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# Preface

This document describes the features of the Pro\*COBOL precompiler that apply to the Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows Server 2003 operating systems.

This Preface contains these topics:

- [Intended Audience](#)
- [Documentation Accessibility](#)
- [Related Documents](#)
- [Conventions](#)

## Intended Audience

*Pro\*COBOL Getting Started* is intended for anyone who wants to use Pro\*COBOL who perform the following tasks:

- Embed SQL statements in a COBOL program
- Build Oracle database applications with Pro\*COBOL

To use this document, you need to:

- Know how to use a COBOL compiler in the Windows environment
- Be familiar with Windows commands such as deleting and copying files
- Understand the concepts of the search path, configuration files, and directory structure
- Be able to use a text editor to make changes to an ASCII text file

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For more information, see these Oracle resources:

- *Oracle Database Installation Guide for Windows*
- *Oracle Database Release Notes for Windows*
- *Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows*
- *Oracle Enterprise Manager Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Net Services Administrator's Guide*
- *Oracle Real Application Clusters Quick Start*
- *Oracle Database New Features*
- *Oracle Database Reference*
- *Oracle Database Error Messages*
- *Pro\*COBOL Programmer's Guide*

Many books in the documentation set use the sample schemas of the seed database, which is installed by default when you install Oracle. Refer to *Oracle Database Sample Schemas* for information on how these schemas were created and how you can use them yourself.

## Conventions

The following text conventions are used in this document:

Convention	Meaning
<b>boldface</b>	Boldface type indicates graphical user interface elements associated with an action, or terms defined in text or the glossary.
<i>italic</i>	Italic type indicates book titles, emphasis, or placeholder variables for which you supply particular values.
monospace	Monospace type indicates commands within a paragraph, URLs, code in examples, text that appears on the screen, or text that you enter.



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# What's New in Pro\*COBOL?

New features information from previous releases is also retained to help those users migrating to the current release.

The following sections describe the new features in Oracle Pro\*COBOL:

- [Oracle Database Release 9.2 New Features in Pro\\*COBOL](#)
- [Oracle9i Release 2 \(9.2\) New Features in Pro\\*COBOL](#)
- [Oracle9i Release 1 \(9.0.1\) New Features in Pro\\*COBOL](#)
- [Oracle9i Release 1 \(9.0.1\) Deprecated or Desupported Features in Pro\\*COBOL](#)

## Oracle Database Release 9.2 New Features in Pro\*COBOL

There is no new Windows-specific feature added in Pro\*COBOL for this release.

## Oracle9i Release 2 (9.2) New Features in Pro\*COBOL

There is no new Windows-specific feature added in Pro\*COBOL for this release.

## Oracle9i Release 1 (9.0.1) New Features in Pro\*COBOL

The Oracle9i Release 1 (9.0.1) feature described in this section highlights the support for Windows 2000.

This section contains these topics:

- [Using Oracle9i on Windows 2000](#)

Pro\*COBOL is now supported on Windows 2000. There are some differences between using Oracle9i on Windows 2000.

**See Also:** *Oracle Database Platform Guide for Windows*

## Oracle9i Release 1 (9.0.1) Deprecated or Desupported Features in Pro\*COBOL

As of this release of the Oracle database server, the Pro\*COBOL precompiler no longer supports the Fujitsu compiler.



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# Introducing Pro\*COBOL

This chapter describes the Oracle programmatic interface for the COBOL language running on Windows operating systems.

This chapter contains these topics:

- [What is Pro\\*COBOL?](#)
- [Supported Compilers](#)
- [Features](#)
- [Restrictions](#)
- [Directory Structure](#)

**See Also:** *Pro\*COBOL Programmer's Guide* for more information

## What is Pro\*COBOL?

To access an Oracle database, you use a high-level query language called Structured Query Language (SQL). You often use SQL through an interactive interface, such as SQL\*Plus.

Pro\*COBOL is a programming tool that enables you to embed SQL statements in a COBOL program. The Pro\*COBOL precompiler converts the SQL statements in the COBOL program into standard Oracle run-time library calls. The generated output file can then be compiled, linked, and run in the usual manner.

Use the Pro\*COBOL precompiler when rapid development and compatibility with other systems are your priorities.

## Supported Compilers

Pro\*COBOL supports the MERANT Micro Focus NetExpress version 3.1 for 32-bit Windows 2000.

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**Note:** Pro\*COBOL does not support Object Oriented COBOL (OOCOBOL) specifications.

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## Features

Pro\*COBOL supports the following:

- Oracle databases release 8.1.x and higher

- Embedded PL/SQL blocks
- Bundled database calls, which can provide better performance in client/server environments
- Full ANSI compliance for embedded SQL programming
- Calls to PL/SQL stored procedures

## Restrictions

Pro\*COBOL does not support the following:

- User exits
- Access to the Oracle Call Interface
- Oracle object types
- Graphical user interface
- 16-bit code generation

## Directory Structure

When you install Pro\*COBOL, Oracle Universal Installer creates a directory called `\precomp` in your `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME` directory.

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**Note:** The `\precomp` directory can contain files for other products, such as Pro\*C/C++.

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The `\precomp` directory contains the directories listed in [Table 1-1](#).

**Table 1-1 Directories**

Directory Name	Contents
<code>\admin</code>	Configuration files
<code>\demo\procob2</code>	Sample programs for Pro*COBOL release 9.2.0
<code>\demo\sql</code>	SQL scripts for sample programs
<code>\doc\procob2</code>	Readme files for Pro*COBOL 9.2.0
<code>\lib</code>	Library files
<code>\mesg</code>	Message files
<code>\public</code>	Header files

## Header Files

The `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\public` directory contains the Pro\*COBOL header files listed in [Table 1-2](#).

**Table 1-2 Header Files**

Header File	Description
<code>oraca.cob</code>	Contains the Oracle Communications Area (ORACA), which helps you to diagnose runtime errors and to monitor your program's use of various Oracle resources.

**Table 1–2 (Cont.) Header Files**

Header File	Description
oraca5.cob	ORACA5 is the COMP-5 version of ORACA.
sqlca.cob	Contains the SQL Communications Area (SQLCA), which helps you to diagnose runtime errors. The SQLCA is updated after every executable SQL statement.
sqlca5.cob	SQLCA5 is the COMP-5 version of SQLCA.
sqllda.cob	Contains the SQL Descriptor Area (SQLDA), which is a data structure required for programs that use dynamic SQL Method 4.
sqllda5.cob	This is the COMP-5 version of SQLDA.

## Library File

The `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib` directory contains the library file that you use when linking Pro\*COBOL applications. The library file is called `orasql9.lib`.

## Known Problems, Restrictions, and Workarounds

1. Although all Windows operating systems allow spaces in filenames and directory names, the Oracle Pro\*C/C++ and Oracle Pro\*COBOL precompilers will not precompile files that include spaces in the file name or directory name. For example, do not use the following formats:

- `proc iname=test one.pc`
- `proc iname=d:\dir1\second dir\sample1.pc`

2. Users running PROCOB application that are not linked using `/LITLINK` option and failing at runtime with the error,

```
Load error: file 'ORASQL8'
```

need to copy `orasql9.dll` to `orasql8.dll` in the same directory where `orasql9.dll` exists.



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## Building Pro\*COBOL Applications

This chapter provides an overview of building Oracle database applications with Pro\*COBOL Release 9.2 for Windows operating systems.

This chapter contains these topics:

- [Precompiling Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)
- [Compiling and Linking Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)
- [Sample Programs](#)

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**Note:** Build and execute Pro\*COBOL applications in a command prompt session with the default settings for the screen buffer size and the windows size. These settings ensure successful execution of the Pro\*COBOL applications.

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### Precompiling Pro\*COBOL Applications

This section describes the basics of precompiling a Pro\*COBOL application.

**See Also:** *Pro\*COBOL Programmer's Guide* for more information about Pro\*COBOL commands, precompiler options, and configuration files

### The Pro\*COBOL Commands

Use one of the following commands to precompile a file:

- For Pro\*COBOL Release 9.2, use:

```
procob filename
```

By default, if no extension is provided, Pro\*COBOL tries to open *filename.pco*. If the *ONAME* option is not specified, Pro\*COBOL generates a file named *filename.cbl*.

### Precompiler Options

Many useful options are available at precompile time. Included are options that allow you to determine how:

- Resources are used
- Errors are reported
- Input and output are formatted

- Cursors are managed

### Viewing the Available Options

To see a list of available options and their default values, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
C:\> procob
```

To see the option, defaults, and the restrictions (if any) on values, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
C:\> procob /?
```

### Configuration Files

Pro\*COBOL reads the configuration file for options before processing options supplied at the command line.

- For release 9.2.0, the configuration file is called `pcbcfg.cfg`. This file is located in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\admin` directory.

The configuration file has the following two options:

- `COMP-5= yes | no`
- `include=ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\public`

### COMP-5 Option

Check the following to determine whether you should change the value of `COMP-5`:

If you are using MERANT Micro Focus COBOL, `COMP-5` can be set to `yes` (`COMP-5=yes`) or `no` (`COMP-5=no`).

- If `COMP-5=yes`:
  - All `COMP` data items (if they are potential host variables) are converted to `COMP-5`.
  - All data items generated by the precompiler will be declared as `COMP-5`.
- If `COMP-5=no`:
  - The precompiler ignores `COMP-5` host variables.
  - Precompiled files generally do not run on Intel platforms.

For a workaround during the compilation stage, use the MERANT Micro Focus COBOL compiler directive:

```
MAKESYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This statement directs the compiler to treat `COMP` items as if they are `COMP-5` items.

### INCLUDE Option

The `INCLUDE` option enables the provided `.cob` files in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\public` directory to be included without an explicit `INCLUDE=` option at the command line.

## Embedding PL/SQL

If you are using embedded PL/SQL blocks, do the following:

1. Enter the `SQLCHECK` option and the `USERID` string to connect at the precompiling command line.



2. Specify the `SQLCHECK=FULL` option to check the syntax or semantics of embedded SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks.

**See Also:** *Pro\*COBOL Programmer's Guide* for an example of a command line string or review the PL/SQL MAKE file

## Compiling and Linking Pro\*COBOL Applications

This section describes how to compile and link Pro\*COBOL applications using the MERANT Micro Focus compiler.

### MERANT Micro Focus Compiler

You can build and execute a MERANT Micro Focus COBOL application in two ways:

- [How to Use the IDE](#) (using NetExpress only)
- [How to Use the Animator](#) (products other than NetExpress)
- [The COBOL and CBLINK Commands](#) (all products)
- [The COBSQL Command](#)

In each of these the COBSQL utility may be used with the following advantages:

- Pro\*COBOL is run by the MERANT Micro Focus compiler and does not need to be run as a separate step.
- Animation is done using the `.pco` source file rather than the `.cb1` file produced by Pro\*COBOL.
- The `MAKEYSYN` directive is provided automatically and need not be specified manually.

#### How to Use the IDE

A program generated by Pro\*COBOL can be compiled and executed from within the MERANT Micro Focus NetExpress IDE. Simply add the `.cb1` file generated by Pro\*COBOL to a Net Express project. To avoid potential inconsistencies when calling routines in the Oracle libraries the program should be compiled using the directive:

```
MAKEYSYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This directive can be specified in the build setting for the source file, the project settings or through a `$SET` line at the start of the source file. When you select **Rebuild** or **Rebuild All** the IDE generates an executable ready to Run or Animate.

#### How to Use the Animator

Programs can be compiled and executed from within the MERANT Micro Focus COBOL debugger, Animator V2.

To avoid potential inconsistencies when calling routines in the Oracle libraries, select the menu option Compiler Directives, and enter:

```
MAKEYSYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This step is required because MERANT Micro Focus COBOL stores binary numbers in Big Endian format. Oracle libraries expect binary numbers to be stored in Little Endian format (machine format).

## The COBOL and CBLINK Commands

COBOL and CBLINK can be used to build programs in two ways, depending on whether the Pro\*COBOL runtime is to be statically linked or accessed through a DLL at runtime.

For dynamic linking, the commands are:

```
COBOL sample1 /MAKESYN"COMP-5"="COMP";  
CBLINK sample1
```

For static linking, the commands are:

```
COBOL sample1 /LITLINK /MAKESYN"COMP-5"="COMP";  
CBLINK sample1 ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib\orasql9.lib
```

The previous commands produce `sample1.exe`, which can be executed like any other Windows 2000 program.

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**Note:** MERANT Micro Focus COBOL must be installed on the same system as Pro\*COBOL to successfully execute the file.

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## The COBSQL Command

COBSQL can be used to simplify preprocessing and debugging. To use COBSQL, specify the following directive to the COBOL compiler:

```
PREPROCESS(COBSQL) COBSQLTYPE=ORACLE8 ENDP
```

or the short form:

```
P(COBSQL) CSQLT=ORA8 ENDP
```

COBSQLTYPE should be set to ORACLE or ORA for versions of Pro\*COBOL prior to release 8.0. The directive may be set with a `$SET` line at the start of the source file, on the COBOL command line, in program build settings or project settings for NetExpress, or with SQL compiler directives settings for Animator. At compile time, COBSQL runs Pro\*COBOL as a background task and passes its output to the COBOL compiler together with additional information required to enable Animator to track execution using the `.pco` file rather than `.cbl` file.

When using COBSQL there is no need to deal directly with the `.cbl` file. Instead, add the `.pco` file to a NetExpress project, or open it with Animator.

## Sample Programs

Oracle provides sample programs to demonstrate the use of Pro\*COBOL with Oracle database features. See "[Sample Files](#)" on page 2-5 for a listing of these programs.

This section describes how to use the basic precompiling, compiling, and linking commands to build the sample programs. This section also describes the preparations required for running the Pro\*COBOL sample programs.

## Building the Demonstration Tables

To run the Pro\*COBOL sample programs, you must have a database account with the username `scott` and the password `tiger`. If this account does not exist on your database, create one before running the sample programs.

The `scott` account must contain the `emp` and `dept` tables. If the account does not contain these tables, use the `demobld.sql` script to create them.

To run the `demobld.sql` script:

1. Start SQL\*Plus.
2. Connect to the database as username `scott` with password `tiger`.
3. Run the `demobld.sql` script. For example:

```
SQL> @ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\sqlplus\demo\demobld.sql
```

## Building the Sample Programs

Pro\*COBOL supplies the `makeit.bat` file which is listed in the next section, for building a MERANT Micro Focus COBOL sample file:

For release 9.2.0, the batch files are located in `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2`.

To build the sample programs:

1. Run the batch files with any sample file. Do not include the file extension. For example:

```
C:\ORACLE\ORA90\PRECOMP\DEMO\PROCOB2> makeit sample1
```

2. Ensure that all paths and file names reflect the configuration of your system, if you encounter errors when building a sample program.

The commands to run the sample programs assume that the following are the current working directories:

- `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2` directory for release 9.2.0

You may need to modify the sample link script to reflect the configuration of your system. See "[Compiling and Linking Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)" on page 2-3 for more information.

### makeit.bat

The `makeit.bat` for release 9.2.0 contains the following:

```
procob iname=%1.pco ireclen=132
cobol %1 /anim /litlink makesyn "COMP-5" = "COMP";
cbllink %1 /M%1 ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib\orasql9.lib
```

## Sample Files

The Pro\*COBOL sample files listed in [Table 2-1, "Pro\\*COBOL Sample Programs"](#) are located in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2` (release 9.2.0) directory. The SQL scripts are located in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\sql` directory.

**Table 2-1 Pro\*COBOL Sample Programs**

Sample Program	Description
<code>sample1.pco</code>	Simple query
<code>sample2.pco</code>	Cursor operations

**Table 2-1 (Cont.) Pro\*COBOL Sample Programs**

<b>Sample Program</b>	<b>Description</b>
sample3.pco	Host tables
sample4.pco	Datatype equivalence
sample6.pco	Dynamic SQL Method 1
sample7.pco	Dynamic SQL Method 2
sample8.pco	Dynamic SQL Method 3
sample9.pco	Stored procedure call
calldemo.sql	Stored procedure call
sample10.pco	Dynamic SQL Method 4
sample11.pco	Cursor variable operations
sample11.sql	Cursor variable operations
sample12.pco	Dynamic SQL Method 4 using ANSI dynamic SQL
sample13.pco	Nested program
sampleco.pco	Simple query and insert
sample14.pco	Host table x (release 8.1.6 and on)
lobdemo1.pco	LOB datatypes (release 8.1.6 and on)
lobdemo1.sql	LOB datatypes (release 8.1.6 and on)

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## Pro\*COBOL for Windows

This chapter provides information for the Pro\*COBOL precompiler specific to the Windows 2000 operating system.

This chapter describes only the features of Oracle9i for Microsoft Windows (32-Bit) software that apply to the Windows 2000, and Windows XP operating systems. Information on Oracle9i Personal Edition software on Windows 98 is not covered in this chapter.

This chapter contains the following sections:

- [Introduction to Pro\\*COBOL for Windows](#)
- [Building Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)

### Introduction to Pro\*COBOL for Windows

This section describes the Oracle programmatic interface for the COBOL language running on Windows operating systems.

This section contains these topics:

- [Supported Compilers](#)
- [Features](#)
- [Restrictions](#)
- [Directory Structure](#)

### Supported Compilers

Pro\*COBOL supports the MERANT Micro Focus NetExpress version 3.1 for 32-bit Windows 2000.

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**Note:** Pro\*COBOL does not support Object Oriented COBOL (OOCOBOL) specifications.

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### Features

Pro\*COBOL for Windows supports the following:

- Oracle databases release 8.1.x and higher
- Embedded PL/SQL blocks
- Bundled database calls, which can provide better performance in client/server environments

- Full ANSI compliance for embedded SQL programming
- Calls to PL/SQL stored procedures

## Restrictions

Pro\*COBOL for Windows does not support the following:

- User exits
- Access to the Oracle Call Interface
- Oracle object types
- Graphical user interface
- 16-bit code generation

## Directory Structure

When you install Pro\*COBOL, Oracle Universal Installer creates a directory called `\precomp` in your `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME` directory.

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**Note:** The `\precomp` directory can contain files for other products, such as Pro\*C/C++.

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The `\precomp` directory contains the directories listed in [Table 3-1](#).

**Table 3-1** Directories

Directory Name	Contents
<code>\admin</code>	Configuration files
<code>\demo\procob2</code>	Sample programs for Pro*COBOL release 9.2.0
<code>\demo\sql</code>	SQL scripts for sample programs
<code>\doc\procob2</code>	Readme files for Pro*COBOL 9.2.0
<code>\lib</code>	Library files
<code>\mesg</code>	Message files
<code>\public</code>	Header files

### Header Files

The `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\public` directory contains the Pro\*COBOL header files listed in [Table 3-2](#).

**Table 3-2** Header Files

Header File	Description
<code>oraca.cob</code>	Contains the Oracle Communications Area (ORACA), which helps you to diagnose runtime errors and to monitor your program's use of various Oracle resources.
<code>oraca5.cob</code>	ORACA5 is the COMP-5 version of ORACA.
<code>sqlca.cob</code>	Contains the SQL Communications Area (SQLCA), which helps you to diagnose runtime errors. The SQLCA is updated after every executable SQL statement.

**Table 3–2 (Cont.) Header Files**

Header File	Description
sqlca5.cob	SQLCA5 is the COMP-5 version of SQLCA.
sqllda.cob	Contains the SQL Descriptor Area (SQLDA), which is a data structure required for programs that use dynamic SQL Method 4.
sqllda5.cob	This is the COMP-5 version of SQLDA.

### Library File

The `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib` directory contains the library file that you use when linking Pro\*COBOL applications. The library file is called `orasql9.lib`.

### Known Problems, Restrictions, and Workarounds

1. Although all Windows operating systems allow spaces in filenames and directory names, the Oracle Pro\*C/C++ and Oracle Pro\*COBOL precompilers will not precompile files that include spaces in the file name or directory name. For example, do not use the following formats:

- `proc iname=test one.pc`
- `proc iname=d:\dir1\second dir\sample1.pc`

2. Users running PROCOB application that are not linked using `/LITLINK` option and failing at runtime with the error,

```
Load error: file 'ORASQL8'
```

need to copy `orasql9.dll` to `orasql8.dll` in the same directory where `orasql9.dll` exists.

## Building Pro\*COBOL Applications

This section provides an overview of building Oracle database applications with Pro\*COBOL Release 9.2 for Windows operating systems.

This section contains these topics:

- [Precompiling Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)
- [Compiling and Linking Pro\\*COBOL Applications](#)
- [Sample Programs](#)

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**Note:** Build and execute Pro\*COBOL applications in a command prompt session with the default settings for the screen buffer size and the windows size. These settings ensure successful execution of the Pro\*COBOL applications.

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### Precompiling Pro\*COBOL Applications

This section describes the basics of precompiling a Pro\*COBOL application.

## The Pro\*COBOL Commands

Use one of the following commands to precompile a file:

- For Pro\*COBOL Release 9.2, use:

```
procob filename
```

By default, if no extension is provided, Pro\*COBOL tries to open *filename.pco*. If the *ONAME* option is not specified, Pro\*COBOL generates a file named *filename.cbl*.

## Precompiler Options

Many useful options are available at precompile time. Included are options that allow you to determine how:

- Resources are used
- Errors are reported
- Input and output are formatted
- Cursors are managed

## Viewing the Available Options

To see a list of available options and their default values, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
C:\> procob
```

To see the option, defaults, and the restrictions (if any) on values, enter the following at the command prompt:

```
C:\> procob /?
```

## Configuration Files

Pro\*COBOL reads the configuration file for options before processing options supplied at the command line.

- For release 9.2.0, the configuration file is called *pcbcfg.cfg*. This file is located in the *ORACLE\_BASE\ORACLE\_HOME\precomp\admin* directory.

The configuration file has the following two options:

- *COMP-5= yes | no*
- *include=ORACLE\_BASE\ORACLE\_HOME\precomp\public*

## COMP-5 Option

Check the following to determine whether you should change the value of *COMP-5*:

If you are using MERANT Micro Focus COBOL, *COMP-5* can be set to *yes* (*COMP-5=yes*) or *no* (*COMP-5=no*).

- If *COMP-5=yes*:
  - All *COMP* data items (if they are potential host variables) are converted to *COMP-5*.
  - All data items generated by the precompiler will be declared as *COMP-5*.
- If *COMP-5=no*:
  - The precompiler ignores *COMP-5* host variables.



- Precompiled files generally do not run on Intel platforms.

For a workaround during the compilation stage, use the MERANT Micro Focus COBOL compiler directive:

```
MAKESYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This statement directs the compiler to treat COMP items as if they are COMP-5 items.

### INCLUDE Option

The INCLUDE option enables the provided .cob files in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\public` directory to be included without an explicit INCLUDE= option at the command line.

### Embedding PL/SQL

If you are using embedded PL/SQL blocks, do the following:

1. Enter the SQLCHECK option and the USERID string to connect at the precompiling command line.
2. Specify the SQLCHECK=FULL option to check the syntax or semantics of embedded SQL statements and PL/SQL blocks.

**See Also:** *Pro\*COBOL Programmer's Guide* for an example of a command line string or review the PL/SQL MAKE file

## Compiling and Linking Pro\*COBOL Applications

This section describes how to compile and link Pro\*COBOL applications using the MERANT Micro Focus compiler.

### MERANT Micro Focus Compiler

You can build and execute a MERANT Micro Focus COBOL application in two ways:

- [How to Use the IDE](#) (using NetExpress only)
- [How to Use the Animator](#) (products other than NetExpress)
- [The COBOL and CBLINK Commands](#) (all products)
- [the COBSQL Command](#)

In each of these the COBSQL utility may be used with the following advantages:

- Pro\*COBOL is run by the MERANT Micro Focus compiler and does not need to be run as a separate step.
- Animation is done using the .pco source file rather than the .cb1 file produced by Pro\*COBOL.
- The MAKEYSYN directive is provided automatically and need not be specified manually.

### How to Use the IDE

A program generated by Pro\*COBOL can be compiled and executed from within the MERANT Micro Focus NetExpress IDE. Simply add the .cb1 file generated by Pro\*COBOL to a Net Express project. To avoid potential inconsistencies when calling routines in the Oracle libraries the program should be compiled using the directive:

```
MAKESYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This directive can be specified in the build setting for the source file, the project settings or through a `$SET` line at the start of the source file. When you select **Rebuild** or **Rebuild All** the IDE generates an executable ready to Run or Animate.

### How to Use the Animator

Programs can be compiled and executed from within the MERANT Micro Focus COBOL debugger, Animator V2.

To avoid potential inconsistencies when calling routines in the Oracle libraries, select the menu option Compiler Directives, and enter:

```
MAKESYN "COMP-5" = "COMP"
```

This step is required because MERANT Micro Focus COBOL stores binary numbers in Big Endian format. Oracle libraries expect binary numbers to be stored in Little Endian format (machine format).

### The COBOL and CBLINK Commands

COBOL and CBLINK can be used to build programs in two ways, depending on whether the Pro\*COBOL runtime is to be statically linked or accessed through a DLL at runtime.

For dynamic linking, the commands are:

```
COBOL sample1 /MAKESYN"COMP-5"="COMP";  
CBLINK sample1
```

For static linking, the commands are:

```
COBOL sample1 /LITLINK /MAKESYN"COMP-5"="COMP";  
CBLINK sample1 ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib\orasql9.lib
```

The previous commands produce `sample1.exe`, which can be executed like any other Windows 2000 program.

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**Note:** MERANT Micro Focus COBOL must be installed on the same system as Pro\*COBOL to successfully execute the file.

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### the COBSQL Command

COBSQL can be used to simplify preprocessing and debugging. To use COBSQL, specify the following directive to the COBOL compiler:

```
PREPROCESS (COBSQL) COBSQLTYPE=ORACLE8 ENDP
```

or the short form:

```
P(COBSQL) CSQLT=ORA8 ENDP
```

COBSQLTYPE should be set to ORACLE or ORA for versions of Pro\*COBOL prior to release 8.0. The directive may be set with a `$SET` line at the start of the source file, on the COBOL command line, in program build settings or project settings for NetExpress, or with SQL compiler directives settings for Animator. At compile time, COBSQL runs Pro\*COBOL as a background task and passes its output to the COBOL compiler together with additional information required to enable Animator to track execution using the `.pco` file rather than `.cbl` file.

When using COBSQL there is no need to deal directly with the `.cbl` file. Instead, add the `.pco` file to a NetExpress project, or open it with Animator.

## Sample Programs

Oracle provides sample programs to demonstrate the use of Pro\*COBOL with Oracle database features. See ["Sample Files"](#) on page 3-8 for a listing of these programs.

This section describes how to use the basic precompiling, compiling, and linking commands to build the sample programs. This section also describes the preparations required for running the Pro\*COBOL sample programs.

### Building the Demonstration Tables

To run the Pro\*COBOL sample programs, you must have a database account with the username `scott` and the password `tiger`. If this account does not exist on your database, create one before running the sample programs.

The `scott` account must contain the `emp` and `dept` tables. If the account does not contain these tables, use the `demobld.sql` script to create them.

To run the `demobld.sql` script:

1. Start SQL\*Plus.
2. Connect to the database as username `scott` with password `tiger`.
3. Run the `demobld.sql` script. For example:

```
SQL> @ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\sqlplus\demo\demobld.sql
```

### Building the Sample Programs

Pro\*COBOL supplies the `makeit.bat` file which is listed in the next section, for building a MERANT Micro Focus COBOL sample file:

For release 9.2.0, the batch files are located in `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2`.

To build the sample programs:

1. Run the batch files with any sample file. Do not include the file extension. For example:
- ```
C:\ORACLE\ORA90\PRECOMP\DEMO\PROC0B2> makeit sample1
```
2. Ensure that all paths and file names reflect the configuration of your system, if you encounter errors when building a sample program.

The commands to run the sample programs assume that the following are the current working directories:

- `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2` directory for release 9.2.0

You may need to modify the sample link script to reflect the configuration of your system. See ["Compiling and Linking Pro\\*COBOL Applications"](#) on page 3-5 for more information.

The `makeit.bat` for release 9.2.0 contains the following:

```
procob iname=%1.pco ireclen=132
cobol %1 /anim /litlink makesyn "COMP-5" = "COMP";
cbllink %1 /M%1 ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\lib\orasql9.lib
```

## Sample Files

The Pro\*COBOL sample files listed in [Table 3–3](#) are located in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\procob2` (release 9.2.0) directory. The SQL scripts are located in the `ORACLE_BASE\ORACLE_HOME\precomp\demo\sql` directory.

**Table 3–3 Pro\*COBOL Sample Programs**

| Sample Program | Description                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| sample1.pco    | Simple query                                |
| sample2.pco    | Cursor operations                           |
| sample3.pco    | Host tables                                 |
| sample4.pco    | Datatype equivalence                        |
| sample6.pco    | Dynamic SQL Method 1                        |
| sample7.pco    | Dynamic SQL Method 2                        |
| sample8.pco    | Dynamic SQL Method 3                        |
| sample9.pco    | Stored procedure call                       |
| calldemo.sql   | Stored procedure call                       |
| sample10.pco   | Dynamic SQL Method 4                        |
| sample11.pco   | Cursor variable operations                  |
| sample11.sql   | Cursor variable operations                  |
| sample12.pco   | Dynamic SQL Method 4 using ANSI dynamic SQL |
| sample13.pco   | Nested program                              |
| sampleco.pco   | Simple query and insert                     |
| sample14.pco   | Host table x (release 8.1.6 and on)         |
| lobdemo1.pco   | LOB datatypes (release 8.1.6 and on)        |
| lobdemo1.sql   | LOB datatypes (release 8.1.6 and on)        |

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