DSP56300 Assembly Code Development Using the Motorola Toolsets

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INTRODUCTION

1.1   INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this application report is to provide integrated supplementary information for the Motorola assembly code toolsets used for the Motorola DSP56300 family of Digital Signal Processors (DSPs). It covers various aspects of the DSP56300 Assembler, Linker, Simulator, and debugger. A detailed example is supplied for management of multifile assembly code projects in the UNIX environment. Overview-level information concerning the Simulator and the Application Development System (ADS) is related, along with helpful tips for facilitating software development that will be especially beneficial to users new to the toolset.

It is assumed that the reader already has the user's manuals for the Motorola DSP56300 Assembler, Linker, Simulator, and debugger. These may be found on the Motorola DSP World Wide Web site, beginning at the following address:

```
http://www.motorola-dsp.com/documentation
```

Note: The example code presented in this application report may be downloaded from the Motorola DSP website at the following address:

```
http://www.motorola-dsp.com/documentation/appnotes
```

1.2   TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

A number of tools are described in this document and represented by acronyms. The following list provides a reference point for the four terms most crucial to the reader's understanding of the processes under examination.

- **ADM**—*Application Development Modules.* This is the DSP evaluation board in the ADS. The ADM generally does not contain analog/digital conversion hardware.

- **ADS**—*Application Development System.* This is a multiboard DSP development system consisting of a host card (available for several platforms), a Command Converter (universal for all platforms and all Motorola DSPs), an ADM, and the Motorola debugger (in both text-based and Graphical User Interface versions). As opposed to an Evaluation Module system, ADS versions are available for several platforms, but the ADS generally does not include analog/digital conversion hardware.

- **CLAS**—*Callable modules Linker relocatable Assembler and Simulator.* This includes the Assembler, Linker, Simulator (in both text-based and Graphical User Interface versions), librarian, lint, and various object file format conversion utilities.

C source code is included, allowing the user to integrate these tools into customer-designed tools by using the callable modules, which the Linker may then link into an executable object file.

- **DSP563xxEVM**—*Evaluation Module.* This is a single board, generally including a codec (analog/digital converter). It comprises the hardware portion of a low-cost DSP evaluation system that employs an IBM-compatible PC as the development host. The Domain debugger is the software portion of the evaluation module system.

1.3   SCOPE

This document addresses the use of the following software tools:

- UNIX and DOS-based "make" utilities
- From "CLAS" package:
  - Motorola DSP56300 Assembler (asm56300)
  - Motorola DSP Linker (dsplnk)
  - Motorola DSP56300 Simulator (sim56300/gui56300)
- From "ADS" package:
  - Motorola DSP56300 debugger (ads56300/gds56300)

This document does NOT address the use of the following software tools:

- C Compilers (e.g., Motorola "g563c")
- Domain debugger (for Evaluation Modules; runs only on IBM PC-compatible computer)

Note: The Domain debugger implements the same features as the Motorola debugger but uses a somewhat different interface.

SECTION   2

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FLOW

2.1 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FLOW

Figure 2-1 illustrates the software development process flow for DSP56300 assembly code using the UNIX environment and an ADS system. Except for the Domain debugger and the C Compiler, the most commonly used software and hardware tools are included. Several noteworthy aspects in this figure are discussed in **Section 2.1.1** through **Section 2.1.3**.

2.1.1 The "make" Function

The "make" function is used to provide integrated control over the entire assembly and linking process, also called the "build" process. The UNIX file called "makefile" contains all pertinent control information the UNIX "make" command needs to actuate this process. An example makefile is shown in **Example 3-1** on page 3-5.

2.1.2 Filename Conventions

The following filename conventions are observed in **Figure 2-1** on page 2-5:

- Assembler and Linker input and output files designated by command line options are shown along with the associated command line option (e.g., "-L" to generate a listing file).

- Note that for a single source file project, the linking process may be bypassed by including the Assembler command line option "-A" (Absolute object file).

- The Linker command line file may be arbitrarily named; "*.cli" is shown in the figure as an example choice.

- The srec output filename extensions designate the target memory space for the file.

2.1.3 Target Boards

- The Command Converter version must be at least 5.0 for connection with a DSP563xx target and at least 6.0 for a multi-DSP connection (as is depicted in the user target board in **Figure 2-1**).

- Three different types of targets may be used (ADM, Evaluation Module, or user target board). Only one such target may be used at a given time; this is done by connecting the On-Chip Emulation (OnCE™)/ Joint Test Action Group (JTAG) cable from the Command Converter to the JTAG connector on the chosen target board. The ability to use either an ADM or an Evaluation Module allows the usage of all devices in the DSP56300 family with the same toolset and platform. It may be necessary to modify jumper connections on an Evaluation Module in order to reconfigure it for connection to a Command Converter. The Evaluation Module User's Manual should be consulted for reconfiguration instructions.

- A multi-DSP connection uses a daisy-chain configuration, in which TDO (Test Data Output) from a DSP's JTAG port is connected to TDI (Test Data Input) in the JTAG port of the next DSP in the chain. The other JTAG signals from the Command Converter go to all target DSPs in parallel (not shown in **Figure 2-1**). The Motorola ADS debugger supports JTAG daisy-chains of up to twenty-four DSPs.

- A *development host computer*, which communicates with a target DSP through the DSP's JTAG port, is indicated in **Figure 2-1**. This should not be confused with a *target host computer*, used in some applications to interface with a target DSP through the DSP's host port.

Figure 2-**1** Assembly Code Development Flow

2.2 SHARED TOOLSET RESOURCES

 Table 2-1 shows how software and hardware tools are shared among various DSP device types. Examples of Motorola DSP families are the DSP56000, DSP56300, and DSP56600 families.

Table 2-1   Shared Toolset Resources

Tool Applicability	Software Tools	Hardware Tools
For all DSPs	Linker, utilities	host card, Command Converter
Per DSP family	Assembler, Simulator, ADS debugger	(n/a)
Per DSP device	(n/a)	ADM, Evaluation Module

SECTION 3

SOFTWARE BUILD PROCESS

3.1 INTRODUCTION

In this section an example software project is used to illustrate the build process (assembly and linking) outlined in the previous section. The sample files have been written to demonstrate key concepts while remaining as simple and short as possible. This section uses italics for *files* and boldface for **commands**.

Figure 3-1 illustrates the involved file hierarchy for the project. In this figure, *files output* from the Assembler and Linker are italicized. The file *makefile* is used to build two different executable applications, *app1.cld* and *app2.cld*, each of which utilizes several code modules (assembly source files). Some code modules are particular to a given application (those in the app1/ and app2/ directories), while others are common to both applications (those in proj_dir/ and common/). The *makefile* directs the Assembler to put listing files in list/, and object files in obj/. It also tells the Linker to put the memory map files in the directory related to the project being built (app1/ or app2/).
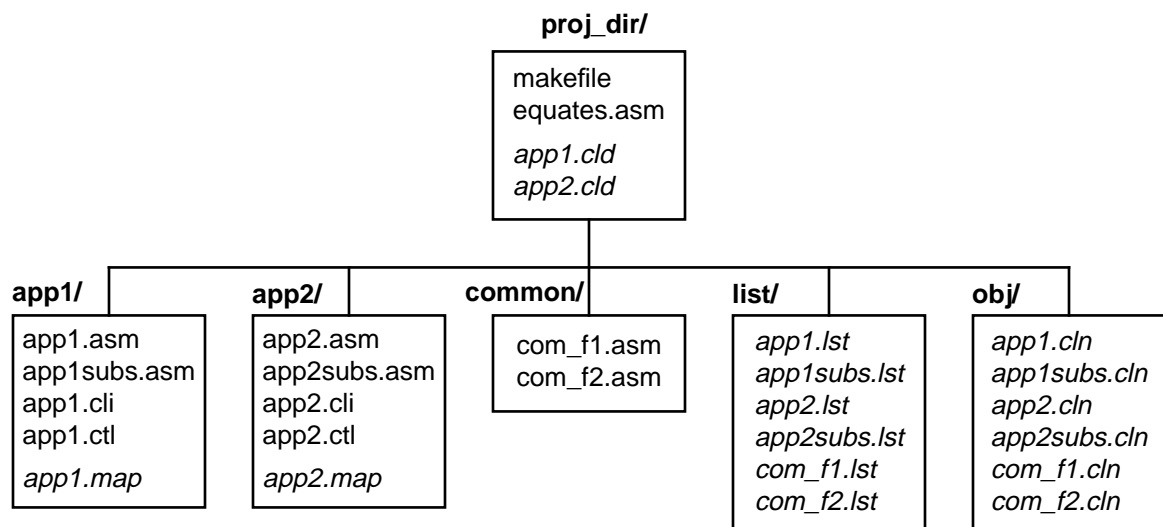
Figure 3-1 File Hierarchy for Example Software Project

The following sections discuss the files necessary to build the *app1.cld* application but not the *app2.cld* application, as that information would be redundant.

3.2   PROJECT MAKEFILE

Subsections of **Section 3.2** explain both the use of makefile in the Sun UNIX environment and the means by which it can be ported to DOS for IBM-compatible PC use.

3.2.1   UNIX Example

A listing of the *makefile*, which runs under the SUN implementation of the UNIX **make** command, is contained in **Example 3-1**. The mechanics of the *makefile* are covered in **Figure 3-2** on page 3-6. The applications *app1.cld* and *app2.cld* are created from the UNIX command line prompt by making proj_dir/ the working directory and then typing **make app1** or **make app2**, respectively. The cleanup option can be invoked with **make clean** in order to remove the Assembler output files. This is useful when a rebuild is desired to use dependency files that have not been changed since the previous build of the same application. All path specifications in the makefile are relative to the directory containing the makefile.

Example 3-**1**   *makefile* Listing

```
#--------------------------------------------------------------------
# file:         "makefile"
# version:      961105
# target files: app1.cld, app2.cld
#--------------------------------------------------------------------
# host:         {host type}
# op sys:       {name / version}
# assembler:    asm56300 {version}
# linker:       dsplnk {version}
# target:       563xx
# target bd:    {adm / evm / user target board}
#--------------------------------------------------------------------

app1:           app1.cld

app2:           app2.cld

app1.cld:app1files\
                commonfiles
        dsplnk -fapp1/app1.cli

app2.cld:app2files\
                commonfiles
        dsplnk -fapp2/app2.cli

app1files:obj/app1.cln\
                obj/app1_subs.cln

app2files:obj/app2.cln\
                obj/app2_subs.cln

commonfiles:obj/com_f1.cln\
                obj/com_f2.cln

obj/%.cln : app1/%.asm
        asm56300 -bobj/$*.cln -llist/$*.lst app1/$*

obj/%.cln : app2/%.asm
        asm56300 -bobj/$*.cln -llist/$*.lst app2/$*

obj/%.cln : common/%.asm
        asm56300 -bobj/$*.cln -llist/$*.lst common/$*

clean:
        rm *.cld obj/*.cln list/*.lst
```

Project makefile

The various components of the *makefile* are described in **Figure 3-2**. In this figure, only the parts of the file used to build *app1.cld* are shown. The figure shows the chain of targets and dependencies, whereby a dependency in one link of the chain becomes a target in the next link of the chain. Note that the command lines passed to the operating system shell (such as the assembly and link command lines) must have a tab and not a space as the very first character or the **make** process will fail, giving a "Fatal error in reader" message.
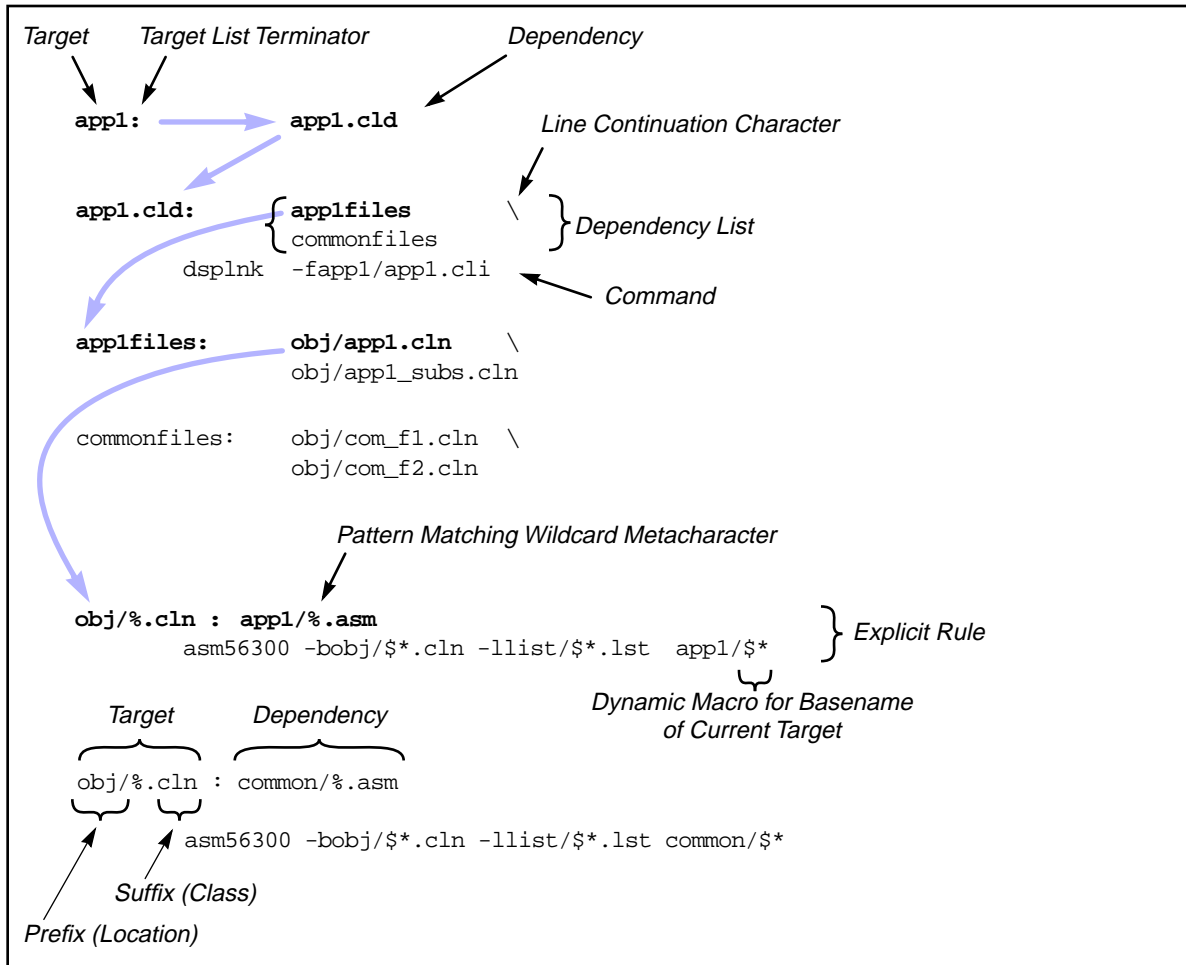
AA1051

Figure 3-2 *makefile* Components

The syntax required in a makefile may differ according to the make implementation employed. The **make** implementations vary according to the platform used (e.g., DOS vs. UNIX) and the vendor's implementation of the operating system being run on a given platform.

In the UNIX environment, additional information on the *makefile* and the **make** command may be obtained from the on-line manual pages (**man make** at the UNIX prompt).

3.2.2 Porting from UNIX to DOS

If the project is being used in the DOS environment, the following changes must be made:

1. Change all directory and filenames to legal DOS names and use "\" instead of "/" to denote directories. This would apply to the files themselves and to the file references in the makefile.

2. From the UNIX environment, convert each involved file to the DOS format using the **unix2dos** command. This just changes the carriage return/line feed format for end-of-line designators. Since **unix2dos** can only convert one file at a time, the following shell script may prove handy:

   Example 3-2   Shell Script for Multi-File UNIX to DOS Conversion

   ```
   #! /bin/csh

   foreach FILE (`/bin/ls`)
       if ( ! -d $FILE ) then        # don't try to convert nested directories
           unix2dos $FILE $FILE
       endif
   end

   exit 0
   ```

   Note: The UNIX **dos2unix** command performs the opposite conversion. This is useful for porting from DOS to UNIX.

3. Convert the *makefile* explicit rule syntax to the format required by the chosen DOS **make** implementation. For example, the following comparison illustrates the differences in explicit rule syntax between the SunOS **make** (UNIX) and the Borland **make** (DOS).

Example 3-**3**   *makefile* Explicit Rule Syntax Comparison

SunOS **make** (UNIX):

```
obj/%.cln : app1/%.asm
        asm56300 -bobj/$*.cln -llist/$*.lst app1/$*
```

Borland **make** (DOS):

```
{app1\}.asm.cln:
        asm56300 -bobj\$&.cln -llist\$&.lst app1\$*
```

3.3   ASSEMBLY CODE FILES

In this section, examples are given in dummy code to show the assembly source code files. Note that like C Compilers, the Assembler is case-sensitive.

Assembly code file *app1.asm*   (**Example 3**-**4**) contains several sections. Sections are useful because the Linker can independently relocate them in memory (e.g., to ensure that frequently run code is placed in faster internal memory). They are also useful for privacy implementations (limiting the scope of variables).

Example 3-4 *app1.asm*

```
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:          "app1.asm"
; revision:      961105
; target file:   app1.cld
; description:   main file for "app1" application; demonstrates multifile
;                assembly coding techniques
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------


;...............................................................................
        section    app1_vec

        xref       start               ; reference to external symbol

        org        p:0                 ; beginning of exception "vector" table
        jmp        start

        ds         $fe                 ; define storage block (available for
                                       ; remainder of vector table)

        endsec
;...............................................................................
        section    app1_main

        include    'equates.asm'

        xdef       start               ; symbol declaration for external usage
        xref       a1_sub1,cf1_sub,cf2_sub,data1,data2

        org        p:START             ; absolute origin (linker cannot relocate)

start   move       #>VAL1,a1           ; move immediate value to reg, rt justified
        jsr        a1_sub1             ; jump to (external) subroutine
        jsr        cf1_sub
        jsr        cf2_sub
        move       y1,x:data1
        jmp        start

        endsec
;...............................................................................
         section   app1_data

        xdef       data1,data2

        org        x:

data1   ds         1
data2   ds         1

        endsec
;...............................................................................
```

Relocatable portions of code or data may be designated by using an indefinite origin for a given memory space (such as "x:"). The first such portion in a given assembly source file will be mapped beginning at location zero in the specified memory space in the relocatable image that the Assembler produces. The Linker may relocate this portion of the code or data to a new address in the executable image. The relocation may be seen by comparing the *.lst* and *.map* files.

Privacy limitations may be imposed on symbols (which are memory locations or values, such as equates). Symbols defined within a section are not normally visible outside that section. The Assembler directive **xdef** is used inside a "source" section to define the symbol for use in another section (the "destination" section). The **xref** directive is used inside the "destination" section to reference symbols defined using **xdef** in the "source" section. These two sections may or may not be in the same file.

An alternate method is to declare a symbol as a **global** inside a section or to define the symbol outside any section. This results in a globally defined symbol that can be referenced from other sections without using **xref**. More detailed information on this and related subjects may be found in the **Software Project Management** section in the Motorola DSP Assembler Reference Manual.

In a section, externally defined symbols result in "holes" in the relocatable image file generated by the Assembler. These "holes" are unresolved external references. The Linker must then "plug" the holes by resolving the references.

Example 3-5 depicts a minimal equate file to illustrate the process of equate file inclusion in the assembly source code files. Note that this file is included locally (inside a section) in *app1.asm, app1subs.asm, com_f1.asm,* and *com_f2.asm.* This results in the multiple listings of "START" and "VAL1" as absolute local variables in the "Symbol Listing by Name" section of *app1.map* (**Example 3-13**). If *equate.asm* were included globally (outside any section) in more than one source file used in a given build, the Linker would give a "Duplicate global symbol" error.

Practical equate files are often long enough that the programmer may want to suppress their display in the listing file created for each source file that includes them. This redundant information may be eliminated by using the **nolist** Assembler directive immediately before the **include** directive in the source file and the **list** directive immediately afterward.

Example 3-5 *equates.asm*

```
;------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:                 "equates.asm"
; revision:             961105
; description:          equate file for "app1" and "app2" applications
;------------------------------------------------------------------------------


START       equ         $100
VAL1        equ         1
```

An alternate way of using an equate file is to explicitly specify it in the build process (in *makefile*) rather than including it in each source file that uses it. The result is assembly of the equate file into a separate relocatable image file (**.cln*). This could be referred to as the "discrete equate file method", as opposed to the "included equate file method" previously described.

This method has the advantage of equate file inclusion in the dependency process. If the equate file is edited, a succeeding build will automatically cause any files dependent on it to be reassembled and relinked (for the application being rebuilt).

However, this method has a major disadvantage in terms of reuse of the equates. Even if the equates to be reused are global symbols or are referenced using **xdef/xref**, they can not be used in expressions in separately assembled files. Although the Linker can fill "holes" in the relocatable image files using external references, it is not designed to perform any calculations using the value of the external reference. The Assembler will catch this error before the process gets to the link stage and will issue a warning. Using the "discrete equate file method", the following statements would cause the Assembler to give an error saying, "Expression contains forward references".

Example 3-6 Illegal Forward References with Non-Included Equates

```
            org         p:START+$100   ; The file defining START and VAL1 is not included
            move        #>VAL1+1,a1    ;  in this file.  All three of these statements
VAL2        equ         VAL1+1         ;  will result in errors during assembly.
```

Example 3-7   *app1_subs.asm*

```
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:        "app1_subs.asm"
; revision:    961105
; description: subroutines used for "app1" application
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

;...............................................................................
        section app1_subs

        include    'equates.asm'            ; this allows equates from the included file to
                                            ; be reused in this file in expressions,
                                            ; including nested equates
        xdef       a1_sub1

        org        p:
a1_sub1 move       #>VAL1+1,b1              ; equate reused in an expression
        rts

        endsec

;...........................................................................
```

Example 3-8   *com_f1.asm*

```
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:        "com_f1.asm"
; revision:    961105
; description: routines common to "app1" and "app2" applications
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

;...............................................................................
        section com_f1

        include    'equates.asm'

        xdef       cf1_sub

        org        p:
cf1_sub move       #>VAL1+$c0,x1
        rts

        endsec

;...........................................................................
```

<div align="center">**Example 3**-**9**   *com_f2.asm*</div>

```
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:       "com_f2.asm"
; revision:   961105
; description: routines common to "app1" and "app2" applications
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

;...............................................................................
          section com_f2

          include   'equates.asm'

          xdef      cf2_sub

          org       p:
cf2_sub   move      #>VAL1+$c1,y1
          rts

          endsec

;..............................................................................
```

3.4   LINKER FILES

Example 3-**10** shows the Linker command line extension file *app1.cli* , which may be used to prevent unusably long command lines (especially when large numbers of files are involved). Each relocatable image file (**.cln*) must be listed. The -**p** option is used to specify that the **.cln* files are in the obj/ directory. (This is the relative path from the directory containing the makefile.)

Example 3-10   *app1.cli*

```
;----------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:          app1.cli
; revision:      961105
; description:   linker command line extension file for "app1" application
;----------------------------------------------------------------------

-bapp1.cld
-mapp1/app1.map
-rapp1/app1.ctl
-pobj
app1.cln
app1_subs.cln
com_f1.cln
com_f2.cln
```

Example 3-11 lists the Linker control file *app1.ctl*. The Linker provides various means of generating warning messages if code "overflows" into undesired memory regions (which either may be allocated for other purposes or may not physically exist in the target system). The **region** command specifies the size of an allocated block and is used in conjunction with the **base** command, which denotes the beginning location for the block. (Related commands are **memory**, which specifies the upper boundary of an available region, and **reserve**, which specifies both the lower and upper boundaries of an unavailable region.)

Using the Linker **section** command in the format shown in the figure, the sections are linked in the order listed. (The result of this can be seen in the Section Link Map by Address table in *app1.map* in **Example 3**-13.) The linking order can be significant in some cases. For example, sections containing relocatable portions of code or data that should be placed in lower memory (i.e., faster internal memory) should be listed first. Section names may be the same or different from file names.

If a **.ctl* file is not used, the Linker will link sections in correspondence to the order in which the source file names are provided to the Linker and the order of the sections in each source file.

Example 3-11 *app1.ctl*

```
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------
; file:         app1.ctl
; revision:     961105
; description:  linker control file for "app1" application
;-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

reserve pi:$400..$4FF

region region_name1 p:$400
 base p:$0

 section app1_vec
 section app1_main
 section app1_subs

 section com_f2                     ; these two sections listed in reverse order from that
 section com_f1                     ;   used in app1.cli; linker uses order shown here

endr
```

3.5   LISTING FILES

Example 3-12 and **Example 3-13** show the Assembler listing (*app1.lst*) for the main application file and Linker listing (*app1.map*) for the application, respectively.

Example 3-12 *app1.lst*

```
Motorola DSP56300 Assembler  Version 6.1.1   96-11-06  09:02:02  app1/app1.asm
  Page 1


1                               ;----------------------------------------------------
2                               ; file:        "app1.asm"
3                               ; revision:    961105
4                               ; target file: app1.cld
5                               ; description: main file for "app1" application;
                                               demonstrates multifile
6                               ;              assembly coding techniques
7                               ;----------------------------------------------------
8
9                               ;....................................................
10                                      section app1_vec
11
12                                      xref    start
                                                        ; reference to external symbol
13
14      P:000000                        org     p:0
                                                        ; beginning of exception "vector" table
15      P:000000 0AF080                 jmp     start
                 000100
16
17      P:000002                        ds      $fe
                                                        ;  define storage block (available for
18                                                      ;  remainder of vector table)
19
20                                      endsec
21
22                              ;....................................................
23                                      section app1_main
24
25                                      include 'equates.asm'
                                                        ; allows "nested equates"
26                              ;----------------------------------------------------
27                              ; file:        "equates.asm"
28                              ; revision:    961105
29                              ; description: equate file for "app1" and "app2"
                                               applications
30                              ;----------------------------------------------------
31
32      000100          START  equ     $100
33      000001          VAL1   equ     1
34
```

Example 3-12 *app1.lst* (Continued)

```
35                              xdef    start
                                        ; symbol declaration for external usage
36                              xref    a1_sub1,cf1_sub,cf2_sub,data1,data2
37
38      P:000100                org     p:START
                                        ; absolute origin (linker cannot relocate)
39
40      P:000100 54F400  start  move        #>VAL1,a1
                                        ; move immediate value to reg, rt justified
                 000001
41      P:000102 0BF080         jsr    a1_sub1
                                        ; jump to (external) subroutine
                 000000
42      P:000104 0BF080         jsr    cf1_sub
                 000000
43      P:000106 0BF080         jsr    cf2_sub
                 000000
44      P:000108 477000         move        y1,x:data1
                 000000
45      P:00010A 0C0100         jmp    start
46
47                              endsec
48
49                      ;....................................................
50                              section app1_data
51
52                              xdef    data1,data2
53
54      X:000000                org     x:
55
56      X:000000        data1   ds     1
57      X:000001        data2   ds     1
58
59                              endsec
60
61                      ;....................................................

0    Errors
0    Warnings
```

Example 3-13 *app1.map*

```
Motorola DSP Linker  Version 6.1.1   96-11-06  09:02:04  app1/app1.map  Page 1

                        Section Link Map by Address

X Memory (0 - default)

Start    End        Length    Section
000000   000001          2    app1_data
000002   FFFFFF   16777214    UNUSED

P Memory (0 - default)

Start    End        Length    Section
000000   0000FF        256    app1_vec          Abs
000100   00010A         11    app1_main         Abs
00010B   00010D          3    app1_subs
00010E   000110          3    com_f2
000111   000113          3    com_f1
000114   0003FF        748    UNUSED
000400   0004FF        256    RESERVE
000500   FFFFFF   16775936    UNUSED

                        Section Link Map by Name

Section              Memory      Start    End        Length
GLOBAL               None
RESERVE              P (0)       000400   0004FF        256
app1_data            X (0)       000000   000001          2
app1_main     Abs    P (0)       000100   00010A         11
app1_subs            P (0)       00010B   00010D          3
app1_vec      Abs    P (0)       000000   0000FF        256
com_f1               P (0)       000111   000113          3
com_f2               P (0)       00010E   000110          3
```

Example 3-13 *app1.map* (Continued)

```
                  Symbol Listing by Name

Name            Type     Value               Section        Attributes
START............int     000100              app1_main      ABS LOCAL
START............int     000100              app1_subs      ABS LOCAL
START............int     000100              com_f1         ABS LOCAL
START............int     000100              com_f2         ABS LOCAL
VAL1.............int     000001              app1_main      ABS LOCAL
VAL1.............int     000001              app1_subs      ABS LOCAL
VAL1.............int     000001              com_f1         ABS LOCAL
VAL1.............int     000001              com_f2         ABS LOCAL
a1_sub1..........int     P:00010B            app1_subs      REL EXTERN
cf1_sub..........int     P:000111            com_f1         REL EXTERN
cf2_sub..........int     P:00010E            com_f2         REL EXTERN
data1............int     X:000000            app1_data      REL EXTERN
data2............int     X:000001            app1_data      REL EXTERN
start............int     P:000100            app1_main      ABS EXTERN


                  Symbol Listing by Value

Value       Name        Value       Name        Value       Name
000000      data1       000001      VAL1        000001      VAL1
000001      VAL1        000001      VAL1        000001      data2
000100      START       000100      START       000100      START
000100      START       000100      start       00010B      a1_sub1
00010E      cf2_sub     000111      cf1_sub
```

3.6　EXECUTABLE FILE

Example 3-**14** shows the executable image (*app1.cld*) as viewed from the Simulator. The actual characters entered at the Simulator command line are displayed in **boldface**. For illustrative purposes, the different source code sections have been manually separated by blank lines.

Example 3-**14**　Executable Image Viewed from Simulator

```
MOTOROLA DSP56300 SIMULATOR:  VERSION 6.1.6 10-22-96

radix hex
load app1
Loading file:./app1.cld

disassemble p:0#4
p:$000000 0af080 000100 = jmp >$100 ; p:start
p:$000002 000000        = nop
p:$000003 000000        = nop
p:$000004 000000        = nop

disassemble p:100#10
p:$000100 54f400 000001 = move #>$1,a1
p:$000102 0bf080 00010b = jsr >$10b ; p:a1_sub1
p:$000104 0bf080 000111 = jsr >$111 ; p:cf1_sub
p:$000106 0bf080 00010e = jsr >$10e ; p:cf2_sub
p:$000108 477000 000000 = move y1,x:>$0 ; x:data1
p:$00010a 0c0100        = jmp <$100 ; p:start

p:$00010b 55f400 000002 = move #>$2,b1
p:$00010d 00000c        = rts

p:$00010e 47f400 0000c2 = move #>$c2,y1
p:$000110 00000c        = rts

p:$000111 45f400 0000c1 = move #>$c1,x1
p:$000113 00000c        = rts

p:$000114 000000        = nop
p:$000115 000000        = nop
p:$000116 000000        = nop
p:$000117 000000        = nop

quit
```

SECTION   4

USAGE OF SIMULATOR VERSUS DEBUGGER

4.1   OVERVIEW

The Simulator and debugger both allow comprehensive evaluation of the target DSP as well as emulation of user algorithms.

The DSP56300 Simulator is based on behavioral level models of the devices and therefore gives a fully accurate representation of the actual behavior of the device as it has been designed (for a particular mask set revision). An alternate type of simulation is based on the design specification for the device. This method was used for the DSP56000 Simulator and results in generally faster simulation times, but in rare cases it can mean a less accurate representation of the behavior of the actual device.

Because it would serve little purpose to simulate all hardware on the DSP, the DSP56300 Simulator does not cover the entire device. Since the DSP56300 Simulator does not have to interface with ports on an actual hardware device, it does not emulate the JTAG and OnCE circuitry in the DSP. Also, the Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) is not emulated, as the simulation time is based on integral numbers of core clock cycles (as opposed to cycles on the DSP's EXTAL clock input pin). Aside from these limitations, the Simulator exactly simulates all core functions, peripheral actions, pipeline activities, exception processing, and internal and external memory accesses of the DSP.

The ADS allows the user to exercise all functionality of the target device. This accessibility comes through control of the OnCE circuitry, which is accessed via the JTAG interface in the DSP.

4.2   RELATIVE ADVANTAGES

Obviously, the hardware debugger will require far less time than the software Simulator to execute a given portion of code. However, for certain situations there are advantages to either method.

The Simulator may be easier to use than the debugger for the following cases:

- Short algorithms (the slowness of the simulation time becomes less of an issue)
- Large files (downloads of large files from the debugger to the target board can be slow)
- Detailed analysis of complicated internal workings of the DSP, such as usage of the instruction pipeline

The ADS is necessary, or tends to be more useful, in these situations:

- DSP interfaced with external hardware that can not easily be simulated

- Timing needs investigation with a resolution smaller than single core clock cycles

- Very long algorithms (may take a prohibitively long time to simulate)

- Usage of peripherals which are running much more slowly than the core clock: the Simulator must execute every core clock cycle, regardless of the peripheral clock division.

Obviously, there are many other situations in which usage of the actual hardware is necessary (for observing voltage levels, measuring current consumption, etc.).

4.3   USER COMMAND DIFFERENCES

The commands and usage of the Simulator and debugger are designed to be as close to identical as possible. However, there are a few differences that are either related to the nature of simulation or that result from hardware that is not simulated.

- **Cxxxxx** and **host** commands—The debugger uses special commands that are dedicated to the nontarget boards comprising the ADS. The **Cxxxxx** commands (**cchange**, **cdisplay**, **cforce**, etc.) are used to perform actions on the Command Converter board. The **host** command is used to configure the Host board. These commands do not exist in the Simulator.

- **Display** command—Because they are not simulated, the Simulator does not display the registers in the PLL and JTAG/OnCE subsections of the DSP. However, the Simulator displays several count registers—for example, clock cycle and instruction count registers—that are not part of the actual DSP and are not provided by the debugger.

- **Go** and **break** commands—Due to the lack of JTAG/OnCE simulation, the Simulator handles the **go** and **break** commands differently than does the debugger. The debugger uses the **break** command to specify the breakpoint occurrence count (i.e., to stop on the nth occurrence) because this functionality is built into the OnCE circuitry. The Simulator uses the **go** command to specify the breakpoint occurrence count. This allows the user to resume execution and use a different occurrence count with a single command.

- **History** command—The **history** command displays the last 32 executed instructions along with the addresses from which they were fetched. This command is available on the Simulator but not the debugger.

- **Input** and **output** commands—The debugger needs to use the JTAG/OnCE interface in order to transfer blocks of data between a file (or the console) in the development host computer and the target DSP's internal or external memory. In the course of these actions, the OnCE module forces the DSP to execute instructions that actually do the reads or writes of the DSP's memory. Because the Simulator bypasses the debug interface by not simulating it, it offers simplified input and output functions as well as features not included in the debugger. The Simulator also provides reporting and formatting functions not available in the debugger, such as instruction timing and history information. Table 4-1 compares the Simulator and debugger implementations of **input** and **output.**

- **Load** command—The methodology required to use the **load** command is subtly different in the Simulator than it is in the debugger. This issue also involves various other commands that access external memory locations.

  - With the debugger, it is necessary to perform any appropriate initialization of Bus Interface Unit (BIU) registers before executing a program load that will result in writes to external memory locations (either program or data). This must be done because the OnCE module actuates downloads to memory by forcing core (specifically, Program Control Unit) writes to the designated addresses, without regard to whether the addresses are internal or external. The BIU register initialization may be done by explicitly entered debugger commands, by debugger command files, or by previously executed DSP code. Note that this must also be done before any other debugger accesses to external memory locations (**display**, **change**, etc.).

  - Using the Simulator, no BIU register initialization is necessary before program loads (or before other Simulator accesses to external memory locations).

  - Also note that the BIU must always be initialized before the user code attempts to access external memory locations (true whether the Simulator or debugger is used).

- **Radix** command—The default radix is decimal in the Simulator, but hexadecimal in the debugger. A possible way to avoid confusion is to begin commonly used Simulator command files with "**r**adix **h**ex".

- **Reset** and **force** commands—Using the Simulator, the DSP being simulated is reset with the **reset** command, and halted by typing control-C. On the debugger, these functions are performed by using the **force** command—"**force r**eset", or "**force b**reak", respectively.

Table 4-1 Input and Output Commands: Simulator vs. Debugger

Categories

USER CODE.
 	
Extra instructions needed?
    Simulator: No.
    Debugger: Yes. The user code must load registers with values that specify file number, data block size, memory space, and starting location in the target DSP's memory. The "debug" instruction must then be executed in the user program.

DATA MOVEMENT.
 	
1. Block moves (address range) implemented?
    Simulator: No. The "load" command must be used instead. Loads are fast on the Simulator, but code must first be assembled into a loadable object file.
    Debugger: Yes. Block moves can be useful early in code development, before peripherals are used. The debugger uses this method (rather than the data stream method) because large data transfers across a serial link to the host are most efficient in batch mode.
 	
2. Data stream (single location) implemented?
    Simulator: Yes. Several types of data streams are implemented:
      Host<—>Single memory address:
      • Simulate interface to custom memory-mapped peripherals.
      • Bypass on-chip peripherals.
      Host<—>Pins:
      • To/from a pin or pin group.
      Pin<—>Pin:
      • Within the same device (interconnected using "input" command).
      • Between devices (create up to 32 DSPs using "device" commands; interconnect using "input" commands).
      Memory<—>Memory:
      • Transfers may be made between given memory address and memory address on another simulated DSP. Can be used to simulated dual-ported memory shared by two DSPs.
    Debugger: No.

Table 4-**1** Input and Output Commands: Simulator vs. Debugger (Continued)

Categories

REPORTING AND FORMATTING.
 	
1. Time information (cycle count) provided?
    Simulator: Yes. Timing information may be specified for control ("input" command) and generated for results ("output" command).
    Debugger: No.
 	
2. History info (instruction execution) provided?
    Simulator: Yes. Provided by "ouput" command. Can provide more detail than "history" command (e.g., provides info on wait states and pipeline stalls).
    Debugger: No.
 	
3. String format available?
    Simulator: Yes. Provided by "output" command. Null-terminated strings (useful for C code debugging).
    Debugger: No.

SECTION 5

HELPFUL CODING AND DEBUGGING TIPS

5.1   ASSEMBLY CODING

The following sections contain a few useful tips for quicker, easier, and more error-free
assembly code writing.

5.1.1   Using the One-Line Assembler

The DSP56300 instruction set is highly orthogonal (i.e., address mode choices and
register choices apply equally to many different instructions). However, the number of
registers, the parallel move architecture, and the multiple instruction classes can
sometimes make the selection of operands and modes time consuming and tedious. A
very convenient way to check a line of assembly code for legal address modes, register
choices, and syntax is to use the one-line assembler built into the Simulator.

For example, suppose the user needs an instruction with a parallel X memory and
register data move (a "move X:R:" instruction), such as "move x:(r0)+,x0 a,y0". From the
Simulator, the user would enter the commands shown below. User entries are in **bold**;
note that the instruction, space, and semicolon are inserted before the existing "nop".

Example 5-1   Simulator Confirmation of Legal Instruction

```
MOTOROLA DSP56300 SIMULATOR:  VERSION 6.0.33 06-26-96
asm p:0
p:$000000 000000        = nop
Change: move x:(r0)+,x0 a,y0 ;nop      press {Return} – the one-line assembler
                                        advances to the next instruction
p:$000001 000000        = nop          press {up-arrow} to see if the
                                        instruction was entered as desired
p:$000000 109800        = move x:(r0)+,x0 a,y0
```

However, if the y register is used instead of y0, the resultant instruction is illegal:

Example 5-2   Simulator Alert of Illegal Register

```
Change: move x:(r0)+,x0 a,y ;nop
Invalid register specified
```

As another example, consider the following illegal "movep" instruction:

Example 5-3 Simulator Alert of Illegal Addressing

```
Change: movep x:$1000,p:$2000 ;nop
I/O short addressing must be used for source operand
```

Changing the X memory address to a valid I/O short location (e.g., $fffffe) will result in a legal instruction and no error message from the Simulator.

5.1.2   Using the Help Command for Registers

Another very useful trick involves the use of the Simulator or debugger "help register_name" feature to create a miniature "programming sheet".

As an example, suppose the Address Attribute Register 0 (AAR0) needs to be programmed. The user can perform the following actions from the Simulator:

Example 5-4 Simulator Generation of Register Template

```
MOTOROLA DSP56300 SIMULATOR:  VERSION 6.0.33 06-26-96

log s progsheet
Output log file:./progsheet.log

help aar0
Read-Write core register. X:fffff9
Port A Address Attribute Register
 B B
 A A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
 C C A A A A A A A A A A N N N P B Y X P A A A
 1 1 C C C C C C C C C C C C C A A E E E A T T
 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 3 2 1 0 C M N N P 1 0
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 < Bit States
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 < Bit Number
 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

log off
```

This results in the file *progsheet.log* containing the following:

Example 5-5   Register Template Saved in File

```
help aar0
Read-Write core register. X:fffff9
Port A Address Attribute Register
 {B B}
 {A A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B}
 {C C A A A A A A A A A N N N P B Y X P A A A}
 {1 1 C C C C C C C C C C C C C A A E E E A T T}
 {1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 3 2 1 0 C M N N P 1 0}
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
  0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 < Bit States
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
  2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 < Bit Number
  3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
log off
```

The curly braces can be removed by using a text editor to search for all occurrences of '{' or '}' and to replace each occurrence with a null string. This realigns the bit names with the bit values. A shortcut method that avoids the curly braces altogether is to merely select and copy the output from the Simulator window and paste it into a text editor window.

The same technique may also be used for the documentation of actual register values. For example, to enable communication with the entire 32 Kword SRAM bank on the DSP56301ADM, using either X or Y accesses to locations $8000 through $8fff, one could create the Simulator output shown in the following example:

Example 5-6 Simulator Output of Register Values

```
MOTOROLA DSP56300 SIMULATOR:  VERSION 6.0.33 06-26-96

radix h

change aar0 8931

help aar0
Read-Write core register. X:fffff9
Port A Address Attribute Register
 B B
 A A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
 C C A A A A A A A A A A N N N P B Y X P A A A
 1 1 C C C C C C C C C C C C C A A E E E A T T
 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 3 2 1 0 C M N N N P 1 0
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 < Bit States
 --------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 < Bit Number
 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
```

A suitable portion of the output may then be pasted into the assembly code and commented out as follows:

Example 5-7 Register Display Used in Code Comments

```
;B B
;A A B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B
;C C A A A A A A A A A A N N N P B Y X P A A A
;1 1 C C C C C C C C C C C C C A A E E E A T T
;1 0 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 3 2 1 0 C M N N N P 1 0
;-------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------
;0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1
;-------.-------.-------.-------.-------.-------

move      #$8931,aar0
```

Notes: **1.** The demarcations of the nibble boundaries were manually added to the above examples for illustrative purposes. This may be included as a feature in later versions of the tools.

2. The debugger must be used to generate the displays of OnCE or PLL registers.

5.2 DEBUGGING

A simple way to speed up the debugging process is to use command files. A common example of this would be the use of the following pair of files to modify the Status Register (SR):

Example 5-8 Simple Command File Pair

mask.cmd:
```
        c sr sr|$300 ; disable all maskable interrupts
```

unmask.cmd:
```
        c sr sr&$fffcff ; enable all levels of interrupts
```

The user need only type "**mask** {Return}" and "**unmask** {Return}" from the debugger command line. The comments in the command file are displayed during the execution of the file; in some cases this can be an aid in keeping track of what various command files are doing.

Command files can also be nested. For example, the command file *app1.cmd* could be used to load and run the program *app1.cld* on the DSP56301ADM. The *pc.cmd* part of this program might be run by itself in order to reinitialize the Program Counter when one wanted to restart the program but did not need to reset anything or reload the program.

Example 5-9 Nested Command Files

app1.cmd:
```
        f s                   reset the command converter and DSP
        l app1                load app1.cld
        pc                    initialize the program counter
        g                     begin execution
```

pc.cmd:
```
        c pc 0
```

Another easily overlooked but useful feature is the use of the **radix** and **display** commands in conjunction. Besides changing the default radix for command line entry, **radix** can be used to specify the display format (decimal, hexadecimal, etc.) for any register or memory location (both of which can be enabled for automatic display with the **display** command). This functionality also applies to the Simulator.

Debugging