

IBM z/OS Debugger
17.0.3.2

Reference Summary



Note!

Before using this information and the product it supports, be sure to read the general information under [“Notices” on page 77](#).

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This edition applies to IBM® z/OS® Debugger, 17.0.4 (Program Number 5724-T07 with the PTF for PH70010), which supports the following compilers:

- Open Enterprise SDK for Go 1.21, 1.22, 1.23, 1.24 and 1.25 (Program Number 5655-GOZ)
- Open XL C/C++ Version 1.1, 2.1, and 2.2 for z/OS (Program Number 5650-ZOS)
- z/OS XL C/C++ Version 2 (Program Number 5650-ZOS)
- C/C++ feature of z/OS Version 1 (Program Number 5694-A01)
- C/C++ feature of OS/390® (Program Number 5647-A01)
- C/C++ for MVS/ESA Version 3 (Program Number 5655-121)
- AD/Cycle C/370 Version 1 Release 2 (Program Number 5688-216)
- Enterprise COBOL for z/OS 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 (Program Number 5655-EC6)
- Enterprise COBOL for z/OS Version 5 (Program Number 5655-W32)
- Enterprise COBOL for z/OS Version 4 (Program Number 5655-S71)
- Enterprise COBOL for z/OS and OS/390 Version 3 (Program Number 5655-G53)
- COBOL for OS/390 & VM Version 2 (Program Number 5648-A25)
- COBOL for MVS & VM Version 1 Release 2 (Program Number 5688-197)
- COBOL/370 Version 1 Release 1 (Program Number 5688-197)
- VS COBOL II Version 1 Release 3 and Version 1 Release 4 (Program Numbers 5668-958, 5688-023) - with limitations
- OS/VS COBOL, Version 1 Release 2.4 (5740-CB1) - with limitations
- High Level Assembler for MVS & VM & VSE Version 1 Release 4, Version 1 Release 5, Version 1 Release 6 (Program Number 5696-234)
- Enterprise PL/I for z/OS 6.1 and 6.2 (Program Number 5655-PL6)
- Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Version 5 Release 1, Release 2, and Release 3 (Program Number 5655-PL5)
- Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Version 4 (Program Number 5655-W67)
- Enterprise PL/I for z/OS and OS/390 Version 3 (Program Number 5655-H31)
- VisualAge® PL/I for OS/390 Version 2 Release 2 (Program Number 5655-B22)
- PL/I for MVS & VM Version 1 Release 1 (Program Number 5688-235)
- OS PL/I Version 2 Release 1, Version 2 Release 2, Version 2 Release 3 (Program Numbers 5668-909, 5668-910) - with limitations

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You can find out more about IBM z/OS Debugger by visiting the following IBM Web sites:

- IBM Debug for z/OS: <https://www.ibm.com/products/debug-for-zos>
- IBM Developer for z/OS: <https://www.ibm.com/products/developer-for-zos>

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About this document

z/OS Debugger combines the richness of the z/OS environment with the power of Language Environment® to provide a debugger for programmers to isolate and fix their program bugs and test their applications. z/OS Debugger gives you the capability of testing programs in batch, using a nonprogrammable terminal in full-screen mode, or using a workstation interface to remotely debug your programs.

This document contains a summary of commands, built-in functions, and EQAOPTS commands provided by z/OS Debugger. Each topic contains the name of the command, built-in function, or EQAOPTS command and then a syntax diagram. For more information about each command or built-in function, refer to the *IBM z/OS Debugger Reference and Messages*. For more information about each EQAOPTS command, see the *IBM z/OS Debugger Customization Guide* or *IBM z/OS Debugger Reference and Messages*.

Who might use this document

This document is intended for programmers using z/OS Debugger to debug high-level languages (HLLs) with Language Environment and assembler programs either with or without Language Environment. Throughout this document, the HLLs are referred to as C, C++, COBOL, and PL/I.

z/OS Debugger runs on the z/OS operating system and supports the following subsystems:

- CICS®
- Db2®
- IMS
- JES batch
- TSO
- UNIX System Services in remote debug mode or full-screen mode using the Terminal Interface Manager only

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How to read syntax diagrams

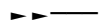
This section describes how to read syntax diagrams. It defines syntax diagram symbols, items that may be contained within the diagrams (keywords, variables, delimiters, operators, fragment references, operands) and provides syntax examples that contain these items.

Syntax diagrams pictorially display the order and parts (options and arguments) that comprise a command statement. They are read from left to right and from top to bottom, following the main path of the horizontal line.

Symbols

The following symbols may be displayed in syntax diagrams:

Symbol	Definition
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Indicates the beginning of the syntax diagram.



Indicates that the syntax diagram is continued to the next line.



Indicates that the syntax is continued from the previous line.



Indicates the end of the syntax diagram.

Syntax items

Syntax diagrams contain many different items. Syntax items include:

- Keywords - a command name or any other literal information.
- Variables - variables are italicized, appear in lowercase and represent the name of values you can supply.
- Delimiters - delimiters indicate the start or end of keywords, variables, or operators. For example, a left parenthesis is a delimiter.
- Operators - operators include add (+), subtract (-), multiply (*), divide (/), equal (=), and other mathematical operations that may need to be performed.
- Fragment references - a part of a syntax diagram, separated from the diagram to show greater detail.
- Separators - a separator separates keywords, variables or operators. For example, a comma (,) is a separator.

Keywords, variables, and operators may be displayed as required, optional, or default. Fragments, separators, and delimiters may be displayed as required or optional.

Item type	Definition
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Required	Required items are displayed on the main path of the horizontal line.
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Optional	Optional items are displayed below the main path of the horizontal line.
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Default	Default items are displayed above the main path of the horizontal line.
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Syntax examples

The following table provides syntax examples.

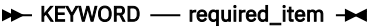
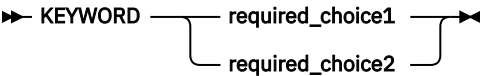
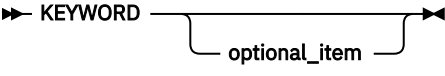
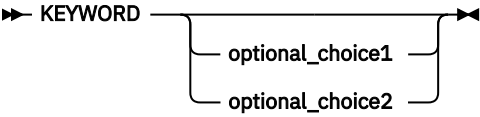
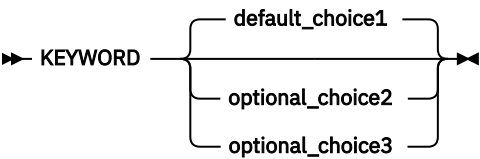
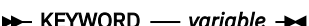
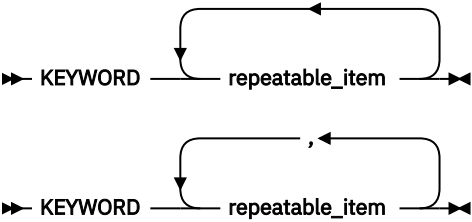
Item	Syntax example
<p>Required item.</p> <p>Required items appear on the main path of the horizontal line. You must specify these items.</p>	
<p>Required choice.</p> <p>A required choice (two or more items) appears in a vertical stack on the main path of the horizontal line. You must choose one of the items in the stack.</p>	
<p>Optional item.</p> <p>Optional items appear below the main path of the horizontal line.</p>	
<p>Optional choice.</p> <p>An optional choice (two or more items) appears in a vertical stack below the main path of the horizontal line. You may choose one of the items in the stack.</p>	
<p>Default.</p> <p>Default items appear above the main path of the horizontal line. The remaining items (required or optional) appear on (required) or below (optional) the main path of the horizontal line. The following example displays a default with optional items.</p>	
<p>Variable.</p> <p>Variables appear in lowercase italics. They represent names or values.</p>	
<p>Repeatable item.</p> <p>An arrow returning to the left above the main path of the horizontal line indicates an item that can be repeated.</p> <p>A character within the arrow means you must separate repeated items with that character.</p> <p>An arrow returning to the left above a group of repeatable items indicates that one of the items can be selected, or a single item can be repeated.</p>	

Table 1. Syntax examples (continued)

Item	Syntax example
<p>Fragment.</p> <p>The — fragment — symbol indicates that a labelled group is described below the main syntax diagram. Syntax is occasionally broken into fragments if the inclusion of the fragment would overly complicate the main syntax diagram.</p>	<p>The diagram illustrates the use of a fragment in a syntax diagram. At the top, a KEYWORD is followed by a box labeled 'fragment'. Below this, a main syntax diagram is shown with a bracketed section labeled 'fragment' containing three choices: 'required_choice1', 'required_choice2', and a group containing 'default_choice' and 'optional_choice'.</p>

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What's new in IBM z/OS Debugger

17.0.4

Compiler Support

- Additional support for IBM Open XL C/C++ 2.2 for z/OS split DWARF feature. You can now move two files or members and specify the new location. For more information, see [How does z/OS Debugger locate source, listing, or separate debug files?](#)

z/OS Debugger Profiles view

- IMS Isolation Debug Profiles now supports setting the user ID when you configure a routing pattern. For more details on routing patterns, see [Creating a debug profile for an IMS application using IMS Isolation with an Eclipse IDE.](#)

17.0.3.2

IBM Compiled Code Coverage

- IBM z/OS Compiled Code Coverage is now available for use with VS Code. It is an interface used to view Code Coverage results for z/OS COBOL, PL/I, and assembler applications in the VS Code IDE. Combined with IBM Z Open Debug and z/OS Debugger, it can be used to collect Code Coverage. For more information, see [Determining Code Coverage on z/OS and IBM Compiled Code Coverage for VS Code.](#)

17.0.3.1

Debug Profile Service

- As a system programmer, you can use the new **CICS XCFGROUP** option in the *dtn.ports* configuration file to define the CICS EXCI connections. For more information, see [dtn.ports, the Debug Profile Service CICS DTCN configuration file.](#)

17.0.3

New support

- Support is added for z/OS 3.2.
- Support is added for CICS Transaction Server for z/OS 6.3. This requires additional setup because of the security changes. For more information about setting the SECURETCPIP parameter, see [Defining the CICS TCPIP SERVICE resource.](#) For more information about additional setup for separate terminal mode, see [Choosing a debugging mode.](#)
- IBM Debug for z/OS now supports installation through IBM Installation Manager. For installation instructions, see [Installing the IBM Debug for z/OS Eclipse IDE with IBM Installation Manager.](#)

Code Coverage

- You can now start Headless Code Coverage Collector as a started task. For more information, see [Running Headless Code Coverage Collector as a started task.](#)
- The new code coverage parameter `root` defines the root location of the source files included in the code coverage. For more information, see [Starting and stopping the headless code coverage collector](#), [Specifying code coverage options in the startup key](#), and [Merging and exporting code coverage results from z/OS.](#)
 - You can also define the root location using the new **Root** field in the Coverage Result Export dialog and Code Coverage tab in the Compiled Code Coverage Configurations dialog. For more information, see [Exporting code coverage results](#) and [Code Coverage Tab.](#)

- The code coverage parameter `view` now supports character abbreviation to minimize the length of its value. For more information, see [Starting and stopping the headless code coverage collector](#).
- The code coverage parameter `zunit` now supports a new format for defining a CSECT name. For more information, see [Starting and stopping the headless code coverage collector](#).

Debug Profile Service

- As a system programmer, you can use the new **CICS APPLID** option in the `dtn.ports` configuration file to define the CICS EXCI connections. For more information, see [dtn.ports](#), the [Debug Profile Service CICS DTCN configuration file](#).
- As a system programmer, you can now use the **PKCS#12** sample file to create new **PKCS#12** keystores. For more information, see [Enabling secure communication](#).

Debug Authorization

- IBM z/OS Debugger now supports authorization on compilation unit level. It checks SAF profiles to prevent debugging certain compilation units. For more information, see [IBM z/OS Debugger Authorization](#).

Compiler Support

- Support is added for IBM Open XL C/C++ 2.2 for z/OS. This includes split DWARF support.
- Support is added for IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go 1.25

17.0.2.2

Documentation updates

- Updated content for sections that includes Data Collector, CRRDG messages and security definitions.

17.0.2.1

Debug Profile Service

- As a system programmer, you can now override the server name used by Swagger UI. For more information, see [Adding Support for Swagger UI](#).
- Debug Profile Service no longer supports Java 8. The runtime environment requires 64-bit Java version 11 or higher.
- As a system programmer, you can now encrypt keystore passwords. For more information, see [Enabling secure communication](#).
- As a system programmer, you can now configure which users are allowed to impersonate other users. For more information, see [Allow users to impersonate other users](#).

Data Collector and Data Collector Service

- You can now automatically collect data with the dynamic test engine feature of z/OS Debugger, used with Test Accelerator for Z, using Data Collector. For more information, see [Adding support for Data Collector and Data Collector Service](#).

17.0.2

New support

- Support is added for z17.
- Support is added for IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go 1.24.
- Support is added for Automatic Binary Optimizer for z/OS 2.3.

Debug Profile Service

- As a system programmer, you can now access API documentation in your browser to streamline API-level diagnostics through a user-friendly Swagger interface. This endpoint is enabled by default and is available for immediate use.

To find the complete URL, refer to the job output stream with the Liberty log message **CWWKT0016I**. The endpoint will end with **/explorer**.

- As a user, you can now specify a certificate file for TCP/IP authentication, if required, by the debugger engine.

The new **sesscert** parameter is supported by both DTCN (CICS) and DSTP (non-CICS) profile endpoints.

z/OS Debugger Profiles view

You can now specify a certificate file in the Debug Profile Editor for TCP/IP authentication.

- For CICS profiles, see [Creating a debug profile for a CICS application with an Eclipse IDE](#).
- For non-CICS profiles, see [Creating a debug profile for a non-CICS application with an Eclipse IDE](#).
- For IMS Isolation profiles, see [Creating a debug profile for an IMS application using IMS Isolation with an Eclipse IDE](#).

IBM Z Open Debug 5.0

- Z Open Debug now supports code completion to edit JCL programs. This makes it easier to add test runtime options or code coverage options to the startup key. For more details, see [Syntax of the TEST runtime option](#) or [Specifying code coverage options in the startup key](#). For more information about code completion, see [Making JCL code changes](#).

Compiler Support

- Support is added for Enterprise COBOL for z/OS 6.5.
Note: LangX COBOL support for this requires the PTF for APAR PH66484 for ADFzCC.
- Support is added for Enterprise PL/I for z/OS 6.2.

TCP/IP authentication

- TCP/IP authentication is now supported for CICS, IMS and Delay Debug. For more information, see [Enabling authentication for incoming TCP/IP connections](#).

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Code Coverage

- z/OS Debugger Keystore Password File Generator is now included with IBM Debug for z/OS. Use the z/OS Debugger Keystore Password File Generator to secure KeyStore passwords for running code coverage in secure mode. For more information, see [Generating secure keystore passwords for code coverage](#).
- Code coverage report now includes the option to hide or show items with zero executable lines in both the table and tree views. For more information, see [View coverage information in the tree view](#) or [View coverage information in the table view](#).
- Headless Code Coverage has additional security options. For more information on the new parameters and how to start headless code coverage with the new options, see [Starting and stopping the headless code coverage collector](#). For more security information, see [Security options for the Headless Code Coverage Collector](#).

Remote Debug Service

- z/OS Debugger Keystore Password File Generator is now included with IBM Debug for z/OS. Use the z/OS Debugger Keystore Password File Generator to secure KeyStore passwords for Remote Debug Service. For more information, see [Generating secure keystore passwords for Remote Debug Service](#).

- z/OS Debugger now allows to send a debug session to any user with Remote Debug Service using RDS%user_id suboption. For more information see, [Syntax of the TEST runtime option](#).

Eclipse Debugger

- The monitors view now allows you to expand all monitored values to a specified level, configurable through preferences. For more information see [Working with variables, expressions, or registers in the Monitors view](#).

Debug Profile Service

- Debug Profile Service can now be used with Java 21.

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Code Coverage

- Headless code coverage has new authentication modes to support multi-factor authentication. For more information, see [Starting and stopping the headless code coverage collector](#) on how to start headless code coverage with the new authentication modes.

Remote Debug Service

- Remote Debug Service now supports token-based authentication, including multi-factor authentication. For more information, see [Customizing with the sample job EQARMTSU](#) and [Enabling secure communication](#).

IBM Z Open Debug 5.0

- Z Open Debug now supports token-based authentication. It includes multi-factor authentication, when used in conjunction with Debug Profile Service and Remote Debug Service instances that have been configured to support token-based connections. For more information, see [Setting up for IBM Z Open Debug](#).
- The minimum prerequisite version of the Zowe Explorer extension is v3.

Debug Profile Service

- On the IBM z/OS Debugger **Preferences** page, you can now choose whether to use token-based authentication when communicating with Debug Profile Service. For more information, see [Setting debug preferences](#).
- As a system programmer, you can now enable IBM Z Multi-Factor Authentication by setting up the API to generate and authenticate SAF IDT in the form of JWT (JSON Web Token). For more information, see [Adding support for Authentication Service API](#)

RSED integration

- From 17.0 on, z/OS Debugger must register itself with RSED, the z/OS Explorer started task, for Eclipse clients to use the RSE-related features of z/OS Debugger. For more information, see [RSED integration](#).

Eclipse Debugger

- You can now run z/OS batch applications by using a local JCL. For more information, see [Launching a debug session for z/OS batch applications using existing JCL](#).

Compiler Support

- Support is added for IBM Open XL C/C++ for z/OS 2.1.

TCP/IP authentication

- Remote connections that use TCP/IP keyword now support authentication by using a keystore and certificate pair. For more information, see [Enabling authentication for incoming TCP/IP connections](#).

Debug Authorization

- IBM z/OS Debugger now supports authorization and it checks SAF profiles to prevent debugging certain load modules or debugging programs that run by certain surrogate IDs. For more information, see [IBM z/OS Debugger Authorization](#).

What's removed from IBM z/OS Debugger

Deprecation announcement

The following features are superseded by newer features and will be removed in a future release.

- Headless code coverage collector for Windows and Linux: Use the Headless code coverage collector for z/OS.

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- TEST runtime suboption TCPIP& is not supported to connect to Remote Debug Service. Use RDS suboption instead.

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- z/OS Debugger Code Coverage: You can collect code coverage with the headless code coverage collector or the Eclipse IDE.
- TEST runtime suboption VADSCPnnnnn: Use EQAXOPT CODEPAGE for a code page other than 037.
- DTCN API and ADFzCC server support: DTCN profiles are supported by Debug Profile Service, and developers can use Debug Profile Service REST API to manage debug profiles.
- IMS Isolation ADFzCC server support: IMS Isolation debug profiles in the Eclipse IDE are now supported by Debug Profile Service, which provides more IMS Isolation features.
- Support for IBM Z and Cloud Modernization Stack 2023, program number 5900-A8N.

Overview of IBM z/OS Debugger

IBM z/OS Debugger is the next iteration of IBM debug technology on IBM Z and consolidates the IBM Integrated Debugger and IBM Debug Tool engines into one unified technology.

IBM z/OS Debugger is a host component that supports various debug interfaces, like the Eclipse and Visual Studio Code IDEs. z/OS Debugger and the supported debug interfaces are provided with the following products:

IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition

This product is included in [IBM Application Delivery Foundation for z/OS](#). IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition provides all the debug features.

IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition currently provides debug functions in the following integrated development environments (IDEs):

- IBM Developer for z/OS on VS Code, through IBM Z Open Debug
- IBM Developer for z/OS on Eclipse

IBM Developer for z/OS Select

This product is a software bundle that contain a subset of IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition capabilities. It includes debug functions in the following integrated development environments (IDEs) except for the features noted in Table 1.

- IBM Developer for z/OS on VS Code, through IBM Z Open Debug
- IBM Developer for z/OS on Eclipse

IBM Developer for z/OS

IBM Developer for z/OS is a subset of IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition. IBM Developer for z/OS, previously known as IBM Developer for z Systems or IBM Rational® Developer for z Systems®, is an Eclipse-based integrated development environment for creating and maintaining z/OS applications efficiently.

IBM Developer for z/OS includes all enhancements in IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition except for the debug features noted in [Table 2 on page xix](#).

IBM Debug for z/OS

IBM Debug for z/OS is a subset of IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition. IBM Debug for z/OS focuses on debugging solutions for z/OS application developers. See [Table 2 on page xix](#) for the debug features supported.

IBM Debug for z/OS does not provide advanced developer features that are available in IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition.

For information about how to install the IBM Debug for z/OS Eclipse IDE, see [Installing the IBM Debug for z/OS Eclipse IDE](#).

Table 2 on page xix maps out the features that differ in products. Not all the available features are listed. To find the features available in different remote IDEs, see [Table 3 on page xxi](#).

	IBM Debug for z/OS	IBM Developer for z/OS	IBM Developer for z/OS Select	IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition
Main features				
3270 interface, including z/OS Debugger Utilities	√			√

Table 2. Debug feature comparison (continued)

	IBM Debug for z/OS	IBM Developer for z/OS	IBM Developer for z/OS Select	IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition
Eclipse IDE, see Table 3 on page xxi for feature details. ¹	√	√	√	√
IBM Z Open Debug provided with the IBM Developer for z/OS on VS Code IDE, see Table 3 on page xxi for feature details. ¹			√	√
Code Coverage features				
Compiled Language Code Coverage ²	√	√ ³	√	√
Headless Code Coverage	√	√	√	√
3270 features				
z/OS Debugger full screen, batch or line mode	√			√
IMS Isolation support	√			√
Compiler support features				
Assembler support: Create EQALANGX files	√	√	√	√
Assembler support: Debugging “4” on page xxi	√	√	√	√
LangX COBOL support ⁵	√	√	√	√
Support for Automatic Binary Optimizer (ABO)	√	√	√	√

Notes:

1. The following features are supported only in remote debug mode:

- Support for 64-bit COBOL feature of z/OS for COBOL v6.3 and later
- Support for 64-bit Enterprise PL/I for z/OS Version 5 and later
- Support for 64-bit C/C++ feature of z/OS
- Support for Open Enterprise SDK for Go 1.21, 1.22, 1.23, 1.24 and 1.25.

- Support for Open XL C/C++ v1.1 for z/OS
2. Code coverage does not support Go programs.
 3. IBM Developer for z/OS includes z/OS Debugger remote debug and compiled code coverage Eclipse interface.
 4. Debugging assembler requires that you have EQALANGX files that have been created via ADFz Common Components or a product that ships the ADFz Common Components.
 5. LangX COBOL refers to any of the following programs:
 - A program compiled with the IBM OS/VS COBOL compiler.
 - A program compiled with the IBM VS COBOL II compiler with the NOTEST compiler option.
 - A program compiled with the IBM Enterprise COBOL for z/OS 3, 4, or 6 compiler with the NOTEST compiler option.

Feature	Eclipse-based debug interface	IBM Z Open Debug ^{1,6}
Integration with Language Editors ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COBOL Editor² • PL/I Editor² • Remote C/C++ Editor² • System z LPEX Editor² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Z Open Editor
Visual Debug	√ ^{2,6}	
Debug profile management	√ ⁶	√
IMS Isolation UI	√ ³	
Integration with CICS Explorer views	√ ²	
Integration with property groups	√ ^{2,6}	
Integrated launch ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • z/OS UNIX Application launch configuration • z/OS Batch Application using existing JCL • z/OS Batch Application using a property group 	
Modules	√	
Memory	√	
Program navigation		
Step over/Next	√	√
Step into/Step in	√	√
Step return/Step out	√	√
Jump to location	√ ⁶	
Run to location/Run to cursor	√ ⁶	√
Resume/Continue	√	√
Terminate	√	√
Animated step	√	

<i>Table 3. Remote IDE debug feature comparison (continued)</i>		
Feature	Eclipse-based debug interface	IBM Z Open Debug ^{1,6}
Playback	√ ⁶	
Breakpoints		
Statement breakpoints	√	√
Entry breakpoints	√	
Source entry breakpoints	√ ⁶	
Event breakpoint	√ ⁶	
Address breakpoint	√ ⁶	
Watch breakpoint	√ ⁶	
Variables & Registers		
Variables	√	√
Registers	√	√ ⁴ on page xxii
Modifying variable and register values	√	√
Setting variable filter	√ ⁵ on page xxii	
Changing variable representation	√	
Displaying in memory view	√	
Monitors		
Displaying monitor	√	√
Modifying monitor value	√	
Changing variable representation	√	
Debug Console		
Evaluating variables and expressions		√
z/OS Debugger commands	√ ⁶ on page xxii	

Notes:

1. IBM Z Open Debug is provided with IBM Developer for z/OS on VS Code.
2. This feature is not available in IBM Debug for z/OS.
3. This feature is only available in IBM Developer for z/OS Enterprise Edition.
4. Registers are available in the **Variables** view.
5. The automonitor filters do not support programs compiled with Open Enterprise SDK for Go or Open XL C/C++ for z/OS.
6. Programs compiled with IBM Open Enterprise SDK for Go are not supported.

►► '— receiver —' — = — '— sourceexpr —' — ; ►►

Assignment command (PL/I)

The Assignment command copies the value of an expression to a specified reference.

►► *reference* — = — *expression* — ; ►►

AT ALLOCATE (PL/I)

AT ALLOCATE gives z/OS Debugger control when storage for a named controlled variable or aggregate is dynamically allocated by PL/I.

►► AT — *every_clause* — ALLOCATE — *identifier* — *command* — ; ►►

(— *identifier* —)
*

AT APPEARANCE

Gives z/OS Debugger control when the specified compile unit is found in storage.

►► AT — *every_clause* — APPEARANCE — *cu_spec* — *command* — ►►

(— *cu_spec* —)
*

►► ; ►►

AT CALL

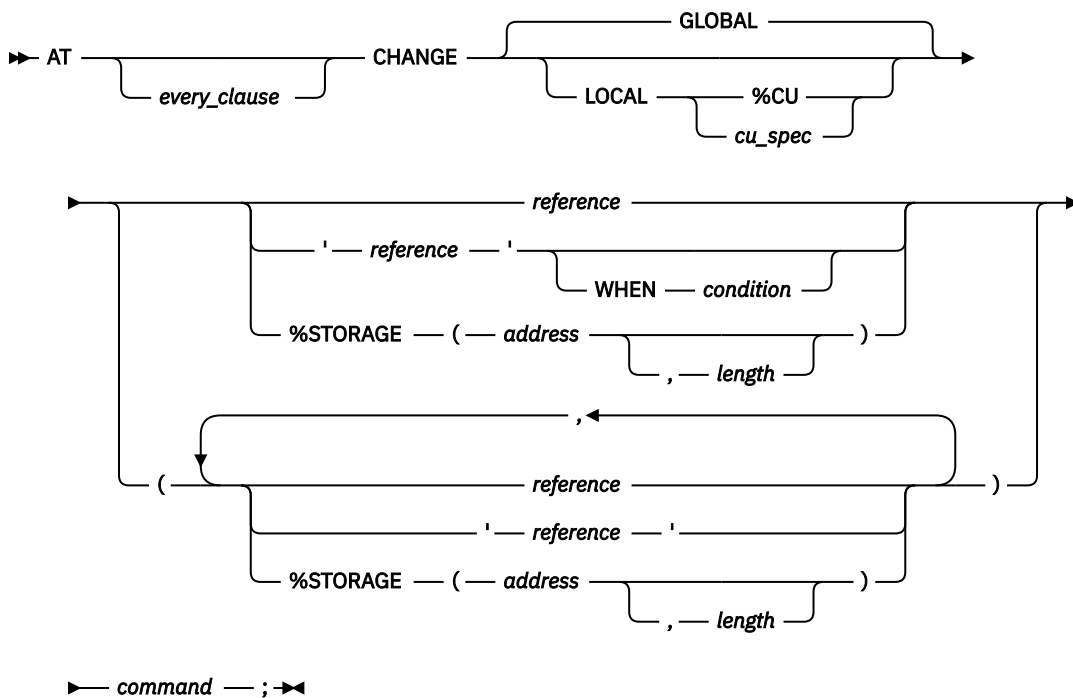
Gives z/OS Debugger control when the application code attempts to call the specified entry point.

►► AT — *every_clause* — CALL — *entry_name* — *command* — ; ►►

(— *entry_name* —)
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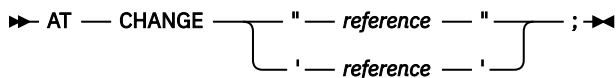
AT CHANGE

Gives z/OS Debugger control when either the program or z/OS Debugger command changes the specified variable value or storage location, and, optionally, when the specified condition is met.



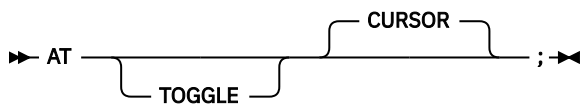
AT CHANGE (remote)

Gives z/OS Debugger control when either the program or z/OS Debugger command changes the specified variable value.



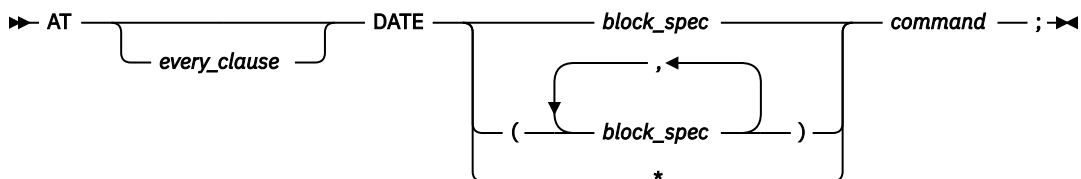
AT CURSOR (full-screen mode)

Provides a cursor controlled method for setting a statement breakpoint.



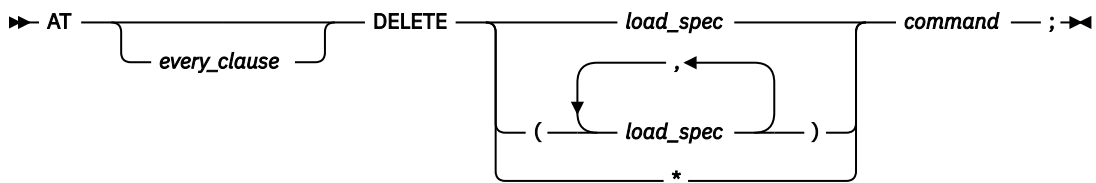
AT DATE (COBOL)

Gives z/OS Debugger control for each date processing statement within the specified block.



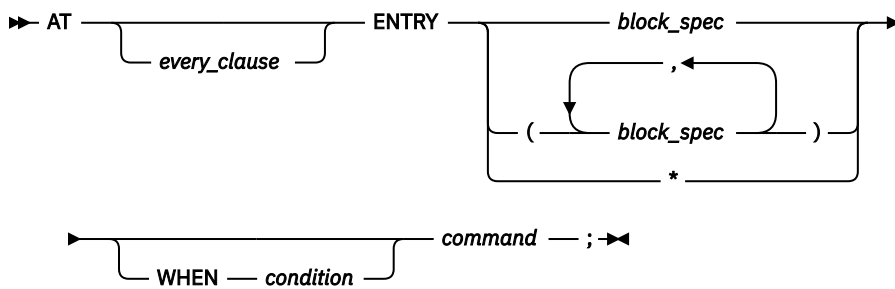
AT DELETE

Gives z/OS Debugger control when a load module is removed from storage by a Language Environment delete service, such as on completion of a successful C release(), COBOL CANCEL, or PL/I RELEASE.



AT ENTRY

Defines a breakpoint at the specified entry point in the specified block.



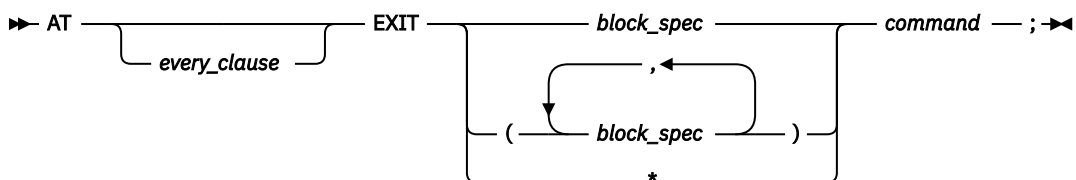
AT ENTRY (remote)

Defines a breakpoint at the specified entry point in the specified block.

►► AT — ENTRY — *block_spec* — ; ►►

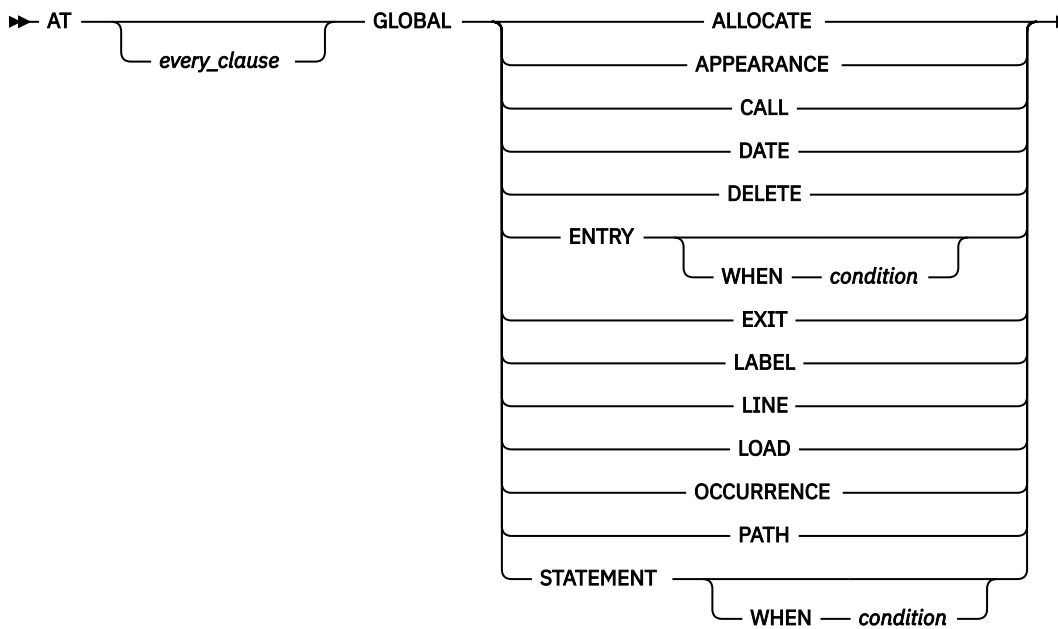
AT EXIT

Defines a breakpoint at the specified exit point in the specified block.



AT GLOBAL

Gives z/OS Debugger control for every instance of the specified AT-condition.



► *command* — ; ►

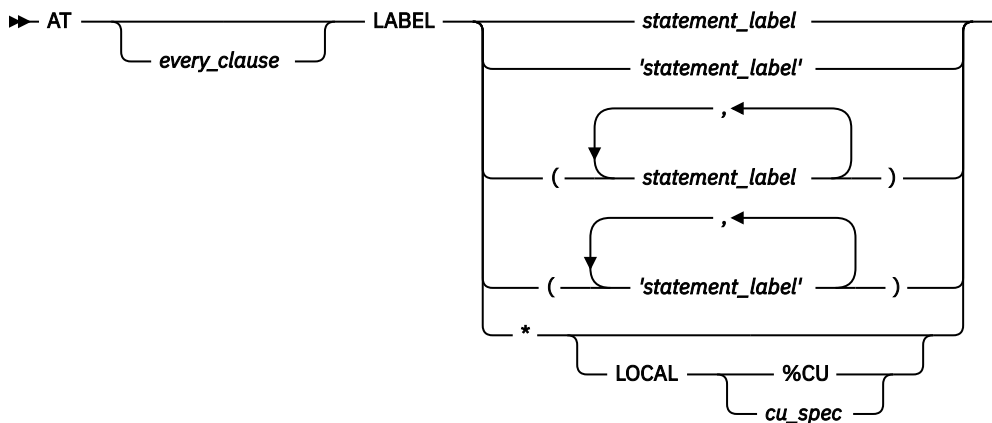
AT GLOBAL LABEL (remote)

Gives z/OS Debugger control for every instance of the specified AT-Label condition.

► AT — GLOBAL — LABEL — ; ►

AT LABEL

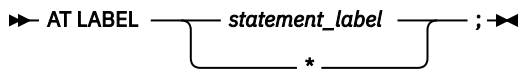
Gives z/OS Debugger control when execution has reached the specified statement label or group of labels.



► *command* — ; ►

AT LABEL (remote)

Gives z/OS Debugger control when execution reaches the statement label that you specify.

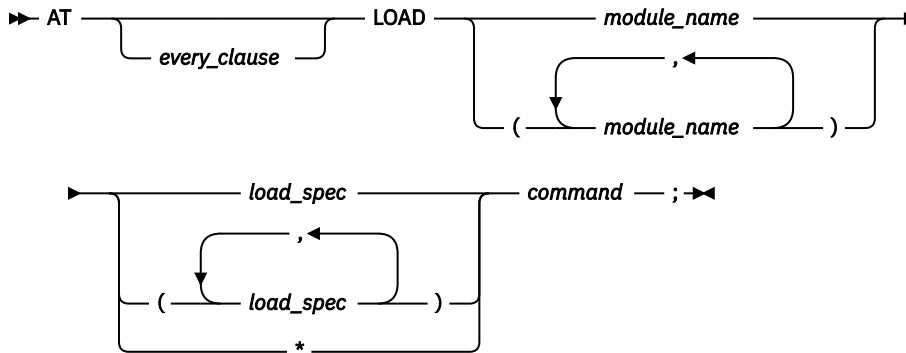


AT LINE

Gives z/OS Debugger control at the specified line. See “AT STATEMENT” on page 7.

AT LOAD

Gives z/OS Debugger control when the specified load module is brought into storage.



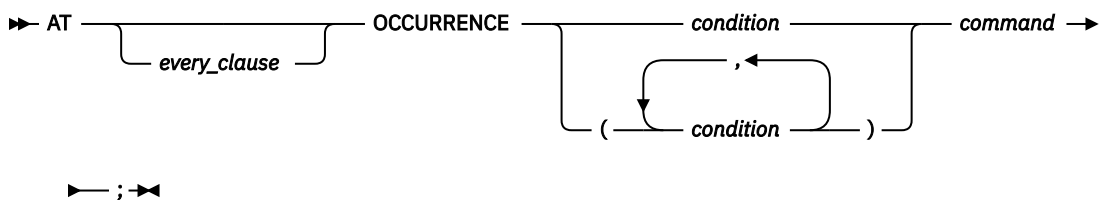
AT LOAD (remote)

Gives z/OS Debugger control when the specified load module is brought into storage.

►► AT — LOAD — *module_name* — ; ►►

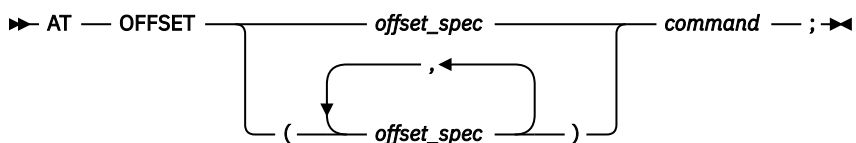
AT OCCURRENCE

Gives z/OS Debugger control on a language or Language Environment condition or exception.



AT OFFSET (disassembly)

Gives z/OS Debugger control at the specified offset in the disassembly view.



AT PATH

Gives z/OS Debugger control when the flow of control changes (at a path point). AT PATH is identical to AT GLOBAL PATH.

▶▶ AT every_clause PATH *command* ; ▶▶

AT Prefix (full-screen mode)

Sets a statement breakpoint when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.

▶▶ AT integer ; ▶▶

AT STATEMENT

Gives z/OS Debugger control at each specified statement or line within the given set of ranges, and, optionally, when the specified condition is met.

▶▶ AT every_clause LINE STATEMENT statement_id_range statement_id_range command ; ▶▶
WHEN condition

AT STATEMENT (remote)

Gives z/OS Debugger control at each specified statement or line.

▶▶ AT LINE STATEMENT *statement_id* ; ▶▶

AT TERMINATION

Gives z/OS Debugger control when the application program is terminated.

▶▶ AT — TERMINATION — *command* — ; ▶▶

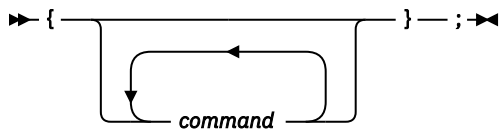
BEGIN command (programming language neutral)

BEGIN and END delimit a sequence of one or more commands to form one longer command.

▶▶ BEGIN — ; command — END — ; ▶▶

block command (C and C++)

The `block` command allows you to group any number of z/OS Debugger commands into one command.



break command (C and C++)

The `break` command allows you to terminate and exit a loop (that is, `do`, `for`, and `while`) or `switch` command from any point other than the logical end.

`>> break ; <<`

CALL %CEBR

Starts the CICS Temporary Storage Browser Program.

`>> CALL %CEBR ; <<`

CALL %CECI

Starts the CICS Command Level Interpreter Program.

`>> CALL %CECI ; <<`

CALL %DUMP

Calls the Language Environment dump service to obtain a formatted dump.

`>> CALL %DUMP (options_string , title) ; <<`

CALL %FA

Starts and instructs IBM Fault Analyzer to provide a formatted dump of the current machine state.

`>> CALL %FA ; <<`

CALL %FM

Starts IBM File Manager for z/OS.

`>> CALL %FM userID BACKGROUND ; <<`

CALL %HOGAN

Starts Computer Sciences Corporation's KORE-HOGAN application, also known as SMART (System Memory Access Retrieval Tool).

►► CALL — %HOGAN — ; ►►

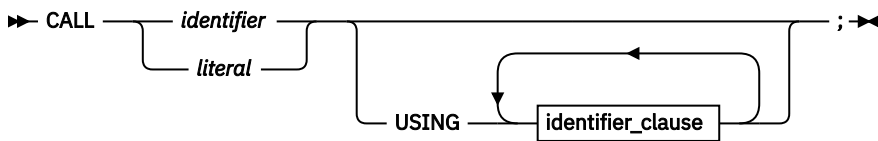
CALL %VER

Adds a line to the log describing the maintenance level of z/OS Debugger that you have installed on your system.

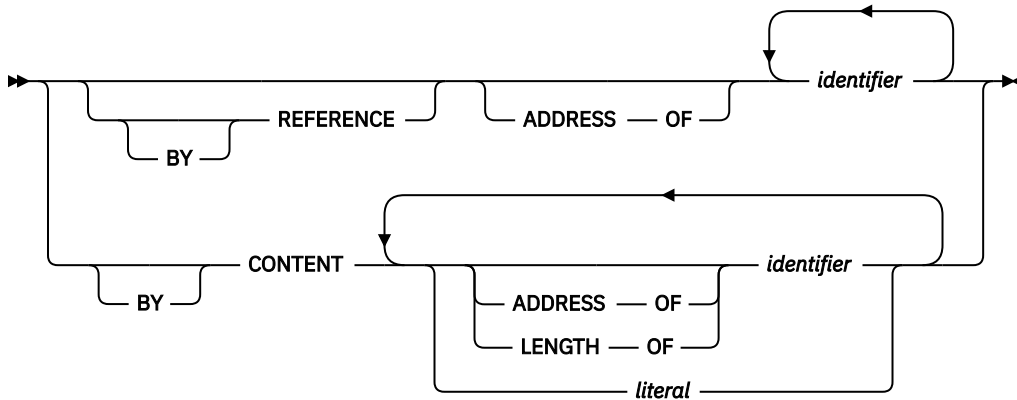
►► CALL — %VER — ; ►►

CALL entry_name (COBOL)

Calls an entry name in the application program.



identifier_clause



CALL procedure

Calls a procedure that has been defined with the PROCEDURE command.

►► CALL — procedure_name — ; ►►

CC command

Controls whether code coverage data is collected.

►► CC — START — ; ►►
 STOP

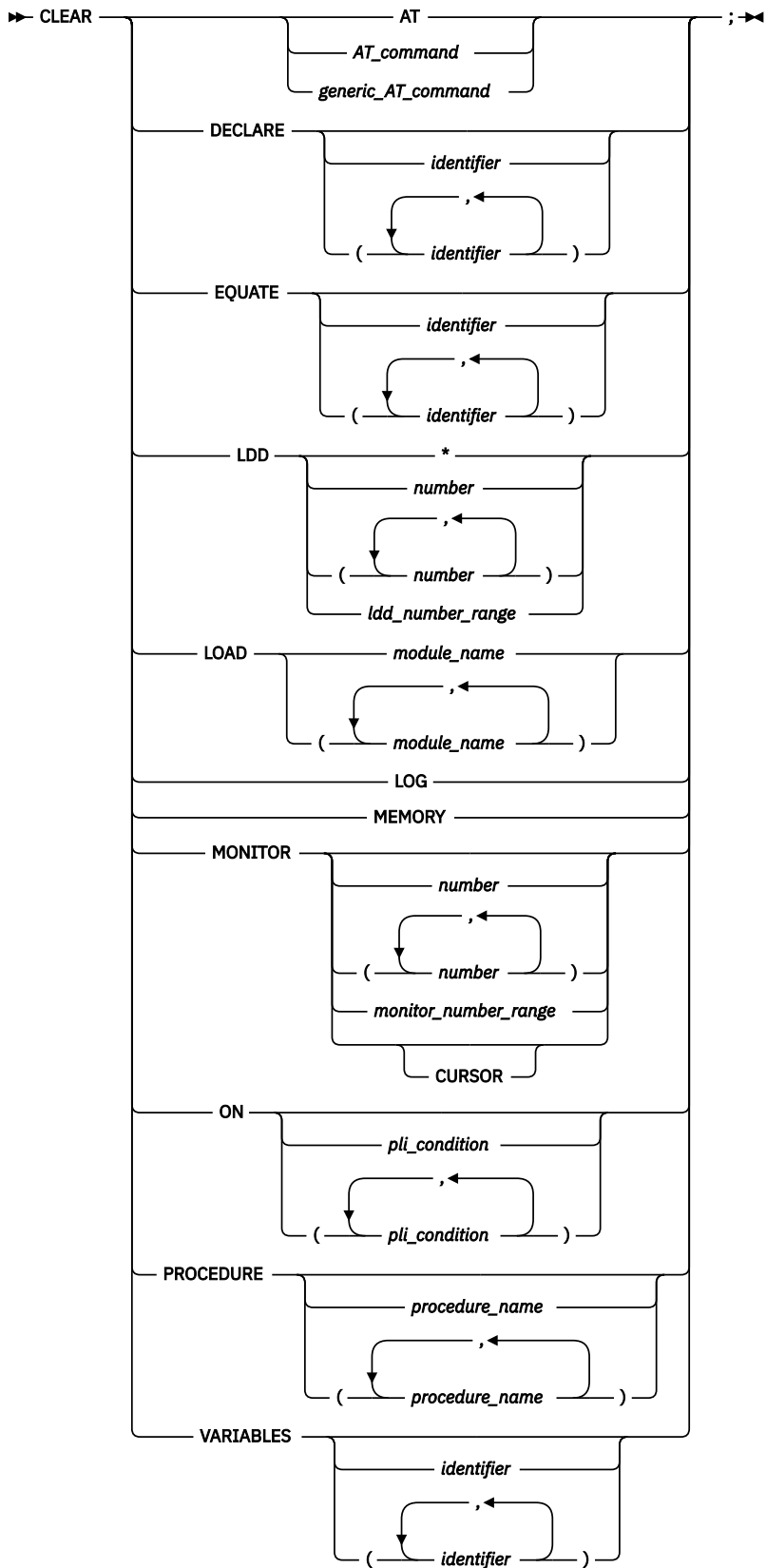
CHKSTGV

Check for a specific type of storage violation in the task you are currently debugging.

▶▶ CHKSTGV — ; ▶▶

CLEAR command

The CLEAR command removes the actions of previously issued z/OS Debugger commands.



CLEAR AT (remote)

You can use the CLEAR AT command to remove actions that were completed by using the AT GLOBAL LABEL or the AT LABEL commands.

►► CLEAR AT — GLOBAL — LABEL — ; ►►
 └── LABEL — *statement_label* ─┘
 *

CLEAR prefix (full-screen mode)

Clears a breakpoint when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.

►► CLEAR — *integer* — ; ►►

COMMENT command

The COMMENT command can be used to insert commentary in to the session log.

►► COMMENT — *commentary* — ; ►►

COMPUTE command (COBOL)

The COMPUTE command assigns the value of an arithmetic expression to a specified reference.

►► COMPUTE — *reference* — = — *expression* — ; ►►

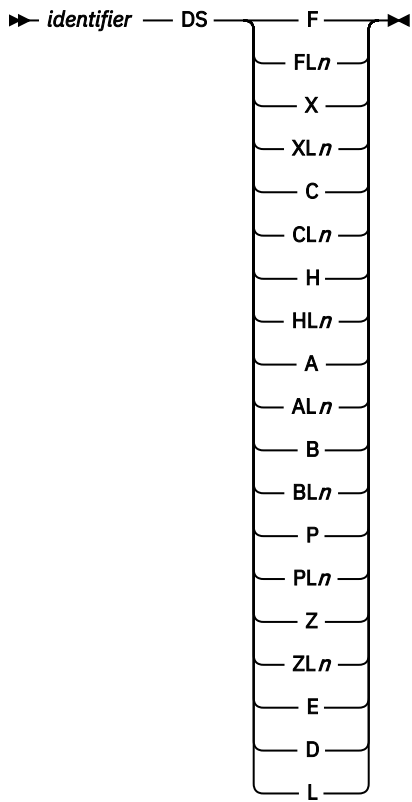
CURSOR command (full-screen mode)

The CURSOR command moves the cursor between the last saved position on the z/OS Debugger session panel (excluding the header fields) and the command line.

►► CURSOR — ; ►►

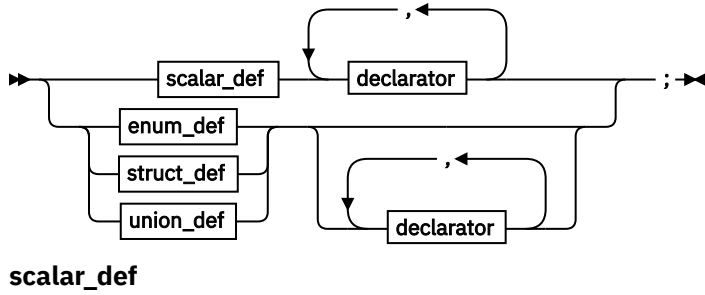
Declarations (assembler, disassembly, and LangX COBOL)

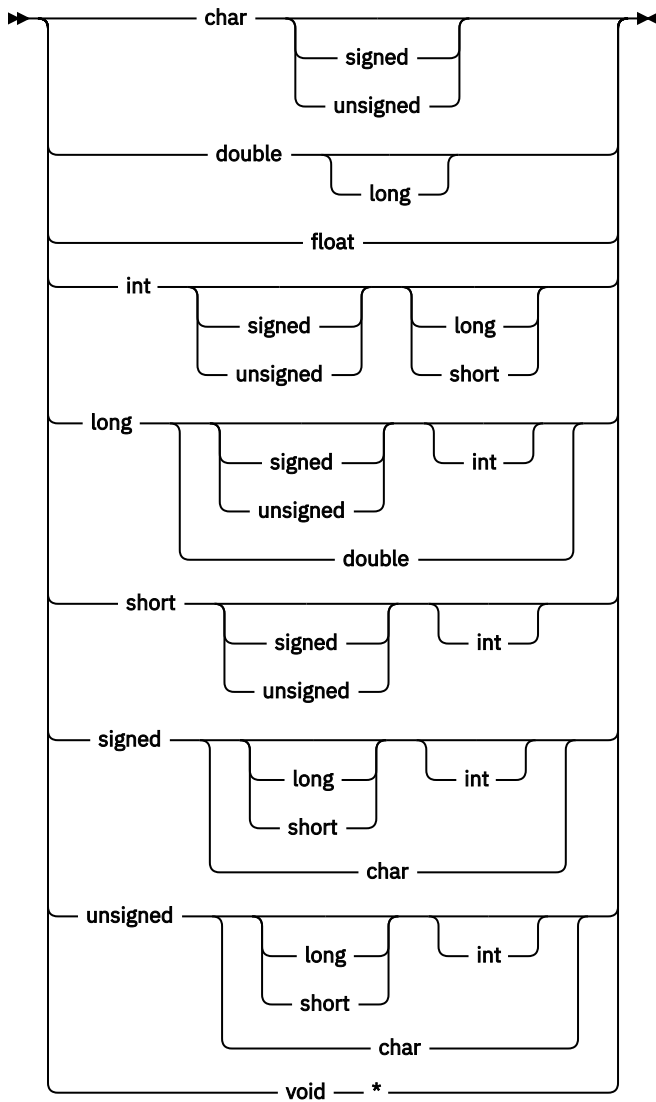
Use declarations to create session variables and tags effective during a z/OS Debugger session.



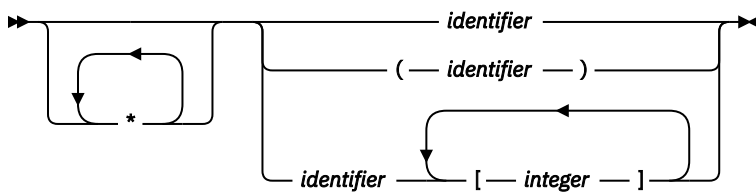
Declarations (C and C++)

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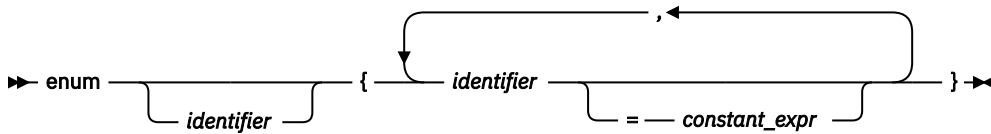




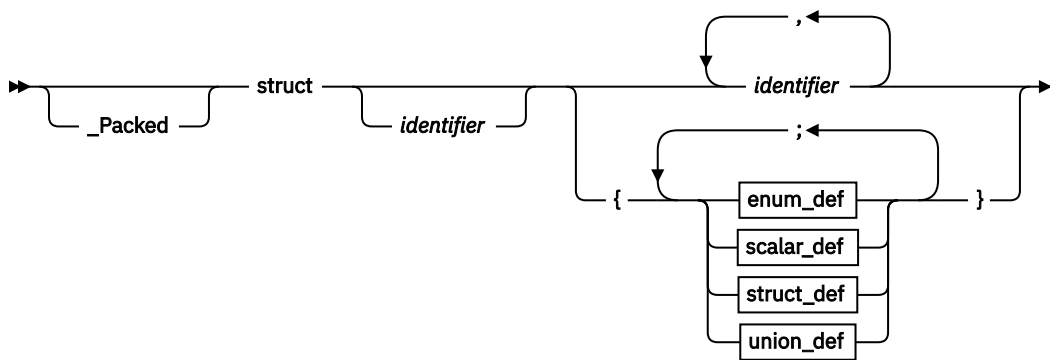
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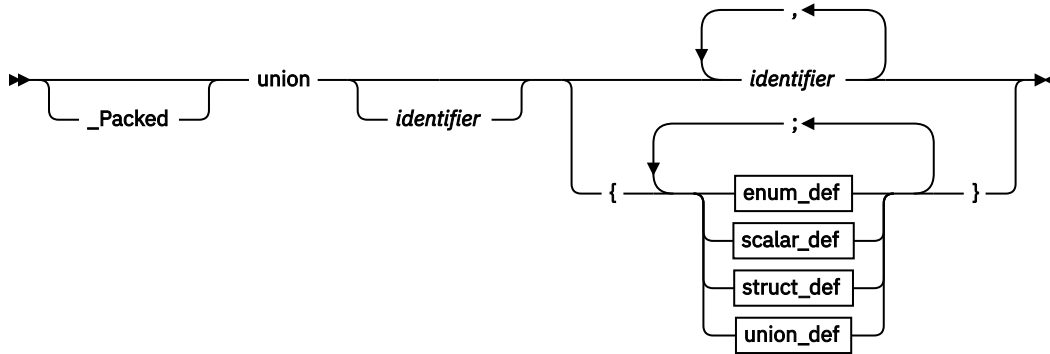
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struct_def

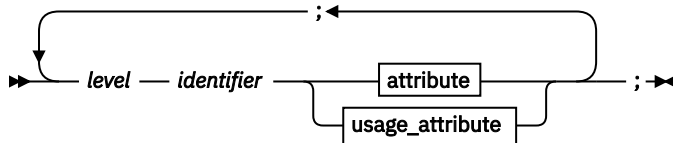


union_def

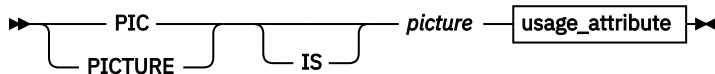


Declarations (COBOL)

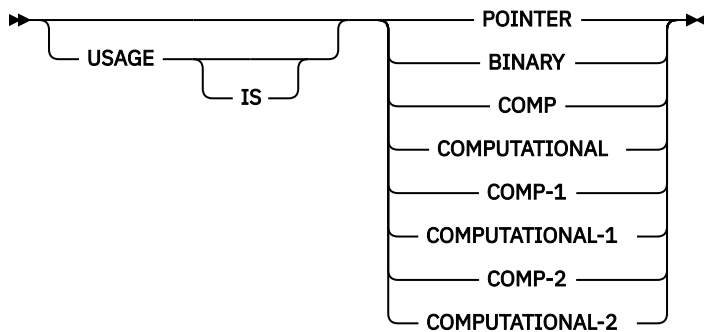
Use declarations to create session variables effective during a z/OS Debugger session.



attribute

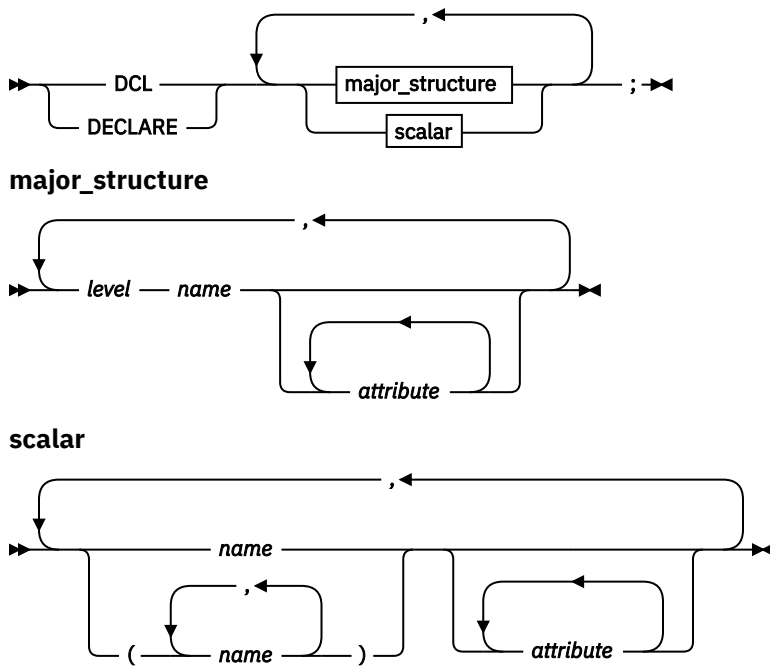


usage_attribute



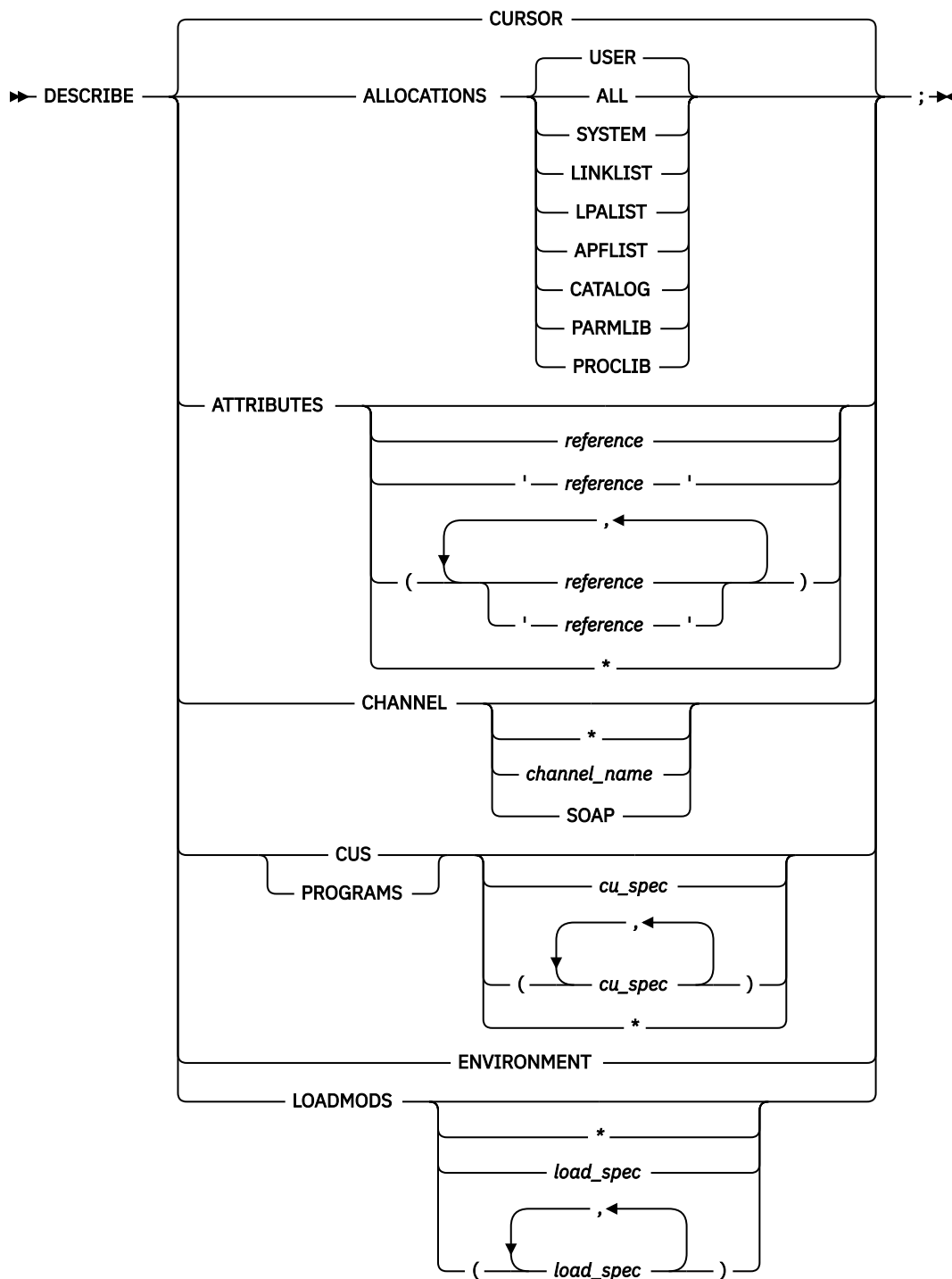
DECLARE command (PL/I)

The DECLARE command creates session variables effective during a z/OS Debugger session.



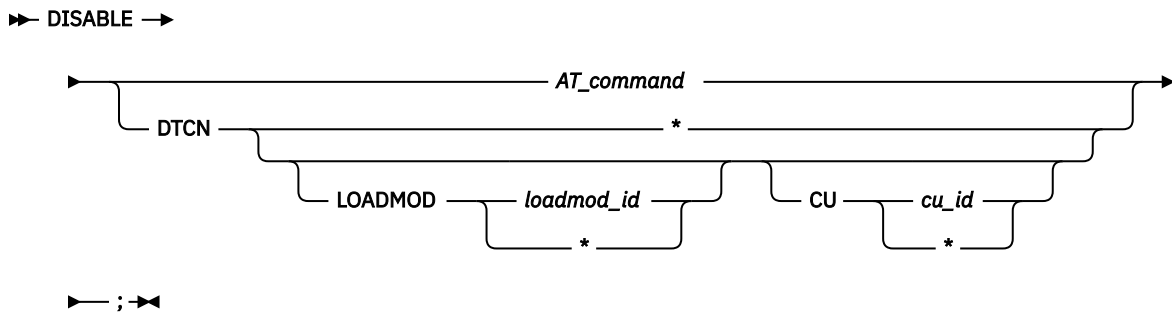
DESCRIBE command

The DESCRIBE command displays the file allocations or attributes of references, compile units, known load modules, and the runtime environment.



DISABLE command

The DISABLE command makes an AT breakpoint inoperative or prevents z/OS Debugger from being started by DTCN. However, the breakpoint is not cleared. Later, you can make the breakpoint operative or allow z/OS Debugger to be started by DTCN by using the ENABLE command.



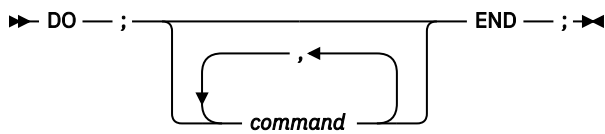
DISABLE prefix (full-screen mode)

Disables a statement breakpoint or offset breakpoint when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.



DO command (assembler, disassembly, LangX COBOL, and COBOL)

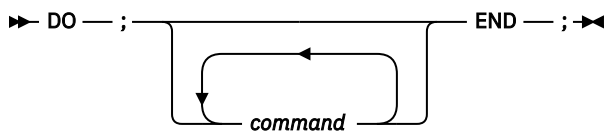
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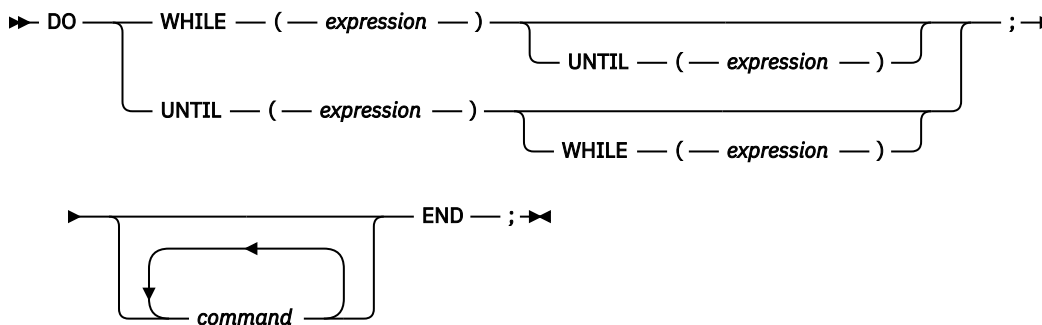
DO command (PL/I)

The DO command allows one or more commands to be collected into a group that can (optionally) be repeatedly executed.

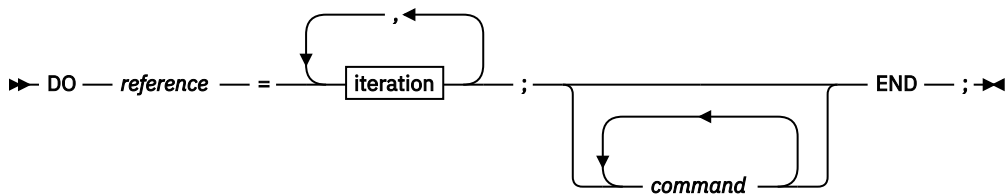
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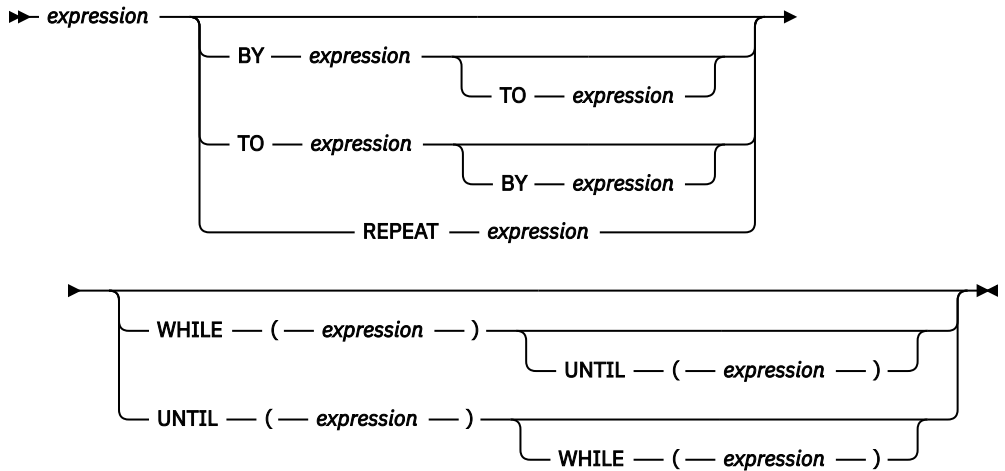
Repeating



Iterative



iteration



do/while command (C and C++)

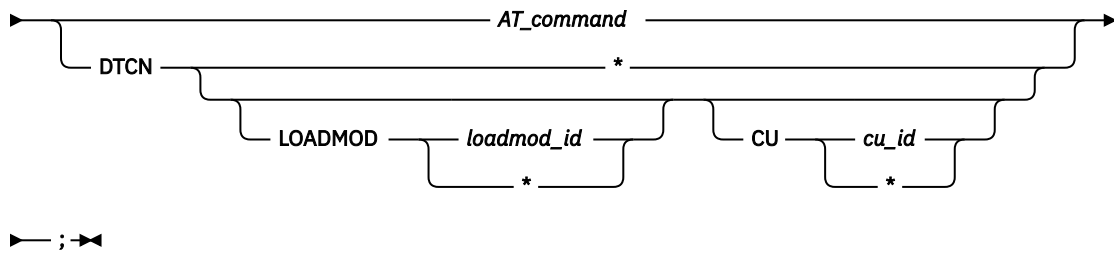
The do/while command performs a command before evaluating the test expression.

►► do — *command* — while — (— *expression* —) — ; ►►

ENABLE command

The ENABLE command activates an AT or pattern match breakpoint after it was disabled.

►► ENABLE →



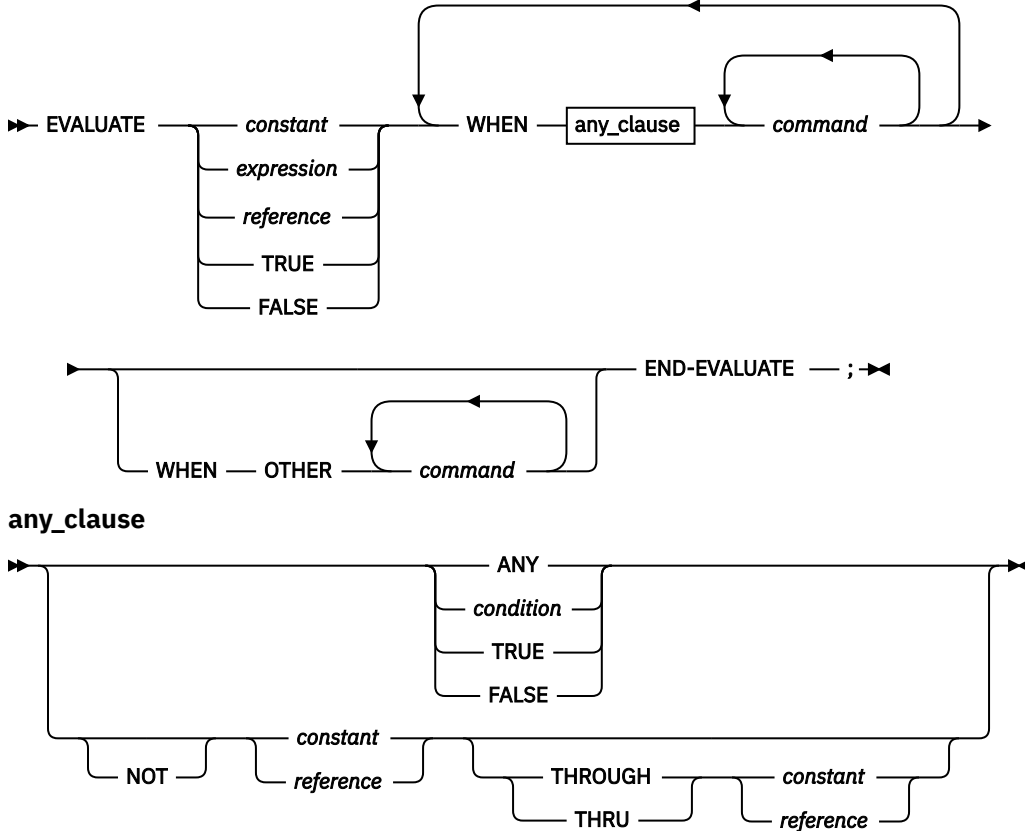
ENABLE prefix (full-screen mode)

Enables a disabled statement breakpoint or a disabled offset breakpoint when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.

►► ENABLE — *integer* — ; ►►

EVALUATE command (COBOL)

The EVALUATE command provides a shorthand notation for a series of nested IF statements.



Expression command (C and C++)

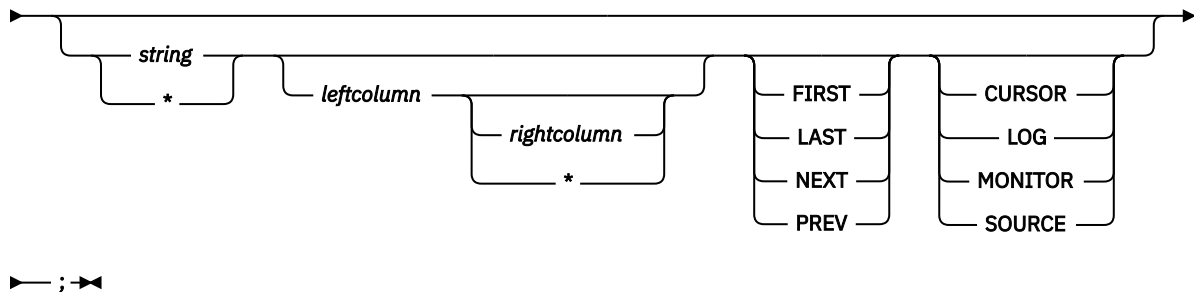
The Expression command evaluates the given expression.

➤ *expression* — ;➤

FIND command

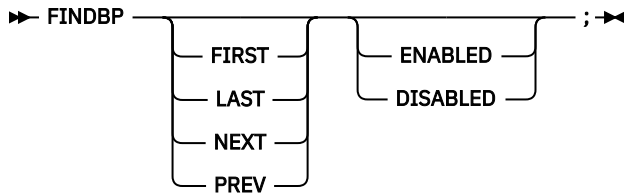
The FIND command helps you search through the Source window in full-screen and batch mode, and through the Log and Monitor windows in full-screen mode.

➤ **FIND** ➔



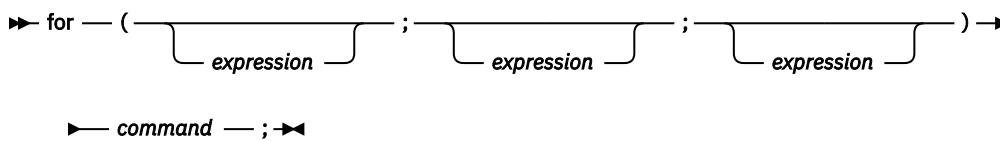
FINDBP command

The FINDBP command provides full-screen search capability for line, statement and offset breakpoints in the source object.



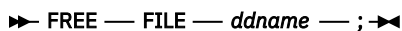
for command (C and C++)

The for command provides iterative looping similar to the C and C++ for statement.



FREE command

The FREE command releases a file that is currently allocated.



GO command

The GO command causes z/OS Debugger to start or resume running your program.



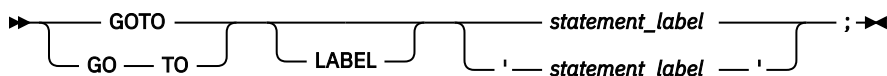
GOTO command

The GOTO command causes z/OS Debugger to resume program execution at the specified statement id.



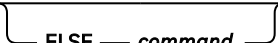
GOTO LABEL command

The GOTO LABEL command causes z/OS Debugger to resume program execution at the specified statement label. The specified label must be in the same block. If you want z/OS Debugger to return control to you at the target location, make sure there is a breakpoint at that location.



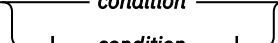
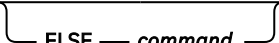
%IF command (programming language neutral)

The %IF command enables you write conditional statements that can be run in any supported programming language.

►► %IF — *condition* — THEN — *command* —  ELSE — *command* — ; ►►

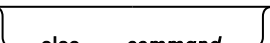
IF command (assembler, disassembly, and LangX COBOL)

The IF command lets you conditionally perform a command.

►► IF —  *condition* — THEN — *command* —  ELSE — *command* — ; ►►


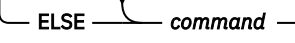
if command (C and C++)

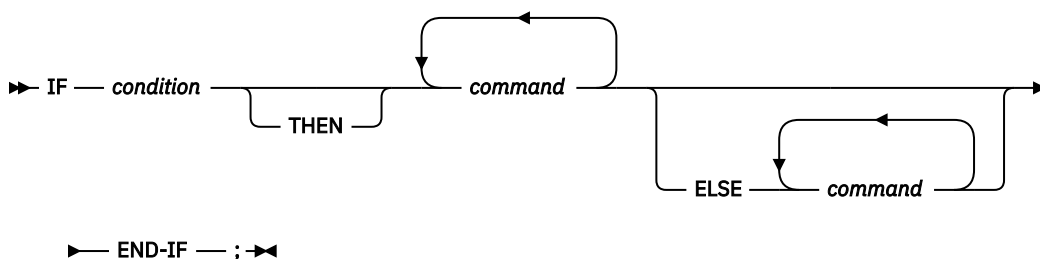
The if command lets you conditionally perform a command.

►► if — (— *expression* —) — *command* —  else — *command* — ; ►►

IF command (COBOL)

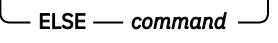
The IF command lets you conditionally perform a command.

►► IF — *condition* —  THEN — *command* —  ELSE — *command* — ; ►►



IF command (PL/I)

The IF command lets you conditionally perform a command.

►► IF — *expression* — THEN — *command* —  ELSE — *command* — ; ►►

IMMEDIATE command (full-screen mode)

The IMMEDIATE command causes a command within a command list to be performed immediately.

►► IMMEDIATE — *command* — ; ►►

INPUT command (C and C++ and COBOL)

The INPUT command provides data for an intercepted read and is valid only when there is a read pending for an intercepted file.

▶▶ INPUT — *text* — ; ▶▶

JUMPTO command

The JUMPTO command moves the resume point to the specified statement but does not resume the program.

▶▶ JUMPTO — *statement_id* — ; ▶▶
JUMP TO

JUMPTO LABEL command

The JUMPTO command moves the resume point to the specified label but does not resume the program.

▶▶ JUMPTO — *statement_label* — ; ▶▶
JUMP TO LABEL ' *statement_label* '

LIST (blank)

Displays the Source Identification panel, where associations are made between source listings or source files shown in the source window and their program units.

LIST AT

Lists the currently defined breakpoints, including the action taken when the specified breakpoint is activated.

LIST CALLS

Displays the dynamic chain of active blocks.

►► LIST — CALLS — ; ►►

LIST CC command

Lists code coverage data.

►► LIST — CC —

}	NOTEXECUTED	}	NOSOURCE	; ►►
	EXECUTED		SOURCE	
	ALL			

LIST CONTAINER

Displays the contents of a CICS container.

►► LIST — CONTAINER —

}	<i>channel_name</i>	}	<i>container_name</i>	►
	<i>channel_name</i>			

►

}	(— <i>index</i> —)	}
	(— <i>sub_string_start</i> — : — <i>sub_string_end</i> —)	
	(— <i>sub_string_start</i> — :: — <i>sub_string_length</i> —)	

►

}	XML	}	; ►►		
	(EBCDIC)
				ASCII	
	CODEPAGE			(— <i>ccsid</i> —)	

LIST CURSOR (full-screen mode)

Provides a cursor controlled method for displaying variables, structures, and arrays.

►► LIST —

}	CURSOR	}

 ; ►►

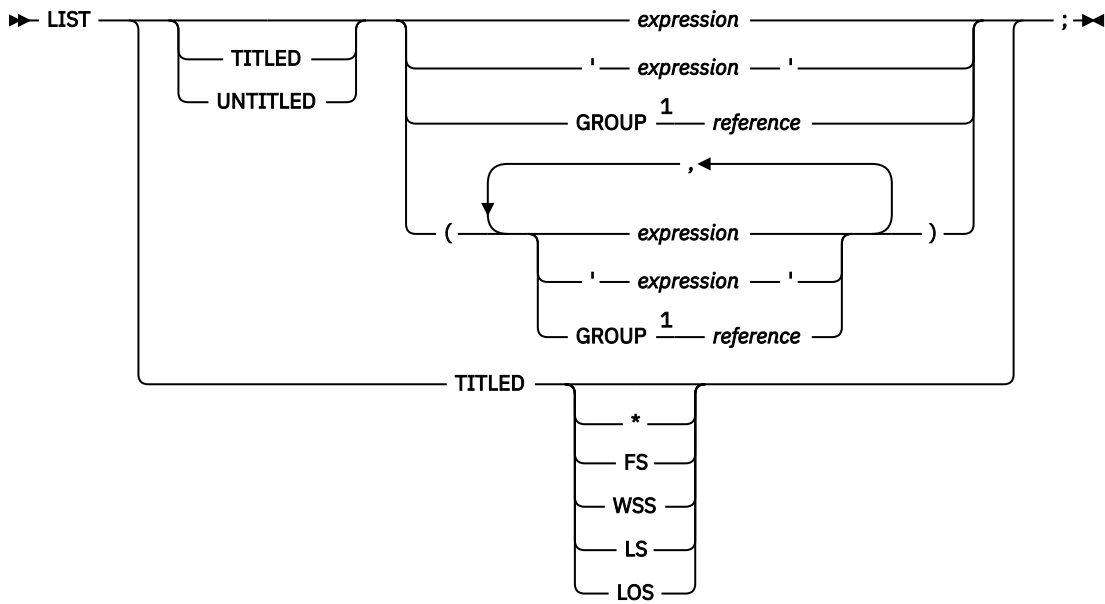
LIST DTCN

List the programs and compile units that were disabled by the DISABLE command.

►► LIST — DTCN — ; ►►

LIST expression

Displays values of expressions.

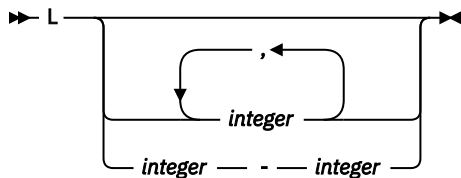


Notes:

¹ Only for COBOL.

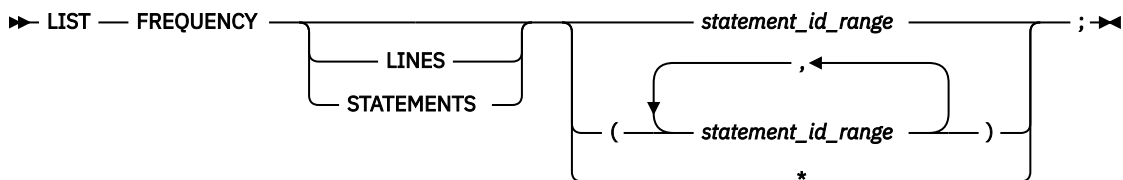
L expression prefix

Entered through the prefix area of the Source window, displays the value of a variable or variables on that line.



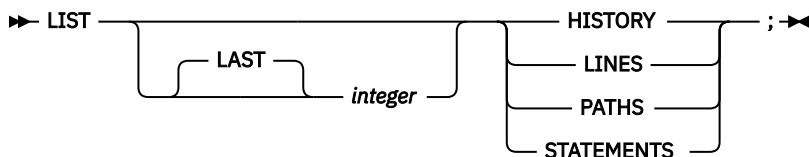
LIST FREQUENCY

Lists statement execution counts.



LIST LAST

Displays a list of recent entries in the history table.



LIST ON (PL/I)

Lists the action (if any) currently defined for the specified PL/I conditions.

►► LIST — ON — *pli_condition* ; ►►

LIST PROCEDURES

Lists the commands contained in the specified z/OS Debugger PROCEDURE definitions.

►► LIST — PROCEDURES — *name* ; ►►
(*name* ,)

LIST REGISTERS

Displays the current register contents.

►► LIST — *32BIT* — REGISTERS — ; ►►
64BIT
LONG — FLOATING — *REGISTERS*
SHORT

LIST STATEMENT NUMBERS

Lists all statement or line numbers that are valid locations for an AT LINE or AT STATEMENT breakpoint.

►► LIST — LINE — NUMBERS — *block_spec* ; ►►
STATEMENT — *cu_spec*
statement_id_range

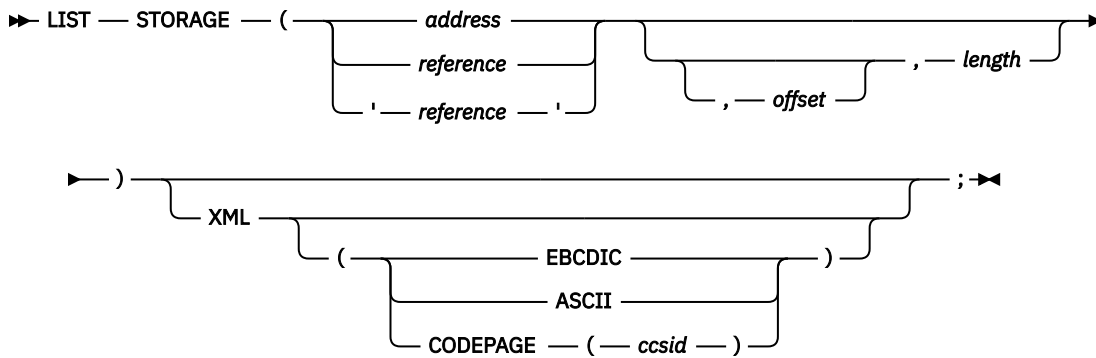
LIST STATEMENTS

Lists one or more statements or lines from a file.

►► LIST — LINES — *statement_id_range* ; ►►
STATEMENTS

LIST STORAGE

Displays the contents of storage at a particular address in hex format.



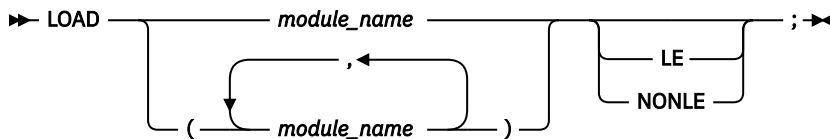
LIST TRACE LOAD command

Displays the entries in the TRACE LOAD table that is created since the TRACE LOAD START command was issued.

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LIST TRACE LOAD ;
```

LOAD command

Specifies to load the named module using MVS LOAD services, EXEC CICS LOAD, or the Language Environment enclave-level load service for debugging purposes.

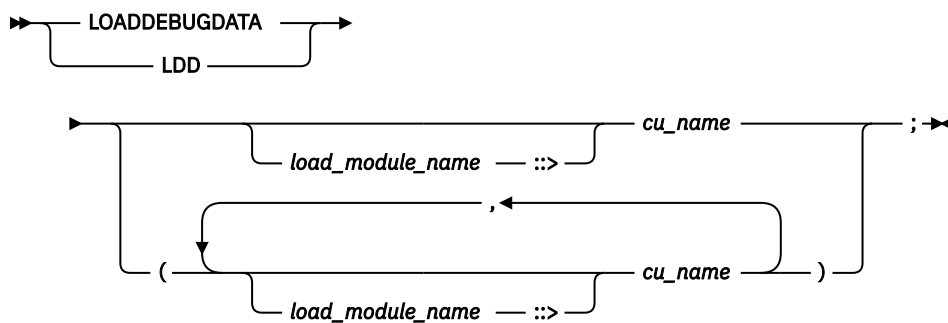


LOADDEBUGDATA (LDD)

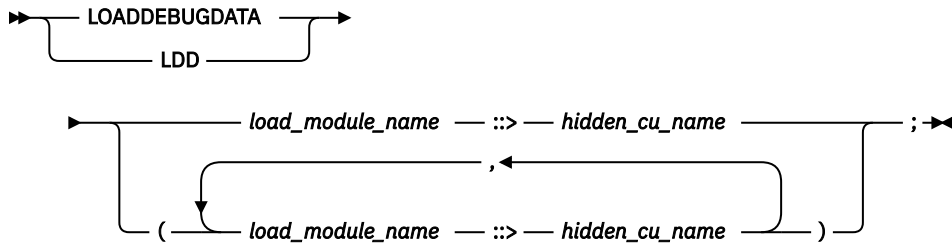
The LOADDEBUGDATA (LDD) command requests that z/OS Debugger load the debug data for a compile unit in either of the following situations:

- The CU was written in assembler or LangX COBOL.
- Explicit debug mode is active and the CU was written in a Language Environment enabled, high-level language and compiled with the TEST or DEBUG compiler option.

LDD for assembler or LangX COBOL CU

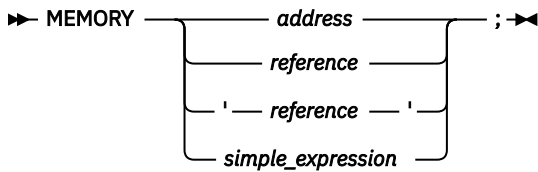


LDD for high-level language CU in explicit debug mode



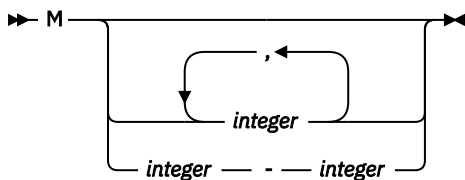
MEMORY

Identifies an address in memory and then display the contents of memory at that location in the Memory window. The Memory window displays memory in dump format.



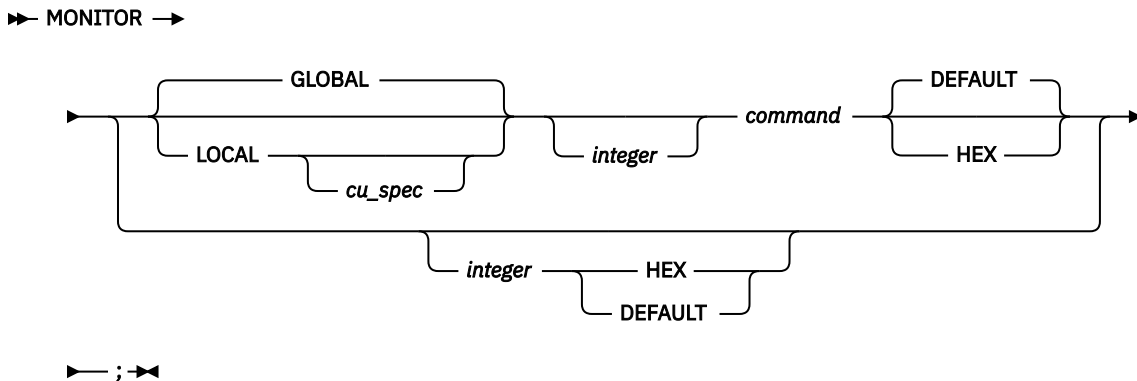
M prefix command

The M prefix command, which you enter through the prefix area of the Source window, adds variables on that line to the Monitor window.



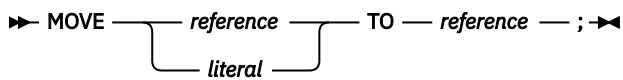
MONITOR command

The MONITOR command defines or redefines a command whose output is displayed in the monitor window (full-screen mode), terminal output (line mode), or log file (batch mode).



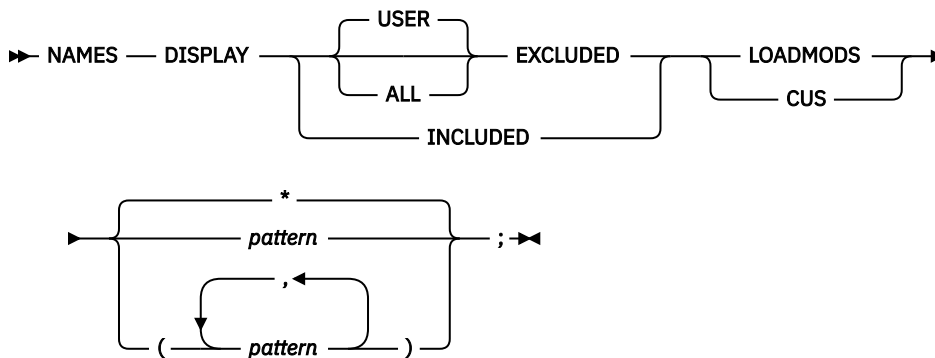
MOVE command (COBOL)

The MOVE command transfers data from one area of storage to another.



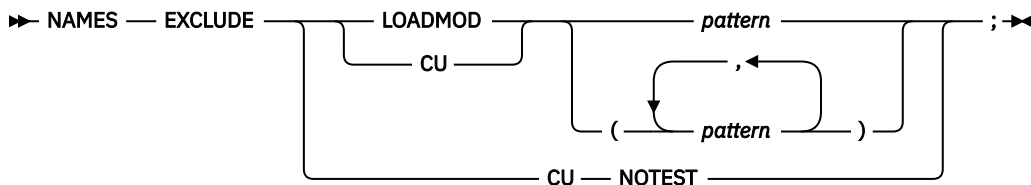
NAMES DISPLAY command

Use the NAMES DISPLAY command to indicate that you want a list of all the load modules or compile units that are currently excluded or included. If you do not specify the ALL parameter, only the names excluded by user commands appear in the list that is displayed. Names that z/OS Debugger excludes by default are not included in the list that is displayed.



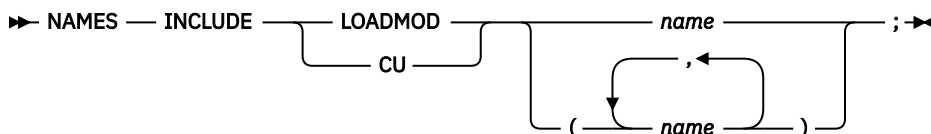
NAMES EXCLUDE command

The NAMES EXCLUDE command enables you to indicate to z/OS Debugger the names of load modules or compile units that you do not need to debug. If these are data-only modules, z/OS Debugger does not process them. If they contain executable code, z/OS Debugger might process them in some cases. See "Optimizing the debugging of large applications" in the IBM z/OS Debugger User's Guide for more information about these situations.



NAMES INCLUDE command

Use the NAMES INCLUDE command to indicate to z/OS Debugger that your program is a user load module or compile unit, not a system program. See "Debugging user programs that use system prefix names" in the IBM z/OS Debugger User's Guide for more information.



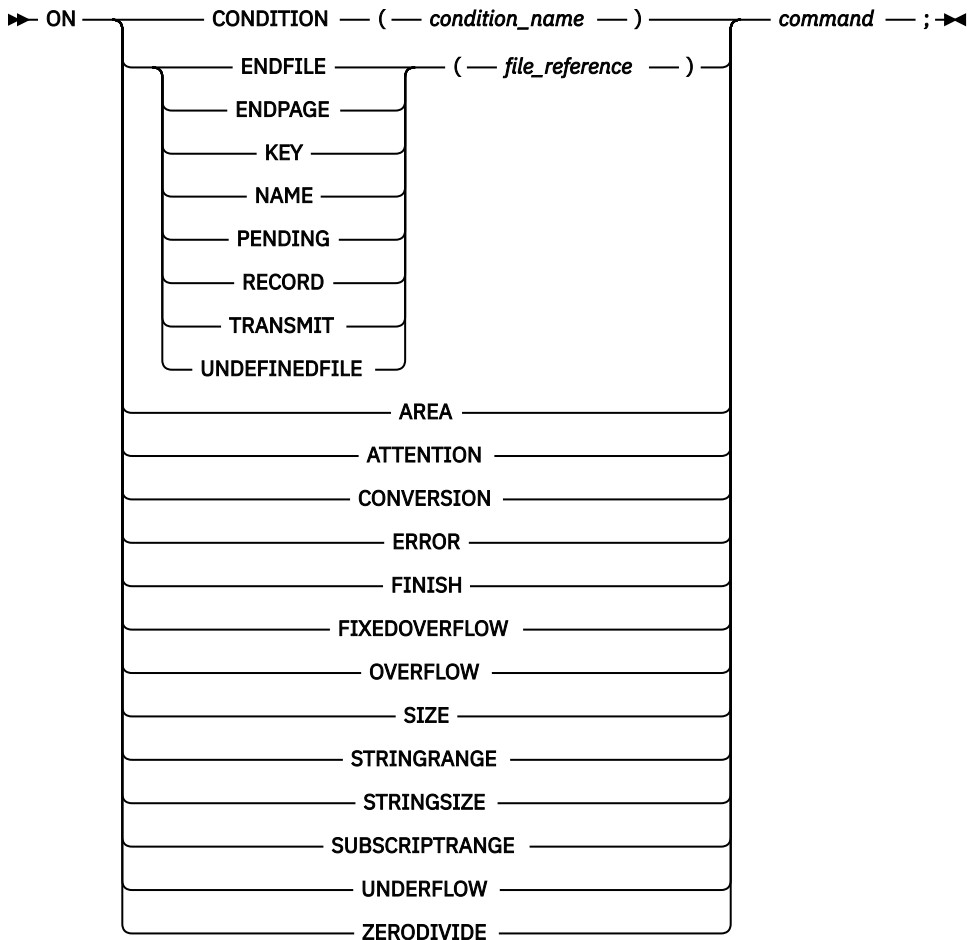
Null command

The Null command is a semicolon written where a command is expected.

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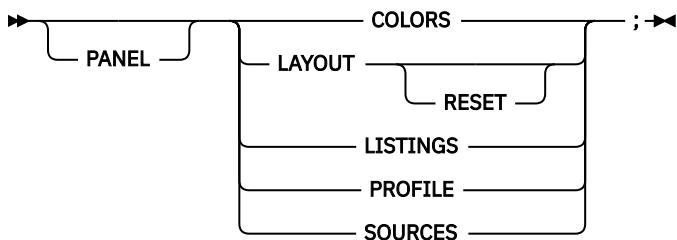
ON command (PL/I)

The ON command establishes the actions to be executed when the specified PL/I condition is raised.



PANEL command (full-screen mode)

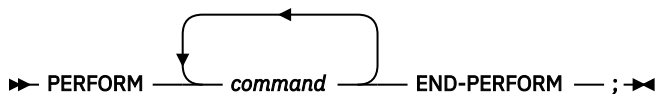
The PANEL command displays special panels.



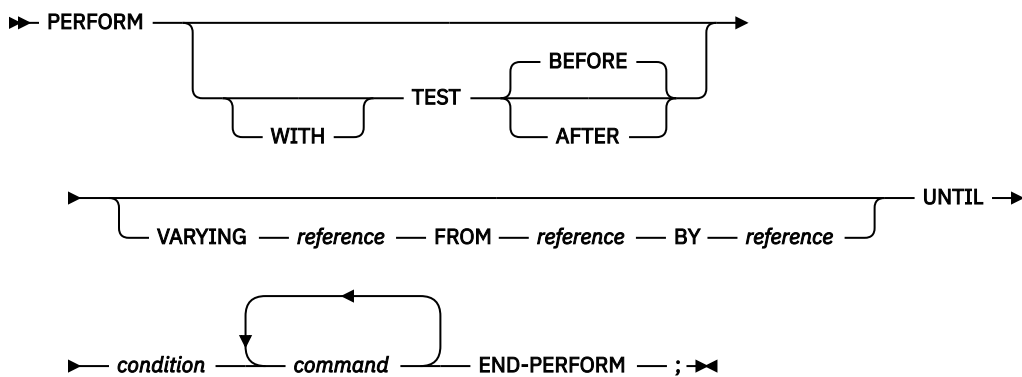
PERFORM command (COBOL)

The PERFORM command transfers control explicitly to one or more statements and implicitly returns control to the next executable statement after execution of the specified statements is completed.

Simple:



Repeating:



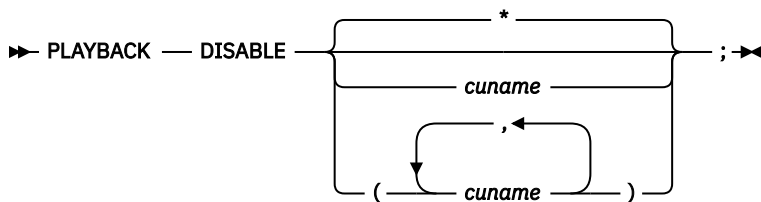
PLAYBACK BACKWARD command

The PLAYBACK BACKWARD command indicates to z/OS Debugger to perform STEP and RUNTO commands backward, starting from the current point and going to previous points.



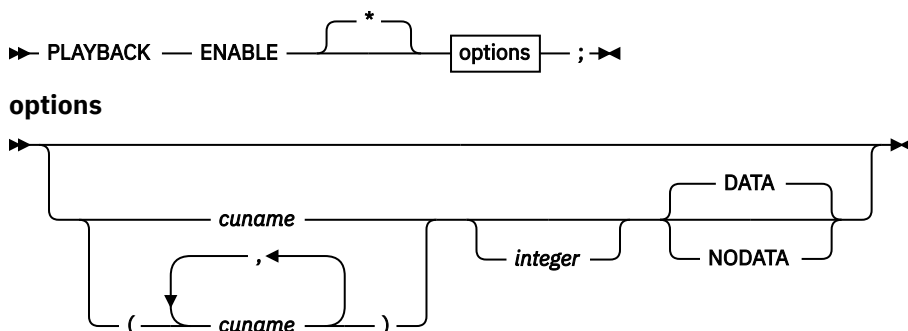
PLAYBACK DISABLE command

The PLAYBACK DISABLE command informs z/OS Debugger to stop recording runtime environment information and discard any information recorded thus far.



PLAYBACK ENABLE command

The PLAYBACK ENABLE command informs z/OS Debugger to begin recording the application runtime environment information (steps history and data history).



PLAYBACK FORWARD command

The `PLAYBACK FORWARD` command indicates to z/OS Debugger to perform `STEP` and `RUNTO` commands forward, starting from the current point and going to the next point.

▶▶ `PLAYBACK — FORWARD — ;`▶▶

PLAYBACK START command

The `PLAYBACK START` command suspends normal debugging and informs z/OS Debugger to replay the steps it recorded.

▶▶ `PLAYBACK — START — ;`▶▶

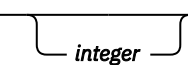
PLAYBACK STOP command

The `PLAYBACK STOP` command stops replaying recorded statements and resumes normal debugging at the point where the `PLAYBACK START` command was entered.

▶▶ `PLAYBACK — STOP — ;`▶▶

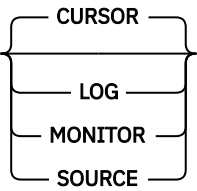
POPUP command

Displays the Command pop-up window, where you can type in multiline commands.

▶▶ `POPUP`  `;`▶▶

POSITION command

Positions the cursor to a specific line in the specified window.

▶▶ `POSITION` *integer*  `;`▶▶

Prefix commands (full-screen mode)

The `Prefix` commands apply only to source listing lines and are typed into the prefix area in the source window. For details, see the section corresponding to the command name.

The following table summarizes the forms of the `Prefix` commands.


Example	Description
<code>"AT Prefix (full-screen mode)"</code> on page 7	Defines a statement breakpoint through the Source window prefix area.
<code>"CLEAR prefix (full-screen mode)"</code> on page 12	Clears a breakpoint through the Source window prefix area.

Example	Description
“DISABLE prefix (full-screen mode)” on page 18	Disables a breakpoint through the Source window prefix area.
“ENABLE prefix (full-screen mode)” on page 19	Enables a disabled breakpoint through the Source window prefix area.
“LIST expression” on page 25	Displays the value of a variable or variables on that line.
“QUERY prefix (full-screen mode)” on page 38	Queries what statements have breakpoints through the Source window prefix area.
“RUNTO prefix command (full-screen mode)” on page 39	Runs the program to the location that the cursor or statement identifier indicate in the Source window prefix area.
“SHOW prefix command (full-screen mode)” on page 51	Specifies what relative statement or verb within the line is to have its frequency count shown in the suffix area.

PROCEDURE command

The PROCEDURE command allows the definition of a group of commands that can be accessed by using the CALL procedure command.

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▶▶ name — : — PROCEDURE — ; —  command — END — ; —▶▶

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QUALIFY RESET

This command is equivalent to SET QUALIFY RESET.

QUERY command

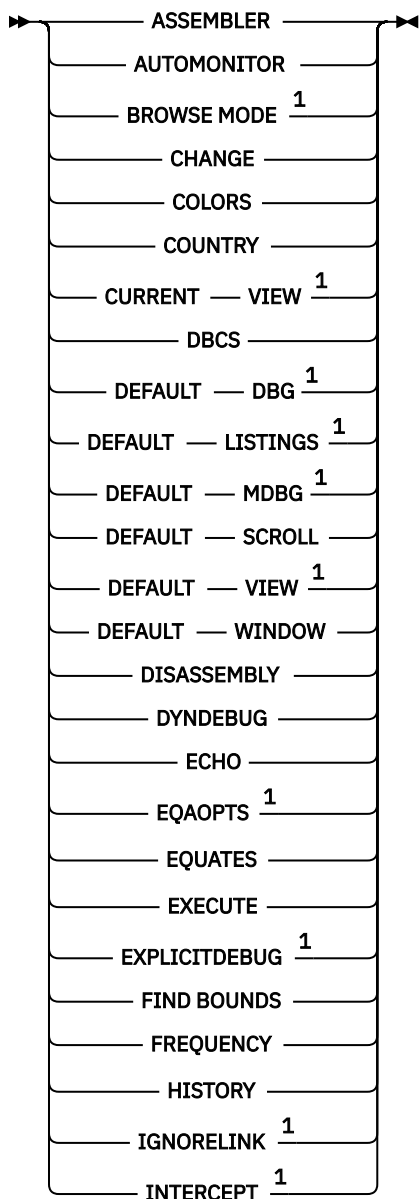
The QUERY command displays the current value of the specified z/OS Debugger setting, the current setting of all the z/OS Debugger settings, or the current location in the suspended program.

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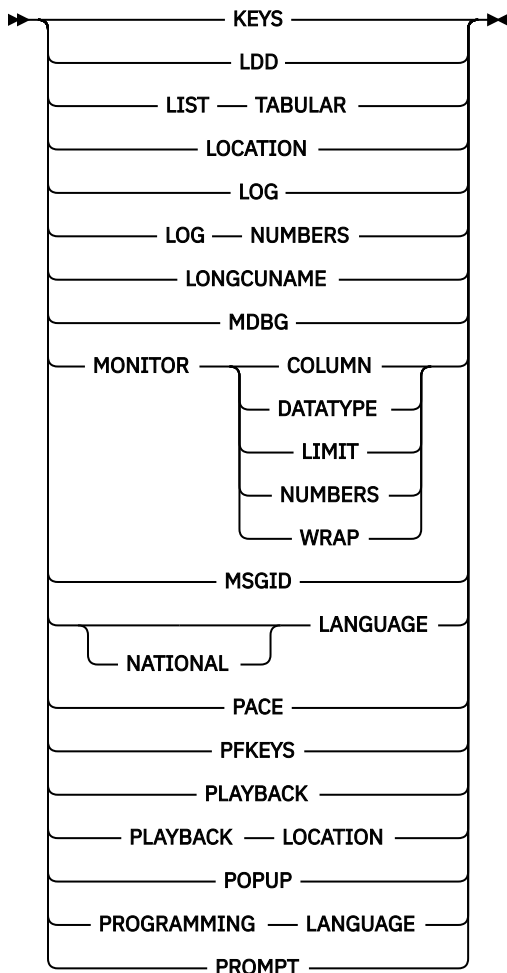
▶▶ QUERY — Attributes A through I — Attributes J through P — Attributes Q through Z — ; —▶▶

```

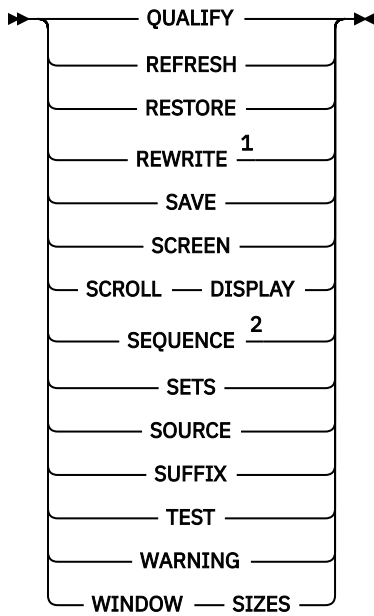
Attributes A through I



Attributes J through P



Attributes Q through Z



Notes:

- ¹ You can use this command in remote debug mode.
- ² Only for PL/I.

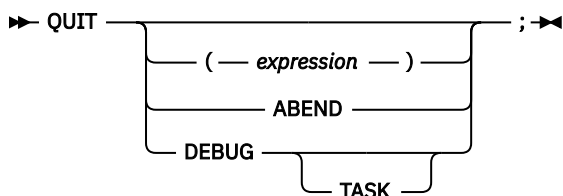
QUERY prefix (full-screen mode)

Queries what statements on a particular line have statement breakpoints when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.

►► QUERY — ; ►►

QUIT command

The QUIT command ends a z/OS Debugger session and if an expression is specified, sets the return code.



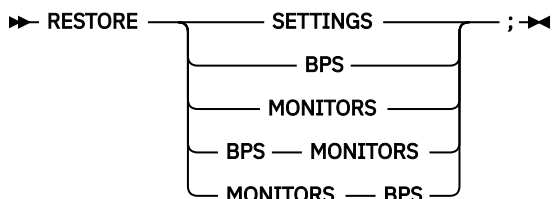
QQUIT command

The QQUIT command ends a z/OS Debugger session without further prompting.

►► QQUIT — ; ►►

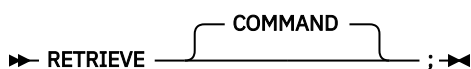
RESTORE command

The RESTORE command enables you to explicitly restore the settings, breakpoints, and monitor specifications that were previously saved by the SET SAVE AUTO command when z/OS Debugger terminated.



RETRIEVE command (full-screen mode)

The RETRIEVE command displays the last command entered on the command line.

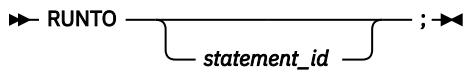


RUN command

The RUN command is synonymous to the GO command.

RUNTO command

The RUNTO command runs your program to a valid executable statement without setting a breakpoint.

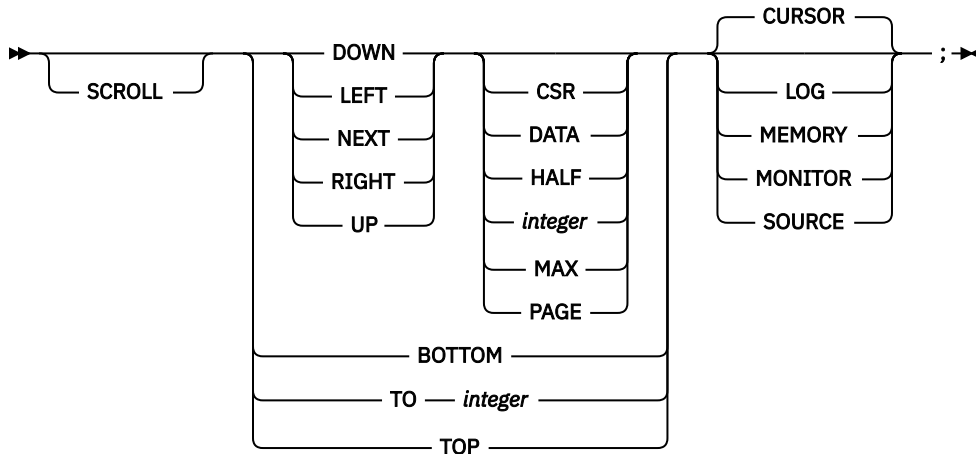


RUNTO prefix command (full-screen mode)

Runs to the statement when you issue this command through the Source window prefix area.

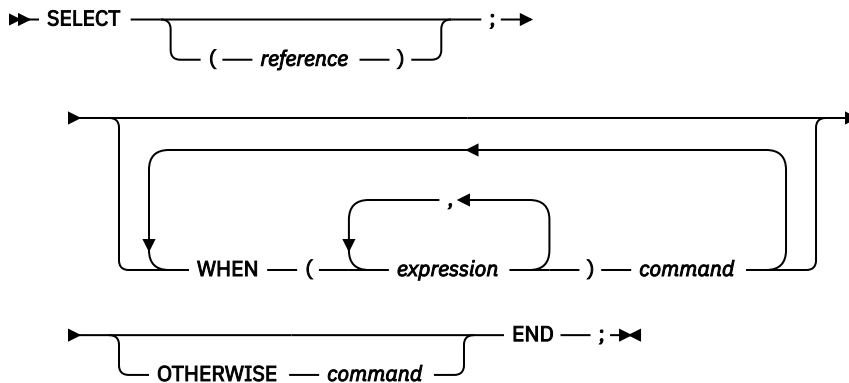
SCROLL command (full-screen mode)

The SCROLL command provides horizontal and vertical scrolling in full-screen mode.



SELECT command (PL/I)

The SELECT command chooses one of a set of alternate commands.



SET ASSEMBLER ON/OFF

The SET ASSEMBLER ON/OFF command displays additional information that is useful when you debug an assembler program.



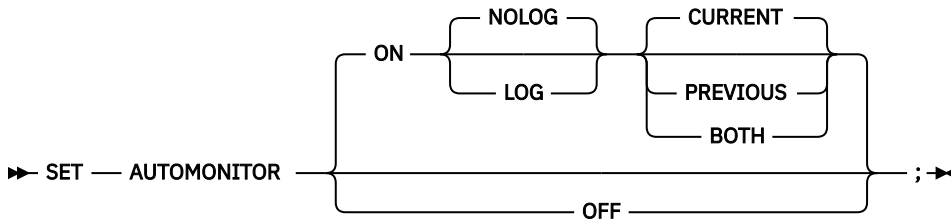
SET ASSEMBLER STEPOVER

The SET ASSEMBLER STEPOVER command specifies how z/OS Debugger processes STEP OVER commands in assembler compile units.



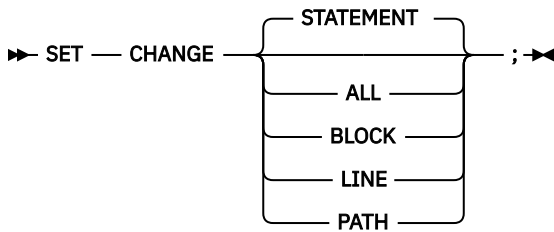
SET AUTOMONITOR

Controls the monitoring of data items at the statement that z/OS Debugger runs next, ran most recently, or both.



SET CHANGE

Controls the frequency of checking the AT CHANGE breakpoints.

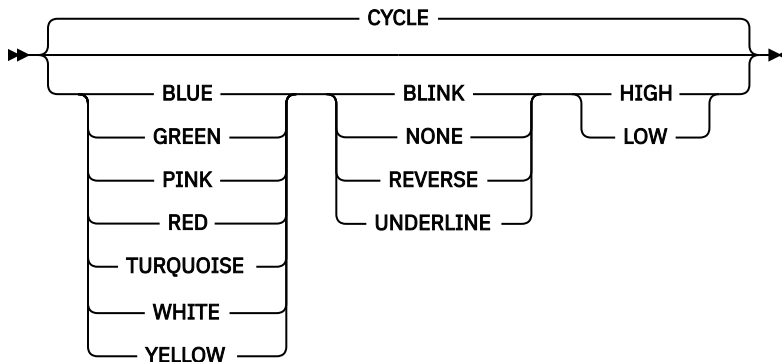


SET COLOR (full-screen and line mode)

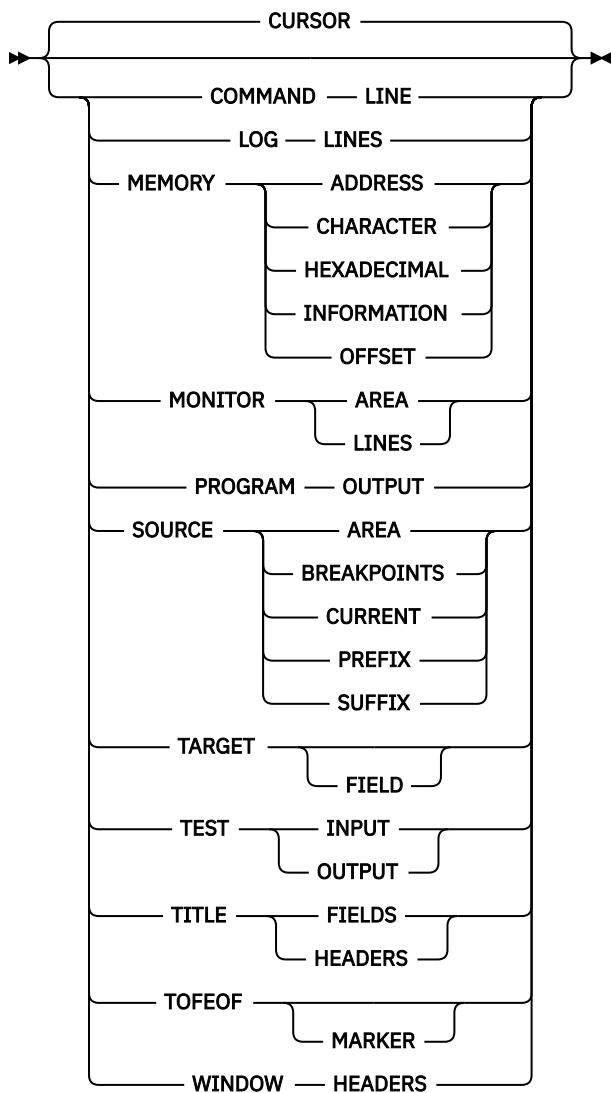
Provides control of the color, highlighting, and intensity attributes when the SCREEN setting is ON.



color_attributes



UI_elements



SET COUNTRY

Changes the current national country setting for the application program.

➤ SET — COUNTRY — *country_code* — ; ➤

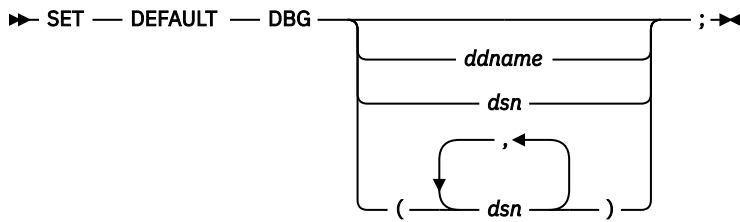
SET DBCS

Controls whether shift-in and shift-out codes are interpreted on input and supplied on DBCS output.

➤ SET — DBCS — { ON / OFF } — ; ➤

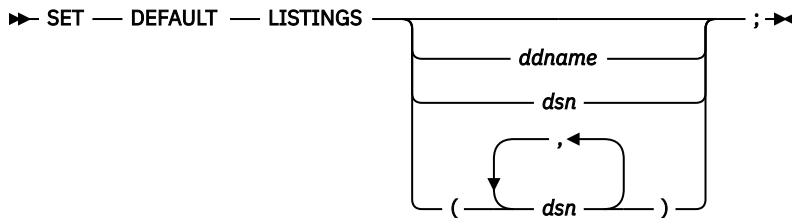
SET DEFAULT DBG

Defines a default partitioned data set DD name or DS name that z/OS Debugger searches through to locate the .dbg files.



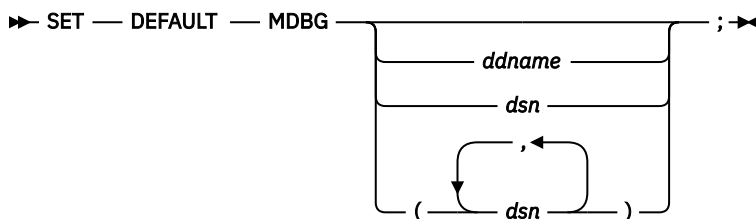
SET DEFAULT LISTINGS

Defines a default partitioned data set DD name or DS name whose members are searched for program source, listings, or separate debug files.



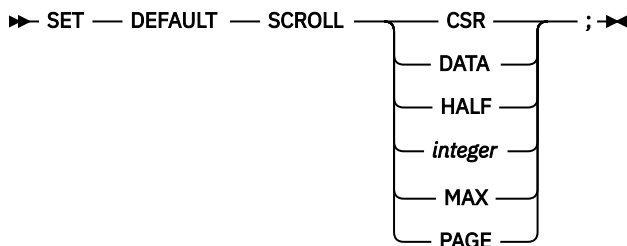
SET DEFAULT MDBG

Defines a default partitioned data set DD name or DS name that z/OS Debugger searches through to locate the .mdbg files.



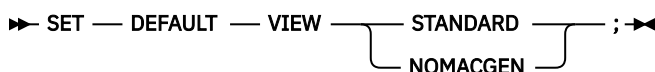
SET DEFAULT SCROLL (full-screen mode)

Sets the default scroll amount that is used when a SCROLL command is issued without the amount specified.



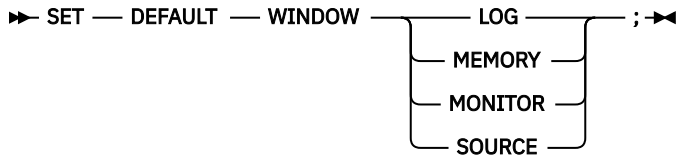
SET DEFAULT VIEW

Controls the default view for assembler compile units.



SET DEFAULT WINDOW (full-screen mode)

Specifies what window is selected when a window referencing command (for example, FIND, SCROLL, or WINDOW) is issued without explicit window identification and the cursor is outside the window areas.



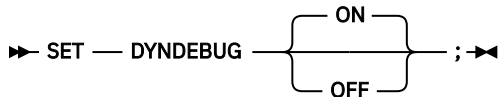
SET DISASSEMBLY

Controls whether the disassembly view is displayed in the Source window.



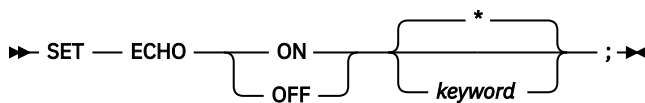
SET DYNDEBUG

Controls whether to activate the Dynamic Debug facility.



SET ECHO

Controls whether GO and STEP commands are recorded in the log window when they are not subcommands.



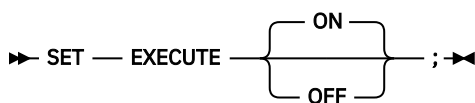
SET EQUATE

Equates a symbol to a string of characters.



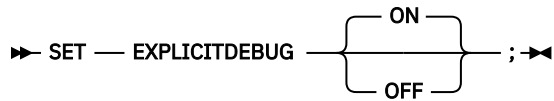
SET EXECUTE

Controls whether commands from all input sources are performed or just syntax checked (primarily for checking USE files).



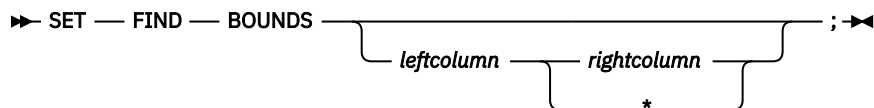
SET EXPLICITDEBUG

Controls whether explicit debug mode is active.



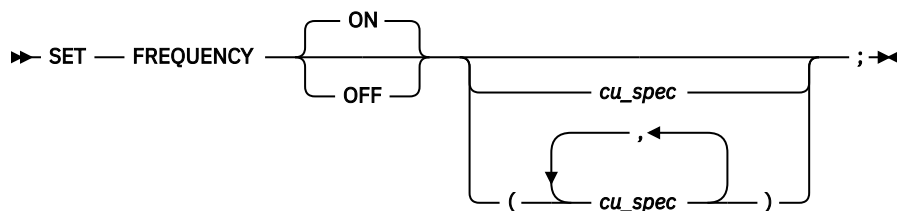
SET FIND BOUNDS

Specifies the default left and right columns for a FIND command in the Source window and in line mode that does not specify any columns information.



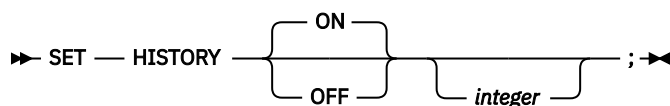
SET FREQUENCY

Controls whether statement executions are counted.



SET HISTORY

Specifies whether entries to z/OS Debugger are recorded in the history table and optionally adjusts the size of the table.



SET IGNORELINK

Specifies that any new LINK level (nested enclave) is ignored while the setting is ON.



SET INTERCEPT (C and C++)

Intercepts input to and output from specified files.

►► SET — INTERCEPT — { ON / OFF } — FILE — *file_spec* — ; ►►

SET INTERCEPT (COBOL, full-screen mode, line mode, batch mode)

Intercepts input to and output from the console.

►► SET — INTERCEPT — { ON / OFF } — CONSOLE — ; ►►

SET INTERCEPT (COBOL, remote debug mode)

Intercepts output from COBOL DISPLAY statements.

►► SET — INTERCEPT — { ON / OFF } — ; ►►

SET KEYS (full-screen and line mode)

Controls whether PF key definitions are displayed when the SCREEN setting is ON.

►► SET — KEYS — { ON / OFF } — { 12 / 24 } — ; ►►

SET LDD

Controls how debug data is loaded for assemblies containing multiple CSECTs.

►► SET — LDD — { SINGLE / ALL } — ; ►►

SET LIST BY SUBSCRIPT command (COBOL)

Controls whether z/OS Debugger displays elements in an array as they are stored in memory.

►► SET — LIST — BY — SUBSCRIPT — { ON / OFF } — ; ►►

SET LIST BY SUBSCRIPT command (Enterprise PL/I, full-screen mode only)

Controls whether z/OS Debugger displays elements in an array as they are stored in memory.

►► SET — LIST — BY — SUBSCRIPT — { ON / OFF } ; ►►

SET LIST TABULAR

Controls whether to format the output of the LIST command in a tabular format.

►► SET — LIST — TABULAR — { OFF / ON } ; ►►

SET LOG

Controls whether each command that z/OS Debugger runs and the output of that command is stored in the log file. Defines (or redefines) the name and location of the file and whether the information is appended to an existing file or is written over existing information.

►► SET — LOG — { ON / OFF } ; ►►

ON — FILE — *fileid* — { OLD / MOD } — OFF — KEEP — *count*

SET LOG NUMBERS (full-screen and line mode)

Controls whether line numbers are shown in the log window.

►► SET — LOG — NUMBERS — { ON / OFF } ; ►►

SET LONGCUNAME (C, C++, and PL/I)

Controls whether the CU name is displayed in short or long format.

►► SET — LONGCUNAME — { ON / OFF } ; ►►

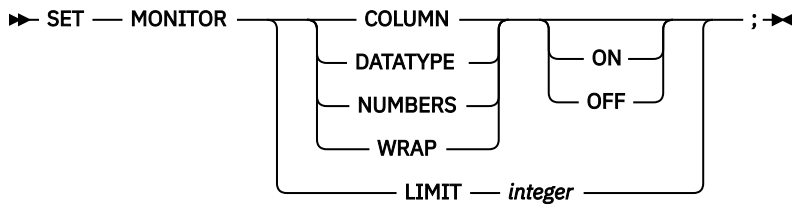
SET MDBG (C, C++)

Associates a .mdbg file to one load module or DLL.

►► SET — MDBG — (*lm_spec*) — *fileid* — ; ►►

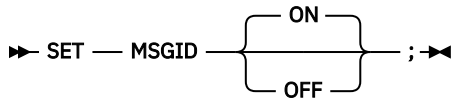
SET MONITOR (full-screen and line mode)

Controls the format and layout of variable names and values displayed in the Monitor window.



SET MSGID

Controls whether the z/OS Debugger messages are displayed with the message prefix identifiers.



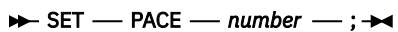
SET NATIONAL LANGUAGE

Switches your application to a different runtime national language that determines what translation is used when a message is displayed.



SET PACE

Specifies the maximum speed (in steps per second) of animated execution.



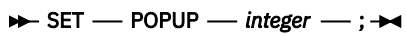
SET PFKEY

Associates a z/OS Debugger command with a Program Function key (PF key).



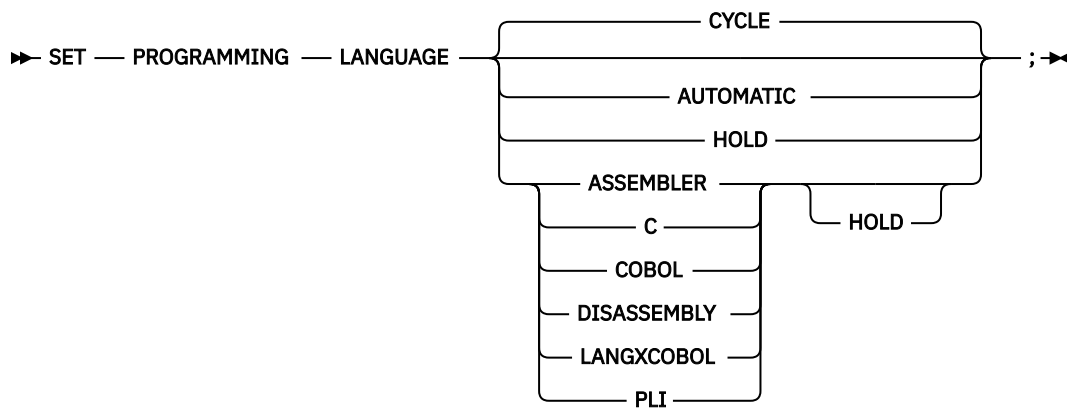
SET POPUP

Controls the number of lines displayed in the Command pop-up window.



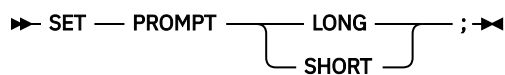
SET PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

Sets the current programming language.



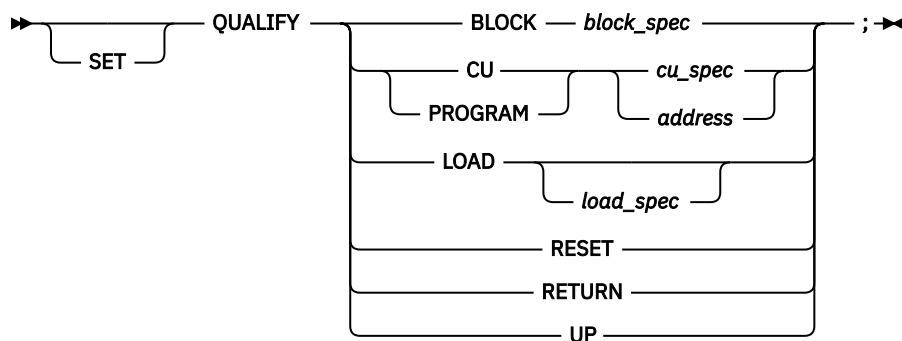
SET PROMPT (full-screen and line mode)

Controls whether the current program location is automatically shown as part of the prompt message in line mode.



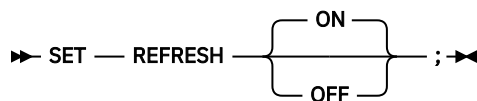
SET QUALIFY

Simplifies the identification of references and statement numbers by resetting the point of view to a new block, compile unit, or load module.



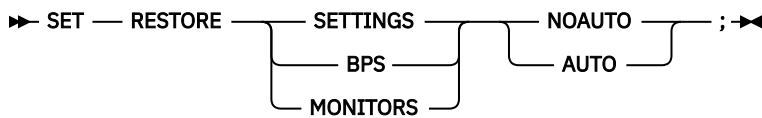
SET REFRESH (full-screen mode)

Controls screen refreshing.



SET RESTORE

Controls the restoring of settings, breakpoints, and monitor specifications.



SET REWRITE (full-screen mode)

Forces a periodic screen rewrite during long sequences of output.



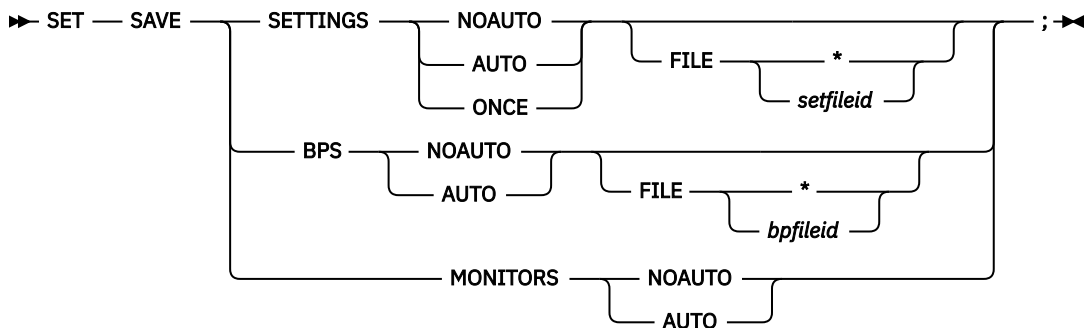
SET REWRITE (remote debug mode)

Sets the maximum number of COBOL DISPLAY statements that the remote debugger displays in the Debug Console.



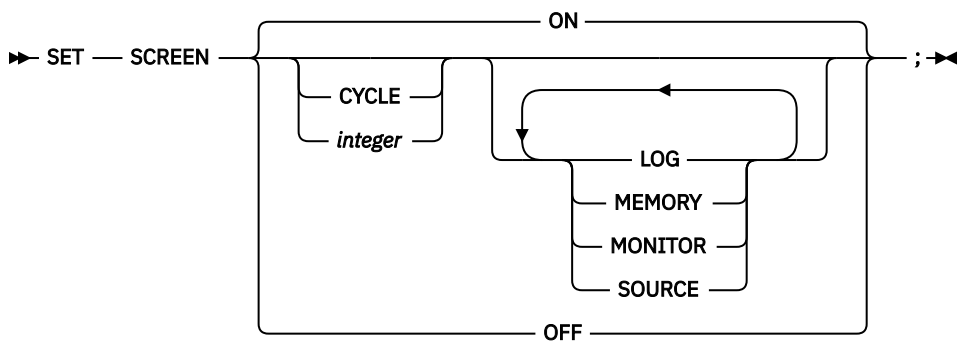
SET SAVE

Controls the saving of settings, breakpoints, and monitor specifications.



SET SCREEN (full-screen and line mode)

Controls how information is displayed on the screen.



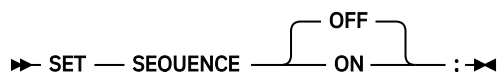
SET SCROLL DISPLAY (full-screen mode)

Controls whether the scroll field is displayed when operating in full-screen mode.



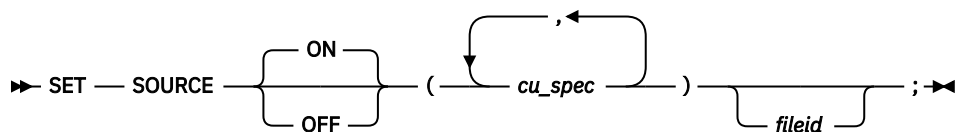
SET SEQUENCE (PL/I)

Controls whether z/OS Debugger interprets data after column 72 in a commands or preference file as a sequence number.



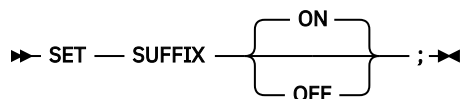
SET SOURCE

Associates a source file, compiler listing or separate debug file with one or more compile units.



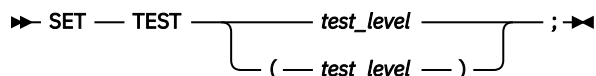
SET SUFFIX (full-screen mode)

Controls the display of frequency counts at the right edge of the Source window when in full-screen mode.



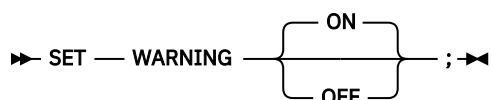
SET TEST

Overrides the initial TEST runtime options specified at invocation.



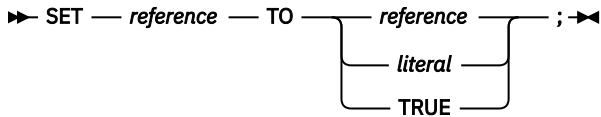
SET WARNING (C, C++, and PL/I)

Controls display of the z/OS Debugger warning messages and whether exceptions are reflected to the application program.



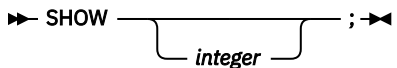
SET command (COBOL)

The SET command assigns a value to a COBOL reference.



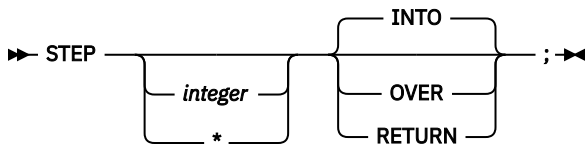
SHOW prefix command (full-screen mode)

The SHOW prefix command specifies what relative statement (for C) or relative verb (for COBOL) within the line is to have its frequency count temporarily shown in the suffix area.



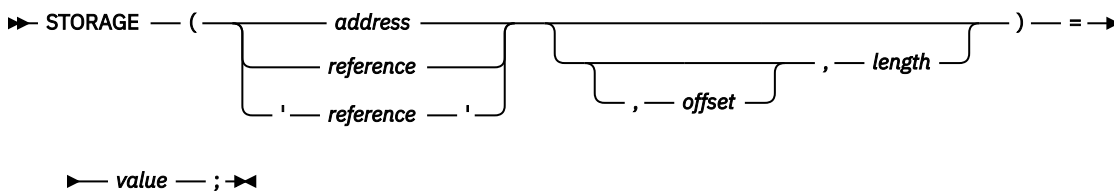
STEP command

The STEP command causes z/OS Debugger to dynamically step through a program, executing one or more program statements. In full-screen mode, it provides animated execution.



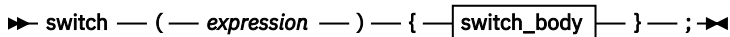
STORAGE command

The STORAGE command enables you to alter up to eight bytes of storage.

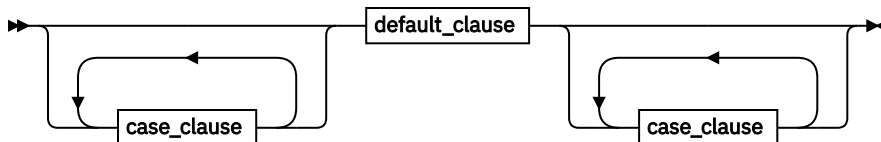


switch command (C and C++)

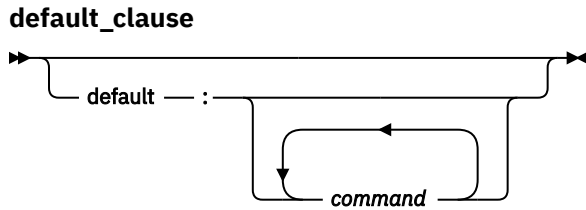
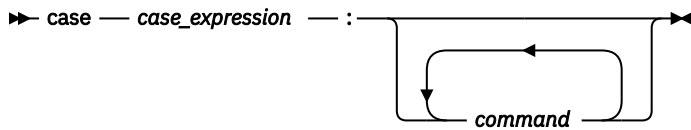
The switch command enables you to transfer control to different commands within the switch body, depending on the value of the switch expression.



switch_body

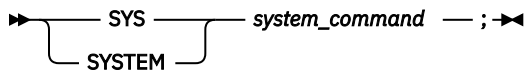


case_clause



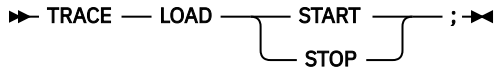
SYSTEM command

The SYSTEM command lets you issue TSO commands during a z/OS Debugger session.



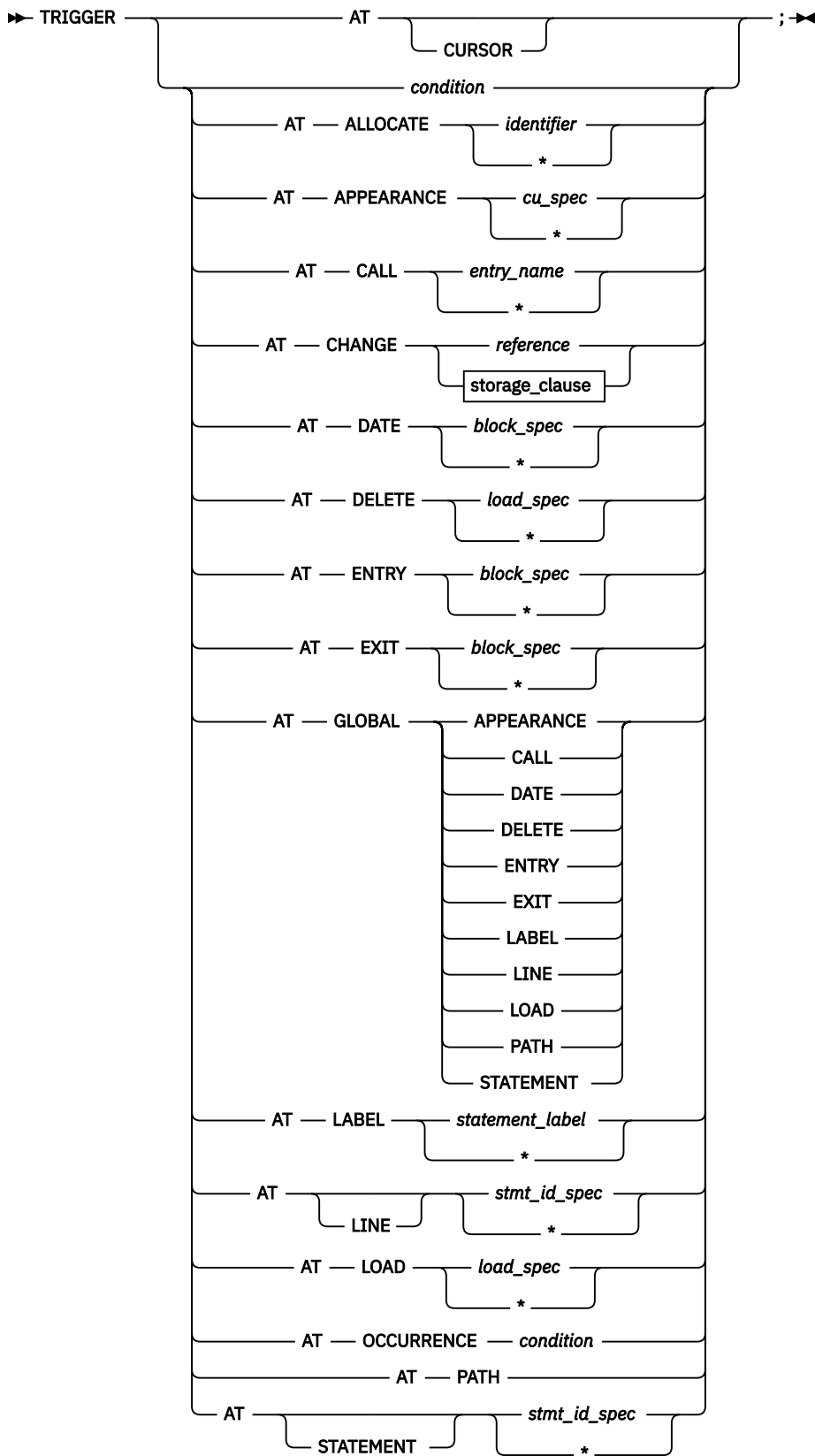
TRACE command

The TRACE command creates a trace of all load modules and DLLs loaded during a debug session. The trace can then be listed at any point during the debug session.

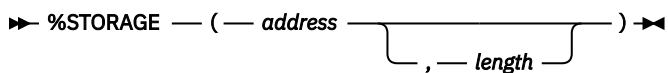


TRIGGER command

The TRIGGER command raises the specified AT-condition in z/OS Debugger, or it raises the specified programming language condition in your program.



storage_clause



TSO command (z/OS)

The TSO command lets you issue TSO commands during a z/OS Debugger session and is valid only in a TSO environment.

➤ TSO — *tso_command* — ; ➤

USE command

The USE command causes the z/OS Debugger commands in the specified file or data set to be either performed or syntax checked.

➤ USE — *ddname* — ; ➤
 — *dsname* —

while command (C and C++)

The while command enables you to repeatedly perform the body of a loop until the specified condition is no longer met or evaluates to false.

➤ while — (— *expression* —) — *command* — ; ➤

WINDOW CLOSE

Closes the specified window in the z/OS Debugger full-screen session panel.

➤ *WINDOW* — CLOSE — *CURSOR* — ; ➤
 — LOG —
 — MEMORY —
 — MONITOR —
 — SOURCE —

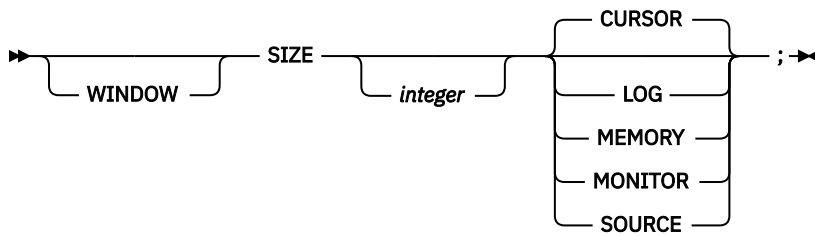
WINDOW OPEN

Opens a previously-closed window in the z/OS Debugger full-screen session panel.

➤ *WINDOW* — OPEN — *LOG* — ; ➤
 — MEMORY —
 — MONITOR —
 — SOURCE —

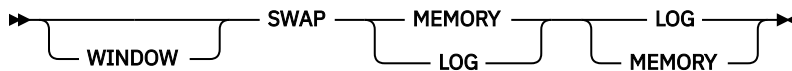
WINDOW SIZE

Controls the relative size of currently visible windows in the z/OS Debugger full-screen session panel.



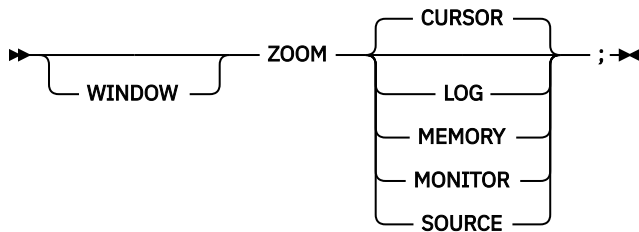
WINDOW SWAP

Replaces the logical window being displayed in a physical window with another logical window. The order of the operands is not important.



WINDOW ZOOM

Expands the indicated window to fill the entire screen or restores the screen to the currently defined window configuration.



Chapter 2. z/OS Debugger built-in functions

z/OS Debugger provides you with the following built-in functions:

%CHAR (assembler, disassembly, and LangX COBOL)

Returns the EBCDIC character value of an operand.

%DEC (assembler, disassembly, and LangX COBOL)

Returns the decimal value of an operand.

%GENERATION (PL/I)

Returns a specific generation of a controlled variable in your program.

%HEX

Returns the hexadecimal value of an operand.

%INSTANCES (C, C++, and PL/I)

Returns the maximum value of %RECURSION (the most recent recursion number) for a given block.

%RECURSION (C, C++, and PL/I)

Returns a specific instance of an automatic variable or a parameter in a recursive procedure.

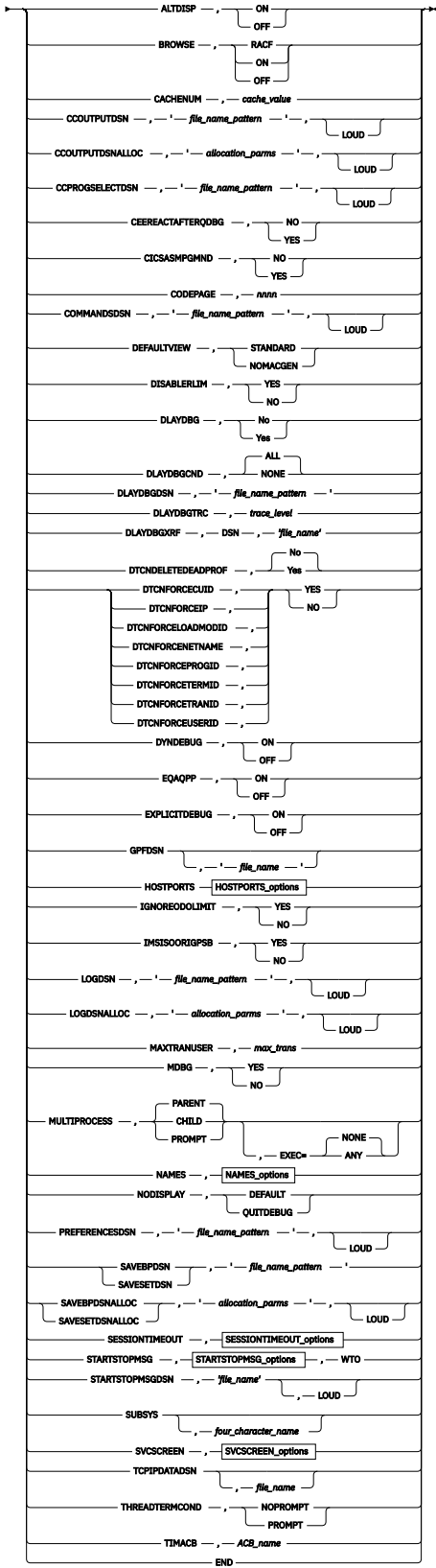
%WHERE (assembler, disassembly, and LangX COBOL)

Returns a string that is the address of the operand. %WHERE can be used *only* as the outermost expression in the LIST command.

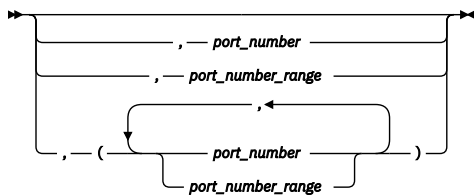
Chapter 3. EQAOPTS commands (optional)

The EQAOPTS commands (formerly known as options) alter certain z/OS Debugger behaviors. This topic summarizes the syntax of the EQAOPTS commands, followed by a list briefly describing each command. For a complete description of each command and to learn how to use these commands, see *IBM z/OS Debugger Customization Guide* and *IBM z/OS Debugger Reference and Messages*.

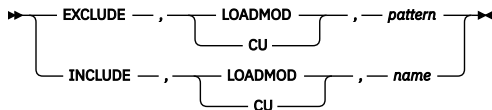
The follow diagram describes the syntax of the EQAOPTS commands:



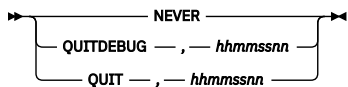
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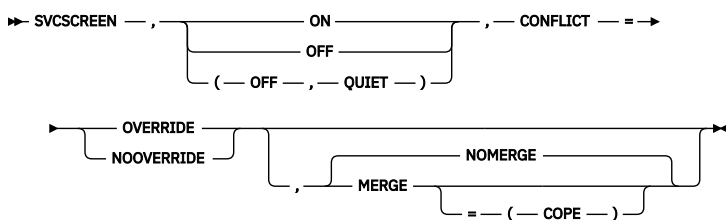
NAMES_options



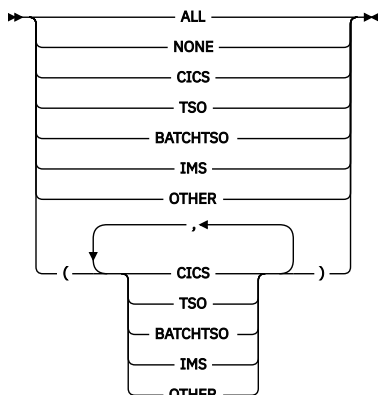
SESSIONTIMEOUT_options



SVCSCREEN_options



STARTSTOPMSG_options



ALTDISP

Specifies whether to add a character indicator to indicate a breakpoint, the current line, or the line with found text. This command is valid only when you are using interactive MFI mode.

BROWSE

Specifies whether a user with sufficient RACF® authority to the applicable browse mode RACF facility can start z/OS Debugger in browse mode.

CACHENUM

Specifies the maximum number of program items to be held in an in-memory cache for a debug session. Increase this number to improve performance for applications which have many programs; however, a larger number also increases the storage usage by the debugged task.

CCOUTPUTDSN

Provides the data set name to be used for the Code Coverage Observation file. Specify NULLFILE if no Observation file is to be written to. You can also choose whether to display WTO messages that helps you debug processing done by this command.

CCOUTPUTDSNALLOC

Creates the CCOUTPUTDSN data set for a new user and provides the allocation parameters (in BPXWDYN format). You can also choose whether to display WTO messages that helps you debug processing done by this command.

CCPROGSELECTDSN

Provides the data set name that contains the Code Coverage Options file (which specifies the Group IDs and the PROGRAM IDs of the COBOL routines that are to be processed). Specify NULLFILE if no Code Coverage Options file is to be read. You can also choose whether to display WTO messages that helps you debug processing done by this command.

CEEREAFTERAFTERQDBG

Specifies whether to restart z/OS Debugger with CEETEST after you use QUIT DEBUG to end a debug session.

CICSASMPGMND

Controls whether z/OS Debugger allows debugging assembler programs when the language attribute of the program resource is not defined.

CODEPAGE

Indicates which code page to use so that NLS characters are properly communicated between z/OS Debugger and a remote debugger and properly displayed in full screen mode.

COMMANDSDSN

Indicates the naming pattern z/OS Debugger uses to locate the data set containing a commands file. z/OS Debugger reads a member from this commands file every time it starts.

DEFAULTVIEW

Provides a method of setting the initial value for the SET DEFAULT VIEW command.

DISABLERLIM

Controls whether z/OS Debugger disables Omegamon Resource Limiting (RLIM) during debug sessions in a CICS region.

DLAYDBG

Enables z/OS Debugger to delay the starting of a debug session until z/OS Debugger recognizes a certain program (CU).

DLAYDBGEND

Indicates whether you want z/OS Debugger to monitor condition events in the delay debug mode.

DLAYDBGDSN

Indicates that z/OS Debugger is to use the specified naming pattern when it constructs the delay debug profile data set name.

DLAYDBGTRC

Indicates that z/OS Debugger is to generate a trace during the pattern match process in the delay debug mode. z/OS Debugger uses the WTO (write to operator) command to output the trace.

DLAYDBGXRF

Indicates that you want z/OS Debugger to use the cross reference file to find the user ID when it constructs the delay debug profile data set name.

DTCNDELETEADPROF

Controls the deletion of DTCN profiles. A dead profile is a profile whose owner has logged off or disconnected from the CICS region.

DTCNFORCExxxx

Controls DTCN behavior for the conditions described in [Table 4 on page 63](#). When you set a DTCNFORCExxxx option to YES, DTCN forces users to specify the respective resource type. The default setting is NO.

EQAOPTS DTCNFORCExxxx command	DTCN field name
DTCNFORCECUID or DTCNFORCEPROGID	CU
DTCNFORCEIP	IP Name/Address
DTCNFORCELOADMODID	LoadMod
DTCNFORCENETNAME	NetName
DTCNFORCETERMID	Terminal Id
DTCNFORCETRANID	Transaction Id
DTCNFORCEUSERID	User Id

Related tasks

"Requiring users to specify resource types" in the *IBM z/OS Debugger Customization Guide*

DYNDEBUG

Controls the initial default for the SET DYNDEBUG command.

EQAQPP

Indicates the presence of Q++ programs.

EXPLICITDEBUG

Controls whether explicit debug mode is active.

GPFDSN

Specifies the data set name for the global preferences file.

HOSTPORTS

Specifies a host port or range of ports to use for a TCP/IP connection from the host to a workstation when using remote debug mode.

IGNOREODOLIMIT

Instructs z/OS Debugger to display COBOL table data items even when an ODO value is out of range.

IMSISSOORIGPSB

Instructs the IMS Transaction Isolation Facility to preserve the original PSB of the transaction when a message is routed to a private message processing region. This command is deprecated. It is accepted for compatibility but has no effect. The original PSB is always preserved.

LOGDSN

Indicates the naming pattern z/OS Debugger uses to locate the data set containing a log file.

LOGDSNALLOC

Indicates the allocation parameters z/OS Debugger uses to create the data set named by the LOGDSN command.

MAXTRANUSER

Defines the maximum number of IMS transactions that a single user can register using the IBM Transaction Isolation Facility.

MDBG

For z/OS XL C/C++, Version 1 Release 11, if you have compiled with the `DEBUG (FORMAT (DWARF))` compiler option, specifies whether z/OS Debugger obtains debug data from `.mdbg` or `.dbg` files.

MULTIPROCESS

Controls the behavior of z/OS Debugger when a new POSIX process is created by a `fork()` or `exec()` function in the application.

It instructs z/OS Debugger to perform any of the following tasks when a new POSIX process is created:

- Continue debugging the current process. The current process is also referred to as the PARENT process.
- Stop debugging the current process and start debugging the newly created process. The newly created process is also referred to as the CHILD process.
- Prompt you to decide whether to follow the PARENT or CHILD process.

NAMES

Provides a method of entering NAMES commands that apply before the first load module and any of the compile units contained in that load module are processed.

NODISPLAY

Controls z/OS Debugger behavior when the terminal using full-screen mode using the Terminal Interface Manager or the remote debugger are not available.

PREFERENCESDSN

Indicates the naming pattern z/OS Debugger uses to locate the data set containing a preferences file. z/OS Debugger reads this preferences file every time it starts.

SAVEBPDSN and SAVESETDSN

Specifies the data set names to be used to save the breakpoints (SAVEBPDSN) and settings (SAVESETDSN). One qualifier in each of these data set names should be &&USERID, which represents the user ID of the current user.

SAVEBPDSNALLOC and SAVESETDSNALLOC

Indicates the allocation parameters z/OS Debugger uses to create the data sets named by the SAVEBPDSN and SAVESETDSN commands.

SESSIONTIMEOUT

Establishes a timeout for idle z/OS Debugger sessions

STARTSTOPMSG

Controls whether to issue a message when each debugging session is initiated or terminated.

STARTSTOPMSGDSN

Indicates that you want z/OS Debugger to write a message in the message file when the debug session is started or stopped.

SUBSYS

Provides a 1 to 4 character subsystem name. If an Enterprise PL/I or C/C++ source file is found to have a DSORG of DA or VSAM and this parameter is supplied, then this parameter is passed to SVC 99 (dynamic allocation) through the SUBSYS text unit when z/OS Debugger allocates the source file.

SVCSCREEN

Controls z/OS Debugger's enablement of SVC screening.

TCPIPDATA DSN

Instructs z/OS Debugger to dynamically allocate the specified *file-name* to DDNAME SYSTCPD (if SYSTCPD is not already allocated).

THREADTERMCOND

Specifies whether z/OS Debugger should suppress the prompt it displays when the thread termination condition, FINISH condition, or CEE067 is raised by Language Environment.

TIMACB

Specifies an alternate Terminal Information Manager ACB name.

Related tasks

"Running the Terminal Interface Manager on more than one LPAR on the same VTAM® network" in the *IBM z/OS Debugger Customization Guide*

END

Identifies the last EQAOPTS command. You must always specify this command and make it the last command in the input stream.

Chapter 4. z/OS Debugger variables

The following table summarizes the z/OS Debugger variables. For more information about these variables, see *IBM z/OS Debugger Reference and Messages*.

z/OS Debugger variable	Value
%ADDRESS	Address of the location where your program was interrupted
%AMODE	Current AMODE of the suspended program
%BLOCK	Name of the current block
%CAAADDRESS	Address of the CAA control block associated with the suspended program
%CC	(Assembler and disassembly only) Condition code from current PSW
%CONDITION	Name or number of the condition when z/OS Debugger is entered because of an AT OCCURRENCE
%COUNTRY	Current country code
%CU	Name of the primary entry point of the current compile unit
%EPA	Address of the primary entry point in the current compile unit
%EPAR n or %EPRH n	(Assembler, disassembly, C and C++, and PL/I only) Extended-precision floating-point registers
%EPRB n	(Assembler and disassembly only) Extended-precision floating-point registers in binary format
%EPRD n	(Assembler and Disassembly only) Extended-precision floating-point registers in decimal format
%FPR n or %FPRH n	Single-precision floating-point registers in hexadecimal format
%FPRB n	(Assembler and Disassembly only) Single-precision floating-point registers in binary format
%FPRD n	(Assembler and Disassembly only) Single-precision floating-point registers in decimal format
%GPR n	32-bit base General Purpose Registers at the point of interruption in a program
%GPRG n	64-bit General Purpose Registers at the point of interruption in a program
%GPRH n	32-bit high General Purpose Registers at the point of interruption in a program
%HARDWARE	Type of hardware where the application is running
%LINE or %STATEMENT	Current source line number
%LOAD	Name of the load module of the current program, or an asterisk (*)
%LPR n or %LPRH n	Double-precision floating-point registers in hexadecimal format
%LPRB n	(Assembler and Disassembly only) Double-precision floating-point registers in binary format

z/OS Debugger variable	Value
%LPRD n	(Assembler and Disassembly only) Double-precision floating-point registers in decimal format
%NLANGUAGE	National language currently in use
%PATHCODE	Integer identifying the type of change occurring when the program flow reaches a point of discontinuity, and the path condition is raised
%PLANGUAGE	Current programming language
%PROGMASK	(Assembler and disassembly only) Program mask from current PSW
%PROGRAM	Equivalent to %CU
%PSW	(Assembler and disassembly only) Current Program Status Word
%RC	Return code from the most recent z/OS Debugger command
%RSTDSETS	A value of 1 if user settings have been restored and 0 otherwise
%RUNMODE	String identifying the presentation mode of z/OS Debugger
%R n	32-bit base General Purpose Registers for the currently qualified assembler or disassembly CU
%STATEMENT	Equivalent to %LINE
%SUBSYSTEM	Name of the underlying subsystem, if any, where the program is running
%SYSTEM	Name of the operating system supporting the program

Chapter 5. Reference card: Frequently used z/OS Debugger commands

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Setting breakpoints (stopping points) at statements in a program

- A** A is the abbreviation for AT. Enter through the prefix area of the Source window. Sets a breakpoint on line where A is entered.
- PF6** Sets a breakpoint on line where cursor is located.
- AT 509** Sets a breakpoint on line 509.
- AT LABEL label_name** Sets a breakpoint on a label, paragraph, or section name.

Clearing (removing) breakpoints set at statements in a program

- C** C is the abbreviation for CLEAR AT. Type a C in the prefix area of the Source window. When you press Enter, z/OS Debugger removes the breakpoint on the line where C is in the prefix area.
- PF6** Removes a breakpoint on line where cursor is located.
- CLEAR AT 509** Removes the breakpoint on line 509.
- CLEAR AT LABEL label_name** Clears a breakpoint from a label, paragraph, or section name.

Setting breakpoints (stopping points) triggered by a change in the value of a variable

- AT CHANGE ITEMNO** Sets a breakpoint that stops the program when the value of ITEMNO changes.
- Clearing (removing) breakpoints triggered by a change in the value of a variable**
- CLEAR AT CHANGE ITEMNO** Removes the breakpoint that stops the program when the value of ITEMNO changes.

Setting breakpoints (stopping points) at the entrance or exit of a program

- AT ENTRY cu_name** Sets a breakpoint that stops the program when it enters *cu_name*.
- AT ENTRY *** Sets breakpoints that stop a program whenever z/OS Debugger enters a known program.
- AT EXIT cu_name** Sets a breakpoint that stops the program when it exits *cu_name*.
- AT EXIT *** Sets breakpoints that stop a program whenever z/OS Debugger exits a known program.

Clearing (removing) breakpoints set at the entrance or exit of a program

- CLEAR AT ENTRY cu_name** Clears the breakpoint that stops the program when it enters *cu_name*.
- CLEAR AT ENTRY *** Clears all breakpoints that stop a program whenever z/OS Debugger enters a known program.
- CLEAR AT EXIT cu_name** Clears a breakpoint that stops the program when it exits *cu_name*.
- CLEAR AT EXIT *** Removes the breakpoints at every exit point in every program.

Making breakpoints conditional

- Add a WHEN clause to make breakpoints conditional.
- AT CHANGE ITEMNO WHEN ITEMNO = '0805'** Stop after the value of ITEMNO changes, but only if ITEMNO is equal to the specified value.
- AT CHANGE CUSTID WHEN ACCT-BAL > 100** Stop after the value of CUSTID changes, but only if ACCT-BAL is greater than the specified value.
- AT 509 WHEN ITEMNO = '0805'** Stop at statement 509, but only if ITEMNO is equal to the specified value.

Commands that work on all breakpoints

- LIST AT** Displays all breakpoints in the Log window.
- CLEAR AT** Clears all breakpoints.
- DISABLE AT** Temporarily disables (deactivates) all breakpoints.
- ENABLE AT** Enables (activates) all disabled breakpoints.

Identifying and loading a program's source and debug information

- SET DEFAULT LISTINGS source.info.library** Identifies a source library (PDS or PDSE) where z/OS Debugger searches for source files and debug information files. For example, SYSDEBUG files, LANGX files, and compiler listings. z/OS Debugger displays this information in the Source window.
- SET DEFAULT LISTINGS (source.info.lib1, source.info.lib2, ...)** Identifies a concatenation of source libraries (PDS or PDSE) where z/OS Debugger searches for source files and debug information files.
- LISTING or LIST** Displays a list of programs known to z/OS Debugger. Then, you can specify the name of the source file or debug information file for each program.
- LDD assembler_CSECT or LDD LangX_COBOL_program** Load debug information about *assembler_CSECT* or *LangX_COBOL_program* from the EQUALANGX file into the Source window.

<p>Displaying variables in the Monitor window</p> <p>SET AUTOMONITOR ON Automatically displays the values of variables referenced by the current statement in the Monitor window.</p> <p>SET AUTOMONITOR ON BOTH Automatically displays the values of variables referenced by both the current statement and the previously run statement in the Monitor window.</p> <p>MONITOR LIST ITEMNO Adds the ITEMNO variable and its value to the Monitor window.</p> <p>SET MONITOR DATATYPE ON Display the data types of variables.</p> <p>SET MON WRAP OFF Displays values on a single line. If the value is longer than the visible area, z/OS Debugger displays a scroll to indicate that there is more to see.</p> <p>CLEAR MONITOR Clears all items from the Monitor window.</p> <p>C C is the abbreviation for the CLEAR MONITOR command. Type in the letter C in the prefix area of the monitor window. When you press Enter, z/OS Debugger removes the variable on the line where C is in the prefix area.</p>	<p>Displaying variables in Log window and controlling Log window options</p> <p>LIST CUST-ID or LIST TITLED CUST-ID Displays the value of a variable. Only some programming languages require TITLED.</p> <p>PF4 or LIST Displays the value of a variable identified by the location of the cursor.</p> <p>LIST TITLED WSS or LS or FS or LOS Display contents of specific SECTIONS for COBOL programs. WSS means Working-Storage Section, LS means Linkage Section, FS means File Section, and LOS means Local-Storage Section.</p> <p>LIST TITLED * Displays the values of all variables.</p> <p>SET ECHO OFF z/OS Debugger does not display STEP and GO commands in the Log window. However, if a log file is open, z/OS Debugger writes them to the log file.</p> <p>SET LOG ON FILE file_name OLD Opens a log file. When z/OS Debugger opens the log file, all items it writes to the Log window are also written to the log file.</p>	<p>Controlling program execution</p> <p>STEP or PF2 Run one statement or line.</p> <p>GO or PF9 Run the program until z/OS Debugger encounters a breakpoint, the program finishes, or an abend occurs.</p> <p>RUNTO 27 Runs the program and then stops before it runs line 27.</p> <p>R R is the abbreviation of RUNTO. Type in the command in the prefix area of the Source window. When you press Enter, z/OS Debugger runs the program until it reaches the line with the R in the prefix area.</p> <p>GO BYPASS Resume running a program after encountering an abend. Enter this command immediately after an abend occurs. z/OS Debugger skips the statement that caused the abend and continues running the program from the next logical statement.</p>
<p>Changing values of variables</p> <p>Type over value displayed in the Monitor window Move cursor to value displayed in Monitor window, type in new value, then press Enter.</p> <p>MOVE 24 to ACCUM-X For COBOL programs, replace the value of ACCUM-X with 24.</p> <p>ACCUMX = 24 For some languages, replaces the value of ACCUMX with 24.</p>	<p>Refresh the Source window to display the current statement</p> <p>QUALIFY RESET Repositions source in the Source window so that z/OS Debugger displays the current program and current statement.</p> <p>Working with called programs</p> <p>STEP or STEP INTO When the current statement is a CALL, steps into the called program.</p> <p>STEP OVER When the current statement is a CALL, z/OS Debugger runs the called program but does not display it. z/OS Debugger stops at the statement after the call.</p> <p>LOAD program_name Make program_name known to z/OS Debugger.</p> <p>QUALIFY program_name Displays the program program_name in the Source window. When the program is displayed in the Source window, you can set a breakpoint or work with variables in that program.</p> <p>QUALIFY RESET Reposition to the current program and the current line.</p>	<p>Skipping (do not run) over program statements</p> <p>JUMPTO 27 Moves the point at which the program resumes execution to line 27, does not run any statements between the current point and line 27, and then pauses at line 27. When you enter a GO or STEP command, the program resumes running at line 27.</p> <p>GOTO 27 Moves the point at which the program resumes execution to line 27, does not run any statements between the current point and line 27, and then resumes running the program at line 27.</p>

Commands that work in the prefix area of the Source window

- A** A is the abbreviation for AT. Sets a breakpoint on the line.
- C** C is the abbreviation for CLEAR AT. Clears the breakpoint from the line.
- D** D is the abbreviation for DISABLE AT. Disables the breakpoint on the line.
- E** E is the abbreviation for ENABLE AT. Enables the breakpoint on the line.
- L** L is the abbreviation for LIST. Displays all variables referenced by the statement in the log. This prefix command works only for programs compiled with specific compilers.
- L1, L2, L3, ...** L is the abbreviation for LIST. Displays the first, second, third, and so on variable referenced by the statement in the log. This prefix command works only for programs compiled with specific compilers.
- M** M is the abbreviation for MONITOR LIST. Displays all variables reference by the statement in the Monitor window. This prefix command works only for programs compiled with specific compilers.
- M1, M2, M3, ...** M is the abbreviation for MONITOR LIST. Displays first, second, third, and so on variable referenced by the statement in the Monitor window. This prefix command works only for programs compiled with specific compilers.

Commands that work in the prefix area of the Monitor window

- C** C is the abbreviation for CLEAR MONITOR. Removes the variable from the Monitor window.
- D** D is the abbreviation for default. Displays the value of the variable in a format based on its declared data type.
- H** H is the abbreviation for hexadecimal. Displays the value of the variable in hexadecimal format.

Working with PF keys

- QUERY PFKEYS** Displays the PF key settings in the log.
- SET KEYS ON** z/OS Debugger displays the PF key settings for PF keys 1-12 at the bottom of the screen.
- SET KEYS ON 24** z/OS Debugger displays the PF key settings for PF keys 13-24 at the bottom of the screen.
- SET KEYS OFF** z/OS Debugger removes the PF key settings from the bottom of the screen.
- SET PF16 "MON" = MONITOR LIST** Example of assigning a command to a PF key. In this example, you assign the MONITOR LIST command to the PF16 key. When z/OS Debugger displays PF keys 13-24 at the bottom of the screen, it shows "PF16=MON".

Default PF key settings

- PF1 or PF13** ? (HELP)
- PF2 or PF14** STEP
- PF3 or PF15** END
- PF4 or PF16** LIST
- PF5 or PF17** FIND
- PF6 or PF18** AT/CLEAR
- PF7 or PF19** UP
- PF8 or PF20** DOWN
- PF9 or PF21** GO
- PF10 or PF22** ZOOM
- PF11 or PF23** ZOOM LOG
- PF12 or PF24** RETRIEVE

Displaying help for commands

- ?** Displays a list of commands
- AT ?** Example of displaying help for the AT command. Enter all or part of a command, followed by a question mark ("?") to display keywords that are valid at the location of the question mark.

Continuing a long command

- (dash at the end of a line)** To continue a long command (for example, a command that exceeds the size of the command line), type a dash at the end of a partial command and then press Enter. z/OS Debugger prompts you to enter the rest of the command.

Abbreviating commands

(use partial keywords)

You can abbreviate keywords in z/OS Debugger commands to the least number of letters that make the keyword unambiguous. For example, you can abbreviate the command MONITOR LIST VARX to MON LIST VARX or MO LIS VARX.

Ending a debugging session

- QUIT** Ends the debugging session and prompts you to verify that you want to end the debugging session.
- QQUIT** Ends the debugging session without prompting you.
- QUIT DEBUG** Ends the debugging session but program continues to run. z/OS Debugger will not be restarted.
- QUIT DEBUG TASK** This command works only for CICS. Ends debugging session but the program continues to run. z/OS Debugger will not be restarted. To start z/OS Debugger, start another iteration of a pseudo-conversational task.
- QUIT ABEND** Ends the debugging session and terminates the program with an abend at the current location.

Chapter 6. Reference card: Frequently used z/OS Debugger commands while debugging assembler programs

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Setting breakpoints (stopping points) in a program

- A** Type A in prefix area of the Source window on line where you want to set a breakpoint. Press Enter. z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint on that line. (A is the abbreviation for AT.)
- PF6** Move cursor to line where you want to set the breakpoint. Press PF6. z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint on that line.
- AT 509** z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint on line 509.
- AT EXIT *** z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint at every program exit point.
- AT ENTRY *** z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint at every program entry point.
- AT ENTRY *curname*** z/OS Debugger sets a breakpoint at entry point of *curname*.

Clearing (removing) breakpoints set in a program

- C** Type a C in the prefix area of the Source window on a line containing a breakpoint you want to remove. Press Enter. z/OS Debugger removes the breakpoint on that line. (C is the abbreviation for CLEAR AT.)
- PF6** Move cursor to line where you want to remove the breakpoint. Press PF6. z/OS Debugger removes the breakpoint on that line.
- CLEAR AT 509** z/OS Debugger removes the breakpoint on line 509.
- CLEAR AT EXIT *** z/OS Debugger removes breakpoints from every program exit point.
- CLEAR AT ENTRY *** z/OS Debugger removes breakpoints from every program entry point.
- CLEAR AT** z/OS Debugger removes all breakpoints.

Set a deferred breakpoint

A deferred breakpoint is a breakpoint you set on a program that is not yet known to z/OS Debugger.

- AT ENTRY *curname***
If the block name is the same as *curname*, you no longer have to specify *curname* as *curname*; >*curname*.

Setting conditional breakpoints

- AT CHANGE ITEMNO**
After the value of ITEMNO changes, z/OS Debugger stops the program. ITEMNO must be known through DC, DS, or USING.
- AT CHANGE _STORAGE (R6 + 1::5)**
After the data at the address (R6+1) changes, z/OS Debugger stops the program.
- Example of how to stop when a variable reaches a specific value, display line number where program stopped, then display value of ITEMNO:

```
AT CHANGE ITEMNO WHEN ITEMNO = '00006' DO QUERY LOC;
LIST ('ITEMNO CHANGED HERE', ITEMNO)
END; GO; ;
```

You can substitute ITEMNO = '00006', with ITEMNO = 6 or _STORAGE (R6 + 1::5). The AT CHANGE, WHEN, and DO clause must be on the same line.

Clearing (removing) conditional breakpoints

- CLEAR AT CHANGE ITEMNO**
z/OS Debugger removes the breakpoint that stops the program when the value of ITEMNO changes.

Viewing data within a program

- MONITOR LIST ITEMNO SET MON WRAP OFF**
z/OS Debugger adds the variable ITEMNO and its current value to the Monitor window, and displays everything on one line.
- LIST ITEMNO**
z/OS Debugger adds contents of ITEMNO to the log.
- SET AUTO ON**
z/OS Debugger automatically displays values in the Monitor window.
- SET AUTO ON LOG**
z/OS Debugger automatically displays values in the log.

Monitor window prefix commands

Type these letters into the prefix area of the Monitor window.

- C** z/OS Debugger runs the CLEAR MONITOR *n* command, where *n* is the monitor number assigned to the variable being monitored on that line.
- H** Display the value of the variables on this line in hexadecimal format.
- DEF** Display the value of the variables on this line in their declared format.
- Changing values of variables**
- ITEMNO = '00006'**
z/OS Debugger replaces the value of ITEMNO with 00006.

Type over the displayed value

In the Monitor window, if the value is between black boxes, type the new value over the displayed value.

Working with called programs

- STEP INTO**
z/OS Debugger steps into the program being called and continues stepping through that program.
- STEP OVER**
z/OS Debugger runs the program being called without displaying the source for that program.
- Enter the following series of commands to do the following tasks:
1. Identify *progname* to z/OS Debugger.
 2. Be able to set a breakpoint in *progname*.
 3. Display the source of *progname* in the Source window.

```
LOAD progname;
QUALIFY progname
QUALIFY RESET;
```

Return to or find the next line to run**QUALIFY RESET**

z/OS Debugger displays, in the Source window, the next line it will run.

Load assembler & OSVS COBOL debugging information

LDD *asmsect*
z/OS Debugger loads debug information from EQALANGX into the Source window.

LDD *oscob, prog*
z/OS Debugger loads debug information from EQALANGX into the Source window.

Working with registers

MON LI REG
z/OS Debugger adds all registers to the Monitor window.

LIST STORAGE (%GPR6->+1,5);
z/OS Debugger display 5 bytes of storage starting at the address pointed to by register 6 plus 1 byte.

MON LI STORAGE (R6->+1,5);
z/OS Debugger adds to the Monitor window the 5 bytes of storage starting at the address pointed to by register 6 plus 1 byte.

MON LI STORAGE (R6 + 1;:5)
z/OS Debugger adds to the Monitor window the 5 bytes of storage starting at the address pointed to by register 6 plus 1 byte.

Controlling program execution

STEP
Run one instruction.

PF2
PF key to run one instruction.

GO
Run the program until it abends, encounters a breakpoint, or finishes.

PF9
PF key to run the program until it abends, encounters a breakpoint, or finishes.

JUMPTO 27
z/OS Debugger makes line 27 the current point of execution, but does not run line 27.

RUNTO 27
z/OS Debugger runs the program to line 27, then stops.

Saving monitors, breakpoints and settings across debugging sessions

SAVE MONITORS
z/OS Debugger saves all variables being monitored in the Monitor window.

SAVE BPS
z/OS Debugger saves all the breakpoints.

SAVE SETTINGS
z/OS Debugger saves all the settings set by the SET command.

RESTORE MONITORS
z/OS Debugger restores all the variables saved by the SAVE MONITORS command to the Monitor window.

RESTORE BPS
z/OS Debugger restores all the breakpoints saved by the SAVE BPS command.

RESTORE SETTINGS
z/OS Debugger restores all the settings saved by the SAVE SETTINGS command.

Memory window

MEMORY ITEMNO
z/OS Debugger displays raw storage beginning at the location of ITEMNO.

MEMORY X'2503D008'
z/OS Debugger displays memory beginning base address X'2503D008'.

SWAP MEMORY LOG
z/OS Debugger switches between the Memory window and the Log window.

SET EQUATE SW= 'SWAP MEM LOG'
z/OS Debugger assigns the letters "SW" with the command SWAP MEMORY LOG. Afterwards, you enter SW to switch between the Memory window and the Log window.

CICS pseudo-conversational programs

SET TEST ERROR
z/OS Debugger does not stop for Language Environment class 1 exceptions: EXEC CICS RETURN and STOP RUN in batch.

QUIT DEBUG TASK

Stop z/OS Debugger for this task.

Technique to bypass an abend condition

GO BYPASS
Skip the exception condition and stop at the next breakpoint.

Technique to call Fault Analyzer for DUMP

CALL %FA
z/OS Debugger produces a DUMP that Fault Analyzer can use in its analysis.

End program debugging (testing)

QUIT
Ends z/OS Debugger and program stops running.

QQUIT
Ends z/OS Debugger without prompt.

QUIT DEBUG
Ends z/OS Debugger but program continues running.

QUIT DEBUG TASK
Ends z/OS Debugger but program continues running.

QUIT ABEND
Causes a ROLLBACK for IMS and Db2 programs.

Suggested PF key settings

PF1
"PF13/24"=SET KEYS 24;

PF2
"KEEP"=MON LOCAL %CU LIST CURSOR;

PF3
"QUIT"=QUIT;

PF4
"CURRLINE"=QUALIFY RESET

PF5
"FIND"=FIND;

PF7
"UP"=SCROLL UP;

PF8
"DOWN"=SCROLL DOWN;

PF9
"GO 1"=STEP

PF10
"ZOOM WIN"=IMMEDIATE ZOOM;

PF11
"ZOOM LOG"=WINDOW ZOOM LOG;

PF12
"GO"=GO;

PF13
"PF1/12"=SET KEYS 12;

PF14
"CLR KEEP"=CLEAR MONITOR;

PF15
"QUIT"=QUIT;

PF16
"LIST CSR"=LIST CURSOR;

PF17
"FIND"=IMMEDIATE FIND;

PF18
"AT/CLEAR"=AT TOGGLE;

PF19
"TOP"=TOP;

PF20
"BOTTOM"=BOT;

PF21
"GO 1"=STEP;

PF22
"ZOOM WIN"=IMMEDIATE ZOOM;

PF23
"ZOOM LOG"=WINDOW ZOOM LOG;

PF24
"RETRIEVE"=IMMEDIATE RETRIEVE;

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