLS16C — for BLISS-16C

.R BLISS — for BLISS-36

(The “.” represents the monitor-mode prompt character.) The compiler responds with a “\*” prompt, requesting a compilation command line.

### 2.1 Command Line Syntax

The syntax of a direct-compilation-request command line is:

direct-compilation-request →  
{ output-file-list }  
= source-file-list { switch-item . . . }

output-file-list →  
{ object-filespec, listing-filespec  
library-filespec, listing-filespec  
object-filespec  
library-filespec  
, listing-filespec }

source-file-list →  
source-filespec , . . .

*Note: The switch-items applicable to each compiler are described separately below.*

#### Usage Rules:

1. If the /LIBRARY switch is specified in the command line, then a library-file specification is applicable in the output-file list (and a library-file extension default will be assumed, if one is required). Otherwise, an object-file specification is applicable.
2. If either one or both of the output filespecs (object/library or listing) are omitted, the corresponding output file(s) are not produced.

## 2.0 BLISS-16C AND BLISS-36 COMMANDS, Continued

3. If more than one source file is specified, these files will be logically concatenated by the compiler and treated as one source file. Program modules need not be terminated at file boundaries, and may consist of more than one source file.
4. If incomplete file specifications are given, standard TOPS-10 defaults will be applied to the missing portions (such as device name, project-programmer number, and/or protection code) as appropriate.
5. If file extensions are omitted for one or more files, default extensions will be assumed according to the rules given below for each compiler.
6. Default switch settings are assumed as described below for each compiler.

**Exception for BLISS-16C:** If only one output-file is specified (in either the object or listing position) and /LIBRARY is not specified, the file is taken to be a file for subsequent assembler input and will have the default extension .P11.

The syntax of an indirect-compilation-request command line is:

@ indirect-filespec

where indirect-filespec specifies a file containing one or more direct or indirect command lines. (In the case of BLISS-16C, only the direct compilation request encountered first is processed.)

#### File Extension Defaults for BLISS-16C

File	Default Extensions
Source file for object compilation	.B16, .BLI, then null
Source file for library compilation	.R16, .REQ, .B16, BLI, then null
Object file	.OBJ
Library file	.L16
Listing file	.LST
Indirect file	.CMD

File Extension Defaults for BLISS-36

File	Default Extensions
Source file for object compilation	.B36, then .BLI
Source file for library compilation	.R36, .REQ, .B36, then .BLI
Object file	.REL
Library file	.L36
Listing file	.LST
Indirect file	.CMD

2.2 Command Switches

The command switches are presented below in the format used previously for language syntax. Default switch settings, where applicable, are underlined. The three categories of command switches are the on-off-switches, the special-switches (which are either the same as or very similar to the corresponding module-switches; see Section 1.1), and the command-line-only switches. Switches in any of these categories can be given in any order.

On-Off-Switches

on-off-switch →

```

{
  /CODE | /NOCODE
  /DEBUG | /NODEBUG
  /ERRS | /NOERRS
  /OPTIMIZE | /NOOPTIMIZE
  /SAFE | /NOSAFE
  /UNAMES | /NOUNAMES
  /ZIP | /NOZIP
}

```

Special-Switches

special-switch →

```

16 [ {
  /LIST: { list-option | ( list-option , . . . ) }
  /ADDRESS: mode-16-option
  /OBJECT: object-option
  /OPTLEVEL: opt-level-option
}

```

list-option →

```

36 [ {
  COMMENTARY | NOCOMMENTARY
  EXPAND | NOEXPAND
  LIBRARY | NOLIBRARY
  OBJECT | NOOBJECT
  REQUIRE | NOREQUIRE
  SOURCE | NOSOURCE
  SYMBOLIC | NOSYMBOLIC
  TRACE | NOTRACE
  ASSEMBLY | NOASSEMBLY
  BINARY | NOBINARY
}
16 [ mode-16-option →
  { ABSOLUTE | RELATIVE }
16 [ object-option →
  { ABSOLUTE | RELOCATABLE }

```

Command-Line-Only Switches

command-line-only-switch →

```

16 [ {
  /LIBRARY | /NOLIBRARY
  /PAGESIZ:n
  /STATISTICS | /NOSTATISTICS
  /VARIANT:n
  /BLISS11:"bliss-11-switches"
  /COMPRESS | /NOCOMPRESS
  /HEADER | /NOHEADER
  /DELETE | /NODELETE
  /INTER:intermediate-filespec
  KA10 | KI10 | KL10
  /QUICK | /NOQUICK
  /RBLISS11 | /NORBLISS11
  TOPS10 | TOPS20
}
36 [
36 [
16 [
36 [

```



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## 2.0 BLISS-16C AND BLISS-36 COMMANDS, Continued

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*Note: (1) The range of /PAGESIZ:n is 20 through 52, inclusive; the default value is 52.*

*(2) If no /VARIANT switch is given, the value of %VARIANT is set to 0. If /VARIANT is given without an ":n" argument, the value of %VARIANT is set to 1. If n is specified, it must be a decimal integer within the range of a BLISS value for the compiler in question, that is,  $-(2^{**\%BPVAL}-1) \leq n \leq (2^{**\%BPVAL}-1)-1$ .*