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### **Preface**

This preface introduces the ARM® Compiler v5.06 for µVision® fromelf User Guide.

It contains the following:

• *About this book* on page 8.

#### About this book

ARM\* Compiler for  $\mu$ Vision\* fromelf User Guide. This manual provides information on how to use the fromelf utility. It is also available as a PDF.

#### Using this book

This book is organized into the following chapters:

#### Chapter 1 Overview of the fromelf Image Converter

Gives an overview of the fromelf image converter provided with ARM® Compiler.

#### Chapter 2 Using fromelf

Describes how to use the frome1f image converter provided with ARM Compiler.

#### Chapter 3 fromelf Command-line Options

Describes the command-line options of the fromelf image converter provided with ARM Compiler.

#### Chapter 4 Via File Syntax

Describes the syntax of via files accepted by the fromelf.

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```
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```

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### Chapter 1

### **Overview of the fromelf Image Converter**

Gives an overview of the fromelf image converter provided with ARM® Compiler.

It contains the following sections:

- 1.1 About the fromelf image converter on page 1-11.
- 1.2 fromelf execution modes on page 1-12.
- 1.3 Getting help on the fromelf command on page 1-13.
- 1.4 fromelf command-line syntax on page 1-14.

#### 1.1 About the fromelf image converter

The frome1f image conversion utility allows you to modify ELF image and object files, and to display information on those files.

fromelf allows you to:

- Process ARM ELF object and image files that the compiler, assembler, and linker generate.
- Process all ELF files in an archive that armar creates, and output the processed files into another archive if necessary.
- Convert ELF images into other formats that for use by ROM tools or for direct loading into memory.
   The formats available are:
  - Plain binary.
  - Motorola 32-bit S-record.
  - Intel Hex-32.
  - Byte oriented (Verilog Memory Model) hexadecimal.
- Display information about the input file, for example, disassembly output or symbol listings, to either stdout or a text file.

Note
If your image is produced witho

If your image is produced without debug information, fromelf cannot:

- Translate the image into other file formats.
- Produce a meaningful disassembly listing.

Note -	

The command-line option descriptions and related information in the individual ARM Compiler tools documents describe all the features that ARM Compiler supports. Any features not documented are not supported and are used at your own risk. You are responsible for making sure that any generated code using unsupported features is operating correctly.

#### Related references

1.2 fromelf execution modes on page 1-12.

1.4 fromelf command-line syntax on page 1-14.

Chapter 3 fromelf Command-line Options on page 3-20.

#### 1.2 fromelf execution modes

You can run fromelf in various execution modes.

The execution modes are:

- Text mode (--text, and others), to output information about an object or image file.
- Format conversion mode (--bin, --m32, --i32, --vhx).

#### **Related references**

- *3.2 --bin* on page 3-23.
- 3.27 -- i32 on page 3-52.
- 3.36 -- m32 on page 3-61.
- *3.46* -- text on page 3-71.
- *3.48* --*vhx* on page 3-74.

#### 1.3 Getting help on the fromelf command

Use the --help option to display a summary of the main command-line options.

This is the default if you do not specify any options or files.

To display the help information, enter:

fromelf --help

#### Related references

 ${\it 1.4 fromelf command-line syntax} \ {\rm on \ page \ 1-14}.$ 

*3.26* --help on page 3-51.

#### 1.4 fromelf command-line syntax

You can specify an ELF file or library of ELF files on the fromelf command-line.

#### **Syntax**

The ELF file or library file to be processed. When some options are used, multiple input files can be specified.

#### Related references

Chapter 3 fromelf Command-line Options on page 3-20. 3.32 input file on page 3-57.

## Chapter 2 Using fromelf

Describes how to use the fromelf image converter provided with ARM Compiler.

It contains the following sections:

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- 2.2 Examples of processing ELF files in an archive on page 2-17.
- 2.3 Option to print specific details of ELF files on page 2-18.
- 2.4 Using fromelf to find where a symbol is placed in an executable ELF image on page 2-19.

#### 2.1 General considerations when using fromelf

There are some changes that you cannot make to an image with fromelf.

When using fromelf you cannot:

- Change the image structure or addresses, other than altering the base address of Motorola S-record or Intel Hex output with the --base option.
- Change a scatter-loaded ELF image into a non scatter-loaded image in another format. Any structural or addressing information must be provided to the linker at link time.

#### Related references

3.1 --base [[object\_file::]load\_region\_ID=]num on page 3-22. 3.32 input\_file on page 3-57.

#### 2.2 Examples of processing ELF files in an archive

Examples of how you can process all ELF files in an archive, or a subset of those files. The processed files together with any unprocessed files are output to another archive.

#### **Examples**

The following examples show how to process ELF files in an archive, test.a, that contains:

```
bmw.o
bmw1.o
call_c_code.o
newtst.o
shapes.o
strmtst.o
```

This example prints the global and static addresses for each object file in an archive.

```
fromelf --text -a test.a
```

#### Related references

3.32 input file on page 3-57.

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

#### 2.3 Option to print specific details of ELF files

You can specify the elements of an ELF object that you want to appear in the textual output with the --emit option.

The output includes ELF header and section information. You can specify these elements as a comma separated list.

Note			
You can specify some of the	emit options	using thetext	option.

#### **Examples**

To print the contents of the data sections of an ELF file, infile.axf, enter:

To print relocation information and the dynamic section contents for the ELF file infile2.axf, enter:

#### Related references

```
1.4 fromelf command-line syntax on page 1-14.
```

- 3.20 --emit=option[,option,...] on page 3-42.
- *3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

#### 2.4 Using fromelf to find where a symbol is placed in an executable ELF image

You can find where a symbol is placed in an executable ELF image.

To find where a symbol is placed in an ELF image file, use the --text -s -v options to view the symbol table and detailed information on each segment and section header, for example:

The symbol table identifies the section where the symbol is placed.

Do the following:

#### **Procedure**

1. Create the file s.c containing the following source code:

```
long long altstack[10] __attribute__ ((section ("STACK"), zero_init));
int main()
{
    return sizeof(altstack);
}
```

2. Compile the source:

```
armcc --target=arm-arm-none-eabi -c s.c -o s.o
```

- 3. Link the object s.o and keep the STACK symbol:
- 4. Run the fromelf command to display the symbol table and detailed information on each segment and section header:
- 5. Locate the STACK and altstack symbols in the fromelf output, for example:
- 6. Locate the section identified for the symbol in the fromelf output, for example:

#### Related references

*3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

## Chapter 3 fromelf Command-line Options

Describes the command-line options of the frome1f image converter provided with ARM Compiler.

It contains the following sections:

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- 3.51 -w on page 3-77.
- *3.52 --widthxbanks* on page 3-78.

#### 3.1 --base [[object\_file::]load\_region\_ID=]num

Enables you to alter the base address specified for one or more load regions in Motorola S-record and Intel Hex file formats.

#### **Syntax**

```
--base [[object file::]load region ID=]num
```

Where:

object file

An optional ELF input file.

load\_region\_ID

An optional load region. This can either be a symbolic name of an execution region belonging to a load region or a zero-based load region number, for example #0 if referring to the first region.

num

Either a decimal or hexadecimal value.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters? and \* for symbolic names in object\_file and Load\_region\_ID arguments.
- Specify multiple values in one *option* followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

All addresses encoded in the output file start at the base address *num*. If you do not specify a --base option, the base address is taken from the load region address.

#### Restrictions

You must use one of the output formats --i32, --i32combined, --m32, or --m32combined with this option. Therefore, you cannot use this option with object files.

#### **Examples**

The following table shows examples:

Table 3-1 Examples of using --base

base 0	decimal value
base 0x8000	hexadecimal value
base #0=0	base address for the first load region
base foo.o::*=0	base address for all load regions in foo.o
base #0=0,#1=0x8000	base address for the first and second load regions

#### **Related concepts**

2.1 General considerations when using fromelf on page 2-16.

#### Related references

```
3.27 -- i32 on page 3-52.
```

*3.28 --i32combined* on page 3-53.

3.36 -- m32 on page 3-61.

*3.37* --*m32combined* on page 3-62.

#### 3.2 --bin

Produces plain binary output, one file for each load region. You can split the output from this option into multiple files with the --widthxbanks option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --bin

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for each load region in the input image, fromelf places the output files in the *destination* directory.



For multiple load regions, the name of the first non-empty execution region in the corresponding load region is used for the filename.

A file is only created when the load region describes code or data that is present in the ELF file. For example a load region containing only execution regions with ZI data in them does not result in a output file.

#### Example

To convert an ELF file to a plain binary file, for example outfile.bin, enter:

#### Related references

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

3.52 --widthxbanks on page 3-78.

#### 3.3 --bincombined

Produces plain binary output. It generates one output file for an image containing multiple load regions.

#### Usage

By default, the start address of the first load region in memory is used as the base address. fromelf inserts padding between load regions as required to ensure that they are at the correct relative offset from each other. Separating the load regions in this way means that the output file can be loaded into memory and correctly aligned starting at the base address.

Use this option with --bincombined\_base and --bincombined\_padding to change the default values for the base address and padding.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --bincombined

Use this option with --bincombined\_base to change the default value for the base address.

The default padding value is 0xFF. Use this option with --bincombined\_padding to change the default padding value.

If you use a scatter file that defines two load regions with a large address space between them, the resulting binary can be very large because it contains mostly padding. For example, if you have a load region of size 0x100 bytes at address 0x00000000 and another load region at address 0x30000000, the amount of padding is 0x2FFFFF00 bytes.

ARM recommends that you use a different method of placing widely spaced load regions, such as --bin, and make your own arrangements to load the multiple output files at the correct addresses.

#### **Examples**

To produce a binary file that can be loaded at start address 0x1000, enter:

To produce plain binary output and fill the space between load regions with copies of the 32-bit word 0x12345678, enter:

#### Related references

- *3.4 --bincombined\_base=address* on page 3-25.
- 3.5 --bincombined padding=size,num on page 3-26.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.
- 3.52 --widthxbanks on page 3-78.

#### **Related information**

Input sections, output sections, regions, and Program Segments.

#### 3.4 --bincombined base=address

Enables you to lower the base address used by the --bincombined output mode. The output file generated is suitable to be loaded into memory starting at the specified address.

#### **Syntax**

--bincombined base=address

Where *address* is the start address where the image is to be loaded:

- If the specified address is lower than the start of the first load region, fromelf adds padding at the start of the output file.
- If the specified address is higher than the start of the first load region, fromelf gives an error.

#### **Default**

By default the start address of the first load region in memory is used as the base address.

#### Restrictions

You must use --bincombined with this option. If you omit --bincombined, a warning message is displayed.

#### **Example**

--bincombined --bincombined\_base=0x1000

#### Related references

- 3.3 --bincombined on page 3-24.
- 3.5 --bincombined padding=size,num on page 3-26.

#### **Related information**

Input sections, output sections, regions, and Program Segments.

#### 3.5 --bincombined padding=size,num

Enables you to specify a different padding value from the default used by the --bincombined output mode.

#### **Syntax**

--bincombined\_padding=size,num Where:

size

Is 1, 2, or 4 bytes to define whether it is a byte, halfword, or word.

num

The value to be used for padding. If you specify a value that is too large to fit in the specified size, a warning message is displayed.



frome1f expects that 2-byte and 4-byte padding values are specified in the appropriate endianness for the input file. For example, if you are translating a big endian ELF file into binary, the specified padding value is treated as a big endian word or halfword.

#### **Default**

The default is --bincombined padding=1,0xFF.

#### Restrictions

You must use --bincombined with this option. If you omit --bincombined, a warning message is displayed.

#### **Examples**

The following examples show how to use --bincombined padding:

#### --bincombined --bincombined\_padding=4,0x12345678

This example produces plain binary output and fills the space between load regions with copies of the 32-bit word 0x12345678.

#### --bincombined --bincombined\_padding=2,0x1234

This example produces plain binary output and fills the space between load regions with copies of the 16-bit halfword 0x1234.

#### --bincombined --bincombined padding=2,0x01

This example when specified for big endian memory, fills the space between load regions with 0x0100.

#### Related references

- 3.3 --bincombined on page 3-24.
- 3.4 --bincombined base=address on page 3-25.

#### 3.6 --cad

Produces a C array definition or C++ array definition containing binary output.

#### Usage

You can use each array definition in the source code of another application. For example, you might want to embed an image in the address space of another application, such as an embedded operating system.

If your image has a single load region, the output is directed to stdout by default. To save the output to a file, use the --output option together with a filename.

If your image has multiple load regions, then you must also use the --output option together with a directory name. Unless you specify a full path name, the path is relative to the current directory. A file is created for each load region in the specified directory. The name of each file is the name of the corresponding execution region.

Use this option with --output to generate one output file for each load region in the image.

#### Restrictions

You cannot use this option with object files.

#### Considerations when using --cad

A file is only created when the load region describes code or data that is present in the ELF file. For example a load region containing only execution regions with ZI data in them does not result in a output file.

#### Example

The following examples show how to use --cad:

• To produce an array definition for an image that has a single load region, enter:

• For an image that has multiple load regions, the following commands create a file for each load region in the directory *root*\myprojects\multiload\load\_regions:

```
cd roof\myprojects\multiload
```

If image\_multiload.axf contains the execution regions EXEC\_ROM and RAM, then the files EXEC\_ROM and RAM are created in the load\_regions subdirectory.

#### Related references

3.7 --cadcombined on page 3-29.

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

#### **Related information**

Input sections, output sections, regions, and Program Segments.

#### 3.7 --cadcombined

Produces a C array definition or C++ array definition containing binary output.

#### **Usage**

You can use each array definition in the source code of another application. For example, you might want to embed an image in the address space of another application, such as an embedded operating system.

The output is directed to stdout by default. To save the output to a file, use the --output option together with a filename.

#### Restrictions

You cannot use this option with object files.

#### Example

The following commands create the file load\_regions.c in the directory *root*\myprojects \multiload:

cd root\myprojects\multiload

#### Related references

3.6 --cad on page 3-27.

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

#### 3.8 --compare=option[,option,...]

Compares two input files and prints a textual list of the differences.

#### **Usage**

The input files must be the same type, either two ELF files or two library files. Library files are compared member by member and the differences are concatenated in the output.

All differences between the two input files are reported as errors unless specifically downgraded to warnings by using the --relax section option.

#### **Syntax**

```
--compare=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

#### section sizes

Compares the size of all sections for each ELF file or ELF member of a library file.

section sizes::object name

Compares the sizes of all sections in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

section sizes::section name

Compares the sizes of all sections with a name matching section name.

#### sections

Compares the size and contents of all sections for each ELF file or ELF member of a library file. sections::object\_name

Compares the size and contents of all sections in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

sections::section name

Compares the size and contents of all sections with a name matching section\_name.

#### function\_sizes

Compares the size of all functions for each ELF file or ELF member of a library file.

function sizes::object name

Compares the size of all functions in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

function size::function name

Compares the size of all functions with a name matching function name.

#### global\_function\_sizes

Compares the size of all global functions for each ELF file or ELF member of a library file.

global\_function\_sizes::function\_name

Compares the size of all global functions in ELF objects with a name matching function\_name.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters ? and \* for symbolic names in section\_name, function\_name, and object\_name arguments.
- Specify multiple values in one *option* followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

#### Related references

```
\it 3.29 --ignore\_section=option[, option, ...] on page 3-54.
```

```
3.30 --ignore symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-55.
```

3.41 --relax\_section=option[,option,...] on page 3-66.

3.42 --relax symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-67.

#### 3.9 --continue\_on\_error

Reports any errors and then continues.

#### Usage

Use --diag\_warning=error instead of this option.

#### **Related references**

3.18 --diag warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.

#### 3.10 --cpu=list

Lists the architecture and processor names that are supported by the --cpu=name option.

#### **Syntax**

--cpu=list

#### **Related references**

*3.11 --cpu=name* on page 3-33.

#### 3.11 --cpu=name

Affects the way machine code is disassembled by options such as -c or --disassemble, so that it is disassembled in the same way that the specified processor interprets it.

#### **Syntax**

--cpu=*name* 

Where *name* is the name of a processor. Enter *name* as shown on ARM data sheets, for example, Cortex-M3.

Processor names are not case-sensitive.

#### Usage

The following general points apply to processor options:

#### **Processors**

• Selecting the processor selects the appropriate architecture, *Floating-Point Unit* (FPU), and memory organization.

#### **FPU**

• Some specifications of --cpu imply an --fpu selection.

\_\_\_\_\_ Note \_\_\_\_\_

Any explicit FPU, set with --fpu on the command line, overrides an implicit FPU.

• If no --fpu option is specified and no --cpu option is specified, --fpu=softvfp is used.

#### **Example**

To specify the Cortex®-M4 processor, use:

```
--cpu=Cortex-M4
```

#### Related references

```
3.10 --cpu=list on page 3-32.
```

*3.31 --info=topic[,topic,...]* on page 3-56.

*3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

#### 3.12 --datasymbols

Modifies the output information of data sections so that symbol definitions are interleaved.

#### Usage

You can use this option only with --text -d.

#### **Related references**

*3.46* -- *text* on page 3-71.

#### 3.13 --decode build attributes

Prints the contents of the build attributes section in human-readable form for standard build attributes or raw hexadecimal form for nonstandard build attributes.

Note
The standard build attributes are documented in the Application Binary Interface for the ARM
Architecture.

#### Restrictions

You can use this option only in text mode.

#### Example

The following example shows the output for --decode build attributes:

```
** Section #12 '.ARM.attributes' (SHT_ARM_ATTRIBUTES)
      Size : 69 bytes 'aeabi' file build attributes:
      0x000000:
                        05 41 52 4d 37 54 44 4d 49 00 06 02 08 01 11 01
                                                                                                       .ARM7TDMI.....
                        12 02 14 02 17 01 18 01 19 01 1a 01 1e 03 20 02
                                                                                                       . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                        41 52 4d 00
                                                                                                       ARM.
             Tag CPU name = "ARM7TDMI"
Tag_CPU_name = "ARMYIUM1"
Tag_CPU_arch = ARM v4T (=2)
Tag_ARM_ISA_use = ARM instructions were permitted to be used (=1)
Tag_ABI_PCS_GOT_use = Data are imported directly (=1)
Tag_ABI_PCS_wchar_t = Size of wchar_t is 2 (=2)
Tag_ABI_FP_denormal = This code was permitted to require that the sign of a flushed-to-zero number be preserved in the sign of 0 (=2)

Tag_ABI_FP_ST_FP_model = This code was permitted to use only IEEE 754 format FP
             Tag_ABI_FP_number_model = This code was permitted to use only IEEE 754 format FP
numbers
             Tag_ABI_align8_needed = Code was permitted to depend on the 8-byte alignment of 8-
byte data items (=1)

Tag_ABI_align8_preserved = Code was required to preserve 8-byte alignment of 8-byte
data objects (=\overline{1})
             Tag_ABI_enum_size = Enum values occupy the smallest container big enough to hold all
values (=1)
             Tag_ABI_optimization_goals = Optimized for small size, but speed and debugging
illusion preserved (=3)
    Tag_compatibility = 2, "ARM"
    'ARM' file build attributes:
      0x000000:
                       04 01 12 01
```

#### Related references

```
3.19 --dump_build_attributes on page 3-41.
```

- *3.20 --emit=option[,option,...]* on page 3-42.
- 3.22 --extract build attributes on page 3-45.

#### **Related information**

*Application Binary Interface for the ARM Architecture.* 

#### 3.14 --diag\_error=tag[,tag,...]

Sets diagnostic messages that have a specific tag to Error severity.

#### **Syntax**

```
--diag_error=tag[,tag,...]
```

Where tag can be:

- A diagnostic message number to set to error severity. This is the four-digit number, *nnnn*, with the tool letter prefix, but without the letter suffix indicating the severity.
- warning, to treat all warnings as errors.

#### Related references

- *3.15 --diag\_remark=tag[,tag,...]* on page 3-37.
- 3.16 --diag style={arm|ide|gnu} on page 3-38.
- *3.17* --diag suppress=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-39.
- 3.18 --diag warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.

# 3.15 --diag\_remark=tag[,tag,...]

Sets diagnostic messages that have a specific tag to Remark severity.

## **Syntax**

```
--diag_remark=tag[,tag,...]
```

Where *tag* is a comma-separated list of diagnostic message numbers. This is the four-digit number, *nnnn*, with the tool letter prefix, but without the letter suffix indicating the severity.

```
3.14 --diag_error=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-36.
3.16 --diag_style={arm|ide|gnu} on page 3-38.
3.17 --diag_suppress=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-39.
3.18 --diag_warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.
```

# 3.16 --diag\_style={arm|ide|gnu}

Specifies the display style for diagnostic messages.

## **Syntax**

```
--diag_style=string
```

Where *string* is one of:

arm

Display messages using the ARM compiler style.

ide

Include the line number and character count for any line that is in error. These values are displayed in parentheses.

gnu

Display messages in the format used by gcc.

## Usage

- --diag\_style=gnu matches the format reported by the GNU Compiler, gcc.
- --diag\_style=ide matches the format reported by Microsoft Visual Studio.

#### **Default**

The default is --diag\_style=arm.

#### Related references

```
3.14 --diag_error=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-36.
```

```
3.15 --diag_remark=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-37.
```

$$3.17$$
 --diag suppress=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-39.

3.18 --diag warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.

# 3.17 --diag\_suppress=tag[,tag,...]

Suppresses diagnostic messages that have a specific tag.

## **Syntax**

```
--diag_suppress=tag[,tag,...] Where tag can be:
```

- A diagnostic message number to be suppressed. This is the four-digit number, *nnnn*, with the tool letter prefix, but without the letter suffix indicating the severity.
- error, to suppress all errors that can be downgraded.
- · warning, to suppress all warnings.

```
3.14 --diag_error=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-36.
3.15 --diag_remark=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-37.
3.16 --diag_style={arm|ide|gnu} on page 3-38.
3.18 --diag_warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.
```

# 3.18 --diag\_warning=tag[,tag,...]

Sets diagnostic messages that have a specific tag to Warning severity.

# **Syntax**

```
--diag_warning=tag[,tag,...] Where tag can be:
```

- A diagnostic message number to set to warning severity. This is the four-digit number, *nnnn*, with the tool letter prefix, but without the letter suffix indicating the severity.
- error, to set all errors that can be downgraded to warnings.

```
3.14 --diag_error=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-36.
3.15 --diag_remark=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-37.
3.16 --diag_style={arm|ide|gnu} on page 3-38.
3.18 --diag_warning=tag[,tag,...] on page 3-40.
```

## 3.19 --dump build attributes

Prints the contents of the build attributes section in raw hexadecimal form.

#### Restrictions

You can use this option only in text mode.

## **Example**

The following example shows the output for --dump\_build\_attributes:

```
3.13 --decode build attributes on page 3-35.
```

- 3.20 --emit=option[,option,...] on page 3-42.
- 3.22 --extract build attributes on page 3-45.
- *3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

# 3.20 --emit=option[,option,...]

Enables you to specify the elements of an ELF object that you want to appear in the textual output. The output includes ELF header and section information.

#### Restrictions

You can use this option only in text mode.

#### **Syntax**

```
--emit=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

#### addresses

Prints global and static data addresses (including addresses for structure and union contents). It has the same effect as --text -a.

This option can only be used on files containing debug information. If no debug information is present, a warning message is generated.

Use the --select option to output a subset of the data addresses.

If you want to view the data addresses of arrays, expanded both inside and outside structures, use the --expandarrays option with this text category.

#### build\_attributes

Prints the contents of the build attributes section in human-readable form for standard build attributes or raw hexadecimal form for nonstandard build attributes. The produces the same output as the --decode build attributes option.

#### code

Disassembles code, alongside a dump of the original binary data being disassembled and the addresses of the instructions. It has the same effect as --text -c.

#### data

Prints contents of the data sections. It has the same effect as --text -d.

#### data\_symbols

Modifies the output information of data sections so that symbol definitions are interleaved.

## debug\_info

Prints debug information. It has the same effect as --text -g.

## dynamic\_segment

Prints dynamic segment contents. It has the same effect as --text -y.

## exception\_tables

Decodes exception table information for objects. It has the same effect as --text -e.

#### got

Prints the contents of the Global Offset Table (GOT) objects.

#### raw build attributes

Prints the contents of the build attributes section in raw hexadecimal form, that is, in the same form as data.

## relocation\_tables

Prints relocation information. It has the same effect as --text -r.

## string\_tables

Prints the string tables. It has the same effect as --text -t.

#### summary

Prints a summary of the segments and sections in a file. It is the default output of fromelf --text. However, the summary is suppressed by some --info options. Use --emit summary to explicitly re-enable the summary, if required.

#### symbol\_tables

Prints the symbol and versioning tables. It has the same effect as --text -s.

## vfe

Prints information about unused virtual functions.

You can specify multiple options in one option followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

- 3.13 --decode\_build\_attributes on page 3-35.
- 3.21 --expandarrays on page 3-44.
- *3.46* -- *text* on page 3-71.

## 3.21 --expandarrays

Prints data addresses, including arrays that are expanded both inside and outside structures.

## Restrictions

You can use this option with --text -a or with --fieldoffsets.

## **Example**

The following example shows the output for a struct containing arrays when --fieldoffsets --expandarrays is specified:

```
< more foo.c
struct S {
    char A[8];</pre>
     char B[4];
};
struct S s;
struct S* get()
     return &s;
< armcc --debug -c foo.c
< fromelf --fieldoffsets --expandarrays foo.o</pre>
  Structure, S , Size 0xc bytes, from foo.c
 |S.A|
|S.A[0]
                                                                                   array[8] of char
                                                                                   char
 S.A[1]
S.A[2]
S.A[3]
                                                                                   char
                                                                                   char
                                                                                   char
                                                                  0x4
                                                                                   char
                                                                                   char
                                                                  0x6
                                                                                   char
                                                         EQU
EQU
                                                                  0x7
                                                                                   char
                                                                  0x8
                                                                                   array[4] of char
                                                         ΕQŪ
                                                                   0x8
                                                                                   char
S.B[1]
S.B[2]
S.B[3]
                                                         ΕQ̈́U
                                                                  0x9
                                                                                   char
                                                                   0xa
                                                                                   char
                                                                  0xb
                                                                                   char
  End of Structure S
     END
```

#### Related references

3.23 --fieldoffsets on page 3-46.

3.46 --text on page 3-71.

## 3.22 --extract build attributes

Prints only the build attributes in a form that depends on the type of attribute.

## Usage

Prints the build attributes in:

- · Human-readable form for standard build attributes.
- Raw hexadecimal form for nonstandard build attributes.

#### Restrictions

You can use this option only in text mode.

## **Example**

The following example shows the output for --extract build attributes:

```
** Object/Image Build Attributes
        'aeabi' file build attributes:
                           05 41 52 4d 37 54 44 4d 49 00 06 02 08 01 11 01
12 02 14 02 17 01 18 01 19 01 1a 01 1e 03 20 02
       0x000000:
                                                                                                                    .ARM7TDMI.....
       0x000010:
                                                                                                                     . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
                           41 52 4d 00
       0x000020:
              Tag CPU name = "ARM7TDMI"
              Tag_{CPU}arch = ARM v4T (=2)
              Tag ARM ISA use = ARM instructions were permitted to be used (=1)
Iag_ARM_isa_use = ARM instructions were permitted to be used (=1)
Tag_ABI_PCS_GOT_use = Data are imported directly (=1)
Tag_ABI_PCS_wchar_t = Size of wchar_t is 2 (=2)
Tag_ABI_FP_denormal = This code was permitted to require that the sign of a flushed-to-zero number be preserved in the sign of 0 (=2)
Tag_ABI_FP_number_model = This code was permitted to use only IEEE 754 format FP
numbers (=1)

Tag_ABI_align8_needed = Code was permitted to depend on the 8-byte alignment of 8-byte data items (=1)

Tag_ABI_align8_preserved = Code was required to preserve 8-byte alignment of 8-byte
data objects (=1)
Tag_ABI_enum_size = Enum values occupy the smallest container big enough to hold all
values (=1)
              Tag_ABI_optimization_goals = Optimized for small size, but speed and debugging
illusion preserved (=3)
    Tag_compatibility = 2, "ARM"
    'ARM' file build attributes:
       0x000000:
                           04 01 12 01
```

```
3.13 --decode build attributes on page 3-35.
```

- 3.19 -- dump build attributes on page 3-41.
- 3.20 --emit=option[,option,...] on page 3-42.
- 3.46 -- text on page 3-71.

## 3.23 --fieldoffsets

Prints a list of assembly language EQU directives that equate C++ class or C structure field names to their offsets from the base of the class or structure.

#### **Usage**

The input ELF file can be a relocatable object or an image.

Use --output to redirect the output to a file. Use the INCLUDE command from armasm to load the produced file and provide access to C++ classes and C structure members by name from assembly language.

This option outputs all structure information. To output a subset of the structures, use --select select\_options.

If you do not require a file that can be input to armasm, use the --text -a options to format the display addresses in a more readable form. The -a option only outputs address information for structures and static data in images because the addresses are not known in a relocatable object.

#### Restrictions

This option:

- Is not available if the source file does not have debug information.
- Can be used in text mode and with --expandarrays.

#### **Examples**

The following examples show how to use --fieldoffsets:

• To produce an output listing to stdout that contains all the field offsets from all structures in the file inputfile.o, enter:

```
fromelf --fieldoffsets inputfile.o
```

• To produce an output file listing to outputfile.s that contains all the field offsets from structures in the file inputfile.o that have a name starting with p, enter:

```
fromeIf --fieldoffsets --select=p* --output=outputfile.s inputfile.o
```

• To produce an output listing to outputfile.s that contains all the field offsets from structures in the file inputfile.o with names of tools or moretools, enter:

```
fromelf --fieldoffsets --select=tools.*,moretools.* --output=outputfile.s inputfile.o
```

• To produce an output file listing to outputfile.s that contains all the field offsets of structure fields whose name starts with number and are within structure field top in structure tools in the file inputfile.o, enter:

```
fromelf --fieldoffsets --select=tools.top.number* --output=outputfile.s inputfile.o
```

The following is an example of the output, and includes name. and name...member that arise because of anonymous structs and unions:

```
Structure, Table , Size 0x104 bytes, from inputfile.cpp
Table.TableSize
                                          EQU
                                                              int
Table.Data
                                          EQU
                                                  0x4
                                                               array[64] of MyClassHandle
 End of Structure Table
 Structure, Box2 , Size 0x8 bytes, from
                                          inputfile.cpp
Box2.
                                                               anonymous
                                           EQU
Box2...|
Box2...Min|
                                           ΕQ̈́U
                                                               anonymous
                                                               Point2
Box2...Min.x
                                           ΕQU
                                                               short
Box2...Min.y
                                          EQU
                                                  0x2
                                                               short
Box2...Max
                                          EÕU
                                                  0x4
                                                               Point2
Box2...Max.x
                                          EQU
                                                  0x4
                                                               short
Box2...Max.y
                                          EQU
                                                  0x6
                                                               short
Warning: duplicate name (Box2..) present in
                                                (inputfile.cpp) and in (inputfile.cpp)
please use the --qualify option
                                          EQU
                                                  0
Box2..|
                                                              anonymous
Box2...Left
                                          EÕU
                                                               unsigned short
                                                              unsigned short
Box2...Top
                                                  0x2
```

```
|Box2...Right|
|Box2...Bottom|
| End of Structure Box2
                                                         ; unsigned short
; unsigned short
                                                            unsigned short
                                         EQU
                                                0x6
; pointer to MyClass
                                         EQÚ
 End of Structure MyClassHandle
Structure, Point2 , Size 0x4 bytes, from defects.cpp
Point2.x
                                         EQU
                                                            short
|Point2.y|
|End of Structure Point2
                                         EÕU
                                                            short
 Structure, __fpos_t_struct , Size 0x10 bytes, from C:\Program Files\DS-5\bin\..\include
stdio.h
                                         EQU
                                                            unsigned long long
 _fpos_t_struct.__pos|
 EQU
EQU
                                                            anonymous
unsigned int
                                                0x8
                                                0x8
                                                            unsigned int
                                                0xc
```

#### Related references

- 3.21 --expandarrays on page 3-44.
- 3.40 -- qualify on page 3-65.
- 3.43 --select=select options on page 3-68.
- *3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

#### **Related information**

EQU.

GET or INCLUDE.

# 3.24 --fpu=list

Lists the FPU architectures that are supported by the --fpu=name option.

Deprecated options are not listed.

## Related references

*3.25 --fpu=name* on page 3-49.

## 3.25 --fpu=name

Specifies the target FPU architecture.

To obtain a full list of FPU architectures use the --fpu=list option.

## **Syntax**

#### --fpu=name

Where name is one of:

none

Selects no floating-point option. No floating-point code is to be used.

vfpv2

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to architecture VFPv2.

vfpv3

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to architecture VFPv3. VFPv3 is backwards compatible with VFPv2 except that VFPv3 cannot trap floating-point exceptions.

vfpv3\_fp16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to architecture VFPv3 that also provides the half-precision extensions.

vfpv3 d16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3-D16 architecture.

vfpv3\_d16\_fp16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3-D16 architecture, that also provides the half-precision extensions.

vfpv4

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to the VFPv4 architecture.

vfpv4\_d16

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to the VFPv4-D16 architecture.

fpv4-sp

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to the single precision variant of the FPv4 architecture.

fpv5\_d16

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to the FPv5-D16 architecture.

fpv5-sp

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to the single precision variant of the FPv5 architecture.

softvfp

Selects software floating-point support where floating-point operations are performed by a floating-point library, fplib. This is the default if you do not specify a --fpu option, or if you select a CPU that does not have an FPU.

softvfp+vfpv2

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to VFPv2, with software floating-point linkage. Select this option if you are interworking Thumb code with ARM code on a system that implements a VFP unit.

softvfp+vfpv3

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3, with software floating-point linkage.

softvfp+vfpv3 fp16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3-fp16, with software floating-point linkage.

softvfp+vfpv3\_d16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3-D16, with software floating-point linkage.

#### softvfp+vfpv3 d16 fp16

Selects a hardware vector floating-point unit conforming to VFPv3-D16-fp16, with software floating-point linkage.

#### softvfp+vfpv4

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to FPv4, with software floating-point linkage. softvfp+vfpv4\_d16

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to VFPv4-D16, with software floating-point linkage.

## softvfp+fpv4-sp

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to FPv4-SP, with software floating-point linkage.

#### softvfp+fpv5 d16

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to FPv5-D16, with software floating-point linkage.

#### softvfp+fpv5-sp

Selects a hardware floating-point unit conforming to FPv5-SP, with software floating-point linkage.

## **Usage**

This option selects disassembly for a specific FPU architecture. It affects how fromelf interprets the instructions it finds in the input files.

If you specify this option, it overrides any implicit FPU option that appears on the command line, for example, where you use the --cpu option.

Any FPU explicitly selected using the --fpu option always overrides any FPU implicitly selected using the --cpu option.

#### **Default**

The default target FPU architecture is derived from use of the --cpu option.

If the CPU you specify with --cpu has a VFP coprocessor, the default target FPU architecture is the VFP architecture for that CPU.

- 3.24 --fpu=list on page 3-48.
- *3.31 --info=topic[,topic,...]* on page 3-56.
- 3.46 -- text on page 3-71.

# 3.26 --help

Displays a summary of the main command-line options.

## Default

This is the default if you specify fromelf without any options or source files.

- 3.44 --show cmdline on page 3-69.
- 3.47 --version number on page 3-73.
- 3.50 --vsn on page 3-76.

## 3.27 --i32

Produces Intel Hex-32 format output. It generates one output file for each load region in the image.

You can specify the base address of the output with the --base option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

## Considerations when using --i32

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for each load region in the input image. fromelf places the output files in the *destination* directory.



For multiple load regions, the name of the first non-empty execution region in the corresponding load region is used for the filename.

A file is only created when the load region describes code or data that is present in the ELF file. For example a load region containing only execution regions with ZI data in them does not result in a output file.

## **Example**

To convert the ELF file infile.axf to an Intel Hex-32 format file, for example outfile.bin, enter:

```
fromeIf --i32 --output=outfile.bin infile.axf
```

- 3.1 --base [[object file::]load region ID=]num on page 3-22.
- 3.28 -- i32combined on page 3-53.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

## 3.28 --i32combined

Produces Intel Hex-32 format output. It generates one output file for an image containing multiple load regions.

You can specify the base address of the output with the --base option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --i32combined

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for all load regions in the input image. fromelf places the output file in the *destination* directory.

ELF images contain multiple load regions if, for example, they are built with a scatter file that defines more than one load region.

## **Example**

To create a single output file,outfile2.bin, from an image file infile2.axf, with two load regions, and with a start address of 0x1000, enter:

fromeIf --i32combined --base=0x1000 --output=outfile2.bin infile2.axf

- 3.1 --base [[object\_file::]load\_region\_ID=]num on page 3-22.
- 3.27 -- i32 on page 3-52.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

# 3.29 --ignore\_section=option[,option,...]

Specifies the sections to be ignored during a compare. Differences between the input files being compared are ignored if they are in these sections.

## **Syntax**

```
--ignore section=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

## object\_name::

All sections in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

object name::section name

All sections in ELF objects with a name matching *object\_name* and also a section name matching *section\_name*.

section name

All sections with a name matching section name.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters? and \* for symbolic names in symbol name and object name arguments
- Specify multiple values in one *option* followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

#### Restrictions

You must use --compare with this option.

## Related references

```
3.8 --compare=option[,option,...] on page 3-30.
```

3.30 --ignore symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-55.

3.41 --relax section=option[,option,...] on page 3-66.

# 3.30 --ignore\_symbol=option[,option,...]

Specifies the symbols to be ignored during a compare. Differences between the input files being compared are ignored if they are related to these symbols.

## **Syntax**

```
--ignore_symbol=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

## object\_name::

All symbols in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

object name::symbol name

All symbols in ELF objects with a name matching *object\_name* and also a symbols name matching *symbol\_name*.

symbol\_name

All symbols with a name matching symbol\_name.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters ? and \* for symbolic names in symbol\_name and object\_name arguments
- Specify multiple values in one *option* followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

#### Restrictions

You must use --compare with this option.

## Related references

```
3.8 --compare=option[,option,...] on page 3-30.
3.29 --ignore section=option[,option,...] on page 3-54.
```

3.42 --relax symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-67.

# 3.31 --info=topic[,topic,...]

Prints information about specific topics.

## **Syntax**

```
--info=topic[,topic,...]
```

Where *topic* is a comma-separated list from the following topic keywords:

#### instruction\_usage

Categorizes and lists the ARM and Thumb instructions defined in the code sections of each input file.

#### function\_sizes

Lists the names of the global functions defined in one or more input files, together with their sizes in bytes and whether they are ARM or Thumb functions.

## function\_sizes\_all

Lists the names of the local and global functions defined in one or more input files, together with their sizes in bytes and whether they are ARM or Thumb functions.

#### sizes

Lists the Code, RO Data, RW Data, ZI Data, and Debug sizes for each input object and library member in the image. Using this option implies --info=sizes,totals.

#### totals

Lists the totals of the Code, RO Data, RW Data, ZI Data, and Debug sizes for input objects and libraries.

Note	
Code related sizes also include the size of any execute-only code.	
The output frominfo=sizes,totals always includes the padding values in the totals for objects and libraries.	or input
Note	
Spaces are not permitted between topic keywords in the list. For example, you can enterinfo=sizes, totals but notinfo=sizes, totals.	

#### Restrictions

You can use this option only in text mode.

#### Related references

*3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

## 3.32 input file

Specifies the ELF file or archive containing ELF files to be processed.

## Usage

Multiple input files are supported if you:

- Output --text format.
- Use the --compare option.
- Specify an output directory using --output.

If *input\_file* is a scatter-loaded image that contains more than one load region and the output format is one of --bin, --cad, --m32, --i32, or --vhx, then fromelf creates a separate file for each load region.

If *input\_file* is a scatter-loaded image that contains more than one load region and the output format is one of --cadcombined, --m32combined, or --i32combined, then fromelf creates a single file containing all load regions.

If *input\_file* is an archive, you can process all files, or a subset of files, in that archive. To process a subset of files in the archive, specify a filter after the archive name as follows:

```
archive.a(filter pattern)
```

where *filter\_pattern* specifies a member file. To specify a subset of files use the following wildcard characters:

\*

Matches zero or more characters.

?

Matched any single character.

Any files in the archive that are not processed are included in the output archive together with the processed files.

## **Example**

To convert all files in the archive beginning with s, and create a new archive, my\_archive.a, containing the processed and unprocessed files, enter:

```
fromelf archive.a(s*.o) --output=my_archive.a
```

#### Related concepts

2.2 Examples of processing ELF files in an archive on page 2-17.

```
3.2 --bin on page 3-23.
3.6 --cad on page 3-27.
3.7 --cadcombined on page 3-29.
3.8 --compare=option[,option,...] on page 3-30.
3.27 --i32 on page 3-52.
3.28 --i32combined on page 3-53.
3.36 --m32 on page 3-61.
3.37 --m32combined on page 3-62.
3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.
3.46 --text on page 3-71.
3.48 --vhx on page 3-74.
```

## 3.33 --interleave=option

Inserts the original source code as comments into the disassembly if debug information is present.

## **Syntax**

--interleave=option

Where option can be one of the following:

#### line\_directives

Interleaves #line directives containing filenames and line numbers of the disassembled instructions.

#### line numbers

Interleaves comments containing filenames and line numbers of the disassembled instructions.

#### none

Disables interleaving. This is useful if you have a generated makefile where the fromelf command has multiple options in addition to --interleave. You can then specify --interleave=none as the last option to ensure that interleaving is disabled without having to reproduce the complete fromelf command.

#### source

Interleaves comments containing source code. If the source code is no longer available then fromelf interleaves in the same way as line\_numbers.

#### source\_only

Interleaves comments containing source code. If the source code is no longer available then fromelf does not interleave that code.

## **Usage**

Use this option with --emit=code or --text -c.

Use this option with --source\_directory if you want to specify additional paths to search for source code.

#### **Default**

The default is --interleave=none.

#### Related references

```
3.20 --emit=option[,option,...] on page 3-42.
```

3.45 -- source directory=path on page 3-70.

3.46 -- text on page 3-71.

# 3.34 --liclinger=seconds

The time in seconds that a license is to remain checked out.

## **Syntax**

--liclinger=seconds

# 3.35 --licretry

If you are using floating licenses, fromelf makes up to 10 attempts to obtain a license when invoked.
Note
This option is always enabled. fromelf ignores this option if you specify it.
Polated information

Toolchain environment variables.

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## 3.36 --m32

Produces Motorola 32-bit format (32-bit S-records) output. It generates one output file for each load region in the image.

You can specify the base address of the output with the --base option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --m32

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for each load region in the input image. fromelf places the output files in the *destination* directory.



For multiple load regions, the name of the first non-empty execution region in the corresponding load region is used for the filename.

A file is only created when the load region describes code or data that is present in the ELF file. For example a load region containing only execution regions with ZI data in them does not result in a output file.

## **Example**

To convert the ELF file infile.axf to a Motorola 32-bit format file, for example outfile.bin, enter:

fromelf --m32 --output=outfile.bin infile.axf

- 3.1 --base [[object file::]load region ID=]num on page 3-22.
- 3.37 -- m32combined on page 3-62.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

## 3.37 --m32combined

Produces Motorola 32-bit format (32-bit S-records) output. It generates one output file for an image containing multiple load regions.

You can specify the base address of the output with the --base option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --m32combined

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for all load regions in the input image. fromelf places the output file in the *destination* directory.

ELF images contain multiple load regions if, for example, they are built with a scatter file that defines more than one load region.

#### Example

To create a single Motorola 32-bit format output file, outfile2.bin, from an image file infile2.axf, with two load regions, and with a start address of 0x1000, enter:

fromeIf --m32combined --base=0x1000 --output=outfile2.bin infile2.axf

- 3.1 --base [[object file::]load region ID=]num on page 3-22.
- *3.36* --*m32* on page 3-61.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

## 3.38 --only=section name

Filters the list of sections that are displayed in the main section-by-section output from --text. It does not affect any additional output after the main section-by-section output.

#### **Syntax**

--only=section name

Where section name is the name of the section to be displayed.

#### You can:

- Use wildcard characters? and \* for a section name.
- Use multiple --only options to specify additional sections to display.

#### **Examples**

The following examples show how to use --only:

• To display only the symbol table, .symtab, from the section-by-section output, enter:

```
fromelf --only=.symtab --text -s test.axf
```

• To display all ERn sections, enter:

```
fromelf --only=ER? test.axf
```

• To display the HEAP section and all symbol and string table sections, enter:

```
fromeIf --only=HEAP --only=.*tab --text -s -t test.axf
```

#### Related references

*3.46* -- text on page 3-71.

## 3.39 --output=destination

Specifies the name of the output file, or the name of the output directory if multiple output files are created.

#### **Syntax**

- --output=destination
- --o destination

Where *destination* can be either a file or a directory. For example:

--output=foo

is the name of an output file

--output=foo/

is the name of an output directory.

#### Usage

Usage with --bin:

- You can specify a single input file and a single output filename.
- If you specify many input filenames and specify an output directory, then the output from processing each file is written into the output directory. Each output filename is derived from the corresponding input file. Therefore, specifying an output directory in this way is the only method of converting many ELF files to a binary or hexadecimal format in a single run of fromelf.
- If you specify an archive file as the input, then the output file is also an archive. For example, the following command creates an archive file called output.o:

```
fromelf archive.a(s*.o) --output=output.o
```

• If you specify a pattern in parentheses to select a subset of objects from an archive, fromelf only converts the subset. All the other objects are passed through to the output archive unchanged.

## Related references

*3.2 --bin* on page 3-23.

3.46 --text on page 3-71.

# 3.40 --qualify

Modifies the effect of the --fieldoffsets option so that the name of each output symbol includes an indication of the source file containing the relevant structure.

## Usage

This enables the --fieldoffsets option to produce functional output even if two source files define different structures with the same name.

If the source file is in a different location from the current location, then the source file path is also included.

## **Examples**

A structure called foo is defined in two headers for example, one.h and two.h.

Using fromelf --fieldoffsets, the linker might define the following symbols:

- foo.a, foo.b, and foo.c.
- foo.x, foo.y, and foo.z.

Using fromelf --qualify --fieldoffsets, the linker defines the following symbols:

- oneh\_foo.a, oneh\_foo.b and oneh\_foo.c.
- twoh\_foo.x, twoh\_foo.y and twoh\_foo.z.

#### Related references

3.23 --fieldoffsets on page 3-46.

# 3.41 --relax\_section=option[,option,...]

Changes the severity of a compare report for the specified sections to warnings rather than errors.

## Restrictions

You must use --compare with this option.

## **Syntax**

```
--relax_section=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

## object\_name::

All sections in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

object name::section name

All sections in ELF objects with a name matching *object\_name* and also a section name matching *section name*.

section name

All sections with a name matching section name.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters ? and \* for symbolic names in symbol\_name and object\_name arguments
- Specify multiple values in one *option* followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

```
3.8 --compare=option[,option,...] on page 3-30.
```

- 3.29 --ignore section=option[,option,...] on page 3-54.
- 3.42 --relax symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-67.

# 3.42 --relax symbol=option[,option,...]

Changes the severity of a compare report for the specified symbols to warnings rather than errors.

## Restrictions

You must use --compare with this option.

## **Syntax**

```
--relax_symbol=option[,option,...]
```

Where option is one of:

## object\_name::

All symbols in ELF objects with a name matching object name.

object name::section name

All symbols in ELF objects with a name matching *object\_name* and also a symbol name matching *symbol\_name*.

symbol\_name

All symbols with a name matching symbol name.

You can:

- Use wildcard characters ? and \* for symbolic names in symbol\_name and object\_name arguments
- Specify multiple values in one option followed by a comma-separated list of arguments.

```
3.8 --compare=option[,option,...] on page 3-30.
```

- 3.30 --ignore symbol=option[,option,...] on page 3-55.
- 3.41 --relax section=option[,option,...] on page 3-66.

## 3.43 --select=select options

When used with --fieldoffsets or --text -a options, displays only those fields that match a specified pattern list.

#### **Syntax**

--select=select options

Where *select options* is a list of patterns to match. Use special characters to select multiple fields:

• Use a comma-separated list to specify multiple fields, for example:

```
a*,b*,c*
```

- Use the wildcard character \* to match any name.
- Use the wildcard character ? to match any single letter.
- Prefix the *select\_options* string with + to specify the fields to include. This is the default behavior.
- Prefix the select options string with ~ to specify the fields to exclude.

If you are using a special character on Unix platforms, you must enclose the options in quotes to prevent the shell expanding the selection.

#### **Usage**

Use this option with either --fieldoffsets or --text -a.

## **Example**

The output from the --fieldoffsets option might include the following data structure:

|--|

To output only those fields that start with f1, enter:

```
fromeIf --select=structure.f1* --fieldoffsets infile.axf
```

This produces the output:

## Related references

```
3.23 --fieldoffsets on page 3-46.
```

3.46 --text on page 3-71.

# 3.44 --show\_cmdline

Outputs the command line used by the ELF file converter.

## Usage

Shows the command line after processing by the ELF file converter, and can be useful to check:

- The command line a build system is using.
- How the ELF file converter is interpreting the supplied command line, for example, the ordering of command-line options.

The commands are shown normalized, and the contents of any via files are expanded.

The output is sent to the standard error stream (stderr).

#### **Related references**

*3.49 --via=file* on page 3-75.

# 3.45 --source\_directory=path

Explicitly specifies the directory of the source code.

## **Syntax**

--source\_directory=path

## Usage

By default, the source code is assumed to be located in a directory relative to the ELF input file. You can use this option multiple times to specify a search path involving multiple directories.

You can use this option with --interleave.

## Related references

3.33 --interleave=option on page 3-58.

#### 3.46 --text

Prints image information in text format. You can decode an ELF image or ELF object file using this option.

#### **Syntax**

--text [options]

Where options specifies what is displayed, and can be one or more of the following:

-a

Prints the global and static data addresses (including addresses for structure and union contents).

This option can only be used on files containing debug information. If no debug information is present, a warning is displayed.

Use the --select option to output a subset of fields in a data structure.

If you want to view the data addresses of arrays, expanded both inside and outside structures, use the --expandarrays option with this text category.

- c

This option disassembles code, alongside a dump of the original binary data being disassembled and the addresses of the instructions.

——— Note ———
The disassembly cannot be input to the assembler.

-d

Prints contents of the data sections.

-е

Decodes exception table information for objects. Use with -c when disassembling images.

-g

Prints debug information.

-r

Prints relocation information.

-s

Prints the symbol and versioning tables.

-t

Prints the string tables.

-v

Prints detailed information on each segment and section header of the image.

-W

Eliminates line wrapping.

-у

Prints dynamic segment contents.

- z

Prints the code and data sizes.

These options are only recognized in text mode.

#### Usage

If you do not specify a code output format, --text is assumed. That is, you can specify one or more options without having to specify --text. For example, fromelf -a is the same as fromelf --text -a.

If you specify a code output format, such as --bin, then any --text options are ignored.

If *destination* is not specified with the --output option, or --output is not specified, the information is displayed on stdout.

Use the --only option to filter the list of sections.

## **Examples**

The following examples show how to use --text:

• To produce a plain text output file that contains the disassembled version of an ELF image and the symbol table, enter:

```
fromeIf --text -c -s --output=outfile.lst infile.axf
```

• To list to stdout all the global and static data variables and all the structure field addresses, enter:

```
fromelf -a --select=* infile.axf
```

• To produce a text file containing all of the structure addresses in infile.axf but none of the global or static data variable information, enter:

```
fromeIf --text -a --select=*.* --output=structaddress.txt infile.axf
```

• To produce a text file containing addresses of the nested structures only, enter:

```
fromelf --text -a --select=*.*.* --output=structaddress.txt infile.axf
```

• To produce a text file containing all of the global or static data variable information in infile.axf but none of the structure addresses, enter:

```
fromeIf --text -a --select=*,~*.* --output=structaddress.txt infile.axf
```

• To output only the .symtab section information in infile.axf, enter:

```
fromeIf --only .symtab -s --output=symtab.txt infile.axf
```

#### Related tasks

2.4 Using fromelf to find where a symbol is placed in an executable ELF image on page 2-19.

## **Related references**

- *3.11 --cpu=name* on page 3-33.
- 3.20 --emit=option[,option,...] on page 3-42.
- 3.21 --expandarrays on page 3-44.
- *3.31 --info=topic[,topic,...]* on page 3-56.
- 3.33 --interleave=option on page 3-58.
- 3.38 --only=section name on page 3-63.
- 3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.
- 3.43 --select=select options on page 3-68.
- 3.51 -w on page 3-77.

## **Related information**

Linker options for getting information about images.

# 3.47 --version\_number

Displays the version of fromelf you are using.

## Usage

The ELF file converter displays the version number in the format nnnbbbb, where:

- nnn is the version number.
- bbbb is the build number.

## **Example**

Version 5.06 build 0019 is displayed as 5060019.

## Related references

3.26 --help on page 3-51. 3.50 --vsn on page 3-76.

#### 3.48 --vhx

Produces Byte oriented (Verilog Memory Model) hexadecimal format output.

## Usage

This format is suitable for loading into the memory models of *Hardware Description Language* (HDL) simulators. You can split output from this option into multiple files with the --widthxbanks option.

#### Restrictions

The following restrictions apply:

- You cannot use this option with object files.
- You must use --output with this option.

#### Considerations when using --vhx

If you convert an ELF image containing multiple load regions to a binary format, fromelf creates an output directory named *destination* and generates one binary output file for each load region in the input image. fromelf places the output files in the *destination* directory.



For multiple load regions, the name of the first non-empty execution region in the corresponding load region is used for the filename.

A file is only created when the load region describes code or data that is present in the ELF file. For example a load region containing only execution regions with ZI data in them does not result in a output file.

#### **Examples**

To convert the ELF file infile.axf to a byte oriented hexadecimal format file, for example outfile.bin, enter:

```
fromeIf --vhx --output=outfile.bin infile.axf
```

To create multiple output files, in the regions directory, from an image file multiload.axf, with two 8-bit memory banks, enter:

fromeIf --vhx --8x2 multiload.axf --output=regions

#### Related references

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

3.52 --widthxbanks on page 3-78.

## 3.49 --via=file

Reads an additional list of input filenames and ELF file converter options from filename.

## **Syntax**

--via=filename

Where filename is the name of a via file containing options to be included on the command line.

## Usage

You can enter multiple --via options on the ELF file converter command line. The --via options can also be included within a via file.

## 3.50 --vsn

Displays the version information and the license details.

## Example

```
> fromelf --vsn
Product: ARM Compiler N.nn
Component: ARM Compiler N.nn (toolchain_build_number)
Tool: fromelf [build_number]
License_type
Software supplied by: ARM Limited
```

## Related references

*3.26* --help on page 3-51. *3.47* --version\_number on page 3-73.

#### 3.51 -w

Causes some text output information that usually appears on multiple lines to be displayed on a single line.

## **Usage**

This makes the output easier to parse with text processing utilities such as Perl.

#### Example

```
** FlF Header Information

** ELF Header Information

** Section #1 '.text' (SHT_PROGBITS) [SHF_ALLOC + SHF_EXECINSTR] Size : 36 bytes (alignment 4) Address: 0x000000000 $a .text

** Section #7 '.rel.text' (SHT_REL) Size : 8 bytes (alignment 4) Symbol table #6 '.symtab' 1 relocations applied to section #1 '.text'

** Section #2 '.ARM.exidx' (SHT_ARM_EXIDX) [SHF_ALLOC + SHF_LINK_ORDER] Size : 8 bytes (alignment 4) Address: 0x 0000000 Link to section #1 '.text'

** Section #8 '.rel.ARM.exidx' (SHT_REL) Size : 8 bytes (alignment 4) Symbol table #6 '.symtab' 1 relocations applied to section #2 '.ARM.exidx'

** Section #8 '.rel.ARM.exidx' (SHT_REL) Size : 8 bytes (alignment 4) Symbol table #6 '.symtab' 1 relocations applied to section #2 '.ARM.exidx'

** Section #3 '.arm_vfe_header' (SHT_PROGBITS) Size : 74 bytes (alignment 4)

** Section #4 '.comment' (SHT_PROGBITS) Size : 140 bytes

** Section #5 '.debug_frame' (SHT_REL) Size : 32 bytes (alignment 4) Symbol table #6 '.symtab' 4 relocations applied to section #5 '.debug_frame'

** Section #6 '.symtab' (SHT_SYMTAB) Size : 176 bytes (alignment 4) String table #11 '.strtab' Last local symbol no. 5

** Section #10 '.shstrtab' (SHT_STRTAB) Size : 223 bytes

** Section #11 '.strtab' (SHT_STRTAB) Size : 223 bytes

** Section #12 '.ARM.attributes' (SHT_ARM_ATTRIBUTES) Size : 69 bytes
```

## Related references

3.46 -- text on page 3-71.

#### 3.52 --widthxbanks

Outputs multiple files for multiple memory banks.

## **Syntax**

--widthxbanks

Where:

banks

specifies the number of memory banks in the target memory system. It determines the number of output files that are generated for each load region.

width

is the width of memory in the target memory system (8-bit, 16-bit, 32-bit, or 64-bit).

Valid configurations are:

```
--8x1
--8x2
--8x4
--16x1
--16x2
--32x1
--32x2
--64x1
```

#### Usage

frome1f uses the last specified configuration if more than one configuration is specified.

If the image has one load region, fromelf generates the same number of files as the number of banks specified. The filenames are derived from the --output=destination argument, using the following naming conventions:

- If there is one memory bank (banks = 1) the output file is named destination.
- If there are multiple memory banks (banks > 1), fromelf generates banks number of files named destinationN where N is in the range 0 to banks 1. If you specify a file extension for the output filename, then the number N is placed before the file extension. For example:

```
fromelf --vhx --8x2 test.axf --output=test.txt
```

This generates two files named test0.txt and test1.txt.

If the image has multiple load regions, fromelf creates a directory named *destination* and generates *banks* files for each load region in that directory. The files for each load region are named *Load\_regionN* where *Load region* is the name of the load region, and *N* is in the range 0 to *banks* - 1. For example:

```
fromelf --vhx --8x2 multiload.axf --output=regions/
```

This might produce the following files in the regions directory:

```
EXEC_ROM0
EXEC_ROM1
RAM0
RAM1
```

The memory width specified by *width* controls the amount of memory that is stored in a single line of each output file. The size of each output file is the size of memory to be read divided by the number of files created. For example:

• fromelf --vhx --8x4 test.axf --output=file produces four files (file0, file1, file2, and file3). Each file contains lines of single bytes, for example:

```
0000
2D
00
2C
```

8F

• fromelf --vhx --16x2 test.axf --output=file produces two files (file0 and file1). Each file contains lines of two bytes, for example:

```
0000
002D
002C
...
```

## Restrictions

You must use --output with this option.

## Related references

*3.2 --bin* on page 3-23.

3.39 --output=destination on page 3-64.

*3.48* --vhx on page 3-74.

# Chapter 4 Via File Syntax

Describes the syntax of via files accepted by the fromelf.

It contains the following sections:

- 4.1 Overview of via files on page 4-81.
- 4.2 Via file syntax rules on page 4-82.

## 4.1 Overview of via files

Via files are plain text files that allow you to specify ELF file converter command-line arguments and options.

Typically, you use a via file to overcome the command-line length limitations. However, you might want to create multiple via files that:

- Group similar arguments and options together.
- Contain different sets of arguments and options to be used in different scenarios.

Note
In general, you can use a via file to specify any command-line option to a tool, includingvia. This
means that you can call multiple nested via files from within a via file.

## Via file evaluation

When the ELF file converter is invoked it:

- 1. Replaces the first specified --via *via\_file* argument with the sequence of argument words extracted from the via file, including recursively processing any nested --via commands in the via file
- 2. Processes any subsequent --via *via\_file* arguments in the same way, in the order they are presented.

That is, via files are processed in the order you specify them, and each via file is processed completely including processing nested via files before processing the next via file.

#### Related references

4.2 Via file syntax rules on page 4-82. 3.49 --via=file on page 3-75.

## 4.2 Via file syntax rules

Via files must conform to some syntax rules.

- A via file is a text file containing a sequence of words. Each word in the text file is converted into an argument string and passed to the tool.
- Words are separated by whitespace, or the end of a line, except in delimited strings, for example:

```
--vhx --8x2 (two words)
```

```
--vhx--8x2 (one word)
```

• The end of a line is treated as whitespace, for example:

```
--vhx--8x2
```

This is equivalent to:

```
--vhx --8x2
```

• Strings enclosed in quotation marks ("), or apostrophes (') are treated as a single word. Within a quoted word, an apostrophe is treated as an ordinary character. Within an apostrophe delimited word, a quotation mark is treated as an ordinary character.

Use quotation marks to delimit filenames or path names that contain spaces, for example:

```
--output C:\My Project\output.txt (three words)
```

```
--output "C:\My Project\output.txt" (two words)
```

Use apostrophes to delimit words that contain quotes, for example:

```
-DNAME='"ARM Compiler"' (one word)
```

• Characters enclosed in parentheses are treated as a single word, for example:

```
--option(x, y, z) (one word)
```

```
--option (x, y, z) (two words)
```

- Within quoted or apostrophe delimited strings, you can use a backslash (\) character to escape the quote, apostrophe, and backslash characters.
- A word that occurs immediately next to a delimited word is treated as a single word, for example:

```
--output"C:\Project\output.txt"
```

This is treated as the single word:

```
--outputC:\Project\output.txt
```

• Lines beginning with a semicolon (;) or a hash (#) character as the first nonwhitespace character are comment lines. A semicolon or hash character that appears anywhere else in a line is not treated as the start of a comment, for example:

```
-o objectname.axf ;this is not a comment
```

A comment ends at the end of a line, or at the end of the file. There are no multi-line comments, and there are no part-line comments.

#### Related concepts

4.1 Overview of via files on page 4-81.

## Related references

*3.49 --via=file* on page 3-75.