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You can start sifdecoder with the following options:

**-A *arch***

Run the decoder using the architecture *rch*; the architecture is a string of the form machine.system.compiler as specified in the directory \$CUTEST/versions. If no -A option is given, a valid architecture given by the environment variable \$MYARCH will be used, but if \$MYARCH is invalid or empty the decoder will terminate.

**-sp** Run sifdecoder in single-precision mode, if available. Double precision is the default.

**-h** Print a short help message.

**-o 0/1**

Regulate the output level of *sifdecoder*. Verbose mode is -o 1, silent mode is -o 0. Silent mode is the default.

**-m** check for memory leaks when possible using valgrind(1).

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*problem.SIF* is the name of the file containing the SIF information on the problem to be solved.

**ENVIRONMENT****SIFDECODE**

Parent directory for SIFDecode.

**MYARCH**

The default architecture.

**MASTSIF**

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