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CHAPTER 1

What is SkoolKit?

SkoolKit is a collection of utilities that can be used to disassemble a [Spectrum](#) game (or indeed any piece of Spectrum software written in machine code) into a format known as a skool file. Then, from this skool file, you can use SkoolKit to create a browsable disassembly in HTML format, or a re-assemblable disassembly in ASM format. So the skool file is - from start to finish as you develop it by organising and annotating the code - the common ‘source’ for both the reader-friendly HTML version of the disassembly, and the developer- and assembler-friendly ASM version of the disassembly.

The latest stable release of SkoolKit can always be obtained from skoolkit.ca; the latest development version can be found on [GitHub](#).

1.1 Features

SkoolKit can:

- convert a TAP or TZX file into a ‘pristine’ snapshot (using [tap2sna.py](#))
- disassemble SNA, Z80 and SZX snapshots as well as raw memory files
- distinguish code from data by using a code execution map produced by an emulator
- build still and animated PNG/GIF images from graphic data in the game snapshot (using the [#UDG](#), [#UDGAR-RAY](#), [#FONT](#) and [#SCR](#) macros)
- create hyperlinks between routines and data blocks that refer to each other (by use of the [#R](#) macro in annotations, and automatically in the operands of `CALL` and `JP` instructions)
- neatly render lists of bugs, trivia and POKEs on separate pages (using [\[Bug:*](#)], [\[Fact:*](#)] and [\[Poke:*](#)] sections in a ref file)
- produce ASM files that include bugfixes declared in the skool file (with [@ofix](#), [@bfix](#) and other ASM directives)
- produce TAP files from assembled code (using [bin2tap.py](#))

For a demonstration of SkoolKit’s capabilities, take a look at the complete disassemblies of [Skool Daze](#), [Back to Skool](#), [Contact Sam Cruise](#), [Manic Miner](#), [Jet Set Willy](#) and [Hungry Horace](#). The latest stable releases of the source

skool files for these disassemblies can always be obtained from skoolkit.ca; the latest development versions can be found on [GitHub](https://github.com).

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Installing and using SkoolKit

2.1 Requirements

SkoolKit requires [Python 3.4+](#). If you're running Linux or one of the BSDs, you probably already have Python installed. If you're running Windows, you can get Python [here](#).

2.2 Installation

There are various ways to install the latest stable release of SkoolKit:

- from the zip archive or tarball available at skoolkit.ca
- from [PyPI](#) by using `pip`
- from the [PPA](#) for Ubuntu
- from the [copr repo](#) for Fedora

If you choose the zip archive or tarball, note that SkoolKit can be used wherever it is unpacked: it does not need to be installed in any particular location. However, if you would like to install SkoolKit as a Python package, you can do so by using the supplied `setup.py` script.

2.2.1 Windows

To install SkoolKit as a Python package on Windows, open a command prompt, change to the directory where SkoolKit was unpacked, and run the following command:

```
> setup.py install
```

This will install the SkoolKit command scripts in `C:\Python36\Scripts` (assuming you have installed Python in `C:\Python36`), which means you can run them from anywhere (assuming you have added `C:\Python36\Scripts` to the `Path` environment variable).

2.2.2 Linux/*BSD

To install SkoolKit as a Python package on Linux/*BSD, open a terminal window, change to the directory where SkoolKit was unpacked, and run the following command as root:

```
# ./setup.py install
```

This will install the SkoolKit command scripts in */usr/local/bin* (or some other suitable location in your `PATH`), which means you can run them from anywhere.

2.3 Linux/*BSD v. Windows command line

Throughout this documentation, commands that must be entered in a terminal window ('Command Prompt' in Windows) are shown on a line beginning with a dollar sign (\$), like this:

```
$ some-script.py some arguments
```

On Windows, and on Linux/*BSD if SkoolKit has been installed as a Python package (see above), the commands may be entered exactly as they are shown. On Linux/*BSD, use a dot-slash prefix (e.g. `./some-script.py`) if the script is being run from the current working directory.

CHAPTER 3

Disassembly DIY

The following sections describe how to use SkoolKit to get started on your own Spectrum game disassembly.

3.1 Getting started

The first thing to do is select a Spectrum game to disassemble. For the purpose of this discussion, we'll use [Hungry Horace](#). To build a pristine snapshot of the game, run the following command in the directory where SkoolKit was unpacked:

```
$ tap2sna.py @examples/hungry_horace.t2s
```

(If that doesn't work, or you prefer to make your own snapshot, just grab a copy of the game, load it in an emulator, and save a Z80 snapshot named *hungry_horace.z80*.)

The next thing to do is create a skool file from this snapshot. Run the following command from the SkoolKit directory:

```
$ sna2skool.py hungry_horace.z80 > hungry_horace.skool
```

Note that the '.skool' file name suffix is merely a convention, not a requirement. In general, any suffix besides '.ref' (which is used by *skool2html.py* to identify ref files) will do. If you are fond of the traditional three-letter suffix, then perhaps '.sks' (for 'SkoolKit source') or '.kit' would be more to your liking. However, for the purpose of this particular tutorial, it would be best to stick with '.skool'.

Now take a look at *hungry_horace.skool*. As you can see, by default, *sna2skool.py* disassembles everything from 16384 to 65535, treating it all as code. Needless to say, this is not particularly useful - unless you have no idea where the code and data blocks are yet, and want to use this disassembly to find out.

Once you have figured out where the code and data blocks are, it would be handy if you could supply *sna2skool.py* with this information, so that it can disassemble the blocks accordingly. That is where the control file comes in.

3.2 The control file

In its most basic form, a control file contains a list of start addresses of code and data blocks. Each address is marked with a ‘control directive’, which is a single letter that indicates what the block contains: `c` for a code block, or `b` for a data block (for example). A control file may contain annotations too, which will be interpreted as routine titles, descriptions, instruction-level comments or whatever else depending on the control directive they accompany.

A control file for Hungry Horace might start like this:

```
b 16384 Loading screen
i 23296
c 24576 The game has just loaded
c 25167
...
```

This control file declares that there is:

- a data block at 16384 titled ‘Loading screen’
- a block at 23296 that should be ignored
- a code block (routine) at 24576 titled ‘The game has just loaded’
- another code block at 25167

For more information on control file directives and their syntax, see [Control files](#).

3.3 A skeleton disassembly

So if we had a control file for Hungry Horace, we could produce a much more useful skool file. As it happens, SkoolKit includes one: *hungry_horace.ctl*. You can use it with *sna2skool.py* thus:

```
$ sna2skool.py -c examples/hungry_horace.ctl hungry_horace.z80 > hungry_horace.skool
```

This time, *hungry_horace.skool* is split up into meaningful blocks, with code as code, data as data (DEFBs), and text as text (DEFMs). Much nicer.

By default, *sna2skool.py* produces a disassembly with addresses and instruction operands in decimal notation. If you prefer to work in hexadecimal, however, use the `-H` option:

```
$ sna2skool.py -H -c examples/hungry_horace.ctl hungry_horace.z80 > hungry_horace.
↪skool
```

The next step is to create an HTML disassembly from this skool file:

```
$ skool2html.py hungry_horace.skool
```

Now open *hungry_horace/index.html* in a web browser. There’s not much there, but it’s a base from which you can start adding explanatory comments.

In order to replace ‘hungry_horace’ in the page titles and headers with something more appropriate, or add a game logo image, or otherwise customise the disassembly, we need to create a ref file. Again, as it happens, SkoolKit includes an example ref file for Hungry Horace: *hungry_horace.ref*. To use it with the skool file we’ve just created:

```
$ skool2html.py examples/hungry_horace.ref
```

Now the disassembly will sport a game logo image.

See [Ref files](#) for more information on how to use a ref file to configure and customise a disassembly.

3.4 Generating a control file

If you are planning to create a disassembly of some game other than Hungry Horace, you will need to create your own control file. To get started, you can use *sna2ctl.py* to perform a rudimentary static code analysis of the snapshot file and generate a corresponding control file:

```
$ sna2ctl.py game.z80 > game.ct1
$ sna2skool.py -c game.ct1 game.z80 > game.skool
```

This will do a reasonable job of splitting the snapshot into blocks, but won't be 100% accurate (except by accident). You will need to examine the resultant skool file (*game.skool*) to see which blocks have been incorrectly marked as text, data or code, and then edit the control file (*game.ct1*) accordingly.

To generate a better control file, you could use a code execution map produced by an emulator to tell *sna2ctl.py* where at least some of the code is in the snapshot. *sna2ctl.py* will read a map (otherwise known as a profile or trace) produced by Fuse, SpecEmu, Spud, Zero or Z80 when specified by the `-m` option:

```
$ sna2ctl.py -m game.map game.z80 > game.ct1
```

Needless to say, in general, the better the map, the more accurate the resulting control file will be. To create a good map file, you should ideally play the game from start to finish in the emulator, in an attempt to exercise as much code as possible. If that sounds like too much work, and your emulator supports playing back RZX files, you could grab a recording of your chosen game from the [RZX Archive](#), and set the emulator's profiler or tracer going while the recording plays back.

By default, *sna2ctl.py* and *sna2skool.py* generate control files and skool files with addresses and instruction operands in decimal notation. If you prefer to work in hexadecimal, however, use the `-h` option of *sna2ctl.py* to produce a hexadecimal control file, and the `-H` option of *sna2skool.py* to produce a hexadecimal skool file:

```
$ sna2ctl.py -h game.z80 > game.ct1
$ sna2skool.py -H -c game.ct1 game.z80 > game.skool
```

3.5 Developing the skool file

When you're happy that your control file does a decent job of distinguishing the code blocks from the data blocks in your memory snapshot, it's time to start work on the skool file.

Figuring out what the code blocks do and what the data blocks contain can be a time-consuming job. It's probably not a good idea to go through each block one by one, in order, and move to the next only when it's fully documented - unless you're looking for a nervous breakdown. Instead it's better to approach the job like this:

1. Skim the code blocks for any code whose purpose is familiar or obvious, such as drawing something on the screen, or producing a sound effect.
2. Document that code (and any related data) as far as possible.
3. Find another code block that calls the code block just documented, and figure out when, why and how it uses it.
4. Document that code (and any related data) as far as possible.
5. If there's anything left to document, return to step 3.

6. Done!

It also goes without saying that figuring out what a piece of code or data might be used for is easier if you've played the game to death already.

Annotating the code and data in a skool file is done by adding comments just as you would in a regular ASM file. For example, you might add a comment to the instruction at 26429 in *hungry_horace.skool* thus:

```
26429 DEC A          ; Decrement the number of lives
```

See the [skool file format](#) reference for a full description of the kinds of annotations that are supported in skool files. Note also that SkoolKit supports many [skool macros](#) that can be used in comments and will be converted into hyperlinks and images (for example) in the HTML version of the disassembly.

As you become more familiar with the layout of the code and data blocks in the disassembly, you may find that some blocks need to be split up, joined, or otherwise reorganised. You could do this manually in the skool file itself, or you could regenerate the skool file from a new control file. To ensure that you don't lose all the annotations you've already added to the skool file, though, you should use [skool2ctl.py](#) to preserve them.

First, create a control file that keeps your annotations intact:

```
$ skool2ctl.py game.skool > game-2.ctl
```

Now edit *game-2.ctl* to fit your better understanding of the layout of the code and data blocks. Then generate a new skool file:

```
$ sna2skool.py -c game-2.ctl game.z80 > game-2.skool
```

This new skool file, *game-2.skool*, will contain your reorganised code and data blocks, and all the annotations you carefully added to *game.skool*.

3.6 Adding pokes, bugs and trivia

Adding 'Pokes', 'Bugs', and 'Trivia' pages to a disassembly is done by adding [\[Poke:*\)](#), [\[Bug:*\)](#), and [\[Fact:*\)](#) sections to the ref file. For any such sections that are present, *skool2html.py* will add links to the disassembly index page.

For example, let's add a poke. Add the following lines to *hungry_horace.ref*:

```
[Poke:infiniteLives:Infinite lives]
The following POKE gives Horace infinite lives:

POKE 26429,0
```

Now run *skool2html.py* again:

```
$ skool2html.py examples/hungry_horace.ref
```

Open *hungry_horace/index.html* and you will see a link to the 'Pokes' page in the 'Reference' section.

The format of a Bug or Fact section is the same, except that the section name prefix is Bug: or Fact: (instead of Poke:) as appropriate.

Add one Poke, Bug or Fact section for each poke, bug or trivia entry to be documented. Entries will appear on the 'Pokes', 'Bugs' or 'Trivia' page in the same order as the sections appear in the ref file.

See [Ref files](#) for more information on the format of the Poke, Bug, and Fact (and other) sections that may appear in a ref file.

3.7 Themes

In addition to the default theme (defined in *skoolkit.css*), SkoolKit includes some alternative themes:

- dark (dark colours): *skoolkit-dark.css*
- green (mostly green): *skoolkit-green.css*
- plum (mostly purple): *skoolkit-plum.css*
- wide (wide comment fields on the disassembly pages, and wide boxes on the Changelog, Glossary, Trivia, Bugs and Pokes pages): *skoolkit-wide.css*

In order to use a theme, run *skool2html.py* with the `-T` option; for example, to use the ‘dark’ theme:

```
$ skool2html.py -T dark game.skool
```

Themes may be combined; for example, to use both the ‘plum’ and ‘wide’ themes:

```
$ skool2html.py -T plum -T wide game.skool
```


4.1 bin2sna.py

bin2sna.py converts a binary (raw memory) file into a Z80 snapshot. For example:

```
$ bin2sna.py game.bin
```

will create a file named *game.z80*. By default, the origin address (the address of the first byte of code or data), the start address (the first byte of code to run) and the stack pointer are set to 65536 minus the length of *game.bin*. These values can be changed by passing options to *bin2sna.py*. Run it with no arguments to see the list of available options:

```
usage: bin2sna.py [options] file.bin [file.z80]
```

Convert a binary (raw memory) file into a Z80 snapshot. 'file.bin' may be a regular file, or '-' for standard input. If 'file.z80' is not given, it defaults to the name of the input file with '.bin' replaced by '.z80', or 'program.z80' if reading from standard input.

Options:

```
-b BORDER, --border BORDER          Set the border colour (default: 7).
-o ORG, --org ORG                   Set the origin address (default: 65536 minus the
                                     length of file.bin).
-p STACK, --stack STACK             Set the stack pointer (default: ORG).
-P a[-b[-c]],[^+]v, --poke a[-b[-c]],[^+]v
                                     POKE N,v for N in {a, a+c, a+2c..., b}. Prefix 'v'
                                     with '^' to perform an XOR operation, or '+' to
                                     perform an ADD operation. This option may be used
                                     multiple times.
-r name=value, --reg name=value     Set the value of a register. Do '--reg help' for more
                                     information. This option may be used multiple times.
-s START, --start START
```

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        Set the address at which to start execution (default:
        ORG).
-S name=value, --state name=value
        Set a hardware state attribute. Do '--state help' for
        more information. This option may be used multiple
        times.
-V, --version
        Show SkoolKit version number and exit.

```

Ver- sion	Changes
6.3	Added the <code>--poke</code> option
6.2	Added the <code>--reg</code> and <code>--state</code> options; the <code>--org</code> , <code>--stack</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
5.2	New

4.2 bin2tap.py

bin2tap.py converts a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot into a TAP file. For example:

```
$ bin2tap.py game.bin
```

will create a file called *game.tap*. By default, the origin address (the address of the first byte of code or data), the start address (the first byte of code to run) and the stack pointer are set to 65536 minus the length of *game.bin*. These values can be changed by passing options to *bin2tap.py*. Run it with no arguments to see the list of available options:

```

usage: bin2tap.py [options] FILE [file.tap]

Convert a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot into a TAP
file. FILE may be a regular file, or '-' to read a binary file from standard
input.

Options:
  -c N, --clear N          Use a 'CLEAR N' command in the BASIC loader and leave
                           the stack pointer alone.
  -e ADDR, --end ADDR      Set the end address when reading a snapshot.
  -o ORG, --org ORG        Set the origin address (default: 16384 for a snapshot,
                           otherwise 65536 minus the length of FILE).
  -p STACK, --stack STACK
                           Set the stack pointer (default: ORG).
  -s START, --start START
                           Set the start address to JP to (default: ORG).
  -S FILE, --screen FILE   Add a loading screen to the TAP file. FILE may be a
                           snapshot or a 6912-byte SCR file.
  -V, --version            Show SkoolKit version number and exit.

```

Note that the ROM tape loading routine at 1366 (\$0556) and the load routine used by *bin2tap.py* together require 14 bytes for stack operations, and so STACK must be at least 16384+14=16398 (\$400E). This means that if ORG is less than 16398, you should use the `-p` option to set the stack pointer to something appropriate. If the main data block (derived from *game.bin*) overlaps any of the last four bytes of the stack, *bin2tap.py* will replace those bytes with the values required by the tape loading routine for correct operation upon returning. Stack operations will overwrite the bytes in the address range STACK-14 to STACK-1 inclusive, so those addresses should not be used to store essential code or data.

If the input file contains a program that returns to BASIC, you should use the `--clear` option to add a CLEAR command to the BASIC loader. This option leaves the stack pointer alone, enabling the program to return to BASIC without crashing. The lowest usable address with the `--clear` option on a bare 48K Spectrum is 23952 (\$5D90).

Ver- sion	Changes
6.2	The <code>--clear</code> , <code>--end</code> , <code>--org</code> , <code>--stack</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
5.3	Added the <code>--screen</code> option
5.2	Added the ability to read a binary file from standard input; added a second positional argument specifying the TAP filename
4.5	Added the <code>--clear</code> and <code>--end</code> options, and the ability to convert SNA, SZX and Z80 snapshots
3.4	Added the <code>-V</code> option and the long options
2.2.5	Added the <code>-p</code> option
1.3.1	New

4.3 skool2asm.py

skool2asm.py converts a skool file into an ASM file that can be fed to an assembler (see [Supported assemblers](#)). For example:

```
$ skool2asm.py game.skool > game.asm
```

skool2asm.py supports many options; run it with no arguments to see a list:

```
usage: skool2asm.py [options] FILE

Convert a skool file into an ASM file and write it to standard output. FILE may
be a regular file, or '-' for standard input.

Options:
  -c, --create-labels    Create default labels for unlabelled instructions.
  -D, --decimal          Write the disassembly in decimal.
  -E ADDR, --end ADDR    Stop converting at this address.
  -f N, --fixes N         Apply fixes:
                        N=0: None (default)
                        N=1: @ofix only
                        N=2: @ofix and @bfix
                        N=3: @ofix, @bfix and @rfix (implies -r)
  -F, --force            Force conversion, ignoring @start and @end directives.
  -H, --hex              Write the disassembly in hexadecimal.
  -I p=v, --ini p=v      Set the value of the configuration parameter 'p' to
                        'v'. This option may be used multiple times.
  -l, --lower            Write the disassembly in lower case.
  -p, --package-dir      Show path to skoolkit package directory and exit.
  -P p=v, --set p=v      Set the value of ASM writer property 'p' to 'v'. This
                        option may be used multiple times.
  -q, --quiet            Be quiet.
  -r, --rsub             Apply safe substitutions (@ssub) and relocatability
                        substitutions (@rsub) (implies '-f 1').
  --show-config          Show configuration parameter values.
  -s, --ssub             Apply safe substitutions (@ssub).
  -S ADDR, --start ADDR  Start converting at this address.
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<code>-u, --upper</code>	Write the disassembly in upper case.
<code>--var name=value</code>	Define a variable that can be used by <code>@if</code> , <code>#IF</code> and <code>#MAP</code> . This option may be used multiple times.
<code>-V, --version</code>	Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
<code>-w, --no-warnings</code>	Suppress warnings.
<code>-W CLASS, --writer CLASS</code>	Specify the ASM writer class to use.

See [ASM modes and directives](#) for a description of the `@ssub` and `@rsub` substitution modes, and the `@ofix`, `@bfix` and `@rfix` bugfix modes.

See the [@set](#) directive for information on the ASM writer properties that can be set by the `--set` option.

4.3.1 Configuration

`skool2asm.py` will read configuration from a file named `skoolkit.ini` in the current working directory or in `~/.skoolkit`, if present. The recognised configuration parameters are:

- `Base` - convert addresses and instruction operands to hexadecimal (16) or decimal (10), or leave them as they are (0, the default)
- `Case` - write the disassembly in lower case (1) or upper case (2), or leave it as it is (0, the default)
- `CreateLabels` - create default labels for unlabelled instructions (1), or don't (0, the default)
- `Quiet` - be quiet (1) or verbose (0, the default)
- `Set-property` - set an ASM writer property value, e.g. `Set-bullet=+` (see the [@set](#) directive for a list of available properties)
- `Templates` - file from which to read custom [ASM templates](#)
- `Warnings` - show warnings (1, the default), or suppress them (0)

Configuration parameters must appear in a `[skool2asm]` section. For example, to make `skool2asm.py` write the disassembly in hexadecimal with a line width of 120 characters by default (without having to use the `-H` and `-P` options on the command line), add the following section to `skoolkit.ini`:

```
[skool2asm]
Base=16
Set-line-width=120
```

Configuration parameters may also be set on the command line by using the `--ini` option. Parameter values set this way will override any found in `skoolkit.ini`.

Version	Changes
7.2	Added the <code>Templates</code> configuration parameter and support for <i>ASM templates</i>
7.0	<i>Non-entry blocks</i> are reproduced verbatim; added the <code>--force</code> option
6.4	Added the <code>--var</code> option
6.2	Added the <code>--show-config</code> option; the <code>--end</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
6.1	Configuration is read from <i>skoolkit.ini</i> if present; added the <code>--ini</code> option
5.0	Added the <code>--set</code> option
4.5	Added the <code>--start</code> and <code>--end</code> options
4.1	Added the <code>--writer</code> option
3.4	Added the <code>-V</code> and <code>-p</code> options and the long options
2.2.2	Added the ability to read a skool file from standard input
2.1.1	Added the <code>-u</code> , <code>-D</code> and <code>-H</code> options
1.1	Added the <code>-c</code> option

4.4 skool2bin.py

skool2bin.py converts a skool file into a binary (raw memory) file. For example:

```
$ skool2bin.py game.skool
```

To list the options supported by *skool2bin.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: skool2bin.py [options] file.skool [file.bin]

Convert a skool file into a binary (raw memory) file. 'file.skool' may be a
regular file, or '-' for standard input. If 'file.bin' is not given, it
defaults to the name of the input file with '.skool' replaced by '.bin'.
'file.bin' may be a regular file, or '-' for standard output.

Options:
  -b, --bfix           Apply @ofix and @bfix directives.
  -E ADDR, --end ADDR  Stop converting at this address.
  -i, --isub           Apply @isub directives.
  -o, --ofix           Apply @ofix directives.
  -s, --ssub           Apply @isub and @ssub directives.
  -S ADDR, --start ADDR Start converting at this address.
  -V, --version        Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
```

Version	Changes
7.0	<i>@if</i> directives are processed
6.2	The <code>--end</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
6.1	Added the ability to assemble instructions whose operands contain arithmetic expressions
5.2	Added the ability to write the binary file to standard output
5.1	Added the <code>--bfix</code> , <code>--ofix</code> and <code>--ssub</code> options
5.0	New

4.5 skool2ctl.py

skool2ctl.py converts a skool file into a *control file*. For example:

```
$ skool2ctl.py game.skool > game.ctl
```

In addition to block types and addresses, *game.ctl* will contain block titles, block descriptions, registers, mid-block comments, block start and end comments, sub-block types and addresses, instruction-level comments, non-entry blocks, and some *ASM directives*.

To list the options supported by *skool2ctl.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: skool2ctl.py [options] FILE

Convert a skool file into a control file and write it to standard output. FILE
may be a regular file, or '-' for standard input.

Options:
  -b, --preserve-base      Preserve the base of decimal and hexadecimal values in
                           instruction operands and DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW statements.
  -E ADDR, --end ADDR     Stop converting at this address.
  -h, --hex                Write addresses in upper case hexadecimal format.
  -I p=v, --ini p=v       Set the value of the configuration parameter 'p' to
                           'v'. This option may be used multiple times.
  -k, --keep-lines        Preserve line breaks in comments.
  -l, --hex-lower         Write addresses in lower case hexadecimal format.
  --show-config            Show configuration parameter values.
  -S ADDR, --start ADDR   Start converting at this address.
  -V, --version            Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
  -w X, --write X         Write only these elements, where X is one or more of:
                           a = ASM directives
                           b = block types and addresses
                           t = block titles
                           d = block descriptions
                           r = registers
                           m = mid-block comments and block start/end comments
                           s = sub-block types and addresses
                           c = instruction-level comments
                           n = non-entry blocks
```

If you need to preserve any elements that control files do not support (such as ASM block directives), consider using *skool2sft.py* to create a skool file template instead.

4.5.1 Configuration

skool2ctl.py will read configuration from a file named *skoolkit.ini* in the current working directory or in *~/skoolkit*, if present. The recognised configuration parameters are:

- Hex - write addresses in decimal (0, the default), lower case hexadecimal (1), or upper case hexadecimal (2)
- KeepLines - preserve line breaks in comments (1), or don't (0, the default)
- PreserveBase - preserve the base of decimal and hexadecimal values in instruction operands and DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW statements (1), or don't (0, the default)

Configuration parameters must appear in a `[skool2ctl]` section. For example, to make *skool2ctl.py* write upper case hexadecimal addresses by default (without having to use the `-h` option on the command line), add the following section to *skoolkit.ini*:

```
[skool2ctl]
Hex=2
```

Configuration parameters may also be set on the command line by using the `--ini` option. Parameter values set this way will override any found in *skoolkit.ini*.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.2	Configuration is read from <i>skoolkit.ini</i> if present; added the <code>--ini</code> , <code>--show-config</code> and <code>--keep-lines</code> options
7.0	Added support for the 'n' identifier in the <code>--write</code> option
6.2	The <code>--end</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
6.0	Added support for the 'a' identifier in the <code>--write</code> option
5.1	A terminal <code>i</code> directive is appended if the skool file ends before 65536
4.5	Added the <code>--start</code> and <code>--end</code> options
4.4	Added the <code>--hex-lower</code> option
3.7	Added the <code>--preserve-base</code> option
3.4	Added the <code>-V</code> option and the long options
2.4	Added the ability to preserve some ASM directives
2.2.2	Added the ability to read a skool file from standard input
2.0.6	Added the <code>-h</code> option
1.1	New

4.6 skool2html.py

skool2html.py converts a skool file (and its associated ref files, if any exist) into a browsable disassembly in HTML format.

For example:

```
$ skool2html.py game.skool
```

will convert the file *game.skool* into a bunch of HTML files. If any files named *game*.ref* (e.g. *game.ref*, *game-bugs.ref*, *game-pokes.ref* and so on) also exist in the same directory as *game.skool*, they will be used to provide further information to the conversion process, along with any extra files named in the `RefFiles` parameter in the [\[Config\]](#) section, and any other ref files named on the command line.

skool2html.py supports several options; run it with no arguments to see a list:

```
usage: skool2html.py [options] SKOOLFILE [REFFILE...]

Convert a skool file and ref files to HTML. SKOOLFILE may be a regular file, or
'-' for standard input.
```

Options:

```
-l, --asm-one-page    Write all routines and data blocks to a single page.
-a, --asm-labels      Use ASM labels.
-c S/L, --config S/L  Add the line 'L' to the ref file section 'S'. This
                      option may be used multiple times.
```

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-C, --create-labels    Create default labels for unlabelled instructions.
-d DIR, --output-dir DIR
                        Write files in this directory (default is '.').
-D, --decimal          Write the disassembly in decimal.
-H, --hex              Write the disassembly in hexadecimal.
-I p=v, --ini p=v      Set the value of the configuration parameter 'p' to
                        'v'. This option may be used multiple times.
-j NAME, --join-css NAME
                        Concatenate CSS files into a single file with this name.
-l, --lower            Write the disassembly in lower case.
-o, --rebuild-images   Overwrite existing image files.
-p, --package-dir      Show path to skoolkit package directory and exit.
-P PAGES, --pages PAGES
                        Write only these pages (when using '--write P').
                        PAGES is a comma-separated list of page IDs.
-q, --quiet            Be quiet.
-r PREFIX, --ref-sections PREFIX
                        Show default ref file sections whose names start with
                        PREFIX and exit.
-R, --ref-file          Show the entire default ref file and exit.
-s, --search-dirs      Show the locations skool2html.py searches for resources.
-S DIR, --search DIR   Add this directory to the resource search path. This
                        option may be used multiple times.
--show-config          Show configuration parameter values.
-t, --time             Show timings.
-T THEME, --theme THEME
                        Use this CSS theme. This option may be used multiple
                        times.
-u, --upper            Write the disassembly in upper case.
--var name=value       Define a variable that can be used by @if, #IF and #MAP.
                        This option may be used multiple times.
-V, --version          Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
-w X, --write X        Write only these files, where X is one or more of:
                        d = Disassembly files    o = Other code
                        i = Disassembly index    P = Other pages
                        m = Memory maps
-W CLASS, --writer CLASS
                        Specify the HTML writer class to use; shorthand for
                        '--config Config/HtmlWriterClass=CLASS'.

```

skool2html.py searches the following directories for CSS files, JavaScript files, font files, and files listed in the [\[Resources\]](#) section of the ref file:

- The directory that contains the skool file named on the command line
- The current working directory
- *./resources*
- *~/.skoolkit*
- *\$PACKAGE_DIR/resources*
- Any other directories specified by the *-S/--search* option

where *\$PACKAGE_DIR* is the directory in which the *skoolkit* package is installed (as shown by *skool2html.py -p*). When you need a reminder of these locations, run *skool2html.py -s*.

The *-T* option sets the CSS theme. For example, if *game.ref* specifies the CSS files to use thus:

```
[Game]
StyleSheet=skoolkit.css;game.css
```

then:

```
$ skool2html.py -T dark -T wide game.skool
```

will use the following CSS files, if they exist, in the order listed:

- *skoolkit.css*
- *skoolkit-dark.css*
- *skoolkit-wide.css*
- *game.css*
- *game-dark.css*
- *game-wide.css*
- *dark.css*
- *wide.css*

4.6.1 Configuration

skool2html.py will read configuration from a file named *skoolkit.ini* in the current working directory or in *~/.skoolkit*, if present. The recognised configuration parameters are:

- *AsmLabels* - use ASM labels (1), or don't (0, the default)
- *AsmOnePage* - write all routines and data blocks to a single page (1), or to multiple pages (0, the default)
- *Base* - convert addresses and instruction operands to hexadecimal (16) or decimal (10), or leave them as they are (0, the default)
- *Case* - write the disassembly in lower case (1) or upper case (2), or leave it as it is (0, the default)
- *CreateLabels* - create default labels for unlabelled instructions (1), or don't (0, the default)
- *JoinCss* - if specified, concatenate CSS files into a single file with this name
- *OutputDir* - write files in this directory (default: .)
- *Quiet* - be quiet (1) or verbose (0, the default)
- *RebuildImages* - overwrite existing image files (1), or leave them alone (0, the default)
- *Search* - directory to add to the resource search path; to specify two or more directories, separate them with commas
- *Theme* - CSS theme to use; to specify two or more themes, separate them with commas
- *Time* - show timings (1), or don't (0, the default)

Configuration parameters must appear in a `[skool2html]` section. For example, to make *skool2html.py* use ASM labels and write the disassembly in hexadecimal by default (without having to use the `-H` and `-a` options on the command line), add the following section to *skoolkit.ini*:

```
[skool2html]
AsmLabels=1
Base=16
```

Configuration parameters may also be set on the command line by using the `--ini` option. Parameter values set this way will override any found in *skoolkit.ini*.

Version	Changes
7.0	Writes a single disassembly from the skool file given by the first positional argument
6.4	Added the <code>--var</code> option
6.2	Added the <code>--show-config</code> option
6.1	Configuration is read from <i>skoolkit.ini</i> if present; added the <code>--ini</code> option
5.4	Added the <code>--asm-one-page</code> option
5.0	The <code>--theme</code> option also looks for a CSS file whose base name matches the theme name
4.1	Added the <code>--search</code> and <code>--writer</code> options
4.0	Added the <code>--ref-sections</code> and <code>--ref-file</code> options
3.6	Added the <code>--join-css</code> and <code>--search-dirs</code> options
3.5	Added support for multiple CSS themes
3.4	Added the <code>-a</code> and <code>-C</code> options and the long options
3.3.2	Added <code>\$PACKAGE_DIR/resources</code> to the search path; added the <code>-p</code> and <code>-T</code> options
3.2	Added <code>~/.skoolkit</code> to the search path
3.1	Added the <code>-c</code> option
3.0.2	No longer shows timings by default; added the <code>-t</code> option
2.3.1	Added support for reading multiple ref files per disassembly
2.2.2	Added the ability to read a skool file from standard input
2.2	No longer writes the Skool Daze and Back to Skool disassemblies by default; added the <code>-d</code> option
2.1.1	Added the <code>-l</code> , <code>-u</code> , <code>-D</code> and <code>-H</code> options
2.1	Added the <code>-o</code> and <code>-P</code> options
1.4	Added the <code>-V</code> option

4.7 skool2sft.py

skool2sft.py converts a skool file into a *skool file template*. For example:

```
$ skool2sft.py game.skool > game.sft
```

To list the options supported by *skool2sft.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: skool2sft.py [options] FILE

Convert a skool file into a skool file template and write it to standard
output. FILE may be a regular file, or '-' for standard input.

Options:
  -b, --preserve-base    Preserve the base of decimal and hexadecimal values in
                        instruction operands and DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW
                        statements.
  -E ADDR, --end ADDR    Stop converting at this address.
  -h, --hex               Write addresses in upper case hexadecimal format.
  -l, --hex-lower        Write addresses in lower case hexadecimal format.
  -S ADDR, --start ADDR  Start converting at this address.
  -V, --version           Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
```

Note: Skool file templates and *skool2sft.py* are deprecated since version 7.2. Use *control files* and *skool2ctl.py* instead.

Version	Changes
6.2	The <code>--end</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
5.1	i blocks are preserved in the same way as code and data blocks (instead of verbatim)
4.5	Added the <code>--start</code> and <code>--end</code> options
4.4	Added the <code>--hex-lower</code> option
3.7	Added the <code>--preserve-base</code> option
3.4	Added the <code>-V</code> option and the long options
2.4	New

4.8 sna2ctl.py

sna2ctl.py generates a control file for a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot. For example:

```
$ sna2ctl.py game.z80 > game.ctl
```

Now *game.ctl* can be used by *sna2skool.py* to convert *game.z80* into a skool file split into blocks of code and data.

sna2ctl.py supports several options; run it with no arguments to see a list:

```
usage: sna2ctl.py [options] FILE

Generate a control file for a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80
snapshot. FILE may be a regular file, or '-' for standard input.

Options:
-e ADDR, --end ADDR      Stop at this address (default=65536).
-h, --hex                Write upper case hexadecimal addresses.
-I p=v, --ini p=v        Set the value of the configuration parameter 'p' to
                          'v'. This option may be used multiple times.
-l, --hex-lower          Write lower case hexadecimal addresses.
-m FILE, --map FILE      Use FILE as a code execution map.
-o ADDR, --org ADDR      Specify the origin address of a binary file (default:
                          65536 - length).
-p PAGE, --page PAGE     Specify the page (0-7) of a 128K snapshot to map to
                          49152-65535.
--show-config             Show configuration parameter values.
-s ADDR, --start ADDR    Start at this address (default=16384).
-V, --version            Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
```

If the input filename does not end with '.sna', '.szx' or '.z80', it is assumed to be a binary file.

The `-m` option may be used to specify a code execution map to use when generating a control file. The supported file formats are:

- Profiles created by the Fuse emulator
- Code execution logs created by the SpecEmu, Spud and Zero emulators
- Map files created by the SpecEmu and Z80 emulators

If the file specified by the `-m` option is 8192 bytes long, it is assumed to be a Z80 map file; if it is 65536 bytes long, it is assumed to be a SpecEmu map file; otherwise it is assumed to be in one of the other supported formats.

4.8.1 Configuration

sna2ctl.py will read configuration from a file named *skoolkit.ini* in the current working directory or in *~/.skoolkit*, if present. The recognised configuration parameters are:

- **Dictionary** - the name of a file containing a list of allowed words, one per line; if specified, a string of characters will be marked as text only if it contains at least one of the words in this file
- **Hex** - write addresses in decimal (0, the default), lower case hexadecimal (1), or upper case hexadecimal (2)
- **TextChars** - characters eligible for being marked as text (default: letters, digits, space, and the following non-alphanumeric characters: !"#\$%&\'()*+,-./:;<=>?[])
- **TextMinLengthCode** - the minimum length of a string of characters eligible for being marked as text in a block identified as code (default: 12)
- **TextMinLengthData** - the minimum length of a string of characters eligible for being marked as text in a block identified as data (default: 3)

Configuration parameters must appear in a `[sna2ctl]` section. For example, to make *sna2ctl.py* write upper case hexadecimal addresses by default (without having to use the `-h` option on the command line), add the following section to *skoolkit.ini*:

```
[sna2ctl]
Hex=2
```

Configuration parameters may also be set on the command line by using the `--ini` option. Parameter values set this way will override any found in *skoolkit.ini*.

Version	Changes
7.2	Added the <code>Dictionary</code> configuration parameter
7.1	Configuration is read from <i>skoolkit.ini</i> if present; added the <code>--ini</code> and <code>--show-config</code> options
7.0	New

4.9 sna2img.py

sna2img.py converts the screenshot or other graphic data in a binary (raw memory) file, SCR file, skool file, or SNA/SZX/Z80 snapshot into a PNG or GIF file. For example:

```
$ sna2img.py game.scr
```

will create a file named *game.png*.

To list the options supported by *sna2img.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: sna2img.py [options] INPUT [OUTPUT]

Convert a Spectrum screenshot or other graphic data into a PNG or GIF file.
INPUT may be a binary (raw memory) file, a SCR file, a skool file, or a SNA,
SZX or Z80 snapshot.

Options:
  -b, --bfix           Parse a skool file in @bfix mode.
  -B, --binary         Read the input as a binary (raw memory) file.
  -e MACRO, --expand MACRO
                        Expand a #FONT, #SCR, #UDG or #UDGARRAY macro. The '#'
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prefix may be omitted.
-f N, --flip N      Flip the image horizontally (N=1), vertically (N=2),
                   or both (N=3).
-i, --invert        Invert video for cells that are flashing.
-m src,size,dest, --move src,size,dest
                   Move a block of bytes of the given size from src to
                   dest. This option may be used multiple times.
-n, --no-animation  Do not animate flashing cells.
-o X,Y, --origin X,Y Top-left crop at (X,Y).
-O ORG, --org ORG   Set the origin address of a binary file (default:
                   65536 minus the length of the file).
-p a[-b[-c]],[^+]v, --poke a[-b[-c]],[^+]v
                   POKE N,v for N in {a, a+c, a+2c..., b}. Prefix 'v'
                   with '^' to perform an XOR operation, or '+' to
                   perform an ADD operation. This option may be used
                   multiple times.
-r N, --rotate N    Rotate the image 90*N degrees clockwise.
-s SCALE, --scale SCALE
                   Set the scale of the image (default=1).
-S WxH, --size WxH  Crop to this width and height (in tiles).
-V, --version        Show SkoolKit version number and exit.

```

Ver- sion	Changes
6.2	Added the <code>--binary</code> and <code>--org</code> options and the ability to read binary (raw memory) files; the <code>--move</code> and <code>--poke</code> options accept hexadecimal integers prefixed by '0x'
6.1	Added the ability to read skool files; added the <code>--bfix</code> and <code>--move</code> options
6.0	Added the <code>--expand</code> option
5.4	New

4.10 sna2skool.py

sna2skool.py converts a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot into a skool file. For example:

```
$ sna2skool.py game.z80 > game.skool
```

Now *game.skool* can be converted into a browsable HTML disassembly using *skool2html.py*, or into an assembler-ready ASM file using *skool2asm.py*.

sna2skool.py supports several options; run it with no arguments to see a list:

```

usage: sna2skool.py [options] FILE

Convert a binary (raw memory) file or a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot into a skool
file. FILE may be a regular file, or '-' for standard input.

Options:
  -c FILE, --ctl FILE      Use FILE as a control file (may be '-' for standard
                           input). This option may be used multiple times.
  -e ADDR, --end ADDR      Stop disassembling at this address (default=65536).
  -H, --hex                 Write hexadecimal addresses and operands in the
                           disassembly.
  -I p=v, --ini p=v        Set the value of the configuration parameter 'p' to

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	'v'. This option may be used multiple times.
-l, --lower	Write the disassembly in lower case.
-o ADDR, --org ADDR	Specify the origin address of a binary (.bin) file (default: 65536 - length).
-p PAGE, --page PAGE	Specify the page (0-7) of a 128K snapshot to map to 49152-65535.
--show-config	Show configuration parameter values.
-s ADDR, --start ADDR	Start disassembling at this address (default=16384).
-T FILE, --sft FILE	Use FILE as the skool file template (may be '-' for standard input).
-V, --version	Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
-w W, --line-width W	Set the maximum line width of the skool file (default: 79).

If the input filename does not end with '.sna', '.szx' or '.z80', it is assumed to be a binary file.

By default, any file whose name is equal to the input filename (minus the '.bin', '.sna', '.szx' or '.z80' suffix, if any) followed by '.sft' will be used as a *skool file template*.

Otherwise, any files whose names start with the input filename (minus the '.bin', '.sna', '.szx' or '.z80' suffix, if any) and end with '.ctl' will be used as *control files*.

4.10.1 Configuration

sna2skool.py will read configuration from a file named *skoolkit.ini* in the current working directory or in *~/skoolkit*, if present. The recognised configuration parameters are:

- Base - write addresses and instruction operands in hexadecimal (16) or decimal (10, the default)
- Case - write the disassembly in lower case (1) or upper case (2, the default)
- CommentWidthMin - minimum width of the instruction comment field in the skool file (default: 10)
- DefbMod - group DEFB blocks by addresses that are divisible by this number (default: 1)
- DefbSize - maximum number of bytes per DEFB statement (default: 8)
- DefbZfill - pad decimal values in DEFB statements with leading zeroes (1), or leave them unpadded (0, the default)
- DefmSize - maximum number of characters in a DEFM statement (default: 66)
- EntryPointRef - template used to format the comment for an entry point with exactly one referrer (default: This entry point is used by the routine at {ref}.)
- EntryPointRefs - template used to format the comment for an entry point with two or more referrers (default: This entry point is used by the routines at {refs} and {ref}.)
- InstructionWidth - minimum width of the instruction field in the skool file (default: 13)
- LineWidth - maximum line width of the skool file (default: 79)
- ListRefs - when to add a comment that lists routine or entry point referrers: never (0), if no other comment is defined at the entry point (1, the default), or always (2)
- Ref - template used to format the comment for a routine with exactly one referrer (default: Used by the routine at {ref}.)
- Refs - template used to format the comment for a routine with two or more referrers (default: Used by the routines at {refs} and {ref}.)

- Semicolons - block types (b, c, g, i, s, t, u, w) in which comment semicolons are written for instructions that have no comment (default: c)
- Text - show ASCII text in the comment fields (1), or don't (0, the default)
- Title-b - template used to format the title for an untitled 'b' block (default: Data block at {address})
- Title-c - template used to format the title for an untitled 'c' block (default: Routine at {address})
- Title-g - template used to format the title for an untitled 'g' block (default: Game status buffer entry at {address})
- Title-i - template used to format the title for an untitled 'i' block (default: Ignored)
- Title-s - template used to format the title for an untitled 's' block (default: Unused)
- Title-t - template used to format the title for an untitled 't' block (default: Message at {address})
- Title-u - template used to format the title for an untitled 'u' block (default: Unused)
- Title-w - template used to format the title for an untitled 'w' block (default: Data block at {address})

Configuration parameters must appear in a [sna2skool] section. For example, to make *sna2skool.py* generate hexadecimal skool files with a line width of 120 characters by default (without having to use the `-H` and `-w` options on the command line), add the following section to *skoolkit.ini*:

```
[sna2skool]
Base=16
LineWidth=120
```

Configuration parameters may also be set on the command line by using the `--ini` option. Parameter values set this way will override any found in *skoolkit.ini*.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for reading multiple default control files, and for using the <code>--ctl</code> option multiple times; added the <code>CommentWidthMin</code> , <code>InstructionWidth</code> and <code>Semicolons</code> configuration parameters
7.0	The short option for <code>--lower</code> is <code>-l</code> ; the long option for <code>-H</code> is <code>--hex</code>
6.2	Added the <code>--show-config</code> option; the <code>--end</code> , <code>--org</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x'
6.1	Configuration is read from <i>skoolkit.ini</i> if present; added the <code>--ini</code> option
4.4	Added the <code>--end</code> option
4.3	Added the <code>--line-width</code> option
3.4	Added the <code>-V</code> option and the long options, and the ability to add a comment listing referrers at every routine entry point
3.3	Added the ability to read 128K SNA snapshots
3.2	Added the <code>-p</code> option, and the ability to read SZX snapshots and 128K Z80 snapshots
2.4	Added the <code>-T</code> option
2.1.2	Added the ability to write the disassembly in lower case
2.1	Added the <code>-H</code> option
2.0.1	Added the <code>-o</code> option, and the ability to read binary files, to set the maximum number of characters in a DEFB statement, and to suppress comments that list routine entry point referrers
2.0	Added the ability to group DEFB blocks by addresses divisible by a given number, to set the maximum number of bytes in a DEFB statement, and to pad decimal values in DEFB statements with leading zeroes
1.0.5	Added the ability to show ASCII text in comment fields
1.0.4	Added the <code>-s</code> option

4.11 snapinfo.py

snapinfo.py shows information on the registers and RAM in a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot. For example:

```
$ snapinfo.py game.z80
```

To list the options supported by *snapinfo.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: snapinfo.py [options] file

Analyse an SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot.

Options:
  -b, --basic           List the BASIC program.
  -f A[,B...[-M[-N]]], --find A[,B...[-M[-N]]]
                        Search for the byte sequence A,B... with distance
                        ranging from M to N (default=1) between bytes.
  -p A[-B[-C]], --peek A[-B[-C]]
                        Show the contents of addresses A TO B STEP C. This
                        option may be used multiple times.
  -t TEXT, --find-text TEXT
                        Search for a text string.
  -T X,Y[-M[-N]], --find-tile X,Y[-M[-N]]
                        Search for the graphic data of the tile at (X,Y) with
                        distance ranging from M to N (default=1) between
                        bytes.
  -v, --variables       List variables.
  -V, --version         Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
  -w A[-B[-C]], --word A[-B[-C]]
                        Show the words at addresses A TO B STEP C. This option
                        may be used multiple times.
```

With no options, *snapinfo.py* displays register values, the interrupt mode, and the border colour. By using one of the options shown above, it can list the BASIC program and variables (if present), show the contents of a range of addresses, or search the RAM for a sequence of byte values or a text string.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.2	The --find, --find-tile, --peek and --word options accept hexadecimal integers prefixed by '0x'
6.0	Added support to the --find option for distance ranges; added the --find-tile and --word options; the --peek option shows UDGs and BASIC tokens
5.4	Added the --variables option; UDGs in a BASIC program are shown as special symbols (e.g. {UDG-A})
5.3	New

4.12 snapmod.py

snapmod.py modifies the registers and RAM in a 48K Z80 snapshot. For example:

```
$ snapmod.py --poke 32768,0 game.z80 poked.z80
```

To list the options supported by *snapmod.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: snapmod.py [options] in.z80 [out.z80]
```

Modify a 48K Z80 snapshot.

Options:

```
-f, --force          Overwrite an existing snapshot.
-m src,size,dest, --move src,size,dest
                    Move a block of bytes of the given size from src to
                    dest. This option may be used multiple times.
-p a[-b[-c]],[^+]v, --poke a[-b[-c]],[^+]v
                    POKE N,v for N in {a, a+c, a+2c..., b}. Prefix 'v'
                    with '^' to perform an XOR operation, or '+' to
                    perform an ADD operation. This option may be used
                    multiple times.
-r name=value, --reg name=value
                    Set the value of a register. Do '--reg help' for more
                    information. This option may be used multiple times.
-s name=value, --state name=value
                    Set a hardware state attribute. Do '--state help' for
                    more information. This option may be used multiple
                    times.
-V, --version        Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
```

Version	Changes
6.2	The <code>--move</code> , <code>--poke</code> and <code>--reg</code> options accept hexadecimal integers prefixed by '0x'
5.3	New

4.13 tap2sna.py

tap2sna.py converts a TAP or TZX file (which may be inside a zip archive) into a Z80 snapshot. For example:

```
$ tap2sna.py game.tap game.z80
```

To list the options supported by *tap2sna.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage:
```

```
tap2sna.py [options] INPUT snapshot.z80
tap2sna.py @FILE
```

Convert a TAP or TZX file (which may be inside a zip archive) into a Z80 snapshot. INPUT may be the full URL to a remote zip archive or TAP/TZX file, or the path to a local file. Arguments may be read from FILE instead of (or as well as) being given on the command line.

Options:

```
-d DIR, --output-dir DIR
                    Write the snapshot file in this directory.
-f, --force          Overwrite an existing snapshot.
-p STACK, --stack STACK
                    Set the stack pointer.
--ram OPERATION      Perform a load, move or poke operation on the memory
                    snapshot being built. Do '--ram help' for more
                    information. This option may be used multiple times.
--reg name=value      Set the value of a register. Do '--reg help' for more
```

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        information. This option may be used multiple times.
-s START, --start START
        Set the start address to JP to.
--state name=value
        Set a hardware state attribute. Do '--state help' for
        more information. This option may be used multiple
        times.
-u AGENT, --user-agent AGENT
        Set the User-Agent header.
-V, --version
        Show SkoolKit version number and exit.

```

Note that support for TZX files is limited to block types 0x10 (standard speed data), 0x11 (turbo speed data) and 0x14 (pure data).

By default, *tap2sna.py* loads bytes from every data block on the tape, using the start address given in the corresponding header. For tapes that contain headerless data blocks, headers with incorrect start addresses, or irrelevant blocks, the `--ram` option can be used to load bytes from specific blocks at the appropriate addresses. For example:

```
$ tap2sna.py --ram load=3,30000 game.tzx game.z80
```

loads the third block on the tape at address 30000, and ignores all other blocks. (To see information on the blocks in a TAP or TZX file, use the *tapinfo.py* command.) The `--ram` option can also be used to move blocks of bytes from one location to another, POKE values into individual addresses or address ranges, and modify memory with XOR and ADD operations before the snapshot is saved. For more information on the operations that the `--ram` option can perform, run:

```
$ tap2sna.py --ram help
```

For complex snapshots that require many options to build, it may be more convenient to store the arguments to *tap2sna.py* in a file. For example, if the file *game.t2s* has the following contents:

```

;
; tap2sna.py file for GAME
;
http://example.com/pub/games/GAME.zip
game.z80
--ram load=4,32768          # Load the fourth block at 32768
--ram move=40960,512,43520 # Move 40960-41471 to 43520-44031
--state iff=0              # Disable interrupts
--stack 32768              # Stack at 32768
--start 34816              # Start at 34816

```

then:

```
$ tap2sna.py @game.t2s
```

will create *game.z80* as if the arguments specified in *game.t2s* had been given on the command line.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.3	Added the <code>--user-agent</code> option
6.2	The <code>--ram</code> , <code>--reg</code> , <code>--stack</code> and <code>--start</code> options accept hexadecimal integers prefixed by '0x'
5.3	Added the <code>--stack</code> and <code>--start</code> options
4.5	Added support for TZX block type 0x14 (pure data), for loading the first and last bytes of a tape block, and for modifying memory with XOR and ADD operations
3.5	New

4.14 tapinfo.py

tapinfo.py shows information on the blocks in a TAP or TZX file. For example:

```
$ tapinfo.py game.tzx
```

To list the options supported by *tapinfo.py*, run it with no arguments:

```
usage: tapinfo.py FILE

Show the blocks in a TAP or TZX file.

Options:
  -b IDs, --tZX-blocks IDs      Show TZX blocks with these IDs only. 'IDs' is a comma-
                                separated list of hexadecimal block IDs, e.g.
                                10,11,2a.
  -B N[,A], --basic N[,A]      List the BASIC program in block N loaded at address A
                                (default 23755).
  -V, --version                 Show SkoolKit version number and exit.
```

Version	Changes
7.1	Shows pulse lengths in TZX block type 0x13 and full info for TZX block type 0x14
6.2	The <code>--basic</code> option accepts a hexadecimal address prefixed by '0x'
6.0	Added the <code>--basic</code> option
5.0	New

Supported assemblers

If you use SkoolKit to generate an ASM version of your disassembly, and you want to assemble it, you will need to use a supported assembler. At the time of writing, the assemblers listed below are known to work with the ASM format generated by *skool2asm.py*:

- *pasmo* (v0.5.3)
- *SjASMPlus* (v1.07-rc7)
- *z80asm*, the assembler distributed with *z88dk* (v1.8)

Note: *SjASMPlus* does not recognise instructions that operate on the high or low half of the IX and IY registers in the default form used by SkoolKit (e.g. `LD A, IX1`). A workaround is to write the ASM file in lower case using the `--lower` option of *skool2asm.py*.

Note: *z80asm* does not recognise binary constants in the form supported by SkoolKit (e.g. `%10101010`). If your skool file contains any such constants, the `%` characters must be replaced by `@` (e.g. `@10101010`) after conversion to ASM format.

The following sections give examples of how to use each of these assemblers to create a binary (raw memory) file or a tape file that can be used with an emulator.

5.1 Using *pasmo*

First, create an ASM version of the disassembly:

```
$ skool2asm.py game.skool > game.asm
```

Then use *pasmo* to create a binary file named *game.bin* thus:

```
$ pasmo game.asm game.bin
```

5.2 Using SjASMPPlus

First, create an ASM version of the disassembly:

```
$ skool2asm.py game.skool > game.asm
```

Then create a file named *game.sjasm* with the following contents:

```
; SjASMPPlus source file for game.asm
device zxspectrum48
include game.asm
savebin "game.bin",ORG,LENGTH
```

replacing ORG and LENGTH with the origin address and the length of the assembled program. Now run *sjasmpplus* on this source file:

```
$ sjasmpplus game.sjasm
```

and a binary file named *game.bin* will be created.

5.3 Using z80asm (z88dk)

First, create an ASM version of the disassembly:

```
$ skool2asm.py game.skool > game.asm
```

Then use *z80asm* to create a binary file named *game.bin* thus:

```
$ z80asm -rORG -b game.asm
```

replacing ORG with the origin address (in hexadecimal notation) of the program.

5.4 Creating a TAP file

Having created *game.bin* by using your chosen assembler, you can now create a TAP file by using *bin2tap.py*:

```
$ bin2tap.py game.bin
```

The resultant TAP file, *game.tap*, can then be loaded into an emulator.

5.5 Creating a Z80 snapshot

Having created *game.bin* by using your chosen assembler, you can now create a Z80 snapshot by using *bin2sna.py*:

```
$ bin2sna.py game.bin
```

The resultant snapshot, *game.z80*, can then be loaded into an emulator.

Migrating from SkoolKit 6

SkoolKit 7 includes some changes that make it incompatible with SkoolKit 6. If you have developed a disassembly using SkoolKit 6 and find that the SkoolKit commands no longer work with your skool files or ref files, or produce broken output, look through the following sections for tips on how to migrate your disassembly to SkoolKit 7.

6.1 skool2html.py

In SkoolKit 6, *skool2html.py* wrote a separate disassembly for each skool file and ref file named on the command line. In SkoolKit 7, it writes a single disassembly from the skool file given as the first positional argument; any other positional arguments are interpreted as extra ref files.

For example:

```
$ skool2html.py game.skool data.ref
```

will convert the following files into a single HTML disassembly:

- *game.skool*
- any files named *game*.ref*
- any files named in the `RefFiles` parameter in the *[Config]* section
- *data.ref*

6.2 sna2skool.py

The `-l`, `-m`, `-n`, `-r`, `-R`, `-t` and `-z` options of *sna2skool.py* that were available in SkoolKit 6 are not supported in SkoolKit 7. However, the corresponding features are still supported, and each one can be controlled by the `-I` option with an appropriate configuration parameter:

- instead of `-l/--defm-size L`, use `-I DefmSize=L`
- instead of `-m/--defb-mod M`, use `-I DefbMod=M`

- instead of `-n/--defb-size N`, use `-I DefbSize=N`
- instead of `-r/--no-erefs`, use `-I ListRefs=0`
- instead of `-R/--erefs`, use `-I ListRefs=2`
- instead of `-t/--text`, use `-I Text=1`
- instead of `-z/--defb-zfill`, use `-I DefbZfill=1`

In addition, the ability to generate a control file has been moved to the [*sna2ctl.py*](#) command; accordingly, the `-g`, `-h` and `-M` options are no longer supported.

Finally, the `-L` (`--lower`) option has been renamed `-l` and the `--skool-hex` (`-H`) option has been renamed `--hex` (for consistency with the corresponding options of [*skool2asm.py*](#) and [*skool2html.py*](#)).

6.3 GameStateBufferIncludes

In SkoolKit 6, the `GameStateBufferIncludes` parameter in the [\[Game\]](#) section specified the addresses of entries to include on the ‘Game status buffer’ page in addition to those that are marked with a `g`. In SkoolKit 7, this parameter is not supported; instead, use the `Includes` parameter in the [\[MemoryMap:GameStateBuffer\]](#) section.

6.4 @assemble

In SkoolKit 6, the [@assemble](#) directive accepted the values -1, 0 and 1. In SkoolKit 7, the accepted values are 0, 1 and 2.

6.5 @nolabel

The `@nolabel` directive is not supported in SkoolKit 7. Instead you should use the [@label](#) directive with a blank label: `@label=`.

6.6 Image-related methods

In SkoolKit 6, the following image-related methods were available on `HtmlWriter`:

- `image_path()`
- `img_element()`
- `need_image()`
- `write_animated_image()`
- `write_image()`

These methods are not available in SkoolKit 7; instead, use the [`handle_image\(\)`](#) method.

In addition, the default value of the `path_id` parameter of `handle_image()` has changed from `UDGImagePath` to `ImagePath`.

6.7 Data definition entries

Data definition entries ('d' blocks) are not supported in SkoolKit 7. Use the `@defb`, `@defs` and `@defw` directives instead.

6.8 Remote entries

Defining a remote entry with an 'r' block is not supported in SkoolKit 7. Use the `@remote` directive instead.

6.9 skoolkit6to7.py

The `skoolkit6to7.py` script may be used to convert a control file, ref file, skool file or skool file template that is compatible with SkoolKit 6 into a file that will work with SkoolKit 7. For example, to convert *game.ref*:

```
$ skoolkit6to7.py game.ref > game7.ref
```


7.1 7.2 (2019-06-02)

- Added support to control files for specifying comments over multiple lines (by using the *dot and colon directives*)
- Added support to *skool2ctl.py* for reading configuration from *skoolkit.ini*
- Added the `--ini` and `--show-config` options to *skool2ctl.py* (for setting the value of a configuration parameter and for showing all configuration parameter values)
- Added the `--keep-lines` option to *skool2ctl.py* (for preserving line breaks in comments)
- Added support for *ASM templates* (used to format each line of output produced by *skool2asm.py*)
- Added the `Templates` configuration parameter for *skool2asm.py* (for reading custom ASM templates from a file)
- Added the `Dictionary` configuration parameter for *sna2ctl.py* (to specify a file containing a list of words allowed in a text string)
- Added the `bytes` and `show_bytes` identifiers to the *asm_instruction* template, along with a table cell for displaying the byte values of an assembled instruction
- Added the `Bytes` parameter to the *[Game]* section (for specifying the format of byte values in the *asm_instruction* template)
- Added the `DisassemblyTableNumCols` parameter to the *[Game]* section (for specifying the number of columns in the disassembly table on disassembly pages)
- In ASM mode, *#LIST* and *#TABLE* macros can now be used in register descriptions
- The *#LINK* and *#R* macros now work with address anchors that start with an upper case letter (as could happen when `AddressAnchor` is `{address:04X}`)
- Fixed how *#LIST* and *#TABLE* markers inside a *#RAW* macro are handled in ASM mode
- Fixed how skool macros are expanded in **ImagePath* parameters in the *[Paths]* section

- Fixed the hyperlinking of lower case hexadecimal instruction operands

7.2 7.1 (2019-02-02)

- Improved the performance and accuracy of the control file generation algorithm used by *sna2ctl.py* when no code map is provided
- Added support to *sna2ctl.py* for reading configuration from *skoolkit.ini*
- Added the `--ini` and `--show-config` options to *sna2ctl.py* (for setting the value of a configuration parameter and for showing all configuration parameter values)
- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for reading multiple default control files, and for using the `--ctl` option multiple times
- The `#UDGARRAY` macro now has the ability to specify attribute addresses (as an alternative to specifying attribute values)
- Added support to control files and skool file templates for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands and DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements be rendered as negative numbers
- The `@isub`, `@ssub`, `@rsub`, `@ofix`, `@bfix` and `@rfix` directives can insert an instruction after the current one (without first specifying a replacement for it) by using the `+` marker
- *tapinfo.py* now shows pulse lengths in TZX block type 0x13 (pulse sequence) and full info for TZX block type 0x14 (pure data)
- *sna2skool.py* handles unprintable characters in a DEFM statement by rendering them as byte values
- *sna2skool.py* automatically determines the byte value of an 'S' directive and ignores any supplied value
- Added the `CommentWidthMin` configuration parameter for *sna2skool.py* (to specify the minimum width of the instruction comment field in a skool file)
- Added the `InstructionWidth` configuration parameter for *sna2skool.py* (to specify the minimum width of the instruction field in a skool file)
- Added the `Semicolons` configuration parameter for *sna2skool.py* (to specify the block types in which comment semicolons are written for instructions that have no comment)
- Fixed how *sna2skool.py* interprets the base prefix `n` in a 'B' directive
- Fixed how *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py* handle non-entry blocks when a start address or end address is supplied

7.3 7.0 (2018-10-13)

- The `@isub`, `@ssub`, `@rsub`, `@ofix`, `@bfix` and `@rfix` directives can specify the replacement comment over multiple lines, replace the label, and insert, overwrite and remove instructions
- *Non-entry blocks* in a skool file are reproduced by *skool2asm.py* and preserved by *skool2ctl.py*
- Moved the ability to generate a control file from *sna2skool.py* to the new *sna2ctl.py* command
- *skool2bin.py* now processes `@if` directives (in case they contain `@isub`, `@ssub`, `@ofix` or `@bfix` directives)
- The `@label` directive can now add an entry point marker to the next instruction, or remove one if present
- Added the `--force` option to *skool2asm.py* (to force conversion of the entire skool file, ignoring any `@start` and `@end` directives)

- Added support for appending content to an existing ref file section by adding a '+' suffix to the section name (e.g. [Game+])
- Added support for preserving 'inverted' characters (with bit 7 set) in and restoring them from a control file or skool file template
- Added support to the `#LIST`, `#TABLE` and `#UDGTABLE` macros for the `nowrap` and `wrapalign` flags (which control how `sna2skool.py` renders each list item or table row when reading from a control file)
- `skool2html.py` now writes a single disassembly from the the skool file given as the first positional argument; any other positional arguments are interpreted as extra ref files
- Every entry title on a memory map page is now hyperlinked to the disassembly page for the corresponding entry
- Fixed the bug in `skool2ctl.py` that makes it incorrectly compute the length of an M directive covering a sub-block containing two or more instructions
- Fixed how blocks of zeroes are detected and how an `--end` address is handled when generating a control file

7.4 Older versions

7.4.1 SkoolKit 6.x changelog

6.4 (2018-03-31)

- Added the `@if` directive (for conditionally processing other ASM directives)
- Added the `#RAW` macro (which prevents any macros or macro-like tokens in its sole string argument from being expanded)
- Added the `--var` option to `skool2asm.py` and `skool2html.py` (for defining a variable that can be used by the `@if` directive and the `#IF` and `#MAP` macros)
- The `asm` replacement field available to the `#IF` and `#MAP` macros now indicates the exact ASM mode: 1 (`@isub mode`), 2 (`@ssub mode`), 3 (`@rsub mode`), or 0 (none)
- The `#IF` and `#MAP` macros can now use the `fix` replacement field, which indicates the fix mode: 1 (`@ofix mode`), 2 (`@bfix mode`), 3 (`@rfix mode`), or 0 (none)
- The `@isub`, `@ssub`, `@rsub`, `@ofix`, `@bfix` and `@rfix` directives can replace comments as well as instructions
- Added the `entry` identifier to the `footer` template when it is part of a disassembly page
- Added `path` to the SkoolKit dictionary in `HTML templates`
- In ASM mode, a `#LIST` or `#TABLE` macro can now be used in an instruction-level comment and as a parameter of another macro
- In ASM mode, the `#LIST` macro produces unindented items when the bullet character is an empty string, and the bullet character can be specified by the `bullet` parameter
- Commas that appear between parentheses are retained when a sequence of `string parameters` is split, making it easier to nest macros (e.g. `#FOR0, 9 (n, #IF (n%2) (Y, N))`)

6.3 (2018-02-19)

- Added the `@defb`, `@defs` and `@defw` directives (for inserting byte values and word values into the memory snapshot)
- Added the `@remote` directive (for creating a remote entry)

- Added the `--poke` option to *bin2sna.py* (for performing POKE operations on the snapshot)
- Added the `--user-agent` option to *tap2sna.py* (for setting the User-Agent header used in an HTTP request)
- Added support to the *[Resources]* section for specifying files using wildcard characters (*, ? and [])
- Added the `ImagePath` parameter to the *[Paths]* section (for specifying the base directory in which to place images) and the ability to define one image path ID in terms of another
- Added support for image path ID replacement fields in the `fname` parameter of the *image macros* (e.g. `#SCR2 ({UDGImagePath}/scr)`)
- The *@assemble* directive can specify what to assemble in HTML mode and ASM mode separately
- By default in ASM mode, `DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW` statements are no longer converted into byte values for the purpose of populating the memory snapshot
- The `address` parameter of the *@org* directive is now optional and defaults to the address of the next instruction
- The `LABEL` parameter of the *@label* directive may be left blank to prevent the next instruction from having a label automatically generated
- Added the `location` identifier to the *asm_instruction* template
- Added support for parsing block-level comments that are not left-padded by a space
- Fixed how an opening brace at the end of a line or a closing brace at the beginning of a line is handled in an instruction-level comment
- Fixed the bug in *skool2ctl.py* that prevents an *@ignoreua* directive on a block end comment from being preserved correctly
- Fixed *sna2skool.py* so that it can generate a control file for a snapshot whose final byte (at 65535) is 24 or 237

6.2 (2018-01-01)

- Added the `--reg` option to *bin2sna.py* (for setting the value of a register)
- Added the `--state` option to *bin2sna.py* (for setting the value of a hardware state attribute)
- *sna2img.py* can now read a binary (raw memory) file when the `--binary` option is used, and with a specific origin address when the `--org` option is used
- Added the `Includes` parameter to the *[MemoryMap:*)* section (for specifying addresses of entries to include on the memory map page in addition to those specified by the `EntryTypes` parameter)
- The *SkoolKit command* options now accept a hexadecimal integer prefixed by '0x' wherever an address, byte, length, step, offset or range limit value is expected
- Added the `hex` parameter to the *#N* macro (for rendering a value in hexadecimal format unless the `--decimal` option is used with *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py*)
- Added the `--show-config` option to *skool2asm.py*, *skool2html.py* and *sna2skool.py* (for showing configuration parameter values)
- Added support for substituting labels in instruction operands and `DEFB/DEFM/DEFW` statements that contain multiple addresses (e.g. `LD BC, 30000+40000%256`), or where the address is the second or later term in an expression (e.g. `DEFW 1+30000`)
- The *@keep* directive can now specify the values to keep, and is applied to instructions that have been replaced by an *@isub*, *@ssub* or *@rsub* directive
- The *@nolabel* directive is now processed in HTML mode

6.1 (2017-09-03)

- Added support for converting the base of every numerical term in an instruction operand or DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW statement that contains two or more (e.g. LD A, 32768/256 to LD A, \$8000/\$100)
- Added support for assembling instructions and DEFB/DEFM/DEFS/DEFW statements whose operands contain arithmetic expressions (e.g. DEFM "H", "i" + \$80)
- Added support to *skool2asm.py*, *skool2html.py* and *sna2skool.py* for reading configuration from a file named *skoolkit.ini*, if present
- Added the `--ini` option to *skool2asm.py*, *skool2html.py* and *sna2skool.py* (for setting the value of a configuration parameter)
- *sna2img.py* can now read skool files, in either the default mode, or `@bfix` mode by using the `--bfix` option
- Added the `--move` option to *sna2img.py* (for copying the contents of a block of RAM to another location)
- Improved how *skool2asm.py* formats a comment that covers two or more instructions: now the comment is aligned to the widest instruction, and even blank lines are prefixed by a semicolon
- Improved how the `#R` macro renders the address of an unavailable instruction (an instruction outside the range of the current disassembly, or in another disassembly) in ASM mode
- Removed the indent from EQU directives in ASM output (for compatibility with SjASMPPlus)
- Fixed the bug that prevents the expansion of a macro whose numeric parameters contain a '<', '>' or '&' character
- Fixed how labels are substituted for addresses in DEFB/DEFM/DEFW statements
- Fixed *skool2asm.py* so that it processes `@ssub` directives when `--fixes 3` is specified
- Fixed the styling of entry descriptions for 't' blocks on a memory map page

6.0 (2017-05-06)

- Dropped support for Python 2.7 and 3.3
- Added the `--expand` option to *sna2img.py* (for expanding a `#FONT`, `#SCR`, `#UDG` or `#UDGARRAY` macro)
- Added the `--basic` option to *tapinfo.py* (for listing the BASIC program in a tape block)
- Added the `--find-tile` option to *snainfo.py* (for searching for the graphic data of a tile currently on screen)
- Added the `--word` option to *snainfo.py* (for showing the words at a range of addresses)
- Added support to the `--find` option of *snainfo.py* for specifying a range of distances between byte values (e.g. `--find 1,2,3-1-10`)
- The `--peek` option of *snainfo.py* now shows UDGs and BASIC tokens
- Added support for replacement fields (such as `{base}` and `{case}`) in the `expr` parameter of the `#IF` macro and the `key` parameter of the `#MAP` macro
- Added support for parsing a *box page* entry section as a sequence of multi-line list items prefixed by '-' (with `SectionType=BulletPoints`)
- The following ref file components may now contain skool macros: the `anchor` and `title` of a *box page* entry section name; every parameter in the *[Game]*, *[MemoryMap:**], *[Page:**], *[PageHeaders]*, *[Paths]* and *[Titles]* sections
- The `@replace` directive now acts on ref file section names as well as their contents

- The `#EVAL` macro now renders hexadecimal values in lower case when the `--lower` option of `skool2asm.py` or `skool2html.py` is used
- Added the `#VERSION` macro (which expands to the version of SkoolKit)
- Fixed how an image is cropped when the crop rectangle is very narrow
- Fixed how a masked image with flashing cells is built
- Fixed how `sna2skool.py` handles a snapshot that contains a dangling IX/IY prefix (DD/FD) when generating a control file
- Fixed the bug that prevents the expansion of skool macros in a page's link text on the disassembly home page

7.4.2 SkoolKit 5.x changelog

5.4 (2017-01-08)

- Added the `sna2img.py` command (for converting the screenshot in a SCR file or SNA/SZX/Z80 snapshot into a PNG or GIF file)
- Added the `@equ` ASM directive (which produces an EQU directive in the ASM output)
- The `#REG` macro now accepts an arbitrary text parameter (e.g. `#REG(hlh'1')`)
- When the `#LINK` macro links to an entry on a *box page*, the link text defaults to the title of the entry if left blank
- Added the `SectionType` parameter to the `[Page:*)` section (for specifying how to parse and render the ref file sections from which a *box page* is built)
- Added the `--asm-one-page` option to `skool2html.py` (for writing all routines and data blocks to a single page)
- Added the `--variables` option to `snapinfo.py` (for showing the contents of the variables area)
- `snapinfo.py` now shows special symbols for UDGs in a BASIC program (e.g. `{UDG-A}`)
- Improved how `@end`, `@org`, `@replace`, `@set`, `@start` and `@writer` directives are preserved and restored via a control file
- Added support for *page-specific HTML subtemplates*
- The `#UDGARRAY` macro now pads out the bottom row of an array with extra UDGs if necessary (to prevent the creation of a broken image file)

5.3 (2016-09-05)

- Dropped support for Python 3.2
- Added the `snapinfo.py` command (for showing information on the registers and RAM in a SNA, SZX or Z80 snapshot)
- Added the `snapmod.py` command (for modifying the registers and RAM in a 48K Z80 snapshot)
- Added the `#INCLUDE` macro (which expands to the contents of a ref file section)
- Added the ability to write the HTML disassembly to a single page (by using the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the `[Game]` section and the `AsmAllInOne` and `asm_entry` templates)
- Added the `SectionPrefix` parameter to the `[Page:*)` section (for specifying the prefix of the names of ref file sections from which to build a *box page*)
- Added the `--screen` option to `bin2tap.py` (for adding a loading screen to the TAP file)

- Added the `--stack` and `--start` options to *tap2sna.py* (for specifying the stack and start addresses)
- Added support to the `#REG` macro for the F and F' registers
- Improved how *skool2asm.py* scans annotations for addresses not converted to labels
- Fixed how a memory block that ends with a single ED byte is compressed in a Z80 snapshot
- Removed the Spectrum ROM disassembly from the SkoolKit distribution; it is now being developed separately [here](#)

5.2 (2016-05-02)

- Added the *bin2sna.py* command (for converting a binary file into a Z80 snapshot)
- Added the `#N` macro (which renders a numeric value in hexadecimal format when the `--hex` option is used with *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py*)
- Added the `@rfix` ASM directive (which makes an instruction substitution in `@rfix` mode)
- Added the `UDGFilename` parameter to the *[Game]* section (for specifying the format of the default filename for images created by the `#UDG` macro)
- *bin2tap.py* can now read a binary file from standard input
- *skool2bin.py* can now write to standard output (and so its output can be piped to *bin2sna.py* or *bin2tap.py*)
- When the `#LINK` macro links to an entry on a memory map page, the anchor is converted to the format specified by the `AddressAnchor` parameter
- Fixed how required integer macro parameters are handled when left blank (e.g. `#POKES30000, , 8`)

5.1 (2016-01-09)

- Added the `@replace` ASM directive (which replaces strings that match a regular expression in skool file annotations and ref file sections)
- Added the `#()`, `#EVAL`, `#FOR`, `#FOREACH`, `#IF`, `#MAP` and `#PEEK` macros (which can be used to programmatically specify the parameters of any macro)
- Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in numeric macro parameters
- Added the `--bfix`, `--ofix` and `--ssub` options to *skool2bin.py* (for parsing the skool file in `@bfix`, `@ofix` and `@ssub` mode)
- Added the `DefaultAnimationFormat` parameter to the *[ImageWriter]* section (for specifying the default format for animated images)
- The `#R` macro now converts an anchor that matches the entry address to the format specified by the `AddressAnchor` parameter (making it easier to link to the first instruction in an entry when using a custom anchor format)
- *skool2ctl.py* now appends a terminal `i` directive if the skool file ends before 65536
- *skool2sft.py* now preserves `i` blocks in the same way as code and data blocks (instead of verbatim), which enables their conversion to decimal or hexadecimal when restored from a skool file template
- Fixed how the colours in flashing blank tiles are detected when writing an uncropped image file
- Fixed how a 2-colour PNG image is created when it contains an attribute with equal INK and PAPER colours

5.0 (2015-10-04)

- Added the *skool2bin.py* command (for converting a skool file into a binary file)
- Added the *tapinfo.py* command (for showing information on the blocks in a TAP or TZX file)
- Converted the *HTML templates* from XHTML 1.0 to HTML5
- Added the *footer* template (for formatting the <footer> element of a page)
- Added the *@assemble* ASM directive
- Added the *--set* option to *skool2asm.py* (for setting ASM writer property values)
- Added the *RefFiles* parameter to the *[Config]* section (for specifying extra ref files to use)
- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for reading SpecEmu's 64K code execution map files
- Fixed how *tap2sna.py* does a standard load from a TZX file

7.4.3 SkoolKit 4.x changelog

4.5 (2015-07-04)

- Added support to *tap2sna.py* for TZX block type 0x14 (pure data), for loading the first and last bytes of a tape block (which are usually, but not always, the flag and parity bytes), and for modifying memory with XOR and ADD operations
- Added the *--clear* option to *bin2tap.py* (to use a CLEAR command in the BASIC loader and leave the stack pointer alone)
- Added the *--end* option to *bin2tap.py* and the ability to convert SNA, SZX and Z80 snapshots
- Added *--start* and *--end* options to *skool2asm.py*, *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py*
- The *--start* and *--end* options of *sna2skool.py* now take effect when reading a control file or a skool file template
- Added support to *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py* for preserving characters in DEFW statements (e.g. DEFW " ! ")
- Added support for characters in DEFS statements (e.g. DEFS 10, " ! ")
- Fixed how *tap2sna.py* compresses a RAM block that contains a single ED followed by five or more identical values (e.g. ED0101010101)
- Fixed the erroneous replacement of DEFS operands with labels
- Fixed how instruction-level comments that contain braces are restored from a control file
- Fixed the handling of terminal compound sublengths on 'S' directives (e.g. S 30000,10,5:32)

4.4 (2015-05-23)

- Added support to control files and skool file templates for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands be rendered as characters or in a specific base
- Added support for *@ssub block directives*
- Added the *--end* option to *sna2skool.py* (for specifying the address at which to stop disassembling)
- Added the *--ctl-hex-lower* option to *sna2skool.py* (for writing addresses in lower case hexadecimal format in the generated control file)

- Added the `--hex-lower` option to *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py* (for writing addresses in lower case hexadecimal format)
- Fixed the parsing of DEFB and DEFM statements that contain semicolons
- Fixed the base conversion of LD (HL), n instructions that contain extraneous whitespace (e.g. LD (HL), 5)
- Fixed the erroneous replacement of RST operands with labels in HTML output
- Fixed the handling of uncompressed version 1 Z80 snapshots by *sna2skool.py*

4.3 (2015-02-14)

- Added support for block start comments (which appear after the register section and before the first instruction in a routine or data block)
- Added the CodeFiles parameter to the *[Paths]* section (for specifying the format of a disassembly page filename based on the address of the routine or data block)
- Added the AddressAnchor parameter to the *[Game]* section (for specifying the format of the anchors attached to instructions on disassembly pages and entries on memory map pages)
- The *#FONT*, *#SCR* and *#UDG* macros now have the ability to create frames for an animated image
- Added the `--line-width` option to *sna2skool.py* (for specifying the maximum line width of the skool file)
- Writing an ASM directive in a skool file can now be done by starting a line with @; writing an ASM directive by starting a line with ; @ is deprecated
- Added the @ directive for declaring ASM directives in a control file; the old style of declaring ASM directives (; @directive:address [=value]) is deprecated
- Fixed the *flip_udgs()* and *rotate_udgs()* methods on HtmlWriter so that they work with a UDG array that contains the same UDG in more than one place
- Fixed the bug that prevents register descriptions from being HTML-escaped
- Fixed the erroneous substitution of address labels in instructions that have 8-bit numeric operands

4.2 (2014-12-07)

- Added support for *control directive loops* using the L directive
- Added support to control files for preserving the location of *@ignoreua* directives
- Each *image macro* now has the ability to specify alt text for the element it produces
- Added support for splitting register descriptions over multiple lines
- *skool2asm.py* now warns about unconverted addresses in register descriptions, and the *@ignoreua* directive can be used to suppress such warnings
- Added the *table*, *table_cell*, *table_header_cell* and *table_row* templates (for formatting tables produced by the *#TABLE* macro)
- Added the *list* and *list_item* templates (for formatting lists produced by the *#LIST* macro)
- Fixed the bug that prevents the expansion of skool macros in the intro text of a *Changelog: ** section

4.1.1 (2014-09-20)

- Updated links to SkoolKit's new home at skoolkit.ca
- Added example control and ref files for [Hungry Horace](#)
- Removed the Manic Miner disassembly from the SkoolKit distribution; it is now being developed separately [here](#)

4.1 (2014-08-30)

- Added the `--search` option to [skool2html.py](#) (to add a directory to the resource search path)
- Added the `--writer` option to [skool2html.py](#) (for specifying the HTML writer class to use)
- Added the `--writer` option to [skool2asm.py](#) (for specifying the ASM writer class to use)
- Added the `LinkInternalOperands` parameter to the [\[Game\]](#) section (for specifying whether to hyperlink instruction operands that refer to an address in the same entry)
- Register sections in `b`, `g`, `s`, `t`, `u` and `w` blocks are now included in the output of [skool2asm.py](#) and [skool2html.py](#)
- Fixed how the address '0' is rendered in HTML output when converted to decimal or hexadecimal
- Fixed the bug that creates a broken hyperlink in a DEFW statement or LD instruction that refers to the address of an ignored entry
- Removed the Jet Set Willy disassembly from the SkoolKit distribution; it is now being developed separately [here](#)

4.0 (2014-05-25)

- Every HTML page is built from templates defined in [\[Template:*\)](#) sections in the ref file
- Added support for keyword arguments to the [#FONT](#), [#SCR](#), [#UDG](#) and [#UDGARRAY](#) macros
- Added the `mask` parameter to the [#UDG](#) and [#UDGARRAY](#) macros (for specifying the type of mask to apply)
- Added support for defining page headers in the [\[PageHeaders\]](#) section of the ref file
- Added the `--ref-file` and `--ref-sections` options to [skool2html.py](#) (to show the entire default ref file or individual sections of it)
- Added the `EntryDescriptions` parameter to the [\[MemoryMap:*\)](#) section (for specifying whether to display entry descriptions on a memory map page)
- Added the `LengthColumn` parameter to the [\[MemoryMap:*\)](#) section (for specifying whether to display the 'Length' column on a memory map page)

7.4.4 SkoolKit 3.x changelog

3.7 (2014-03-08)

- Added support for numbers in binary notation (e.g. `%10101010`)
- Added the `s` and `S` control directives for encoding DEFS statements (with optional non-zero byte values); the `z` and `Z` directives are now deprecated
- Added support to control files and skool file templates for specifying the base of numeric values in DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements

- Added the `--preserve-base` option to *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py* (to preserve the base of decimal and hexadecimal values in DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements)
- Added the `JavaScript` parameter to the *[Game]* section (for specifying JavaScript files to include in every page of a disassembly)
- Fixed the bug that prevents DEFB statements containing only strings and DEFM statements containing only bytes from being restored from a control file or a skool file template
- Added changelog entries to *manic_miner.ref*, *jet_set_willy.ref* and *48.rom.ref*

3.6 (2013-11-02)

- Enhanced the *#UDGARRAY* macro so that it can create an animated image from an arbitrary sequence of frames
- Enhanced the *#FONT* macro so that it can create an image of arbitrary text
- Added support for copying arbitrary files into an HTML disassembly by using the *[Resources]* section in the ref file
- Added the `--join-css` option to *skool2html.py* (to concatenate CSS files into a single file)
- Added the `--search-dirs` option to *skool2html.py* (to show the locations that *skool2html.py* searches for resources)
- Added support for creating disassemblies with a start address below 10000
- Added an example control file for the 48K Spectrum ROM: *48.rom.ctl*
- Control files can now preserve blank comments that span two or more instructions
- The *[Config]* section no longer has to be in the ref file named on the *skool2html.py* command line; it can be in any secondary ref file
- Fixed the bug that makes *skool2html.py* fail if the `FontPath`, `JavaScriptPath` or `StyleSheetPath` parameter in the *[Paths]* section of the ref file is set to some directory other than the default

3.5 (2013-09-01)

- Added the *tap2sna.py* command (for building snapshots from TAP/TZX files)
- Added support to *skool2html.py* for multiple CSS themes
- Added the ‘green’, ‘plum’ and ‘wide’ CSS themes: *skoolkit-green.css*, *skoolkit-plum.css*, *skoolkit-wide.css*
- Moved the `Font` and `StyleSheet` parameters from the *[Paths]* section to the *[Game]* section
- Moved the `JavaScript` parameter from the *[Paths]* section to the *[Page.*]* section
- Moved the `Logo` parameter from the *[Paths]* section to the *[Game]* section and renamed it `LogoImage`
- The *#R* macro now renders the addresses of remote entries in the specified case and base, and can resolve the addresses of remote entry points
- *skool2asm.py* now writes ORG addresses in the specified case and base
- Annotated the source code remnants at 39936 in *jet_set_willy.ctl*

3.4 (2013-07-08)

- Dropped support for Python 2.6 and 3.1
- Added long options to every command
- Added the `--asm-labels` and `--create-labels` options to *skool2html.py* (to use ASM labels defined by `@label` directives, and to create default labels for unlabelled instructions)
- Added the `--erefs` option to *sna2skool.py* (to always add comments that list entry point referrers)
- Added the `--package-dir` option to *skool2asm.py* (to show the path to the skoolkit package directory)
- Added support for the `LinkOperands` parameter in the `[Game]` section of the ref file, which may be used to enable the address operands of LD instructions to be hyperlinked
- Added support for defining image colours by using hex triplets in the `[Colours]` section of the ref file
- Added support to the `@set` ASM directive for the `handle-unsupported-macros` and `wrap-column-width-min` properties
- Fixed the `#EREFs` and `#REFs` macros so that they work with hexadecimal address parameters
- Fixed the bug that crashes *sna2skool.py* when generating a control file from a code execution map and a snapshot with a code block that terminates at 65535
- Fixed how *skool2asm.py* renders table cells with `rowspan > 1` and wrapped contents alongside cells with `rowspan = 1`
- Removed support for the `#NAME` macro (what it did can be done by the `#HTML` macro instead)
- Removed the documentation sources and man page sources from the SkoolKit distribution (they can be obtained from [GitHub](#))

3.3.2 (2013-05-13)

- Added the `-T` option to *skool2html.py* (to specify a CSS theme)
- Added the `-p` option to *skool2html.py* (to show the path to the skoolkit package directory)
- *setup.py* now installs the *resources* directory (so a local copy is no longer required when SkoolKit has been installed via `setup.py install`)
- Added *jet_set_willy-dark.css* (to complete the ‘dark’ theme for that disassembly)
- Added *documentation* on how to write an instruction-level comment that contains opening or closing braces when rendered
- Fixed the appearance of transparent table cells in HTML output
- Fixed *sna2skool.py* so that a control file specified by the `-c` option takes precedence over a default skool file template
- Fixed *manic_miner.ctl* so that the comments at 40177-40191 apply to a pristine snapshot (before stack operations have corrupted those addresses)

3.3.1 (2013-03-04)

- Added support to the `@set` ASM directive for the `comment-width-min`, `indent`, `instruction-width`, `label-colons`, `line-width` and `warnings` properties

- Added support to the `HtmlWriterClass` parameter (in the [\[Config\]](#) section) and the `@writer` directive for specifying a module outside the module search path (e.g. a standalone module that is not part of an installed package)
- *sna2skool.py* now correctly renders an empty block description as a dot (.) on a line of its own

3.3 (2013-01-08)

- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for reading code execution maps produced by the Fuse, SpecEmu, Spud, Zero and Z80 emulators (to generate more accurate control files)
- Increased the speed at which *sna2skool.py* generates control files
- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for disassembling 128K SNA snapshots

3.2 (2012-11-01)

- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for disassembling 128K Z80 snapshots and 16K, 48K and 128K SZX snapshots
- Added the `#LIST` macro (for rendering lists of bulleted items in both HTML mode and ASM mode)
- Added the `@set` ASM directive (for setting properties on the ASM writer)
- Added trivia entries to *jet_set_willy.ref*
- Annotated the source code remnants at 32768 and 37708 in *manic_miner.ctl*

3.1.4 (2012-10-11)

- Added support to *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py* for DEFB and DEFM statements that contain both strings and bytes
- *skool2ctl.py* now correctly processes lower case DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements
- The length of a string (in a DEFB or DEFM statement) that contains one or more backslashes is now correctly calculated by *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py*
- DEFB and DEFM statements that contain both strings and bytes are now correctly converted to lower case, upper case, decimal or hexadecimal (when using the `-l`, `-u`, `-D` and `-H` options of *skool2asm.py* and *skool2html.py*)
- Operations involving (IX+n) or (IY+n) expressions are now correctly converted to lower case decimal or hexadecimal (when using the `-l`, `-D` and `-H` options of *skool2asm.py* and *skool2html.py*)

3.1.3 (2012-09-11)

- The ‘Glossary’ page is formatted in the same way as the ‘Trivia’, ‘Bugs’, ‘Pokes’ and ‘Graphic glitches’ pages
- When the link text of a `#LINK` macro is left blank, the link text of the page is substituted
- The disassembler escapes backslashes and double quotes in DEFM statements (so that *skool2asm.py* no longer has to)
- DEFB and DEFM statements that contain both strings and bytes are parsed correctly for the purpose of building a memory snapshot

3.1.2 (2012-08-01)

- Added the `#HTML` macro (for rendering arbitrary text in HTML mode only)
- Added support for distinguishing input values from output values in a routine's register section (by using prefixes such as 'Input:' and 'Output:')
- Added support for the `InputRegisterTableHeader` and `OutputRegisterTableHeader` parameters in the `[Game]` section of the ref file
- Added the 'default' CSS class for HTML tables created by the `#TABLE` macro

3.1.1 (2012-07-17)

- Enhanced the `#UDGARRAY` macro so that it accepts both horizontal and vertical steps in UDG address ranges
- Added support for the `Font` and `FontPath` parameters in the `[Paths]` section of the ref file (for specifying font files used by CSS `@font-face` rules)
- Added a Spectrum theme CSS file that uses the Spectrum font and colours: `skoolkit-spectrum.css`
- Fixed `skool2asm.py` so that it escapes backslashes and double quotes in DEFM statements

3.1 (2012-06-19)

- Dropped support for Python 2.5
- Added documentation on *extending SkoolKit*
- Added the `@writer` ASM directive (to specify the class to use for producing ASM output)
- Added the `#CHR` macro (for rendering arbitrary unicode characters); removed support for the redundant `#C` macro accordingly
- Added support for the `#CALL`, `#REFS`, `#EREFs`, `#PUSHs`, `#POKEs` and `#POPs` macros in ASM mode
- Added the `-c` option to `skool2html.py` (to simulate adding lines to the ref file)
- Added a dark theme CSS file: `skoolkit-dark.css`

3.0.2 (2012-05-01)

- Added room images and descriptions to `manic_miner.ctl` and `jet_set_willy.ctl` (based on reference material from [Andrew Broad](#) and [J. G. Harston](#))
- Fixed the bug that prevents the 'Data tables and buffers' section from appearing on the disassembly index page when the default `DataTables` link group is used

3.0.1 (2012-04-11)

- Added support for creating GIF files (including transparent and animated GIFs)
- Added support for creating animated PNGs in APNG format
- Added support for transparency in PNG images (by using the `PNGAlpha` parameter in the `[ImageWriter]` section of the ref file)
- Added an example control file: `jet_set_willy.ctl`

- Fixed the bug in how images are cropped by the `#FONT`, `#SCR`, `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros when using non-zero X and Y parameters

3.0 (2012-03-20)

- SkoolKit now works with Python 3.x
- Added a native image creation library, which can be configured by using the `[ImageWriter]` section of the ref file; `gd` and `PIL` are no longer required or supported
- Enhanced the `#SCR` macro so that graphic data and attribute bytes in places other than the display file and attribute file may be used to build a screenshot
- Added image-cropping capabilities to the `#FONT`, `#SCR`, `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros

7.4.5 SkoolKit 2.x changelog

2.5 (2012-02-22)

- Added support for `[MemoryMap:*)` sections in ref files (for defining the properties of memory map pages); removed support for the `[MapDetails]` section accordingly
- Added support for multiple style sheets per HTML disassembly (by separating file names with a semicolon in the `StyleSheet` parameter in the `[Paths]` section of the ref file)
- Added support for multiple JavaScript files per HTML disassembly (by separating file names with a semicolon in the `JavaScript` parameter in the `[Paths]` section of the ref file)

2.4.1 (2012-01-30)

- The `@ignoreua` directive can now be used on entry titles, entry descriptions, mid-block comments and block end comments in addition to instruction-level comments; the `@ignoredua` and `@ignoremrcua` directives are correspondingly deprecated
- The `#SPACE` macro now supports the syntax `#SPACE ([num])`, which can be useful to distinguish it from adjacent text where necessary

2.4 (2012-01-10)

- Added the `skool2sft.py` command (for creating *skool file templates*)
- Added support to `skool2ctl.py` for preserving some ASM directives in control files
- Enhanced the `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros so that images can be rotated
- Added the ability to separate paragraphs in a skool file by using a dot (.) on a line of its own; removed support for the redundant `#P` macro accordingly

2.3.1 (2011-11-15)

- Added support to `skool2html.py` for multiple ref files per disassembly
- Enhanced the `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros so that images can be flipped horizontally and vertically
- Enhanced the `#POKES` macro so that multiple pokes may be specified

- Added support for the #FACT and #POKE macros in ASM mode
- When the link text of a #BUG, #FACT or #POKE macro is left blank, the title of the corresponding bug, trivia or poke entry is substituted
- Fixed the parsing of link text in skool macros in ASM mode so that nested parentheses are handled correctly
- Fixed the rendering of table borders in ASM mode where cells with rowspan > 1 in columns other than the first extend to the bottom row

2.3 (2011-10-31)

- Fixed the bug where the operands in substitute instructions defined by @bfix, @ofix, @isub, @ssub and @rsub directives are not converted to decimal or hexadecimal when using the -D or -H option of *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py*
- Removed the source files for the Skool Daze, Back to Skool and Contact Sam Cruise disassemblies from the SkoolKit distribution; they are now available as [separate downloads](#)

2.2.5 (2011-10-17)

- Enhanced the #UDGARRAY macro so that masks can be specified
- Added the -p option to *bin2tap.py* (to set the stack pointer)
- Fixed the parsing of link text in #BUG, #FACT, #POKE and other skool macros so that nested parentheses are handled correctly
- Fixed the handling of version 1 Z80 snapshots by *sna2skool.py*
- Added support for the IndexPageId and Link parameters in [OtherCode:*] sections of the ref file
- Reintroduced support for [Changelog:*] sections in ref files
- Added 'Changelog' pages to the Skool Daze, Back to Skool and Contact Sam Cruise disassemblies
- Updated the Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.2.4 (2011-08-10)

- Added support for the @ignoredua ASM directive
- *skool2asm.py* automatically decreases the width of the comment field for a 'wide' instruction instead of printing a warning
- *bin2tap.py* can handle binary snapshot files with ORG addresses as low as 16398
- Fixed the bug in *bin2tap.py* that prevents the START address from defaulting to the ORG address when the ORG address is specified with the -o option
- Added ASM directives to *csc.skool* so that it works with *skool2asm.py*
- Updated the Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.2.3 (2011-07-15)

Updated the Contact Sam Cruise disassembly; it is now 'complete'.

2.2.2 (2011-06-02)

- Added support for the *@end* ASM directive
- Added ASM directives to *{bts,csc,sd}-{load,save,start}.skool* to make them work with *skool2asm.py*
- *skool2asm.py*, *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2html.py* can read from standard input
- Fixed the bug that made *sna2skool.py* generate a control file with a code block at 65535 for a snapshot that ends with a sequence of zeroes
- Unit test *test_skool2html.py:Skool2HtmlTest.test_html* now works without an internet connection

2.2.1 (2011-05-24)

- SkoolKit can now be installed as a Python package using `setup.py install`
- Unit tests are included in the *tests* directory
- Man pages for SkoolKit's *command scripts* are included in the *man* directory
- Added 'Developer reference' documentation
- Fixed the bugs that made *skool2html.py* produce invalid XHTML

2.2 (2011-05-10)

- Changed the syntax of the *skool2html.py* command (it no longer writes the Skool Daze and Back to Skool disassemblies by default)
- Fixed the bug that prevented *skool2asm.py* from working with a zero-argument skool macro (such as #C) at the end of a sentence
- Fixed the *-w* option of *skool2asm.py* (it really does suppress all warnings now)
- Fixed how *sna2skool.py* handles #P macros (it now writes a newline before and after each one)
- Fixed the bug that made *sna2skool.py* omit the '*' control directive from routine entry points when the *-L* option was used
- ASM labels are now unaffected by the *-l* (lower case) and *-u* (upper case) options of *skool2asm.py*
- Added support for the '*' notation in statement length lists in sub-block control directives (e.g. `B 32768, 239, 16*14, 15`)
- Updated the Skool Daze disassembly
- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly

2.1.2 (2011-04-28)

- Added the *-L* option to *sna2skool.py* (to write the disassembly in lower case)
- Added the *-i* option to *skool2html.py* (to specify the image library to use)
- In control files, DEFM, DEFW and DEFS statement lengths in T, W and Z sub-blocks may be declared
- Fixed the bug in *skool2asm.py*'s handling of the #SPACE macro that prevented it from working with *csc.skool*
- Fixed the bug that made *skool2asm.py* produce invalid output when run on *sd.skool* with the *-H* and *-f3* options

2.1.1 (2011-04-16)

- Added the `-l`, `-u`, `-D` and `-H` options to *skool2html.py* (to write the disassembly in lower case, upper case, decimal or hexadecimal)
- Added the `-u`, `-D` and `-H` options to *skool2asm.py* (to write the disassembly in upper case, decimal or hexadecimal)
- In control files, an instruction-level comment that spans a group of two or more sub-blocks of different types may be declared with an `M` directive
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.1 (2011-04-03)

- Added support for hexadecimal disassemblies
- Added the `#LINK` macro (for creating hyperlinks to other pages in an HTML disassembly)
- Added the ability to define custom pages in an HTML disassembly using `[Page: *]` and `[PageContent: *]` sections in the ref file
- Added the `-o` option to *skool2html.py* (to overwrite existing image files)
- Optional parameters in any position in a skool macro may be left blank
- In control files, `DEFB` statement lengths in multi-line `B` sub-blocks may be declared
- Updated the Skool Daze disassembly
- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.0.6 (2011-03-09)

- *sna2skool.py* can read and write hexadecimal numbers in a control file
- *skool2ctl.py* can write hexadecimal numbers in a control file
- *sna2skool.py* no longer chokes on blank lines in a control file
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.0.5 (2011-02-09)

- Added the `#UDGARRAY` macro (for creating images of blocks of UDGs)
- Enhanced the `#FONT` macro so that it works with regular 8x8 fonts as well as the Skool game fonts
- Enhanced the `#SCR` macro so that it can take screenshots of rectangular portions of the screen
- The contents of the ‘Other graphics’ page of a disassembly are now defined in the `[Graphics]` section of the ref file
- Added the ability to define the layout of the disassembly index page in the `[Index]` and `[Index: *: *]` sections of the ref file
- Added the ability to define page titles in the `[Titles]` section of the ref file
- Added the ability to define page link text in the `[Links]` section of the ref file

- Added the ability to define the image colour palette in the [Colours] section of the ref file
- Fixed the bug in *sna2skool.py* that prevented it from generating a control file for a snapshot with the final byte of a 'RET', 'JR d', or 'JP nn' instruction at 65535
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.0.4 (2010-12-16)

Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly.

2.0.3 (2010-12-08)

Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly.

2.0.2 (2010-12-01)

- Fixed the #EREFs, #REFs and #TAPS macros
- Fixed the bug where the end comment for the last entry in a skool file is not parsed
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.0.1 (2010-11-28)

- Added the `-r` option to *skool2html.py* (for specifying a ref file)
- Added the `-o`, `-r`, and `-l` options to *sna2skool.py*, along with the ability to read binary (raw memory) files
- Fixed *skool2ctl.py* so that it correctly creates sub-blocks for commentless DEF{B,M,S,W} statements, and writes the length of a sub-block that is followed by a mid-routine comment
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

2.0 (2010-11-23)

- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly
- Enhanced the *#R* macro to support 'other code' disassemblies, thus making the #ASM, #LOAD, #SAVE and #START macros obsolete
- Split *load.skool*, *save.skool* and *start.skool* into separate files for each Skool game
- Added documentation on the *ref file sections*
- Simplified SkoolKit by removing all instances of and support for ref file macros and skool directives
- Added files that were missing from SkoolKit 1.4: *csc-load.skool*, *csc-save.skool* and *csc-start.skool*

7.4.6 SkoolKit 1.x changelog

1.4 (2010-11-11)

- Updated the Skool Daze disassembly
- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly

- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

1.3.1 (2010-10-18)

- Added documentation on *supported assemblers*
- Added the *bin2tap.py* utility
- Documentation sources included in *docs-src*
- When running *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py* on Linux/BSD, show elapsed time instead of CPU time

1.3 (2010-07-23)

- Updated the Skool Daze disassembly
- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly
- Updated the incomplete Contact Sam Cruise disassembly

1.2 (2010-05-03)

Updated the Back to Skool disassembly.

1.1 (2010-02-25)

- Updated the Skool Daze disassembly
- Updated the Back to Skool disassembly
- Updated *contact_sam_cruise.ctl*
- Added *csc.ref* (to supply extra information to the Contact Sam Cruise disassembly)
- Added the *skool2ctl.py* utility

1.0.7 (2010-02-12)

- Extended the control file syntax to support block titles, descriptions, registers and comments, and sub-block types and comments
- Added two example control files: *contact_sam_cruise.ctl* and *manic_miner.ctl*
- Fixed the bug in *sna2skool.py* that made it list referrers of entry points in non-code blocks
- Added support to *sna2skool.py* for the `LD IXh, r` and `LD IXl, r` instructions

1.0.6 (2010-02-04)

Above each entry point in a code block, *sna2skool.py* will insert a comment containing a list of the routines that call or jump to that entry point.

1.0.5 (2010-02-03)

Made the following changes to *sna2skool.py*:

- Added the `-t` option (to show ASCII text in the comment fields)
- Set block titles according to the apparent contents (code/text/data) when using the `-g` option

1.0.4 (2010-02-02)

Made the following changes to *sna2skool.py*:

- Fixed the bug that caused the last instruction before the 64K boundary to be disassembled as a `DEFB` statement
- Added the `-g` option (to generate a control file using rudimentary static code analysis)
- Added the `-s` option (to specify the disassembly start address)

1.0.3 (2010-02-01)

- *sna2skool.py* copes with instructions that cross the 64K boundary
- *skool2html.py* writes the ‘Game status buffer’, ‘Glossary’, ‘Trivia’, ‘Bugs’ and ‘Pokes’ pages for a skool file specified by the `-f` option (in addition to the disassembly files and memory maps)

1.0.2 (2010-01-31)

Modified *sna2skool.py* so that it:

- recognises instructions that are unchanged by a `DD` or `FD` prefix
- recognises instructions with a `DDCB` or `FDCB` prefix
- produces a 4-byte `DEFB` for the `ED`-prefixed `LD HL, (nn)` and `LD (nn), HL` instructions
- produces a 2-byte `DEFB` for a relative jump across the 64K boundary

1.0.1 (2010-01-30)

Fixed the following bugs in *sna2skool.py*:

- ‘X’ was replaced by ‘Y’ instead of ‘IX’ by ‘IY’ (leading to nonsense mnemonics such as `YOR IYh`)
- `ED72` was disassembled as `SBC HL, BC` instead of `SBC HL, SP`
- `ED7A` was disassembled as `ADD HL, SP` instead of `ADC HL, SP`
- `ED63` and `ED6B` were disassembled as `LD (nn), HL` and `LD HL, (nn)` (which is correct, but won’t assemble back to the same bytes)

1.0 (2010-01-28)

Initial public release.

8.1 Parsing, rendering, and modes

The following subsections explain at a high level the two phases involved in transforming a skool file (and its related ref files, if any exist) into HTML or ASM format by using *skool2html.py* or *skool2asm.py*: parsing and rendering.

8.1.1 Parsing

In the first phase, the skool file is parsed. Parsing a skool file entails reading each line of the file, and processing any relevant *ASM directives* that are found along the way.

After an ASM directive has been processed, it is discarded, so that it cannot be ‘seen’ during the rendering phase. The purpose of the ASM directives is to transform the skool file into something suitable for rendering (in either HTML or ASM format) later on.

Whether a particular ASM directive is processed depends on the mode in which the parsing is being done: HTML mode or ASM mode.

HTML mode

HTML mode is used when the target output format is HTML, as is the case when running *skool2html.py*. In HTML mode, some ASM directives are ignored because they are irrelevant to the purpose of creating the HTML version of the disassembly. The only ASM directives that are processed in HTML mode are the following:

- *@assemble*
- *@defb*
- *@defs*
- *@defw*
- *@if*
- *@keep*

- *@label*
- *@remote*
- *@replace*
- *@bfix block directives*
- *@isub block directives*
- *@ofix block directives*
- *@rfix block directives*
- *@rsub block directives*
- *@ssub block directives*

The reason that the block directives are processed is that they may define two different versions of a section of code or data: first, a version to include in the output if the corresponding ASM mode (*@bfix*, *@isub*, *@ofix*, *@rfix*, *@rsub*, *@ssub*) is in effect; and second, a version to include in the output if the corresponding ASM mode is not in effect - which will always be the case when parsing in HTML mode.

For example:

```
@bfix-begin
 32459 CP 26 ; This is a bug; it should be 'CP 27'
@bfix+else
      CP 27 ;
@bfix+end
```

This instance of a *@bfix* block directive defines two versions of a section of code. The first version (between *@bfix-begin* and *@bfix+else*) will be included in the HTML output, and the second version (between *@bfix+else* and *@bfix+end*) will be omitted.

ASM mode

ASM mode is used when the target output format is ASM, as is the case when running *skool2asm.py*. In ASM mode, all ASM directives are processed.

8.1.2 Rendering

In the second phase, the skool file (stripped of all its ASM directives during the parsing phase) is ‘rendered’ - as either HTML or ASM, depending on the mode.

HTML mode

HTML mode is used to render the skool file (and its related ref file, if one exists) as a bunch of HTML files. During rendering, any *skool macros* found along the way are expanded to the required HTML markup.

ASM mode

ASM mode is used to render the skool file as a single, assembler-ready ASM file. During rendering, any *skool macros* found along the way are expanded to some appropriate plain text.

8.2 Control files

A control file contains a list of start addresses of code and data blocks. This information can be used by *sna2skool.py* to organise a skool file into corresponding code and data blocks.

Each block address in a control file is marked with a ‘control directive’, which is a single letter that indicates what the block contains:

- `b` indicates a data block
- `c` indicates a code block
- `g` indicates a game status buffer entry
- `i` indicates a block that will be ignored
- `s` indicates a block containing bytes that are all the same value (typically unused zeroes)
- `t` indicates a block containing text
- `u` indicates an unused block of memory
- `w` indicates a block containing words (two-byte values)

(If these letters remind you of the valid characters that may appear in the first column of each line of a *skool file*, that is no coincidence.)

For example:

```
c 24576 Do stuff
b 24832 Important data
t 25088 Interesting messages
u 25344 Unused
```

This control file declares that:

- Everything before 24576 will be ignored
- There is a routine at 24576-24831 titled ‘Do stuff’
- There is data at 24832-25087
- There is text at 25088-25343
- Everything from 25344 onwards is unused (but will still be disassembled as data)

Addresses may be written as hexadecimal numbers, too; the equivalent example control file using hexadecimal notation would be:

```
c $6000 Do stuff
b $6100 Important data
t $6200 Interesting messages
u $6300 Unused
```

Besides the declaration of block types, addresses and titles, the control file syntax also supports the declaration of the following things:

- Block descriptions
- Register values
- Block start comments
- Mid-block comments

- Block end comments
- Sub-block types and comments
- DEFB/DEFM/DEFW/DEFS statement lengths in data, text and unused sub-blocks
- ASM directives (except block directives)

The syntax for declaring these things is described in the following sections.

8.2.1 Block descriptions

To provide a description for a code block at 24576 (for example), use the `D` directive thus:

```
c 24576 This is the title of the routine at 24576
D 24576 This is the description of the routine at 24576.
```

If the description consists of two or more paragraphs, declare each one with a separate `D` directive:

```
D 24576 This is the first paragraph of the description of the routine at 24576.
D 24576 This is the second paragraph of the description of the routine at 24576.
```

8.2.2 Register values

To declare the values of the registers upon entry to the routine at 24576, add one line per register with the `R` directive thus:

```
R 24576 A An important value in the accumulator
R 24576 DE Display file address
```

8.2.3 Block start comments

To declare a block start comment that will appear above the instruction at 24576, use the `N` directive thus:

```
N 24576 And so this routine begins.
```

If the start comment consists of two or more paragraphs, declare each one with a separate `N` directive:

```
N 24576 This is the first paragraph of the start comment.
N 24576 This is the second paragraph of the start comment.
```

8.2.4 Mid-block comments

To declare a mid-block comment that will appear above the instruction at 24592, use the `N` directive thus:

```
N 24592 The next section of code does something really important.
```

If the mid-block comment consists of two or more paragraphs, declare each one with a separate `N` directive:

```
N 24592 This is the first paragraph of the mid-block comment.
N 24592 This is the second paragraph of the mid-block comment.
```

8.2.5 Block end comments

To declare a comment that will appear at the end of the routine at 24576, use the E directive thus:

```
E 24576 And so the work of this routine is done.
```

If the block end comment consists of two or more paragraphs, declare each one with a separate E directive:

```
E 24576 This is the first paragraph of the end comment for the routine at 24576.
E 24576 This is the second paragraph of the end comment for the routine at 24576.
```

8.2.6 Sub-block syntax

Sometimes a block marked as one type (code, data, text, or whatever) may contain instructions or statements of another type. For example, a word (w) block may contain the odd non-word here and there. To declare such sub-blocks whose type does not match that of the containing block, use the following syntax:

```
w 32768 A block containing mostly words
B 32800,3 But here's a sub-block of 3 bytes at 32800
T 32809,8 And an 8-byte text string at 32809
C 32821,10 And 10 bytes of code at 32821
S 32831,17 Followed by 17 zeroes at 32831
```

The directives (B, T, C and S) used here to mark the sub-blocks are the upper case equivalents of the directives used to mark top-level blocks (b, t, c and s). The comments at the end of these sub-block declarations are taken as instruction-level comments and will appear as such in the resultant skool file.

If an instruction-level comment spans a group of two or more sub-blocks, it must be declared with an M directive:

```
M 40000,21 This comment covers the following 3 sub-blocks
B 40000,3
W 40003,10
T 40013,8
```

An M directive with no length parameter covers all sub-blocks from the given start address to either the next mid-block comment or the end of the containing block (whichever is closer).

If a sub-block directive is left blank, then it is assumed to be of the same type as the containing block. So in:

```
c 24576 A great routine
    24580,8 A great section of code at 24580
```

the sub-block at 24580 is assumed to be of type C.

If the length parameter is omitted from a sub-block directive, then it is assumed to end where the next sub-block starts. So in:

```
c 24576 A great routine
    24580 A great section of code at 24580
    24588,10 Another great section of code at 24588
```

the sub-block at 24580 has length 8, because it is implicitly terminated by the following sub-block at 24588.

8.2.7 Sub-block lengths

Normally, a B sub-block declared thus:

```
B 24580,12 Interesting data
```

would result in something like this in the corresponding skool file:

```
24580 DEFB 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 ; {Interesting data
24588 DEFB 9,10,11,12      ; }
```

But what if you wanted to split the data in this sub-block into groups of 3 bytes each? That can be achieved with:

```
B 24580,12,3 Interesting data
```

which would give:

```
24580 DEFB 1,2,3      ; {Interesting data
24583 DEFB 4,5,6
24586 DEFB 7,8,9
24589 DEFB 10,11,12 ; }
```

That is, in a B directive, the desired DEFB statement lengths may be given as a comma-separated list of “sublengths” following the main length parameter, and the final sublength in the list is used for all remaining data in the block. So, for example:

```
B 24580,12,1,2,3 Interesting data
```

would give:

```
24580 DEFB 1          ; {Interesting data
24581 DEFB 2,3
24583 DEFB 4,5,6
24586 DEFB 7,8,9
24589 DEFB 10,11,12 ; }
```

Note that even if sublengths are specified, the main length parameter can be omitted (by leaving it blank) if the sub-block is implicitly terminated by the next sub-block. For example:

```
B 24580,,1,2,3 No need to specify the main length parameter here...
B 24592,10 ...because this sub-block implies that it must be 12
```

If the sublength list contains sequences of two or more identical lengths, as in:

```
B 24580,21,2,2,2,2,2,2,1,1,1,3
```

then it may be abbreviated thus:

```
B 24580,21,2*6,1*3,3
```

Sublengths can be used on C, S, T and W directives too (though on C directives they are really only useful for specifying *number bases*). For example:

```
S 32768,100,25 Four 25-byte chunks of zeroes
```

would give:

```
32768 DEFS 25 ; {Four 25-byte chunks of zeroes
32793 DEFS 25
32818 DEFS 25
32843 DEFS 25 ; }
```

DEFB and DEFM statements may contain both bytes and strings; for example:

```
40000 DEFM "Hi ",5
40004 DEFB 4,"go"
```

Such statements can be encoded in a control file thus:

```
T 40000,,3:B1
B 40004,3,1:T2
```

That is, the length of a string in a DEFB statement is prefixed by T, the length of a sequence of bytes in a DEFM statement is prefixed by B, and the lengths of all strings and byte sequences are separated by colons. This notation can also be combined with the '*' notation; for example:

```
T 50000,8,2:B2*2
```

which is equivalent to:

```
T 50000,8,2:B2,2:B2
```

A character code may be 'inverted' (i.e. have bit 7 set), typically to indicate the end of a string:

```
49152 DEFM "Hell", "o"+128
```

This can be encoded thus:

```
T 49152,5,4:1
```

and the terminal character will be restored in the same format.

8.2.8 The dot and colon directives

The dot (.) directive provides an alternative method of specifying a comment for a top-level or sub-block directive. For example, instead of:

```
c 30000 This is the title of the entry
```

you could write:

```
c 30000
. This is the title of the entry
```

At first glance this does not appear to be an improvement. But one advantage of the dot directive is that a comment can be split over multiple lines, and the line breaks are preserved when restored. This makes it much easier to read and write a long comment, especially if it contains a #LIST or #TABLE macro. For example:

```
D 30000 #TABLE(default) { =h Header 1 | =h Header 2 } { Cell 1 | Cell 2 } TABLE#
```

can be recast like this:

```
D 30000
. #TABLE(default)
. { =h Header 1 | =h Header 2 }
. { Cell 1 | Cell 2 }
. TABLE#
```

In addition, a sequence of D, N, E or R directives at the same address (one for each paragraph or register description) can be reduced to just one of those directives followed by a sequence of dot directives:

```
N 30000
. Paragraph 1.
. .
. Paragraph 2.
```

In fact, the dot directive can be used instead of D, R and N directives when specifying an entry header. For example:

```
c 30000
. This is the title of the entry.
.
. This is the description.
.
.   A Input
. O:B Output
.
. This is the start comment.
```

Note, however, that this works only if the entry header contains no ASM directives.

The dot directive also makes it simpler to preserve @*sub and @*fix directives that replace part of an instruction-level comment. For example, consider the following skool file snippet:

```
49155 LD A, (HL)      ; {Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by
@bfix=ADD A, 3        ; three}
49156 ADD A, 2        ; two (which is a bug)}
```

When preserved without dot directives, this becomes:

```
@ 49156 bfix=ADD A, 3      ; three}
C 49155, 3 Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by two (which is a bug)
```

which is restored incorrectly by *sna2skool.py* (using the default line width of 79 characters) as:

```
49155 LD A, (HL)      ; {Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by two (which is a
@bfix=ADD A, 3        ; three}
49156 ADD A, 2        ; bug)}
```

This problem could be addressed by recasting the comment lines in the skool file and adding a @bfix directive for 'LD A,(HL)':

```
@bfix=                ; {Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by three
49155 LD A, (HL)      ; {Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by two (which is a
@bfix=ADD A, 3        ; }
49156 ADD A, 2        ; bug)}
```

which would be preserved without dot directives as:

```
@ 49155 bfix=          ; {Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by three
@ 49156 bfix=ADD A, 3  ; }
C 49155, 3 Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by two (which is a bug)
```

But this solution requires two @bfix directives instead of one, repeats the part of the comment that doesn't change, and could still be restored incorrectly if *sna2skool.py* is used with a line width other than the default.

It is much easier and more robust to use dot directives to preserve the original form in a way that will always be restored correctly:

```
@ 49156 bfix=ADD A,3      ; three}
C 49155,3
. Increase the sprite's x-coordinate by
. two (which is a bug)
```

Finally, the colon (:) directive can be used alongside the dot directive to force an instruction comment continuation line where there would not otherwise be one. For example:

```
B 31995,2,1
. The first two comment lines
: belong to the first DEFB.
. And this comment line belongs to the second DEFB.
```

would be restored as:

```
b31995 DEFB 0      ; {The first two comment lines
                  ; belong to the first DEFB.
31996 DEFB 0      ; And this comment line belongs to the second DEFB.}
```

The colon directive is rarely needed, but it is useful in cases like the one above where an @*sub or @*fix directive is used to replace all or part of the comment of the second instruction only:

```
49155 LD A, (HL)    ; {Having adjusted the sprite's y-coordinate, we now
                  ; increase its x-coordinate by
@bfix=ADD A,3      ; three}
49156 ADD A,2      ; two (which is a bug)}
```

This can be preserved as:

```
@ 49156 bfix=ADD A,3      ; three}
C 49155,3
. Having adjusted the sprite's y-coordinate, we now
: increase its x-coordinate by
. two (which is a bug)
```

If a dot directive were used instead of the colon directive here, it would restore incorrectly as:

```
49155 LD A, (HL)    ; {Having adjusted the sprite's y-coordinate, we now
@bfix=ADD A,3      ; three}
49156 ADD A,2      ; increase its x-coordinate by
                  ; two (which is a bug)}
```

8.2.9 Loops

Sometimes the instructions and statements in a code or data block follow a repeating pattern. For example:

```
b 30000 Two bytes and one word, times ten
B 30000,2
W 30002
B 30004,2
W 30004
...
B 30036,2
W 30038
```

Repeating patterns like this can be expressed more succinctly as a loop by using the `L` directive, which has the following format:

```
L start,length,count[,blocks]
```

where:

- `start` is the loop start address
- `length` is the length of the loop (the size of the address range to repeat)
- `count` is the number of times to repeat the loop (only values of 2 or more make sense)
- `blocks` is 1 to repeat block-level elements, or 0 to repeat only sub-block elements (default: 0)

So using the `L` directive, the body of the data block above can be expressed in three lines instead of 20:

```
b 30000 Two bytes and one word, times ten
B 30000,2
W 30002
L 30000,4,10
```

The `L` directive can also be used to repeat entire blocks, by setting the `blocks` argument to 1. For example:

```
b 40000 A block of five pairs of bytes
B 40000,10,2
L 40000,10,3,1
```

is equivalent to:

```
b 40000 A block of five pairs of bytes
B 40000,10,2
b 40010 A block of five pairs of bytes
B 40010,10,2
b 40020 A block of five pairs of bytes
B 40020,10,2
```

Note that ASM directives in the address range of an `L` directive loop are *not* repeated.

8.2.10 Number bases

Numeric values in instruction operands and `DEFB`, `DEFM`, `DEFS` and `DEFW` statements are normally rendered in either decimal or hexadecimal, depending on the options passed to [sna2skool.py](#). To render a numeric value in a specific base, as a negative number, or as a character, attach a `b` (binary), `c` (character), `d` (decimal), `h` (hexadecimal) or `m` (minus) prefix to the relevant length or sublength parameter on the `B`, `C`, `S`, `T` or `W` directive.

For example:

```
C 30000,b
C 30002,c
```

will result in something like this:

```
30000 LD A,%10001111
30002 LD B,"?"
```

and:

```
B 40000,8,b1:d2:h1,m1,b1,h2
S 40008,8,8:c
```

will result in something like this:

```
40000 DEFB %10101010,23,43,$5F
40004 DEFB -1
40005 DEFB %11110000
40006 DEFB $2B,$80
40008 DEFS 8,"!"
```

Note that attaching a prefix to the main length parameter sets the default base for any sublength parameters that follow. So:

```
B 40000,b,1:d2,1
B 40004,h4,1:b1:d1,1
```

will result in something like this:

```
40000 DEFB %01010101,32,57
40003 DEFB %00001111
40004 DEFB $0F,%11110000,93
40007 DEFB $A0
```

Some instructions have two numeric operands. To specify a different base for each one, use two prefixes:

```
C 30000,hb4
```

which will result in something like this:

```
30000 LD (IX+$0A),%10000001
```

To use the default base for one operand, and a specific base for the other, use the `n` (none) prefix to denote the default base. So if the default base is decimal, then:

```
C 30000,,nb4,hn4
```

will result in something like this:

```
30000 LD (IX+10),%10000001
30004 LD (IX+$0B),130
```

8.2.11 ASM directives

To declare an ASM directive for a block or an individual instruction, use the `@` directive thus:

```
@ address directive[=value]
```

where:

- `directive` is the directive name
- `address` is the address of the block or instruction to which the directive applies
- `value` is the value of the directive (if it requires one)

For example, to declare a `@label` directive for the instruction at 32768:

```
@ 32768 label=LOOP
```

When declaring an *@ignoreua* directive for anything other than an instruction-level comment, a suffix must be appended to the directive to specify the type of comment it applies to:

```
@ address ignoreua:X
```

where X is one of:

- d - entry description
- e - block end comment
- i - instruction-level comment (default)
- m - block start comment or mid-block comment
- r - register description section
- t - entry title

For example, to declare an *@ignoreua* directive for the description of the routine at 49152:

```
@ 49152 ignoreua:d
D 49152 This is the description of the routine at 49152.
```

8.2.12 Instruction-level comments

One limitation of storing instruction-level comments as shown so far is that there is no way to distinguish between a blank comment that spans two or more instructions and no comment at all. For example, both:

```
30000 DEFB 0 ; {
30001 DEFB 0 ; }
```

and:

```
30000 DEFB 0 ;
30001 DEFB 0 ;
```

would be preserved thus:

```
B 30000,2,1
```

To solve this problem, a special syntax is used to preserve blank multi-instruction comments:

```
B 30000,2,1 .
```

When restored, this comment is reduced to an empty string.

But how then to preserve a multi-instruction comment consisting of a single dot (.), or a sequence of two or more dots? In that case, another dot is prefixed to the comment. So:

```
30000 DEFB 0 ; {...
30001 DEFB 0 ; }
```

is preserved thus:

```
B 30000,2,1 ....
```

Note that this scheme does not apply to multi-instruction comments that contain at least one character other than a dot; such comments are preserved verbatim (that is, without a dot prefix).

8.2.13 Non-entry blocks

In addition to regular entries (routines and data blocks), a skool file may also contain blocks of lines that do not match the format of an entry, such as a header comment that appears before the first entry and contains copyright information. Blocks like this can be preserved by the > directive. For example, the copyright header in this skool file:

```
; Copyright 2018 J Smith
; Start
c24576 JP 32768
```

is preserved thus:

```
> 24576 ; Copyright 2018 J Smith
```

Note that the address of the > directive is the address of the next regular entry.

A non-entry block may also appear at the end of the skool file, after the last regular entry:

```
; The end
c65535 RET
; And that was the disassembly.
```

In this case the block is preserved by the > directive with the parameter 1 (indicating a ‘footer’) following the address of the last entry:

```
> 65535,1 ; And that was the disassembly.
```

8.2.14 Control file comments

A comment may be added to a control file by starting a line with a hash character (#), a per cent sign (%), or a semicolon (;). For example:

```
# This is a comment
% This is another comment
; This is yet another comment
```

Control file comments are ignored by *sna2skool.py*, and will not show up in the skool file.

8.2.15 Limitations

Control files cannot preserve ASM block directives that occur inside a regular entry. If your skool file contains any such ASM block directives, they should be replaced before using *skool2ctl.py*.

An ASM block directive that adds, removes or modifies a sequence of instructions and their associated comments can be replaced by one or more plain *@isub*, *@ssub*, *@rsub*, *@ofix*, *@bfix* or *@rfix* directives.

An ASM block directive that modifies part of an entry header, mid-block comment or block end comment can be replaced by an *#IF* macro that checks the relevant substitution mode (*asm*) or fix mode (*fix*). For example:

```
@bfix-begin
; This is a bug.
@bfix+else
; This bug is fixed.
@bfix+end
```

could be replaced by:

```
; This #IF({fix}<2)(is a bug,bug is fixed).
```

8.2.16 Revision history

Ver- sion	Changes
7.2	Added the dot (.) and colon (:) directives for specifying comments over multiple lines
7.1	Added support for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands and DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements be rendered as negative decimal numbers
7.0	Added the > directive for preserving non-entry blocks; added support for preserving ‘inverted’ characters (with bit 7 set); the byte value in an S directive may be left blank
4.5	Added support for specifying character values in DEFS statements
4.4	Added support for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands be rendered as characters or in a specific base; added support for specifying character values in DEFW statements
4.3	Added the @ directive, the N directive and support for block start comments
4.2	Added the L directive and support for preserving the location of <i>@ignoreua</i> directives
3.7	Added support for binary numbers; added support for specifying the base of numeric values in DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements; added the s and S directives and support for DEFS statements with non-zero byte values
3.6	Added support for preserving blank comments that span two or more instructions
3.1.4	Added support for DEFB and DEFM statements that contain both strings and bytes
2.4	Added support for non-block ASM directives
2.2	Added support for the * notation in DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statement length lists
2.1.2	Added support for DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statement lengths
2.1.1	Added the M directive
2.1	Added support for DEFB statement lengths
2.0.6	Added support for hexadecimal numbers
1.0.7	Added support for block titles, block descriptions, register values, mid-block comments, block end comments, sub-block types and instruction-level comments

8.3 Skool files

A skool file contains the list of Z80 instructions that make up the routines and data blocks of the program being disassembled, with accompanying comments (if any).

8.3.1 Skool file format

A skool file must be in a certain format to ensure that it is processed correctly by *skool2html.py*, *skool2asm.py*, *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py*. The rules are as follows:

- entries (an ‘entry’ being a routine or data block) must be separated by blank lines, and an entry must not contain any blank lines
- an entry header is a sequence of comment lines broken into four sections; see *Entry header format*
- each line in an entry may start with one of the following characters: `;` `*` `@``b``c``g``i``s``t``u``w`; see *Entry line format*
- tables (grids) have their own markup syntax; see *#TABLE* for details

Entry header format

An entry header is a sequence of comment lines broken into four sections:

- entry title
- entry description (optional)
- registers (optional)
- start comment (optional)

The sections are separated by an empty comment line, and paragraphs within the entry description and start comment must be separated by a comment line containing a dot (`.`) on its own. For example:

```
; This is the entry title
;
; This is the first paragraph of the entry description.
; .
; This is the second paragraph of the entry description.
;
; A An important parameter
; B Another important parameter
;
; This is the start comment above the first instruction in the entry.
```

If a start comment is required but a register section is not, either append the start comment to the entry description, or specify a blank register section by using a dot (`.`) thus:

```
; This entry has a start comment but no register section
;
; This is the entry description.
;
; .
;
; This is the start comment above the first instruction in the entry.
```

Likewise, if a register section is required but an entry description is not, a blank entry description may be specified by using a dot (`.`) thus:

```
; This entry has a register section but no description
;
; .
;
; A An important parameter
; B Another important parameter
```

Registers may be listed as shown above, or with colon-terminated prefixes (such as ‘Input:’ and ‘Output:’, or simply ‘I:’ and ‘O:’) to distinguish input values from output values:

```
; Input:A An important parameter
;      B Another important parameter
; Output:C The result
```

In the HTML version of the disassembly, input values and output values are shown in separate tables. If a register's prefix begins with the letter 'O', it is regarded as an output value; if it begins with any other letter, it is regarded as an input value. If a register has no prefix, it will be placed in the same table as the previous register; if there is no previous register, it will be placed in the table of input values.

If a register description is very long, it may be split over two or more lines by starting the second and subsequent lines with a dot (.) thus:

```
; HL The description for this register is quite long, so it is split over two
; . lines for improved readability
```

Entry line format

Each line in an entry may start with one of ; * @bcgistuw, where:

- ; begins a comment line
- * denotes an entry point in a routine
- @ begins an *ASM directive*
- b denotes the first instruction in a data block
- c denotes the first instruction in a code block (routine)
- g denotes the first instruction in a game status buffer entry
- i denotes an ignored entry
- s denotes the first instruction in a data block containing bytes that are all the same value (typically unused zeroes)
- t denotes the first instruction in a data block that contains text
- u denotes the first instruction in an unused code or data block
- w denotes the first instruction in a data block that contains two-byte values (words)
- a space begins a line that does not require any of the markers listed above

The format of a line containing an instruction is:

```
C##### INSTRUCTION[ ; comment]
```

where:

- C is one of the characters listed above: * bcdgirstuw
- ##### is an address (e.g. 24576, or \$6000 if you prefer hexadecimal notation)
- INSTRUCTION is an instruction (e.g. LD A, (HL))
- comment is a comment (which may be blank)

The comment for a single instruction may span multiple lines thus:

```
c24296 CALL 57935      ; This comment is too long to fit on a single line, so
                       ; we use two lines
```

A comment may also be associated with more than one instruction by the use of braces ({ and }) to indicate the start and end points, thus:

```
*24372 SUB D          ; {This comment applies to the two instructions at
24373 JR NZ,24378      ; 24372 and 24373}
```

The opening and closing braces are removed before the comment is rendered in ASM or HTML mode. (See [Braces in comments](#).)

Comments may appear between instructions, or after the last instruction in an entry; paragraphs in such comments must be separated by a comment line containing a dot (.) on its own. For example:

```
*28975 JR 28902
; This is a mid-block comment between two instructions.
; .
; This is the second paragraph of the comment.
28977 XOR A
```

Lines that start with * will have their addresses shown in bold in the HTML version of the disassembly (generated by [skool2html.py](#)), and will have labels generated for them in the ASM version (generated by [skool2asm.py](#)).

8.3.2 ASM directives

To write an ASM directive in a skool file, start a line with @; for example:

```
; Start the game
@label=START
c24576 XOR A
```

See [ASM modes and directives](#) for more details.

8.3.3 Escaping characters

Backslash (\) and double quote (") characters in string and character operands must be escaped by preceding them with a backslash. For example:

```
c32768 LD A, "\"\"      ; LD A, 34
32770 LD B, "\"\"      ; LD B, 92
```

This ensures that SkoolKit or an assembler can parse such operands correctly.

8.3.4 Braces in comments

As noted above, opening and closing braces ({ , }) are used to mark the start and end points of an instruction-level comment that is associated with more than one instruction, and the braces are removed before the comment is rendered. This means that if the comment requires an opening or closing brace *when rendered*, some care must be taken to get the syntax correct.

The rules regarding an instruction-level comment that starts with an opening brace are as follows:

- The comment terminates on the line where the total number of closing braces in the comment becomes equal to or greater than the total number of opening braces
- Adjacent opening braces at the start of the comment are removed before rendering
- Adjacent closing braces at the end of the comment are removed before rendering

By these rules, it is possible to craft an instruction-level comment that contains matched or unmatched opening and closing braces when rendered.

For example:

```
b50000 DEFB 0 ; {{This comment (which spans two instructions) has an
50001 DEFB 0 ; unmatched closing brace} }
```

will render in ASM mode as:

```
DEFB 0 ; This comment (which spans two instructions) has an
DEFB 0 ; unmatched closing brace}
```

And:

```
b50002 DEFB 0 ; { {{Matched opening and closing braces}} }
```

will render as:

```
DEFB 0 ; {{Matched opening and closing braces}}
```

Finally:

```
b50003 DEFB 0 ; { {Unmatched opening brace}}
```

will render as:

```
DEFB 0 ; {Unmatched opening brace
```

8.3.5 Non-entry blocks

In addition to regular entries (routines and data blocks), a skool file may also contain blocks of lines that do not match the format of an entry, such as a header comment that appears before the first entry and contains copyright information. For example:

```
; Copyright 2018 J Smith

; Start
c24576 JP 32768
```

Non-entry blocks such as this copyright comment are reproduced by *skool2asm.py*, ignored by *skool2html.py*, and preserved verbatim by *skool2ctl.py* and *skool2sft.py*.

8.3.6 Revision history

Ver- sion	Changes
4.3	Added support for the start comment in entry headers; an ASM directive can be declared by starting a line with @
4.2	Added support for splitting register descriptions over multiple lines
3.7	Added support for binary numbers; added the <code>s</code> block type
3.1.2	Added support for 'Input' and 'Output' prefixes in register sections
2.4	Added the ability to separate paragraphs and specify a blank entry description by using a dot (.) on a line of its own
2.1	Added support for hexadecimal numbers

8.4 Skool file templates

Note: Skool file templates and *skool2sft.py* are deprecated since version 7.2. Use *control files* and *skool2ctl.py* instead.

A skool file template defines the basic structure of a skool file, but, unlike a skool file, contains directives on how to disassemble a program into Z80 instructions instead of the Z80 instructions themselves. The directives are similar to those that may appear in a control file.

The *skool2sft.py* command can generate a skool file template from an existing skool file; the *sna2skool.py* command can then generate a skool file from the template and an appropriate snapshot.

8.4.1 Skool file template format

A skool file template has the same layout as a skool file, except that the lines in `b`, `c`, `g`, `i`, `s`, `t`, `u` and `w` blocks that correspond to Z80 instructions look like this:

```
xX#####,N[;c[ comment]]
```

where:

- `x` is one of the characters `* b c g i s t u w` (with the same meaning as in a *skool file*)
- `X` is one of the characters `BCSTW` (with the same meaning as in a *control file*), or `I` (meaning the instruction field is blank, as may be the case in the first line of an `i` block)
- `#####` is the address at which to start disassembling
- `N` is the number of bytes to disassemble (or a list of sublengths; see *Sub-block syntax*)
- `c` is the index of the column in which the comment marker (`;`) appears in the line (if it does appear)
- `comment`, if present, is the instruction-level comment for the line on which the instruction occurs

If a comment for a single instruction spans two or more lines in a skool file, as in:

```
c24296 CALL 57935      ; This comment is too long to fit on a single line, so
                      ; we use two lines
```

then it will be rendered in the skool file template thus:

```
cC24296,3;21 This comment is too long to fit on a single line, so
;21 we use two lines
```

8.4.2 Sub-block syntax

The syntax for specifying B, C, S, T and W sub-blocks is analogous to the syntax used in *control files*. A brief summary of the syntax is given here.

Sequences of DEFB statements can be declared on a single line by a comma-separated list of sublengths thus:

```
bB40960,8*2,5
```

which is equivalent to:

```
bB40960,8
B40968,8
B40976,5
```

The same syntax also applies for declaring sequences of DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements.

DEFB and DEFM statements may contain both strings and bytes; for example:

```
b30000 DEFB 1,2,3,4,"Hello!"
30010 DEFM 5,6
30012 DEFM "B",7,8
```

Such statements are preserved in a skool file template thus:

```
bB30000,4:T6
T30010,B2,1:B2
```

DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements may contain numeric values in various bases or as characters. For example:

```
b40000 DEFB %10101010,23,43,$5F
40004 DEFB -1
40005 DEFB %11110000
40006 DEFB $2B,$80
40008 DEFS 8,"!"
```

These statements are preserved in a skool file template thus:

```
bB40000,b1:d2:h1,m1,b1,h2
S40008,8:c
```

Instruction operands may also contain numeric values in various bases or as characters. For example:

```
c50000 LD A,%00011000
50002 LD B,"!"
50004 LD (IX+$1A),%00001111
```

These instructions are preserved in a skool file template by using b (binary), c (character), d (decimal) and h (hexadecimal) prefixes on sublength parameters thus:

```
cC50000,b2,c2,hb4
```

8.4.3 Skool file template comments

Any line that begins with a hash character (#) is ignored by *sna2skool.py*, and will not show up in the skool file.

8.4.4 Revision history

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands and DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements be rendered as negative decimal numbers
7.0	Added support for preserving ‘inverted’ characters (with bit 7 set); the byte value in an S directive may be left blank
5.1	Added support for preserving i blocks in the same way as code and data blocks (instead of verbatim)
4.5	Added support for specifying character values in DEFS statements
4.4	Added support for specifying that numeric values in instruction operands be rendered as characters or in a specific base; added support for specifying character values in DEFW statements
3.7	Added support for binary numbers; added support for specifying the base of numeric values in DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements; added the s and S directives and support for DEFS statements with non-zero byte values
3.1.4	Added support for DEFB and DEFM statements that contain both strings and bytes
2.4	New

8.5 Skool macros

Skool files and ref files may contain skool macros that are ‘expanded’ to an appropriate piece of HTML markup (when rendering in HTML mode), or to an appropriate piece of plain text (when rendering in ASM mode).

8.5.1 Syntax

Skool macros have the following general form:

```
#MACROrparam1,rparam2,...[,oparam1,oparam2,...]
```

where:

- MACRO is the macro name
- rparam1, rparam2 etc. are required parameters
- oparam1, oparam2 etc. are optional parameters

If an optional parameter is left blank or omitted entirely, it assumes its default value. So, for example:

```
#UDG39144
```

is equivalent to:

```
#UDG39144,56,4,1,0,0,0,1
```

and:

```
#UDG30115,,2
```

is equivalent to:

```
#UDG30115,56,2
```

8.5.2 Numeric parameters

Numeric parameters may be written in decimal notation:

```
#UDG51673,17
```

or in hexadecimal notation (prefixed by \$):

```
#UDG$C9D9,$11
```

Wherever a sequence of numeric parameters appears in a macro, that sequence may optionally be enclosed in parentheses: (and). Parentheses are *required* if any numeric parameter is written as an expression containing arithmetic operations or skool macros:

```
#UDG(51672+1,#PEEK51672)
```

The following operators are permitted in an arithmetic expression:

- arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /, % (modulo), ** (power)
- bitwise operators: & (AND), | (OR), ^ (XOR)
- bit shift operators: >>, <<
- Boolean operators: && (and), || (or)
- comparison operators: ==, !=, >, <, >=, <=

Parentheses and spaces are also permitted in an arithmetic expression:

```
#IF(1 == 2 || (1 <= 2 && 2 < 3))(Yes,No)
```

The `expr` parameter of the `@if` directive and the `#IF` macro, and the `key` parameter of the `#MAP` macro also recognise some replacement fields:

- `asm` - 1 if in `@isub mode`, 2 if in `@ssub mode`, 3 if in `@rsub mode`, or 0 otherwise
- `base` - 10 if the `--decimal` option is used with `skool2asm.py` or `skool2html.py`, 16 if the `--hex` option is used, or 0 if neither option is used
- `case` - 1 if the `--lower` option is used with `skool2asm.py` or `skool2html.py`, 2 if the `--upper` option is used, or 0 if neither option is used
- `fix` - 1 if in `@ofix mode`, 2 if in `@bfix mode`, 3 if in `@rfix mode`, or 0 otherwise
- `html` - 1 if in HTML mode, 0 otherwise
- `vars` - a dictionary of variables defined by the `--var` option of `skool2asm.py` or `skool2html.py`; accessing an undefined variable in this dictionary yields the value '0'

For example:

```
#IF({case}==1)(hl,HL)
```

expands to `hl` if in lower case mode, or `HL` otherwise.

Note that if a replacement field is used, the numeric parameter must be enclosed in parentheses.

Changed in version 6.4: The `asm` replacement field indicates the exact ASM mode; added the `fix` and `vars` replacement fields.

8.5.3 String parameters

Where a macro requires a single string parameter consisting of arbitrary text, it must be enclosed in parentheses, square brackets or braces:

```
(text)
[text]
{text}
```

If `text` contains unbalanced brackets, a non-whitespace character that is not present in `text` may be used as an alternative delimiter. For example:

```
/text/
|text|
```

Where a macro requires multiple string parameters consisting of arbitrary text, they must be enclosed in parentheses, square brackets or braces and be separated by commas:

```
(string1,string2)
[string1,string2]
{string1,string2}
```

When a comma-separated sequence of string parameters is split, any commas that appear between parentheses are retained. For example, the string parameters of the outer `#FOR` macro in:

```
#FOR0,1 (n, #FOR(0,1) (m, (n,m) , ; ) , ; )
```

are split into `n`, `#FOR(0,1) (m, (n,m) , ;)` and `;`, and the string parameters of the inner `#FOR` macro are split into `m`, `(n,m)`, and `;`.

Alternatively, an arbitrary delimiter - `d`, which cannot be whitespace - and separator - `s`, which can be whitespace - may be used. (They can be the same character.) The string parameters must open with `ds`, be separated by `s`, and close with `sd`. For example:

```
//same/delimiter/and/separator//
| different delimiter and separator |
```

Note that if an alternative delimiter or separator is used, it must not be `'&'`, `'<'` or `'>'`.

Changed in version 6.4: When a comma-separated sequence of string parameters is split, any commas that appear between parentheses are retained.

8.5.4 SMPL macros

The macros described in this section constitute the Skool Macro Programming Language (SMPL). They can be used to programmatically specify values in the parameter string of any macro.

#()

The # () macro expands the skool macros in its sole string parameter.

```
# (text)
```

It takes effect only when it immediately follows the opening token of another skool macro, and is expanded *before* that macro. For example:

```
#UDGARRAY# (2#FOR37159, 37168, 9 || n | ; (n+1) , #PEEKn || ) (item)
```

This instance of the # () macro expands the #FOR macro first, giving:

```
2 ; (37159+1) , #PEEK37159 ; (37168+1) , #PEEK37168
```

It then expands the #PEEK macros, ultimately forming the parameters of the #UDGARRAY macro.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `text` parameter. Note that if an alternative delimiter is used, it must not be an alphanumeric character (A-Z, a-z, 0-9).

#EVAL

The #EVAL macro expands to the value of an arithmetic expression.

```
#EVALexpr[,base,width]
```

- `expr` is the arithmetic expression
- `base` is the number base in which the value is expressed: 2, 10 (the default) or 16
- `width` is the minimum number of digits in the output (default: 1); the value will be padded with leading zeroes if necessary

For example:

```
; The following mask byte is #EVAL(#PEEK29435,2,8) .  
29435 DEFB 62
```

This instance of the #EVAL macro expands to '00111110' (62 in binary).

Version	Changes
6.0	Hexadecimal values are rendered in lower case when the <code>--lower</code> option is used
5.1	New

#FOR

The #FOR macro expands to a sequence of strings based on a range of integers.

```
#FORstart,stop[,step] (var,string[,sep,fsep])
```

- `start` is first integer in the range
- `stop` is the final integer in the range
- `step` is the gap between each integer in the range (default: 1)
- `var` is the variable name; for each integer in the range, it evaluates to that integer

- `string` is the output string that is evaluated for each integer in the range; wherever the variable name (`var`) appears, its value is substituted
- `sep` is the separator placed between each output string (default: the empty string)
- `fsep` is the separator placed between the final two output strings (default: `sep`)

For example:

```
; The next three bytes (#FOR31734,31736||n|#PEEKn|, | and ||) define the
; item locations.
31734 DEFB 24,17,156
```

This instance of the `#FOR` macro expands to ‘24, 17 and 156’.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `var`, `string`, `sep` and `fsep` parameters.

Version	Changes
5.1	New

#FOREACH

The `#FOREACH` macro expands to a sequence of output strings based on a sequence of input strings.

```
#FOREACH([s1,s2,...])(var,string[,sep,fsep])
```

or:

```
#FOREACH(svar)(var,string[,sep,fsep])
```

- `s1`, `s2` etc. are the input strings
- `svvar` is a special variable that expands to a specific sequence of input strings (see below)
- `var` is the variable name; for each input string, it evaluates to that string
- `string` is the output string that is evaluated for each input string; wherever the variable name (`var`) appears, its value is substituted
- `sep` is the separator placed between each output string (default: the empty string)
- `fsep` is the separator placed between the final two output strings (default: `sep`)

For example:

```
; The next three bytes (#FOREACH(31734,31735,31736)||n|#PEEKn|, | and ||)
; define the item locations.
31734 DEFB 24,17,156
```

This instance of the `#FOREACH` macro expands to ‘24, 17 and 156’.

The `#FOREACH` macro recognises certain special variables, each one of which expands to a specific sequence of strings. The special variables are:

- `ENTRY[types]` - the addresses of every entry of the specified type(s) in the memory map; if `types` is not given, every type is included
- `EREFaddr` - the addresses of the routines that jump to or call a given instruction (at `addr`)
- `REFaddr` - the addresses of the routines that jump to or call a given routine (at `addr`), or jump to or call any entry point within that routine

For example:

```
; The messages can be found at #FOREACH(ENTRYt)||n||, | and ||.
```

This instance of the `#FOREACH` macro expands to a list of the addresses of the entries of type `t` (text).

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `var`, `string`, `sep` and `fsep` parameters.

Version	Changes
5.1	New

#IF

The `#IF` macro expands to an arbitrary string based on the truth value of an arithmetic expression.

```
#IFexpr(true[,false])
```

- `expr` is the arithmetic expression
- `true` is the output string when `expr` is true
- `false` is the output string when `expr` is false (default: the empty string)

For example:

```
; #FOR0,7||n|#IF(#PEEK47134 & 2**(7-n))(X,O)||  
47134 DEFB 170
```

This instance of the `#IF` macro is used (in combination with a `#FOR` macro and a `#PEEK` macro) to display the contents of the address 47134 in the memory snapshot in binary format with ‘X’ for one and ‘O’ for zero: XOXOXOXO.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `true` and `false` output strings.

See [Numeric parameters](#) for details on the replacement fields that may be used in the `expr` parameter.

Version	Changes
6.0	Added support for replacement fields in the <code>expr</code> parameter
5.1	New

#MAP

The `#MAP` macro expands to a value from a map of key-value pairs whose keys are integers.

```
#MAPkey(default[,k1:v1,k2:v2...])
```

- `key` is the integer to look up in the map
- `default` is the default output string (used when `key` is not found in the map)
- `k1:v1`, `k2:v2` etc. are the key-value pairs in the map

For example:

```
; The next three bytes specify the directions that are available from here:  
; #FOR56112,56114||q|#MAP(#PEEKq)(?,0:left,1:right,2:up,3:down)||,  
56112 DEFB 0,1,3
```

This instance of the `#MAP` macro is used (in combination with a `#FOR` macro and a `#PEEK` macro) to display a list of directions available based on the contents of addresses 56112-56114: ‘left, right and down’.

Note that the keys (k1, k2 etc.) may be expressed using arithmetic operations. They may also be expressed using skool macros, but in that case the *entire* parameter string of the `#MAP` macro must be enclosed by a `#()` macro.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the default output string and the key-value pairs.

See [Numeric parameters](#) for details on the replacement fields that may be used in the `key` parameter.

Version	Changes
6.0	Added support for replacement fields in the <code>key</code> parameter
5.1	New

#PEEK

The `#PEEK` macro expands to the contents of an address in the memory snapshot.

```
#PEEKaddr
```

- `addr` is the address

For example:

```
; At the start of the game, the number of lives remaining is #PEEK33879.
```

This instance of the `#PEEK` macro expands to the contents of the address 33879 in the memory snapshot.

See also [#POKES](#).

Version	Changes
5.1	New

8.5.5 General macros

#CALL

In HTML mode, the `#CALL` macro expands to the return value of a method on the *HtmlWriter* class or subclass that is being used to create the HTML disassembly (as defined by the `HtmlWriterClass` parameter in the [\[Config\]](#) section of the ref file).

In ASM mode, the `#CALL` macro expands to the return value of a method on the *AsmWriter* class or subclass that is being used to generate the ASM output (as defined by the [@writer](#) ASM directive in the skool file).

```
#CALL:methodName(args)
```

- `methodName` is the name of the method to call
- `args` is a comma-separated list of arguments to pass to the method

For example:

```
; The word at address 32768 is #CALL:word(32768).
```

This instance of the `#CALL` macro expands to the return value of the `word` method (on the `HtmlWriter` or `AsmWriter` subclass being used) when called with the argument `32768`.

For information on writing methods that may be called by a `#CALL` macro, see the documentation on [extending SkoolKit](#).

Version	Changes
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in numeric method arguments
3.1	Added support for ASM mode
2.1	New

#CHR

In HTML mode, the `#CHR` macro expands to a numeric character reference (`&#num;`). In ASM mode, it expands to a unicode character in the UTF-8 encoding.

```
#CHRnum
```

For example:

```
26751 DEFB 127    ; This is the copyright symbol: #CHR169
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#CHR` macro expands to `©`. In ASM mode, it expands to the copyright symbol.

Version	Changes
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the <code>num</code> parameter
3.1	New

#D

The `#D` macro expands to the title of an entry (a routine or data block) in the memory map.

```
#Daddr
```

- `addr` is the address of the entry.

For example:

```
; Now we make an indirect jump to one of the following routines:
; .
; #TABLE(default,centre)
; { =h Address | =h Description }
; { #R27126    | #D27126 }
```

This instance of the `#D` macro expands to the title of the routine at `27126`.

Version	Changes
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the <code>addr</code> parameter

#HTML

The #HTML macro expands to arbitrary text (in HTML mode) or to an empty string (in ASM mode).

```
#HTML(text)
```

The #HTML macro may be used to render HTML (which would otherwise be escaped) from a skool file. For example:

```
; #HTML(For more information, go <a href="http://example.com/">here</a>.)
```

text may contain other skool macros, which will be expanded before rendering. For example:

```
; #HTML[The UDG defined here (32768) looks like this: #UDG32768,4,1]
```

See *String parameters* for details on alternative ways to supply the text parameter. Note that if an alternative delimiter is used, it must not be an upper case letter.

See also *#UDGTABLE*.

Version	Changes
3.1.2	New

#INCLUDE

In HTML mode, the #INCLUDE macro expands to the contents of a ref file section; in ASM mode, it expands to an empty string.

```
#INCLUDE[paragraphs](section)
```

- paragraphs specifies how to format the contents of the ref file section: verbatim (0 - the default), or into paragraphs (1)
- section is the name of the ref file section

The #INCLUDE macro can be used to insert the contents of one ref file section into another. For example:

```
[MemoryMap:RoutinesMap]
Intro=#INCLUDE(RoutinesMapIntro)

[RoutinesMapIntro]
This is the intro to the 'Routines' map page.
```

See *String parameters* for details on alternative ways to supply the section parameter.

Version	Changes
5.3	New

#LINK

In HTML mode, the #LINK macro expands to a hyperlink (<a> element) to another page.

```
#LINK:PageId[#name](link text)
```

- PageId is the ID of the page to link to

- `name` is the name of an anchor on the page to link to
- `link text` is the link text to use

In HTML mode, if the link text is blank, it defaults either to the title of the entry being linked to (if the page is a *box page* and contains an entry with the specified anchor), or to the page's link text.

In ASM mode, the `#LINK` macro expands to the link text.

The page IDs that may be used are the same as the file IDs that may be used in the *[Paths]* section of a ref file, or the page IDs defined by *[Page:*)* sections.

For example:

```
; See the #LINK:Glossary(glossary) for a definition of 'chuntey'.
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#LINK` macro expands to a hyperlink to the 'Glossary' page, with link text 'glossary'.

In ASM mode, this instance of the `#LINK` macro expands to 'glossary'.

To create a hyperlink to an entry on a memory map page, use the address of the entry as the anchor. For example:

```
; Now we update the #LINK:GameStatusBuffer#40000(number of lives).
```

In HTML mode, the anchor of this `#LINK` macro (40000) is converted to the format specified by the `AddressAnchor` parameter in the *[Game]* section.

Ver- sion	Changes
5.4	When linking to an entry on a <i>box page</i> , the link text, if left blank, defaults to the title of the entry (in HTML mode)
5.2	An entry address anchor in a link to a memory map page is converted to the format specified by the <code>AddressAnchor</code> parameter
3.1.3	If left blank, the link text defaults to the page's link text in HTML mode
2.1	New

#LIST

The `#LIST` macro marks the beginning of a list of bulleted items; `LIST#` is used to mark the end. Between these markers, the list items are defined.

```
#LIST[(class[,bullet))][<flag>][items]LIST#
```

- `class` is the CSS class to use for the `` element
- `bullet` is the bullet character to use in ASM mode
- `flag` is the wrap flag (see below)

Each item in a list must start with `{` followed by a space, and end with `}` preceded by a space.

For example:

```
; #LIST(data)
; { Item 1 }
; { Item 2 }
; LIST#
```

This list has two items, and will have the CSS class ‘data’.

In ASM mode, lists are rendered as plain text, with each item on its own line, and an asterisk as the bullet character. The bullet character can be changed for all lists by using a `@set` directive to set the `bullet` property, or it can be changed for a specific list by setting the `bullet` parameter.

The wrap flag (`flag`), if present, determines how *sna2skool.py* will write list items when reading from a control file. Supported values are:

- `nowrap` - write each list item on a single line
- `wrapalign` - wrap each list item with an indent at the start of the second and subsequent lines to maintain text alignment with the first line

By default, each list item is wrapped over multiple lines with no indent.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.2	<code>#LIST</code> can be used in register descriptions in ASM mode
7.0	Added the <code>nowrap</code> and <code>wrapalign</code> flags
6.4	In ASM mode: <code>#LIST</code> can be used in an instruction-level comment and as a parameter of another macro; if the bullet character is an empty string, list items are no longer indented by one space; added the <code>bullet</code> parameter
3.2	New

#N

The `#N` macro renders a numeric value in either decimal or hexadecimal format depending on the options used with *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py*. A hexadecimal number is rendered in lower case when the `--lower` option is used, or in upper case otherwise.

```
#Nvalue[,hwidth,dwidth,affix,hex] [(prefix[,suffix])]
```

- `value` is the numeric value
- `hwidth` is the minimum number of digits printed in hexadecimal output (default: 2 for values < 256, or 4 otherwise)
- `dwidth` is the minimum number of digits printed in decimal output (default: 1)
- `affix` is 1 if `prefix` or `suffix` is specified, 0 if not (default: 0)
- `hex` is 1 to render the value in hexadecimal format unless the `--decimal` option is used, or 0 to render it in decimal format unless the `--hex` option is used (default: 0)
- `prefix` is the prefix for a hexadecimal number (default: empty string)
- `suffix` is the suffix for a hexadecimal number (default: empty string)

For example:

```
#N15,4,5,1(0x)
```

This instance of the `#N` macro expands to one of the following:

- 00015 (when `--hex` is not used)
- 0x000F (when `--hex` is used without `--lower`)
- 0x000f (when both `--hex` and `--lower` are used)

See *String parameters* for details on alternative ways to supply the `prefix` and `suffix` parameters.

Version	Changes
6.2	Added the <code>hex</code> parameter
5.2	New

#R

In HTML mode, the `#R` macro expands to a hyperlink (`<a>` element) to the disassembly page for a routine or data block, or to a line at a given address within that page.

```
#Raddr[@code][#name][(link text)]
```

- `addr` is the address of the routine or data block (or entry point thereof)
- `code` is the ID of the disassembly that contains the routine or data block (if not given, the current disassembly is assumed; otherwise this must be an ID defined in an *[OtherCode:*)* section of the ref file)
- `#name` is the named anchor of an item on the disassembly page
- `link text` is the link text to use (default: `addr`)

The disassembly ID (`code`) and anchor name (`name`) must be limited to the characters ‘\$’, ‘#’, 0-9, A-Z and a-z.

In ASM mode, the `#R` macro expands to the link text if it is specified, or to the label for `addr`, or to `addr` (converted to decimal or hexadecimal as appropriate) if no label is found.

For example:

```
; Prepare for a new game
;
; Used by the routine at #R25820.
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#R` macro expands to a hyperlink to the disassembly page for the routine at 25820.

In ASM mode, this instance of the `#R` macro expands to the label for the routine at 25820 (or simply 25820 if that routine has no label).

To create a hyperlink to the first instruction in a routine or data block, use an anchor that evaluates to the address of that instruction. For example:

```
; See the #R40000#40000(first item) in the data table at 40000.
```

In HTML mode, the anchor of this `#R` macro (40000) is converted to the format specified by the `AddressAnchor` parameter in the *[Game]* section.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.1	In ASM mode, <code>addr</code> is converted to decimal or hexadecimal as appropriate even when it refers to an unavailable instruction
5.1	An anchor that matches the entry address is converted to the format specified by the <code>AddressAnchor</code> parameter; added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the <code>addr</code> parameter
3.5	Added the ability to resolve (in HTML mode) the address of an entry point in another disassembly when an appropriate <i>remote entry</i> is defined
2.0	Added support for the <code>@code</code> notation

#RAW

The `#RAW` macro expands to the exact value of its sole string argument, leaving any other macros (or macro-like tokens) it contains unexpanded.

```
#RAW(text)
```

For example:

```
; See the routine at #RAW(#BEEF).
```

This instance of the `#RAW` macro expands to `'#BEEF'`.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `text` parameter. Note that if an alternative delimiter is used, it must not be an upper case letter.

Version	Changes
6.4	New

#REG

In **HTML mode**, the `#REG` macro expands to a styled `` element containing a register name or arbitrary text (with case adjusted as appropriate).

```
#REGreg
```

where `reg` is the name of the register, or:

```
#REG(text)
```

where `text` is arbitrary text (e.g. `hlh'1'`).

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `text` parameter. Note that if an alternative delimiter is used, it must not be a letter.

In **ASM mode**, the `#REG` macro expands to either `reg` or `text` (with case adjusted as appropriate).

The register name (`reg`) must be one of the following:

```
a b c d e f h l
a' b' c' d' e' f' h' l'
af bc de hl
af' bc' de' hl'
ix iy ixh iyh ixl iyl
i r sp pc
```

For example:

```
24623 LD C,31 ; #REGbc'=31
```

Version	Changes
5.4	Added support for an arbitrary text parameter
5.3	Added support for the F and F' registers
5.1	The <code>reg</code> parameter must be a valid register name

#SPACE

The #SPACE macro expands to one or more ` ` expressions (in HTML mode) or spaces (in ASM mode).

```
#SPACE[num]
```

- num is the number of spaces required (default: 1)

For example:

```
; '#SPACE8' (8 spaces)
t56832 DEFM "          "
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the #SPACE macro expands to:

```
&#160;&#160;&#160;&#160;&#160;&#160;&#160;&#160;
```

In ASM mode, this instance of the #SPACE macro expands to a string containing 8 spaces.

The form `SPACE ([num])` may be used to distinguish the macro from adjacent text where necessary. For example:

```
; 'Score:#SPACE(5)0'
t49152 DEFM "Score:    0"
```

Version	Changes
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the num parameter
2.4.1	Added support for the #SPACE ([num]) syntax

#TABLE

The #TABLE macro marks the beginning of a table; TABLE# is used to mark the end. Between these markers, the rows of the table are defined.

```
#TABLE[ ( [class[,class1[:w][,class2[:w]...]] ) [<flag>] [rows] TABLE#
```

- class is the CSS class to use for the <table> element
- class1, class2 etc. are the CSS classes to use for the <td> elements in columns 1, 2 etc.
- flag is the wrap flag (see below)

Each row in a table must start with { followed by a space, and end with } preceded by a space. The cells in a row must be separated by | with a space on each side.

For example:

```
; #TABLE(default,centre)
; { 0 | Off }
; { 1 | On }
; TABLE#
```

This table has two rows and two columns, and will have the CSS class ‘default’. The cells in the first column will have the CSS class ‘centre’.

By default, cells will be rendered as <td> elements. To render a cell as a <th> element, use the =h indicator before the cell contents:

```
; #TABLE
; { =h Header 1 | =h Header 2 }
; { Regular cell | Another one }
; TABLE#
```

It is also possible to specify `colspan` and `rowspan` attributes using the `=c` and `=r` indicators:

```
; #TABLE
; { =r2 2 rows | X | Y }
; { =c2          2 columns }
; TABLE#
```

Finally, the `=t` indicator makes a cell transparent (i.e. gives it the same background colour as the page body).

If a cell requires more than one indicator, separate the indicators by commas:

```
; #TABLE
; { =h,c2 Wide header }
; { Column 1 | Column 2 }
; TABLE#
```

The CSS files included in SkoolKit provide two classes that may be used when defining tables:

- `default` - a class for `<table>` elements that provides a background colour to make the table stand out from the page body
- `centre` - a class for `<td>` elements that centres their contents

In ASM mode, tables are rendered as plain text, using dashes (–) and pipes (|) for the borders, and plus signs (+) where a horizontal border meets a vertical border.

ASM mode also supports the `:w` indicator in the `#TABLE` macro's parameters. The `:w` indicator marks a column as a candidate for having its width reduced (by wrapping the text it contains) so that the table will be no more than 79 characters wide when rendered. For example:

```
; #TABLE(default,centre,:w)
; { =h X | =h Description }
; { 0 | Text in this column will be wrapped in ASM mode to make the table less_
↳than 80 characters wide }
; TABLE#
```

The wrap flag (`flag`), if present, determines how *sna2skool.py* will write table rows when reading from a control file. Supported values are:

- `nowrap` - write each table row on a single line
- `wrapalign` - wrap each table row with an indent at the start of the second and subsequent lines to maintain text alignment with the rightmost column on the first line

By default, each table row is wrapped over multiple lines with no indent.

See also *#UDGTABLE*.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.2	<code>#TABLE</code> can be used in register descriptions in ASM mode
7.0	Added the <code>nowrap</code> and <code>wrapalign</code> flags
6.4	In ASM mode, <code>#TABLE</code> can be used in an instruction-level comment and as a parameter of another macro

#UDGTABLE

The `#UDGTABLE` macro behaves in exactly the same way as the `#TABLE` macro, except that the resulting table will not be rendered in ASM mode. Its intended use is to contain images that will be rendered in HTML mode only.

See `#TABLE`, and also `#HTML`.

#VERSION

The `#VERSION` macro expands to the version of SkoolKit.

```
#VERSION
```

Version	Changes
6.0	New

8.5.6 Image macros

The `#FONT`, `#SCR`, `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros (described in the following sections) may be used to create images based on graphic data in the memory snapshot. They are not supported in ASM mode.

These macros have several numeric parameters, most of which are optional. This can give rise to a long sequence of commas in a macro parameter string, making it hard to read (and write); for example:

```
#UDG32768,,,,,,1
```

To alleviate this problem, the image macros accept keyword arguments at any position in the parameter string; the `#UDG` macro above could be rewritten as follows:

```
#UDG32768,rotate=1
```

#FONT

In HTML mode, the `#FONT` macro expands to an `` element for an image of text rendered in the game font.

```
#FONT[: (text)]addr[, chars, attr, scale] [{CROP}] [(fname)]
```

- `text` is the text to render (default: the 96 characters from code 32 to code 127)
- `addr` is the base address of the font graphic data
- `chars` is the number of characters to render (default: the length of `text`)
- `attr` is the attribute byte to use (default: 56)
- `scale` is the scale of the image (default: 2)
- `CROP` is the cropping specification (see [Cropping](#))
- `fname` is the name of the image file (default: `'font'`)

If `fname` contains an image path ID replacement field (e.g. `{ScreenshotImagePath}/font`), the corresponding parameter value from the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be substituted.

If `fname` starts with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the root of the HTML disassembly.

If `fname` contains no image path ID replacement fields and does not start with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the directory defined by the `FontImagePath` parameter in the [\[Paths\]](#) section.

If `fname` does not end with `'.png'` or `'.gif'`, that suffix (depending on the default image format specified in the [\[ImageWriter\]](#) section of the ref file) will be appended.

If an image with the given filename doesn't already exist, it will be created.

For example:

```
; Font graphic data
;
; #HTML[#FONT:(0123456789)49152]
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#FONT` macro expands to an `` element for the image of the digits 0-9 in the 8x8 font whose graphic data starts at 49152.

See [String parameters](#) for details on alternative ways to supply the `text` parameter.

Note: Support for GIF images is deprecated since version 7.2. Use PNG images instead.

Version	Changes
6.3	Added support for image path ID replacement fields in the <code>fname</code> parameter
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the numeric parameters
4.3	Added the ability to create frames
4.2	Added the ability to specify alt text for the <code></code> element
4.0	Added support for keyword arguments
3.6	Added the <code>text</code> parameter, and made the <code>chars</code> parameter optional
3.0	Added image-cropping capabilities
2.0.5	Added the <code>fname</code> parameter and support for regular 8x8 fonts

#SCR

In HTML mode, the `#SCR` macro expands to an `` element for an image constructed from the display file and attribute file (or suitably arranged graphic data and attribute bytes elsewhere in memory) of the current memory snapshot (in turn constructed from the contents of the skool file).

```
#SCR[scale,x,y,w,h,df,af][{CROP}][ (fname) ]
```

- `scale` is the scale of the image (default: 1)
- `x` is the x-coordinate of the top-left tile of the screen to include in the screenshot (default: 0)
- `y` is the y-coordinate of the top-left tile of the screen to include in the screenshot (default: 0)
- `w` is the width of the screenshot in tiles (default: 32)
- `h` is the height of the screenshot in tiles (default: 24)
- `df` is the base address of the display file (default: 16384)
- `af` is the base address of the attribute file (default: 22528)
- `CROP` is the cropping specification (see [Cropping](#))
- `fname` is the name of the image file (default: `'scr'`)

If `fname` contains an image path ID replacement field (e.g. `{UDGImagePath}/scr`), the corresponding parameter value from the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be substituted.

If `fname` starts with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the root of the HTML disassembly.

If `fname` contains no image path ID replacement fields and does not start with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the directory defined by the `ScreenshotImagePath` parameter in the [\[Paths\]](#) section.

If `fname` does not end with `'.png'` or `'.gif'`, that suffix (depending on the default image format specified in the [\[ImageWriter\]](#) section of the ref file) will be appended.

If an image with the given filename doesn't already exist, it will be created.

For example:

```
; #UDGTABLE
; { #SCR(loading) | This is the loading screen. }
; TABLE#
```

Note: Support for GIF images is deprecated since version 7.2. Use PNG images instead.

Version	Changes
6.3	Added support for image path ID replacement fields in the <code>fname</code> parameter
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the numeric parameters
4.3	Added the ability to create frames
4.2	Added the ability to specify alt text for the <code></code> element
4.0	Added support for keyword arguments
3.0	Added image-cropping capabilities and the <code>df</code> and <code>af</code> parameters
2.0.5	Added the <code>scale</code> , <code>x</code> , <code>y</code> , <code>w</code> , <code>h</code> and <code>fname</code> parameters

#UDG

In HTML mode, the `#UDG` macro expands to an `` element for the image of a UDG (an 8x8 block of pixels).

```
#UDGaddr[,attr,scale,step,inc,flip,rotate,mask][:MASK][{CROP}][ (fname) ]
```

- `addr` is the base address of the UDG bytes
- `attr` is the attribute byte to use (default: 56)
- `scale` is the scale of the image (default: 4)
- `step` is the interval between successive bytes of the UDG (default: 1)
- `inc` is added to each UDG byte before constructing the image (default: 0)
- `flip` is 1 to flip the UDG horizontally, 2 to flip it vertically, 3 to flip it both ways, or 0 to leave it as it is (default: 0)
- `rotate` is 1 to rotate the UDG 90 degrees clockwise, 2 to rotate it 180 degrees, 3 to rotate it 90 degrees anticlockwise, or 0 to leave it as it is (default: 0)
- `mask` is the type of mask to apply (see [Masks](#))
- `MASK` is the mask specification (see below)
- `CROP` is the cropping specification (see [Cropping](#))

- `fname` is the name of the image file (if not given, a name specified by the `UDGFilename` parameter in the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be used)

The mask specification (MASK) takes the form:

```
addr[,step]
```

- `addr` is the base address of the mask bytes to use for the UDG
- `step` is the interval between successive mask bytes (defaults to the value of `step` for the UDG)

Note that if any of the parameters in the mask specification is expressed using arithmetic operations or skool macros, then the entire specification must be enclosed in parentheses.

If `fname` contains an image path ID replacement field (e.g. `{ScreenshotImagePath}/udg`), the corresponding parameter value from the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be substituted.

If `fname` starts with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the root of the HTML disassembly.

If `fname` contains no image path ID replacement fields and does not start with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the directory defined by the `UDGImagePath` parameter in the [\[Paths\]](#) section.

If `fname` does not end with `'.png'` or `'.gif'`, that suffix (depending on the default image format specified in the [\[ImageWriter\]](#) section of the ref file) will be appended.

If an image with the given filename doesn't already exist, it will be created.

For example:

```
; Safe key UDG
;
; #HTML[#UDG39144,6(safe_key)]
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#UDG` macro expands to an `` element for the image of the UDG at 39144 (which will be named `safe_key.png` or `safe_key.gif`), with attribute byte 6 (INK 6: PAPER 0).

Note: Support for GIF images is deprecated since version 7.2. Use PNG images instead.

Version	Changes
6.3	Added support for image path ID replacement fields in the <code>fname</code> parameter
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the numeric parameters
4.3	Added the ability to create frames
4.2	Added the ability to specify alt text for the <code></code> element
4.0	Added the <code>mask</code> parameter and support for AND-OR masking; added support for keyword arguments
3.1.2	Made the <code>attr</code> parameter optional
3.0	Added image-cropping capabilities
2.4	Added the <code>rotate</code> parameter
2.3.1	Added the <code>flip</code> parameter
2.1	Added support for masks
2.0.5	Added the <code>fname</code> parameter

#UDGARRAY

In HTML mode, the `#UDGARRAY` macro expands to an `` element for the image of an array of UDGs (8x8 blocks of pixels).

```
#UDGARRAYwidth[,attr,scale,step,inc,flip,rotate,mask];SPEC1[;SPEC2;...][@ATTRS1[;  
↪ATTRS2;...]][{CROP}](fname)
```

- `width` is the width of the image (in UDGs)
- `attr` is the default attribute byte of each UDG (default: 56)
- `scale` is the scale of the image (default: 2)
- `step` is the default interval between successive bytes of each UDG (default: 1)
- `inc` is added to each UDG byte before constructing the image (default: 0)
- `flip` is 1 to flip the array of UDGs horizontally, 2 to flip it vertically, 3 to flip it both ways, or 0 to leave it as it is (default: 0)
- `rotate` is 1 to rotate the array of UDGs 90 degrees clockwise, 2 to rotate it 180 degrees, 3 to rotate it 90 degrees anticlockwise, or 0 to leave it as it is (default: 0)
- `mask` is the type of mask to apply (see [Masks](#))
- `CROP` is the cropping specification (see [Cropping](#))
- `fname` is the name of the image file

`SPEC1`, `SPEC2` etc. are UDG specifications for the sets of UDGs that make up the array. Each UDG specification has the form:

```
addr[,attr,step,inc][:MASK]
```

- `addr` is the address range specification for the set of UDGs (see below)
- `attr` is the attribute byte of each UDG in the set (defaults to the value of `attr` for the UDG array)
- `step` is the interval between successive bytes of each UDG in the set (defaults to the value of `step` for the UDG array)
- `inc` is added to each byte of every UDG in the set before constructing the image (defaults to the value of `inc` for the UDG array)
- `MASK` is the mask specification

The mask specification (`MASK`) takes the form:

```
addr[,step]
```

- `addr` is the address range specification for the set of mask UDGs (see below)
- `step` is the interval between successive bytes of each mask UDG in the set (defaults to the value of `step` for the set of UDGs)

`ATTRS1`, `ATTRS2` etc. are attribute address range specifications (see below). If supplied, attribute values are taken from the specified addresses instead of the `attr` parameter values.

Address range specifications (for both UDGs and attributes) may be given in one of the following forms:

- a single address (e.g. 39144)
- a simple address range (e.g. 33008–33015)
- an address range with a step (e.g. 32768–33792–256)
- an address range with a horizontal and a vertical step (e.g. 63476–63525–1–16; this form specifies the step between the base addresses of adjacent items in each row as 1, and the step between the base addresses of adjacent items in each column as 16)

Any of these forms of address ranges can be repeated by appending $\times N$, where N is the desired number of repetitions. For example:

- 39648×3 is equivalent to `39648; 39648; 39648`
- $32768-32769 \times 2$ is equivalent to `32768; 32769; 32768; 32769`

As many UDG specifications as required may be supplied, separated by semicolons; the UDGs will be arranged in a rectangular array with the given width.

Note that, like the main parameters of a `#UDGARRAY` macro (up to but not including the first semicolon), if any of the following parts of the parameter string is expressed using arithmetic operations or skool macros, then that part must be enclosed in parentheses:

- any of the 1-5 parts of a UDG, mask or attribute address range specification (separated by `-` and `x`)
- the part of a UDG or mask specification after the comma that follows the address range

If `fname` contains an image path ID replacement field (e.g. `{ScreenshotImagePath}/udgs`), the corresponding parameter value from the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be substituted.

If `fname` starts with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the root of the HTML disassembly.

If `fname` contains no image path ID replacement fields and does not start with a `'/'`, the filename is taken to be relative to the directory defined by the `UDGImagePath` parameter in the [\[Paths\]](#) section.

If `fname` does not end with `'.png'` or `'.gif'`, that suffix (depending on the default image format specified in the [\[ImageWriter\]](#) section of the ref file) will be appended.

If an image with the given filename doesn't already exist, it will be created.

For example:

```
; Base sprite
;
; #HTML[#UDGARRAY4; 32768-32888-8 (base_sprite.png) ]
```

In HTML mode, this instance of the `#UDGARRAY` macro expands to an `` element for the image of the 4x4 sprite formed by the 16 UDGs with base addresses 32768, 32776, 32784 and so on up to 32888; the image file will be named `base_sprite.png`.

Note: Support for GIF images is deprecated since version 7.2. Use PNG images instead.

Version	Changes
7.1	Added the ability to specify attribute addresses
6.3	Added support for image path ID replacement fields in the <code>fname</code> parameter
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the numeric parameters
4.2	Added the ability to specify alt text for the <code></code> element
4.0	Added the <code>mask</code> parameter and support for AND-OR masking; added support for keyword arguments
3.6	Added support for creating an animated image from an arbitrary sequence of frames
3.1.1	Added support for UDG address ranges with horizontal and vertical steps
3.0	Added image-cropping capabilities
2.4	Added the <code>rotate</code> parameter
2.3.1	Added the <code>flip</code> parameter
2.2.5	Added support for masks
2.0.5	New

Alt text

The value of the `alt` attribute in the `` element created by an image macro can be specified by appending a `|` character and the required text to the filename. For example:

```
#SCR(screenshot1|Screenshot 1)
```

This `#SCR` macro creates an image named *screenshot1.png* with alt text ‘Screenshot 1’.

Animation

The image macros may be used to create the frames of an animated image. To create a frame, the `fname` parameter must have one of the following forms:

- `name*` - writes an image file with this name, and also creates a frame with the same name
- `name1*name2` - writes an image file named *name1*, and also creates a frame named *name2*
- `*name` - writes no image file, but creates a frame with this name

Then a special form of the `#UDGARRAY` macro creates the animated image from a set of frames:

```
#UDGARRAY*FRAME1[;FRAME2;...](fname)
```

`FRAME1`, `FRAME2` etc. are frame specifications; each one has the form:

```
name[,delay]
```

- `name` is the name of the frame
- `delay` is the delay between this frame and the next in 1/100ths of a second; it also sets the default delay for any frames that follow (default: 32)

For example:

```
; #UDGTABLE {  
; #FONT:(hello)$3D00(hello*) |  
; #FONT:(there)$3D00(there*) |  
; #FONT:(peeps)$3D00(peeps*) |  
; #UDGARRAY*hello,50;there;peeps(hello_there_peeps.gif)  
; } TABLE#
```

The `#FONT` macros create the required frames (and write images of them); the `#UDGARRAY` macro combines the three frames into a single animated image, with a delay of 0.5s between each frame.

Cropping

Each image macro accepts a cropping specification (`CROP`) which takes the form:

```
x,y,width,height
```

- `x` is the x-coordinate of the leftmost pixel column of the constructed image to include in the final image (default: 0); if greater than 0, the image will be cropped on the left
- `y` is the y-coordinate of the topmost pixel row of the constructed image to include in the final image (default: 0); if greater than 0, the image will be cropped on the top
- `width` is the width of the final image in pixels (default: width of the constructed image)

- `height` is the height of the final image in pixels (default: height of the constructed image)

For example:

```
#UDG40000,scale=2{2,2,12,12}
```

This `#UDG` macro creates an image of the UDG at 40000, at scale 2, with the top two rows and bottom two rows of pixels removed, and the leftmost two columns and rightmost two columns of pixels removed.

Masks

The `#UDG` and `#UDGARRAY` macros accept a `mask` parameter that determines what kind of mask to apply to each UDG. The supported values are:

- 0 - no mask
- 1 - OR-AND mask (this is the default)
- 2 - AND-OR mask

Given a ‘background’ bit (B), a UDG bit (U), and a mask bit (M), the OR-AND mask works as follows:

- OR the UDG bit (U) onto the background bit (B)
- AND the mask bit (M) onto the result

U	M	Result
0	0	0 (paper)
0	1	B (transparent)
1	0	0 (paper)
1	1	1 (ink)

The AND-OR mask works as follows:

- AND the mask bit (M) onto the background bit (B)
- OR the UDG bit (U) onto the result

U	M	Result
0	0	0 (paper)
0	1	B (transparent)
1	0	1 (ink)
1	1	1 (ink)

By default, transparent bits in masked images are rendered in bright green (`#00fe00`); this colour can be changed by modifying the `TRANSPARENT` parameter in the [\[Colours\]](#) section. To make the transparent bits in masked images actually transparent, set `GIFTransparency=1` or `PNGAlpha=0` in the [\[ImageWriter\]](#) section.

8.5.7 Snapshot macros

The `#POKES`, `#POPS` and `#PUSHS` macros (described in the following sections) may be used to manipulate the memory snapshot that is built from the `DEFB`, `DEFM`, `DEFS` and `DEFW` statements in the skool file. Each macro expands to an empty string.

#POKES

The #POKES macro POKES values into the current memory snapshot.

```
#POKESaddr,byte[,length,step][;addr,byte[,length,step];...]
```

- `addr` is the address to POKE
- `byte` is the value to POKE `addr` with
- `length` is the number of addresses to POKE (default: 1)
- `step` is the address increment to use after each POKE (if `length>1`; default: 1)

For example:

```
The UDG looks like this:

#UDG32768(udg_orig)

But it's supposed to look like this:

#PUSHS
#POKES32772,254;32775,136
#UDG32768(udg_fixed)
#POPS
```

This instance of the #POKES macro does POKE 32772, 254 and POKE 32775, 136, which fixes a graphic glitch in the UDG at 32768.

See also [#PEEK](#).

Version	Changes
5.1	Added support for arithmetic expressions and skool macros in the numeric parameters
3.1	Added support for ASM mode
2.3.1	Added support for multiple addresses

#POPS

The #POPS macro removes the current memory snapshot and replaces it with the one that was previously saved by a #PUSHS macro.

```
#POPS
```

Version	Changes
3.1	Added support for ASM mode

#PUSHS

The #PUSHS macro saves the current memory snapshot, and replaces it with an identical copy with a given name.

```
#PUSHS[name]
```

- `name` is the snapshot name (defaults to an empty string)

The snapshot name must be limited to the characters '\$', '#', 0-9, A-Z and a-z; it must not start with a capital letter. The name can be retrieved by using the `get_snapshot_name()` method on `HtmlWriter`.

Version	Changes
3.1	Added support for ASM mode

8.5.8 Defining macros with @replace

By using the `@replace` directive, it is possible to define new macros based on existing ones without writing any Python code. Some examples are given below.

#asm

There is the `#HTML` macro for inserting content in HTML mode only, but there is no corresponding macro for inserting content in ASM mode only. The following `@replace` directive defines an `#asm` macro to fill that gap:

```
@replace=#asm(\(.*\))/#IF({asm})\1
```

For example:

```
#asm(This text appears only in ASM mode.)
```

#tile

Suppose the game you're disassembling arranges tiles in groups of nine bytes: the attribute byte first, followed by the eight graphic bytes. If there is a tile at 32768, then:

```
#UDG(32769, #PEEK32768)
```

will create an image of it. If you want to create several tile images, this syntax can get cumbersome; it would be easier if you could supply just the address of the attribute byte. The following `@replace` directive defines a `#tile` macro that creates a tile image given an attribute byte address:

```
@replace=#tile\i/#UDG(\1+1, #PEEK\1)
```

Now you can create an image of the tile at 32768 like this:

```
#tile32768
```

#tiles

If you have several nine-byte tiles arranged one after the other, you might want to create images of all of them in a single row of a `#UDGTABLE`. The following `@replace` directive defines a `#tiles` macro for this purpose:

```
@replace=#tiles\i,\i/#FOR(\1,\1+9*(\2-1),9) (n, #UDG(n+1, #PEEKn), | )
```

Now you can create a `#UDGTABLE` of images of a series of 10 tiles starting at 32768 like this:

```
#UDGTABLE { #tiles32768,10 } TABLE#
```

#udg

The **#UDG** macro is not supported in ASM mode, but @replace can define a #udg macro that is:

```
@replace=/#udg\i/#IF({asm}) (#LIST(, ) #FOR(\1,\1+7) (u,{ |#FOR(7,0,-1) (n,#IF(#PEEKu&
↪2**n) (*, )) | }) LIST#)
```

For example:

```
; #udg30000
30000 DEFB 48,72,136,144,104,4,10,4
```

If conversion of DEFB statements has been switched on in ASM mode by the **@assemble** directive (e.g. @assemble=, 1), this #udg macro produces the following output:

```
; | ** |
; | * * |
; | * * |
; | * * |
; | ** * |
; | * |
; | * * |
; | * |
```

8.6 Ref files

If you want to configure or augment an HTML disassembly, you will need one or more ref files. A ref file can be used to (for example):

- add a ‘Bugs’ page on which bugs are documented
- add a ‘Trivia’ page on which interesting facts are documented
- add a ‘Pokes’ page on which useful POKEs are listed
- add a ‘Changelog’ page
- add a ‘Glossary’ page
- add a ‘Graphic glitches’ page
- add any other kind of custom page
- change the title of the disassembly
- define the layout of the disassembly index page
- define the link text and titles for the various pages in the disassembly
- define the location of the files and directories in the disassembly
- define the colours used when creating images

A ref file must be formatted into sections separated by section names inside square brackets, like this:

```
[SectionName]
```

The contents of each section that may be found in a ref file are described below.

8.6.1 [Colours]

The `Colours` section contains colour definitions that will be used when creating images. Each line has the form:

```
name=R, G, B
```

or:

```
name=#RGB
```

where:

- `name` is the colour name
- `R, G, B` is a decimal RGB triplet
- `#RGB` is a hexadecimal RGB triplet (in the usual 6-digit form, or in the short 3-digit form)

Recognised colour names and their default RGB values are:

- `TRANSPARENT`: 0,254,0 (`#00fe00`)
- `BLACK`: 0,0,0 (`#000000`)
- `BLUE`: 0,0,197 (`#0000c5`)
- `RED`: 197,0,0 (`#c50000`)
- `MAGENTA`: 197,0,197 (`#c500c5`)
- `GREEN`: 0,198,0 (`#00c600`)
- `CYAN`: 0,198,197 (`#00c6c5`)
- `YELLOW`: 197,198,0 (`#c5c600`)
- `WHITE`: 205,198,205 (`#cdc6cd`)
- `BRIGHT_BLUE`: 0,0,255 (`#0000ff`)
- `BRIGHT_RED`: 255,0,0 (`#ff0000`)
- `BRIGHT_MAGENTA`: 255,0,255 (`#ff00ff`)
- `BRIGHT_GREEN`: 0,255,0 (`#00ff00`)
- `BRIGHT_CYAN`: 0,255,255 (`#00ffff`)
- `BRIGHT_YELLOW`: 255,255,0 (`#ffff00`)
- `BRIGHT_WHITE`: 255,255,255 (`#ffffff`)

Version	Changes
3.4	Added support for hexadecimal RGB triplets
2.0.5	New

8.6.2 [Config]

The `Config` section contains configuration parameters in the format:

```
name=value
```

Recognised parameters are:

- `GameDir` - the root directory of the game's HTML disassembly; if not specified, the base name of the skool file given on the *skool2html.py* command line will be used
- `HtmlWriterClass` - the name of the Python class to use for writing the HTML disassembly of the game (default: `skoolkit.skoolhtml.HtmlWriter`); if the class is in a module that is not in the module search path (e.g. a standalone module that is not part of an installed package), the module's location may be specified thus: `/path/to/moduledir:module.classname`
- `RefFiles` - a semicolon-separated list of extra ref files to use (after any that are automatically read by virtue of having the same filename prefix as the skool file, and before any others named on the *skool2html.py* command line)

For information on how to create your own Python class for writing an HTML disassembly, see the documentation on *extending SkoolKit*.

Ver-sion	Changes
5.0	Added the <code>RefFiles</code> parameter
3.3.1	Added support to the <code>HtmlWriterClass</code> parameter for specifying a module outside the module search path
2.2.3	Added the <code>HtmlWriterClass</code> parameter
2.0	New

8.6.3 [Game]

The `Game` section contains configuration parameters that control certain aspects of the HTML output. The parameters are in the format:

<code>name=value</code>

Recognised parameters are:

- `AddressAnchor` - the format of the anchors attached to instructions on disassembly pages and entries on memory map pages (default: `{address}`)
- `AsmSinglePageTemplate` - the name of the HTML template used to build the disassembly on a single page, as opposed to a separate page for each routine and data block (default: `None`); set this to `'AsmAllInOne'` to use the *AsmAllInOne* template
- `Bytes` - the format specification for the `bytes` replacement field in the *asm_instruction* template (default: `''`); if not blank, assembled instruction byte values are displayed on disassembly pages
- `Copyright` - the copyright message that appears in the footer of every page (default: `''`)
- `Created` - the message indicating the software used to create the disassembly that appears in the footer of every page (default: `'Created using SkoolKit #VERSION.'`)
- `DisassemblyTableNumCols` - the number of columns in the disassembly table on disassembly pages (default: the number of occurrences of `'<td>'` in the *asm_instruction* template); this value is used by the *Asm*, *asm_comment* and *asm_entry* templates
- `Font` - the base name of the font file to use (default: `None`); multiple font files can be declared by separating their names with semicolons
- `Game` - the name of the game, which appears in the title of every page, and also in the header of every page (if no logo is defined); if not specified, the base name of the skool file is used
- `InputRegisterTableHeader` - the text displayed in the header of input register tables on routine disassembly pages (default: `'Input'`)

- `JavaScript` - the base name of the JavaScript file to include in every page (default: None); multiple JavaScript files can be declared by separating their names with semicolons
- `LinkInternalOperands` - 1 to hyperlink instruction operands that refer to an address in the same entry as the instruction, or 0 to leave them unlinked (default: 0)
- `LinkOperands` - a comma-separated list of instruction types whose operands will be hyperlinked when possible (default: `CALL, DEFW, DJNZ, JP, JR`); add `LD` to the list to enable the address operands of `LD` instructions to be hyperlinked as well
- `Logo` - the text/HTML that will serve as the game logo in the header of every page (typically a skool macro that creates a suitable image); if not specified, `LogoImage` is used
- `LogoImage` - the path to the game logo image, which appears in the header of every page; if the specified file does not exist, the name of the game is used in place of an image
- `OutputRegisterTableHeader` - the text displayed in the header of output register tables on routine disassembly pages (default: 'Output')
- `Release` - the message indicating the release name and version number of the disassembly that appears in the footer of every page (default: '')
- `StyleSheet` - the base name of the CSS file to use (default: `skoolkit.css`); multiple CSS files can be declared by separating their names with semicolons
- `TitlePrefix` - the prefix to use before the game name or logo in the header of the main index page (default: 'The complete')
- `TitleSuffix` - the suffix to use after the game name or logo in the header of the main index page (default: 'RAM disassembly')

Every parameter in this section may contain *skool macros*.

The `AddressAnchor` parameter contains a standard Python format string that specifies the format of the anchors attached to instructions on disassembly pages and entries on memory map pages. The default format string is `{address}`, which produces decimal addresses (e.g. `#65280`). To produce 4-digit, lower case hexadecimal addresses instead (e.g. `#ff00`), change `AddressAnchor` to `{address:04x}`. Or to produce 4-digit, upper case hexadecimal addresses if the `--hex` option is used with *skool2html.py*, and decimal addresses otherwise: `{address#IF({base}==16) (:04X)}`.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.2	Added the <code>Bytes</code> and <code>DisassemblyTableNumCols</code> parameters
6.0	Every parameter (not just <code>Logo</code>) may contain <i>skool macros</i>
5.3	Added the <code>AsmSinglePageTemplate</code> parameter
4.3	Added the <code>AddressAnchor</code> parameter
4.1	Added the <code>LinkInternalOperands</code> parameter
4.0	Set default values for the <code>InputRegisterTableHeader</code> and <code>OutputRegisterTableHeader</code> parameters; added the <code>Copyright</code> , <code>Created</code> and <code>Release</code> parameters (which used to live in the [Info] section in SkoolKit 3)
3.7	Added the <code>JavaScript</code> parameter
3.5	Added the <code>Font</code> , <code>LogoImage</code> and <code>StyleSheet</code> parameters (all of which used to live in the [Paths] section, <code>LogoImage</code> by the name <code>Logo</code>)
3.4	Added the <code>LinkOperands</code> parameter
3.1.2	Added the <code>InputRegisterTableHeader</code> and <code>OutputRegisterTableHeader</code> parameters
2.0.5	Added the <code>Logo</code> parameter

8.6.4 [ImageWriter]

The `ImageWriter` section contains configuration parameters that control SkoolKit's image creation library. The parameters are in the format:

```
name=value
```

Recognised parameters are:

- `DefaultAnimationFormat` - the default format for animated images: `gif` (the default) or `png`
- `DefaultFormat` - the default image format: `png` (the default) or `gif`
- `GIFEnableAnimation` - 1 to create animated GIFs for images that contain flashing cells, or 0 to create plain (unanimated) GIFs for such images (default: 1)
- `GIFTransparency` - 1 to make the `TRANSPARENT` colour (see [\[Colours\]](#)) in GIF images transparent, or 0 to make it opaque (default: 0)
- `PNGAlpha` - the alpha value to use for the `TRANSPARENT` colour (see [\[Colours\]](#)) in PNG images; valid values are in the range 0-255, where 0 means fully transparent, and 255 means fully opaque (default: 255)
- `PNGCompressionLevel` - the compression level to use for PNG image data; valid values are in the range 0-9, where 0 means no compression, 1 is the lowest compression level, and 9 is the highest (default: 9)
- `PNGEnableAnimation` - 1 to create animated PNGs (in APNG format) for images that contain flashing cells, or 0 to create plain (unanimated) PNG files for such images (default: 1)

The image-creating skool macros will create a file in the default image format if the filename is unspecified, or its suffix is omitted, or its suffix is neither `.png` nor `.gif`. For example, if `DefaultFormat` is `png`, then:

```
#FONT32768,26
```

will create an image file named `font.png`. To create a GIF instead (regardless of the default image format):

```
#FONT32768,26(font.gif)
```

Note: Support for GIF images is deprecated since version 7.2. Use PNG images instead.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.0	<code>DefaultAnimationFormat</code> defaults to <code>gif</code>
5.1	Added the <code>DefaultAnimationFormat</code> parameter
3.0.1	Added the <code>DefaultFormat</code> , <code>GIFEnableAnimation</code> , <code>GIFTransparency</code> , <code>PNGAlpha</code> and <code>PNGEnableAnimation</code> parameters
3.0	New

8.6.5 [Index]

The `Index` section contains a list of link group IDs in the order in which the link groups will appear on the disassembly index page. The link groups themselves - with the exception of `OtherCode` - are defined in [\[Index:*.*\)](#) sections. `OtherCode` is a special built-in link group that contains links to the index pages of secondary disassemblies defined by [\[OtherCode:*\)](#) sections.

To see the default `Index` section, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Index$
```

Version	Changes
2.0.5	New

8.6.6 [Index:*.~]

Each `Index:*.~` section defines a link group (a group of links on the disassembly home page). The section names and contents take the form:

```
[Index:groupID:text]
Page1ID
Page2ID
...
```

where:

- `groupID` is the link group ID (as may be declared in the [\[Index\]](#) section)
- `text` is the text of the link group header
- `Page1ID`, `Page2ID` etc. are the IDs of the pages that will appear in the link group

To see the default link groups and their contents, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Index:
```

Version	Changes
2.0.5	New

8.6.7 [Links]

The `Links` section defines the link text for the various pages in the HTML disassembly (as displayed on the disassembly index page). Each line has the form:

```
PageID=text
```

where:

- `PageID` is the ID of the page
- `text` is the link text

Recognised page IDs are:

- `AsmSinglePage` - the disassembly page (when a single-page template is specified by the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the [\[Game\]](#) section)
- `Bugs` - the 'Bugs' page
- `Changelog` - the 'Changelog' page
- `DataMap` - the 'Data' memory map page
- `Facts` - the 'Trivia' page
- `GameStatusBuffer` - the 'Game status buffer' page

- Glossary - the ‘Glossary’ page
- GraphicGlitches - the ‘Graphic glitches’ page
- MemoryMap - the ‘Everything’ memory map page (default: ‘Everything’)
- MessagesMap - the ‘Messages’ memory map page
- Pokes - the ‘Pokes’ page
- RoutinesMap - the ‘Routines’ memory map page
- UnusedMap - the ‘Unused addresses’ memory map page

The default link text for a page is the same as the header defined in the [\[PageHeaders\]](#) section, except where indicated above.

The link text for a page defined by a [\[MemoryMap:*\)](#), [\[OtherCode:*\)](#) or [\[Page:*\)](#) section also defaults to the page header text, but can be overridden in this section.

If the link text starts with some text in square brackets, that text alone is used as the link text, and the remaining text is displayed alongside the hyperlink. For example:

```
MemoryMap=[Everything] (routines, data, text and unused addresses)
```

This declares that the link text for the ‘Everything’ memory map page will be ‘Everything’, and ‘(routines, data, text and unused addresses)’ will be displayed alongside it.

Version	Changes
5.3	Added the AsmSinglePage page ID
2.5	Added the UnusedMap page ID
2.2.5	Added the Changelog page ID
2.0.5	New

8.6.8 [MemoryMap:*)

Each `MemoryMap:*)` section defines the properties of a memory map page. The section names take the form:

```
[MemoryMap:PageID]
```

where `PageID` is the unique ID of the memory map page.

Each `MemoryMap:*)` section contains parameters in the form:

```
name=value
```

Recognised parameters and their default values are:

- `EntryDescriptions` - 1 to display entry descriptions, or 0 not to (default: 0)
- `EntryTypes` - the types of entries to show in the map (by default, every type is shown); entry types are identified as follows:
 - `b` - DEFB blocks
 - `c` - routines
 - `g` - game status buffer entries
 - `s` - blocks containing bytes that are all the same value
 - `t` - messages

- u - unused addresses
- w - DEFW blocks
- Includes - a comma-separated list of addresses of entries to include on the memory map page in addition to those specified by the EntryTypes parameter
- Intro - the text (which may contain HTML markup) displayed at the top of the memory map page (default: “)
- LengthColumn - 1 to display the ‘Length’ column, or 0 not to (default: 0)
- PageByteColumns - 1 to display ‘Page’ and ‘Byte’ columns, or 0 not to (default: 0)
- Write - 1 to write the memory map page, or 0 not to (default: 1)

Every parameter in this section may contain *skool macros*.

To see the default memory map pages and their properties, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r MemoryMap
```

A custom memory map page can be defined by creating a `MemoryMap:*` section for it. By default, the page will be written to `maps/PageID.html`; to change this, add a line to the `[Paths]` section. The title, page header and link text for the custom memory map page can be defined in the `[Titles]`, `[PageHeaders]` and `[Links]` sections.

Every memory map page is built using the *HTML template* whose name matches the page ID, if one exists; otherwise, the stock *MemoryMap* template is used.

Version	Changes
6.2	Added the Includes parameter
6.0	Every parameter (not just Intro) may contain <i>skool macros</i>
4.0	Added the EntryDescriptions and LengthColumn parameters
2.5	New

8.6.9 [OtherCode:*)

An `OtherCode:*` section defines a secondary disassembly that will appear under ‘Other code’ on the main disassembly home page. The section name takes the form:

```
[OtherCode:CodeID]
```

where `CodeID` is a unique ID for the secondary disassembly; it must be limited to the characters ‘\$’, ‘#’, 0-9, A-Z and a-z. The unique ID may be used by the `#R` macro when referring to routines or data blocks in the secondary disassembly from another disassembly.

An `OtherCode:*` section may either be empty or contain a single parameter named `Source` in the form:

```
Source=fname
```

where `fname` is the path to the skool file from which to generate the secondary disassembly. If the `Source` parameter is not provided, its value defaults to `CodeID.skool`.

When a secondary disassembly named `CodeID` is defined, the following page and directory IDs become available for use in the `[Paths]`, `[Titles]`, `[PageHeaders]` and `[Links]` sections:

- `CodeID-Index` - the ID of the index page
- `CodeID-Asm-*` - the IDs of the disassembly pages (* is one of bcgstuw, depending on the entry type)

- `CodeID-CodePath` - the ID of the directory in which the disassembly pages are written
- `CodeID-AsmSinglePage` - the ID of the disassembly page (when a single-page template is specified by the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the [\[Game\]](#) section)

By default, the index page is written to `CodeID/CodeID.html`, and the disassembly pages are written in a directory named `CodeID`; if a single-page template is used, the disassembly page is written to `CodeID/asm.html`.

Note that the index page is a memory map page, and as such can be configured by creating a [\[MemoryMap:*\)](#) section (`MemoryMap:CodeID-Index`) for it.

Version	Changes
5.0	Made the <code>Source</code> parameter optional
2.0	New

8.6.10 [Page:*)

A `Page:*)` section either declares a page that already exists, or defines a custom page in the HTML disassembly. The section name takes the form:

[Page:PageID]

where `PageID` is a unique ID for the page. The unique ID may be used in an [\[Index:*\)*\)](#) section to create a link to the page in the disassembly index.

A `Page:*)` section contains parameters in the form:

name=value

Recognised parameters are:

- `Content` - the path (directory and filename) of a page that already exists; when this parameter is supplied, no others are required
- `JavaScript` - the base name of the JavaScript file to use in addition to any declared by the `JavaScript` parameter in the [\[Game\]](#) section (default: `None`); multiple JavaScript files can be declared by separating their names with semicolons
- `PageContent` - the HTML source of the body of the page; the [#INCLUDE](#) macro may be used here to include the contents of a separate ref file section
- `SectionPrefix` - the prefix of the names of the ref file sections from which to build the entries on a [box page](#)
- `SectionType` - how to parse and render [box page](#) entry sections (when `SectionPrefix` is defined): as single-line list items with indentation (`ListItems`), as multi-line list items prefixed by ‘-’ (`BulletPoints`), or as paragraphs (the default)

Every parameter in this section may contain [skool macros](#).

Note that the `Content`, `SectionPrefix` and `PageContent` parameters are mutually exclusive (and that is their order of precedence); one of them must be present.

By default, the custom page is written to a file named `PageID.html` in the root directory of the disassembly; to change this, add a line to the [\[Paths\]](#) section. The title, page header and link text for the custom page default to ‘`PageID`’, but can be overridden in the [\[Titles\]](#), [\[PageHeaders\]](#) and [\[Links\]](#) sections.

Every custom page is built using the [HTML template](#) whose name matches the page ID, if one exists; otherwise, either the [Reference](#) template is used (when `SectionPrefix` is defined), or the [Page](#) template is used.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.0	Added support for <code>SectionType=BulletPoints</code> ; every parameter (not just <code>PageContent</code>) may contain <i>skool macros</i>
5.4	Added the <code>SectionType</code> parameter
5.3	Added the <code>SectionPrefix</code> parameter
3.5	The <code>JavaScript</code> parameter specifies the JavaScript file(s) to use
2.1	New

8.6.11 [PageHeaders]

The `PageHeaders` section defines the header text for every page in the HTML disassembly. Each line has the form:

```
PageID=header
```

where:

- `PageID` is the ID of the page
- `header` is the header text

Recognised page IDs are:

- `Asm-b` - disassembly pages for 'b' blocks (default: 'Data')
- `Asm-c` - disassembly pages for 'c' blocks (default: 'Routines')
- `Asm-g` - disassembly pages for 'g' blocks (default: 'Game status buffer')
- `Asm-s` - disassembly pages for 's' blocks (default: 'Unused')
- `Asm-t` - disassembly pages for 't' blocks (default: 'Messages')
- `Asm-u` - disassembly pages for 'u' blocks (default: 'Unused')
- `Asm-w` - disassembly pages for 'w' blocks (default: 'Data')
- `AsmSinglePage` - the disassembly page (when a single-page template is specified by the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the *[Game]* section)
- `Bugs` - the 'Bugs' page
- `Changelog` - the 'Changelog' page
- `DataMap` - the 'Data' memory map page
- `Facts` - the 'Trivia' page
- `GameStatusBuffer` - the 'Game status buffer' page
- `Glossary` - the 'Glossary' page
- `GraphicGlitches` - the 'Graphic glitches' page
- `MemoryMap` - the 'Everything' memory map page
- `MessagesMap` - the 'Messages' memory map page
- `Pokes` - the 'Pokes' page
- `RoutinesMap` - the 'Routines' memory map page
- `UnusedMap` - the 'Unused addresses' memory map page

Every parameter in this section may contain *skool macros*.

The default header text for a page is the same as the title defined in the *[Titles]* section, except where indicated above.

The header text for a page defined by a *[MemoryMap:*)*, *[OtherCode:*)* or *[Page:*)* section also defaults to the title, but can be overridden in this section.

Note that the header of the disassembly index page (GameIndex) is not defined in this section; it is composed from the values of the TitlePrefix and TitleSuffix parameters in the *[Game]* section.

Version	Changes
6.0	The default header for Asm-t pages is 'Messages'; page headers may contain <i>skool macros</i>
5.3	Added the AsmSinglePage page ID
4.0	New

8.6.12 [Paths]

The Paths section defines the locations of the files and directories in the HTML disassembly. Each line has the form:

ID=path

where:

- ID is the ID of the file or directory
- path is the path of the file or directory relative to the root directory of the disassembly

Recognised file IDs and their default paths are:

- AsmSinglePage - the disassembly page (when a single-page template is specified by the AsmSinglePageTemplate parameter in the *[Game]* section; default: asm.html)
- Bugs - the 'Bugs' page (default: reference/bugs.html)
- Changelog - the 'Changelog' page (default: reference/changelog.html)
- CodeFiles - the format of the disassembly page filenames (default: {address}.html)
- DataMap - the 'Data' memory map page (default: maps/data.html)
- Facts - the 'Trivia' page (default: reference/facts.html)
- GameIndex - the home page (default: index.html)
- GameStatusBuffer - the 'Game status buffer' page (default: buffers/gbuffer.html)
- Glossary - the 'Glossary' page (default: reference/glossary.html)
- GraphicGlitches - the 'Graphic glitches' page (default: graphics/glitches.html)
- MemoryMap - the 'Everything' memory map page (default: maps/all.html)
- MessagesMap - the 'Messages' memory map page (default: maps/messages.html)
- Pokes - the 'Pokes' page (default: reference/pokes.html)
- RoutinesMap - the 'Routines' memory map page (default: maps/routines.html)
- UDGFilename - the format of the default filename for images created by the *#UDG* macro (default: udg{addr}_{attr}x{scale}); this is a standard Python format string that recognises the macro parameters addr, attr and scale
- UnusedMap - the 'Unused addresses' memory map page (default: maps/unused.html)

Recognised directory IDs and their default paths are:

- `CodePath` - the directory in which the disassembly pages are written (default: `asm`)
- `FontImagePath` - the directory in which font images (created by the `#FONT` macro) are placed (default: `{ImagePath}/font`)
- `FontPath` - the directory in which font files specified by the `Font` parameter in the `[Game]` section are placed (default: `.`)
- `ImagePath` - the base directory in which images are placed (default: `images`)
- `JavaScriptPath` - the directory in which JavaScript files specified by the `JavaScript` parameter in the `[Game]` section and `[Page:*)` sections are placed (default: `.`)
- `ScreenshotImagePath` - the directory in which screenshot images (created by the `#SCR` macro) are placed (default: `{ImagePath}/scr`)
- `StyleSheetPath` - the directory in which CSS files specified by the `StyleSheet` parameter in the `[Game]` section are placed (default: `.`)
- `UDGImagePath` - the directory in which UDG images (created by the `#UDG` or `#UDGARRAY` macro) are placed (default: `{ImagePath}/udgs`)

Every parameter in this section may contain *skool macros*.

The `CodeFiles` parameter contains a standard Python format string that specifies the format of a disassembly page filename based on the address of the routine or data block. The default format string is `{address}.html`, which produces decimal addresses (e.g. `65280.html`). To produce 4-digit, upper case hexadecimal addresses instead (e.g. `FF00.html`), change `CodeFiles` to `{address:04X}.html`. Or to produce 4-digit, upper case hexadecimal addresses if the `--hex` option is used with *skool2html.py*, and decimal addresses otherwise: `{address#IF({base}==16) (:04X)}.html`.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.3	Added the <code>ImagePath</code> directory ID and the ability to define one image path ID in terms of another
6.0	Paths may contain <i>skool macros</i> ; added the <code>UDGFilename</code> parameter (which used to live in the <code>[Game]</code> section)
5.3	Added the <code>AsmSinglePage</code> file ID
4.3	Added the <code>CodeFiles</code> file ID
3.1.1	Added the <code>FontPath</code> directory ID
2.5	Added the <code>UnusedMap</code> file ID
2.2.5	Added the <code>Changelog</code> file ID
2.1.1	Added the <code>CodePath</code> directory ID
2.0.5	Added the <code>FontImagePath</code> directory ID
2.0	New

8.6.13 [Resources]

The `Resources` section lists files that will be copied into the disassembly build directory when *skool2html.py* is run. Each line has the form:

```
fname=destDir
```

where:

- `fname` is the name of the file to copy

- `destDir` is the destination directory, relative to the root directory of the disassembly; the directory will be created if it doesn't already exist

The files to be copied must be present in *skool2html.py*'s search path in order for it to find them. To see the search path, run:

```
$ skool2html.py -s
```

`fname` may contain the special wildcard characters `*`, `?` and `[]`, which are expanded as follows:

- `*` - matches any number of characters
- `?` - matches any single character
- `[seq]` - matches any character in `seq`; `seq` may be a simple sequence of characters (e.g. `abcde`) or a range (e.g. `a-e`)
- `[!seq]` - matches any character not in `seq`

If your disassembly requires pre-built images or other resources that SkoolKit does not build, listing them in this section ensures that they will be copied into place whenever the disassembly is built.

Version	Changes
6.3	Added support for pathname pattern expansion using wildcard characters
3.6	New

8.6.14 [Template:*)

Each `Template:*` section defines a template used to build an HTML page (or part of one).

To see the contents of the default templates, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:
```

For more information, see *HTML templates*.

Version	Changes
4.0	New

8.6.15 [Titles]

The `Titles` section defines the title (i.e. text used to compose the `<title>` element) for every page in the HTML disassembly. Each line has the form:

```
PageID=title
```

where:

- `PageID` is the ID of the page
- `title` is the page title

Recognised page IDs and their default titles are:

- `Asm-b` - disassembly pages for 'b' blocks (default: 'Data at')
- `Asm-c` - disassembly pages for 'c' blocks (default: 'Routine at')

- `Asm-g` - disassembly pages for ‘g’ blocks (default: ‘Game status buffer entry at’)
- `Asm-s` - disassembly pages for ‘s’ blocks (default: ‘Unused RAM at’)
- `Asm-t` - disassembly pages for ‘t’ blocks (default: ‘Text at’)
- `Asm-u` - disassembly pages for ‘u’ blocks (default: ‘Unused RAM at’)
- `Asm-w` - disassembly pages for ‘w’ blocks (default: ‘Data at’)
- `AsmSinglePage` - the disassembly page (when a single-page template is specified by the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the `[Game]` section; default: ‘Disassembly’)
- `Bugs` - the ‘Bugs’ page (default: ‘Bugs’)
- `Changelog` - the ‘Changelog’ page (default: ‘Changelog’)
- `DataMap` - the ‘Data’ memory map page (default: ‘Data’)
- `Facts` - the ‘Trivia’ page (default: ‘Trivia’)
- `GameIndex` - the disassembly index page (default: ‘Index’)
- `GameStatusBuffer` - the ‘Game status buffer’ page (default: ‘Game status buffer’)
- `Glossary` - the ‘Glossary’ page (default: ‘Glossary’)
- `GraphicGlitches` - the ‘Graphic glitches’ page (default: ‘Graphic glitches’)
- `MemoryMap` - the ‘Everything’ memory map page (default: ‘Memory map’)
- `MessagesMap` - the ‘Messages’ memory map page (default: ‘Messages’)
- `Pokes` - the ‘Pokes’ page (default: ‘Pokes’)
- `RoutinesMap` - the ‘Routines’ memory map page (default: ‘Routines’)
- `UnusedMap` - the ‘Unused addresses’ memory map page (default: ‘Unused addresses’)

Every parameter in this section may contain *skool macros*.

The title of a page defined by a `[MemoryMap:*)`, `[OtherCode:*)` or `[Page:*)` section defaults to the page ID, but can be overridden in this section.

Version	Changes
6.0	The default title for <code>Asm-t</code> pages is ‘Text at’; titles may contain <i>skool macros</i>
5.3	Added the <code>AsmSinglePage</code> page ID
4.0	Added the <code>Asm-*</code> page IDs
2.5	Added the <code>UnusedMap</code> page ID
2.2.5	Added the <code>Changelog</code> page ID
2.0.5	New

8.6.16 Box pages

A ‘box page’ is an HTML page that contains entries (blocks of arbitrary text) distinguished by alternating background colours, and a table of contents (links to each entry). It is defined by a `[Page:*)` section that contains a `SectionPrefix` parameter, which determines the prefix of the ref file sections from which the entries are built.

SkoolKit defines some box pages by default. Their names and the ref file sections that can be used to define their entries are as follows:

- `Bugs` - `[Bug:title]` or `[Bug:anchor:title]`
- `Changelog` - `[Changelog:title]` or `[Changelog:anchor:title]`

- Facts - [Fact:title] or [Fact:anchor:title]
- Glossary - [Glossary:title] or [Glossary:anchor:title]
- GraphicGlitches - [GraphicGlitch:title] or [GraphicGlitch:anchor:title]
- Pokes - [Poke:title] or [Poke:anchor:title]

To see the contents of the default *[Page:*)* sections, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Page:
```

If *anchor* is omitted from an entry section name, it defaults to the title converted to lower case with parentheses and whitespace characters replaced by underscores.

By default, a box page entry section is parsed as a sequence of paragraphs separated by blank lines. For example:

```
[Bug:anchor:title]
First paragraph.

Second paragraph.

...
```

However, if the *SectionType* parameter in the *[Page:*)* section is set to *ListItems*, each entry section is parsed as a sequence of single-line list items with indentation. For example:

```
[Changelog:title]
Intro text.

First top-level item.
    First subitem.
    Second subitem.
        First subsubitem.

Second top-level item.

...
```

The intro text and the first top-level item must be separated by a blank line. Lower-level items are created by using indentation, as shown. Blank lines between items are optional and are ignored. If the intro text is a single hyphen (-), it is not included in the final HTML rendering.

If your list items are long, you might prefer to set the *SectionType* parameter to *BulletPoints*; in that case, each entry section is parsed as a sequence of multi-line list items prefixed by '-'. For example:

```
[Changes:title]
Intro text.

- First top-level item,
  split over two lines.
- First subitem, also
  split over two lines.
- Second subitem, on one line this time.
  - First subsubitem,
    this time split
    over three lines.

- Second top-level item.

...
```

An entry section's `anchor`, `title` and contents may contain HTML markup and *skool macros*.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.0	Added support for parsing an entry section as a sequence of multi-line list items prefixed by ‘-’ (SectionType=BulletPoints); the <code>anchor</code> and <code>title</code> of an entry section name may contain <i>skool macros</i>
5.4	The <code>anchor</code> part of an entry section name is optional

8.6.17 Appending content

Content may be appended to an existing ref file section defined elsewhere by adding a ‘+’ suffix to the section name. For example, to add a line to the *[Game]* section:

```
[Game+]
AddressAnchor={address:04x}
```

8.6.18 Ref file comments

A comment may be added to a ref file by starting a line with a semicolon. For example:

```
; This is a comment
```

If a non-comment line in a ref file section needs to start with a semicolon, it can be escaped by doubling it:

```
[Glossary:term]
<code>
;; This is not a ref file comment
</code>
```

The content of this section will be rendered thus:

```
<code>
; This is not a ref file comment
</code>
```

8.6.19 Square brackets

If a ref file section needs to contain a line that looks like a section header (i.e. like *[SectionName]*), then to prevent that line from being parsed as a section header it can be escaped by doubling the opening square bracket:

```
[Glossary:term]
<code>
[[This is not a section header]
</code>
```

The content of this section will be rendered thus:

```
<code>
[This is not a section header]
</code>
```

In fact, any line that starts with two opening square brackets will be rendered with the first one removed.

8.7 ASM modes and directives

A skool file may contain directives that are processed during the parsing phase. Exactly how a directive is processed (and whether it is executed) depends on the ‘substitution mode’ and ‘bugfix mode’ in which the skool file is being parsed.

8.7.1 Substitution modes

There are three substitution modes: `@isub`, `@ssub`, and `@rsub`. These modes are described in the following subsections.

`@isub` mode

In `@isub` mode, `@isub` directives are executed, but `@ssub`, and `@rsub` directives are not. The main purpose of `@isub` mode is to make the minimum number of instruction substitutions necessary to produce an ASM file that assembles.

For example:

```
@isub=LD A, (32512)
25396 LD A, (m)
```

This `@isub` directive ensures that `LD A, (m)` is replaced by the valid instruction `LD A, (32512)` when rendering in ASM mode.

`@isub` mode is invoked by default when running *skool2asm.py*.

`@ssub` mode

In `@ssub` mode, `@isub` and `@ssub` directives are executed, but `@rsub` directives are not. The main purpose of `@ssub` mode is to replace LSBs, MSBs and full addresses in the operands of instructions with labels, to make the code amenable to some degree of relocation, but without actually removing or inserting any code.

For example:

```
@ssub=LD (27015+1), A
*27012 LD (27016), A ; Change the instruction below from SET 0,B to RES 0,B
                        ; or vice versa
27015 SET 0,B
```

This `@ssub` directive replaces `LD (27016), A` with `LD (27015+1), A`; the 27015 will be replaced by the label for that address before rendering. (27016 cannot be replaced by a label, since it is not the address of an instruction.)

`@ssub` mode is invoked by passing the `-s` option to *skool2asm.py*.

`@rsub` mode

In `@rsub` mode, `@isub`, `@ssub` and `@rsub` directives are executed. The main purpose of `@rsub` mode is to make code unconditionally relocatable, even if that requires the removal of existing code or the insertion of new code.

For example:

```

23997 LD HL,32766
@ssub=LD (HL),24002%256
24000 LD (HL),194
@rsub+begin
    INC L
    LD (HL),24002/256
@rsub+end
24002 XOR A

```

This `@rsub` block directive inserts two instructions that ensure that the address stored at 32766 will have the correct MSB as well as the correct LSB, regardless of where the code originally at 24002 now lives.

`@rsub` mode is invoked by passing the `-r` option to *skool2asm.py*. `@rsub` mode also implies *@ofix mode*.

8.7.2 Bugfix modes

There are three bugfix modes: `@ofix`, `@bfix` and `@rfix`. These modes are described in the following subsections.

`@ofix mode`

In `@ofix` mode, `@ofix` directives are executed, but `@bfix` and `@rfix` directives are not. The main purpose of `@ofix` mode is to fix instructions that have faulty operands.

For example:

```

@ofix-begin
27872 CALL 27633    ; This should be CALL 27634
@ofix+else
    CALL 27634
@ofix+end

```

These `@ofix` block directives fix the faulty operand of the `CALL` instruction.

`@ofix` mode is invoked by passing the `-f 1` option to *skool2asm.py*.

`@bfix mode`

In `@bfix` mode, `@ofix` and `@bfix` directives are executed, but `@rfix` directives are not. The main purpose of `@bfix` mode is to fix bugs by replacing instructions, but without changing the start address of any routines, routine entry points, or data blocks.

For example:

```

@bfix-begin
32205 JR Z,32232    ; This should be JR NZ,32232
@bfix+else
    JR NZ,32232    ;
@bfix+end

```

`@bfix` mode is invoked by passing the `-f 2` option to *skool2asm.py*.

@rfix mode

In @rfix mode, @ofix, @bfix and @rfix directives are executed. The purpose of @rfix mode is to fix bugs that cannot be fixed without moving code around (to make space for the fix).

For example:

```
28432 DEC HL
@rfix+begin
    LD A,H
    OR L
@rfix+end
28433 JP Z,29712
```

These @rfix block directives insert some instructions to fix the faulty check on whether HL holds 0.

@rfix mode is invoked by passing the -f 3 option to *skool2asm.py*. @rfix mode implies @rsub mode.

8.7.3 ASM directives

The ASM directives recognised by SkoolKit are described in the following subsections.

@assemble

The @assemble directive controls whether assembly language instructions, DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements, and @defb, @defs and @defw directives are converted into byte values for the purpose of populating the memory snapshot.

```
@assemble=H,A
```

H is an integer value that determines what is converted in HTML mode, and A is an integer value that determines what is converted in ASM mode:

- 0 - do not convert anything (this is the default in ASM mode)
- 1 - convert DEFB, DEFM, DEFS and DEFW statements and @defb, @defs and @defw directives only (this is the default in HTML mode)
- 2 - convert assembly language instructions as well

If H or A is blank or omitted, its value is left unchanged.

For example:

```
; The eight bytes of code in this routine are also used as UDG data.
; .
; #HTML(#UDG44919)
@assemble=2
c44919 LD DE,46572 ;
44922 CP 200 ;
44924 JP 45429 ;
@assemble=1
```

The @assemble=2 directive is required to define the bytes for addresses 44919-44926. If it were not present, the memory snapshot would contain zeroes at those addresses, and the image created by the #UDG macro would be blank.

Version	Changes
7.0	The accepted values are 0, 1 and 2 (previously -1, 0 and 1)
6.3	Added support for specifying what's converted in HTML mode and ASM mode separately, and for switching off conversion entirely
6.1	Added the ability to assemble instructions whose operands contain arithmetic expressions
5.0	New

@bfix

The @bfix directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@bfix mode*.

```
@bfix=[>][|][+][/] [LABEL:] [INSTRUCTION] [; comment]
```

or, when removing instructions:

```
@bfix=!addr1[-addr2]
```

- > - if this marker is present, INSTRUCTION is inserted before the current instruction instead of replacing it
- | - if this marker is present, INSTRUCTION overwrites any overlapping instructions instead of pushing them aside
- + - if this marker is present, INSTRUCTION is inserted after the current instruction instead of replacing it
- / - if this marker is present, any remaining comment lines are removed
- LABEL is the replacement label; if not given, any existing label is left unchanged
- INSTRUCTION is the replacement instruction; if not given, the existing instruction is left unchanged
- comment is the replacement comment; if not given, the existing comment is left unchanged
- addr1 is the address of the first instruction to remove
- addr2, if given, is the address of the last instruction to remove

For example:

```
@label=CMASK
@bfix=BMASK: AND B ; Apply the mask
29713 AND C ; This should be 'AND B'
```

This @bfix directive replaces the instruction AND C with AND B, replaces the label CMASK with BMASK, and also replaces the comment.

Comment continuation lines can be replaced, removed or added by using additional @bfix directives. For example, to replace both comment lines of an instruction that has two:

```
@bfix=AND B ; This directive replaces the first comment line
@bfix= ; and this directive replaces the second comment line
29713 AND C ; Both of these comment lines
; will be replaced
```

To add a second comment line to an instruction that has only one:

```
@bfix=AND B ; This directive replaces the first comment line
@bfix= ; and this directive adds a second comment line
29713 AND C ; This comment line will be replaced
```

To replace two comment lines with one:

```
@bfix=/AND B ; The '/' in this directive effectively terminates the comment
29713 AND C ; This comment line will be replaced
        ; and this one will be removed
```

A single instruction can be replaced with two or more by using the | (overwrite) marker. For example, to replace LD HL, 0 with LD L, 0 and LD H, L:

```
@bfix=|LD L, 0 ; Clear L
@bfix=|LD H, L ; Clear H
36671 LD HL, 0 ; Clear HL
```

Two or more instructions can also be replaced with a single instruction. For example, to replace XOR A and INC A with LD A, 1:

```
@bfix=|LD A, 1
49912 XOR A
49913 INC A
```

A sequence of instructions can be replaced by chaining @bfix directives. For example, to swap two XOR instructions:

```
@bfix=|XOR C
@bfix=|XOR B
51121 XOR B
51122 XOR C
```

This is equivalent to:

```
@bfix=XOR C
51121 XOR B
@bfix=XOR B
51122 XOR C
```

Note that when @bfix directives are chained like this, the second and subsequent directives replace instruction comments in their entirety, instead of line by line. For example:

```
@bfix=|LD A, D ; Set A=D
@bfix=|XOR B ; Flip the bits
51121 LD A, B ; Set A=B
51122 XOR C ; XOR the contents of the accumulator with the contents of the
        ; C register
```

replaces both comment lines of the instruction at 51122 with ‘Flip the bits’.

A sequence of instructions can be inserted before the current instruction by using the > marker. For example:

```
47191 EX DE, HL
; A mid-block comment.
@bfix=>LD (HL), C
@bfix=>INC HL
47192 LD (HL), B
```

This will insert LD (HL), C and INC HL between EX DE, HL and LD (HL), B. The mid-block comment that was above LD (HL), B will now be above LD (HL), C.

A sequence of instructions can be inserted after the current instruction (without first specifying a replacement for it) by using the + marker. For example:

```
@bfix=+LD (HL),C
@bfix=INC HL
    47191 EX DE,HL
; A mid-block comment.
    47192 LD (HL),B
```

This will insert `LD (HL),C` and `INC HL` between `EX DE,HL` and `LD (HL),B`. In this case, the mid-block comment above `LD (HL),B` will remain there.

The current instruction can be replaced and a sequence of instructions inserted after it by chaining `@bfix` directives. For example:

```
@bfix=LD (HL),B ; {Save B and C here
@bfix=INC HL    ;
@bfix=LD (HL),C ; }
    61125 LD (HL),A ; Save A here
    61126 RET
```

This will replace `LD (HL),A` with `LD (HL),B` and insert `INC HL` and `LD (HL),C` before the `RET` instruction.

An instruction can be removed by using the `!` notation. For example:

```
    51184 XOR A
@bfix=!51185
    51185 AND A ; This instruction is redundant
    51186 RET
```

This removes the redundant instruction at 51185.

An entire entry can be removed by specifying an address range that covers every instruction in the entry:

```
; Unused
@bfix=!40000-40001
c40000 NOP
    40001 RET
```

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the <code>+</code> marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment

@bfix block directives

The `@bfix` block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@bfix mode*.

The syntax for defining a block that will be inserted in `@bfix` mode (but left out otherwise) is:

```
@bfix+begin
...                ; Lines to be inserted
@bfix+end
```

The syntax for defining a block that will be removed in `@bfix` mode (but left in otherwise) is:

```
@bfix-begin
...           ; Lines to be removed
@bfix-end
```

Typically, though, it is desirable to define a block that will be removed in @bfix mode right next to the block that will be inserted in its place. That may be done thus:

```
@bfix-begin
...           ; Instructions to be removed
@bfix+else
...           ; Instructions to be inserted
@bfix+end
```

which is equivalent to:

```
@bfix-begin
...           ; Instructions to be removed
@bfix-end
@bfix+begin
...           ; Instructions to be inserted
@bfix+end
```

For example:

```
@bfix-begin
 32205 JR Z,32232    ; This should be JR NZ,32232
@bfix+else
      JR NZ,32232    ;
@bfix+end
```

@defb

The @defb directive inserts byte values into the memory snapshot at a given address.

```
@defb=address:value1[,value2...]
```

- address is the address
- value1, value2 etc. are the byte values (as might appear in a DEFB statement)

The sequence of comma-separated values may be followed by a semicolon (;) and arbitrary text, which will be ignored.

For example:

```
@defb=30000:5,"Hello" ; Welcome message
```

This will insert the value 5 followed by the ASCII codes of the characters in “Hello” into the memory snapshot at address 30000.

@defb directives are processed not only when *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py* is run, but also when *sna2skool.py* is run on a control file or skool file template; thus the @defb directive can be used to override the contents of the snapshot that is read by *sna2skool.py*.

Version	Changes
6.3	New

@defs

The @defs directive inserts a sequence of byte values into the memory snapshot at a given address.

```
@defs=address:length[,value]
```

- address is the address
- length is the length of the sequence
- value is the byte value (default: 0)

The directive may be followed by a semicolon (;) and arbitrary text, which will be ignored.

For example:

```
@defs=30000:5,$FF ; Five 255s
```

This will insert the value 255 into the memory snapshot at addresses 30000-30004.

@defs directives are processed not only when *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py* is run, but also when *sna2skool.py* is run on a control file or skool file template; thus the @defs directive can be used to override the contents of the snapshot that is read by *sna2skool.py*.

Version	Changes
6.3	New

@defw

The @defw directive inserts word values into the memory snapshot at a given address.

```
@defw=address:value1[,value2...]
```

- address is the address
- value1, value2 etc. are the word values (as might appear in a DEFW statement)

The sequence of comma-separated values may be followed by a semicolon (;) and arbitrary text, which will be ignored.

For example:

```
@defw=30000:32768,32775 ; Message addresses
```

This will insert the word values 32768 and 32775 into the memory snapshot at addresses 30000 and 30002.

@defw directives are processed not only when *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py* is run, but also when *sna2skool.py* is run on a control file or skool file template; thus the @defw directive can be used to override the contents of the snapshot that is read by *sna2skool.py*.

Version	Changes
6.3	New

@end

The @end directive may be used to indicate where to stop parsing the skool file for the purpose of generating ASM output. Everything after the @end directive is ignored by *skool2asm.py*.

See also [@start](#).

Version	Changes
2.2.2	New

@equ

The `@equ` directive defines an EQU directive that will appear in the ASM output.

```
@equ=label=value
```

- `label` is the label
- `value` is the value assigned to the label

For example:

```
@equ=ATTRS=22528
c32768 LD HL,22528
```

This will produce an EQU directive (`ATTRS EQU 22528`) in the ASM output, and replace the operand of the instruction at 32768 with a label: `LD HL,ATTRS`.

Version	Changes
5.4	New

@if

The `@if` directive conditionally processes other ASM directives based on the value of an arithmetic expression.

```
@if(expr) (true[,false])
```

- `expr` is the arithmetic expression
- `true` is processed when `expr` is true
- `false` (if given) is processed when `expr` is false

See [Numeric parameters](#) for details on the operators and replacement fields that may be used in the `expr` parameter.

For example:

```
@if({case}==1) (replace=#hl/hl,replace=#hl/HL)
```

would process `replace=#hl/hl` if in lower case mode, or `replace=#hl/HL` otherwise.

The `true` and `false` parameters may be supplied in the same way as they are for the `#IF` macro. See [String parameters](#) for more details.

Version	Changes
6.4	New

@ignoreua

The @ignoreua directive suppresses any warnings that would otherwise be reported concerning addresses not converted to labels in the comment that follows; the comment may be an entry title, an entry description, a register description section, a block start comment, a mid-block comment, a block end comment, or an instruction-level comment.

To apply the directive to an entry title:

```
@ignoreua
; Prepare data at 32768
c32768 LD A, (HL)
```

If the @ignoreua directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the entry title containing an address (32768) that has not been converted to a label.

To apply the directive to an entry description:

```
; Prepare data in page 128
;
@ignoreua
; This routine operates on the data at 32768.
c49152 LD A, (HL)
```

If the @ignoreua directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the entry description containing an address (32768) that has not been converted to a label.

To apply the directive to a register description section:

```
; Prepare data in page 128
;
; This routine operates on the data in page 128.
;
@ignoreua
; HL 32768
c49152 LD A, (HL)
```

If the @ignoreua directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the register description containing an address (32768) that has not been converted to a label.

To apply the directive to a block start comment:

```
; Prepare data in page 128
;
; This routine operates on the data in page 128.
;
; HL 128*256
;
@ignoreua
; First pick up the byte at 32768.
c49152 LD A, (HL)
```

If the @ignoreua directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the start comment containing an address (32768) that has not been converted to a label.

To apply the directive to a mid-block comment:

```
28913 LD L,A
@ignoreua
```

(continues on next page)

(continued from previous page)

```
; #REGhl now holds either 32522 or 32600.  
28914 LD B, (HL)
```

If the `@ignoreua` directive were not present, warnings would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the comment containing addresses (32522, 32600) that have not been converted to labels.

To apply the directive to a block end comment:

```
44159 JP 63152  
@ignoreua  
; This routine continues at 63152.
```

If the `@ignoreua` directive were not present, warnings would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the comment containing an address (63152) that has not been converted to a label.

To apply the directive to an instruction-level comment:

```
@ignoreua  
60159 LD C,A          ; #REGbc now holds 62818
```

If the `@ignoreua` directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the rendering phase) about the comment containing an address (62818) that has not been converted to a label.

Version	Changes
4.2	Added support for register description sections
2.4.1	Added support for entry titles, entry descriptions, mid-block comments and block end comments

@isub

The `@isub` directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@isub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix* directive.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the + marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment

@isub block directives

The `@isub` block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@isub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix block directives*.

@keep

The `@keep` directive prevents the substitution of labels for numeric values in the operand of the next instruction:

```
@keep[=val1[,val2...]]
```

- `val1`, `val2` etc. are the values to keep; if none are specified, all values are kept

In HTML mode, the `@keep` directive also prevents the operand from being hyperlinked.

For example:

```
@keep
28328 LD BC,24576 ; #REGB=96, #REGC=0
```

If the `@keep` directive were not present, the operand (24576) of the `LD BC` instruction would be replaced with the label of the routine at 24576 (if there is a routine at that address); however, the operand is meant to be a pure data value, not a variable or routine address.

Ver- sion	Changes
6.2	Added the ability to specify the values to keep; the <code>@keep</code> directive is applied to instructions that have been replaced by an <code>@isub</code> , <code>@ssub</code> or <code>@rsub</code> directive

@label

The `@label` directive sets the label for the next instruction.

```
@label=LABEL
```

- LABEL is the label to apply

For example:

```
@label=ENDGAME
c24576 XOR A
```

This sets the label for the routine at 24576 to `ENDGAME`.

If LABEL is blank (`@label=`), the next instruction will have its entry point marker removed (if it has one), and be prevented from having a label automatically generated.

If LABEL starts with `*` (e.g. `@label=*LOOP`), the next instruction will be marked as an entry point (as if the instruction line in the skool file started with `*`), in addition to having its label set.

If LABEL is just `*` (`@label=*`), the next instruction will be marked as an entry point, and have a label automatically generated.

In addition to being processed when `skool2asm.py` or `skool2html.py` is run, `@label` directive values are checked by `sna2skool.py` while reading a control file. They can be used to prevent an entry point marker from being added to an instruction where it otherwise would be (`@label=`), or force one to be added where it otherwise wouldn't (`@label=*`).

Version	Changes
7.0	An entry point marker (<code>*</code>) can be added to or removed from the next instruction
6.3	LABEL may be blank (to prevent the next instruction from having a label automatically generated)

@nowarn

The `@nowarn` directive suppresses any warnings that would otherwise be reported for the next instruction concerning:

- a `LD` operand being replaced with a routine label (if the instruction has not been replaced using `@isub` or `@ssub`)

- an operand not being replaced with a label (because the operand address has no label)

For example:

```
@nowarn
25560 LD BC,25404 ; Point #REGbc at the routine at #R25404
```

If this `@nowarn` directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the parsing phase) about the operand (25404) being replaced with a routine label (which would be inappropriate if 25404 were intended to be a pure data value).

For another example:

```
@ofix-begin
@nowarn
27872 CALL 27633 ; This should be CALL #R27634
@ofix+else
CALL 27634 ;
@ofix+end
```

If this `@nowarn` directive were not present, a warning would be printed (during the parsing phase, if not in *@ofix mode*) about the operand (27633) not being replaced with a label (usually you would want the operand of a CALL instruction to be replaced with a label, but not in this case).

@ofix

The `@ofix` directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@ofix mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix* directive.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the + marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment

@ofix block directives

The `@ofix` block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@ofix mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix block directives*.

@org

The `@org` directive inserts an ORG assembler directive.

```
@org[=address]
```

- `address` is the ORG address; if not specified, it defaults to the address of the next instruction

Note that the `@org` directive works only on the first instruction in an entry.

Version	Changes
6.3	The <code>address</code> parameter is optional

@rem

The @rem directive may be used to make an illuminating comment about a nearby section or other ASM directive in a skool file. The directive is ignored by the parser.

```
@rem=COMMENT
```

- COMMENT is a suitably illuminating comment

For example:

```
@rem=The next section of data MUST start at 64000
@org=64000
```

Version	Changes
2.4	The = is required

@remote

The @remote directive creates a remote entry in a skool file. A remote entry enables JR, JP and CALL instructions to be hyperlinked to an entry defined in another skool file.

```
@remote=code:address[,address2...]
```

- code is the ID of the disassembly defined in the other skool file
- address is the address of the remote entry
- address2 etc. are addresses of other entry points in the remote entry

For example:

```
@remote=main:29012,29015
```

This directive, if it appeared in a secondary skool file, would enable references to the routine at 29012 and its entry point at 29015 in the main disassembly. It would also enable the [#R](#) macro to create a hyperlink to a remote entry point using the form:

```
#R29015@main
```

Version	Changes
6.3	New

@replace

The @replace directive replaces strings that match a regular expression in skool file annotations and ref file section names and contents.

```
@replace=/pattern/repl
```

or:

```
@replace=/pattern/repl/
```

- `pattern` is the regular expression
- `repl` is the replacement string

(If the second form is used, any text appearing after the terminating `/` is ignored.)

For example:

```
@replace=#copy/#CHR(169)
```

This `@replace` directive replaces all instances of `#copy` with `#CHR(169)`.

If `/` appears anywhere in `pattern` or `repl`, then an alternative separator should be used; for example:

```
@replace=|n/a|not applicable
```

As a convenience for dealing with decimal and hexadecimal numbers, wherever `\i` appears in `pattern`, it is replaced by a regular expression group that matches a decimal number or a hexadecimal number preceded by `$`. For example:

```
@replace=#udg\i,\i/#UDG(\1,#PEEK\2)
```

This `@replace` directive would replace `#udg$a001,40960` with `#UDG($a001,#PEEK40960)`.

Note that string replacements specified by `@replace` directives are made before skool macros are expanded, and in the order in which the directives appear in the skool file. For example, if we have:

```
@replace=#foo\i/#bar\1
@replace=#bar\i/#EVAL\1,16
```

then `#foo31` would be replaced by `#EVAL31,16`, but if these directives were reversed:

```
@replace=#bar\i/#EVAL\1,16
@replace=#foo\i/#bar\1
```

then `#foo31` would be replaced by `#bar31`.

See also *Defining macros with `@replace`*.

Version	Changes
6.0	Replaces strings in ref file section names
5.1	New

@rfix

The `@rfix` directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@rfix mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix* directive.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the <code>+</code> marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment
5.2	New

@rfix block directives

The @rfix block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@rfix mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix block directives*.

@rsub

The @rsub directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@rsub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@rfix* directive.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the + marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment

@rsub block directives

The @rsub block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@rsub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix block directives*.

@set

The @set directive sets a property on the ASM writer.

```
@set-name=value
```

- name is the property name
- value is the property value

@set directives must be placed somewhere after the *@start* directive, and before the *@end* directive (if there is one).

Recognised property names and their default values are:

- bullet - the bullet character(s) to use for list items specified in a *#LIST* macro (default: *)
- comment-width-min - the minimum width of the instruction comment field (default: 10)
- crlf - 1 to use CR+LF to terminate lines, or 0 to use the system default (default: 0)
- handle-unsupported-macros - how to handle an unsupported macro: 1 to expand it to an empty string, or 0 to exit with an error (default: 0)
- indent - the number of spaces by which to indent instructions (default: 2)
- instruction-width - the width of the instruction field (default: 23)
- label-colons - 1 to append a colon to labels, or 0 to leave labels unadorned (default: 1)
- line-width - the maximum width of each line (default: 79)
- tab - 1 to use a tab character to indent instructions, or 0 to use spaces (default: 0)

- `warnings` - 1 to print any warnings that are produced while writing ASM output (after parsing the skool file), or 0 to suppress them (default: 1)
- `wrap-column-width-min` - the minimum width of a wrappable table column (default: 10)

For example:

```
@set-bullet=+
```

This `@set` directive sets the bullet character to '+’.

Ver- sion	Changes
3.4	Added the <code>handle-unsupported-macros</code> and <code>wrap-column-width-min</code> properties
3.3.1	Added the <code>comment-width-min</code> , <code>indent</code> , <code>instruction-width</code> , <code>label-colons</code> , <code>line-width</code> and <code>warnings</code> properties
3.2	New

@ssub

The `@ssub` directive replaces, inserts or removes a label, instruction and comment in *@ssub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix* directive.

Ver- sion	Changes
7.1	Added support for the + marker (to insert an instruction after the current one)
7.0	Added support for specifying the replacement comment over multiple lines, replacing the label, and inserting, overwriting and removing instructions
6.4	Added support for replacing the comment

@ssub block directives

The `@ssub` block directives define a block of lines that will be inserted or removed in *@ssub mode*.

The syntax is equivalent to that for the *@bfix block directives*.

Version	Changes
4.4	New

@start

The `@start` directive indicates where to start parsing the skool file for the purpose of generating ASM output. Everything before the `@start` directive is ignored by *skool2asm.py*.

See also *@end*.

@writer

The `@writer` directive specifies the name of the Python class to use to generate ASM output. It must be placed somewhere after the *@start* directive, and before the *@end* directive (if there is one).

```
@writer=package.module.classname
```

or:

```
@writer=/path/to/moduledir:module.classname
```

The second of these forms may be used to specify a class in a module that is outside the module search path (e.g. a standalone module that is not part of an installed package).

The default ASM writer class is `skoolkit.skoolasm.AsmWriter`. For information on how to create your own Python class for generating ASM output, see the documentation on *extending SkoolKit*.

Version	Changes
3.3.1	Added support for specifying a module outside the module search path
3.1	New

8.8 ASM templates

Each line of output produced by *skool2asm.py* is built from a template. A template contains ‘replacement fields’ - identifiers enclosed by braces (`{` and `}`) - that are replaced by appropriate content (such as a label or register name) when the template is formatted.

The default templates can be overridden by custom templates read from a file by setting the `Templates` configuration parameter of *skool2asm.py*. To define a custom template, specify its name in square brackets on a line of its own, and follow it with the content of the template. For example:

```
[org]
.{org} {address}
```

8.8.1 comment

The `comment` template is used to format a line in an entry title, entry description, block start comment, mid-block comment, or block end comment.

```
; {text}
```

The following identifier is available:

- `text` - the text of the comment line

This template is also used to format lines between paragraphs in comments, with `text` set to an empty string.

8.8.2 equ

The `equ` template is used to format an EQU directive produced by *@equ*.

```
{label} {equ} {value}
```

The following identifiers are available:

- `equ` - ‘EQU’ or ‘equ’ (depending on the case)
- `label` - the label

- `value` - the value

8.8.3 instruction

The `instruction` template is used to format an instruction line or instruction comment continuation line.

```
{indent}{operation:{width}} {sep} {text}
```

The following identifiers are available:

- `indent` - the instruction indent (as defined by the `indent` property)
- `operation` - either the operation (e.g. `'XOR A'`), or an empty string (if formatting a comment continuation line)
- `sep` - the comment separator (`';` if there is a comment, an empty string otherwise)
- `text` - the text of the comment line
- `width` - the width of the instruction field (as defined by the `instruction-width` property)

The `indent` and `instruction-width` properties can be set by either the `@set` directive, or the `Set-indent` and `Set-instruction-width` configuration parameters of *skool2asm.py*.

8.8.4 label

The `label` template is used to format an instruction label.

```
{label}{suffix}
```

The following identifiers are available:

- `label` - the instruction label
- `suffix` - `':'` or an empty string (as defined by the `label-colons` property)

The `label-colons` property can be set by either the `@set` directive, or the `Set-label-colons` configuration parameter of *skool2asm.py*.

8.8.5 org

The `org` template is used to format an ORG directive produced by `@org`.

```
{indent}{org} {address}
```

The following identifiers are available:

- `address` - the ORG address (as a string)
- `indent` - the instruction indent (as defined by the `indent` property)
- `org` - `'ORG'` or `'org'` (depending on the case)

The `indent` property can be set by either the `@set` directive, or the `Set-indent` configuration parameter of *skool2asm.py*.

8.8.6 register

The `register` template is used to format lines in the register section of an entry header.

```
; {prefix:>{prefix_len}}{reg:{reg_len}} {text}
```

The following identifiers are available:

- `prefix` - the register prefix (e.g. 'In:' or 'O:'), or an empty string (if formatting a register description continuation line)
- `prefix_len` - the maximum length of all register prefixes in the register section
- `reg` - the register name (e.g. 'HL'), or an empty string (if formatting a register description continuation line)
- `reg_len` - the length of the register name
- `text` - the text of a line of the register description

8.9 HTML templates

Every page in an HTML disassembly is built from a single full-page template and several subtemplates defined by `[Template:*)` sections in the ref file.

A template may contain 'replacement fields' - identifiers enclosed by braces (`{` and `}`) - that are replaced by appropriate content (typically derived from the skool file or a ref file section) when the template is formatted. The following 'universal' identifiers are available in every template:

- `Game` - a dictionary of the parameters in the `[Game]` section
- `SkoolKit` - a dictionary of parameters relevant to the page currently being built

The parameters in the `SkoolKit` dictionary are:

- `index_href` - the relative path to the disassembly index page
- `page_header` - the page header text (as defined in the `[PageHeaders]` section)
- `page_id` - the page ID (e.g. `GameIndex`, `MemoryMap`)
- `path` - the page's filename, including the full path relative to the root of the disassembly
- `title` - the title of the page (as defined in the `[Titles]` section)

The parameters in a dictionary are accessed using the `[param]` notation; for example, wherever `{Game[Copyright]}` appears in a template, it is replaced by the value of the `Copyright` parameter in the `[Game]` section when the template is formatted.

In addition to the universal identifiers, the following page-level identifiers are available in every full-page template:

- `m_javascript` - replaced by any number of copies of the *javascript* subtemplate
- `m_stylesheet` - replaced by one or more copies of the *stylesheet* subtemplate
- `t_footer` - replaced by a copy of the *footer* subtemplate

Changed in version 6.4: Added `path` to the `SkoolKit` dictionary.

8.9.1 Asm

The Asm template is the full-page template that is used to build disassembly pages.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `disassembly` - replaced by sequences of copies of the *asm_instruction* subtemplate, punctuated by copies of the *asm_comment* subtemplate
- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the current memory map entry (see below)
- `next_entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the next memory map entry (see below)
- `prev_entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the previous memory map entry (see below)
- `registers_input` - replaced by any number of copies of the *asm_register* subtemplate
- `registers_output` - replaced by any number of copies of the *asm_register* subtemplate

The parameters in the `prev_entry`, `entry` and `next_entry` dictionaries are:

- `address` - the address of the entry (may be in decimal or hexadecimal format, depending on how it appears in the skool file, and the options passed to *skool2html.py*)
- `annotated` - '1' if any instructions in the entry have a non-empty comment field, '0' otherwise
- `byte` - the LSB of the entry address
- `description` - the entry description
- `exists` - '1' if the entry exists, '0' otherwise
- `href` - the relative path to the disassembly page for the entry (useful only for `prev_entry` and `next_entry`)
- `label` - the ASM label of the first instruction in the entry
- `labels` - '1' if any instructions in the entry have an ASM label, '0' otherwise
- `location` - the address of the entry as a decimal number
- `map_href` - the relative path to the entry on the 'Memory Map' page
- `page` - the MSB of the entry address
- `size` - the size of the entry in bytes
- `title` - the title of the entry
- `type` - the block type of the entry ('b', 'c', 'g', 's', 't', 'u' or 'w')

The entry dictionary also contains the following parameters:

- `input` - '1' if there are input register values defined, '0' otherwise
- `output` - '1' if there are output register values defined, '0' otherwise

To see the default Asm template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:Asm$
```

8.9.2 AsmAllInOne

The `AsmAllInOne` template is a full-page template that may be used to build a disassembly on a single page (by setting the `AsmSinglePageTemplate` parameter in the *[Game]* section).

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `m_asm_entry` - replaced by one or more copies of the *asm_entry* subtemplate

To see the default `AsmAllInOne` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:AsmAllInOne
```

New in version 5.3.

8.9.3 GameIndex

The `GameIndex` template is the full-page template that is used to build the disassembly index page.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `m_index_section` - replaced by any number of copies of the *index_section* subtemplate

To see the default `GameIndex` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:GameIndex
```

8.9.4 MemoryMap

The `MemoryMap` template is the full-page template that is used to build memory map pages and the ‘Game status buffer’ page.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `MemoryMap` - a dictionary of the parameters in the corresponding *[MemoryMap:*)* section
- `m_map_entry` - replaced by one or more copies of the *map_entry* subtemplate

To see the default `MemoryMap` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:MemoryMap
```

8.9.5 Page

The `Page` template is the full-page template that is used to build custom non-box pages defined by *[Page:*)* sections.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `content` - replaced by the value of the `PageContent` parameter in the corresponding *[Page:*)* section

To see the default `Page` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:Page
```

8.9.6 Reference

The `Reference` template is the full-page template that is used to build *box pages*.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal and page-level identifiers):

- `entries` - replaced by one or more copies of the *list_entry* subtemplate (when the page’s `SectionType` is `BulletPoints` or `ListItems`), or the *reference_entry* subtemplate

- `m_contents_list_item` - replaced by one or more copies of the *contents_list_item* subtemplate

To see the default Reference template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:Reference
```

8.9.7 anchor

The `anchor` template is the subtemplate used to format a page anchor (by default, a `` element with an `id` attribute).

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `anchor` - the value of the `id` attribute

To see the default `anchor` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:anchor
```

8.9.8 asm_comment

The `asm_comment` template is the subtemplate used by the *Asm* full-page template and the *asm_entry* subtemplate to format block start comments, mid-block comments and block end comments.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the current memory map entry (see *Asm*)
- `m_paragraph` - replaced by one or more copies of the *paragraph* subtemplate
- `t_anchor` - replaced by a copy of the *anchor* subtemplate (when formatting a block start comment or a mid-block comment), or by an empty string (when formatting a block end comment)

To see the default `asm_comment` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:asm_comment
```

8.9.9 asm_entry

The `asm_entry` template is the subtemplate used by the *AsmAllInOne* full-page template to format the disassembly of a memory map entry.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `disassembly` - replaced by sequences of copies of the *asm_instruction* subtemplate, punctuated by copies of the *asm_comment* subtemplate
- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the memory map entry; the parameters in this dictionary are the same as those in the `entry` dictionary in the *Asm* template
- `registers_input` - replaced by any number of copies of the *asm_register* subtemplate
- `registers_output` - replaced by any number of copies of the *asm_register* subtemplate

To see the default `asm_entry` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:asm_entry
```

New in version 5.3.

8.9.10 asm_instruction

The `asm_instruction` template is the subtemplate used by the *Asm* full-page template and the *asm_entry* subtemplate to format an instruction (including its label, address, operation and comment).

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `address` - the address of the instruction (may be in decimal or hexadecimal format, depending on how it appears in the skool file, and the options passed to *skool2html.py*)
- `annotated` - '1' if the instruction has a comment field, '0' otherwise
- `bytes` - the byte values of the assembled instruction (see below)
- `called` - '2' if the instruction is an entry point, '1' otherwise
- `comment` - the text of the instruction's comment field
- `comment_rowspan` - the number of instructions to which the comment field applies
- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the memory map entry that contains the instruction (see *Asm*)
- `label` - the instruction's ASM label
- `location` - the address of the instruction as a decimal number
- `operation` - the assembly language operation (e.g. 'LD A,B'), with operand hyperlinked if appropriate
- `show_bytes` - '1' if the entry contains at least one assembled instruction with byte values and the `Bytes` parameter in the *[Game]* section is not blank, '0' otherwise
- `t_anchor` - replaced by a copy of the *anchor* subtemplate

The `bytes` identifier can be used to render the byte values of an instruction. In its simplest form, it provides a format specification that is applied to each byte. For example:

```
{bytes:02X}
```

would produce the string 3E01 for the instruction 'LD A,1'.

To render the byte values as 0-padded decimal integers separated by commas, use the following syntax:

```
{bytes:/03/, }
```

This would produce the string 062,001 for the instruction 'LD A,1'. The delimiter used in this example (/) is arbitrary; it could be any character that doesn't appear in the byte format specification itself.

The default `asm_instruction` template uses the `Bytes` parameter in the *[Game]* section as the byte format specification:

```
<td class="bytes-{{show_bytes}}">{{bytes:{{Game[Bytes]}}}}</td>
```

If you define a custom template that replaces `{{Game[Bytes]}}` with a hard-coded byte format specification, it's a good idea to also replace the `{{show_bytes}}` field with 1, to ensure that the byte values are displayed.

Note that byte values are available only for regular assembly language instructions (not DEFB, DEFM, DEFS or DEFW statements), and only if they have actually been assembled by using *@assemble=2*. When no byte values are available, or the format specification is blank, the `bytes` identifier produces an empty string.

To see the default `asm_instruction` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:asm_instruction
```

Changed in version 7.2: Added the `bytes` and `show_bytes` identifiers, and a table cell for displaying assembled instruction byte values.

Changed in version 6.3: Added the `location` identifier.

8.9.11 `asm_register`

The `asm_register` template is the subtemplate used by the *Asm* full-page template and the *asm_entry* subtemplate to format each row in a table of input register values or output register values.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `description` - the register's description (as it appears in the register section for the current entry in the skool file)
- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the current memory map entry (see *Asm*)
- `name` - the register's name (e.g. 'HL')

To see the default `asm_register` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:asm_register
```

8.9.12 `contents_list_item`

The `contents_list_item` template is the subtemplate used by the *Reference* full-page template to format each item in the contents list on a *box page*.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `href` - the URL to the entry on the page
- `title` - the entry title

To see the default `contents_list_item` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:contents_list_item
```

8.9.13 `footer`

The `footer` template is the subtemplate used by the full-page templates to format the `<footer>` element of a page.

When this template is part of a disassembly page, the following additional identifier is available:

- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the current memory map entry (see *Asm*)

To see the default `footer` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:footer
```

Changed in version 6.4: The `entry` identifier is available when the template is part of a disassembly page.

New in version 5.0.

8.9.14 img

The `img` template is the subtemplate used to format `` elements.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `alt` - the 'alt' text for the image
- `src` - the relative path to the image file

To see the default `img` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:img
```

8.9.15 index_section

The `index_section` template is the subtemplate used by the *GameIndex* full-page template to format each group of links on the disassembly index page.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `header` - the header text for the group of links (as defined in the name of the *[Index:*:*)* section)
- `m_index_section_item` - replaced by one or more copies of the *index_section_item* subtemplate

To see the default `index_section` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:index_section$
```

8.9.16 index_section_item

The `index_section_item` template is the subtemplate used by the *index_section* subtemplate to format each link in a link group on the disassembly index page.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `href` - the relative path to the page being linked to
- `link_text` - the link text for the page (as defined in the *[Links]* section)
- `other_text` - the supplementary text displayed alongside the link (as defined in the *[Links]* section)

To see the default `index_section_item` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:index_section_item
```

8.9.17 javascript

The `javascript` template is the subtemplate used by the full-page templates to format each `<script>` element in the head of a page.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `src` - the relative path to the JavaScript file

To see the default `javascript` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:javascript
```

8.9.18 link

The `link` template is the subtemplate used to format the hyperlinks created by the `#LINK` and `#R` macros, and the hyperlinks in instruction operands on disassembly pages.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `href` - the relative path to the page being linked to
- `link_text` - the link text for the page

To see the default `link` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:link
```

8.9.19 list

The `list` template is used by the `#LIST` macro to format a list.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `class` - the CSS class name for the list
- `m_list_item` - replaced by any number of copies of the `list_item` subtemplate

To see the default `list` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:list$
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.20 list_entry

The `list_entry` is the subtemplate used by the *Reference* full-page template to format each entry on a *box page* whose `SectionType` is `BulletPoints` or `ListItems`.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `description` - the entry intro text
- `num` - '1' or '2', depending on the order of the entry on the page
- `t_anchor` - replaced by a copy of the `anchor` subtemplate (with the entry title as the anchor name)
- `t_list_items` - replaced by a copy of the `list_items` subtemplate
- `title` - the entry title

To see the default `list_entry` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:list_entry
```

Changed in version 6.0: The name of this template changed from `changelog_entry` to `list_entry`; accordingly, the name of the `t_changelog_item_list` identifier changed to `t_list_items`.

8.9.21 list_item

The `list_item` template is the subtemplate used by the `list` template and the `list_items` subtemplate to format each item in the list.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `item` - replaced by the text of the list item

To see the default `list_item` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:list_item$
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.22 list_items

The `list_items` template is the subtemplate used by the `list_entry` subtemplate to format a list of items in an entry on a *box page* whose `SectionType` is `BulletPoints` or `ListItems`, and also by the `list_item` subtemplate to format a list of subitems or subsubitems etc.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `indent` - the indentation level of the item list: '' (blank string) for the list of top-level items, '1' for a list of subitems, '2' for a list of subsubitems etc.
- `m_list_item` - replaced by one or more copies of the `list_item` subtemplate

To see the default `list_items` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:list_items
```

Changed in version 6.0: The name of this template changed from `changelog_item_list` to `list_items`; accordingly, the name of the `m_changelog_item` identifier changed to `m_list_item`.

8.9.23 map_entry

The `map_entry` template is the subtemplate used by the *MemoryMap* full-page template to format each entry on the memory map pages and the 'Game status buffer' page.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `MemoryMap` - a dictionary of parameters from the corresponding *[MemoryMap:*)* section
- `entry` - a dictionary of parameters corresponding to the current memory map entry

The parameters in the `entry` dictionary are:

- `address` - the address of the entry (may be in decimal or hexadecimal format, depending on how it appears in the skool file, and the options passed to *skool2html.py*)
- `byte` - the LSB of the entry address
- `description` - the entry description
- `exists` - '1'
- `href` - the relative path to the disassembly page for the entry
- `label` - the ASM label of the first instruction in the entry
- `labels` - '1' if any instructions in the entry have an ASM label, '0' otherwise

- `location` - the address of the entry as a decimal number
- `page` - the MSB of the entry address
- `size` - the size of the entry in bytes
- `title` - the title of the entry
- `type` - the block type of the entry ('b', 'c', 'g', 's', 't', 'u' or 'w')

To see the default `map_entry` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:map_entry
```

Changed in version 7.0: The entry title is hyperlinked to the disassembly page for the corresponding entry.

8.9.24 paragraph

The `paragraph` template is the subtemplate used to format each paragraph in the following items:

- memory map entry descriptions (on disassembly pages and memory map pages)
- block start comments, mid-block comments and block end comments on disassembly pages
- entries on a *box page*

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `paragraph` - the text of the paragraph

To see the default `paragraph` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:paragraph
```

8.9.25 reference_entry

The `reference_entry` template is the subtemplate used by the *Reference* full-page template to format each entry on a *box page* that has a default `SectionType`.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `contents` - replaced by the pre-formatted contents of the relevant entry
- `num` - '1' or '2', depending on the order of the entry on the page
- `title` - the entry title

To see the default `reference_entry` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:reference_entry
```

8.9.26 reg

The `reg` template is the subtemplate used by the *#REG* macro to format a register name.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `reg` - the register name (e.g. 'HL')

To see the default `reg` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:reg
```

8.9.27 stylesheet

The `stylesheet` template is the subtemplate used by the full-page templates to format each `<link>` element for a CSS file in the head of a page.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `href` - the relative path to the CSS file

To see the default `stylesheet` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:stylesheet
```

8.9.28 table

The `table` template is used by the `#TABLE` macro to format a table.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `class` - the CSS class name for the table
- `m_table_row` - replaced by any number of copies of the `table_row` subtemplate

To see the default `table` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:table$
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.29 table_cell

The `table_cell` template is the subtemplate used by the `table_row` template to format each non-header cell in the table row.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `class` - the CSS class name for the cell
- `colspan` - the number of columns spanned by the cell
- `contents` - the contents of the cell
- `rowspan` - the number of rows spanned by the cell

To see the default `table_cell` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:table_cell
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.30 table_header_cell

The `table_header_cell` template is the subtemplate used by the `table_row` template to format each header cell in the table row.

The following identifiers are available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `colspan` - the number of columns spanned by the cell
- `contents` - the contents of the cell
- `rowspan` - the number of rows spanned by the cell

To see the default `table_header_cell` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:table_header_cell
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.31 table_row

The `table_row` template is the subtemplate used by the `table` template to format each row in the table.

The following identifier is available (in addition to the universal identifiers):

- `cells` - replaced by one or more copies of the `table_cell` or `table_header_cell` subtemplate

To see the default `table_row` template, run the following command:

```
$ skool2html.py -r Template:table_row
```

New in version 4.2.

8.9.32 Page-specific templates

When SkoolKit builds an HTML page, it uses the template whose name matches the page ID (PageID) if it exists, or one of the stock page-level templates otherwise. For example, when building the `RoutinesMap` memory map page, SkoolKit uses the `RoutinesMap` template if it exists, or the stock *MemoryMap* template otherwise.

Page type	Preferred template(s)	Stock template
Home (index)	<code>GameIndex</code>	<i>GameIndex</i>
<i>Other code</i> index	<code>CodeID-Index</code>	<i>MemoryMap</i>
Routine/data block	<code>[CodeID-]Asm[-*]</code>	<i>Asm</i>
Disassembly (single page)	<code>[CodeID-]AsmSinglePage</code>	<i>AsmAllInOne</i>
<i>Memory map</i>	<code>PageID</code>	<i>MemoryMap</i>
<i>Box page</i>	<code>PageID</code>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>Custom page</i> (non-box)	<code>PageID</code>	<i>Page</i>

When SkoolKit builds an element of an HTML page whose format is defined by a subtemplate, it uses the subtemplate whose name starts with `PageID-` if it exists, or one of the stock subtemplates otherwise. For example, when building the footer of the `Changelog` page, SkoolKit uses the `Changelog-footer` template if it exists, or the stock *footer* template otherwise.

Element type	Preferred template(s)	Stock subtemplate
Registers table	[CodeID-]Asm[-*]-asm_register	<i>asm_register</i>
Routine/data block comment	[CodeID-]Asm[-*]-asm_comment	<i>asm_comment</i>
Instruction	[CodeID-]Asm[-*]-asm_instruction	<i>asm_instruction</i>
Single-page disassembly routine/data block	[CodeID-]AsmSinglePage-asm_entry	<i>asm_entry</i>
<i>Box page</i> entry (paragraphs)	PageID-entry	<i>reference_entry</i>
<i>Box page</i> entry (list items)	PageID-entry	<i>list_entry</i>
<i>Box page</i> entry list	PageID-item_list	<i>list_items</i>
<i>Box page</i> entry list item	PageID-list_item	<i>list_item</i>
<i>Box page</i> contents list item	PageID-contents_list_item	<i>contents_list_item</i>
Paragraph on a routine/data block page, <i>box page</i> or <i>memory map</i> page	PageID-paragraph	<i>paragraph</i>
Entry on a <i>memory map</i> page	PageID-map_entry	<i>map_entry</i>
<link> element for a CSS file	PageID-stylesheet	<i>stylesheet</i>
<script> element	PageID-javascript	<i>javascript</i>
 element	PageID-img	<i>img</i>
Hyperlink	PageID-link	<i>link</i>
Page anchor	PageID-anchor	<i>anchor</i>
Page footer	PageID-footer	<i>footer</i>
Register name rendered by the <i>#REG</i> macro	PageID-reg	<i>reg</i>
List created by the <i>#LIST</i> macro	PageID-list	<i>list</i>
	PageID-list_item	<i>list_item</i>
Table created by the <i>#TABLE</i> macro	PageID-table	<i>table</i>
	PageID-table_row	<i>table_row</i>
	PageID-table_header_cell	<i>table_header_cell</i>
	PageID-table_cell	<i>table_cell</i>

Wherever Asm-* appears in the tables above, it means one of Asm-b, Asm-c, Asm-g, Asm-s, Asm-t, Asm-u or Asm-w, depending on the type of code or data block.

9.1 Extending SkoolKit

9.1.1 Extension modules

While creating a disassembly of a game, you may find that SkoolKit's suite of *skool macros* is inadequate for certain tasks. For example, the game might have large tile-based sprites that you want to create images of for the HTML disassembly, and composing long `#UDGARRAY` macros for them or defining a new sprite-building macro with the `@replace` directive (see *Defining macros with @replace*) would be too tedious or impractical. Or you might want to insert a timestamp somewhere in the ASM disassembly so that you (or others) can keep track of when your ASM files were written.

One way to solve these problems is to add custom methods that could be called by a `#CALL` macro. But where to add the methods? SkoolKit's core HTML writer and ASM writer classes are `skoolkit.skoolhtml.HtmlWriter` and `skoolkit.skoolasm.AsmWriter`, so you could add the methods to those classes. But a better way is to subclass `HtmlWriter` and `AsmWriter` in a separate extension module, and add the methods there; then that extension module can be easily used with different versions of SkoolKit, and shared with other people.

A minimal extension module would look like this:

```
from skoolkit.skoolhtml import HtmlWriter
from skoolkit.skoolasm import AsmWriter

class GameHtmlWriter(HtmlWriter):
    pass

class GameAsmWriter(AsmWriter):
    pass
```

The next step is to get SkoolKit to use the extension module for your game. First, place the extension module (let's call it *game.py*) in the *skoolkit* package directory; to locate this directory, run *skool2html.py* with the `-p` option:

```
$ skool2html.py -p
/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/skoolkit
```

(The package directory may be different on your system.) With *game.py* in place, add the following line to the *[Config]* section of your disassembly's ref file:

```
HtmlWriterClass=skoolkit.game.GameHtmlWriter
```

If you don't have a ref file yet, create one (ideally named *game.ref*, assuming the skool file is *game.skool*); if the ref file doesn't have a *[Config]* section yet, add one.

Now whenever *skool2html.py* is run on your skool file (or ref file), SkoolKit will use the *GameHtmlWriter* class instead of the core *HtmlWriter* class.

To get *skool2asm.py* to use *GameAsmWriter* instead of the core *AsmWriter* class when it's run on your skool file, add the following *@writer* ASM directive somewhere after the *@start* directive, and before the *@end* directive (if there is one):

```
@writer=skoolkit.game.GameAsmWriter
```

The *skoolkit* package directory is a reasonable place for an extension module, but it could be placed in another package, or somewhere else as a standalone module. For example, if you wanted to keep a standalone extension module named *game.py* in *~/skoolkit*, you should set the *HtmlWriterClass* parameter thus:

```
HtmlWriterClass=~/.skoolkit:game.GameHtmlWriter
```

and the *@writer* directive thus:

```
@writer=~/.skoolkit:game.GameAsmWriter
```

The HTML writer or ASM writer class can also be specified on the command line by using the *-W/--writer* option of *skool2html.py* or *skool2asm.py*. For example:

```
$ skool2html.py -W ~/.skoolkit:game.GameHtmlWriter game.skool
```

Specifying the writer class this way will override any *HtmlWriterClass* parameter in the ref file or *@writer* directive in the skool file.

Note that if the writer class is specified with a blank module path (e.g. *:game.GameHtmlWriter*), SkoolKit will search for the module in both the current working directory and the directory containing the skool file named on the command line.

9.1.2 #CALL methods

Implementing a method that can be called by a *#CALL* macro is done by adding the method to the *HtmlWriter* or *AsmWriter* subclass in the extension module.

One thing to be aware of when adding a *#CALL* method to a subclass of *HtmlWriter* is that the method must accept an extra parameter in addition to those passed from the *#CALL* macro itself: *cwd*. This parameter is set to the current working directory of the file from which the *#CALL* macro is executed, which may be useful if the method needs to provide a hyperlink to some other part of the disassembly (as in the case where an image is being created).

Let's say your sprite-image-creating method will accept two parameters (in addition to *cwd*): *sprite_id* (the sprite identifier) and *fname* (the image filename). The method (let's call it *sprite*) would look something like this:

```
from skoolkit.graphics import Frame
from skoolkit.skoolhtml import HtmlWriter

class GameHtmlWriter(HtmlWriter):
    def sprite(self, cwd, sprite_id, fname):
```

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```
udgs = self.build_sprite(sprite_id)
return self.handle_image(Frame(udgs), fname, cwd)
```

With this method (and an appropriate implementation of the *build_sprite* method) in place, it's possible to use a #CALL macro like this:

```
#UDGTABLE
{ #CALL:sprite(3,jumping) }
{ Sprite 3 (jumping) }
TABLE#
```

Adding a #CALL method to the AsmWriter subclass is equally simple. The timestamp-creating method (let's call it *timestamp*) would look something like this:

```
import time
from skoolkit.skoolasm import AsmWriter

class GameAsmWriter(AsmWriter):
    def timestamp(self):
        return time.strftime("%a %d %b %Y %H:%M:%S %Z")
```

With this method in place, it's possible to use a #CALL macro like this:

```
; This ASM file was generated on #CALL:timestamp()
```

Note that if the return value of a #CALL method contains skool macros, then they will be expanded.

9.1.3 Skool macros

Another way to add a custom method is to implement it as a skool macro. The main differences between a skool macro and a #CALL method are:

- a #CALL macro's parameters are automatically evaluated and passed to the #CALL method; a skool macro's parameters must be parsed and evaluated manually (typically by using one or more of the *macro-parsing utility functions*)
- every optional parameter in a skool macro can be assigned a default value if omitted; in a #CALL method, only the optional arguments at the end can be assigned default values if omitted, whereas any others are set to *None*
- numeric parameters in a #CALL macro are automatically converted to numbers before being passed to the #CALL method; no automatic conversion is done on the parameters of a skool macro

In summary: a #CALL method is generally simpler to implement than a skool macro, but skool macros are more flexible.

Implementing a skool macro is done by adding a method named *expand_macroname* to the HtmlWriter or AsmWriter subclass in the extension module. So, to implement a #SPRITE or #TIMESTAMP macro, we would add a method named *expand_sprite* or *expand_timestamp*.

A skool macro method must accept either two or three parameters, depending on whether it is implemented on a subclass of AsmWriter or HtmlWriter:

- *text* - the text that contains the skool macro
- *index* - the index of the character after the last character of the macro name (that is, where to start looking for the macro's parameters)

- `cwd` - the current working directory of the file from which the macro is being executed; this parameter must be supported by skool macro methods on an `HtmlWriter` subclass

A skool macro method must return a 2-tuple of the form `(end, string)`, where `end` is the index of the character after the last character of the macro's parameter string, and `string` is the HTML or text to which the macro will be expanded. Note that if `string` itself contains skool macros, then they will be expanded.

The `expand_sprite` method on `GameHtmlWriter` may therefore look something like this:

```
from skoolkit.graphics import Frame
from skoolkit.skoolhtml import HtmlWriter
from skoolkit.skoolmacro import parse_image_macro

class GameHtmlWriter(HtmlWriter):
    # #SPRITEid[{x,y,width,height}](fname)
    def expand_sprite(self, text, index, cwd):
        end, crop_rect, fname, frame, alt, (sprite_id,) = parse_image_macro(text,
        ↪index, names=['id'])
        udgs = self.build_sprite(sprite_id)
        frame = Frame(udgs, 2, 0, *crop_rect, name=frame)
        return end, self.handle_image(frame, fname, cwd, alt)
```

With this method (and an appropriate implementation of the `build_sprite` method) in place, the `#SPRITE` macro might be used like this:

```
#UDGTABLE
{ #SPRITE3(jumping) }
{ Sprite 3 (jumping) }
TABLE#
```

The `expand_timestamp` method on `GameAsmWriter` would look something like this:

```
import time
from skoolkit.skoolasm import AsmWriter

class GameAsmWriter(AsmWriter):
    def expand_timestamp(self, text, index):
        return index, time.strftime("%a %d %b %Y %H:%M:%S %Z")
```

9.1.4 Parsing skool macros

The `skoolkit.skoolmacro` module provides some utility functions that may be used to parse the parameters of a skool macro.

`skoolkit.skoolmacro.parse_ints(text, index=0, num=0, defaults=(), names=(), fields=None)`

Parse a sequence of comma-separated integer parameters, optionally enclosed in parentheses. If parentheses are used, the parameters may be expressed using arithmetic operators and skool macros. See [Numeric parameters](#) for more details.

Parameters

- **text** – The text to parse.
- **index** – The index at which to start parsing.
- **num** – The maximum number of parameters to parse; this is set to the number of elements in *names* if that list is not empty.
- **defaults** – The default values of the optional parameters.

- **names** – The names of the parameters; if not empty, keyword arguments are parsed. Parameter names are restricted to lower case letters (a-z).
- **fields** – A dictionary of replacement field names and values. The fields named in this dictionary are replaced by their values wherever they appear in the parameter string.

Returns

A list of the form `[end, value1, value2...]`, where:

- `end` is the index at which parsing terminated
- `value1, value2` etc. are the parameter values

Changed in version 6.0: Added the *fields* parameter.

Changed in version 5.1: Added support for parameters expressed using arithmetic operators and skool macros.

Changed in version 4.0: Added the *names* parameter and support for keyword arguments; *index* defaults to 0.

`skoolkit.skoolmacro.parse_strings(text, index=0, num=0, defaults=())`

Parse a sequence of comma-separated string parameters. The sequence must be enclosed in parentheses, square brackets or braces. If the sequence itself contains commas or unmatched brackets, then an alternative delimiter and separator may be used; see *String parameters* for more details.

Parameters

- **text** – The text to parse.
- **index** – The index at which to start parsing.
- **num** – The maximum number of parameters to parse; if 0, all parameters are parsed.
- **defaults** – The default values of the optional parameters.

Returns

A tuple of the form `(end, result)`, where:

- `end` is the index at which parsing terminated
- `result` is either the single parameter itself (when *num* is 1), or a list of the parameters

New in version 5.1.

`skoolkit.skoolmacro.parse_brackets(text, index=0, default=None, opening='(', closing=')')`

Parse a single string parameter enclosed either in parentheses or by an arbitrary pair of delimiters.

Parameters

- **text** – The text to parse.
- **index** – The index at which to start parsing.
- **default** – The default value if no string parameter is found.
- **opening** – The opening delimiter.
- **closing** – The closing delimiter.

Returns

A tuple of the form `(end, param)`, where:

- `end` is the index at which parsing terminated
- `param` is the string parameter (or *default* if none is found)

New in version 5.1.

`skoolkit.skoolmacro.parse_image_macro(text, index=0, defaults=(), names=(), fname=)`

Parse a string of the form:

```
[params][{x,y,width,height}][(fname[*frame][|alt])]
```

The parameter string `params` may contain comma-separated integer values, and may optionally be enclosed in parentheses. Parentheses are *required* if any parameter is expressed using arithmetic operations or skool macros.

Parameters

- **text** – The text to parse.
- **index** – The index at which to start parsing.
- **defaults** – The default values of the optional parameters.
- **names** – The names of the parameters.
- **fname** – The default base name of the image file.

Returns

A tuple of the form `(end, crop_rect, fname, frame, alt, values)`, where:

- `end` is the index at which parsing terminated
- `crop_rect` is `(x, y, width, height)`
- `fname` is the base name of the image file
- `frame` is the frame name (*None* if no frame is specified)
- `alt` is the alt text (*None* if no alt text is specified)
- `values` is a list of the parameter values

New in version 5.1.

9.1.5 Expanding skool macros

Both `AsmWriter` and `HtmlWriter` provide methods for expanding skool macros. These are useful for immediately expanding macros in a `#CALL` method or custom macro method.

`AsmWriter.expand(text)`

Return *text* with skool macros expanded.

`HtmlWriter.expand(text, cwd=None)`

Return *text* with skool macros expanded. *cwd* is the current working directory, which is required by macros that create images or hyperlinks.

Changed in version 5.1: The *cwd* parameter is optional.

9.1.6 Parsing ref files

`HtmlWriter` provides some convenience methods for extracting text and data from ref files. These methods are described below.

`HtmlWriter.get_section(section_name, paragraphs=False, lines=False, trim=True)`

Return the contents of a ref file section.

Parameters

- **section_name** – The section name.

- **paragraphs** – If *True*, return the contents as a list of paragraphs.
- **lines** – If *True*, return the contents (or each paragraph) as a list of lines; otherwise return the contents (or each paragraph) as a single string.
- **trim** – If *True*, remove leading whitespace from each line.

Changed in version 5.3: Added the *trim* parameter.

`HtmlWriter.get_sections(section_type, paragraphs=False, lines=False, trim=True)`

Return a list of 2-tuples of the form (suffix, contents) or 3-tuples of the form (infix, suffix, contents) derived from ref file sections whose names start with *section_type* followed by a colon. *suffix* is the part of the section name that follows either the first colon (when there is only one) or the second colon (when there is more than one); *infix* is the part of the section name between the first and second colons (when there is more than one).

Parameters

- **section_type** – The section name prefix.
- **paragraphs** – If *True*, return the contents of each section as a list of paragraphs.
- **lines** – If *True*, return the contents (or each paragraph) of each section as a list of lines; otherwise return the contents (or each paragraph) as a single string.
- **trim** – If *True*, remove leading whitespace from each line.

Changed in version 5.3: Added the *trim* parameter.

`HtmlWriter.get_dictionary(section_name)`

Return a dictionary built from the contents of a ref file section. Each line in the section should be of the form X=Y.

`HtmlWriter.get_dictionaries(section_type)`

Return a list of 2-tuples of the form (suffix, dict) derived from ref file sections whose names start with *section_type* followed by a colon. *suffix* is the part of the section name that follows the first colon, and *dict* is a dictionary built from the contents of that section; each line in the section should be of the form X=Y.

9.1.7 Formatting templates

`HtmlWriter` provides a method for formatting a template defined by a *[Template:*)* section.

`HtmlWriter.format_template(name, fields, default=None)`

Format a template with a set of replacement fields.

Parameters

- **name** – The name of the template.
- **fields** – A dictionary of replacement field names and values.
- **default** – The default template to use if the named template cannot be found. If *None*, use the 'PageID-name' template if that exists, or the named template otherwise.

Returns The formatted string.

New in version 4.0.

Note that there is typically no need to specify *default* when formatting a user-defined template:

```
self.format_template('custom', {'foo': 'bar'})
```

will format the `PageID-custom` template (where `PageID` is the ID of the current page) if it exists, or the `custom` template otherwise, in accordance with SkoolKit's rules for preferring *page-specific templates*.

9.1.8 Base and case

The *base* and *case* attributes on `AsmWriter` and `HtmlWriter` can be inspected to determine the mode in which *skool2asm.py* or *skool2html.py* is running.

The *base* attribute has one of the following values:

- 0 - default (neither `--decimal` nor `--hex`)
- 10 - decimal (`--decimal`)
- 16 - hexadecimal (`--hex`)

The *case* attribute has one of the following values:

- 0 - default (neither `--lower` nor `--upper`)
- 1 - lower case (`--lower`)
- 2 - upper case (`--upper`)

New in version 6.1.

9.1.9 Memory snapshots

The *snapshot* attribute on `HtmlWriter` and `AsmWriter` is a 65536-element list that represents the 64K of the Spectrum's memory; it is populated when the skool file is being parsed.

`HtmlWriter` also provides some methods for saving and restoring memory snapshots, which can be useful for temporarily changing graphic data or the contents of data tables. These methods are described below.

`HtmlWriter.push_snapshot (name=)`

Save a copy of the current memory snapshot for later retrieval (by *pop_snapshot()*).

Parameters *name* – An optional name for the snapshot.

`HtmlWriter.pop_snapshot ()`

Replace the current memory snapshot with the one most recently saved by *push_snapshot()*.

`HtmlWriter.get_snapshot_name ()`

Return the name of the current memory snapshot.

9.1.10 Graphics

If you are going to implement a custom image-creating `#CALL` method or skool macro, you will need to make use of the `skoolkit.graphics.Udg` and `skoolkit.graphics.Frame` classes.

The `Udg` class represents an 8x8 graphic (8 bytes) with a single attribute byte, and an optional mask.

class `skoolkit.graphics.Udg (attr, data, mask=None)`

Initialise the UDG.

Parameters

- **attr** – The attribute byte.
- **data** – The graphic data (sequence of 8 bytes).

- **mask** – The mask data (sequence of 8 bytes).

Changed in version 5.4: The `Udg` class moved from `skoolkit.skoolhtml` to `skoolkit.graphics`.

An `#INVERSE` macro that creates an inverse image of a UDG with scale 2 might be implemented like this:

```
from skoolkit.graphics import Frame, Udg
from skoolkit.skoolhtml import HtmlWriter
from skoolkit.skoolmacro import parse_ints

class GameHtmlWriter(HtmlWriter):
    # #INVERSEaddress,attr
    def expand_inverse(self, text, index, cwd):
        end, address, attr = parse_ints(text, index, 2)
        udg_data = [b ^ 255 for b in self.snapshot[address:address + 8]]
        frame = Frame([[Udg(attr, udg_data)], 2)
        fname = 'inverse{}_{}'.format(address, attr)
        return end, self.handle_image(frame, fname, cwd)
```

The `Udg` class provides two methods for manipulating an 8x8 graphic: *flip* and *rotate*.

`Udg.flip (flip=1)`

Flip the UDG.

Parameters **flip** – 1 to flip horizontally, 2 to flip vertically, or 3 to flip horizontally and vertically.

`Udg.rotate (rotate=1)`

Rotate the UDG 90 degrees clockwise.

Parameters **rotate** – The number of rotations to perform.

The `Frame` class represents a single frame of a still or animated image.

```
class skoolkit.graphics.Frame (udgs, scale=1, mask=0, x=0, y=0, width=None, height=None, delay=32, name="")
```

Create a frame of a still or animated image.

Parameters

- **udgs** – The two-dimensional array of tiles (instances of `Udg`) from which to build the frame, or a function that returns the array of tiles.
- **scale** – The scale of the frame.
- **mask** – The type of mask to apply to the tiles in the frame: 0 (no mask), 1 (OR-AND mask), or 2 (AND-OR mask).
- **x** – The x-coordinate of the top-left pixel to include in the frame.
- **y** – The y-coordinate of the top-left pixel to include in the frame.
- **width** – The width of the frame; if `None`, the maximum width (derived from `x` and the width of the array of tiles) is used.
- **height** – The height of the frame; if `None`, the maximum height (derived from `y` and the height of the array of tiles) is used.
- **delay** – The delay between this frame and the next in 1/100ths of a second.
- **name** – The name of this frame.

Changed in version 5.4: The `Frame` class moved from `skoolkit.skoolhtml` to `skoolkit.graphics`.

Changed in version 5.1: The `udgs` parameter can be a function that returns the array of tiles; added the `name` parameter.

Changed in version 4.0: The *mask* parameter specifies the type of mask to apply (see [Masks](#)).

New in version 3.6.

HtmlWriter and skoolkit.graphics provide the following image-related methods and functions.

HtmlWriter.**handle_image** (*frames*, *fname*='', *cwd*=None, *alt*=None, *path_id*='ImagePath')

Register a named frame for an image, and write an image file if required. If *fname* is blank, no image file will be created. If *fname* does not end with '.png' or '.gif', an appropriate suffix will be appended (depending on the default image format). If *fname* contains an image path ID replacement field, the corresponding parameter value from the [\[Paths\]](#) section will be substituted.

Parameters

- **frames** – A frame (instance of [Frame](#)) or list of frames from which to build the image.
- **fname** – The name of the image file.
- **cwd** – The current working directory (from which the relative path of the image file will be computed).
- **alt** – The alt text to use for the image.
- **path_id** – The ID of the target directory (as defined in the [\[Paths\]](#) section of the ref file). This is not used if *fname* starts with a '/' or contains an image path ID replacement field.

Returns The element, or an empty string if no image is created.

Changed in version 7.0: *path_id* defaults to ImagePath (previously UDGImagePath).

Changed in version 6.4: *frames* may be a single frame.

Changed in version 6.3: *fname* may contain an image path ID replacement field (e.g. {UDGImagePath}).

New in version 5.1.

HtmlWriter.**screenshot** (*x*=0, *y*=0, *w*=32, *h*=24, *df_addr*=16384, *af_addr*=22528)

Return a two-dimensional array of tiles (instances of [Udg](#)) built from the display file and attribute file of the current memory snapshot.

Parameters

- **x** – The x-coordinate of the top-left tile to include (0-31).
- **y** – The y-coordinate of the top-left tile to include (0-23).
- **w** – The width of the array (in tiles).
- **h** – The height of the array (in tiles).
- **df_addr** – The display file address to use.
- **af_addr** – The attribute file address to use.

skoolkit.graphics.**flip_udgs** (*udgs*, *flip*=1)

Flip a 2D array of UDGs (instances of [Udg](#)).

Parameters

- **udgs** – The array of UDGs.
- **flip** – 1 to flip horizontally, 2 to flip vertically, or 3 to flip horizontally and vertically.

skoolkit.graphics.**rotate_udgs** (*udgs*, *rotate*=1)

Rotate a 2D array of UDGs (instances of [Udg](#)) 90 degrees clockwise.

Parameters

- **udgs** – The array of UDGs.
- **rotate** – The number of rotations to perform.

9.1.11 HTML page initialisation

If you need to perform page-specific actions or customise the `SkoolKit` and `Game` parameter dictionaries that are used by the *HTML templates*, the place to do that is the `init_page()` method.

`HtmlWriter.init_page(skoolkkit, game)`

Perform page initialisation operations. This method is called after the `SkoolKit` and `Game` parameter dictionaries have been initialised, and provides those dictionaries as arguments for inspection and customisation before a page is formatted. By default the method does nothing, but subclasses may override it.

Parameters

- **skoolkkit** – The `SkoolKit` parameter dictionary.
- **game** – The `Game` parameter dictionary.

New in version 7.0.

9.1.12 Writer initialisation

If your `AsmWriter` or `HtmlWriter` subclass needs to perform some initialisation tasks, such as creating instance variables, or parsing ref file sections, the place to do that is the `init()` method.

`AsmWriter.init()`

Perform post-initialisation operations. This method is called after `__init__()` has completed. By default the method does nothing, but subclasses may override it.

New in version 6.1.

`HtmlWriter.init()`

Perform post-initialisation operations. This method is called after `__init__()` has completed. By default the method does nothing, but subclasses may override it.

For example:

```
from skoolkit.skoolhtml import HtmlWriter

class GameHtmlWriter(HtmlWriter):
    def init(self):
        # Get character names from the ref file
        self.characters = self.get_dictionary('Characters')
```


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