

## INTRODUCTION

*s2ibis2* is the latest version of the SPICE-to-IBIS conversion utility from North Carolina State University. It produces IBIS files which conform to the IBIS v2.1 specification.

*s2ibis2* is a departure from *s2ibis* v1.2 in a couple of ways. First, it has its own command language, which is similar to the IBIS language in many respects, and can be easily extended to include new functionality. Second, its mode of operation is different: rather than producing its output "on the fly", as in earlier versions of *s2ibis*, *s2ibis2* creates a full IBIS model in an internal data structure, and then writes the resulting information to the output file after all processing is done. As a result, *s2ibis2* can easily be extended to comply with future versions of the IBIS specification.

This document will describe the *s2ibis2* command language and how to properly use it. I would strongly suggest examining the files in the examples/ directory to get a feel for how these commands are used.

## THE COMMAND LANGUAGE

Commands are passed to *s2ibis2* in a command file. This file can be specified on the command line when *s2ibis2* is invoked:

```
% s2ibis2 buffer.s2i
```

If the file is not specified on the command line, *s2ibis2* will ask you for the command file name:

```
% s2ibis2
s2ibis2 v1.0 -- North Carolina State University

input file: buffer.s2i
```

The command file consists of two main sections: the header and the component description.

Note that the command parser ignores case when it reads the command file, so you may specify the commands in upper or lower case, or a mix of the two.

Also note that *s2ibis2* has several reserved words:

```
NA  specifies that the value is undefined
NC  specifies no connection; can be used as model name
+   line continuation character when found in first
    column of line
```

## THE HEADER

The header contains information that is applicable to the entire file, such as the type of SPICE simulator to use, the IBIS version, etc. It can also contain global specifications. For example, if you want a particular temperature range to apply to all models in your file, specify it in the header. Note, however, that global definitions are overridden by local definitions; in this way, you can specify (e.g.) a global temperature range, but override it for a particular component or model where necessary.

The following commands can be used in the header:

[IBIS Ver] version

version = 1.1 or 2.1

Required.

THIS MUST BE THE FIRST COMMAND IN THE COMMAND FILE. (It may be preceded by comments.) This describes the version of IBIS to be produced by s2ibis2. Legal version values are 1.1 and 2.1.

[File name] filename

filename = name of IBIS file to produce

Optional.

Default: First 8 chars of command filename followed by ".ibs".

This tells s2ibis2 what the output file name should be. NOTE: this must conform to DOS conventions, i.e. it must be in the form "xxxxxxx.xxx". If this command is not used, s2ibis2 creates the output file name by taking the first part of the command file name, and appending ".ibs" to it. So, for the command file name "tryme.s2i", the output file name would be "tryme.ibs".

[File rev] rev

rev = revision number

Optional.

Default: none.

This describes the current file revision. Note that s2ibis2 will accept any legal string for the revision number, although the IBIS specification suggests a standard for revision numbering.

[Date] date

date = file date

Optional.

Default: Current system date.

Gives the file date. If this command is not present, s2ibis2 will use the current system date as the file date.

[Source] source

source = file source

Optional.

Default: none.

Describes the file source. Truncated if longer than 1K byte in length.

[Notes] notes

notes = file notes

Optional.  
Default: none.

Describes any optional notes that may be necessary. Truncated if longer than 1K byte in length.

[Disclaimer] disclaimer

disclaimer = file disclaimer

Optional.  
Default: none.

This is where you put the legalese. Truncated if longer than 1K byte in length.

[Copyright] copyright

source = file copyright

Optional.  
Default: none.

Describes the copyright info. Truncated if longer than 1K byte in length.

[Spice type] spicetype

spicetype = HSpice, PSpice, Spice2, Spice3, or Spectre

Required.

Describes which flavor of Spice to use when simulating the circuits.

[Spice command] command

command = command to use when invoking Spice.

Optional.  
Default: specified in s2istrng.h

This string specifies, in C syntax, how you would call Spice from the command line. It has three "%s" printf conversion characters, one each for the spice input file, the spice output file and the spice message file (this last is optional), IN THAT ORDER. See the string variable defaultSpiceCommand in the file src/s2istrng.h for an example of the correct format. (Note that the command line switches used to invoke spice3 and spectre MUST be used.)

[Iterate]

Optional.  
Default: none.

This works the same way as the \*[Iterate] command in s2ibis v1.2. If a Spice output file for the curve in question already exists, s2ibis2 will read the data from that file without re-running the simulation. In this way, you can make incremental changes to your s2ibis2 files without having to re-simulate the entire set of models.

[Cleanup]

Optional.  
Default: none.

When this command is specified, *s2ibis2* will delete all of the spice input, output and message files as it proceeds. This is good to use when you think the IBIS file is done and you want to clean up the working directory.

[Summarize]      s

s = number of lines per summary screen

Optional.  
Default: s = LINES environment variable if specified; 24 otherwise.

When this command is specified, *s2ibis2* will summarize all of the component data and ask if it's OK to proceed with the component analysis.

[Temperature range] T\_typ    T\_min    T\_max

T\_typ = temperature for TYP curves  
T\_min = temperature for MIN curves  
T\_max = temperature for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: T\_typ = 27C, T\_min = 100C, T\_max = 0C.

Specifies the temperature, in degrees C, under which to run the TYP, MIN and MAX simulations.

[Voltage range]      V\_typ    V\_min    V\_max

V\_typ = supply voltage for TYP curves  
V\_min = supply voltage for MIN curves  
V\_max = supply voltage for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: V\_typ = 5.0V, V\_min = 4.5V, V\_max = 5.5V

Specifies the supply rail voltage. See the IBIS v2.1 specification for a thorough treatment of this.

NOTE: You MUST specify a voltage range for all models, either with this command or with ALL FOUR of the following commands.

[Pullup reference] V\_typ    V\_min    V\_max

V\_typ = pullup supply voltage for TYP curves  
V\_min = pullup supply voltage for MIN curves  
V\_max = pullup supply voltage for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: none.

Specifies the pullup reference supply. See IBIS v2.1 specification for details.

[Pulldown reference]    V\_typ    V\_min    V\_max

V\_typ = pulldown supply voltage for TYP curves  
V\_min = pulldown supply voltage for MIN curves

V\_max = pulldown supply voltage for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: none.

Specifies the pulldown reference supply. See IBIS v2.1 specification for details.

[POWER clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max

V\_typ = power clamp supply voltage for TYP curves

V\_min = power clamp supply voltage for MIN curves

V\_max = power clamp supply voltage for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: none.

Specifies the power clamp reference supply. See IBIS v2.1 specification for details.

[GND clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max

V\_typ = ground clamp supply voltage for TYP curves

V\_min = ground clamp supply voltage for MIN curves

V\_max = ground clamp supply voltage for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: none.

Specifies the ground clamp reference supply. See IBIS v2.1 specification for details.

[R\_pkg] r

r = parasitic pin resistance

Optional.

Default: 0

Describes the default pin resistance for the package.

[L\_pkg] l

l = parasitic pin inductance

Optional.

Default: 0

Describes the default pin inductance for the package.

[C\_pkg] c

c = parasitic pin capacitance

Optional.

Default: 0

Describes the default pin capacitance for the package.

[C\_comp] C\_typ C\_min C\_max

C\_typ = silicon die capacitance for TYP curves

C\_min = silicon die capacitance for MIN curves

C\_max = silicon die capacitance for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: C\_typ = 5pF, C\_min = 5pF, C\_max = 5pF

Describes the silicon die capacitance.

[Rload]        r

r = load resistance for ramp rate

Optional.

Default: r = 50 ohms.

Describes the load resistance to use when performing the simulations for the ramp rate data.

[Sim time]    t

t = Spice transient simulation time

Optional.

Default: t = 10ns.

Describes the transient simulation time to be used by Spice.

[Vil]        v\_typ    v\_min    v\_max

v\_typ = low stimulus input voltage for TYP curves

v\_min = low stimulus input voltage for MIN curves

v\_max = low stimulus input voltage for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: [Pulldown reference] voltage if defined; 0 otherwise.

Describes the low stimulus input voltage. Note that this is NOT the logic low voltage, but the physical Vil.

[Vih]        v\_typ    v\_min    v\_max

v\_typ = high stimulus input voltage for TYP curves

v\_min = high stimulus input voltage for MIN curves

v\_max = high stimulus input voltage for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: [Pullup reference] voltage if defined; [Voltage range] voltage otherwise.

Describes the high stimulus input voltage. Note that this is NOT the logic high voltage, but the physical Vih.

[Tr]        t\_typ    t\_min    t\_max

t\_typ = stimulus input voltage risetime for TYP curves

t\_min = stimulus input voltage risetime for MIN curves

t\_max = stimulus input voltage risetime for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: [Sim time] / 100.

Describes the stimulus input voltage risetime.

[Tf]        t\_typ    t\_min    t\_max

t\_typ = stimulus input voltage falltime for TYP curves

t\_min = stimulus input voltage falltime for MIN curves  
t\_max = stimulus input voltage falltime for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: [Sim time] / 100.

Describes the stimulus input voltage falltime.

[Clamp tolerance] i

i = threshold for clamp curve printing

Optional.  
Default: i = 0

Describes the threshold for printing lines in the clamp curves. *s2ibis2* suppresses printing of current values whose absolute value is below the threshold.

[Derate VI] x

x = percent to derate VI curves

Optional.  
Default: x = 0%

Describes the percentage to derate the VI curves, as described in the IBIS v2.1 spec. Note that x should be expressed as a percentage, not a fraction. For example, to derate 15%, use [Derate VI] 15, *\_not\_* [Derate VI] 0.15.

[Derate ramp] y

y = percent to derate ramp rates

Optional.  
Default: y = 0%

Describes the percentage to derate the ramp rates, as described in the IBIS v2.1 spec. Note that y should be expressed as a percentage, not a fraction. For example, to derate 15%, use [Derate VI] 15, *\_not\_* [Derate VI] 0.15.

## THE COMPONENT DESCRIPTION

The component description provides *s2ibis2* with a model of your component. You may have multiple component descriptions per file--all components will be written to the same output file. (If multiple components are specified, please use unique pin names for each component--*s2ibis2* uses the pin names to construct the SPICE file names and may become confused if different components use the same pin names.)

As in the header, you may have component-wide specifications of certain values. Also as in the header, these component-wide values will be overridden by a more local definition (i.e. one within a particular model). As an example, you could specify a component-wide voltage range, and then override this within (for example) an ECL model.

The component description consists of several parts. It starts with the [Component] keyword, which specifies the name of the component (see below). This is followed by the component header, which

contains information which pertains to the entire component. The header is followed by the differential pin list (optional), pin mapping (optional), pin list (required) and model specifications (required). These four need not be in any particular order.

#### THE [Component] KEYWORD

This keyword specifies the start of the component. It takes the following form:

[Component] name

name = component name

Required.

This command specifies the start of a new component. The component name may contain spaces. It will be truncated to 40 characters in length.

#### THE COMPONENT HEADER

This is where you specify variables that will apply to the entire component.

The following commands may be used in the component header:

[Manufacturer] name

name = manufacturer's name

Optional.

Default: "Manufacturer name"

This describes the manufacturer's name, which may contain spaces. It will be truncated to 40 characters in length.

[Package model] name

name = package name

Optional.

Default: none

This describes the package model to use for the component packaging--see the IBIS v2.1 specification for more detail. May contain spaces. Will be truncated to 40 characters.

[Spice file] filename

filename = name of Spice file which describes component

Required.

This gives the name of the Spice file which describes the component topology. Must conform to DOS naming conventions.

[Temperature range] T\_typ T\_min T\_max

See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Voltage range] V\_typ V\_min V\_max

See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.



[Pullup reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Pulldown reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[POWER clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[GND clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[R\_pkg] r  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[L\_pkg] l  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[C\_pkg] c  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[C\_comp] C\_typ C\_min C\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Rload] r  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Sim time] t  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Vil] v\_typ v\_min v\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Vih] v\_typ v\_min v\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Tr] t\_typ t\_min t\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Tf] t\_typ t\_min t\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Clamp tolerancel] i  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Derate VI] x  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Derate ramp] y  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

## THE DIFFERENTIAL PIN LIST

This section contains the differential pin list information, as described in the IBIS v2.1 specification. Note that *s2ibis2* does no processing on this information; it merely stores it and writes it to the output file.

The differential pin list begins with the [Diff pin] keyword:

[Diff pin]

Optional.  
Default: none.

Begins the differential pin list section.

This keyword is followed by lines describing the differential pin relationships. Each line may contain either four or six columns. The acceptable formats are:

```
pin_name    inv_pin    vdiff    tdelay_typ
```

and

```
pin_name    inv_pin    vdiff    tdelay_typ    tdelay_min    tdelay_max
```

These parameters are fully described in the IBIS v2.1 specification.

## THE PIN MAPPING

The pin mapping describes which power and ground buses are connected to each pin's driver and receiver. This information is used in the Spice simulations, if it is supplied.

The pin mapping begins with the [Pin mapping] keyword:

```
[Pin mapping]
```

Optional.  
Default: none.

Begins the pin mapping section.

The keyword is followed by lines describing the pin mapping. Each line may contain either three or five columns. Acceptable formats are:

```
pin_name    pulldown_bus    pullup_bus
```

and

```
pin_name    pulldown_bus    pullup_bus    gndclamp_bus    powerclamp_bus
```

Note that power pins are always connected to a pullup\_bus, while ground pins are always connected to a pulldown\_bus, even if they only supply power and ground for clamping structures.

These parameters are fully described in the IBIS v2.1 specification. An example of how to use this command is in the examples/ex4 subdirectory.

## THE PIN LIST

This section describes which models connect to which pins, and which pins serve as inputs or enables for other (output) pins.

The pin list begins with the [Pin] keyword:

```
[Pin]
```

Required.

Begins the pin list.

The keyword is followed by "pin information sets" which describe the pin list. There are six valid formats for each pin information set:

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name
```

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name  R_pin  L_pin  C_pin
```

These two formats are used for a pin with no input or enable, i.e. an input pin, enable pin, power pin or ground pin. Note that R\_pin, L\_pin and C\_pin override the R\_pkg, L\_pkg and C\_pkg specifications.

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name
-> input_pin
```

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name  R_pin  L_pin  C_pin
-> input_pin
```

These two formats are used for a pin with an input pin, but no enable pin. i.e. an output-only pin. Note that the input\_pin\_name must match a pin in the pin list. Note also that the "->" symbol must begin in the first column of the second line.

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name
-> input_pin  enable_pin
```

```
pin_name  spice_node  signal_name  model_name  R_pin  L_pin  C_pin
-> input_pin  enable_pin
```

These two formats are used for a pin with both an input pin and an enable pin, i.e. a tristate or I/O pin. Note that both the input\_pin\_name and enable\_pin\_name must match pins in the pin list. Note also that the "->" symbol must begin in the first column of the second line.

Descriptions for each column are given below:

pin\_name.....Name of the pin. Must be 5 characters or less.  
spice\_node.....Node name in the spice file which corresponds to this pin.  
signal\_name.....Name of the signal associated with this pin.  
model\_name.....Name of the driver/receiver/terminator model associated with this pin. The model name must match one described by the [Model] keyword (see below), unless the model name is one of POWER, GND or NC.  
R\_pin.....Parasitic pin resistance. Overrides the R\_pkg value if defined.  
L\_pin.....Parasitic pin inductance. Overrides the L\_pkg value if defined.  
C\_pin.....Parasitic pin capacitance. Overrides the C\_pkg value if defined.  
input\_pin.....Name of the pin which supplies the input signal to the current pin. Must match the name of another pin in the pin list. This name is used in the Spice simulations to determine where to apply the input stimulus.  
enable\_pin.....Name of the pin which enables the current pin. Must match the name of another pin in the pin list. This name is used in the Spice simulations to determine where to apply the enable signal.

## THE MODEL SPECIFICATION

The model specification is used to describe a model and its attributes. There must be a model specification for each model specified in the pin list, with the exception of the reserved model names POWER, GND and NC.

Each model specification begins with the [Model] keyword:

[Model]        name

          name = model name

Required.

Begins a model specification. The model name may not contain spaces, and will be truncated to 20 characters.

The [Model] keyword may be followed by these commands:

[NoModel]

Optional.

Suppresses printing of the model. Useful when one wishes to create a "dummy" input pin to drive an output model.

[Model type]    type

          type = Input, Output, I/O, 3-State, Open\_drain,  
                  I/O\_open\_drain, Open\_sink, I/O\_open\_sink,  
                  Open\_source, I/O\_open\_source, Input\_ECL,  
                  Output\_ECL, I/O\_ECL or Terminator

Required.

Specifies the model type.

[Polarity]    polarity

          polarity = Inverting or Non-Inverting

Optional.

Default: Non-Inverting.

Defines the model polarity.

[Enable]        enable

          enable = Active-High or Active-Low

Optional.

Default: Active-High.

Defines how the model is enabled.

[Vin1]         v

          v = low input threshold voltage

Optional.

Default: 0.8V for non-ECL, -1.475V for ECL

Defines the low input threshold voltage.

[Vinh]            v

v = high input threshold voltage

Optional.

Default: 2.0V for non-ECL, -1.165V for ECL

Defines the high input threshold voltage.

[Vmeas]           v

v = reference voltage level

Optional.

Default: none

Defines the reference voltage level for board-level timing simulation.

[Cref]            c

c = capacitive load for timing analysis

Optional.

Default: none

Defines the capacitive load used when specifying the propagation delay or output switching time.

[Rref]            r

r = resistive load for timing analysis

Optional.

Default: none

Defines the resistive load used when specifying the propagation delay or output switching time.

[Vref]            v

v = load voltage for timing analysis

Optional.

Default: none

Defines the load voltage used when specifying the propagation delay or output switching time.

[Rgnd]            R\_typ   R\_min   R\_max

R\_typ = terminator ground resistance for TYP curves

R\_min = terminator ground resistance for MIN curves

R\_max = terminator ground resistance for MAX curves

Optional.

Default: none.

Defines the terminator ground resistance. Only valid for models of type Terminator.

[Rpower]      R\_typ    R\_min    R\_max

R\_typ = terminator power resistance for TYP curves  
R\_min = terminator power resistance for MIN curves  
R\_max = terminator power resistance for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: none.

Defines the terminator power resistance. Only valid for models of type Terminator.

[Rac]            R\_typ    R\_min    R\_max

R\_typ = terminator RC resistance for TYP curves  
R\_min = terminator RC resistance for MIN curves  
R\_max = terminator RC resistance for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: none.

Defines the terminator RC resistance. Only valid for models of type Terminator.

[Cac]            C\_typ    C\_min    C\_max

C\_typ = terminator RC capacitance for TYP curves  
C\_min = terminator RC capacitance for MIN curves  
C\_max = terminator RC capacitance for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: none.

Defines the terminator RC capacitance. Only valid for models of type Terminator.

[Model file]      F\_typ    F\_min    F\_max

F\_typ = filename for model file for TYP curves  
F\_min = filename for model file for MIN curves  
F\_max = filename for model file for MAX curves

Optional.  
Default: none.

Specifies model files to be used for Spice simulations. Note that the model files may include any valid Spice constructs--*s2ibis2* simply copies the named file into the Spice input file before calling Spice.

[Rising waveform] R\_f   V\_f   V\_f\_min   V\_f\_max   L\_f   C\_f   R\_d   C\_d   L\_d  
[Falling waveform] R\_f   V\_f   V\_f\_min   V\_f\_max   L\_f   C\_f   R\_d   C\_d   L\_d

R\_f =        test fixture resistance  
V\_f =        test fixture load voltage  
V\_f\_min =    test fixture load voltage for MIN curve  
V\_f\_max =    test fixture load voltage for MAX curve  
L\_f =        test fixture inductance  
C\_f =        test fixture capacitance  
R\_d =        package parasitic resistance  
L\_d =        package parasitic inductance  
C\_d =        package parasitic capacitance

Optional.

Default: none.

These keywords specify that *s2ibis2* is to generate a rising or falling waveform using the parameters listed. Note that *\_all\_* columns must be filled, although only *R\_f* and *V\_f* must be specified. Please use the reserved word NA to fill a column whose value you do not wish to specify. You may have up to 100 rising waveforms and 100 falling waveforms per model.

[Temperature range] T\_typ T\_min T\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Voltage range] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Pullup reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Pulldown reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[POWER clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[GND clamp reference] V\_typ V\_min V\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[R\_pkg] r  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[L\_pkg] l  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[C\_pkg] c  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[C\_comp] C\_typ C\_min C\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Rload] r  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Sim time] t  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Vil] v\_typ v\_min v\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Vih] v\_typ v\_min v\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Tr] t\_typ t\_min t\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Tf] t\_typ t\_min t\_max  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Clamp tolerance] i  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Derate VI] x  
See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.

[Derate ramp] y

See section "THE HEADER" (above) for description.