

Source Line Decorations

A, B, M, P, T	The eventpoint type that was set within this source line.
=	Execution is stopped somewhere within or at the beginning of this line. When displaying instructions, the instruction that will be executed next.
>	The line (or instruction) in the current frame where execution will resume when the called routine returns.
<	The line (or instruction) in the current frame which was executing when the called frame was created.
*	This source line corresponds to executable code.
@	The first instruction for the corresponding source line.

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For More Information

See the *NightView User's Guide* (0890395).

See **nview(1)** and the on-line help.

Type **nview -help**.

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Invoking NightView

NightView is a general-purpose, source-level debugger for Ada, C, C++ and Fortran. NightView can be used to debug multiple processes on the local system or on different hosts.

```
nview [-attach pid] [-editior program] [-help] [-ktalk]
      [-nogui] [-noktatl] [-nolocal] [-nx] [-prompt string]
      [-safety safe-mode] [-samplescreen] [-version]
      [-Xoption ...] [-x command-file] [-xeditor]
      [program-name] [corefile-name]
```

Compile with symbolic debugging information turned on (-g). Run programs by giving the program name as an argument on the NightView invocation or by using the `run` command within NightView. In the graphical user interface, you can type the program invocation directly into the dialogue shell in the Dialogue I/O section of the Dialogue Window.

```
line_number:unit_name | specification | body
An Ada unit name, which may be specified as a fully
expanded unit name, preceded by the line number in the
source file. 'body' is the default.
```

*expression The address given by *expression*.

Special Expression Syntax

\$ Refers to the last value history entry.
\$\$ Refers to the value history entry immediately prior to \$.
\$number Refers to that number entry in the value history.
\${-number} Refers to command history values prior to the most recent one. E.g., \${-0} means \$, and \${-1} means \$\$.
\$identifier Refers to a convenience variable.

\$(file:line expression) Evaluates *expression* in the context specified by *file* and *line* number.

\$(+number: routine expression) Goes up the stack to the *number*th previous occurrence of *routine* relative to the current frame. *expression* is then evaluated in that context. To go down the stack, use *{-number: routine expression}*.

\$(+number expression) Refers to previous stack frames, regardless of the routine name. The immediately previous frame is +1. To go down the stack, use *{-number expression}*.

\$(=number expression) Evaluates the expression in the context of the given absolute frame number, regardless of the current frame.

\$(*frame-addr expression) Uses *frame-addr*, a numeric constant, as an absolute frame address. It evaluates *expression* in the context of this frame address, regardless of the current frame.

Selecting Overloaded Entities

entity#? Query overloaded entity. An error message lists all choices.

entity## Turn on overloading temporarily. If there is only one choice, it is used. Otherwise, an error message lists all choices.

entity#digits Select a particular overloaded choice where *digits* is the number of the choice from the list printed in the error message.

Qualifier Specifiers

<i>family-name</i>	A user-defined name that identifies a set of processes and/or dialogues, called a family.
<i>dialogue-name</i>	A dialogue in your NightView session. In contexts where the qualifier is being used to specify a set of processes, a <i>dialogue-name</i> refers to all the processes being debugged in that dialogue.
PID	The process ID of one of the processes being debugged by NightView.
<i>dialogue-name</i> :PID	A particular process when processes in different dialogues have the same process ID.
all	All processes or dialogues known to NightView.
auto	Designates the one process that is currently stopped and has been stopped for the longest time.

Predefined Convenience Variables

<code>\$_</code>	Holds the address of the last item dumped with the x command, the address of the last eventpoint listed by an eventpoint status command, or the address of the first instruction in a line described by the info line command.
<code>\$__</code>	Holds the contents of the last item dumped by the x command. Depending on the dump, it holds the last word, byte, etc.
<code>\$reg</code>	Provides access to the machine registers. <i>reg</i> is any machine register name, including <code>\$pc</code> (program counter), <code>\$sp</code> (stack pointer), <code>\$fp</code> (frame pointer), and machine-specific registers.

Location Specifiers

<i>function_name</i> or <i>unit_name</i> ['specification' 'body']	The beginning of the named function or Ada unit. 'body' is the default for Ada units.
<i>file_name</i> : <i>line_number</i>	The first instruction generated for the given line in the given file.
<i>file_name</i> : <i>function_name</i>	The beginning of <i>function_name</i> declared in <i>file_name</i> . (This is required for static functions that are not globally visible).
<i>line_number</i>	The first instruction generated for <i>line_number</i> in the current file.

Command Syntax

[(*qualifier*)] *command* [*command-arg* ...]

Controlling the Debugger

Quitting NightView

Stop everything. Exit the debugger.

quit

Abbreviation: **q**

Managing Dialogues

Login to a new dialogue shell.

login [/conditional] [/popup] [name=*dialogue-name*]
[user=*login-name*] [others ...] *machine*

Specify names for programs you wish to debug.

debug *pattern* ...

Specify names for programs you do not wish to debug.

nodebug *pattern* ...

Translate object filenames for a remote dialogue.

translate-object-file [from [to]]

Abbreviation: **x1**

Terminate a dialogue.

logout

Specify debugger commands to be executed when a dialogue is created.

on dialogue [*regexp*]
on dialogue *regexp* *command*
on dialogue *regexp* do
 commands
end on dialogue

Execute **on dialogue** commands for existing dialogues.

apply on dialogue

Dialogue Input and Output

Pass input to a dialogue.

! [*input line*]

Control where dialogue output goes.

set-show [silent | notify=*mode* | continuous=*mode*]
[log[=*filename*]] [buffer=*number*]

Control dialogue output.

show [*number* | all | none] [*shell-command*]

Managing Processes

Run a program in a dialogue and wait for `NightView` to start debugging it.

`run input line`

Control how you are notified of events.

`set-notify [silent | continuous=mode]`

Ask about pending event notifications.

`notify`

Attach the debugger to a process that is already running.

`attach pid`

Stop debugging a list of processes.

`detach`

Terminate a list of processes.

`kill`

Establish the file containing symbolic information for a program.

`symbol-file program-name`

Create a pseudo-process for debugging an aborted program's core image file.

`core-file corefile-name [exec-file=program-name]`

Specify the location of the executable file corresponding to a process.

`exec-file program-name`

Specify debugger commands to be executed when a program is 'exec'ed.

`on program [pattern]`
`on program pattern do`
`commands`
`end on program`

Execute `on program` commands for existing processes.

`apply on program`

Specify debugger commands to be executed when a program is restarted.

`on restart [pattern]`
`on restart pattern do`
`commands`
`end on restart`

Take a restart checkpoint now.

`checkpoint`

Symbol Table Information

Print description of current routine arguments.

`info args`

Print information about local variables.

`info locals [regex]`

Print global variable information.

`info variables [regex]`

Determine the location of a variable.

`info address identifier`

List names of source files.

`info sources [pattern]`

List names of functions, subroutines, or Ada unit names.

`info functions [regex]`

Print type definition information.

`info types [regex]`

Describe the result type of an expression visible in the current context.

`info whats expression`
`Abbreviation: whats`

Describe the storage representation of an expression.

`info representation expression`
`Abbreviation: representation`

Print the declaration of variables or types.

`info declaration regex`
`Abbreviation: ptype`

Print the names of the executable, symbol table and core files.

`info files`

Describe location of a source line.

`info line [at] location-spec`

Defining and Using Macros

Define a `NightView` macro.

`define macro-name [(arg-name) ...] [text]`
`define macro-name [(arg-name [, arg-name] ...)] as`
`commands`
`end define`

Print a description of one or more `NightView` macros.

`info macros [regex]`

Describe convenience variables.
info convenience

Describe expressions that are automatically displayed.
info display

Print history information.
info history *[number]*

Print information about limits on expression and location output.
info limits

Print information about registers.
info registers *[regexp]*

Print information about signals.
info signal *[signal ...]*

Describe processes being debugged.
info process

Print information about the virtual address space.
info memory *[/verbose]*

Print information about active dialogues.
info dialogue

Print information about an existing process family.
info family *[regexp]*

Print information about an existing eventpoint-name.
info name *[regexp]*

Print **on dialogue** commands.
info on dialogue *[name]*

Print **on program** commands.
info on program *[filename]*

Print **on restart** commands.
info on restart *[output=outname | append=outname]*
[program]

Print information about Ada exception handling.
info exception *exception-name ...*
info exception *unit-name*
info exception
 Abbreviation: **exception**

Describe lightweight processes, Ada tasks and C threads.
info threads

Give a name to a family of one or more processes.
family *family-name* *[[-] qualifier-spec ...]*

Control whether children should be debugged.
set-children {all *[resume]* | exec | none}

Control whether a process stops before exiting.
set-exit *[stop]* | *[nostop]*

Reserve a region of memory in a process.
mreserve *start=address* {length=*bytes* | end=*address*}

Setting Modes

Log session to file.
set-log *keyword filename*

Establish a default language context for variables and expressions.
set-language {ada | auto | c | c++ | fortran}

Specify the default list of processes or dialogues that will be affected by subsequent commands which accept qualifiers.
set-qualifier *[qualifier-spec ...]*

Specify the number of items to be kept in the value history list.
set-history *count*

Specify limits on the number of array elements, string characters, or program addresses printed when examining program data.
set-limits {array=*number* | string=*number* | addresses=*number*} ...

Set the string used to prompt for command input.
set-prompt *string*

Set the string used to recognize end of dialogue input mode.
set-terminator *string*

Control debugger response to dangerous commands.
set-safety *[forbid | verify | unsafe]*

Control whether restart information is applied.
set-restart *[always | never | verify]*

Define process local convenience variables.
set-local *identifier ...*

Control the size of patch areas created in your process.
set-patch-area-size {data=*data-size* | eventpoint=*eventpoint-size* | monitor=*monitor-size* | text=*text-size*} ...

Control which subprograms are interesting.
interest [*level*] [[at] [*location-spec*]]

interest inLine [=*level*]

interest justLine [=*level*]

interest nodebug [=*level*]

interest threshold [=*level*]

Control the positioning of the stack when a process stops.
set-auto-frame *args* ...

Control how overloaded operators and routines are treated in expressions:
set-overload [operator={on|off}]

[routine={on|off}]

Control case sensitivity of regular expressions.
set-search [sensitive|insensitive]

Set the mode for editing commands in the simple full-screen interface.
set-editor mode

Debugger Environment Control

Set the debugger's default working directory.
cd *dirname*

Print NightView's current working directory.
pwd

Source Files

Viewing Source Files

List a source file.

list where-spec

list where-spec1, where-spec2

list, where-spec

list where-spec,

list +

list -

list =

list

Abbreviation: **l**

Set the directory search path.
directory [*dirname* ...]

Miscellaneous Commands

Access the online help system.
help [*section*]

Refresh the terminal screen.
refresh

Run an arbitrary shell command.
shell [*shell-command*]

Input commands from a source file.
source *command-file*

Delay NightView command execution for a specified time.
delay [*milliseconds*]

Info Commands

Status Information

Describe any open log files.
info log

Describe current state of breakpoints, tracepoints, patchpoints, monitor-points, and agentpoints.
info eventpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe current state of breakpoints.
info breakpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Abbreviation: **ib**

Describe current state of tracepoints.
info tracepoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe current state of patchpoints.
info patchpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe current state of monitorpoints.
info monitorpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe current state of agentpoints.
info agentpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe current state of watchpoints.
info watchpoint [*where-spec*] [*name* | *number*] ...

Describe a stack frame.
info frame [/v] [**expression*] [at *location-spec*]]

Print the search path used to locate source files.
info directories

Execute one instruction, stepping into procedures.

stepi [*repeat*]
Abbreviation: **si**

Execute one instruction, stepping over procedures.

nexti [*repeat*]
Abbreviation: **ni**

Continue execution until the current function finishes.

finish

Stop a process.

stop

Continue execution at a specific location.

jump [*at*] *location-spec*

Continue execution with a signal.

signal *sigid*

Specify how to handle signals and Ada exceptions in the user process.

handle [*/signal*] *sigid keyword ...*

handle */exception exception-name keyword ...*

handle */exception unit-name keyword ...*

handle */exception all keyword ...*

handle */unhandled_exception keyword ...*

Selecting Context

Select a new stack frame or print a description of the current stack frame.

frame [*frame-number*]
frame **expression* [*at location-spec*]
Abbreviation: **f**

Move one or more stack frames toward the caller of the current stack frame.

up [*number-of-frames*]

Move one or more stack frames toward frames called by the current stack frame.

down [*number-of-frames*]

Select the context of an Ada task, of a thread, or of a lightweight process (LWP).

select-context *default*
select-context *task=expression*
select-context *thread=expression*
select-context *lwp=lwpid*

Searching

Search forward through the current source file for a specified regular expression.

forward-search [*regexp*]
Abbreviation: **fo**

Search backwards through the current source file for a specified regular expression.

reverse-search [*regexp*]

Examining and Modifying Processes

Print an ordered list of the currently active stack frames.

backtrace [*number-of-frames*]
Abbreviation: **bt**

Print the value of a language expression.

print [*/print-format-letter*] *expression*
Abbreviation: **p**

Evaluate a language expression without printing its value.

set *expression*

Print the contents of memory beginning at a given address.

x [*/repeat-count*] [*size-letter*] [*x-format-letter*] [*addr-expression*]

Print the value of a language expression with minimum output.

output [*/print-format-letter*] *expression*

Print arbitrary text.

echo *text*

Control items in a Data Window.

data-display [*/window="window name"*]
{ */kind=value* | *expression* }

Add to the list of expressions to be printed each time the process stops.

display [*/print-format-letter*] *expression*
display [*/repeat-count*] [*size-letter*] [*x-format-letter*]
addr-expression

Disable an item from the display expression list.

undisplay *item-number ...*

Enable a display item.

redisplay *item-number ...*

Print the values of language expressions using a format string.

printf *format-string* [, *expression ...*]

Dynamically load an object file, possibly replacing existing routines.

load *object*

Set the value of a vector.
vector-set *l-value = component, component...*
vector-set *l-value = repeat-count, component*

Manipulating Events

Give a name to a group of events.
name [*/add name*] [*-*] [*eventpoint-spec*] ...

Set a breakpoint.

breakpoint [*/disabld*] [*name=breakpoint-name*] [*at location-spec*] [*if conditional-expression*]

Abbreviation: **b**

Install a small patch to a routine.

patchpoint [*/disabld*] [*name=patchpoint-name*] [*at location-spec*] *eval expression*

patchpoint [*/disabld*] [*name=patchpoint-name*]

[*at location-spec*] *goto location-spec*

Initialize tracing.

set-trace [*eventmap=event-map-file*]

Set a tracepoint.

tracepoint [*/disabld*] [*event-id*] [*name=tracepoint-name*] [*at location-spec*] [*value=logged-expression*]

[*if conditional-expression*]

Monitor the values of one or more expressions at a given location.

monitorpoint [*/disabld*] [*name=monitorpoint-name*]

[*at location-spec*]

Control the monitor display window.

monitor [*display*] [*nodisplay*] [*monitorpoint-spec*] ...

monitor [*off*] [*on*] [*stale*] [*nostale*] [*hold*] [*release*]

Abbreviation: **hold**

Abbreviation: **release**

Insert a call to a debug agent at a given location.

agentpoint [*/disabld*] [*name=agentpoint-name*]

[*at location-spec*]

Set a watchpoint.

watchpoint [*eventpoint-modifier*] [*once*] [*read*] [*/write*] [*name=watchpoint-name*] [*at value*] [*if conditional-expression*]

watchpoint [*eventpoint-modifier*] [*once*] [*read*] [*/write*]

[*address*] [*name=watchpoint-name*] [*at address-expression*]

[*size size-expression*] [*type expression*]

[*if conditional-expression*]

Clear all events at a given location.
clear [*at location-spec*]

Attach commands to a breakpoint or monitorpoint.

commands *eventpoint-spec*

end

Attach a condition to an eventpoint.

condition *eventpoint-spec* [*conditional-expression*]

Delete an eventpoint.

delete [*eventpoint-spec*] ...

Abbreviation: **d**

Disable an eventpoint.

disable [*eventpoint-spec*] ...

Enable an eventpoint for a specified duration.

enable [*once*] [*/delete*] [*eventpoint-spec*] ...

Attach an ignore-count to an eventpoint.

ignore *eventpoint-spec count*

Set a temporary breakpoint.

break [*name=breakpoint-name*] [*at location-spec*] [*if conditional-expression*]

Set a patchpoint that will execute only once.

patch [*name=patchpoint-name*] [*at location-spec*] *eval expression*

patch [*name=patchpoint-name*] [*at location-spec*]

goto location-spec

Controlling Execution

Continue execution and wait for something to happen.

continue [*count*]

Abbreviation: **c**

Continue execution.

resume [*sigid*]

Execute one line, stepping into procedures.

step [*repeat*]

Execute one line, stepping over procedures.

next [*repeat*]

Abbreviation: **n**