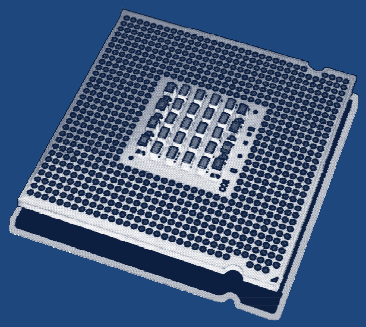
MicroTESK | Advanced Verification Program Generator for Microprocessors

MicroTESK is a reconfigurable (retargetable and extendable) model-based test program generator for microprocessors and other programmable devices. It is customized for a particular architecture by using light-weight instruction set specifications, which makes it easy to support various RISC and CISC architectures and facilitates automated extraction of knowledge about situations to be covered by tests. A convenient test template framework allows rapid development of complex verification scenarios.



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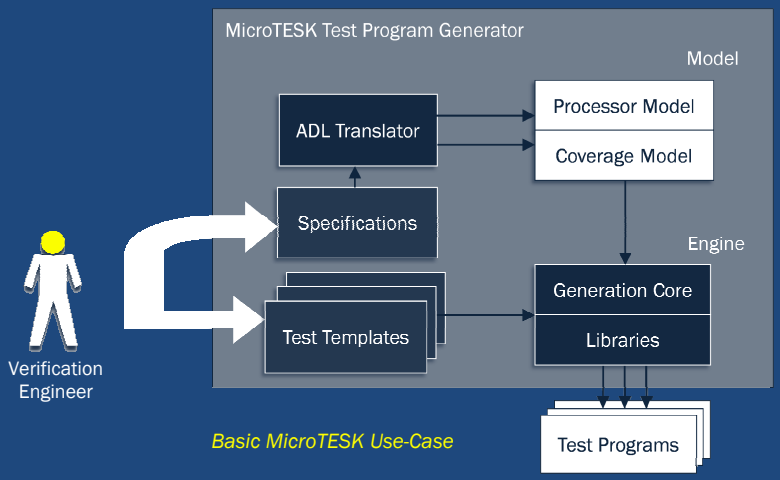

Basic MicroTESK Use-Case

Target Architectures

- MicroTESK is **retargetable**
  - RISC
  - CISC
  - DSP

  } wide range of ISA
- Primary focus on **RISC** architectures
  - ARM
  - MIPS
  - SPARC

  } + custom designs

Microprocessor Specification

- Specifications in **nML/Sim-nML** (TU Berlin/IIT Kanpur)
  - Memory structure and addressing modes
  - Behavioral description of instructions
  - Assembler/binary instruction formats
- Configurations in **domain-specific languages**
  - Memory management (TLB, L1 and L2)
  - Pipeline logic (microarchitectural networks)
  - Branch processing (prediction, etc.)

```
op ADD(c:C, s:S, r1:REG, r2:REG, d3:DATA)
  syntax = format("ADD%s%s %s, %s, %s", ... )
  image  = format("%s0000100%s%s%s%s",  ... )
  action = {
    c.action; d3.action;
    if (X == 1) then
      carry::ALU_OUT = GPR[r2] + d3;
      if (s == 1) && (r1 == 15) then
        CPSR = SPSR;
      else
        if (s == 1) then
          CPSR<31..31> = ALU_OUT<31..31>;
          if (ALU_OUT == 0) then
            CPSR<30..30> = 1;
          else
            CPSR<30..30> = 0;
          endif;
          CPSR<29..29> = carry;
          if (GPR[r2]<31..31> == d3<31..31>) &&
             (ALU_OUT != GPR[r2]<31..31>) then
            CPSR<28..28> = 1;
          else
            CPSR<28..28> = 0;
          endif;
        endif;
      endif;
      GPR[r1] = ALU_OUT;
    endif;
  }
```

Assembler format
Instruction behavior (processor model)

Testing knowledge (coverage model)

Instruction Description in Sim-nML Language

```
...
add r(1), r(2), r(3)
sub r(4), r(1), r(5) do overflow end
newline

text "// Text be placed in a test"
newline

sub r(i=rand(8..16)), r(10..20), r(i)
newline

3.times do
  ld  r(1), r(2)       do hit    end
  add r(3), r(1), r(4) do normal end
  newline
end

(1..5).each do |i|
  ori r(i), r(i+1), r(0)
  newline
end
...
```

Processor model access
Coverage model access

Test code formatting

Test randomization

Test sequence control

Test Program Template in Ruby Language

Test Template Description

- Ruby-based language
- Focus on simplicity and productivity
- Integration with test generators
- Access to processor and coverage models

Test Program Generation

- Random
- Combinatorial
- Constraint-based
- Model-based

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