Turbo C®++ for Windows Version 3.0

User's Guide

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INTRODUCTION

One of the advantages of Turbo C++ is that it eases you into C++ and Windows programming. Turbo C++ for Windows provides you with AT&T's C++ version 2.1, true ANSI C compatibility, and a rich programming environment in Windows. It's for Windows, C, and C++ programmers who want a fast, efficient compiler; for Turbo Pascal programmers who want to learn C or C++ with all the "Turbo" advantages; and for anyone just learning C or C++.

Turbo C++ is highly compatible with existing Turbo C code.

C++ is an object-oriented programming (OOP) language, the next step in the natural evolution of C. You can use C++ for almost any programming task, anywhere, but it's just right for Windows.

We're also including EasyWin, a brand new library that makes it easy to compile and run DOS applications under Windows with no changes. You can start learning how to program in C, and try out features of C++ as you learn. Or, you can jump into full C++ Windows programming right away.

What's in Turbo C++ for Windows

Turbo C++ includes the latest features you need:

To find out how to install Turbo C++ see page 5.

- C++: Turbo C++ offers you the full power of C++ programming (implementing C++ version 2.1 from AT&T). To help you get started, we're also including C++ class libraries. To keep you going, we've added templates.
- *Streams*: Special Borland extensions to the streams library functions allow you to position text, set screen attributes, and perform other manipulations to streams within the Windows environment.
- *IDE*: Turbo C++ *Windows-hosted* integrated development environment (IDE) provides completely integrated Windows programming without ever leaving the Windows environment. The Turbo C++ for Windows IDE also includes:

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- built-in ObjectBrowser that lets you visually explore your class hierarchies, functions and variables, locate inherited function and data members, and instantly inspect any element you select.
- visual SpeedBar for instant point-and-click access to the currently available tools and functions whenever you are in the IDE.
- online context-sensitive hypertext Help for the IDE, the C/C++ language, the Windows API, and the complete library reference. Practically every function comes with a copy-andpaste program example.
- many indispensable library functions, including heap checking and memory management functions and a complete set of complex and BCD math functions.
- ANSI C: Turbo C++ provides you with an up-to-date implementation of the latest ANSI C standard.
- EasyWin: lets you turn standard DOS applications using printf, scanf and other standard I/O functions into Windows applications without changing a single line of code. Just select Windows application in the IDE, and your DOS program runs in a window!
- Precompiled headers: speed up program compilation time.
- Protected-mode compilation: gives you increased capacity with no swapping.
- Templates: (parameterized types), allow you to create families of "generic" classes or functions with arguments whose types are not known in advance. This gives you much of the flexibility of so-called "pure" (untyped) OOPS languages without sacrificing the efficiency of C++.
- *DLLs*: support for creation of Dynamic Link Libraries.
- *Built-ins*: assembler, linker, and librarian.

Hardware and software requirements

Turbo C++ runs on the IBM PC family of computers, using the 286, 386 (386 SX or 386 DX), or higher processor. Turbo C++ requires Windows 3.0, DOS 3.0 or higher, 640K RAM and at least 2 MB of extended memory; it runs on any Windows-compatible

monitor (EGA or higher). The minimum requirement is a hard disk drive and one floppy drive.

We recommend using a Windows-compatible mouse, but Turbo C++ does not require one.

The Turbo C++ for Windows implementation

Turbo C++ is a full implementation of the AT&T C++ version 2.1 and supports templates. It is also American National Standards Institute (ANSI) C standard. In addition, Turbo C++ includes certain extensions for mixed-language and mixed-model programming that let you exploit your PC's capabilities. See Chapters 1 through 4 in the *Programmer's Guide* for a complete description of Turbo C++.

The Turbo C++ for Windows package

Your Turbo C++ package consists of a set of distribution disks and two manuals. This book, the *User's Guide*, tells you how to use the product. The second book, the *Programmer's Guide*, focuses on programming in C, C++, and Windows.

The distribution disks contain all the programs, files, and libraries you need to create, compile, link, and run your Turbo C++ programs; they also contain sample programs, a context-sensitive Help file, and additional C and C++ documentation not covered in the manuals.

The User's Guide

This volume introduces you to Turbo C++ for Windows and shows you how to create and run both C and C++ programs under Windows. There's information you'll need to get up and running quickly: about installation, basics of the IDE, the editor, and Project Manager. Also, we explore ways to convert existing code and your other options.

This introduction tells you how to install Turbo C++ for Windows on your system. You'll customize it online.

Chapter 1: IDE basics introduces the features of the IDE, giving information and examples of how to use it to the fullest.

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Chapter 2: Using the browser guides you in exploring class hierarchies and properties.

Chapter 3: Managing multi-file projects shows the way to use the Project Manager to manage multi-file programming projects.

Chapter 4: Options reference details the Options dialog boxes for access to powerful programming choices.

Appendix A: Converting from Microsoft C gives hints about converting Microsoft C code to Turbo C++.

Appendix B: Editor reference provides a complete reference to the editor.

Appendix C: Using EasyWin explains the quick way to make DOS programs run under Windows.

Appendix D: Precompiled headers discusses the advantages of generating and using preserved header files.

The Programmer's Guide

The *Programmer's Guide* provides useful material for the experienced C user: a complete language reference for C and C++, C++ streams, memory models, mixed-model programming, floating-point issues, BASM and inline assembly concerns, error messages, and Help compiler.

Chapters 1 through 4: Lexical elements, Language structure, C++ specifics, and The preprocessor, describe the Turbo C++ for Windows language.

Chapter 5: Using C++ streams tells you how to use the C++ version 2.1 stream library.

Chapter 6: Math discusses long doubles parameters, floating-point, and BCD math.

Chapter 7: BASM and inline assembly introduces languagespecific features of the assembler.

Chapter 8: Building a Windows application gets you started programming in Windows.

Chapter 9: Error messages lists and explains all run-time, compile-time, and help compiler errors and warnings, with suggested solutions.

Appendix A: HC: The Windows Help compiler introduces the Windows Help Compiler.

Installing Turbo C++ for Windows

Turbo C++ comes with an automated installation program called INSTALL. You should use INSTALL to load Turbo C++ onto your system, because it will ensure that you get all the files you need into the places where you need them. INSTALL will automatically create directories and Program Manager groups and copy files from the distribution disks to your hard disk.

Important!

INSTALL assumes that the Program Manager starts up automatically as your Windows "shell" when you open Windows. If you are using a shell other than Program Manager, be sure to turn off the Installation Option "Create TurboC Group."

If you are not using drive A, replace drive A and WIN A with drive B and WIN B (or another letter) in the following procedures:

If you have Windows in your path, you can start INSTALL from the DOS command line.

- 1. Insert your Turbo C++ installation disk into drive A.
- 2. Type WIN A: INSTALL and press Enter.
- 3. Set options in the dialog box that appears.
- 4. Choose Install and INSTALL begins copying files.

If Windows is not in your path, you can start Windows first and follow these steps:

- 1. Insert your Turbo C++ installation disk into drive A.
- 2. Choose File \mid Run in the Windows Program Manager.
- 3. Type A: INSTALL and choose OK.
- 4. Set options in the dialog box that appears.
- 5. Choose Install and INSTALL begins copying files.

Starting Turbo C++ for Windows

There are two ways to start Turbo C++. In Windows, you double-click the Turbo C++ icon in the Program Manager, or you can select it with your keyboard and press *Enter*.

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Customizing Turbo C++

The integrated development environment (IDE) allows you to customize the way Turbo C++ for Windows behaves by selecting options and preferences without exiting the program to use external utilities.

The IDE saves the options you have set so that the IDE is just as you left it the next time you start up Turbo C++. If you don't want this to happen, choose Preferences from the Options menu to open the Preferences dialog box and uncheck Auto Save options, Configuration, and Desktop. Choose OK.

The README file

The README file contains last-minute information that may not be in these manuals. It guides you to such online information as FILELIST.DOC, which lists every file on the distribution disks and describes what each file contains.

Here's how to access the README file:

- 1. Insert your Turbo C++ for Windows installation disk into drive A.
- 2. At the DOS prompt, type A: and press Enter.
- 3. Type README and press *Enter*. Once you're in README, use the PgUp, PgDn, \uparrow and \downarrow keys to scroll through the file.
- 4. Press Esc to exit.

After you've installed Turbo C++, you can open README in an edit window by following these steps:

- 1. Start Turbo C++ for Windows.
- 2. Choose Open from the File menu. In the following instruction, *TCWIN* is the name of the base directory in which you installed TCW. Type \TCWIN\README. (don't forget the .) in the input box and choose OK. The README file opens in an edit window.
- 3. When you're done with the README file, choose Close from the Window menu or press *Alt+F4* to exit Turbo C++.

Typefaces used in these books

The typefaces are used as follows:

Monospace This typeface represents text as it appears onscreen

or in a program. It is also used for anything you must type (such as TCW to start up Turbo C++).

ALL CAPS We use all capital letters for the names of constants

and files, except for header files, which are traditionally represented in all lowercase letters.

[] Square brackets in text or command lines enclose

optional items that depend on your system. Text of

this sort should not be typed verbatim.

< Angle brackets in the code examples and reference sections angless the names of include files (such as</p>

sections enclose the names of include files (such as <include strng.h>) or template type declarations

(such as template <class T>).

Boldface Turbo C++ function names (such as **printf**), reserved

words (such as **char**, **switch**, **near**, and **cdecl**), and structure names are shown in boldface when they appear in text (but not in program examples). This typeface is also used for format specifiers and escape sequences (%d, \t), and for command-line options

(/A).

Italics Indicate variable names (identifiers) that

appear in text. They can represent terms that you can use as is, or that you can think up new names for (your choice, usually). They are also used to emphasize certain words (especially new terms).

Keycaps This typeface indicates a key on your keyboard. It is

often used to describe a particular key you should press; for example, "Press Esc to exit a menu."

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This icon indicates keyboard actions.

This icon indicates mouse actions.

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This icon indicates language items that are specific to C++. It is used primarily in the *Programmer's Guide*.



Language items that are specific to Windows.

How to contact Borland

Borland offers a variety of services to answer your questions about this product. Be sure to send in the registration card; registered owners are entitled to technical support and may receive information on upgrades and supplementary products.

Resources in your package

This product contains many resources to help you:

- The manuals provide information on every aspect of the program. Use them as your main information source.
- While using the program, you can press *F1* for help.
- Many common questions are answered in the DOC files listed in the README file located in the program directory. FILELIST.DOC shows you what files you have and what directories they're in.

Borland resources

Borland Technical Support publishes technical information sheets on a variety of topics and is available to answer your questions.

800-822-4269 (voice) Techfax TechFax is a 24-hour automated service that sends free technical information to your fax machine. You can use your touch-tone phone to request up to three documents per call.

408-439-9096 (modem) File Download BBS 2400 Baud The Borland File Download BBS has sample files, applications, and technical information you can download with your modem. No special setup is required.

Subscribers to the CompuServe, GEnie, or BIX information services can receive technical support by modem. Use the commands in the following table to contact Borland while accessing an information service.

Online information services

Service	Command
CompuServe	GO BORLAND
BIX	JOIN BORLAND
GEnie	BORLAND

Address electronic messages to Sysop or All. Don't include your serial number; messages are in public view unless sent by a service's private mail system. Include as much information on the question as possible; the support staff will reply to the message within one working day (in most cases).

408-438-5300 (voice) Technical Support 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST

Borland Technical Support is available weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific time to answer any technical questions you have about Borland products. Please call from a telephone near your computer, and have the program running. Keep the following information handy to help process your call:

- Product name, serial number, and version number.
- The brand and model of any hardware in your system.
- Operating system and version number. (Use the DOS command VER to find the version number.)
- Contents of your AUTOEXEC.BAT and CONFIG.SYS files (located in the root directory (\) of your computer's boot disk).
- The contents of your WIN.INI and SYSTEM.INI files (located in your Windows directory).
- A daytime phone number where you can be contacted.
- If the call concerns a problem, the steps to reproduce the problem.

408-438-5300 (voice) Customer Service 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST

Borland Customer Service is available weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Pacific time to answer any non-technical questions you have about Borland products, including pricing information, upgrades, and order status.

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IDE basics

Turbo C++ for Windows integrated development environment, or the IDE for short, has everything you need to write, edit, compile, and link your programs. You can even start up the powerful Turbo Debugger for Windows without leaving the IDE.

Turbo C++ has a Windows-hosted IDE based on Windows Multiple Document Interface (MDI). If you are familiar with other Windows programs, you'll feel right at home with the Turbo C++ IDE.

This chapter tells you how to start Turbo C++, explains about the IDE's two command sets, tells you how to use the SpeedBar, and explains how the IDE manages projects with its configuration, project, and desktop files.

Starting Turbo C++ for Windows

As with other Windows products, you double-click the Turbo C++ icon in the Program Manager to start Turbo C++.

If you have more than one project, you might want to create an icon for each project. Here's how to create a project icon:

- Choose File | New in the Programmer Manager.
- Select Program Item and the New Program Object dialog box appears.

■ Type in a description for your project, and, in the commandline text box, type TCW followed by the project file name including the full path.

Now when you double-click the icon in the Program Manager, your project will load into Turbo C++.

Command-line options

You can specify two command-line options when you start Turbo C++: /**b** for building a project or /**m** for doing a make on a project. To specify either of these options,

- Select the Turbo C++ icon in the Program Manager.
- Choose File | Run.
- Add the command-line option you want to the command line in the command-line text box and include the full path. Choose OK.

When you use either of these options, your messages are written to a file named the same as your project file except it carries the extension .MSG. For example, if your project file is MYPROJ.PRG, the message file is MYPROJ.MSG.

Command sets

Turbo C++ has two command sets: the Common User Access (CUA) command set used by most Windows programs and the Alternate command set. The menu shortcuts available to you differ depending on which command set you use. You can select a command set by choosing Options | Preferences and then selecting the command set you prefer in the Preferences dialog box.

If you are a long-time Borland language user, you may prefer the Alternate command set.

The following tables list the most-used Turbo C++ hot keys in both command sets.

Table 1.1: General hot keys

CUA	Alternate	Menu item	Function
	F2	File Save	Saves the file that's in the active edit window.
	F3	File Open	Brings up a dialog box so you can open a file.
Alt+F4	Alt+X	File Exit	Exits Turbo C++.
Alt+Space	Alt+Space	(none)	Takes you to the Control menu.

Table 1.2: Editing hot keys

CUA	Alternate	Menu item	Function
Ctrl+Ins Shift+Del	Ctrl+Ins Shift+Del	Edit Copy Edit Cut	Copies selected text to Clipboard. Places selected text in the Clipboard, deletes selection.
Shift+Ins	Shift+Ins	Edit Paste	Pastes text from the Clipboard into the active window.
Ctrl+Del	Ctrl+Del	<u>E</u> dit C <u>l</u> ear	Removes selected text from the window and doesn't put it in the Clipboard.
Alt+Bksp	Alt+Bksp	Edit Undo	Restores the text in the active window to a previous state.
Alt+Shft+Bks F3	p Alt+Shft+Bksp Ctrl+L	<u>E</u> dit <u>R</u> edo <u>S</u> earch <u>S</u> earch Again	"Undoes" the previous Undo. Repeats last Find or Replace command.

Table 1.3: Online Help hot keys

CUA	Alternate	Menu item	Function
Shift+F1 Ctrl+F1	Shift+F1 Ctrl+F1	<u>H</u> elp <u>I</u> ndex <u>H</u> elp <u>T</u> opic Search	Brings up Help index. Calls up language-specific help in the active edit window.

Table 1.4: Compiling/Running hot keys

CUA	Alternate	Menu item	Function
Alt+F7	Alt+F7	Search Previous Error	Takes you to previous error.
Alt+F8	Alt+F8	Search Next Error	Takes you to next error.
Ctrl+F9	Ctrl+F9	Run Run	Runs program.
F9	F9	Compile <u>M</u> ake	Invokes Project Manager to make an .EXE, .DLL, or .LIB file.
Alt+F9	Alt+F9	\underline{C} ompile \underline{C} ompile	Compiles file in active edit window.

Native makes the Alternate command set the default for Borland C++ and the CUA command set the default for Turbo C++.

If you choose Options | Preferences to display the Preferences dialog box, you'll notice a third command set option: Native. This is the default setting.

If you write applications for Windows, you may do some of your development with Borland C++ and some with Turbo C++ for Windows. Both IDEs use the same configuration file, TCCONFIG.TC. Therefore, if you have selected the CUA command set for Turbo C++, that will be the one in effect the next time you start up Borland C++.

But maybe this isn't what you want. When you're working with the DOS product, Borland C++, you might prefer the Alternate command set, and when you use Turbo C++ for Windows, you might want to use the CUA command set. The Native option lets you do this.

With Native selected, Borland C++ uses the Alternate command set automatically, and Turbo C++ uses the CUA command set.

Using the SpeedBar

To reconfigure the SpeedBar, choose Options I Environment I Desktop and select the option you want. Turbo C++ for Windows has a SpeedBar you can use as a quick way to choose menu commands with your mouse. The first time you start Turbo C++ for Windows, the SpeedBar is a horizontal group of buttons beneath the menu bar. You can use it as it is, make it a vertical bar on the left side of the Turbo C++ desktop window, or make it a pop-up palette you can move anywhere on your screen. You can also turn it off.

The buttons on the SpeedBar represent menu commands. They are shortcuts for your mouse, just as certain key combinations are shortcuts on your keyboard. To choose a command, click a button with your mouse. If you click the File | Open button, for example, Turbo C++ responds just as if you chose Open on the File menu.

The SpeedBar is context sensitive. The buttons that appear on it depend on which window is active: the Turbo C++ desktop window, an edit window, the Project window, or the Message window.

These are the buttons on the SpeedBar:



Help



Search again



Open a file



Cut to Clipboard



Save file



Copy to Clipboard



Search for text



Paste from Clipboard



Undo



View include files



Compile



Add item to project



Make



Delete item from project



Edit source file



View file with error



Exit Turbo C++

Some buttons on the SpeedBar are occasionally dimmed and, just like some of the menu commands, are unavailable to you. For example, the Paste button is dimmed if there is nothing in your Clipboard.

Configuration and project files

With configuration files, you can specify how you want to work within the IDE. Project files contain all the information necessary to build a project, but don't affect how you use the IDE.

The configuration

file

The configuration file, TCCONFIG.TC, contains only environmental (or global) information. The information stored in TCCONFIG.TC file includes

- editor key binding and macros
- editor mode setting (such as autoindent, use tabs, and so on)
- mouse preferences
- auto-save flags
- **■** command set

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When you start a programming session, Turbo C++ looks for TCCONFIG.TC first in the current directory and then in the directory that contains TCW.EXE. If Turbo C++ doesn't find TCCONFIG.TC, it creates it in the directory containing TCW.EXE.

Project files

The IDE places all information needed to build a program into a binary project file, a file with a .PRJ extension. Project files contain information on all other settings and options, including

- a list of all files that make up the project
- compiler, linker, make, and librarian options
- directory paths

In addition, the project file contains other general information on the project, such as compilation statistics (shown in the project window), and cached autodependency information.

You can load project files in several ways:

- From within the IDE, you load a project file using the Project | Open Project command.
- When starting Turbo C++ with the Program Manager File | Run command, enter the project name with the .PRJ extension along with the full path after you type the TCW command; for example,

TCW c:\tcwin\examples\myproj.PRJ

You must use the .PRJ extension to differentiate it from source files.

■ If there is only one .PRJ file in the current directory, the IDE assumes that this directory is dedicated to this project and automatically loads it.

See page 11 for details about creating project icons.

If you start Turbo C++ from the Windows 3.0 Program Manager, the Program Manager will make the directory where WIN.COM is kept the current directory. You can work around this by creating an icon for each project. Then when you choose a project icon, the directory the project is in becomes the current directory.

The project directory

When a project file is loaded from a directory other than the current directory, the current DOS directory is set to where the project is loaded from. This allows your project to be defined in terms of relative paths in the Options | Directories dialog box and

also allows projects to move from one drive to another or from one directory branch to another.

Desktop files

Each project file has an associated desktop file (*prjname*.DSK) that contains state information about the associated project. The desktop file includes

You can set some of these options on or off using Options | Environment | Desktop.

- the context information for each file in the project (for example, the position in the file)
- the history lists for various input boxes (for example, search strings, file masks, and so on)
- the layout of the windows on the desktop
- the contents of the Clipboard

Changing project files

Because each project file has its own desktop file, changing to another project file causes the newly loaded project's desktop to be used, which can change your entire window layout. When you create a new project (by using Project | Open Project and typing in a new .PRJ file), the new project's desktop inherits the previous desktop. When you select Project | Close Project, the default project is loaded and you get the default desktop and project settings.

Default files

When no project file is loaded, there are two default files that serve as global place holders for project- and state-related information: TCDEFW.DPR and TCDEFW.DSK files, collectively referred to as the *default project*.

Default files are updated only if a project is not loaded. These files are usually stored in the same directory as TCW.EXE, and are created if they are not found. When you run the IDE from a directory without loading a project file, you get the desktop and settings from these files. These files are updated when you change any project-related options (for example, compiler options) or when your desktop changes (for example, the window layout) and no project is open.

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Using the ObjectBrowser

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The ObjectBrowser is a programming tool that takes full advantage of the Windows graphical environment. It lets you visually browse through your class hierarchies, functions, and variables. With the ObjectBrowser, you can

- graphically view the class hierarchies in your application, then select the class of your choice and view the functions and data elements it contains.
- list all the functions in your application, then select a function to view its declaration or go to where it is defined in your source code.
- list all the variables in your application, then select a variable to view its declaration or go to where it is defined in the source code.
- select a class, function, or variable in your source code, then view its details.



Before you use the ObjectBrowser, you *must* compile your program so that debugging information is included in your executable file. If you include any libraries or object files in your application, they must be compiled with debugging information on also.

If your executable is composed of more than one source code file, open the related project file in the IDE before using the ObjectBrowser.



You can also activate the ObjectBrowser by choosing an option on the Browse menu.

If you have a mouse, you'll find browsing through your code most convenient if you set up your right mouse button to activate the ObjectBrowser. Then you can click a class, function, or variable right in your source code and inspect it (view its details). To set up your mouse this way, choose Options | Environment | Mouse and select the Browse option.

The ObjectBrowser has buttons on the bar at the top of the ObjectBrowser window. Choose them by clicking them with your mouse or by using specific key combinations. By choosing one of these buttons, you tell the ObjectBrowser to perform some action. These are the buttons you will see, their keyboard equivalents, and the action they perform:



F1 Help.



Ctrl+G Go to the source code for the selected item.



Ctrl+l Inspect (view the details of) the selected item.



Ctrl+R Rewind the ObjectBrowser to the previous view.



Ctrl+O Show an overview of the class hierarchy.

Browsing through classes

The ObjectBrowser lets you see the "big picture," the class hierarchies in your application, as well as the small details. To activate the ObjectBrowser and see your classes displayed graphically, choose Browse | Classes. The ObjectBrowser draws your classes and shows their parent-child relationships in a horizontal tree.



To see more detail about a particular class, double-click it. If you aren't using a mouse, select the class by using your arrow cursor keys, and press *Enter*. The ObjectBrowser lists the symbols (the functions and variables) used in the class.



To see the declaration of a particular listed symbol, you can

- double-click the symbol.
- select it and click the Inspect button or choose Browse | Inspect (Ctrl+I).
- select it and press Enter.

To go to how the class is defined in your source code, choose the Go To Source Code button or Browse | Goto (*Ctrl+G*).

Any time you want to return to a higher level, click the Rewind button or choose Browse | Rewind (*Cttl+R*).

Browsing through functions

Choosing Browse | Functions opens a window opens that lists every function in your application in alphabetical order. Class member functions are listed together by class (for example, MyClass::Myfunc).

Click the function you want more information about or use your cursor keys to select it. A text box at the bottom of the window lets you quickly search through the function list by typing the first few letters of the function name. As you type, the selections in the list change to match the characters you type.

Once you select the function you are interested in, you can

- choose the Inspect button or Browse | Inspect (*Ctrl+I*) to see the declaration of the function.
- choose the Go To Source Code button or Browse | Goto (Ctrl+G) to see how the function is defined in the source code.

Browsing through variables

Just as you can list all your functions, you can list all your variables. Choose Browse | Variables and a window listing all the variables in your application opens.

Click the variable you want more information about or use your cursor keys to select it. Just as with the function list, you can search through the variable list by typing the first few letters of the variable name in the text box at the bottom of the window.

Once you have selected the variable you are interested in, you can

- choose the Inspect button or Browse | Inspect (Ctrl+I) to see the declaration of the variable.
- choose the Go To Source Code button or Browse | Goto (Ctrl+G) to see how the variable is defined in the source code.

Inspecting symbols in your code

You can also inspect any symbol in your code without wading through class hierarchies or function and variable lists. There are two ways to inspect a symbol:

- Highlight the symbol in your code and choose Browse | Symbol at Cursor.
- Click the symbol in your code.

If the symbol you highlight or click is a class, the ObjectBrowser shows you all the functions and variables in that class. You can then choose to inspect any of these further.

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Managing multi-file projects

Since most programs consist of more than one file, having a way to automatically identify those that need to be recompiled and linked would be ideal. Turbo C++'s built-in Project Manager does just that and more.

The Project Manager allows you to specify the files belonging to the project. Whenever you rebuild your project, the Project Manager automatically updates the information kept in the project file. This project file includes

- all the files in the project
- where to find them on the disk
- the header files for each source module
- which compilers and command-line options need to be used when creating each part of the program
- where to put the resulting program
- code size, data size, and number of lines from the last compile

Using the Project Manager is easy. To build a project,

- pick a name for the project file (from Project | Open Project)
- add source files using the Project | Add Item dialog box
- tell Turbo C++ to Compile | Make

Then, with the project-management commands available on the Project menu, you can

■ add or delete files from your project

■ view included files for a specific file in the project

All the files in this chapter are in the Examples directory.

Let's look at an example of how the Project Manager works.

Sampling the project manager

Suppose you have a program that consists of a main source file, MYMAIN.CPP, a support file, MYFUNCS.CPP, that contains functions and data referenced from the main file, and myfuncs.h. MYMAIN.CPP looks like this:

This program runs in Windows because it uses the EasyWin library automatically.

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include "myfuncs.h"

main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   char *s;
   if(argc > 1)
       s=argv[1];
   else
       s="the universe";
   cout << GetString() << s << "\n";
}</pre>
```

MYFUNCS.CPP looks like this:

```
char ss[] = "The restaurant at the end of ";
char *GetString(void)
{
   return ss;
}
```

And myfuncs.h looks like this:

```
extern char *GetString(void);
```

These files make up the program that we'll now describe to the Project Manager.

These names can be the same (except for the extensions), but they don't have to be. The name of your executable file (and any map file produced by the linker) is based on the project file's name.

The first step is to tell Turbo C++ the name of the project file that you're going to use: Call it MYPROG.PRJ. Notice that the name of the project file is not the same as the name of the main file (MYMAIN.CPP). And in this case, the executable file will be MYPROG.EXE (and if you choose to generate it, the map file will be MYPROG.MAP).

Go to the Project menu and choose Open Project. This brings up the Open Project File dialog box, which contains a list of all the files in the current directory with the extension .PRJ. Since you're starting a new file, type in the name MYPROG in the Open Project File input box.

Notice that once a project is opened, the Add Item, Delete Item, and Include Files options are enabled on the Project menu.

If the project file you load is in another directory, the current directory will be set to where the project file is loaded.

You can keep your project file in any directory; to put it somewhere other than the current directory, just specify the path as part of the file name. (You must also specify the path for source files if they're in different directories.) Note that all files and corresponding paths are relative to the directory where the project file is loaded from. After you enter the project file name, you'll see a Project window.

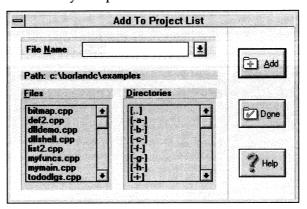
The Project window contains the current project file name (MYPROG). Once you indicate which files make up your project, you'll see the name of each file and its path. When the project file is compiled, the Project window also shows the number of lines in the file and the amount of code and data in bytes generated by the compiler.

The SpeedBar shows which actions can be performed at this point: you can get help, add a file to the Project, delete a file from the Project, view include files required by a file in the Project, open an editor window for the currently selected file, compile a selected file in the project or build the entire project. Press the Add Item to Project button now to add a file to the project list.

You can change the filename specification to whatever you want with the Name input box; *.CPP is the default, The Add to Project List dialog box appears; this dialog box lets you select and add source files to your project. The Files list box shows all files with the .CPP extension in the current directory. (MYMAIN.CPP and MYFUNCS.CPP both appear in this list.) Three action buttons are available: Add, Done, and Help.

If you copy the wrong file to the Project window, press Esc to return to the Project window, then Del or press the Delete Item button on the SpeedBar to remove the currently selected file. Since the Add button is the default, you can place a file in the Project window by typing its name in the Name input box and pressing *Enter* or by choosing it in the Files list box and choosing OK. You'll see that MYFUNCS gets added to the Project window and then you're returned to the Add Item dialog box to add another file. Go ahead and add MYMAIN.CPP. Turbo C++ will compile files in the exact order they appear in the project.

Note that the Add button commits your change; pressing Esc when you're in the dialog box just puts the dialog box away. Close the dialog box and return to the Project window. Notice that the Lines, Code, and Data fields in the Project window show n/a. This means the information is not available until the modules are actually compiled.



After all compiler options and directories have been set, Turbo C++ will know everything it needs to know about how to build the program called MYPROG.EXE using the source code in MYMAIN.CPP, MYFUNCS.CPP, and myfuncs.h. Now you'll actually build the project.

Choose Compile | Make or press the Make button on the SpeedBar to make your project and choose Run | Run to run it. When you are done viewing your output, close the window.

When you leave the IDE, the project file you've been working on is automatically saved on disk; you can disable this by unchecking Project in the Preferences dialog box (Options | Environment).

For more information on .PRJ and .DSK files, refer to the section, "Project and configuration files," in Chapter 1. The saved project consists of two files: the project file (.PRJ) and the desktop file (.DSK). The project file contains the information required to build the project's related executable. The build information consists of compiler options, INCLUDE/LIB/OUTPUT paths, linker options, and make options. The desktop file contains the state of all windows at the last time you were using the project.

The next time you use Turbo C++, you can jump right into your project by reloading the project file. Turbo C++ automatically loads a project file if it is the only .PRJ file in the current directory; otherwise the default project and desktop (TCDEFW.*) are loaded. Since your program files and their corresponding paths are

relative to the project file's directory, you can work on any project by moving to the project file's directory and bringing up Turbo C++. The correct file will be loaded for you automatically. If no project file is found in the current directory, the default project file is loaded.

Error tracking

Syntax errors that generate compiler warning and error messages in multifile programs can be selected and viewed from the Message window.

To see this, let's introduce some syntax errors into the two files, MYMAIN.CPP and MYFUNCS.CPP. From MYMAIN.CPP, remove the first angle bracket in the first line and remove the *c* in **char** from the fifth line. These changes will generate five errors and two warnings in MYMAIN.

In MYFUNCS.CPP, remove the first *r* from return in the fifth line. This change will produce two errors and one warning.

Changing these files makes them out of date with their object files, so doing a make will recompile them.

Since you want to see the effect of tracking in multiple files, you need to modify the criterion Turbo C++ uses to decide when to stop the make process. This is done by setting a radio button in the Make dialog box (Options | Make).

Stopping a make

You can choose the type of message you want the make to stop on by setting one of the Break Make On options in the Make dialog box (Options | Make). The default is Errors, which is normally the setting you'd want to use. However, you can have a make stop after compiling a file with warnings, with errors, or with fatal errors, or have it stop after all out-of-date source modules have been compiled.

The usefulness of each of these modes is really determined by the way you like to fix errors and warnings. If you like to fix errors and warnings as soon as you see them, you should set Break Make On to Warnings or maybe to Errors. If you prefer to get an entire list of errors in all the source files before fixing them up, you should set the radio button to Fatal Errors or to Link. To demonstrate errors in multiple files, choose Fatal Errors in the Make dialog box.

Syntax errors in multiple source files

Since you've already introduced syntax errors into MYMAIN.CPP and MYFUNCS.CPP, go ahead and choose Compile | Make to "make the project." The Compiling window shows the files being compiled and the number of errors and warnings in each file and the total for the make. Choose OK when compiling stops.

Your cursor is now positioned on the first error or warning in the Message window. If the file that the message refers to is in the editor, the highlight bar in the edit window shows you where the compiler detected a problem. You can scroll up and down in the Message window to view the different messages.

Note that there is a "Compiling" message for each source file that was compiled. These messages serve as file boundaries, separating the various messages generated by each module and its include files. When you scroll to a message generated in a different source file, the edit window will only track in files that are currently loaded.

Thus, moving to a message that refers to an unloaded file causes the edit window's highlight bar to turn off. Press *Spacebar* to load that file and continue tracking; the highlight bar will reappear. If you choose one of these messages (that is, press *Enter* when positioned on it), Turbo C++ loads the file it references into an edit window and places the cursor on the error. If you then return to the Message window, tracking resumes in that file.

The Source Tracking options in the Preferences dialog box (Options | Environment) help you determine which window a file is loaded into. You can use these settings when you're message tracking.

Note that Previous message and Next message are affected by the Source Tracking setting. These commands will always find the next or previous error and will load the file using the method specified by the Source Tracking setting.

Saving or deleting messages

Normally, whenever you start to make a project, the Message window is cleared out to make room for new messages. Sometimes, however, it is desirable to keep messages around between makes.

Consider the following example: You have a project that has many source files and your program is set to stop on Errors. In this case, after compiling many files with warnings, one error in one file stops the make. You fix that error and want to find out if the compiler will accept the fix. But if you do a make or compile again, you lose your earlier warning messages. To avoid this, check Save Old Messages in the Preferences dialog box (Options | Environment). This way the only messages removed are the ones that result from the files you *re*compile. Thus, the old messages for a given file are replaced with any new messages that the compiler generates.

You can always get rid of all your messages by choosing Compile | Remove Messages, which deletes all the current messages. Unchecking Save Old Messages and running another make will also get rid of any old messages.

Autodependency checking

When you made your previous project, you dealt with the most basic situation: a list of C++ source file names. The Project Manager provides you with a lot of power to go beyond this simple situation.

The Project Manager collects autodependency information at compile time and caches these so that only files compiled outside the IDE need to be processed. The Project Manager can automatically check dependencies between source files in the project list (including files they themselves include) and their corresponding object files. This is useful when a particular C++ source file depends on other files. It is common for a C++ source to include several header files (.h files) that define the interface to external routines. If the interface to those routines changes, you'll want the file that uses those routines to be recompiled.

If you've checked the Auto-Dependencies option (Options | Make), Make obtains time-date stamps for all .CPP files and the files included by these. Then Make compares the date/time information of all these files with their date/time at last compile. If any date/time is different, the source file is recompiled.

If the Auto-Dependencies option is unchecked, the .CPP files are checked against .OBJ files. If earlier .CPP files exist, the source file is recompiled.

When a file is compiled, the IDE's compiler and the command-line compiler put dependency information into the .OBJ files. The Project Manager uses this to verify that every file that was used to build the .OBJ file is checked for time and date against the time and date information in the .OBJ file. The .CPP source file is recompiled if the dates are different.

That's all there is to dependencies. You get the power of more traditional makes while avoiding long dependency lists.

Overriding libraries

In some cases, it's necessary to override the standard startup files or libraries. You override the startup file by placing a file called C0x.OBJ as the *first* name in your project file, where x stands for any DOS name (for example, C0MINE.OBJ). It's critical that the name start with C0 and that it is the first file in your project.

To override the standard library, choose Options | Linker and, in the Libraries dialog box, select None for the Standard Run-time Library. Then add the library you want your project to use to the project file just as you would any other item.

More Project Manager features

Let's take a look at some of the other features the Project Manager has to offer. When you're working on a project that involves many source files, you want to be able to easily view portions of those files. You'll also want to be able to quickly access files that are included by others.

For example, expand MYMAIN.CPP to include a call to a function named **GetMyTime**:

```
#include <iostream.h>
#include "myfuncs.h"
#include "mytime.h"
main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
   char *s;
   if(argc > 1)
       s=argv[];
```

```
else
    s="the universe";
cout << GetString() << s << "\n";
}</pre>
```

This code adds one new include file to MYMAIN: mytime.h. Together myfuncs.h and mytime.h contain the prototypes that define the **GetString** and **GetMyTime** functions, which are called from MYMAIN. The mytime.h file contains

```
#define HOUR 1
#define MINUTE 2
#define SECOND 3
extern int GetMyTime(int);
```

Go ahead and put the actual code for **GetMyTime** into a new source file called MYTIME.CPP:

```
#include <time.h>
#include "mytime.h"
int GetMyTime(int which)
  struct tm *timeptr;
  time t secsnow;
  time(&secsnow);
  timeptr = localtime(&secsnow);
  switch (which) {
     case HOUR:
        return (timeptr -> tm hour);
     case MINUTE:
        return (timeptr -> tm min);
     case SECOND:
       return (timeptr -> tm sec);
 }
}
```

MYTIME includes the standard header file time.h, which contains the prototype of the **time** and **localtime** functions, and the definition of *tm* and *time_t*, among other things. It also includes mytime.h in order to define HOUR, MINUTE, and SECOND.

Create these new files, then use Project | Open Project to open MYPROG.PRJ. The files MYMAIN.CPP and MYFUNCS.CPP are still in the Project window. Now to build your expanded project, add the file name MYTIME.CPP to the Project window. Choose Project | Add Item or press the Add Item button on the SpeedBar to bring up the Add Item dialog box. Use the dialog box to specify the name of the file you are adding and choose Done.

Now choose Compile | Make to make the project. MYMAIN.CPP will be recompiled because you've made changes to it since you last compiled it. MYFUNCS.CPP won't be recompiled, because you haven't made any changes to it since the make in the earlier example. MYTIME.CPP will be compiled for the first time.

In the MYPROG project window, move to MYMAIN.CPP and press *Spacebar* (or Project | Include Files) to display the Include Files dialog box. You can also choose the View Includes button on the SpeedBar. This dialog box contains the name of the selected file, several buttons, and a list of include files and locations (paths). The first file in the Include Files list box is highlighted; the list box lists all the files that were included by the file MYMAIN.CPP. If any of the include files is located outside of the current directory, the path to the file is shown in the Location field of the list box.

As each source file is compiled, the information about which include files are included by which source files is stored in the source file's .OBJ file. If you access the Include Files dialog box before you perform a make, it might contain no files or it might have files left over from a previous compile (which may be out of date). To load one of the include files into an edit window, highlight the file you want and press *Enter* or click the View button.

Looking at files in a project

Let's take a look at MYMAIN.CPP, one of the files in the Project. Double-click the file or select it and press *Enter*. This brings up an edit window with MYMAIN.CPP loaded. Now you can make changes to the file, scroll through it, search for text, or whatever else you need to do. When you are finished with the file, save your changes if any, then close the edit window.

Suppose that after browsing around in MYMAIN.CPP, you realize that what you really wanted to do was look at mytime.h, one of the files that MYMAIN.CPP includes. Highlight MYMAIN.CPP in the Project window, then press *Spacebar* to bring up the Include Files dialog box for MYMAIN. (Alternatively, while MYMAIN.CPP is the active edit window, choose Project Include Items. Now choose mytime.h in the Include Files box and press the View button. This brings up an edit window with mytime.h loaded. When you're done, close the mytime.h edit window.

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Options reference

Many of the features of Turbo C++ are controlled by various default settings that appear on the Options menu. You can invoke the Options menu either by clicking Options on the main menu, or by pressing *Alt-O*. Most of the commands in this menu lead to a dialog box.

When you first view the settings in any of the options dialog boxes, you will see certain settings are already selected. These are the *default* settings, which Turbo C++ will use if you do not make any changes. These default settings are illustrated in the screen diagrams in this chapter. You can change any of the default settings by making the desired changes and selecting save project on the Options | Save dialog box. Alternatively, if you check the Project box in the Autosave group on the Options | Preferences menu, your changes will be automatically saved when you exit from Turbo C++.

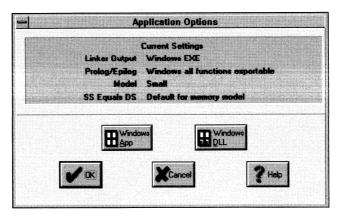
The Application Options dialog box

The Options | Application menu choice brings up the Application Options Dialog box. This dialog box provides the easiest and safest way to set up compilation and linking for a Windows executable. To use this dialog box, simply push one of the buttons. Turbo C++ will verify and, if necessary, change some of the settings in the Code Generation Options, Entry Exit Code Generation, and Linker Settings dialog boxes. See page 38

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(Entry/Exit Code Generation) for detailed information on the code generated. Use this dialog box for initial setup only.

Figure 4.1 The Application Options dialog box



The standard options for applications and libraries each accomplish a set of tasks. You can choose only one button at a time. The current settings fields are updated when you press the button.

Windows App:

- pushes the Small memory model button in the Code Generation Options dialog box
- sets Assume SS equals DS to Default for memory model in the Code Generation Options dialog box
- pushes the Windows All Functions Exportable button in the Entry Exit Code Generation dialog box
- pushes the Windows .EXE button in the Linker Settings dialog box

Windows DLL:

- pushes the Compact memory model button in the Code Generation Options dialog box
- sets Assume SS equals DS to Never in the Code Generation Options dialog box
- pushes the Windows DLL All Functions Exportable button in the Entry Exit Code Generation dialog box
- pushes the Windows .DLL button in the Linker Settings dialog box

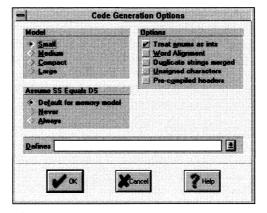
Compiler

The Options | Compiler command displays a pop-up menu that gives you several options to set that affect code compilation. The following sections describe these commands.

Code Generation

The Code Generation command displays a dialog box. The settings in this box tell the compiler to prepare the object code in certain ways. The dialog box looks like this:

Figure 4.2
The Code Generation
Options dialog box



Here are what the various buttons and check boxes mean:

The Model buttons determine which memory model you want to use. The memory model chosen determines the default method of memory addressing. The default memory model is Small. For more information about memory models, see the online file WINMEM.DOC.

The Options control various code generation defaults.

- When checked, Treat enums as ints causes the compiler to always allocate a whole word for variables of type **enum**. Unchecked, this option tells the compiler to allocate an unsigned or signed byte if the minimum and maximum values of the enumeration are both within the range of 0 to 255 or −128 to 127, respectively.
- Word Alignment (when checked) tells Turbo C++ to align noncharacter data (within structures and unions only) at even addresses. When this option is off (unchecked), Turbo C++ uses

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byte-aligning, where data (again, within structures and unions only) can be aligned at either odd or even addresses, depending on which is the next available address.

Word alignment increases the speed with which 80x86 processors fetch and store the data.

- Duplicate Strings Merged (when checked) tells Turbo C++ to merge two strings when one matches another. This produces smaller programs, but can introduce bugs if you modify one string.
- Unsigned Characters (when checked) tells Turbo C++ to treat all **char** declarations as if they were **unsigned char** type.
- Check Precompiled Headers when you want the IDE to generate and use precompiled headers. Precompiled headers can dramatically increase compilation speeds, though they require a considerable amount of disk space. When this option is off (the default), the IDE will neither generate nor use precompiled headers. Precompiled headers are saved in *PROJECTNAME*.SYM.

If the Default for Memory Model radio button is pushed, whether the stack segment (SS) is assumed to be equal to the data segment (DS) is dependent on the memory model used. Usually, the compiler assumes that SS is equal to DS in the small and medium memory models (except for DLLs).

When the Never radio button is pushed, the compiler will not assume SS is equal to DS.

The Always button tells the compiler to always assume that SS is equal to DS. It causes the IDE to substitute the C0Fx.OBJ startup module for C0x.OBJ to place the stack in the data segment.

Use the Defines input box to enter macro definitions to the preprocessor. You can separate multiple defines with semicolons (;) and assign values with an equal sign (=); for example,

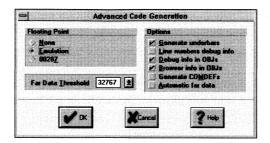
TESTCODE; PROGCONST=5

Leading and trailing spaces will be stripped, but embedded spaces are left intact. If you want to include a semicolon in a macro, you must place a backslash (\) in front of it.

See Appendix D for more on precompiled headers.

Advanced Code Generation

Figure 4.3 The Advanced Code Generation dialog box The Advanced Code Generation menu choice takes you to the Advanced Code Generation dialog box. Here's what that dialog box looks like:



The Floating Point buttons let you decide how you want Turbo C++ to generate floating-point code.

- Choose None if you're not using floating point. (If you choose None and you use floating-point calculations in your program, you get link errors.)
- Choose Emulation if you want your program to detect whether your computer has an 80x87 coprocessor (and to use it if you do). If it is not present, your program will emulate the 80x87.
- Choose 80287 to generate direct 80287 inline code.

The advanced options are shown to the left.

- When checked, the Generate Underbars option automatically adds an underbar, or underscore, character (_) in front of every global identifier (that is, functions and global variables). If you are linking with standard libraries, this box must be checked.
- Line Numbers Debug Info (when checked) includes line numbers in the object and object map files (the latter for use by a symbolic debugger). This increases the size of the object and map files but does not affect the speed of the executable program.

Since the compiler might group together common code from multiple lines of source text during jump optimization, or might reorder lines (which makes line-number tracking difficult), you might want to make sure the Jump Optimization check box (Options | Compiler | Optimizations) is off (unchecked) when this option is checked.

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- Debug Info in OBJs controls whether debugging information is included in object (.OBJ) files. The default for this check box is on (checked), which you need to use either the integrated debugger or the standalone Turbo Debugger.
 - Turning this option off lets you link and create larger object files. While this option doesn't affect execution speed, it *does* affect compilation time.
- Fast Floating Point lets you optimize floating-point operations without regard to explicit or implicit type conversions. When this option is unchecked, the compiler follows strict ANSI rules regarding floating-point conversions.
- The Fast Huge Pointers option normalizes huge pointers only when a segment wrap-around occurs in the offset portion of the segment. This greatly speeds up the computation of huge pointer expressions, but must be used with caution because it can cause problems for huge arrays if array elements cross a segment boundary.
- When checked, the Generate COMDEFs option allows a communal definition of a variable to appear in header files as long as it is not initialized. Thus a definition such as int SomeArray[256]; could appear in a header file that is then included in many modules, and the compiler will generate it as a communal variable rather than a public definition (a COMDEF record rather than a PUBDEF record). The linker will then only generate one instance of the variable so it will not be a duplicate definition linker error.

This option is ignored if you're using the small or medium memory models.

■ The Automatic Far Data option and the Far Data Threshold type-in box work together. When checked, the Automatic Far Data option tells the compiler to automatically place data objects larger than a pre-defined size into far data segments; the Far Data Threshold specifies the minimum size above which data objects will be automatically made far.

Entry/Exit Code Generation

See Chapter 8, "Building a Windows application," in the Programmer's Guide for more on prolog and epilog code. When you compile a C or C++ program for Windows or DOS, the compiler needs to know which kind of prolog and epilog to create for each of a module's functions.

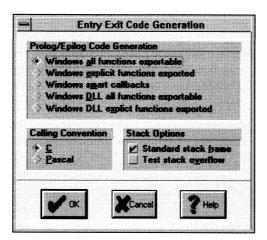
If the program is intended for a Windows DLL, the compiler generates a different prolog and epilog than it would for an EXE. Because of this, you must use the Entry Exit Code Generation dialog box to set the appropriate application. If you use the

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Application Options dialog box (described on page 33), the settings in the Entry Exit Code Generation dialog box will already be correct for the type of application you choose.

This dialog box also allows you to select the calling convention and to set a couple of stack options. All options affect what code is generated for function calls and returns.

Figure 4.4 The Entry Exit Code Generation dialog box



To set the prolog/epilog code for a Windows application, you must select one of five options.

- Windows All Functions Exportable is the most general kind of Windows executable, although not necessarily the most efficient. It assumes that all functions are capable of being called by the Windows kernel or by other modules, and generates the necessary overhead information for every function, whether the function needs it or not. The module definition file will control which functions actually get exported.
- Use Windows Explicit Functions Exported if you have functions that will not be called the Windows kernel. It isn't necessary to generate export-compatible prolog/epilog code information for these functions. The _export keyword provides a way to tell the compiler which specific functions will be exported: Only those far functions with _export will be given the special Windows prolog/epilog code.
- Push the Windows Smart Callbacks button to select Turbo C++ smart callbacks. See Chapter 8, "Building a Windows application," in the *Programmer's Guide* for details on smart callbacks.

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- Push the Windows DLL All Functions Exportable button to create an .OBJ file to be linked as a .DLL with all functions exportable.
- Push the Windows DLL Explicit Functions Exported button to create an .OBJ file to be linked as a .DLL with certain functions explicitly selected to be exported. Otherwise this is essentially the same as Windows Explicit Functions Exported; see that discussion for more information.

The Calling Convention options cause the compiler to generate either a C calling sequence or a Pascal calling sequence for function calls. The differences between C and Pascal calling conventions are in the way each handles stack cleanup, order of parameters, case, and prefix (underbar) of global identifiers.

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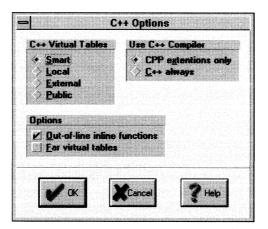
Do not change this option unless you're an expert and have read Chapter 7, "BASM and inline assembly," in the Programmer's Guide.

- Standard Stack Frame (when checked) generates a standard stack frame (standard function entry and exit code). This is helpful when debugging—it simplifies the process of tracing back through the stack of called subroutines.
 - If you compile a source file with this option off (unchecked), any function that does not use local variables and has no parameters is compiled with abbreviated entry and return code. This makes the code shorter and faster, but prevents the Debug | Call Stack command from "seeing" the function. Thus, you should always check the option when you compile a source file for debugging.
- When checked, the Test Stack Overflow generates code to check for a stack overflow at run time. Even though this costs space and time in a program, it can be a real lifesaver, since a stack overflow bug can be difficult to track down.

C++ Options

The C++ Options command displays a dialog box that contains settings that tell the compiler to prepare the object code in certain ways when using C++.

Figure 4.5 The C++ Options dialog box



The C++ Virtual Tables radio buttons let you control C++ virtual tables and the expansion of inline functions when debugging.

- The Smart option generates C++ virtual tables (and inline functions not expanded inline) so that only one instance of a given virtual table or inline function will be included in the program. This produces the smallest and most efficient executables, not compatible with older linkers and assemblers.
- The Local option generates local virtual tables (and inline functions not expanded inline) such that each module gets its own private copy of each virtual table or inline function it uses; this option uses only standard .OBJ (and .ASM) constructs, but produces larger executables.
- The External option generates external references to virtual tables; one or more of the modules comprising the program must be compiled with the Public option to supply the definitions for the virtual tables.
- The Public option generates public definitions for virtual tables.

The Use C++ Compiler radio buttons tell Turbo C++ whether to always compile your programs as C++ code, or to always compile your code as C code except when the file extension is .CPP.

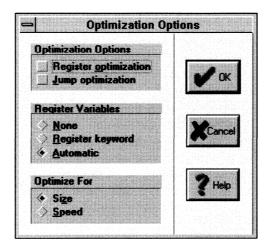
- Use Out-of-Line Inline Functions when you want to step through or set breakpoints on inline functions.
- The Far Virtual Tables option causes virtual tables to be created in the code segment instead of the data segment, and makes virtual table pointers into full 32-bit pointers.

There are two primary reasons for using this option: to remove the virtual tables from the data segment, which may be getting full, and to be able to share objects (of classes with virtual functions) between modules that use different data segments (for example, a DLL and an executable using that DLL). You must compile all modules that may share objects either entirely with or entirely without this option. You can achieve the same effect by using the **huge** or **_export** modifiers on a class-by-class basis.

Optimizations

The Optimizations command displays a dialog box. The settings in this box tell the compiler to prepare the object code in certain ways to optimize the size or speed.

Figure 4.6 The Optimization Options dialog box



The Optimizations Options affect how optimization of your code occurs.

- Register Optimization suppresses the reloading of registers by remembering the contents of registers and reusing them as often as possible.
 - Exercise caution when using this option. The compiler can't detect whether a value has been modified indirectly by a pointer.
- Jump Optimization reduces the code size by eliminating redundant jumps and reorganizing loops and switch statements.

Important!

When this option is checked, the sequences of tracing and stepping in the debugger can be confusing, since there might be multiple lines of source code associated with a particular generated code sequence. For best stepping results, turn this option off (uncheck it) while you are debugging.

The Register Variables radio buttons suppress or enable the use of register variables.

With Automatic chosen, register variables are automatically assigned for you. With None chosen, the compiler does not use register variables even if you've used the **register** keyword. With Register keyword chosen, the compiler uses register variables only if you use the **register** keyword and a register is available. See the online file WINMEM.DOC for more details.

Generally, you can keep this option set to Automatic unless you're interfacing with preexisting assembly code that does not support register variables.

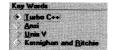
The Optimize For buttons let you change Turbo C++'s code generation strategy. Normally the compiler optimizes for size, choosing the smallest code sequence possible. You can also have the compiler optimize for speed, so that it chooses the *fastest* sequence for a given task.

Source

The Source command displays a dialog box. The settings in this box tell the compiler to expect certain types of source code. The dialog box presents the following options:

The Key Words radio buttons tell the compiler how to recognize keywords in your programs.

- Choosing Turbo C++ tells the compiler to recognize the Turbo C++ extension keywords, including **near**, **far**, **huge**, **asm**, **cdecl**, **pascal**, **interrupt**, **_es**, **_export**, **_ds**, **_cs**, **_ss**, and the register pseudovariables (_AX, _BX, and so on). For a complete list, refer to Chapter 1, "Lexical elements," in the *Programmer's Guide*.
- Choosing ANSI tells the compiler to recognize only ANSI keywords and treat any Turbo C++ extension keywords as normal identifiers.
- Choosing UNIX V tells the compiler to recognize only UNIX V keywords and treat any Turbo C++ extension keywords as normal identifiers.



Options | Compiler | Source

Source Options

Mested Comments

■ Choosing Kernighan and Ritchie tells the compiler to recognize only the K&R extension keywords and treat any Turbo C++ extension keywords as normal identifiers.

The Nested Comments checkbox allows you to nest comments in Turbo C++ source files. Nested comments are not allowed in standard C implementations. They are not portable.



Use the Identifier input box to specify the number (*n*) of significant characters in an identifier. Except in C++, which recognizes identifiers of unlimited length, all identifiers are treated as distinct only if their first *n* characters are distinct. This includes variables, preprocessor macro names, and structure member names. The number can be from 1 to 32; the default is 32.

Messages

The Messages command displays a submenu that lets you set several options that affect compiler error messages in the IDE.

Display presents a dialog box that allows you to specify how (and if) you want error messages to be displayed.

- Errors: Stop After causes compilation to stop after the specified number of errors have been detected. The default is 25, but you can enter any number from 0 to 255. (Entering 0 causes compilation to continue until the end of the file.)
- Warnings: Stop After causes compilation to stop after the specified number of warnings have been detected. The default is 100, but you can enter any number from 0 to 255. (Entering 0 causes compilation to continue until the end of the file or until the error limit entered above been reached, whichever comes first.)
- The Display Warnings options allow you to choose whether the compiler will display all warnings, only the warnings selected in the Messages submenu option, or to display no warnings.

When you choose Portability on the Messages submenu, a dialog box appears that lets you specify which types of portability problems you want to be warned about.

Check the warnings you want to be notified of and uncheck the ones you don't. Choose OK to return to the Compiler Messages dialog box.

Options | Compiler | Messages | ANSI violations

When you choose ANSI Violations on the Messages submenu, a dialog box appears that lets you specify which, if any, ANSI violations you want to be warned about.

Check the warnings you want to be notified of and uncheck the ones you don't. Choose OK to return to the Compiler Messages dialog box.

When you choose the C++ Warnings button in the Messages submenu, another dialog box appears that lets you determine which specific C++ warnings you want to enable.

Check the warnings you want to be notified of and uncheck the ones you don't. Choose OK to return to the Compiler Messages dialog box.

When you choose the Frequent Errors button in the Compiler Messages dialog box, another dialog box appears that lets you specify which frequently-occurring errors you want to be warned about.

Check the errors you want to be notified of and uncheck the ones you don't. Choose OK to return to the Compiler Messages dialog box.

Choosing Less frequent errors lets you make the same choice, to be warned or not, about several less frequently occurring errors.

Check or uncheck these errors as in the previous dialog boxes, and choose OK to return to the Messages dialog box.

Names

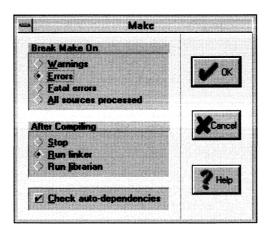
The Names command brings up a dialog box that lets you change the default segment, group, and class names for code, data, and BSS sections. Do not change the settings in this command unless you are an expert and have viewed information about memory models in the online file WINMEM.DOC.

Make

The Options | Make command displays a dialog box that lets you set conditions for project management. Here's what the dialog box looks like:

Options I Make

Figure 4.7 The Make dialog box



Use the Break Make On radio buttons to set the condition that will stop the making of a project. The default is to stop after compiling a file with errors.

Use the After Compiling radio buttons to specify what to do after all the source code modules defined in your project have been compiled. You can choose to Stop (leaving .OBJ files), Run linker to generate an .EXE file, or Run librarian to generate a .LIB file. The default is to run the linker to generate an executable application.

When the Check Auto-dependencies option is checked, the Project Manager automatically checks dependencies for every .OBJ file on disk that has a corresponding .C source file in the project list.

The Project Manager opens the .OBJ file and looks for information about files included in the source code. This information is always placed in the .OBJ file by Turbo C++ for Windows when the source module is compiled. Then every file that was used to build the .OBJ file is checked for time and date against the time and date information in the .OBJ file. The source file is recompiled if the dates are different. This is called an *autodependency check*. If this option is off (unchecked), no such file checking is done.

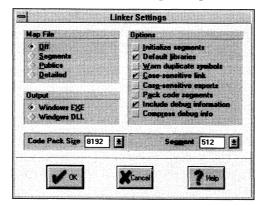
After the C source file is successfully compiled, the project file contains valid dependency information for that file. Once that information is in the project file, the Project Manager uses it to do its autodependency check. This is much faster than reading each .OBJ file.

Linker

The Options | Linker command lets you make several settings that affect linking. The Linker command opens a submenu containing the choices Settings and Libraries.

The Settings command opens up this dialog box:

Figure 4.8 The Linker Settings dialog box



This dialog box has several check boxes and radio buttons. The following sections contain short descriptions of what each does.

Use the Map File radio buttons to choose the type of map file to be produced. For settings other than Off, the map file is placed in the output directory defined in the Options | Directories dialog box. The default setting for the map file is Off.

Use these radio buttons to set your application type. Windows EXE produces a Windows application, while Windows DLL produces a Windows dynamic link library.

If checked, Initialize Segments tells the linker to initialize uninitialized segments. (This is normally not needed and will make your .EXE files larger.)

Some compilers place lists of default libraries in the .OBJ files they produce. If the Default Libraries option is checked, the linker tries to find any undefined routines in these libraries as well as in the default libraries supplied by Turbo C++. When you're linking with modules created by a compiler other than Turbo C++, you may wish to leave this option off (unchecked).

The Warn Duplicate Symbols option affects whether the linker warns you of previously encountered symbols in .LIB files.

Options | Linker | Settings

The Case-sensitive Link option affects whether the linker is case-sensitive. Normally, this option should be checked, since C and C++ are both case-sensitive languages.

By default, the linker ignores case with the names in the IMPORTS and EXPORTS sections of the module definition file. If you want the linker be case-sensitive in regard to these names, check the Case-sensitive Exports option. This option is probably only useful when you are trying to export non-callback functions from DLLs—as in exported C++ member functions. It isn't necessary for normal Windows callback functions (declared FAR PASCAL).

When Pack code segments is checked, the linker tries to minimize the number of code segments by packing multiple code segments together; typically, this will improve performance. This option will never create segments greater than 64K.

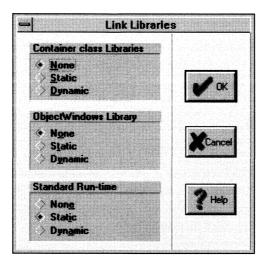
The Include debug info option instructs the linker to include information needed in order to debug your application using the Turbo Debugger.

The Compress debug info option instructs the linker to compress the debugging information in the output file. This option will slow down the linker, and should only be checked in the event of a "Debugger information overflow" error when linking.

You can change the default code packing size to anything between 1 and 65,536 with Code Pack Size.

The Segment box allows you to set the segment alignment. Note that the alignment factor will be automatically rounded up to the nearest power of two (meaning that if you enter 650, it will be rounded up to 1,024). The possible numbers you can enter must fall in the range of 2 to 65,535.

Figure 4.9 The Link Libraries dialog box



The Link Libraries dialog box has several radio buttons, that allow you to choose what libraries will automatically be linked into your application. For more information about using libraries in your applications, see Chapter 3, "Managing multi-file projects."

The Container class Libraries option tells the linker to automatically link in the Turbo C++ container class library, which is available in both static (.LIB) and dynamic (.DLL) form. These radio buttons tell the linker which, if either, form of the Container class library you want to automatically link in with your application.

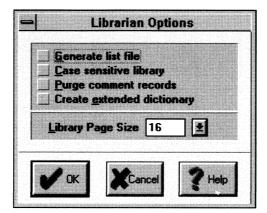
The Turbo C++ ObjectWindows Library option is a Windows application framework that is available in both static (.LIB) and dynamic (.DLL) form. These radio buttons tell the linker which, if either, form of the ObjectWindows library you want to automatically link in with your application.

In Turbo C++ 3.0, the standard run-time libraries are available in both static (.LIB) and dynamic (.DLL) form. Choosing the dynamic form can help to reduce the size of your Windows executable file, and can also reduce the overhead of loading these libraries more than once if they will be called by more than one application running simultaneously.

Librarian

The Options | Librarian command lets you make several settings affecting the use of the built in Librarian. Like the command-line librarian (TLIB), the built-in Librarian combines the .OBJ files in your project into a .LIB file. In order for any of these settings to take effect, you must have checked Run librarian in the Options | Make dialog box.

Figure 4.10 The Librarian Options dialog box



- The Generate list file check box determines whether the Librarian will automatically produce a list file (.LST) listing the contents of your library when it is created.
- The Case sensitive library check box tells the Librarian to treat case as significant in all symbols in the library (this means that CASE, Case, and case, for example, would all be treated as different symbols).
- The Purge comment records check box tells the Librarian to remove all comment records from modules added to the library.
- The Create extended dictionary check box determines whether the Librarian will include in compact form, additional information that will help the linker to process library files faster.

The Library Page Size option allows you to set the number of bytes in each library "page" (dictionary entry). The page size determines the maximum size of the library: it cannot exceed 65,536 pages. The default page size, 16, allows a library of about 1

MB in size. To create a larger library, change the page size to the next higher value (32).

Directories

The Options | Directories command lets you tell Turbo C++ where to find the files it needs to compile, link and output. This command opens the following dialog box containing three input boxes:

- The Include Directories input box specifies the directory that contains your include files. Standard include files are those given in angle brackets (<>) in an #include statement (for example, #include <myfile.h>). These directories are also searched for quoted includes not found in the current directory. Multiple directory names are allowed, separated by semicolons.
- The Library Directories input box specifies the directories that contain your Turbo C++ startup object files (C0?.OBJ) and runtime library files (.LIB files) and any other libraries that your project may use. Multiple directory names are allowed, separated by semicolons.
- The Output Directory input box specifies the directory that stores your .OBJ, .EXE, and .MAP files. Turbo C++ looks for that directory when doing a make or run, and to check dates and times of .OBJs and .EXEs. If the entry is blank, the files are stored in the current directory.

Use the following guidelines when entering directories in these input boxes:

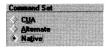
- You must separate multiple directory path names (if allowed) with a semicolon (;). You can use up to a maximum of 127 characters (including whitespace).
- Whitespace before and after the semicolon is allowed but not required.
- Relative and absolute path names are allowed, including path names relative to the logged position in drives other than the current one. For example,

C:\C\LIB;C:\C\MYLIBS;A:\TURBOC\MATHLIBS;A:..\VIDLIBS

Environment

The Options | Environment command lets you make environment-wide settings. This command opens a menu that lets you choose settings from Preferences, Editor, Mouse and Desktop.

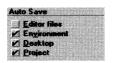
Preferences



The Command Set options let you choose either the CUA or the alternate command set as your editor interface. You can also select "Native," which specifies that the CUA interface will be used for the Turbo C++ for Windows IDE, and Alternate will be used for the Turbo C++ DOS IDE. For more information about the CUA and alternate editor command sets, see Chapter 1, "IDE basics."



When stepping source or viewing the source from the Message window, the IDE opens a new window whenever it encounters a file that is not already loaded. Selecting Current Window causes the IDE to replace the contents of the topmost Edit window with the new file instead of opening a new Edit window.

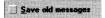


If Editor Files is checked in the Auto Save options, and if the file has been modified since the last time you saved it, Turbo C++ automatically saves the source file in the Edit window whenever you run your program.

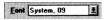
When the Environment option is checked, all the settings you made in this dialog box will be saved automatically when you exit Turbo C++.

When Desktop is checked, Turbo C++ saves your desktop when you close a project or exit, and restores when you reopen the project or return to Turbo C++.

When the Project option is checked, Turbo C++ saves all your project, autodependency, and module settings when you close your project or exit, and restores them when you reopen the project or return to Turbo C++.



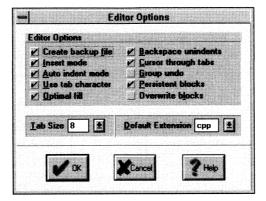
When Save Old Messages is checked, Turbo C++ saves the error messages currently in the Message window, appending any messages from further compiles to the window. Messages are not saved from one session to the next. By default, Turbo C++ automatically clears messages before a compile, a make, or a transfer that uses the Message window.



The Font input box allows you to specify a font for the editor window. Click on the arrow to open a list box displaying the available fonts, highlight the font you want, and click OK.

Editor

Figure 4.11 The Editor Options dialog box



If you choose Editor from the Environment menu, these are the options you can pick from:

- When Create backup files is checked (the default), Turbo C++ automatically creates a backup of the source file in the Edit window when you choose File | Save and gives the backup file the extension .BAK.
- When Insert mode is not checked, any text you type into Edit windows overwrites existing text. When the option is checked, text you type is inserted (pushed to the right). Pressing *Ins* toggles Insert mode when you're working in an Edit window.
- When Autoindent mode is checked, pressing *Enter* in an Edit window positions the cursor under the first nonblank character in the preceding nonblank line. This can be a great aid in typing readable program code.
- When Use tab character is checked, Turbo C++ inserts a true tab character (ASCII 9) when you press *Tab*. When this option is not checked, Turbo C++ replaces tabs with spaces. If there are any lines with characters on them prior to the current line, the cursor is positioned at the first corresponding column of characters following the next whitespace found. If there is no "next" whitespace, the cursor is positioned at the end of the line. After the end of the line, each *Tab* press is determined by the Tab Size setting.

Options | Environment | Editor

- When you check Optimal fill, Turbo C++ begins every autoindented line with the minimum number of characters possible, using tabs and spaces as necessary. This produces lines with fewer characters than when Optimal Fill is not checked.
- When Backspace unindents is checked (which is the default) and the cursor is on a blank line or the first non-blank character of a line, the *Backspace* key aligns (outdents) the line to the previous indentation level.
- When you check Cursor through tabs, the arrow keys will move the cursor space by space through tabs; otherwise the cursor jumps over tabs.
- When Group undo is unchecked, choosing Edit | Undo reverses the effect of a single editor command or keystroke. For example, if you type ABC, it will take three Undo commands to delete *C*, then *B*, then *A*.
 - If Group undo is checked, Undo reverses the effects of the previous command and all immediately preceding commands of the same type. The types of commands that are grouped are insertions, deletions, overwrites, and cursor movements. For example, if you type ABC, one Undo command deletes ABC.
 - For the purpose of grouping, inserting a carriage return is considered an insertion followed by a cursor movement. For example, if you press *Enter*, then type ABC, choosing Undo once will delete the ABC, and choosing Undo again will move the cursor to the new carriage return. Choosing Edit | Redo at that point would move the cursor to the following line. Another Redo would insert ABC.
- When Persistent blocks is checked (the default), marked blocks behave as they always have in Borland's C and C++ products; that is, they remain marked until deleted or unmarked (or until another block is marked). With this option unchecked, moving the cursor after a block is selected de-selects the entire block of text.
- When Overwrite blocks is checked *and* Persistent Blocks is *un*checked, marked blocks behave differently in these instances:
 - 1. Pressing the *Del* key or the *Backspace* key clears the entire selected text.
 - 2. Inserting text (pressing a character or pasting from the Clipboard) replaces the entire selected text with the inserted text.

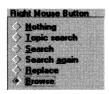
If you check Use tab character in this dialog box and press *Tab*, Turbo C++ inserts a tab character in the file and the cursor moves to the next tab stop. The Tab size input box lets you dictate how many characters to move for each tab stop. Legal values are 2 through 16; the default is 8.

To change the way tabs are displayed in a file, just change the tab size value to the size you prefer. Turbo C++ redisplays all tabs in that file in the size you chose. You can save this new tab size in your configuration file by choosing Options | Save Options.

The Default Extension input box lets you tell Turbo C++ which extension to use as the default when compiling and loading your source code. Changing this extension doesn't affect the history lists in the current desktop.

Mouse

When you choose Mouse from the Environment menu, the Mouse Options dialog box is displayed, which contains all the settings for your mouse. These are the options available to you:

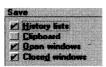


The Right Mouse Button radio buttons determine the effect of pressing the right button of the mouse (or the left button, if the reverse mouse buttons option is checked). Topic Search is the default.

Here's a list of what the right button would do if you choose something other than Nothing:

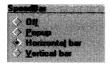
Topic Search
Search
Search
Search again
Replace
Browse
Same as Help | Topic Search
Same as Search | Find
Same as Search | Search Again
Same as Search | Replace
Same as Browse | Symbol

Desktop



The Desktop dialog box lets you set whether history lists, the contents of the Clipboard, open windows and closed windows are saved across sessions. History lists, open windows and the Clipboard are saved by default; windows which you have closed are not. You can change these defaults by unchecking or checking the respective options.

Options | Environment | Desktop



The SpeedBar radio buttons allow you to specify how the SpeedBar will be displayed. You may choose to turn the SpeedBar off entirely, or to have it appear as a popup, a vertical bar, or a horizontal bar. For more information about the SpeedBar, see Chapter 1, "IDE basics."

Save

The Options | Save command brings up a dialog box that lets you save settings that you've made in both the Find and Replace dialog boxes (off the Search menu) and in the Options menu (which includes all the dialog boxes that are part of those commands) for IDE, Desktop, and Project items. Options are stored in three files, which represent each of these categories. If it doesn't find the files, Turbo C++ looks in the Executable directory (from which TCW.EXE is run) for the same file.

A PPENDIX

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Converting from Microsoft C

If you're an experienced C or C++ programmer, but the Turbo C++ programming environment is new to you, then you should read this appendix before you do anything else. We appreciate that you want to be up and running fast with a new piece of software, and we know that you want to spend as little time as possible reading the manual. However, the time you spend reading this chapter will probably save you a lot of time later. Please read on.

Environment and tools

The Turbo C++ IDE (integrated development environment) is roughly the equivalent of the Programmer's Workbench, although naturally we think you'll find the IDE much easier to use. If you're interested in building Windows applications, see Chapter 8 in the *Programmer's Guide*.

You can find out more about configuration and project files in Chapters 1 and 3 in the User's Guide.

The IDE loads its settings from two files: TCCONFIG.TC, the default configuration file, and a project file (.PRJ). TCCONFIG.TC contains general environmental information. The current project file contains information more specific to the application you're building.

A project is the IDE's equivalent of a makefile. It includes the list of files to be built, as well as settings for the IDE options that control the compilation and linkage of that program. If you don't

specify a project file when you start the IDE, a nameless project is opened and set with default compiler and linker options, but no file name list.

Unlike Microsoft C, however, Turbo C++ does not automatically create and run a makefile based on settings and file names that you give it in the project.

Paths for .h and .LIB files

Microsoft C works with two environment variables, LIB and INCLUDE. The Microsoft linker uses the LIB variable to discover the location of the run-time libraries; similarly, INCLUDE is used to find standard header files. Turbo C++ does not use environment variables to store the path for the library or include files. Instead, you can easily set these paths in the IDE using the environment options.

When you install Turbo C++, you are asked to set paths for include files and library files. Those paths are then the default paths in the IDE.

Remember that even if you haven't opened a project, Turbo C++ will store the paths in its default project file. In the IDE, reset default search paths for libraries and header files with the Options | Directories command. The settings in the Directories dialog box become a part of the current project.

Source-level compatibility

The following sections tell you how to make sure that your code is compatible with Turbo C++'s compiler and linker.

__MSC macro

The Turbo C++ libraries contain many functions to increase compatibility with applications originally written in Microsoft C. If you define the macro _ MSC before you include the dos.h header file, the DOSERROR structure will be defined to match Microsoft's format.

Header files

Some nonstandard header files can be included by one of two names, as follows.

Original name	Alias	
alloc.h	malloc.h	
dir.h	direct.h	
mem.h	memory.h	

If you are defining data in header files in your program, you should use the Options | Compiler | Advanced code generation | Generate COMDEFs IDE option to generate COMDEFs.

Otherwise you will get linker errors.

Memory models

Although the same names are used for the standard memory models, there are fairly significant differences for the large data models in the standard configuration.

In Microsoft C, all large data models have a default NEAR data segment to which DS is maintained. Data is allocated in this data segment if the data size falls below a certain threshold, or in a far data segment otherwise. You can set the threshold value with the $/\mathbf{Gtn}$ option, where n is a byte value. The default threshold is 32,767. If $/\mathbf{Gt}$ is given but n is not specified, the default is 256.

In all other memory models under Microsoft C, both a near and a far heap are maintained.

In Turbo C++, the large and compact models have a default NEAR data segment to which DS is maintained. All static data is allocated to this segment by default, limiting the total static data in the program to 64K, but making all external data references near.

Keywords

Turbo C++ supports the same set of keywords as Microsoft C 5.1 with the exception of **fortran**.

Turbo C++ supports the same set of keywords as Microsoft C 6.0 with the exception of:

- _based, _self, and _segname, because Turbo C++ does not support based pointers
- _segment; Turbo C++'s keyword _seg is the equivalent of _segment
- _emit; Turbo C++ uses the pseudofunction _ _emit_ _, because this style allows addresses of variables to be given as arguments, and allows multiple bytes to be output; _emit, by contrast, works like an assembly DB, allowing one immediate byte to be output
- _fortran; use the _pascal calling convention instead

Turbo C++ provides **_cs**, **_ds**, **_es**, and **_ss** pointer types. See the index in online Help for details.

Floating-point return values

In Microsoft C, _cdecl causes float and double values to be returned in the __fac (floating point accumulator) global variable. Long doubles are returned on the NDP stack. _fastcall causes floating point types to be returned on the NDP stack. _pascal causes the calling program to allocate space on the stack and pass address to function. The function stores the return value and returns the address.

In Turbo C++, floating point values are returned on the NDP stack.

Structures returned by value

In a Microsoft C-compiled function declared with **_cdecl**, the function returns a pointer to a static location. This static location is created on a per-function basis. For a function declared with **_pascal**, the calling program allocates space on the stack for the return value. The calling program passes the address for the return value in a hidden argument to the function.

Turbo C++ returns 1-byte structures in AL, 2-byte structures in AX and 4-byte structures in AX and DX. For 3-byte structures and structures larger than 4 bytes, the compiler passes a hidden argument (a far pointer) to the function that tells the function where to return the structure.

Conversion hints

- Write *portable* code. Portable code is compatible with many different compilers and machines. Whenever possible, use only functions from the ANSI standard library (for example, use **time** instead of **gettime**). The portability information in online Help will tell you if a function is ANSI standard.
- If you must use a function that's not in the ANSI standard library, use a Unix-compatible function, if possible (for example, use **chmod** instead of **_chmod**, or **signal** instead of **_ctrlbrk**). Again, the portability information in online Help will tell you if a function is available on Unix machines.
- Avoid the use of bit fields and code that depends on word size, structure alignment, or memory model. For example, Turbo C++ defines **int**s to be 16 bits wide, but a 32-bit C++ compiler would define 32-bit wide **int**s.
- Insert the preprocessor statement #define _ MSC in each module before dos.h is included.
- If you were using the link option /STACK:n in your Microsoft application, initialize the global variable _stklen with the appropriate stack size.

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Editor reference

The editor has two command sets: CUA and Alternate. The tables in this appendix list all the available commands. You can use some commands in both modes, while others are available in only one mode. Choose Options | Environment | Preferences and select the command set you want in the Preferences dialog box.

Most of these commands need no explanation. Those that do are described in the text following Table B.1.

Table B.1 Editing commands

A word is defined as a sequence of characters separated by one of the following: space <> ,;
. () () ^ ` * + - / \$
= 1 ~ ?! " % & `:
@ \, and all control and graphic characters.

Command	Both modes	CUA	Alternate
Cursor movement commands			
Character left	←		Ctrl+S
Character right	\rightarrow		Ctrl+D
Word left	Ctrl+ ←		Ctrl+A
Word right	$Ctrl+ \rightarrow$		Ctrl+F
Line up	↑		Ctrl+E
Line down	\downarrow		Ctrl+X
Scroll up one line	Ctrl+W		
Scroll down one line	Ctrl+Z		
Page up	PgUp		Ctrl+R
Page down	PgDn		Ctrl+C
Beginning of line	Home		
	Ctrl+Q S		
End of line	End		
	Ctrl+Q D		
Top of window	Ctrl+Q E	Ctrl+E	Ctrl+Home
Bottom of window	Ctrl+Q X	Ctrl+X	Ctrl+End
Top of file	Ctrl+Q R	Ctrl+Home	Ctrl+PgUp
Bottom of file	Ctrl+Q C	Ctrl+End	Ctrl+PgDn
Move to previous position	Ctrl+P		Ü

Table B.1: Editing commands (continued)

Command	Both modes	CUA	Alternate
Insert and delete commands			
Delete character Delete character to left	Del Backspace Shift+Tab		Ctrl+G Ctrl+H
Delete line Delete to end of line Delete word Insert line Insert mode on/off	Ctrl+Y Ctrl+Q Y Ctrl+T Ctrl+N Ins	Shift+Ctrl+Y	Ctrl+V
Block commands			
Move to beginning of block Move to end of block Set beginning of block Set end of block Exit to menu bar Hide/Show block Mark line Print selected block Mark word Delete block Copy block Move block Copy to Clipboard Cut to Clipboard Cut to Clipboard Peste from Clipboard Read block from disk Unindent block Write block to disk	Ctrl+Q B Ctrl+Q K Ctrl+K B Ctrl+K C Ctrl+K D Ctrl+K H Ctrl+K L Ctrl+K P Ctrl+K T Ctrl+K Y Ctrl+K V Ctrl+K V Ctrl+Ins Shift+Del Ctrl+Del Ctrl+Bel Ctrl+Bel Ctrl+C I Shift+Ins Ctrl+K U Ctrl+K U Ctrl+K U Ctrl+K U Ctrl+K W	Shift+Ctrl+I Shift+Ctrl+R Shift+Ctrl+U Shift+Ctrl+W	
Extending selected blocks			
Left one character Right one character End of line Beginning of line Same column on next line Same column on previous line One page down One page up Left one word Right one word End of file Beginning of file	Shift+ ← Shift+ → Shift+End Shift+Home Shift+ ↓ Shift+↑ Shift+PgDn Shift+PgUp Shift+Ctrl+ ← Shift+Ctrl+ → Shift+Ctrl+End Shift+Ctrl+Home		Shift+Ctrl+PgL Shift+Ctrl+PgU

Table B.1: Editing commands (continued)

Command	Both modes	CUA	Alternate	
Other editing commands				
Autoindent mode on/off	Ctrl+O I			
Cursor through tabs on/off	Ctrl+O R			
Exit the IDE		Alt+F4	Alt+X	
Find place marker	Ctrl+Q n *	Ctrl n *		
Help	F1			
Help index	Shift+F1			
Insert control character	Ctrl+P**			
Maximize window			F5	
Open file			F3	
Optimal fill mode on/off	Ctrl+O F			
Pair matching	Ctrl+Q [,	Alt+[,Alt+]		
_	Ctrl+Q]			
Save file	Ctrl+K S		F2	
Search	Ctrl+Q F			
Search again		F3	Ctrl+L	
Search and replace	Ctrl+Q A			
Set marker	Ctrl+K n *	Shift+Ctrl n *		
Tabs mode on/off	Ctrl+O T			
Topic search help	Ctrl+F1			
Undo	Alt+Backspace			
Unindent mode on/off	Ctrl+O U			

^{*} n represents a number from 0 to 9.

Block commands

A block of text is any amount of text, from a single character to hundreds of lines, that is selected on your screen. There can be only one block in a window at a time. Select a block with your mouse or by holding down *Shift* while moving your cursor to the end of the block with the arrow keys. Once selected, the block can be copied, moved, deleted, or written to a file. You can use the Edit menu commands to perform these operations or you can use the keyboard commands listed in the following table.

When you choose Edit | Copy or press Ctrl+lns, the selected block is copied to the Clipboard. When you choose Edit | Paste or Shift+lns, the block held in the Clipboard is pasted at the current cursor position. The selected text remains unchanged and is no longer selected.

If you choose Edit | Cut or press *Shift+Del*, the selected block is moved from its original position and held in the Clipboard. It is

^{**} Enter control characters by first pressing Ctrl+P, then pressing the desired control character.

pasted at the current cursor position when you choose the Paste command.

The copying, cutting, and pasting commands are the same in both the CUA and Alternate command sets.

Table B.2: Block commands in depth

Command	CUA	Alternate	Function	
Còpy block	Ctrl+Ins, Shift+Ins	Ctrl+Ins, Shift+Ins	Copies a previously selected block to the Clipboard and, after you move your cursor to where you want the text to appear, pastes it to the new cursor position. The original block is unchanged. If no block is selected, nothing happens.	
Copy text	Ctrl+Ins	Ctrl+Ins	Copies selected text to the Clipboard.	
Cut text	Shift+Del	Shift+Del	Cuts selected text to the Clipboard.	
Delete block	Ctrl+Del	Ctrl+Del	Deletes a selected block. You can "undelete" a block with Undo.	
Move block	Shift+Del, Shift+Ins	Shift+Del, Shift+Ins	Moves a previously selected block from its original position to the Clipboard and, after you move your cursor to where you want the text to appear, pastes it to the new cursor position. The block disappears from its original position. If no block is marked, nothing happens.	
Paste from Clipboard	Shift+Ins	Shift+Ins	Pastes the contents of the Clipboard.	
Read block from disk	Shift+Ctrl+R Ctrl+K R	Ctrl+K R	Reads a disk file into the current text at the cursor position exactly as if it were a block. The text read is selected as a block. When this command is issued, y are prompted for the name of the file to read. You cause wildcards to select a file to read; a directory is displayed. The file specified can be any legal file name.	
Write block to disk	Shift+Ctrl+W Ctrl+K W	Ctrl+K W	Writes a selected block to a file. When you give this command, you are prompted for the name of the file to write to. The file can be given any legal name (the default extension is CPP). If you prefer to use a file name without an extension, append a period to the end of its name.	

If you have used Borland editors in the past, you may prefer to use the block commands listed in this table; they work in both command sets.

Table B.3 Borland-style block commands

Selected text is highlighted only if both the beginning and end have been set and the beginning comes before the end.

Command	Keys	Function
Set beginning of block	Ctrl+K B	Begin selection of text.
Set end of block	Ctrl+K K	End selection of text.
Hides/shows selected text	Ctrl+K H	Alternately displays and hides selected text.
Copy selected text to the cursor.	Ctrl+K C	Copies the selected text to the position of the cursor. Useful only with the Persistent Block option.
Move selected text to the cursor.	Ctrl+K V	Moves the selected text to the position of the cursor. Useful only with the Persistent Block option.

Other editing commands

The next table describes certain editing commands in more detail. The table is arranged alphabetically by command name.

Table B.4: Other editor commands in depth

Command	CUA	Alternate	Function
Autoindent	Ctrl+O I	Ctrl+O I	Toggles the automatic indenting of successive lines. You can also use Options Environment Editor Autoindent in the IDE to turn automatic indenting on and off.
Cursor through tabs	Ctrl+O R	Ctrl+O R	The arrow keys will move the cursor to the middle of tabs when this option is on; otherwise the cursor jumps several columns when cursoring over multiple tabs. <i>Ctrl+O R</i> is a toggle.
Find place marker	Ctrl+n* Ctrl+Q n*	Ctrl+Q n*	Finds up to ten place markers (n can be any number in the range 0 to 9) in text. Move the cursor to any previously set marker by pressing Ctrl+Q and the marker number.
Open file		F3	Lets you load an existing file into an edit window.
Optimal fill	Ctrl+O F	Ctrl+O F	Toggles optimal fill. Optimal fill begins every line with the minimum number of characters possible, using tabs and spaces as necessary. This produces lines with fewer characters.
Save file		F2	Saves the file and returns to the editor.

Table B.4: Other editor commands in depth (continued)

Command	CUA	Alternate	Function
Set place	Shift+Ctrl n* Ctrl+K n*	Ctrl+K n*	Mark up to ten places in text. After marking your location, you can work elsewhere in the file and then easily return to your marked location by using the Find Place Marker command (being sure to use the same marker number). You can have ten places marked in each window.
Show previous error	Alt+F7	Alt+F7	Moves the cursor to the location of the previous error or warning message. This command is available only if there are messages in the Message window that have associated line numbers.
Show next error	Alt+F8	Alt+F8	Moves the cursor to the location of the next error or warning message. This command is available only if there are messages in the Message window that have associated line numbers.
Tab mode	Ctrl+O T	Ctrl+O T	Toggles Tab mode. You can specify the use of true tab characters in the IDE with the Options Environment Editor Use Tab Character option.
Unindent	Ctrl+O U	Ctrl+O U	Toggles Unindent. You can turn Unindent on and off from the IDE with the Options Environment Editor Backspace Unindents option.
* <i>n</i> represents a number from 0 to 9.			

A P P E N D I X

C

Using EasyWin

EasyWin is an exciting new feature of Turbo C++ that lets you compile standard DOS applications that use traditional "TTY style" input and output so that they will run as true Windows programs. Best of all, you don't have to change a single line of code to use EasyWin!

DOS to Windows made easy

To convert your DOS applications that use standard FILES or IOSTREAM functions, simply select Windows .EXE from the Options | Compiler | Application menu in the IDE. Turbo C++ will note that your program does not contain a **WinMain** function (normally required for Windows applications) and *automatically* link in the EasyWin library. When you run your program in the Windows environment, a standard window will be created, and your program will take input and produce output for that window exactly as if it were the standard screen.

Here's an example program:

```
#include <stdio.h>
main()
{
    printf("Hello, world\n");
    return 0;
}
```

or, for C++, you could write

```
#include <iostream.h>
main()
{
   cout << "Hello, world\n";
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

That's all there is to it. The EasyWin window is used anytime input or output is requested from or to a TTY device. This means that in addition to stdin and stdout, the stderr, stdaux, and cerr "devices" are all connected to this window.

_InitEasyWin()

EasyWin's reason for being is to convert DOS applications to Windows programs, quickly and easily. However, there may be reasons for using EasyWin from within a "true" Windows program. For example, you may want to add **printf** functions to your program code to help you debug your Windows program.

To use EasyWin from within a Windows program, simply make a call to _InitEasyWin() before doing any standard input or output.

For example:

The prototype for _InitEasyWin() can be found in stdio.h, io.h, and iostream.h.

A P P E N D I X

Precompiled headers

Turbo C++ can generate and subsequently use precompiled headers for your projects. Precompiled headers can greatly speed up compilation times.

How they work

When compiling large C and C++ programs, the compiler can spend up to half of its time parsing header files. When the compiler parses a header file, it enters declarations and definitions into its symbol table. If 10 of your source files include the same header file, this header file is parsed 10 times, producing the same symbol table every time.

Precompiled header files cut this process short. During one compilation, the compiler stores an image of the symbol table on disk in a file called TCDEF.SYM by default. (TCDEF.SYM is stored in the same directory as the compiler.) Later, when the same source file is compiled again (or another source file that includes the same header files), the compiler reloads TCDEF.SYM from disk instead of parsing all the header files again. Directly loading the symbol table from disk is over 10 times faster than parsing the text of the header files.

Precompiled headers will only be used if the second compilation uses one or more of the same header files as the first one, and if a

lot of other things, like compiler options, defined macros and so on, are also identical.

If, while compiling a source file, Turbo C++ discovers that the first **#include**s are identical to those of a previous compilation (of the same source or a different source), it will load the binary image for those **#include**s, and parse the remaining **#include**s.

Use of precompiled headers for a given module is an all or nothing deal: the precompiled header file is not updated for that module if compilation of any included header file fails.

Drawbacks

When using precompiled headers, TCDEF.SYM can become very big, because it contains symbol table images for all sets of includes encountered in your sources. You can reduce the size of this file; see "Optimizing precompiled headers" on page 73.

If a header contains any code, then it can't be precompiled. For example, while C++ class definitions may appear in header files, you should take care that only member functions that are inline are defined in the header; heed warnings such as "Functions containing for are not expanded inline".

Using precompiled headers

You can control the use of precompiled headers in any of the following ways:

- from within the IDE, using the Options | Compiler | Code Generation dialog box. The IDE bases the name of the precompiled header file on the project name, creating PROJECT.SYM
- or from within your code using the pragmas hdrfile and hdrstop (see Chapter 4 in the *Programmer's Guide*)

Setting file names

The compiler uses just one file to store all precompiled headers. The default file name is TCDEF.SYM. You can explicitly set the name with the #pragma hdrfile directive.

Caution!

You may notice that your .SYM file is smaller than it should be. If this happens, the compiler may have run out of disk space when writing to the .SYM file. When this happens, the compiler deletes the .SYM in order to make room for the .OBJ file, then starts creating a new (and therefore shorter) .SYM file. If this happens, just free up some disk space before compiling.

Establishing identity

The following conditions need to be identical for a previously generated precompiled header to be loaded for a subsequent compilation.

The second or later source file must:

- have the same set of include files in the same order
- have the same macros defined to identical values
- use the same language (C or C++)
- use header files with identical time stamps; these header files can be included either directly or indirectly

In addition, the subsequent source file must be compiled with the same settings for the following options:

- memory model, including SS != DS
- underscores on externs
- maximum identifier length
- target DOS (default) or Windows
- generate word alignment
- Pascal calls
- treat enums as integers
- default char is unsigned
- virtual table control

Optimizing precompiled headers

For Turbo C++ to most efficiently compile using precompiled headers, follow these rules:

- Arrange your header files in the same sequence in all source files.
- Put the largest header files first.
- Prime TCDEF.SYM with often-used initial sequences of header files.

■ Use #pragma hdrstop to terminate the list of header files at well-chosen places. This lets you make the list of header files in different sources look similar to the compiler. #pragma hdrstop is described in more detail in Chapter 4 in the *Programmer's Guide*.

For example, given the two source files ASOURCE.C and BSOURCE.C, both of which include windows.h and myhdr.h,

```
ASOURCE.C:
```

```
#include <windows.h>
#include "myhdr.h"
#include "xxx.h"
<...>
#include "zz.h"
#include <string.h>
#include "myhdr.h"
#include <windows.h>
```

<...>

BSOURCE.C:

You would rearrange the beginning of BSOURCE.C to:

Revised BSOURCE.C:

```
#include <windows.h>
#include "myhdr.h"
#include "zz.h"
#include <string.h>
<...>
```

Note that windows.h and myhdr.h are in the same order in BSOURCE.C as they are in ASOURCE.C. You could also make a new source called PREFIX.C containing only the header files, like this:

PREFIX.C

```
#include <windows.h>
#include "myhdr.h"
```

If you compile PREFIX.C first (or insert a #pragma hdrstop in both ASOURCE.C and BSOURCE.C after the #include "myhdr.h" statement) the net effect is that after the initial compilation of PREFIX.C, both ASOURCE.C and BSOURCE.C will be able to load the symbol table produced by PREFIX.C. The compiler will then only need to parse xxx.h for ASOURCE.C and zz.h and string.h for BSOURCE.C.

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