

## Getting Started with $eCos^{TM}$

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## **Foreword**

Welcome to the latest release of Red Hat eCos(TM) - the Embedded Configurable Operating System.

#### What's New?

In the fourth major public release of eCos, starting with version 1.4, we have added a wealth of new features, enhancements, and have further extended the target platform coverage.

Major new elements include:

- <sup>n</sup> Package management that supports the extension of eCos functionality via third party add-on packages.
- A standardized configuration save file format that is human readable and editable, and compatible between both GUI and command line configuration tools.
- <sup>n</sup> Enhanced web based help and component documentation system integrated into the GUI configuration tool.
- The Component Definition Language (CDL) has been radically revised and has now been implemented as a TCL extension for maximum flexibility. CDL is now fully documented in the Component Writers Guide.
- Template support for straightforward control of multiple configuration elements, which can be used to provide easy access to standard eCos configurations such as a debug stub boot ROM.
- Best of all, the source of the new configuration tools and underlying libCDL technology has been open sourced under the GNU Public License (GPL).

A companion beta version of the eCos TCP/IP stack has been released in conjunction with this release. The stack is derived from the OpenBSD source base and provides UDP, TCP, ICMP, BOOTP and DHCP protocol support on an IPv4 standards base. Device driver support for Cirrus Logic EP72xx evaluation boards, Motorola MBX, and StrongARM EBSA285 with Intel 82559 is included. The stack and ethernet core support are distributed as configurable eCos packages. Platform ethernet device drivers are distributed with the associated platform HAL, but are naturally not useful without the ethernet core support package.

A PCI bus support library has also been added that provides generic PCI bus based device initialization, discovery, and configuration. The library has been ported to both the VR4300 DDB-VRC4373 and StrongARM EBSA285 development boards.

eCos also contains support for the POSIX Specification (ISO/IEC 9945-1)[POSIX]. This support follows EL/IX level 1 in the functionality supplied [ELIX].

POSIX support is divided between the POSIX and the FILEIO packages. The POSIX package provides support for threads, signals, synchronization, timers and message queues. The FILEIO package provides support for file and device I/O. The two packages may be used together or separately, depending on configuration.

Also supplied with eCos is RedBoot; the standard bootstrap and debugging environment for embedded systems from Red Hat. It provides a wide set of tools for downloading and executing programs on embedded target systems, as well as tools for manipulating the target system's environment.

#### RedBoot's capabilities include:

- Serial and network (Ethernet) based debugging
- n FLASH management
- <sup>n</sup> Simple command line interface, available via serial or Ethernet
- n Configurable and extensible, specifically adapted to the target environment

New architectures and platforms added in this release include:

- n ARM Thumb
- n ARM9
- n Cirrus Logic CL-PS7111 and EP72xx
- n Cogent CMA222 and CMA230 ARM boards
- n Hitachi SH3
- n Intel StrongARM
- n Intel x86 PC
- n Matsushita AM33
- n Motorola MBX evaluation board
- n NEC MIPS VR4300
- n NEC CEB-V850SA1

For further details of all the changes see the NEWS file in the eCos sources.

Red Hat is dedicated to continued enhancement and maintenance of the eCos system. Developers can look forward to upcoming releases that further expand the architectural and board coverage, extend the functionality of the TCP/IP stack, add a Linux version of the GUI configuration tool, and add major new features such as a Linux/Posix compatibility layer based on the upcoming EL/IX standard - see

http://sources.redhat.com/elix/

for more details.

#### eCos in a Nutshell

eCos is an open source, configurable, portable, and royalty-free embedded real-time operating system. The following text expands on these core aspects that define eCos.

eCos is provided as an open source runtime system supported by the Red Hat GNUPro and GNU open source development tools. Developers have full and unfettered access to all aspects of the runtime system. No parts of it are proprietary or hidden, and you are at liberty to examine, add to, and modify the code as you deem necessary. These rights are granted to you and protected by the Red Hat eCos Public License (RHEPL). It also grants you the right to freely develop and distribute applications based on eCos. You are not expected or required to make your embedded applications or any additional components that you develop freely available, although we do require that you make publicly available any modifications to the eCos code itself. Red Hat of course welcomes all contributions back to eCos such as board ports, device drivers and other components, as this helps the growth and development of eCos, and is of benefit to the entire eCos community.

One of the key technological innovations in eCos is our configuration system. The configuration system allows the application writer to impose their requirements on the run-time components, both in terms of their functionality and implementation, whereas traditionally the operating system has constrained the application's own implementation. Essentially, this enables eCos developers to create their own application-specific operating system and makes eCos suitable for a wide range of embedded uses. Configuration also ensures that the resource footprint of eCos is minimized as all unnecessary functionality and features are removed. The configuration system also presents eCos as a component architecture. This provides a standardized mechanism for component suppliers to extend the functionality of eCos and allows applications to be built from a wide set of optional configurable run-time components. Components can be provided from a variety of sources including: the standard eCos release; commercial third party developers; open source contributors; or additional optional components from Red Hat.

The royalty-free nature of eCos means that you can develop and deploy your application using the standard eCos release without incurring any royalty charges. In addition, there are no up-front license charges for the eCos runtime source code and associated tools. We provide, without charge, everything necessary for basic embedded applications development.

eCos is designed to be portable to a wide range of target architectures and target platforms including 16, 32, and 64 bit architectures, MPUs, MCUs and DSPs. The eCos kernel, libraries and runtime components are layered on the Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL), and thus will run on any target once the HAL and relevant device drivers have been ported to the target's processor architecture and board. Currently eCos supports a large range of different target architectures (ARM, Hitachi SH3, Intel x86, MIPS, Matsushita AM3x, Intel StrongARM, NEC V850, Motorola PowerPC, and SPARC) including many of the popular variants of these architectures and evaluation boards. Many new ports are in development and will be released as they become available.

eCos has been designed to support applications with real-time requirements, providing features such as full preemptability, minimal interrupt latencies, and all the necessary synchronization primitives, scheduling policies, and interrupt handling mechanisms needed for these type of applications. eCos also provides all the functionality required for general embedded application support including device drivers, memory management, exception handling, C, math libraries, etc. In addition to runtime support, the eCos system includes all the tools necessary to develop embedded applications, including eCos software configuration and build tools, and GNU based compilers, assemblers, linkers, debuggers, and simulators.

To get the most out of eCos you should visit the eCos open source developers site:

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/

The site is dedicated to the eCos developer community and contains a rich set of resources including news, FAQ, online documentation, installation guide, discussion and announcement mailing lists, online problem report form, and runtime and development tools downloads. We also support anonymous CVS and WEBCVS access to provide you with direct access to the very latest eCos source base. Complementing the open source developers site is an eCos product site, featuring news, press releases, details of our commercial engineering and support services, products, and third party partner offerings. This is located at

http://www.redhat.com/embedded/technologies/ecos/

We have released eCos as open source software because we believe that this is the most effective software development model, and that it provides the greatest benefit to the embedded developer community as a whole. As part of this endeavor, we seek the input and participation of eCos developers in its continuing evolution. Participation can take many forms including:

- providing us with feedback on how eCos might be made more useful to you by taking part in the ongoing mailing list discussions and by submitting problem reports covering bugs, documentation issues, and missing features
- n contributing bug fixes and enhancement patches
- n contributing new code including device drivers, board ports, libraries, and other runtime components

Our long term aim is to make eCos a rich and ubiquitous standard infrastructure for the development of deeply embedded applications. This will be achieved in part by Red Hat's own efforts, but also with the assistance of the eCos developer community cooperating to improve eCos for all. I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the many eCos developers who have already contributed feedback, ideas, patches, and code that have augmented and improved this release.

On behalf of the eCos team, welcome to the eCos developer community.

Paul Beskeen, Director of Engineering, eCos November 2000

## **Documentation Roadmap**

## **Getting Started with eCos**

#### **Release Notes**

Description of this release.

#### **Installation Guide**

Hardware and software installation instructions, including instructions on how to execute some prebuilt tests to verify the installation.

#### **Programming Tutorial**

A tutorial that gets you started running programs with eCos.

#### **Appendixes**

Extra information about the licensing terms for **eCos**.

## eCos User's Guide

#### The eCos Configuration Tool

A description of all features of the Configuration Tool.

#### Programming concepts and techniques

An explanation of the **eCos** programming cycle, and a description of some debugging facilities that **eCos** offers.

#### Configuration and the Package Repository

Information on how to configure **eCos** manually, including a reference on the ecosconfig command, memory layouts, and information on how to manage a package repository using the **eCos Package Administration Tool**.

### eCos Reference Manual

#### **Preliminaries**

An overview of the **eCos** kernel and configurability system.

#### **Kernel APIs**

In-depth description of **eCos**'s native C kernel API, the  $\mu$ ITRON API, the ISO standard C library, and the **eCos** Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL). Important considerations are given for programming the **eCos** kernel. The semantics for each kernel function are described, including how they are affected by configuration.

#### eCos Device Drivers

A description of the philosophy behind **eCos** device drivers, as well as a presentation of the C language API for using the current device drivers.

#### The ISO Standard C and Math Libraries

**eCos** comes with an implementation of the ISO C library specification. This section gives details about the implementation, lists the few functions that are not yet implemented, and gives a complete reference for configuring the C library.

## **Part I: Release Notes**

This release of eCos supports the following architectures:

- <sup>n</sup> Advanced RISC Machines ARM7 and ARM9 (including Thumb support on the appropriate cores)
- n Intel StrongARM
- n Intel XScale
- n Linux i386—synthetic Linux target

and supports the following target platforms:

- n ARM PID (ARM7/ARM7t/ARM9)
- n ARM AEB-1 (revision B and C) evaluation boards
- n Cirrus Logic CL-PS7111 (ARM710A CPU) evaluation board, also known as EB7111
- Cirrus Logic EP7209, EP7211 and EP7212 development boards (ARM720T CPU) also known as EDB7209, EDB7211 and EDB7212 respectively.
- Cogent CMA 101/102 evaluation boards with CMA230 (ARM7tdmi) and CMA222 (ARM710) daughterboards—support for this platform is still "beta"
- n ARM Evaluator7T
- n Intel StrongARM SA110 EBSA-285 evaluation board
- n Intel StrongARM SA1100 Evaluation Platform (Brutus)
- n Intel StrongARM SA1100 Multimedia Board
- n Intel StrongARM SA1110 Microprocessor Evaluation Platform (Assabet)
- n Compaq iPAQ PocketPC (Intel StrongARM SA1110)
- Bright Star Engineering nanoEngine and commEngine (Intel StrongARM SA1110)
- n Intel XScale IQ80310 Software Development and Processor Evaluation Kit
- <sup>n</sup> Linux (i386) synthetic Linux target (i386 and compatibles)

This release also supports the following host operating systems:

 $_{n}$  UNIX $^{TM}$ . Redhat Linux $^{TM}$  and Solaris $^{TM}$  are the only tested UNIX variants.



## **Notation and Conventions**

Since there are many supported target architectures, notation conventions are used in this manual to avoid repeating instructions that are very similar.

## **GDB and GCC Command Notation**

Cross-development commands like gcc and gdb will be shown without prefixed information about the platform for which you are cross-compiling. You need to add the necessary prefix before you execute the commands, so instead of simply typing gcc and gdb, as illustrated in the various example in this manual, use:

 $\label{lem:condition} $\operatorname{arm-elf-gcc/thumb-elf-gcc}$ and $\operatorname{arm-elf-gdb/thumb-elf-gdb}$ for $ARM$, $Thumb$ and $Intel Strong $ARM$ $$ 

xscale-elf-gcc and xscale-elf-gdb for Intel XScale i686-pc-linux-gnu-gcc and i686-pc-linux-gnu-gdb for Synthetic Linux.

Note that the GCC cross compiler generates executable files with the .exe suffix on Windows, but not on UNIX. The suffix .exe will be omitted from executable file names, so you will see hello instead of hello.exe.

## Directory and File System Conventions

The default directory for installing eCos on Windows (usually C:/Program Files/Red Hat/eCos) is different from that on UNIX (usually /usr/local/ecos-1.4.x). Since many command line examples in the tutorials use these paths, this default (base) directory will be cited as *BASE DIR*.

Windows and UNIX have a similar file system syntax, but the MS-DOS command interpreter on Windows uses the backslash character (\) as a path separator, while UNIX and POSIX shells (including the Cygwin bash shell for windows) use the forward slash (/).

This document will use the POSIX shell convention of forward slashes throughout.

### **Version Conventions**

This manual outlines the features of eCos version 1.4.x. The initial release version was 1.4, and additional 1.4 releases will incorporate one or more additional numbers, represented in this manual by "x". Please note the exact version number of the version that you are using, because it is incorporated in certain file paths.

## **Release Overview**

The Embedded Configurable Operating System (eCos) software consists of a set of tools and a run-time environment for developing embedded applications. It is a configurable, open source framework that allows you to build a run-time system that closely matching the needs of your application.

eCos is aimed at embedded software developers who use architectures with tight memory constraints, who want a portable framework for developing their applications.

If you want to start programming eCos immediately, see "Part II: Installation Guide" on page 34 and "Part III: Programming Tutorial" on page 65.

### **Hardware Abstraction**

eCos includes a Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL) that hides the specific features of each supported CPU and platform, so that the kernel and other run-time components can be implemented in a portable fashion.

The eCos HAL has now been ported to numerous architectures, and to one synthetic target, Linux i386. Notes on porting the HAL to new platforms are provided in the eCos Reference Manual under Kernel porting notes in The eCos Hardware Abstraction Layer section.

### **Embedded Kernel**

The core of eCos is a full-featured, flexible, and configurable embedded kernel.

The kernel provides, among other features, multi-threading, a choice of schedulers, a full set of synchronization primitives, memory allocation primitives, and thread manipulation functions (see the *eCos Reference Manual* for the full kernel API).

The kernel is designed such that some parts of it can be changed or replaced without affecting other kernel components.

The following is a partial list of kernel features:

- n choice of memory allocation algorithm
- n choice of scheduling algorithm
- n a rich set of synchronization primitives
- n timers, counters, and alarms
- n interrupt handling
- n exception handling
- n cache control
- n thread support
- n kernel support for multi-threaded debugging with GDB
- n trace buffers
- n infrastructure and instrumentation

The kernel API and configuration are described in the eCos Reference Manual.

## Configurability

The eCos kernel and other components can be configured in great detail at compile time, which avoids the need to add unwanted code to the library to be linked with your application code. There is no performance penalty for configuration.

Configuration is fine-grained, so that very small details of eCos' behavior can be tuned by selecting different configuration options.

eCos is organized as a component architecture, with a language to describe the constraints between the components and individual configuration options. These constraints are necessary to resolve inconsistent configurations, such as disabling the code which handles the real-time clock, while enabling per-thread timers.

The designer of a component or general-purpose library should write configurable code using a component definition language (CDL). Once that has been done there is no additional burden on the end user (i.e. an embedded systems developer), who will be able to use eCos' graphical **Configuration Tool** to configure the kernel and basic libraries without needing to understand how the configuration infrastructure works.

A tutorial explaining how to configure eCos is located in "Configuring and Building eCos from Source" on page 69. The eCos *User's Guide* has more detailed information on running the Configuration Tool and CDL.

## μITRON and Other Operating Systems

eCos' configurability is the key to simulating different operating systems by using compatibility layers on top of eCos' kernel, because the semantics of basic kernel functions can be configured to match the semantics of other operating systems.

The specification for the µITRON operating system has been implemented on top of eCos. µITRON is configured by selecting appropriate options in the kernel (a real-time clock, the mlqueue scheduler, and no timeslicing); and writing a thin layer to map the µITRON system calls.

The  $\mu$ ITRON port implements the complete  $\mu$ ITRON 3.02 "Standard functionality" (level S) specification, as well as some of the "Extended" (level E) functions. The  $\mu$ ITRON implementation is described in more detail in the *eCos Reference Manual*.

## ISO C Library

The ISO C and math library shipped with eCos was written to be configurable and tightly integrated with the kernel and the HAL.

By carefully selecting configuration options in the C library, you can significantly reduce the size of the final executable image.

## **Serial Device Drivers**

eCos provides serial device drivers for all supported eCos platforms, with the exception of the i386 Linux synthetic target and most simulator platforms. The serial drivers provide an API (documented in the *eCos Reference Manual*) to control serial ports directly. The standard I/O library can be configured to use them as a transport layer.

## **Monitor Image**

#### RedBoot

The new standard bootstrap and debugging environment for Red Hat embedded systems is RedBoot, a configurable and extensible command line application which provides serial and network debugging and FLASH management. Based on the eCos HAL, RedBoot supports eCos, GNUPro applications and embedded Linux systems on a wide range of platforms, including ARM, MIPS, MN10300, PowerPC, SHx, v850 and x86.

RedBoot is recommended for the i386 PC, ARM PID/EPI Dev7/EPI Dev9, ARM Evaluator-7T, Cirrus Logic EP72xx, Intel StrongARM, Intel XScale, PMC-Sierra Ocelot, and Motorola PPC MBX860 platforms.

Redboot provides a GDB stub allowing debugging with the GDB debugger, and is supplied as a standalone application with the eCos distribution. See also the *RedBoot User's Guide*.

#### CygMon

eCos ships with a CygMon ROM monitor for the MN10300, TX39, SPARClite, EP7209, EP7211 and EP7212 Development Boards. This includes a GDB stub, thus allowing GDB to be used to debug eCos applications on these evaluation boards. For the Brutus board, two stubs are provided: one with the high FLASH portion and the other with the low FLASH portion. In addition to shipping the actual ROM, the image of that ROM is provided in case you need to burn identical copies for additional boards (see "Target Setup" on page 40).

For the port of CygMon to the EP7211 and EP7212 Development Boards, the source code to CygMon is included as an integral part of eCos. See "Cirrus Logic ARM EP7211 Development Board Hardware Setup" on page 52 for information on how to rebuild CygMon for the EP7211.

Please note that releases of CygMon previous to the one currently supplied with eCos are incompatible with eCos. **GDB Stubs** 

For the ARM PID, ARM Cogent, ARM AEB, Cirrus Logic EDB7211 and EDB7209/7212 targets, the ROM images include a GDB stub. This allows GDB to connect to the board and download eCos programs.

For the ARM AEB-1 EBSA 285, SA1100 (Brutus) and SA1110 (Assabet), the ROM image includes a GDB stub that can be installed in the FLASH ROM on the board.

When an eCos program is run on ARM or SH3 boards, the GDB stub in ROM does not provide thread debugging or asynchronous GDB interrupt support. If you require full debugging capabilities, you must include GDB stub support when configuring eCos.

No monitor image is required for the synthetic Linux target.

## **Tests and Examples**

Test suites are included for every portion of eCos shipped in this release. These are brief programs that test the behavior of most system calls and libraries in eCos. "Test Suites" on page 86 describes how to build and run these test suites.

The last chapters of "Part III: Programming Tutorial" on page 65 provide examples that guide you the steps required for running eCos applications, starting from a "Hello world" program and then moving on to more complex programs that use additional kernel features.

## **GNU Tools and their Documentation**

Red Hat's GNUPro Toolkit, which includes the GCC and G++ compilers and the GDB debugger, is needed to build eCos applications. It is bundled with the CD-ROM distribution of the eCos Developer's Kit, and is also available on the net at

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/

Online HTML versions of the full GNUPro documentation are included with eCos, as well as a specific GNUPro tools reference guide for your hardware architecture, customized for use with eCos. The full GNUPro documentation can also be found on the web at:

http://www.redhat.com/support/manuals/qnupro.html

NOTE The Linux synthetic i386 target is an exception, as there is (currently) no GNUPro manual. However, the GNUPro source archive contains documentation for the tools. This documentation is usually also included as part of a default Red Hat Linux installation, accessible with the **info** program.

## **eCos Documentation**

The eCos documentation set includes *Getting Started with eCos*, the *eCos User's Guide*, the *eCos Reference Manual*, and a *GNUPro Reference Manual* for your specific architecture.

For users of the eCos Net releases, these are available online in HTML format at

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/

## Package Contents

#### eCos Net Release

The eCos Net Release consists of the archive files for GNUPro and eCos, which are located on the Red Hat eCos web site:

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/

The eCos Net Release, because it is digitally distributed only, does not provide images for the various development boards. However, the images for the supported hardware platforms are included in the distribution, so you can burn your own Flash ICs to work with eCos.

HTML versions of the GNUPro and eCos manuals are included in the distribution, and are also available online.

#### **ARM Package**

The ARM package contains an eCos-specific PROM for the PID evaluation board or the Cogent evaluation board. This PROM contains a Thumb-aware stub. There are no extras for the AEB-1, EDB7111 or EDB7211 boards in the Developer's Kit.

#### StrongARM Package

The StrongARM package contains no extras for any StrongARM boards in the developers' kit.

## System Requirements

## Required

- Standard Intel<sup>TM</sup> architecture PC running Linux (tested on Red Hat Linux distributions 5.0-7.0), and English or Japanese versions of Microsoft Windows NT version 4.0 (service pack 3 or above must be installed), Windows 95, Windows 98, or Windows 2000. Other versions of Red Hat distributions, or Linux distributions from other vendors should work as well.
- Windows NT users must install Internet Explorer 4.0 or later, since this will ensure correct operation of the Configuration Tool.
   Sun™ workstation running Solaris 2.5.1 or later for the SPARC™.
   Support for any platform except for Windows NT 4.0, Solaris 2.5.1 and Linux is beta. In particular, rebuilding the GNUPro compiler toolchain is only supported and tested on Windows NT 4.0, Solaris 2.5.1, and Red Hat Linux.
- Enough disk space for the installed distribution. The eCos installation process will detail the various components of eCos and the GNUPro toolkit that can be installed, and their disk space requirements.
- 64MB of RAM and a 350MHz or faster Pentium processor. If you are downloading the eCos Net Release distribution from Red Hat's sources.redhat.com site, you will also need space to store that image and to compile GNUPro and eCos from source.

If you will be using the ARM PID evaluation board, you will also need:

n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC

- ARM PID evaluation board with eCos GDB stubs ROM installed, or GDB stubs programmed in the FLASH ROM (see "ARM PID Hardware Setup" on page 43).
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the SerialA serial I/O connector on the evaluation board.

If you will be using the ARM AEB-1 evaluation board, you will also need:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- <sup>n</sup> ARM AEB-1 evaluation board with eCos GDB stubs ROM image installed in the FLASH ROM.
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector on the evaluation board.

If you will be using the ARM Evaluator-7T evaluation board, you will also need:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- n ARM E7T evaluation board with RedBoot image installed in the FLASH ROM.
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector on the evaluation board.

If you will be using the Cogent CMA230 evaluation board, you will also need:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- Cogent CMA101/102 evaluation board with a CMA (ARM7tdmi) daughterboard and eCos GDB stubs ROM installed. Information and online manuals for the Cogent board can be found at http://www.cogcomp.com/.
- <sup>n</sup> Serial cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the RJ-11 serial I/O connector, P11 (CMA101) or P3 (CMA102), on the evaluation board.

If you will be using the Cirrus Logic CL-PS7111 Evaluation Board, you will also need:

- n One 16550-based serial port on the PC.
- A Cirrus Logic CL-PS7111 Evaluation Board with an eCos GDB stubs ROM image installed in the FLASH ROM.
- <sup>n</sup> Custom cable that is supplied with the CL-PS7111 Evaluation Board connected from a serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector labelled "Serial Port 1".

If you will be using the Cirrus Logic EP7209, EP7211 or EP7212 Development Boards, you will also need:

- n One 16550-based serial port on the PC.
- <sup>n</sup> A Cirrus Logic ARM EP7211 or EP7212 Development Board, with either a RedBoot, CygMon or GDB stub ROM image installed in the FLASH ROM.

If connecting with a serial cable, use a null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector labelled "UART 1" on the EP7211 Development Board, and "Serial Port 0" on the EP7209 and EP7212 Development Boards. A gender changer may also be required.

If you will be using the Intel StrongARM EBSA-285 evaluation board, you will also need:

Intel StrongARM EBSA-285 evaluation board with RedBoot or eCos GDB stubs ROM image installed in the FLASH ROM.

If serial debugging is to be used:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector on the evaluation board. A gender changer may also be required.

If network debugging is to be used:

<sup>n</sup> Suitable network interface card on the development PC and connecting cables If you will be using the Bright Star Engineering commEngine or nanoEngine boards, you will also need:

<sup>n</sup> BSE commEngine or nanoEngine board with RedBoot image installed in the FLASH ROM.

If serial debugging is to be used:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector on the evaluation board. A gender changer may also be required.

If network debugging is to be used:

Suitable network interface card on the development PC and connecting cables

If you will be using the Intel SA1100 Evaluation Platform (Brutus), you will need:

- n One 16550-based serial port on the PC
- Intel SA1100 board with RedBoot, CygMon or eCos GDB stubs programmed into the FLASH

If you will be using the Intel SA1100 Multimedia Board, you will need:

- n One 16550-based serial port on the PC
- n Intel SA1100MM board with RedBoot installed into FLASH

If you will be using the Intel SA1110 Evaluation Platform (Assabet), you will need:

Intel SA1110 board with RedBoot, CygMon, or eCos GDB stubs programmed into the FLASH

If serial debugging is to be used:

n One 16550-based serial port on the PC

If network debugging is to be used:

- n A Compact Flash ethernet card for the platform for use with network debugging under RedBoot
- A suitable network interface card on the development PC and connecting cables If you will be using the Compaq iPAQ PocketPC, you will need:
- n Compaq iPAQ with RedBoot programmed into the FLASH

If serial debugging is to be used:

- n One 16550-based serial port on the PC
- n Cradle or cable to connect to the host PC

If network debugging is to be used:

- n A Compact Flash ethernet card for the platform for use with network debugging under RedBoot
- n Cradle and connectors for the CF ethernet card.
- n A suitable network interface card on the development PC and connecting cables

If you will be using the Intel XScale IQ80310 Evaluation Kit, you will also need:

n Intel IQ80310 board with RedBoot installed in the FLASH.

If serial debugging is to be used:

- n One (16550 based) serial port on the PC
- Null modem cable to connect the serial port on the PC to the serial I/O connector on the evaluation board. A gender changer may also be required.

If network debugging is to be used:

- <sup>n</sup> Suitable network interface card on the development PC and connecting cables If you will be using the Linux synthetic target, you will also need:
- <sup>n</sup> An x86 PC with an installed Linux distribution (tested with Red Hat Linux distributions 5.0 7.0).

### Recommended

A Pentium II computer and 64MB or more of RAM are recommended for best build performance.

The system has been tested only in the recommended configuration above, although other configurations are expected to work.

## Reporting Problems

Reporting bugs and other problems is very important: it allows Red Hat to solve your problem quickly, and improves the eCos product. The effort you make in reporting problems is appreciated.

To submit a problem report, please use the web interface. If you have a CD distribution of the eCos Developer's Kit, you should use the address:

http://support.cygnus.com

You will need a login name and an ID, provided by your administrator.

If you are using the eCos Net release you should use the address http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/problemreport.html

#### Known Bugs in eCos and GNUPro

Before filing bug reports, however, please read the README provided with this release. It describes known problems and possible workarounds in eCos or with the GNUPro Toolkit. The file is at the base of the distribution.

## **How to Report Problems**

For documentation discussing methods of reporting on, editing and querying, see the following *Accessing Red Hat Web Support to Report Problems*, or *Additional Options* in this chapter.

This documentation serves only as a guide and it is not meant to supercede the Help documentation on the Web Support site. We have tried to make our software as trouble-free as possible. If you do encounter problems, we'd like to diagnose and fix the problem as quickly as possible.

#### Accessing Red Hat Web Support to Report Problems

If you have a CD distribution, use the following instructions to access the Red Hat Support website.

- Use the following URL in your web browser's address or location dialog box.

  http://support.cygnus.com
- Click on the Case Management System icon, enter your ID and password, and the Welcome page will be displayed.
  - Access the Welcome page at any time by using the Welcome link (in the navigation bar on the left side of each Web Support page).
  - If you have the CD distribution, your details will have been entered in the database, and will be displayed on the Welcome page. If you wish to alter these details, select the Profile link in the navigation bar on the left side of the page.
- Use the links included in the navigation bar on the left side of the page to perform any of the following Red Hat Web Support activities.
  - New Case (see Submitting a support request, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - guery Case (see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - Add Notes (see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - Find Solutions (see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - r Profile (see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - Fig. Help documentation see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)
  - r Close Case (see Additional options, and the Red Hat Support website)

#### **Submitting a Support Request**

Use the following instructions to submit a support request, once you have a valid ID established.

- $_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm n}$  Click on New Case to create a new reported problem case.
  - The New Case page allows you to complete the creation of a new case. If there is more than one site, select the site relating to your problem.
  - r Click on Use This Site ID button to display a list of the relevant products.

- For Select a product from the list and then click on the Create Case for Selected Product button.
  - Each customer has a valid list of parts of Red Hat products for which they can submit problem reports. These components are part of the Web Support database.
- Type a brief description of the case in the Case Title field. You can enter up to 80 characters in this field.
- Select a case type from the Type drop-down menu that best describes the case.
- For Select a customer severity level from the Severity drop-down menu that best describes how severe you view this problem.
- Select a case priority level from the Priority drop-down menu that best describes the priority of this case to Red Hat.
- Type a complete description of your case in the Problem Description field.
- <sup>r</sup> Use the scrollbars to scroll text in this field. You can add up to 30 kilobytes of text in this field.
- Click on the Create Case button at the bottom of the page to create the case in the Red Hat Web Support database. Alternatively, clear the input fields on the New Case page, using the Clear button.

After you create your case, the Case Details page displays, which includes the Case ID number that the support database assigns to your case.

To create a new case for a different site and/or part, click the New Case link in the navigation bar; then use the previous instructions.

#### **Additional Options**

The following documentation discusses the other features for the Red Hat Web Support site. Red Hat has a database to help in determining when problems developed, tracking the problems case from their first report through analysis and resolution. The database can also be used for correlation with other products as well as to other related problems.

- n Click on Query Case to find an existing problem case in our database.
  - You may examine problem cases in the Red Hat Web Support database, searching by solution ID or by entering keywords and/or a key phrase. There are options on this page enabling you to control how your search works.
  - At this point, view a problem case's details, check its status, add notes or close a problem.
- <sup>n</sup> Click on Add Notes to add additional data to an existing case in our database.

- <sup>n</sup> Click on Find Solutions to search for problem solutions in the database. The search will provide a list of the current problem cases in the Red Hat Web Support database.
- Click on Profile to change your profile information and/or your Web Support password in our database. A Profile page will be displayed.
- Click on Help for questions about using the Web Support page. The online help documentation for the Web Support site supercedes this guide; it is not meant to supercede the more updated Help documentation for the Web Support site.
- Click on Close Case link to close a case. Closing a case brings the problem to its resolution.

#### **Updating your profile**

Clicking on Profile allows you to enter the following details.

- n Your contact name
- <sup>n</sup> The primary phone number where Red Hat Support can contact you
- <sub>n</sub> FAX number Red Hat Support can use to send you information
- n Your e-mail address
- Your site ID, used to identify your primary site in the Web Support database (a Red Hat representative will provide this information)
- n Your site name

## **Part II: Installation Guide**

## **Software Installation**

## **Software Installation on Windows**

If you have a CD distribution of the eCos Developer's Kit, you have received the eCos software and its supporting utilities on a single CD-ROM for installation on a PC-compatible computer running Windows NT 4.0, Windows 95, Windows 98 or Windows 2000. If you use NT you must apply the NT 4.0 Service Pack 3 or above before installing eCos. Support is only for Windows NT 4.0. Installations on other Windows platforms are beta.

The following components are provided on the eCos CD-ROM:

- n eCos source code
- n Prebuilt eCos libraries and tests
- n eCos documentation
- n Red Hat GNUPro compiler toolchain for eCos source code compilation
- <sup>n</sup> Red Hat Cygwin environment: this product provides a POSIX compatibility layer on top of Windows NT, and supports the GNUPro tools on Windows NT.
- Documentation for the GNUPro tools, including a Reference Manual for the particular evaluation board being used to run eCos.

If you have obtained the Net release of eCos for Windows, you will have the distribution in a self-extracting archive. Apart from the difference in medium, the installation procedure for eCos itself will be the same as for the CD-ROM-based distribution.

The software installation process involves a number of installation utilities. Some familiarity with Windows is assumed.

- 1. Invoke the file Setup.exe on the CD-ROM. This will start the installation procedure. If you have the autorun feature enabled, Windows will run Setup.exe automatically when the CD-ROM is inserted into the drive.
- 2. The setup program will offer to install the GNU user tools. Click **OK**.
- 3. You will be prompted for a file path in which to install the GNU user tools. The default will be in the /cygnus/gnupro/i686-cygwin32/i686-cygwin32 hierarchy (usually on drive C). It will then offer to install the source code and documentation for the GNU user tools. It is recommended that you install the documentation, but not the source code, unless you are interested in modifying or recompiling the GNU user tools.
- **4.** At this point the setup program will begin installing eCos. Click **OK**.
- 5. The default path offered for eCos installation will be in the /Program Files/Red Hat hierarchy (usually on drive C). You may change this path, and indeed you will need to change it if that partition does not have sufficient free disk space available. It is recommended that you accept the default selection of software components for installation.
- **6.** You will be asked to select the program folder under which the eCos menu items will be placed. The default folder name is Red Hat eCos.
- 7. The installation should finish normally, offering to show you the README file that contains any last minute information and a list of known problems detected after this document was printed. Once the installation is finished, you can start eCos or view the online documentation by selecting Start -> Programs -> Red Hat eCos, and then choosing an option within this folder, e.g Configuration Tool, Package Administration Tool, etc.

At this point you are ready to configure and build a customized eCos kernel as described in "Configuring and Building eCos from Source" on page 69.

NOTE The order of directories in the PATH is very important, and build failures may result if the PATH is not set correctly. If you are having difficulties in building eCos, please make sure you have set the PATH exactly as above.

### Software Installation on UNIX

Installation and build instructions for the eCos Net release are available on the Red Hat eCos web site

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/

#### Installing the eCos Developer's Kit under Linux

Users of the eCos Developer's Kit under Red Hat Linux should use the following instructions, for most of which you will normally need to be the root user.

**1.** The CD-ROM must be "mounted" before installation can proceed. Execute the command:

```
# mount /dev/cdrom/ /mnt/cdrom
```

Install the eCos repository from the RPM file ecos14x.rpm (where x or xx are final digits of the current version number), located in the root directory of the CD-ROM using the following command:

```
# rpm -i /mnt/cdrom/ecos14x.rpm
```

Note that root privileges are required to perform this installation. On completion, the eCos repository may be found in the directory /opt/ecos/ecos-1.4.x.

**2.** Extract the eCos development tools from the compressed tar archive tool-bin.tgz, located in the root directory of the CD-ROM, using the following commands:

```
# mkdir /usr/cygnus
# cd /usr/cygnus
# qunzip -c < /mnt/cdrom/tool-bin.tqz | tar xvf -</pre>
```

**3.** On completion, the eCos development tools may be found in the directory /usr/cygnus/ecos-DEVTOOLSVERSION. The source code for the development tools may optionally be installed in the same way:

```
# gunzip -c < /mnt/cdrom/tool-src.tgz | tar xvf -</pre>
```

**4.** Add the eCos host tools and development tools to the front of your path. Under Linux, you should modify the PATH environment variable as follows. Using sh, ksh, or bash:

```
$ PATH=/opt/ecos/ecos-1.4.x/tools/bin:/usr/cygnus/\
DEVTOOLSVERSION/H-i686-pc-linux-gnu/bin:$PATH
$ export PATH
```

Using csh or tcsh: Note that csh also requires the shell command "rehash" after modifying the path for the path change to take effect.

```
$ setenv PATH /opt/ecos/ecos-1.4.x/tools/bin:/usr/cygnus/\
DEVTOOLSVERSION/H-i686-pc-linux-qnu/bin:$PATH
```

Set the ECOS\_REPOSITORY environment variable as follows. Using sh, ksh or bash:

```
$ ECOS_REPOSITORY=/opt/ecos/ecos-1.4.x/packages
$ export ECOS_REPOSITORY
```

Using csh or tcsh:

```
$ setenv ECOS REPOSITORY /opt/ecos/ecos-1.4.x/packages
```

At this point you are ready to configure and build a customized eCos kernel as shown in "Configuring and Building eCos from Source" on page 69.

NOTE The order of directories in the PATH is very important, and build failures may result if the PATH is not set correctly. If you are having difficulties in building eCos, please make sure you have set the PATH exactly as above.

#### Installing the eCos Developer's Kit under Solaris

Users of the eCos Developer's Kit under Solaris should use the following instructions, which assume that the CD-ROM is available at /cdrom/cdrom0.

1. Extract the eCos repository from the compressed tar archive ecos14x.taz (where x or xx are the final digits of the version number), located in the root directory of the CD-ROM using the following commands:

```
# mkdir /usr/local
# cd /usr/local
# zcat < /cdrom/cdrom0/ecos14x.taz | tar xvf -</pre>
```

On completion, the eCos repository may be found in the directory /usr/local/\ecos-1.4.x.

2. Extract the eCos development tools from the compressed tar archive toolbin.taz, located in the root directory of the CD-ROM, using the following commands:

```
# mkdir /usr/cygnus
# cd /usr/cygnus
# zcat < /cdrom/cdrom0/tool-bin.taz | tar xvf -</pre>
```

On completion, the executable files of the eCos development tools may be found in the directory /usr/cygnus/ecos-DEVTOOLSVERSION/H-host-triplet/bin. The source code for the development tools may optionally be installed in the same way:

```
# zcat < /cdrom/cdrom0/tool-src.taz | tar xvf -</pre>
```

**3.** Add the eCos host tools, development tools and any native tools supporting the eCos build process to the front of your path. Under Solaris you should modify the PATH environment variable as follows.

Using sh, ksh, or bash:

```
$ PATH=/usr/local/ecos-1.4.x/tools/bin:/usr/xpg4/bin:\
/usr/ucb:$PATH
$ export PATH
```

Using csh or tcsh:

Note that csh also requires the shell command "rehash" after modifying the path for the path change to take effect.

```
% setenv PATH /usr/local/ecos-1.4.x/tools/bin:/usr/xpg4/bin:\
/usr/ucb:$PATH
```

**4.** Set the ECOS REPOSITORY environment variable as follows:

Using sh, ksh or bash:

```
$ ECOS_REPOSITORY=/usr/local/ecos-1.4.x/packages
$ export ECOS_REPOSITORY
Using csh or tcsh:
% setenv ECOS_REPOSITORY /usr/local/ecos-1.4.x/packages
```

At this point you are ready to configure and build a customized eCos kernel as shown in "Configuring and Building eCos from Source" on page 69.

NOTE The order of directories in the PATH is very important, and build failures may result if the PATH is not set correctly. If you are having difficulties in building eCos, please make sure you have set the PATH exactly as above.

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## Target Setup

## **Connecting To A Target Via Serial**

While eCos supports a variety of targets, communication with all the targets happens in one of four ways. These are descibed in general below.

The descriptions are followed by descriptions of each target, providing specific details of how to set up the target (if hardware) and the necessary communication information (such as baud rate for hardware targets, or special connection options for simulator targets).

Most targets will have eCos GDB stubs or CygMon installed. These normally wait for GDB to connect at 38400 baud, using 8 data bit, no parity bit and 1 stop-bit (no hardware flow control). Check the section for your target to ensure it uses this speed. If not, adjust the following instructions accordingly.

The following instructions depend on your having selected the appropriate serial port on the host. That is, the serial port which connects to the target's (primary) serial port. On Linux this could be /dev/ttyso, while the same port on Windows would be named COM1, or /dev/ttya on Solaris. Substitute the proper serial port name in the below.

Connect to the target by issuing the following commands in GDB console mode:

```
(gdb) set remotebaud 38400 (gdb) target remote /dev/ttyS0
```

In Insight, connect by opening the **File->Target Settings** window and enter:

Target: Remote/Serial Baud Rate: 38400 Port: /dev/ttyS0 Set other options according to preference, close the window and select **Run->Connect to target**.

### **Connecting To A Target Via Ethernet**

Some targets allow GDB to connect via Ethernet - if so, it will be mentioned in the section describing the target. Substitute the target's assigned IP address or hostname for <hostname> in the following. The <port> is the TCP port which the eCos GDB stub or CygWin is listening on. It is also listed in the section describing the target.

Connect to the target by issuing the following command in GDB console mode:

```
(gdb) target remote <hostname>:<port>
```

In Insight, connect by opening the **File->Target Settings** window and enter:

```
Target: Remote/TCP
Hostname: <hostname>
Port: <port>
```

Set other options according to preference, close the window and select **Run->Connect to target**.

## **Connecting To A Simulator Target**

GDB connects to all simulator targets using the same basic command, although each simulator may require additional options. These are listed in the section describing the target, and should be used when connecting.

Connect to the target by issuing the following command in GDB console mode:

```
(gdb) target sim [target specific options]
```

In Insight, connect by opening the **File->Target Settings** window and enter:

```
Target: Simulator
Options: [target specific options]
```

Set other options according to preference, close the window and select **Run->Connect to target**.

## **Connecting To A Synthetic Target**

Synthetic targets are special in that the built tests and applications actually run as native applications on the host. This means that there is no target to connect to. The test or application can be run directly from the GDB console using:

```
(qdb) run
```

or from Insight by pressing the **Run** icon. There is therefore no need to connect to the target or download the application, so you should ignore GDB "target" and "load" commands in any instructions found in other places in the documentation.

## **ARM PID Hardware Setup**

eCos comes with two ROM images that provide GDB support for the ARM PID board. The first ROM image provides a port of the CygMon ROM monitor, which includes a command-line interface and a GDB remote stub. The second ROM image provides a remote GDB stub only, which is a minimal environment for downloading and debugging eCos programs solely using GDB.

eCos, CygMon and the GDB stubs all support the PID fitted with both ARM7T and ARM9 daughterboards. CygMon and the stubs can be programmed into either the programmable ROM (U12) or the FLASH (U13). Prebuilt forms of both ROM images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-pid under the root of your eCos installation, along with a tool that will program the stubs into the FLASH memory on the board. CygMon images are prefixed with the name 'cygmon' and GDB stub ROM images are given the prefix 'gdb\_module'. Images may be provided in a number of formats including ELF (.img extension), binary (.bin extension) and SREC (.srec extension). Note that some unreliability has been experienced in downloading files using Angel 1.00. Angel 1.02 appears to be more robust in this application.

#### Installing the Stubs into FLASH

#### **Preparing the Binaries**

These two binary preparation steps are not strictly necessary as the eCos distribution ships with precompiled binaries in the directory loaders/arm-pid relative to the installation root.

#### **Building the ROM images with the eCos Configuration Tool**

- 1. Start with a new document selecting the **File**->**New** menu item if necessary to do this.
- 2. Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the ARM PID hardware.
- 3. While still displaying the **Build->Templates** dialog box, select either the "stubs" package template to build a GDB stub image, or the "cygmon" template to build the CygMon ROM Monitor. Click **OK**.
- 4. Build eCos using Build->Library
- 5. When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module". CygMon images have the prefix "cygmon".

#### **Building the ROM images with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it.
- **2.** To build a GDB stub ROM image, enter the command:

```
$ ecosconfig new pid stubs or to build a CygMon ROM monitor image, enter the command:
```

\$ ecosconfig new pid cygmon

**3.** Enter the commands:

```
$ ecosconfig tree
$ make
```

**4.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module". CygMon images have the prefix "cygmon".

#### **Building the FLASH Tool with the eCos Configuration Tool**

- 1. Start with a new document selecting the **File**->**New** menu item if necessary to do this.
- 2. Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the ARM PID hardware.
- **3.** Enable the "Build flash programming tool" option in the ARM PID HAL (CYGBLD\_BUILD\_FLASH\_TOOL) and resolve any resulting configuration conflicts.
- 4. Build eCos using Build->Library
- 5. When the build completes, the FLASH tool image file can be found in the bin/subdirectory of the install tree, with the prefix "prog\_flash"

#### **Building the FLASH Tool with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it
- **2.** Enter the command:

```
$ ecosconfig new pid
```

**3.** Edit the file ecos.ecc and enable the option CYGBLD\_BUILD\_FLASH\_TOOL by uncommenting its user\_value property and setting it to 1.

**4.** Enter the commands:

```
$ ecosconfig resolve
[there will be some output]
$ ecosconfig tree
$ make
```

**5.** When the build completes, the FLASH tool image file can be found in the bin/subdirectory of the install tree, with the prefix "prog\_flash"

#### **Prepare the Board for FLASH Programming**

Each time a new image is to be programmed in the FLASH, the jumpers on the board must be set to allow Angel to run:

- 1. Set jumper 7-8 on LK6 [using the Angel code in the 16 bit EPROM]
- 2. Set jumper 5-6 on LK6 [select 8bit ROM mode]
- **3.** Set jumper LK18 [ROM remap this is also required for eCos]
- **4.** Set S1 to 0-0-1-1 [20MHz operation]
- **5.** Open jumper LK4 [enable little-endian operation]

Attach a serial cable from Serial A on the PID board to connector 1 on the development system. This is the cable through which the binaries will be downloaded. Attach a serial cable from Serial B on the PID board to connector 2 on the development system (or any system that will work as a terminal). Through this cable, the FLASH tool will write its instructions (at 38400 baud).

#### **Program the FLASH**

**1.** Download the FLASH ROM image onto the PID board. For example, for the GDB stubs image:

```
bash$ arm-elf-gdb -nw gdb_module.img
GNU gdb 4.18-DEVTOOLSVERSION
Copyright 1998 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
GDB is free software, covered by the GNU General Public License, and you are welcome to change it and/or distribute copies of it under certain conditions. Type "show copying" to see the conditions. There is absolutely no warranty for GDB. Type "show warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "--host=i586-pc-cygwin32 --target=arm-elf".

(no debugging symbols found)...
(gdb) target rdi s=com1
Angel Debug Monitor for PID (Built with Serial(x1), Parallel, DCC)
1.00
(Advanced RISC Machines SDT 2.10)
```

```
Angel Debug Monitor rebuilt on Jan 20 1997 at 02:33:43
Connected to ARM RDI target.
(gdb) load
Loading section .rom_vectors, size 0x44 lma 0x60000
Loading section .text, size 0x1f3c lma 0x60044
Loading section .rodata, size 0x2c lma 0x61f80
Loading section .data, size 0x124 lma 0x61fac
Start address 0x60044 , load size 8400
Transfer rate: 5169 bits/sec.
(gdb) q
The program is running. Exit anyway? (y or n) y
```

**NOTE:** On a UNIX or Linux system, the serial port must be /dev/ttyS0 instead of COM1.

You need to make sure that the /dev/ttyS0 files have the right permissions:

```
$ su
Password:
# chmod o+rw /dev/ttyS0*
# exit
```

If you are programming the GDB stub image, it will now be located at 0x60000..0x64000. If you are programming the Cygmon ROM Monitor, it will be located at 0x60000..0x80000.

#### 2. Now download the FLASH programmer tool

```
bash$ arm-elf-gdb prog flash.img
GNU qdb 4.18-DEVTOOLSVERSION
Copyright 1998 Free Software Foundation, Inc.
GDB is free software, covered by the GNU General Public License,
              welcome to change it and/or distribute copies of it
under certain conditions. Type "show copying" to see the
conditions. There is absolutely no warranty for GDB. Type "show
warranty" for details.
This GDB was configured as "--host=i586-pc-cygwin32 --target=arm-
elf".
(qdb) target rdi s=com1
Angel Debug Monitor for PID (Built with Serial(x1), Parallel, DCC)
(Advanced RISC Machines SDT 2.10)
Angel Debug Monitor rebuilt on Jan 20 1997 at 02:33:43
Connected to ARM RDI target.
(qdb) load
Loading section .rom vectors, size 0x44 lma 0x40000
Loading section .text, size 0x44a4 lma 0x40044
```

```
Loading section .rodata, size 0x318 lma 0x444e8 Loading section .data, size 0x1c8 lma 0x44800 Start address 0x40044 , load size 18888 Transfer rate: 5596 bits/sec. (qdb) c
```

3. The FLASH tool will output some text on the board serial port B at 38400 baud:

```
ARM eCos
FLASH here!
manuf: 8, device: 40
Error: Wrong Manufaturer: 08
... Please change FLASH jumper
```

**4.** This text is repeated until you remove the jumper 7-8 on LK6. Then the output will be:

```
manuf: 1F, device: A4
AT29C040A recognised
About to program FLASH using data at 60000..64000
*** Press RESET now to abort!
```

**5.** You have about 10 seconds to abort the operation by pressing reset. After this timeout, the FLASH programming happens:

```
...Programming FLASH All done!
```

- **6.** Quit/kill the GDB process, which will hang.
- 7. Next time you reset the board, the stub will be in control, communicating on Serial A at 38400 baud.

NOTE: If you do not have two serial ports available on your host computer, you may still verify the FLASH programming completed successfully by quitting/killing the GDB process after running "c" in step 2 above. Then switch the serial cable on the PID from Serial A to Serial B and run a terminal emulator on the host computer. In a few seconds you should see the the repeated text described in step 2 above and you may continue the remaining steps as normal.

#### Programming the FLASH for big-endian mode

The process is almost identical to the previous instructions which apply to a PID board running in little-endian mode only.

The only adjustments to make are that if programming a **GDB** stub ROM image (or CygMon ROM monitor image), you must enable the option "Use Big-endian mode" in the **eCos Configuration Tool** (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_BIGENDIAN if using ecosconfig and editing ecos.ecc).

When programming the FLASH there are two options:

- 1. Program FLASH using the little-endian FLASH tool. After powering off, replace the ROM controller with the special big-endian version which can be acquired from ARM. (This has not been tested by Red Hat).
- **2.** Use a specied big-endian version of the FLASH tool which byte-swaps all the words as they are written to the FLASH.

Build this tool by enabling the "Build flash programming tool for BE images on LE boards" option (CYGBLD\_BUILD\_FLASH\_TOOL\_BE), resulting in a utility with the prefix "prog\_flash\_BE\_image\_LE\_system" which should be used instead of "prog\_flash".

Note that there is a limitation to this method: no sub-word data can be read from the ROM. To work around this, the .rodata section is folded into the .data section and thus copied to RAM before the system starts.

Given that Thumb instructions are 16 bit, it is not possible to run ROM-startup Thumb binaries on the PID board using this method.

When the image has been programmed, power off the board, and set jumper LK4 to enable big-endian operation.

#### Installing the Stubs into ROM

- **1.** Program the binary image file gdb\_module.bin into ROM referring to the instructions of your ROM programmer.
- **2.** Plug the ROM into socket U12 and install jumper LK6 pins 7-8 to enable the ROM.

## **ARM AEB-1 Hardware Setup**

#### **Overview**

The ARM AEB-1 comes with tools in ROM. These include a simple FLASH management tool and the Angel® monitor. eCos for the ARM AEB-1 comes with GDB stubs suitable for programming into the onboard FLASH. GDB is the preferred debug environment for GDB, and while Angel provides a subset of the features in the eCos GDB stub, Angel is unsupported.

Both eCos and the stubs support both Revision B and Revision C of the AEB-1 board. Stub ROM images for both types of board can be found in the loaders/arm-aeb directory under the root of your eCos installation. You can select which board you are using by selecting either the aeb or aebC platform by selecting the appropriate platform HAL in the eCos Configuration Tool.

The GDB stub can be downloaded to the board for programming in the FLASH using the board's on-board ROM monitor:

- 1. talk to the AEB-1 board with a terminal emulator (or a real terminal!)
- 2. use the board's rom menu to download a UU-encoded version of the GDB stubs which will act as a ROM monitor
- **3.** tell the board to use this new monitor, and then hook GDB up to it for real debugging

#### Talking to the Board

Connect a terminal or computer's serial port to the ARM AEB-1. On a PC with a 9-pin serial port, you can use the cable shipped by ARM with no modification.

Set the terminal or terminal emulator to 9600N1 (9600 baud, no parity, 1 stop bit).

Reset the board by pressing the little reset button on the top. You will see the following text:

```
ARM Evaluation Board Boot Monitor 0.01 (19 APR 1998) Press ENTER within 2 seconds to stop autoboot
```

Press ENTER quickly, and you will get the boot prompt:

Boot:

#### Downloading the Stubs via the Rom Menu

Using the AEB-1 rom menu to download the GDB stubs from the provided ".UU" file.

**NOTE** This is an annotated 'terminal' session with the AEB-1 monitor:

```
+Boot: help
Module is BootStrap
                          1.00 (14 Aug 1998)
Help is available on:
Help
             Modules
                            ROMModules
                                          UnPluq
                                                        PluqIn
Kill
                                          PrintEnv
                                                        DownLoad
             SetEnv
                           UnSetEnv
                                                        FlashWrite
Go
              GoS
                            Boot
                                          PC
FlashLoad
             FlashErase
Boot: download c000
Ready to download. Use 'transmit' option on terminal emulator to
download file.
... at this point, download the ASCII file "loaders/arm-aeb/
    gdb module.img.UU". The details of this operation differ
    depending on which terminal emulator is used. It may be
    necessary to enter "^D" (control+D) when the download completes
   to get the monitor to return to command mode.
Loaded file qdb module.imq.bin at address 0000c000, size = 19392
```

#### Activating the GDB Stubs

Commit the GDB stubs module to FLASH:

```
Boot: flashwrite 4018000 C000 8000
```

Verify that the eCos/"GDB stubs" module is now added in the list of modules in the board:

Boot: rommodules

You should see output similar to the following:

```
      Header
      Base
      Limit

      04000004
      04000000
      040034a8
      BootStrap
      1.00 (14 Aug 1998)

      04003a74
      04003800
      04003bc0
      Production Test
      1.00 (13 Aug 1998)

      0400e4f4
      04004000
      0400e60f Angel
      1.02 (12 MAY 1998)

      0401c810
      04018000
      0401cbc0 eCos
      1.3 (27 Jan 2000) GDB

      stubs
```

Now make the eCos/"GDB stubs" module be the default monitor:

```
Boot: plugin eCos
```

NOTE Since the GDB stubs are always linked at the same address (0x4018000), the operation of writing to the FLASH and selecting the stubs as default monitor is an idempotent operation. You can download a new set of stubs following the same procedure - you do not have to unregister or delete anything.

#### **Building the GDB Stub FLASH ROM Images**

Prebuilt GDB stubs images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-aeb relative to the root of your eCos installation, but here are instructions on how to rebuild them if you should ever need to.

## Building the GDB Stubs with the eCos Configuration Tool

- 1. Start with a new document selecting the **File**->**New** menu item if necessary to do this.
- 2. Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the ARM AEB-1 hardware.
- **3.** While still displaying the **Build->Templates** dialog box, select the "stubs" package template to build a GDB stub image. Click **OK**.
- **4.** If applicable, set the "AEB board revision" option to "C" from "B" depending on the board revision being used.
- **5.** Build eCos using **Build->Library**.
- **6.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb module".

#### **Building the GDB Stub ROMs with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it.
- 2. To build a GDB stub ROM image, enter the command:
  - \$ ecosconfig new aeb stubs
- **3.** If applicable, edit ecos.ecc and set the AEB board revision. (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_AEB\_REVISION) from the default "B" to "C" by uncommenting the user\_value property and setting it to "C".
- **4.** Enter the commands
  - \$ ecosconfig tree
    \$ make
- **5.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module".

# ARM Cogent CMA230 Hardware Setup

The eCos Developer's Kit package comes with an EPROM which provides GDB support for the Cogent evaluation board. An image of this EPROM is also provided at loaders/arm-cma230/gdbload.bin under the root of your eCos installation.

The EPROM is installed to socket U3 on the board. Attention should be paid to the correct orientation of the EPROM during installation.

If you are going to burn a new EPROM using the binary image, be careful to get the byte order correct. It needs to be little-endian, which is usually the default in PC based programmer software.

If the GDB stub EPROM you burn does not work, try reversing the byte-order, even if you think you have it the right way around. At least one DOS-based EPROM burner program is known to have the byte-order upside down.

The GDB stub in the EPROM allows communication with GDB using the serial port at connector P12 (CMA101) or P3 (CMA102). The communication parameters are fixed at 38400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity bit and 1 stop bit (8-N-1). No flow control is employed. Connection to the host computer should be made using a dedicated serial cable as specified in the Cogent CMA manual.

#### **Building the GDB Stub FLASH ROM images**

Prebuilt GDB stubs images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-cma230 relative to the root of your eCos installation, but here are instructions on how to rebuild them if you should ever need to.

CygMon images are prefixed with the name 'cygmon' and GDB stub ROM images are given the prefix 'gdb\_module'. Images may be provided in a number of formats including ELF (.img extension), binary (.bin extension) and SREC (.srec extension).

#### **Building the GDB Stubs with the eCos Configuration Tool**

- 1. 1. Start with a new document selecting the File->New menu item if necessary to do this.
- 2. Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the ARM CMA230 hardware.
- **3.** While still displaying the **Build->Templates** dialog box, select the "stubs" package template to build a GDB stub image. Click **OK**.
- 4. Build eCos using Build->Library
- 5. When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module".

#### **Building the GDB Stub ROMs with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it.
- **2.** To build a GDB stub ROM image, enter the command:

```
$ ecosconfig new cma230 stubs
```

- **3.** Enter the commands:
  - \$ ecosconfig tree
    \$ make
- **4.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module".

# **Cirrus Logic ARM EP7211 Development Board Hardware Setup**

eCos comes with two Flash ROM images that provide GDB support for the Cirrus Logic EP7211 Development Board (also known as the EDB7211).. Note that on some board revisions, the board is silk-screened as EDB7111-2. The first Flash ROM image provides a port of the CygMon ROM monitor, which includes a command-line interface and a GDB remote stub. The second Flash ROM image provides a remote GDB stub only.

Both ROM images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-edb7211 under the root of your eCos installation. CygMon images are prefixed with the name 'edb7211\_cygmon' and are provided in a number of formats including binary (.bin extension) and SREC (.srec) extension. GDB stub ROM images are given the prefix 'edb7211\_gdb\_module'.

The ROM images provided for the EP7211 Development Board must be programmed into the FLASH. Please refer to the section titled "Loading the ROM image into On-Board flash" on how to program the ROM onto the board.

Both Cygmon and GDB Stub ROMS allow communication with GDB via the serial connector labelled 'UART 1'. The communication parameters are fixed at 38400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity bit and 1 stop bit (8-N-1). No flow control is employed. Connection to the host computer should be made using a null modem cable. A gender changer may also be required. Note that the GDB Configuration tool uses the serial port identifiers 0 and 1 to identify the EB7211 serial ports UART1 and UART2 respectively.

Both eCos and the ROM images assume the core clock is generated with a 3.6864 MHz PLL input. The CPU will be configured to run at 73.728MHz.

Note: The EP7211 CPU needs a two step RESET process. After pressing the 'URESET' pushbutton, the 'WAKEUP' pushbutton must be pressed to complete the process.

When an eCos program is run on an EDB7211 board fitted with either CygMon or a GDB stub ROM, then the code in ROM loses control. This means that if you require the ability to remotely stop execution on the target, or want thread debugging capabilities, you must include GDB stub support when configuring eCos.

#### **Building programs for programming into FLASH**

If your application is to be run directly from FLASH, you must configure eCos appropriately for "ROM" startup. This can be done in the eCos Configuration Tool by setting the "Startup type" HAL option to "ROM". If using the ecosconfig utility, set the user\_value of the CYG\_HAL\_STARTUP option in ecos.ecc to "ROM".

When you have linked your application with eCos, you will then have an ELF executable. To convert this into a format appropriate for the Cirrus Logic FLASH download utility, or the dl\_7xxx utility on linux, you can use the utility arm-elf-objcopy, as in the following example:

\$ arm-elf-objcopy -O binary helloworld.exe helloworld.bin This will produce a binary format image helloworld.bin which can be downloaded into FLASH.

#### **Building the GDB Stub FLASH ROM images**

Prebuilt GDB stubs images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-edb7211 relative to the root of your eCos installation, but here are instructions on how to rebuild them if you should ever need to.

CygMon images are prefixed with the name 'cygmon' and GDB stub ROM images are given the prefix 'gdb\_module'. Images may be provided in a number of formats including ELF (.img extension), binary (.bin extension) and SREC (.srec extension).

#### **Building the ROM images with the eCos Configuration Tool**

- 1. Start with a new document selecting the **File**->**New** menu item if necessary to do this.
- **2.** Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the "Cirrus Logic development board" hardware.
- **3.** While still displaying the **Build->Templates** dialog box, select either the "stubs" package template to build a GDB stub image, or the "cygmon" template to build the CygMon ROM Monitor. Click **OK**.
- 4. Build eCos using Build->Library
- **5.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module". CygMon images have the prefix "cygmon".

#### **Building the ROM images with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it.
- **2.** To build a GDB stub ROM image, enter the command:

```
$ ecosconfig new edb7xxx stubs or to build a CygMon ROM monitor image, enter the command:
```

- \$ ecosconfig new edb7xxx cygmon
- **3.** Enter the commands:
  - \$ ecosconfig tree
- **4.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module". CygMon images have the prefix "cygmon".

#### Loading the ROM Image into On-board Flash

Program images can be written into Flash memory by means of a bootstrap program which is built into the EDB7211. This program communicates with a support program on your host to download and program an image into the Flash memory.

Cirrus Logic provides such a program for use with Windows/DOS. eCos comes with a similar program which will run under Linux. The basic operation of both programs is the same.

- 1. Connect a serial line to 'UART 1'.
- **2.** Power off the EDB7211.
- **3.** Install jumper 'PROGRAM ENABLE' which enables this special mode for downloading Flash images. Note that some board revisions have this jumper labelled "BOOT ENABLE".
- **4.** Power on the EDB7211.
- **5.** Execute the Flash writing program on your host. On Linux, this would be:

```
# dl edb7xxx <PATH>/gdb module.bin
```

where '<PATH>' is the path to the binary format version of the ROM image you wish to load, either as built in the previous section or the "loaders/arm-edb7211/" subdirectory of your eCos installation. The download tool defaults to 38400 baud and device /dev/ttyS1 for communication. To change these, specify them as parameters, e.g.

```
# dl edb7xxx <PATH>/gdb module.bin 9600 /dev/ttyS0
```

- **6.** The download program will indicate that it is waiting for the board to come alive. At this point, press 'RESET' and then 'WAKEUP' switches in order. There should be some indication of progress, first of the code being downloaded, then of the programming process.
- 7. Upon completion of the programming, power off the EDB7211.
- **8.** Remove the 'PROGRAM ENABLE' jumper.
- **9.** Power on the EDB7211, press 'RESET' and 'WAKEUP'. The new ROM image should now be running on the board.
- **10.** The GDB debugger will now be able to communicate with the board to download and debug RAM based programs.

This procedure also applies for loading ROM-startup eCos programs into the onboard FLASH memory, given a binary format image of the program from arm-elfobjcopy. Loading a ROM-startup eCos program into Flash will overwrite the GDB Stub ROM/CygMon in Flash, so you would have to reload the GDB Stub ROM/CygMon to return to normal RAM-startup program development.

#### **Building the Flash Downloader on Linux**

eCos provides a Flash download program suitable for use with the EP7211 Development Board which will run on Linux. Follow these steps to build this program. Note: at the time of the writing of these instructions, the download program is built directly within the eCos source repository since it is not configuration specific.

```
# cd <eCos install dir>/packages/hal/arm/edb7xxx/v1_4_x/support
# make
```

(where '# 'is your shell prompt)

Note: this program was adapted from the Cirrus Logic original DOS program and still contains some vestiges of that environment.

# **Cirrus Logic ARM EP7212 Development Board Hardware Setup**

The Cirrus Logic EP7212 Development Board is almost identical to the EP7211 Development Board from a hardware setup viewpoint, and is based on the same port of eCos. Therefore the earlier documentation for the EP7211 Development Board can be considered equivalent, but with the following changes:

- The first serial port is silk screened as "UART 1" on the EP7211 Development Board, but is silk screened as "Serial Port 0" on the EP7212 Development Board. Similarly "UART 2" is silk screened as "Serial Port 1" on the EP7212 Development Board.
- <sub>n</sub> JP2 (used to control reprogramming of the FLASH) is not silkscreened with "Boot Enable".
- Prebuilt GDB stubs are provided in the directory loaders/arm-edb7212 relative to the root of your eCos installation
- When rebuilding the GDB stub ROM image, change the "Cirrus Logic processor variant" option (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_EDB7XXX\_VARIANT) from the EP7211 to the EP7212. This can be selected in the **eCos Configuration Tool**, or if using ecosconfig, can be set by uncommenting the user\_value property of this option in ecos.ecc and setting it to "EP7212".

# Cirrus Logic ARM EP7209 Development Board Hardware Setup

Note: At time of writing, no EP7209 Development Board is available, and consequently eCos has not been verified for use with the EP7209 Development Board.

The Cirrus Logic EP7209 Development Board is almost identical to the EP7212 Board in all respects, except that it is not fitted with DRAM, nor has it a DRAM controller.

The only valid configuration for the EDB7209 is ROM based. The STUBS and RAM startup modes are not available as no DRAM is fitted.

# Cirrus Logic ARM CL-PS7111 Evaluation Board Hardware Setup

The implementation of the port of eCos to the Cirrus Logic ARM CL-PS7111 Evaluation Board (also known as EB7111) is based on the EP7211 Development Board port.

For that reason, the setup required is identical to the EP7211 Development Board as described above, with the following exceptions:

- n The Cygmon ROM monitor is not supported
- n Prebuilt GDB stubs are provided in the directory loaders/arm-eb7111 relative to the root of your eCos installation
- If rebuilding the GDB stub ROM image, change the "Cirrus Logic processor variant" option (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_EDB7XXX\_VARIANT) from the EP7211 to the CL\_PS7111. This can be selected in the eCos Configuration Tool, or if using ecosconfig, can be set by uncommenting the user\_value property of this option in ecos.ecc and setting it to "CL\_PS7111"

All remote serial communication is done with the serial I/O connector /misc % slow\_cat.tcl < [path]/gdb\_module.srec > /dev/ttyS0

Power off the board, and change it to boot the GDB stubs in big-endian mode by setting the switches like this:

SW1: 00000000 (all levers down)

SW2: 10001010

The GDB stubs allow communication with GDB using the serial port at connector PJ7A (lower connector). The communication parameters are fixed at 38400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity bit and 1 stop bit (8-N-1). No flow control is employed. Connection to the host computer should be made using a straight through serial cable.

# StrongARM EBSA-285 Hardware Setup

The eCos Developer's Kit package comes with a ROM image which provides GDB support for the Intel® StrongARM® Evaluation Board EBSA-285. Both eCos and the Stub ROM image assume the clocks are: 3.6864 MHz PLL input for generating the core clock, and 50MHz osc input for external clocks. An image of this ROM is also provided at loaders/arm-ebsa285/gdbload.bin under the root of your eCos installation.

The ROM monitor image (an eCos GDB stub) provided for the EBSA-285 board must be programmed into the flash, replacing the Angel monitor on the board. Please refer to the section titled "Loading the ROM Image into On-Board flash" on how to program the ROM onto the board.

The Stub ROM allows communication with GDB via the serial connector on the bulkhead mounting bracket COM0. The communication parameters are fixed at 38400 baud, 8 data bits, no parity bit and 1 stop bit (8-N-1). No flow control is employed.

#### **Building the GDB Stub FLASH ROM images**

Prebuilt GDB stubs images are provided in the directory loaders/arm-ebsa285 relative to the root of your eCos installation, but here are instructions on how to rebuild them if you should ever need to.

#### **Building the GDB Stubs with the eCos Configuration Tool**

- 1. Start with a new document selecting the **File**->**New** menu item if necessary to do this.
- 2. Choose the **Build->Templates** menu item, and then select the StrongARM EBSA285 hardware.
- **3.** While still displaying the **Build**->**Templates** dialog box, select the "stubs" package template to build a GDB stub image. Click **OK**.
- 4. Build eCos using Build->Library

**5.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module".

#### **Building the GDB Stub ROMs with ecosconfig**

(See "Using ecosconfig on UNIX" on page 76)

- 1. Make an empty directory to contain the build tree, and cd into it.
- 2. To build a GDB stub ROM image, enter the command:

```
$ ecosconfig new ebsa285 stubs
```

- **3.** Enter the commands:
  - \$ ecosconfig tree
    \$ make
- **4.** When the build completes, the image files can be found in the bin/ subdirectory of the install tree. The GDB stub ROM images have the prefix "gdb\_module".

#### Loading the ROM Image into On-board Flash

There are several ways to install the eCos gdb stub ROM image in the EBSA board's flash memory. Once installed, the gdb stub ROM provides standard eCos download and debug via the EBSA board's serial port. The options available include the Linux based EBSA flash upgrade utility provided by Red Hat, direct writing of the flash via MultiICE (JTAG) hardware debugger, and other flash management utilities from Intel (these only support DOS, and proprietary ARM tools and image formats). Only the Red Hat flash upgrade tool is supported and tested in this release.

The flash upgrade tool requires the EBSA board to be configured as a PCI slave (rather than a master, its normal operating mode) and plugged into a Linux host computer's PCI bus.

Configuring the board for flash loading: Follow the instructions in the EBSA-285 Reference Manual, pages A-2 and A-3 to configure the board as an add-in card, and enable flash blank programming. Briefly: assuming the board was in the default setting to execute as a bus master ("Host Bridge") make jumper 9 (J9), move jumper 10 (J10) to external reset (PCI\_RST), and move jumper 15 (J15) link 4-6-5 to connect 5-6 instead of 4-6.

Configuring the board for execution of eCos programs: Follow the instructions in the EBSA-285 Reference Manual, pages A-2 and A-3 to configure the board as a "Host Bridge" with "Central Function". Briefly: unset J9, move J10 to on-board reset (BRD\_RST), and set J15 to make 4-6 instead of 5-6 (see page A-8 also). Plug the card into its own PCI bus, not the Linux PC used for the flash-programming process.

in the eCos source repository. There are two parts to the system: a loadable kernel module and the flash utility. The loadable kernel module is safl.o and the utility is sa flash. To build:

cd to this directory, or a copy of it.

make

This builds safl.o and sa\_flash. The kernel module must be installed, and a device file created for it. Both of these operations require root permissions. Create the device file by:

```
% mknod /dev/safl c 10 178
```

Programming the flash: switch off the EBSA-285, and remove the EBSA-285 board from its PCI bus. Take appropriate anti-static precautions. Configure it for flash loading as above, halt your Linux system and turn it off. Install the EBSA-285 board in the PCI bus of the Linux system and boot it up. (Single user is good enough, assuming your image and safl\_util build dir are on a local disc partition.) Change directory to the safl\_util directory, then, to load the kernel module and flash an image onto the eval board (as root):

```
% insmod safl.o
% sa flash <image file>
```

Halt and turn off the Linux machine and remove the EBSA-285 card. Take appropriate anti-static precautions. Configure it for execution of eCos programs as above, and plug it into its own PCI bus. Restart the Linux machine however you wish.

This information is replicated in the README file within the safl\_util directory and its parents, and in the *EBSA-285 Reference Manual* from Intel, appendix A "Configuration Guide". If in doubt, please refer to those documents also.

This procedure also applies for loading ROM-startup eCos programs into the on-board flash memory, given a binary format image of the program from arm-elf-objcopy. Loading a ROM-startup eCos program into flash will overwrite the StubROM in flash, so you would have to reload the StubROM to return to normal RAM-startup program development.

# Compaq iPAQ PocketPC Hardware Setup

For setting up the iPAQ to run with RedBoot, see the the *RedBoot User's Guide*. Connections may be made using the Compact Flash Ethernet interface. A serial cable may be connected directly, or via the cradle. Serial communication uses the parameters 38400,8,N,1. The LCD/Touchscreen may also be used as an interface to RedBoot and eCos applications.

## i386/Linux Synthetic Target Setup

When building for the synthetic Linux target, the resulting binaries are native Linux applications with the HAL providing suitable bindings between the eCos kernel and the Linux kernel.

**NOTE:** Please be aware that the current implementation of the Linux synthetic target does not allow thread-aware debugging.

These Linux applications cannot be run on a Windows system. However, it is possible to write a similar HAL emulation for the Windows kernel if such a testing target is desired.

#### **Tools**

For the synthetic target, eCos relies on features not available in native compilers earlier than gcc-2.95.1. It also requires version 2.9.5 or later of the GNU linker. If you have gcc-2.95.1 or later and ld version 2.9.5 or later, then you do not need to build new tools. eCos does not support earlier versions. You can check the compiler version using gcc -v or egcs -v, and the linker version using 1d -v.

If you have native tools that are sufficiently recent for use with eCos, you should be aware that by default eCos assumes that the tools i686-pc-linux-gnu-gcc, i686-pc-linux-gnu-ar, i686-pc-linux-gnu-ld, and i686-pc-linux-gnu-objcopy are on your system and are the correct versions for use with eCos. But instead, you can tell eCos to use your native tools by editing the configuration value "Global command prefix" (CYGBLD\_GLOBAL\_COMMAND\_PREFIX) in your eCos configuration. If left empty (i.e. set to the empty string) eCos will use your native tools when building.

If you have any difficulties, it is almost certainly easiest overall to rebuild the tools as described on:

http://sources.redhat.com/ecos/getstart.html

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# Running Applications on the Target

At this point you should have installed the eCos software on your system (see "Software Installation" on page 35), and connected to a hardware target (see "Target Setup" on page 40).

To verify both that a hardware target is properly set up, and that the GDB commands used to connect to the target (hardware, simulator or synthetic) work properly on your system, you will now be guided through downloading and executing a prebuilt eCos test. The procedure is exactly the same when you want to download and run applications or tests that you have built yourself.

On Windows you must have the bash command line interpreter running with some environment variables that are useful for eCos work. If you have purchased the eCos Developer's Kit, you can select this by selecting Start->Programs->Red Hat eCos>eCos Development Environment. If you are using the eCos Net Release, you should set the environment variables as shown in the GNUPro Toolkit Reference Manual. On Linux, simply open a new shell window.

You will need to change directory to the prebuilt tests that are provided in the eCos installation, as follows:

```
for the SHARP LH77790A-based AEB-1 boards:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/aeb/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the ARM7-based Cogent CMA230 board:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/cma230/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the StrongARM based Intel EBSA board:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/ebsa285/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the ARM-based Cirrus Logic EP72xx Development boards:
```

```
$ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/edb7xxx/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the ARM-based ARM PID board:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/pid/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the StrongARM-based ARM Brutus board:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/brutus/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the StrongARM-based ARM Assabet board:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/assabet/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
for the i386-based Linux synthetic target:
   $ cd BASE_DIR/prebuilt/linux/tests/kernel/v1_4_x/tests
```

To execute the thread\_gdb test case on the desired target,

1. Run GDB in command line mode using the following command, remembering to substitute the appropriate name for the architecture's gdb, eg. <target>-gdb:

```
$ gdb -nw thread gdb
```

GDB will display a copyright banner and then display a prompt (gdb).

2. Connect to the target according to the instructions given earlier (in "Target Setup" on page 40) - via serial or ethernet to hardware targets, or directly, for simulator and synthetic targets.

Depending on the target type, you will be notified about a successful connection, and possibly see some output informing you of the current program counter of the target.

**3.** Download the test - effectively loading the test case executable into the memory of the target - by typing this command:

```
(qdb) load
```

Again, depending on the target, you may see some output describing how much data was downloaded, and at what speed.

**4.** Start the test case running. For hardware targets this is done with the continue command, while run must be used on simulators and synthetic targets:

```
(gdb) continue
or
(gdb) run
```

You should now see a number of text messages appear, such as:

```
PASS:<GDB Thread test OK> EXIT:<done>
```

**NOTE** eCos has no concept of the application exiting. All eCos test cases complete and then run in a continuous tight loop. To return control to GDB you must stop the application.

The usual method of stopping an application is with Ctrl+C, but Ctrl+C may not work on your platform for the prebuilts. First, make default tests and check that they work the same way as prebuilts, then modify your config to enable GDB stubs (if applicable) and break support, so that a Ctrl+C

character will interrupt the application.

Another way to stop the application is by means of a breakpoint. Before running the application, breakpoint <code>cyg\_test\_exit()</code> to stop an eCos test case at its end.

When an eCos program is run on ARM or SH3 boards, the GDB stub in ROM does not provide thread debugging or asynchronous GDB interrupt support. If you require full debugging capabilities, you must include GDB stub support when configuring eCos.

The usual method of stopping an application is with Ctrl+C, but Ctrl+C may not work on your platform for the prebuilts. First, make default tests and check that they work the same way as prebuilts, then modify your config to enable GDB stubs (if applicable) and break support, so that a Ctrl+C character will interrupt the application.

Another way to stop the application is by means of a breakpoint. Before running the application, breakpoint cyg test exit() to stop an eCos test case at its end.

The full functionality of GDB is now available to you, including breakpoints and watchpoints. Please consult the GNUPro GDB documentation for further information.

## **Part III: Programming Tutorial**

# 10

## Programming with eCos

The remaining chapters of this manual comprise a simple tutorial for configuring and building eCos, building and running eCos tests, and finally building three stand-alone example programs which use the eCos API to perform some simple tasks.

You will need a properly installed eCos system, with the accompanying versions of the GNUPro tools. On Windows you will be using the bash command line interpreter that comes with Cygwin, with the environment variables set as described in the GNUPro documentation.

#### **The Development Process**

Most development projects using eCos would contain some (or most) of the following:

#### **eCos Configuration**

eCos is configured to provide the desired API (the inclusion of libc, uitron, and the disabling of certain undesired funtions, etc.), and semantics (selecting scheduler, mutex behavior, etc.). See "Configuring and Building eCos from Source" on page 69.

It would normally make sense to enable eCos assertion checking at this time as well, to catch as many programming errors during the development phase as possible.

Note that it should not be necessary to spend much time on eCos configuration initially. It may be important to perform fine tuning to reduce the memory footprint and to improve performance later when the product reaches a testable state.

#### Integrity check of the eCos configuration

While Red Hat strive to thoroughly test eCos, the vast number of configuration permutations mean that the particular configuration parameters used for your project may not have been tested. Therefore, we advise running all the eCos tests after the project's eCos configuration has been determined. See "Test Suites" on page 86.

Obviously, this should be repeated if the configuration changes later on in the development process.

#### **Application Development - Target Neutral Part**

While your project is probably targeting a specific architecture and platform, possibly custom hardware, part of the application development may be possible to perform using simulated or synthetic targets.

There are two primary reasons for doing this:

- It may be possible by this means to perform application development in parallel with the design/implementation of the target hardware, thus providing more time for developing and testing functionality, and reducing time-to-market.
- The build-run-debug-cycle may be faster when the application does not have to be downloaded to a target via a serial interface. Debugging is also likely to be more responsive when you do not have to to communicate with a stub via serial. It also removes the need for manually or automatically resetting the target hardware.

This is approach is possible because all targets (including simulators and synthetic ones) provide the same basic API: that is, kernel, libc, libm, uitron, infra, and to some extent, HAL and IO.

Synthetic targets are especially suitable as they allow you to jury-rig simulations of elaborate devices by interaction with the host system, where an IO device API can hide the details from the application. When switching to hardware later in the development cycle, the IO driver is properly implemented. While this is possible to do, and has been done, it is not specifically documented or supported by Red Hat. It may become so later.

Therefore, select a simulator or synthetic target and use it for as long as possible doing application development. That is, configure for the selected target, build eCos, build the application and link with eCos, run and debug. Repeat the latter two steps.

Obviously, at some time you will have to switch to the intended target hardware, for example when adding target specific feature support, for memory footprint/performance characterization, and for final tuning of eCos and the application.

#### **Application Development - Target Specific Part**

Repeat the build-run-debug-cycle while performing final tuning and debugging of application. Remember to disable eCos assertion checking, as it reduces performance.

It may be useful to switch between this and the previous step repeatedly through the development process; use the simulator/synthetic target for actual development, and use the target hardware to continually check memory footprint and performance. There should be little cost in switching between the two targets when using two separate build trees.

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# Configuring and Building eCos from Source

This chapter documents the configuration of eCos, using the ARM PID board as an example. The process is the same for any of the other supported targets: you may select a hardware target (if you have a board available), any one of the simulators, or a synthetic target (if your host platform has synthetic target support).

At the end of the chapter is a section describing special issues for this architecture which may affect the way you should configure eCos for your target.

## **eCos Start-up Configurations**

There are various ways to download an executable image to a target board, and these involve different ways of preparing the executable image. In the eCos Hardware Abstraction Layer (HAL package) there are configuration options to support the different download methods. The following table summarizes the ways in which an eCos image can be prepared for different types of download.

Table 1: Configuration for various download methods

Download method	HAL configuration
Burn hardware ROM	ROM start-up
Download to ROM emulator	ROM start-up
Download to board with CygMon or GDB stub ROM	RAM start-up
Download to simulator without CygMon or GDB stub ROM	ROM start-up
Download to simulator with CygMon	RAM start-up
Download to simulator ignoring devices	SIM configuration
Run synthetic target	RAM start-up

**CAUTION** You cannot run an application configured for RAM start-up on the simulator directly: it will fail during start-up. You can only download it to the simulator if:

> you are already running CygMon (or a GDB stub) in the simulator, as described in the GNUPro documentation

NOTE

Configuring eCos' HAL package for simulation should rarely be needed for real development; binaries built with such a kernel will not run on target boards at all. The main use for a "simulation" configuration is if you are trying to work around problems with the device drivers or with the simulator.

If your chosen architecture does not have simulator support, then the combinations above that refer to the simulator do not apply. Similarly, if your chosen platform does not have CygMon or GDB stub ROM support, the combinations listed above that use CygMon or GDB stub ROMs do not apply.

The debugging environment for most developers will be either a hardware board or the simulator, in which case they will be able to select a single HAL configuration.

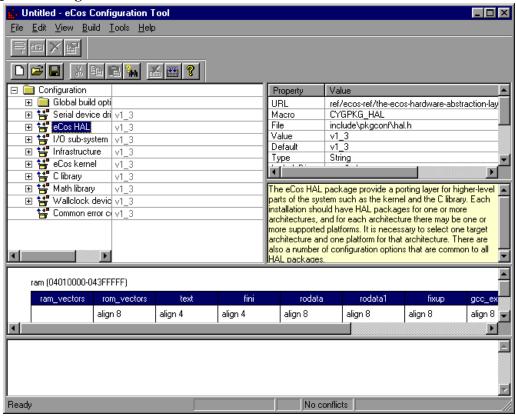
More information on the interactions between CygMon, the simulators, and GDB's thread-aware debugging features is available in the GNUPro Reference Manual for your specific architecture.

### Using the Configuration Tool on Windows

Note that the use of the **Configuration Tool** is described in detail in the *eCos User's* Guide.

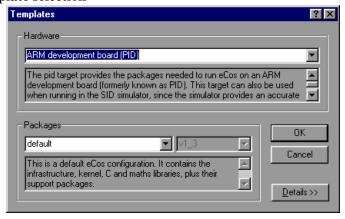
The **Configuration Tool** (see Figure 1) has five main elements: the *configuration window*, the *properties window*, the *short description window*, the *memory layout window*, and the *output window*.

Figure 1: Configuration Tool



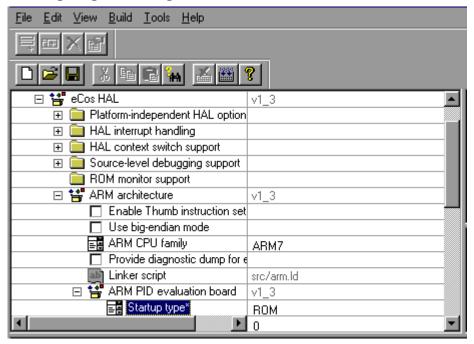
Start by opening the templates window via **Build->Templates**. Select the desired target (see Figure 2).

Figure 2: Template selection



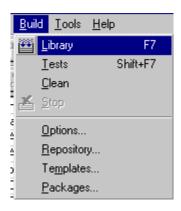
Make sure that the configuration is correct for the target in terms of endianness, CPU model, Startup type, etc. (see Figure 3).

Figure 3: Configuring for the target



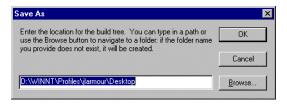
Next, select the **Build->Library** menu item to start building eCos (see Figure 4).

Figure 4: Selecting the build Library menu item



The *Save As* dialog box will appear, asking you to specify a directory in which to place your save file. You can use the default, but it is a good idea to make a subdirectory, called *ecos-work* for example.

Figure 5: Build dialog



The first time you build an eCos library for a specific architecture, the **Configuration Tool** may prompt you for the location of the appropriate build tools (including make and gcc) using a **Build Tools** dialog box (as shown in Figure 6, page 74). You can select a location from the drop down list, browse to the directory using the **Browse** button, or type in the location of the build tools manually.

Figure 6: Build tools dialog



The **Configuration Tool** may also prompt you for the location of the user tools (such as cat and ls) using a User Tools dialog box (as shown in Figure 7, page 75). As with the **Build Tools** dialog, you can select a location from the drop down list, browse to the directory using the **Browse** button, or type in the location of the user tools manually.

Figure 7: User tools dialog



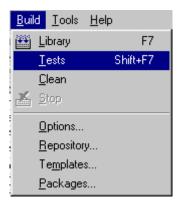
When the tool locations have been entered, the **Configuration Tool** will configure the sources, prepare a build tree, and build the *libtarget.a* library, which contains the eCos kernel and other packages.

The output from the configuration process and the building of *libtarget.a* will be shown in the output window.

Once the build process has finished you will have a kernel with other packages in *libtarget.a*. You should now build the eCos tests for your particular configuration.

You can do this by selecting **Build** -> **Tests**. Notice that you could have selected **Tests** instead of **Library** in the earlier step and it would have built *both* the library and the tests, but this would increase the build time substantially, and if you do not need to build the tests it is unnecessary.

Figure 8: Selecting the build tests menu item



"Test Suites" on page 86 will guide you through running one of the test cases you just built on the selected target, using GDB.

### Using ecosconfig on UNIX

On UNIX systems the **Configuration Tool** is not yet available, but it is still possible to configure and build a kernel by editing a configuration file manually and using the *ecosconfig* command.

The following instructions assume that the PATH and ECOS\_REPOSITORY environment variables have been setup correctly as described in the section "Software Installation on UNIX" on page 36.

Before invoking *ecosconfig* you need to choose a directory in which to work. For the purposes of this tutorial, the default path will be BASE\_DIR/ecos-work. Create this directory and change to it by typing:

```
$ mkdir BASE_DIR/ecos-work
$ cd BASE DIR/ecos-work
```

To see what options can be used with *ecosconfig*, type:

```
$ ecosconfig --help
```

The available packages, targets and templates may be listed as follows:

```
$ ecosconfig list
```

Here is sample output from *ecosconfig* showing the usage message.

#### Table 2: Getting help from ecosconfig

```
$ ecosconfig --help
Usage: ecosconfig [ qualifier ... ] [ command ]
  commands are:
                                                : list repository contents
   new TARGET [ TEMPLATE [ VERSION ] ]
                                               : create a configuration
    target TARGET
                                               : change the target hardware
                                              : change the template
    template TEMPLATE [ VERSION ]
    add PACKAGE [ PACKAGE ... ]
                                              : add package(s)
   remove PACKAGE [ PACKAGE ... ]
                                              : remove package(s)
   version VERSION PACKAGE [ PACKAGE ... ]
                                              : change version of package(s)
    export FILE
                                               : export minimal config info
    import FILE
                                               : import additional config info
    check
                                               : check the configuration
                                               : resolve conflicts
   resolve
                                               : create a build tree
   tree
  qualifiers are:
                                               : the configuration file
    --config=FILE
    --prefix=DIRECTORY
                                               : the install prefix
    --srcdir=DIRECTORY
                                               : the source repository
                                               : disable conflict resolution
    --no-resolve
    --version
                                               : show version and copyright
```

Table 3: ecosconfig output — list of available packages, targets and templates

```
$ ecosconfig list
```

```
Package CYGPKG CYGMON (CygMon support via eCos):
aliases: cygmon
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WALLCLOCK DALLAS DS1742 (Wallclock driver
for Dallas 1742):
aliases: devices wallclock ds1742 device wallclock ds1742
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WALLCLOCK SH3 (Wallclock driver for SH3 RTC
module):
aliases: devices wallclock sh3 device wallclock sh3
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WATCHDOG ARM AEB (Watchdog driver for ARM/
AEB board):
aliases: devices watchdog aeb device watchdog aeb
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WATCHDOG ARM EBSA285 (Watchdog driver for
ARM/EBSA285 board):
aliases: devices watchdog ebsa285 device watchdog ebsa285
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WATCHDOG MN10300 MN10300 (Watchdog driver
for MN10300 chip):
aliases: devices watchdog mn10300 device watchdog mn10300
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG DEVICES WATCHDOG SH SH3 (Watchdog driver for the
Hitachi SH3 chip):
aliases: devices watchdog sh3 device watchdog sh3
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS ETH ARM EBSA285 (Intel EBSA285 with PRO/100+
ethernet driver):
aliases: devs eth arm ebsa285 ebsa285 eth driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG DEVS ETH ARM EDB7XXX (Cirrus Logic ethernet driver):
aliases: edb7xxx eth driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS ETH CF (PCMCIA (Compact Flash) ethernet
drivers):
aliases: cf eth drivers
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS ETH POWERPC QUICC (QUICC ethernet driver):
aliases: quicc eth driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS FLASH ASSABET (FLASH memory support for Intel
SA1110 (Assabe\overline{t}):
aliases: flash assabet
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS FLASH EBSA285 (FLASH memory support for
StrongARM EBSA-285):
aliases: flash ebsa285
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS FLASH EDB7XXX (FLASH memory support for Cirrus
Logic EDB7xxx):
aliases: flash edb7xxx
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG DEVS PCMCIA ASSABET (SA11x0/Assabet PCMCIA & Compact
Flash support):
aliases: pcmcia assabet assabet pcmcia assabet cf io assabet pcmcia
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG ERROR (Common error code support):
aliases: error errors
```

```
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG FS RAM (RAM Filesystem):
aliases: ramfs ram fs fs ram
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL (eCos common HAL):
aliases: hal hal common
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM (ARM common HAL):
aliases: hal arm arm hal arm arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM AEB (ARM evaluation board (AEB-1)):
aliases: hal arm aeb arm aeb hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM CMA230 (Cogent CMA230/222 board):
aliases: hal arm cma230 arm cma230 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM EBSA285 (Intel EBSA285 StrongARM board):
aliases: hal arm ebsa285 arm ebsa285 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM EDB7XXX (Cirrus Logic development board):
aliases: hal arm edb7xxx arm edb7xxx hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM PID (ARM development board (PID)):
aliases: hal arm pid arm pid hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM SA11X0 (Intel SA11X0 Chipset):
aliases: hal arm sallx0
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM SA11X0 ASSABET (Intel SA1110 Assabet eval
board):
aliases: hal arm sal1x0 assabet
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL ARM SA11X0 BRUTUS (Intel SA1100 Brutus eval
board):
aliases: hal arm sallx0 brutus
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL I386 (i386 common HAL):
aliases: hal i386 i386 hal i386 arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL I386 LINUX (Linux synthetic target):
aliases: hal i386 linux
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL I386 PC (i386 PC target):
aliases: hal \overline{1386} pc
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS (MIPS common HAL):
aliases: hal mips mips hal mips arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS SIM (MIPS simulator):
aliases: hal mips sim mips sim hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS TX39 (TX39 chip HAL):
aliases: hal tx39 tx39 hal tx39 arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS TX39 JMR3904 (Toshiba JMR-TX3904 board):
aliases: hal t\bar{x}39 \ \bar{j}mr3904 \ tx\bar{3}9 \ jmr3904 \ hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS VR4300 (VR4300 chip HAL):
aliases: hal vr4300 vr4300 hal vr4300 arch hal
```

```
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MIPS VR4300 VRC4373 (NEC VRC4373 board):
aliases: hal vrc4373 vrc4373 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 (MN10300 common HAL):
aliases: hal mn10300 mn10300 hal mn10300 arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 AM31 (MN10300 AM31 variant HAL):
aliases: hal mn10300 am31 mn10300 am31 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 AM31 SIM (MN10300 simulator):
aliases: hal mn10300 sim mn10300 sim hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 AM31 STDEVAL1 (Matsushita stdeval1
board):
aliases: hal mn10300 stdeval1 mn10300 stdeval1 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 AM33 (MN10300 AM33 variant HAL):
aliases: hal mn10300 am33 mn10300 am33 hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL MN10300 AM33 STB (Matsushita STB board):
aliases: hal mn10300 am33 stb mn10300 am33 stb hal
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC (PowerPC common HAL):
aliases: hal powerpc powerpc hal powerpc arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC COGENT (Cogent CMA286/287 board):
aliases: hal powerpc cogent powerpc cogent hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC FADS (Motorola MPC8xxFADS board):
aliases: hal powerpc fads powerpc fads hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC MBX (Motorola MBX860/821 board):
aliases: hal powerpc mbx powerpc mbx hal
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC MPC8xx (PowerPC 8xx variant HAL):
aliases: hal mpc8xx mpc8xx hal mpc8xx arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC PPC60x (PowerPC 60x variant HAL):
aliases: hal ppc60x ppc60x hal ppc60x arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL POWERPC SIM (PowerPC simulator):
aliases: hal powerpc sim powerpc sim hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL QUICC (Motorola MBX860/821 QUICC support):
aliases: hal_quicc quicc_hal quicc
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG HAL SH (SH common HAL):
aliases: hal sh sh hal sh arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL SH EDK7708 (Hitachi SH7708 board):
aliases: hal sh edk sh edk hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL SH SH7708 CQ7708 (CqREEK SH7708 board):
aliases: hal sh cq sh cq hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL SPARCLITE (SPARClite common HAL):
aliases: hal sparclite sparclite hal sparclite arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
```

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Package CYGPKG HAL SPARCLITE SIM (SPARClite simulator):
aliases: hal sparclite sim sparclite sim hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL SPARCLITE SLEB (Fujitsu MB86800-MA01 board):
aliases: hal sparclite sleb sparclite sleb hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL V85X (NEC V85x common HAL):
aliases: hal v85x nec arch hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL V85X V850 (NEC V850 variant HAL):
aliases: hal_v85x_v850 nec_v850_hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG HAL V85X V850 CEB (Cosmo CEB-V850/SA1 board):
aliases: hal v85x v850 ceb nec v850 ceb hal
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG INFRA (Infrastructure):
aliases: infra
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO (I/O sub-system):
aliases: io
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO DSP BLOCK (DSP (block) device drivers):
aliases: dsp_block io_dsp_block
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO ETH DRIVERS (Common ethernet support):
aliases: net drivers eth drivers
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO FILEIO (File IO):
aliases: fileio io file
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO FLASH (Generic FLASH memory support):
aliases: flash
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO PCI (PCI configuration library):
aliases: io pci
versions: v\overline{1} 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO PCMCIA (PCMCIA & Compact Flash support):
aliases: pcmcia io pcmcia cf
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL (Serial device drivers):
aliases: serial io serial
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM AEB (ARM AEB-1 serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial arm aeb aeb serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM CMA230 (Cogent ARM/CMA230 serial
device drivers):
aliases: devs serial arm cma230 cma230 serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM EBSA285 (Intel EBSA285 serial driver):
aliases: devs serial arm ebsa285 ebsa285 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM EDB7XXX (ARM EDB7XXX serial device
drivers):
aliases: devs serial arm edb7xxx edb7xxx serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM PID (ARM PID serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial arm pid pid serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
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Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL ARM SA11X0 (Intel StrongARM SA11x0 serial
driver):
aliases: devs serial arm sallx0 sallx0 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL GENERIC 16X5X (16x5x compatible serial
device drivers):
aliases: devs serial generic 16x5x 16x5x serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL I386 PC (PC serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial i386 pc pc serial driver
versions: v1_{\overline{3}}x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL LOOP (Loop serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial loop loop serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL MIPS VRC4373 (VRC4373 serial device
drivers):
aliases: devs serial mips vrc4373 vrc4373 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL MN10300 (MN10300 serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial mn10300 mn10300 devs serial mn10300
mn10300 serial driver
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL POWERPC COGENT (Cogent PowerPC serial
device drivers):
aliases: devs serial powerpc cogent cogent serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL POWERPC QUICC SMC (PowerPC QUICC/SMC
serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial quicc smc quicc smc serial driver
devs serial powerpc quicc smc devs serial powerpc quicc
quicc serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL SH CQ7708 (SH3 cg7708 serial device
drivers):
aliases: devs_serial_sh3_cq7708 devs serial sh cq7708
cq7708 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL SH EDK7708 (SH3 EDK7708 serial device
drivers):
aliases: devs serial sh3 edk7708 devs serial sh edk7708
edk7708 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL SH SCI (SH SCI serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial sh sci sci serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL SH SCIF (SH SCIF serial device drivers):
aliases: devs serial sh scif scif serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL SPARCLITE SLEB (SPARClite SLEB serial
device drivers):
aliases: devs serial sparclite sleb sleb serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL TX39 JMR3904 (TX39 JMR3904 serial device
drivers):
aliases: devs serial tx39 jmr3904 jmr3904 serial driver
devs serial mips jmr3904 tx3904 serial driver
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO SERIAL V85X V850 (NEC V850 serial device
drivers):
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aliases: devs serial v85x v850 v850 serial driver
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG IO WALLCLOCK (Wallclock device framework):
aliases: wallclock io wallclock devices wallclock device wallclock
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG IO WATCHDOG (Watchdog IO device):
aliases: watchdog io watchdog
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG ISOINFRA (ISO C and POSIX infrastructure):
aliases: isoinfra
versions: v1_3_x
Package CYGPKG KERNEL (eCos kernel):
aliases: kernel
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC (C library):
aliases: libc clib clibrary
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC I18N (ISO C library internationalization):
aliases: libc 118n
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC SETJMP (ISO C library non-local jumps):
aliases: libc setjmp
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC SIGNALS (ISO C library signals):
aliases: libc signals
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC STARTUP (ISO environment startup/termination):
aliases: libc startup
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC STDIO (ISO C library standard input/output
functions):
aliases: libc stdio
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG LIBC STDLIB (ISO C library general utility
functions):
aliases: libc stdlib
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG LIBC STRING (ISO C library string functions):
aliases: libc string
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG LIBC TIME (ISO C library date/time functions):
aliases: libc \overline{t}ime
versions: v1 \overline{3} x
Package CYGPKG LIBM (Math library):
aliases: libm mathlib mathlibrary
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG MEMALLOC (Dynamic memory allocation):
aliases: memalloc malloc
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG POSIX (POSIX compatibility):
aliases: posix
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG REDBOOT (RedBoot, the Red Hat bootstrap):
aliases: cygmon
versions: v1 3 x
Package CYGPKG UITRON (uITRON compatibility):
aliases: uitron
versions: v1 3 x
Target aeb (ARM evaluation board (AEB-1)):
```

```
aliases: aeb1
Target am31 sim (MN10300 AM31 minimal simulator):
aliases:
Target assabet (Intel StrongARM SA1110 board):
aliases: assabet
Target brutus (Intel StrongARM SA1100 board):
aliases: brutus
Target ceb v850 (Cosmo CEB-V850/SA1 board):
aliases: CEB
Target cma230 (Cogent CMA230/222 board):
aliases: cma222
Target cma28x (Cogent CMA286/287 board):
aliases: cma286 cma287
Target cq7708 (CqREEK SH7708 board):
aliases: cq7708
Target ebsa285 (Intel EBSA285 StrongARM board):
aliases: ebsa
Target edb7xxx (Cirrus Logic development board):
aliases: edb7211 eb7xxx eb7211
Target fads (Motorola MPC8xxFADS board):
aliases:
Target jmr3904 (Toshiba JMR-TX3904 board):
aliases: jmr tx39
Target linux (Linux synthetic target):
aliases:
Target mbx (Motorola MBX860/821 board):
aliases: mbx860 mbx821
Target pc (i386 PC target):
aliases:
Target pid (ARM development board (PID)):
aliases: PID
Target psim (PowerPC simulator):
aliases: ppc sim powerpc sim
Target sh7708 (Hitachi EDK/SH7708 board):
aliases: edk7708
Target sleb (Fujitsu MB86800-MA01 board):
aliases:
Target sparclite sim (SPARClite simulator):
aliases: sl sim sparcl sim
Target stb (Matsushita STB board):
aliases:
Target stdeval1 (Matsushita stdeval1 board):
aliases:
Target tx39 sim (TX39 minimal simulator):
aliases:
Target vrc4373 (NEC VRC4373 board):
aliases:
Template all:
versions: v1 3 x
Template cygmon:
versions: v1 3 x
Template cygmon no kernel:
versions: v1 3 x
Template default:
versions: v1 3 x
Template elix:
versions: v1 3 x
Template kernel:
versions: v1 3 x
```

```
Template minimal:
versions: v1_3_x
Template posix:
versions: v1_3_x
Template redboot:
versions: v1_3_x
Template stubs:
versions: v1_3_x
Template uitron:
versions: v1_3_x
```

For detailed information about how to edit the ecos.ecc file, see the *CDL Writer's Guide* and *Editing an eCos Savefile* in the *eCos User's Guide*.

### **Selecting a Target**

To configure for a listed target, type:

```
$ ecosconfig new <target>
```

For example, to configure for the ARM PID development board, type:

```
$ ecosconfig new pid
```

Then edit the generated file, ecos.ecc, setting the options as required for the target (endianess, CPU model, Startup type, etc.)

Create a build tree for the configured target by typing:

```
$ ecosconfig tree
```

You can now run the command *make* or *make tests*, after which you will be at the same point you would be after running the **Configuration Tool** on Windows— you can start developing your own applications, following the steps in "Building and Running Sample Applications" on page 89.

The procedure shown above allows you to do very coarse-grained configuration of the eCos kernel: you can select which packages to include in your kernel, and give target and start-up options. But you cannot select components within a package, or set the very fine-grained options.

To select fine-grained configuration options you will need to edit the configuration file ecos.ecc in the current directory and regenerate the build tree.

#### **CAUTION**

You should follow the manual configuration process described above very carefully, and you should read the comments in each file to see when one option depends on other options or packages being enabled or disabled. If you do not, you might end up with an inconsistently configured kernel which could fail to build or might execute incorrectly.

### **Architectural Notes**

### ARM and Thumb Interworking

While GNUPro tools allow ARM and Thumb code to be mixed on a per-object basis, the eCos library (libtarget.a) must be compiled in whole for either ARM or Thumb. This is controlled by the "Enable Thumb instruction set" (CYGHWR\_THUMB) switch. Note that not all targets have support for Thumb mode execution.

Adding -mthumb-interwork to the architecture options will allow the library to be linked with the application code of either ARM or Thumb type - or a mix. See the ARM GNUPro manuals for details about ARM and Thumb mode interworking.

### **CPU Family Model**

Some targets can be equipped with either an ARM7 or an ARM9 daughter CPU module. The "ARM CPU family" (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_CPU\_FAMILY) option should be set accordingly.

Changing this option primarily affects compiler optimization in this release.

#### **CPU Endian Mode**

Some targets support either little or big endian operation. The "Use big-endian mode" (CYGHWR\_HAL\_ARM\_BIGENDIAN) option should be set accordingly.

# 12 Test Suites

The eCos kernel and other packages have test suites that rigorously exercise the available features and confirm correct execution. The tests are run on many different possible configurations, but the high number of configuration permutations makes it impossible to test them all. The use of test suites is particularly important for embedded systems, where software robustness is a priority. All eCos software is tested prior to shipping, but if you define your own configuration, you will probably want to verify that the test cases work for it.

This release includes test suites for the eCos kernel, kernel C API, C library, µITRON compatibility, and device driver packages. The use of the test suites is similar for all packages. The tests are supplied as source code for building with your specific eCos configurations. The test case source code is located under the base source directory BASE\_DIR/packages/:

- n compat/uitron/v1\_4\_x/tests
- $_{n}$  hal/common/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n io/serial/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n io/wallclock/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n devs/watchdog/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n kernel/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n language/c/libc/v1\_4\_x/tests
- n language/c/libm/v1\_4\_x/tests

There may be additional tests found in other packages.

Each test suite consists of a number of test cases which can be executed individually. A test case may involve one or more individual tests of the package's features. Successful completion of each test within the test case is reported as a line of text that is sent to the diagnostic channel (usually the serial port) for display on a terminal or terminal emulator.

Each test case runs only once and usually requires target hardware to be reset on completion. Note that certain test cases may not terminate immediately, especially if they involve delays and run on a target simulator.

## **Using the Configuration Tool**

Using the eCos Configuration Tool it is possible to automate the downloading and execution of tests with the appropriately configured eCos packages. To do so, compile and link the test cases by using the **Build->Tests** menu item, after which the tests can be downloaded and executed by selecting **Tools->Run Tests**.

When a test run is invoked, a resizable property sheet is displayed, comprising three tabs: **Executables**, **Output** and **Summary**.

Three buttons appear on the property sheet itself: **Run/Stop**, **Close** and **Properties**.

The **Run** button is used to initiate a test run. Those tests selected on the Executables tab are run, and the output recorded on the **Output** and **Summary** tabs. During the course of a run, the **Run** button changes to **Stop**. This button may be used to interrupt a test run at any point.

See the *eCos User's Guide* for further details.

## **Using the command line**

At the moment, there is no tool for automating testing on Linux, so you will have to run the tests manually.

It may also be necessary to run tests by hand if the automated tool finds any failing tests: it may be necessary to diagnose the problem by debugging the test.

Build the tests by typing 'make tests' in the root of the build directory. This will cause the tests to be built and installed under <install-path>/tests/.

Running the test manually is done simply by invoking GDB, connecting to the target, downloading the test, optionally setting some breakpoints, and then running the test. All this was covered in "Target Setup" on page 40.

## **Testing Filters**

While most test cases today run solely in the target environment, some packages may require external testing infrastructure and/or feedback from the external environment to do complete testing.

The serial package is an example of this. It is the first package to require external testing infrastructure, but it will certainly not be the last.

Since the serial line is also used for communication with GDB, a filter is inserted in the communication pathway between GDB and the serial device which is connected to the hardware target. The filter forwards all communication between the two, but also listens for special commands embedded in the data stream from the target.

When such a command is seen, the filter stops forwarding data to GDB from the target and enters a special mode. In this mode the test case running on the target is able to control the filter, commanding it to run various tests. While these tests run, GDB is isolated from the target.

As the test completes (or if the filter detects a target crash) the communication path between GDB and the hardware target is re-established, allowing GDB to resume control.

In theory, it is possible to extend the filter to provide a generic framework for other target-external testing components, thus decoupling the testing infrastructure from the (possibly limited) communication means provided by the target (serial, JTAG, Ethernet, etc).

Another advantage is that the host tools will not need to know about the various testing environments required by the eCos packages, since all contact with the target will continue to happen via GDB.

It remains to be seen if it will be possible, or sensible, to implement all target-external testing infrastructure via filters.

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# **Building and Running Sample Applications**

The example programs in this tutorial are included, along with a *Makefile*, in the *examples* directory of the eCos distribution. The first program you will run is a *hello world*-style application, then you will run a more complex application that demonstrates the creation of threads and the use of cyg\_thread\_delay(), and finally you will run one that uses clocks and alarm handlers.

The *Makefile* has two variables you will need to adjust: *PKG\_INSTALL\_DIR* and *XCC*.

Edit the Makefile, setting *PKG\_INSTALL\_DIR* to the install tree previously created by ecosconfig and uncommenting the relevant *XCC* line for your architecture.

### eCos Hello World

The following code is found in the file hello.c in the *examples* directory:

#### eCos hello world program listing

```
/* this is a simple hello world program */
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
  printf("Hello, eCos world!\n");
  return 0;
}
```

To compile this or any other program that is not part of the eCos distribution, you can follow the procedures described below. Type this explicit compilation instruction (assuming your current working directory is also where you built the eCos kernel):

```
$ gcc -g -IBASE_DIR/ecos-work/install/include hello.c -LBASE_DIR/
ecos-work/install/lib -Ttarqet.ld -nostdlib
```

The compilation instruction above contains some standard GCC options (for example, -g enables debugging), as well as some mention of paths (-IBASE\_DIR/ecos-work/install/include allows files like cyg/kernel/kapi.h to be found, and - LBASE DIR/ecos-work/install/lib allows the linker to find -Ttarget.ld).

The executable program will be called a .out.

**NOTE** Some target systems require special options to be passed to gcc to compile correctly for that system. Please examine the Makefile in the examples directory to see if this applies to your target.

You can now run the resulting program in the simulator using GDB the way you ran the test case. The procedure will be the same, but this time run "gdb" specifying "-nw a.out" on the command line:

```
$ gdb -nw a.out
```

For targets other than the synthetic linux target, you should now run the usual GDB commands described earlier. Once this is done, typing the command "run" at the (gdb) prompt ("continue" for real hardware) will allow the program to execute and print the string "Hello, eCos world!" on your screen.

On the synthetic linux target, you may use the "run" command immediately - you do not need to invoke simulator macros, nor the "load" command.

## A Sample Program with Two Threads

Below is a program that uses some of eCos' system calls. It creates two threads, each of which goes into an infinite loop in which it sleeps for a while (using cyg\_thread\_delay()). This code is found in the file twothreads.c in the examples directory.

### eCos two-threaded program listing

```
#include <cyg/kernel/kapi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

/* now declare (and allocate space for) some kernel objects,
like the two threads we will use */
cyg_thread thread_s[2];/* space for two thread objects */
```

```
char stack[2][4096];/* space for two 4K stacks */
/* now the handles for the threads */
cyg handle t simple threadA, simple threadB;
/* and now variables for the procedure which is the thread */
cyg thread entry t simple program;
/* and now a mutex to protect calls to the C library */
cyg mutex t cliblock;
/* we install our own startup routine which sets up threads */
void cyg user start(void)
printf("Entering twothreads' cyg user start() function\n");
cyq mutex init(&cliblock);
cyg thread create(4, simple program, (cyg addrword t) 0,
 "Thread A", (void *) stack[0], 4096,
 &simple threadA, &thread s[0]);
cyg_thread_create(4, simple_program, (cyg_addrword_t) 1,
 "Thread B", (void *) stack[1], 4096,
 &simple threadB, &thread s[1]);
cyg thread resume (simple threadA);
cyg thread resume (simple threadB);
/* this is a simple program which runs in a thread */
void simple program(cyg addrword t data)
int message = (int) data;
int delay;
printf("Beginning execution; thread data is %d\n", message);
cyg thread delay(200);
for (;;) {
delay = 200 + (rand() % 50);
/* note: printf() must be protected by a
call to cyg mutex lock() */
cyg mutex lock(&cliblock); {
printf("Thread %d: and now a delay of %d clock ticks\n",
 message, delay);
cyg mutex unlock(&cliblock);
cyg thread delay(delay);
```

When you run the program (by typing run at the (**gdb**) prompt) the output should look like this:

```
Starting program: BASE_DIR/examples/twothreads.exe Entering twothreads' cyg user start() function
```

```
Beginning execution; thread data is 0
Beginning execution; thread data is 1
Thread 0: and now a delay of 240 clock ticks
Thread 1: and now a delay of 225 clock ticks
Thread 0: and now a delay of 234 clock ticks
Thread 1: and now a delay of 231 clock ticks
Thread 1: and now a delay of 24 clock ticks
Thread 0: and now a delay of 249 clock ticks
Thread 0: and now a delay of 202 clock ticks
Thread 1: and now a delay of 202 clock ticks
Thread 0: and now a delay of 235 clock ticks
```

NOTE When running in a simulator the delays might be quite long. On a hardware board (where the clock speed is 100 ticks/second) the delays should average to about 2.25 seconds. In simulation, the delay will depend on the speed of the processor and will almost always be much slower than the actual board. You might want to reduce the delay parameter when running in simulation.

Figure 9, page 93 shows how this multitasking program executes. Note that apart from the thread creation system calls, this program also creates and uses a *mutex* for synchronization between the <code>printf()</code> calls in the two threads. This is because the C library standard I/O (by default) is configured not to be thread-safe, which means that if more than one thread is using standard I/O they might corrupt each other. This is fixed by a mutual exclusion (or *mutex*) lockout mechanism: the threads do not call <code>printf()</code> until <code>cyg\_mutex\_lock()</code> has returned, which only happens when the other thread calls <code>cyg\_mutex\_unlock()</code>.

You could avoid using the mutex by configuring the C library to be thread-safe (by selecting the component CYGSEM\_LIBC\_STDIO\_THREAD\_SAFE\_STREAMS). Keep in mind that if the C library is thread-safe, you can no longer use printf() in cyg user start().

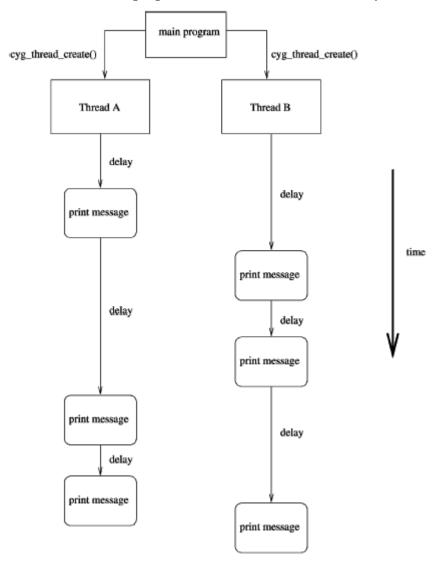


Figure 9: Two threads with simple print statements after random delays

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# More Features — Clocks and Alarm Handlers

If a program wanted to execute a task at a given time, or periodically, it could do it in an inefficient way by sitting in an infinite loop and checking the real-time clock to see if the proper amount of time has elapsed. But operating systems usually provide system calls which allow the program to be interrupted at the desired time.

eCos provides a rich timekeeping formalism, involving *counters*, *clocks*, *alarms*, and *timers*. The precise definition, relationship, and motivation of these features is beyond the scope of this tutorial, but these examples illustrate how to set up basic periodic tasks.

*Alarms* are events that happen at a given time, either once or periodically. A thread associates an alarm handling function with the alarm, so that the function will be invoked every time the alarm "goes off".

## A Sample Program with Alarms

simple-alarm.c (in the examples directory) is a short program that creates a thread that creates an alarm. The alarm is handled by the function test\_alarm\_func(), which sets a global variable. When the main thread of execution sees that the variable has changed, it prints a message.

#### Table 4: A sample program that creates an alarm

```
/* this is a very simple program meant to demonstrate
a basic use of time, alarms and alarm-handling functions
in eCos */
#include <cyg/kernel/kapi.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#define NTHREADS 1
#define STACKSIZE 4096
static cyg handle t thread[NTHREADS];
static cyg thread thread obj [NTHREADS];
static char stack[NTHREADS][STACKSIZE];
static void alarm prog( cyg addrword t data );
/* we install our own startup routine which sets up
threads and starts the scheduler */
void cyg_user_start(void)
cyg thread create (4, alarm prog, (cyg addrword t) 0,
 "alarm thread", (void *) stack[0],
 STACKSIZE, &thread[0], &thread obj[0]);
cyg_thread_resume(thread[0]);
/* we need to declare the alarm handling function (which is
defined below), so that we can pass it to
cyg_alarm_initialize() */
cyg alarm t test alarm func;
/* alarm prog() is a thread which sets up an alarm which is then
handled by test alarm func() */
static void alarm_prog(cyg_addrword_t data)
cyg handle t test counterH, system clockH, test alarmH;
cyg tick count t ticks;
cyg alarm test alarm;
unsigned how many alarms = 0, prev alarms = 0, tmp how many;
system_clockH = cyg_real_time_clock();
cyg_clock_to_counter(system_clockH, &test_counterH);
cyg_alarm_create(test_counterH, test_alarm_func,
 (cyg_addrword_t) &how_many_alarms,
 &test alarmH, &test alarm);
cyg_alarm_initialize(test_alarmH, cyg_current_time()+200, 200);
/* get in a loop in which we read the current time and
print it out, just to have something scrolling by */
for (;;) {
ticks = cyg current time();
printf("Time is %llu\n", ticks);
/* note that we must lock access to how_many_alarms, since the
alarm handler might change it. this involves using the
annoying temporary variable tmp how many so that I can keep the
```

```
critical region short */
cyg_scheduler_lock();
tmp_how_many = how_many_alarms;
cyg_scheduler_unlock();
if (prev_alarms != tmp_how_many) {
  printf(" --- alarm calls so far: %u\n", tmp_how_many);
  prev_alarms = tmp_how_many;
}
  cyg_thread_delay(30);
}

/* test_alarm_func() is invoked as an alarm handler, so
  it should be quick and simple. in this case it increments
  the data that is passed to it. */
void test_alarm_func(cyg_handle_t alarmH, cyg_addrword_t data)
{
  ++*((unsigned *) data);
}
```

When you run this program (by typing run at the (**gdb**) prompt) the output should look like this:

```
Starting program: BASE DIR/examples/simple-alarm.exe
Time is 0
Time is 30
Time is 60
Time is 90
Time is 120
Time is 150
Time is 180
Time is 210
 --- alarm calls so far: 1
Time is 240
Time is 270
Time is 300
Time is 330
Time is 360
Time is 390
Time is 420
  --- alarm calls so far: 2
Time is 450
Time is 480
```

When running in a simulator the delays might be quite long. On a hardware board (where the clock speed is 100 ticks/second) the delays should average to about 0.3 seconds (and 2 seconds between alarms). In simulation, the delay will depend on the speed of the processor and will almost always be much slower than the actual board. You might want to reduce the delay parameter when running in simulation.

Here are a few things you might notice about this program:

It used the cyg\_real\_time\_clock(); this always returns a handle to the default system real-time clock.

- Alarms are based on counters, so the function cyg\_alarm\_create() uses a counter handle. The program used the function cyg\_clock\_to\_counter() to strip the clock handle to the underlying counter handle.
- Once the alarm is created it is initialized with cyg\_alarm\_initialize(), which sets the time at which the alarm should go off, as well as the period for repeating alarms. It is set to go off at the current time and then to repeat every 200 ticks.
- The alarm handler function test\_alarm\_func() conforms to the guidelines for writing alarm handlers and other *delayed service routines*: it does not invoke any functions which might lock the scheduler. This is discussed in detail in the *eCos Reference Manual*, in the chapter *Requirements for programs*.
- There is a *critical region* in this program: the variable *how\_many\_alarms* is accessed in the main thread of control and is also modified in the alarm handler. To prevent a possible (though unlikely) race condition on this variable, access to *how\_many\_alarms* in the principal thread is protected by calls to cyg\_scheduler\_lock() and cyg\_scheduler\_unlock(). When the scheduler is locked, the alarm handler will not be invoked, so the problem is averted.

## **Appendixes**

# Appendix 1: Real-time characterization

For a discussion of real-time performance measurement for eCos, see the *eCos Users' Guide*.

## Sample numbers:

**Board: ARM AEB-1 Revision B Evaluation Board** 

CPU: Sharp LH77790A 24MHz

```
Startup, main stack
                                 : stack used
                                               404 size 2400
                                               128 size 2048
                     : Interrupt stack used
Startup
Startup
                     : Idlethread stack used 80 size 2048
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 13 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 193.49 microseconds (290 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
   Clock samples:
                              32
   Threads:
   Thread switches:
                             128
   Mutexes:
                             32
   Mailboxes:
   Semaphores:
   Scheduler operations:
                             128
   Counters:
   Alarms:
                                  Confidence
    Ave Min Max Var Ave Min Function
  ----- ----- ----- ----- ------
  110.19 104.67 116.00 3.26 42% 28% Create thread 34.00 34.00 34.00 0.00 100% 100% Yield thread [all suspended]
   34.00 34.00 34.00 0.00 100% 100% Yield thread [all suspended 24.67 24.67 0.00 100% 100% Suspend [suspended] thread
   25.05 24.67 25.33 0.33 57% 42% Resume thread
```

37.14 36.67 37.33 0.27 71% 28% Set priority

42.29 33.90 24.67 80.00 43.33 106.29 144.95	24.00 36.67 33.33 24.67 80.00 43.33 101.33	4.00 80.00 34.00 46.67 24.67 43.33 34.00 24.67 80.00 43.33 107.33 166.00 254.67	0.27 71% 28% Get priority 0.00 100% 100% Kill [suspended] thread 0.16 85% 14% Yield [no other] thread 0.54 57% 14% Resume [suspended low prio] thre 0.16 85% 14% Resume [runnable low prio] thread 1.61 85% 14% Suspend [runnable] thread 0.16 85% 14% Yield [only low prio] thread 0.10 100% 100% Suspend [runnable->not runnable] 0.00 100% 100% Kill [runnable] thread 0.00 100% 100% Destroy [dead] thread 1.41 85% 14% Destroy [runnable] thread 6.01 85% 85% Resume [high priority] thread 2.75 99% 99% Thread switch	
4.00 16.37 16.37 16.37	4.00 16.00 16.00 16.00	4.00 16.67 16.67 16.67	0.00 100% 100% Scheduler lock 0.33 56% 43% Scheduler unlock [0 threads] 0.33 56% 43% Scheduler unlock [1 suspended] 0.33 56% 43% Scheduler unlock [many suspended] 0.33 56% 43% Scheduler unlock [many low prio]	
	10.67 28.67 30.00 25.33 22.00 5.33 185.33	10.67 28.67 31.33 26.00 22.67 6.00 185.33	0.00 100% 100% Init mutex 0.00 100% 100% Lock [unlocked] mutex 0.33 59% 37% Unlock [locked] mutex 0.15 87% 87% Trylock [unlocked] mutex 0.25 75% 25% Trylock [locked] mutex 0.31 62% 37% Destroy mutex 0.00 100% 100% Unlock/Lock mutex	
32.50 2.92 32.83 32.67 31.33 27.58 32.83 26.50 28.00	20.00 2.67 32.00 2.67 32.00 2.67 32.67 31.33 27.33 32.67 26.00 28.00 2.67 30.67	20.67 3.33 32.67 3.33 32.67 3.33 32.67 31.33 28.00 33.33 26.67 28.00 3.33 3.33 31.33	0.25 75% 75% Create mbox 0.31 62% 62% Peek [empty] mbox 0.31 62% 37% Put [first] mbox 0.33 100% 50% Peek [1 msg] mbox 0.25 75% 25% Put [second] mbox 0.31 62% 62% Peek [2 msgs] mbox 0.25 75% 75% Get [first] mbox 0.00 100% 100% Get [second] mbox 0.00 100% 100% Tryput [first] mbox 0.31 62% 62% Peek item [non-empty] mbox 0.31 62% 62% Peek item [empty] mbox 0.25 75% 75% Tryget [non-empty] mbox 0.25 75% 25% Peek item [empty] mbox 0.25 75% 25% Peek item [empty] mbox 0.15 87% 12% Waiting to get mbox 0.15 87% 12% Waiting to put mbox 0.25 75% 75% Delete mbox 0.31 62% 37% Put/Get mbox	
11.17 24.17 27.08 22.75 22.21 7.33 5.92 110.04	10.67 24.00 26.67 22.67 22.00 7.33 5.33 110.00	11.33 24.67 27.33 23.33 22.67 7.33 6.00 110.67	0.25 75% 25% Init semaphore 0.25 75% 75% Post [0] semaphore 0.31 62% 37% Wait [1] semaphore 0.15 87% 87% Trywait [0] semaphore 0.29 68% 68% Trywait [1] semaphore 0.00 100% 100% Peek semaphore 0.15 87% 12% Destroy semaphore 0.08 93% 93% Post/Wait semaphore	
9.54 3.92 4.00 30.92 5.75	9.33 3.33 4.00 30.67 5.33	10.00 4.00 4.00 31.33 6.00	0.29 68% 68% Create counter 0.15 87% 12% Get counter value 0.00 100% 100% Set counter value 0.31 62% 62% Tick counter 0.31 62% 37% Delete counter	
13.83 46.67 3.67 45.67 8.33	13.33 46.67 3.33 45.33 8.00	14.00 46.67 4.00 46.00 8.67	0.25 75% 25% Create alarm 0.00 100% 100% Initialize alarm 0.33 100% 50% Disable alarm 0.33 100% 50% Enable alarm 0.33 100% 50% Delete alarm	

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36.33 36.00 36.67 0.33 100% 50% Tick counter [1 alarm] 214.67 214.67 0.00 100% 100% Tick counter [many alarms] 62.67 62.67 62.67 0.00 100% 100% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm]
 1087.04 1075.33 1278.67 21.91 93% 93% Tick & fire counters [>1 together] 246.35 240.67 412.00 10.35 96% 96% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
  168.01 167.33 237.33 1.08 99% 99% Alarm latency [0 threads]
  187.36 168.00 234.67 3.60 86% 1% Alarm latency [2 threads]
187.37 167.33 235.33 3.59 85% 1% Alarm latency [many threads]
303.12 280.00 508.67 3.21 98% 0% Alarm -> thread resume latency
   36.65 36.00 38.67 0.00
                                                         Clock/interrupt latency
    65.79 52.00 152.67 0.00
                                                          Clock DSR latency
             316
                   316 (main stack: 752) Thread stack used (1120 total)
All done, main stack
                                    : stack used 752 size 2400
             : Interrupt stack used
All done
                                                              280 size 2048
                           : Idlethread stack used 268 size 2048
Timing complete - 30390 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT:<done>
```

# Board: Intel StrongARM EBSA-285 Evaluation Board CPU: Intel StrongARM SA-110 228MHz

```
: stack used
Startup, main stack
                                                    404 size 2400
                                                   136 size
                       : Interrupt stack used
Startup
                       : Idlethread stack used
                                                  80 size 2048
Startup
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 1 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 4.61 microseconds (16 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
                               32
   Clock samples:
   Threads:
   Thread switches:
                               128
   Mutexes:
                                32
   Mailboxes:
   Semaphores:
   Scheduler operations: 128
   Counters:
                               32
   Alarms:
                                    Confidence
            Min Max Var Ave Min Function
     Ave
  4.97 3.26 7.34 0.60 50% 4% Create thread
0.73 0.54 2.17 0.14 60% 37% Yield thread [all suspended]
0.98 0.82 2.99 0.23 81% 68% Suspend [suspended] thread
0.54 0.27 1.63 0.03 92% 6% Resume thread
0.83 0.54 1.90 0.10 73% 14% Set priority
    0.21 0.00 0.54 0.21 25% 48% Get priority
```

2.25 0.70 0.96 0.53 0.90 0.70 0.55 1.64 0.97 2.17 6.06 1.69	1.90 0.54 0.82 0.27 0.82 0.54 0.54 1.63 0.82 1.90 5.16	10.05 1.09 1.36 0.82 1.63 0.82 0.82 2.17 4.62 2.17 10.60 5.98	0.37 0.14 0.14 0.03 0.13 0.01 0.02 0.20 0.01 0.53 0.11	96% 53% 50% 92% 70% 98% 98% 98% 90%	67% Kill [suspended] thread 45% Yield [no other] thread 48% Resume [suspended low prio] thread 6% Resume [runnable low prio] thread 70% Suspend [runnable] thread 42% Yield [only low prio] thread 98% Suspend [runnable->not runnable] 98% Kill [runnable] thread 64% Destroy [dead] thread 1% Destroy [runnable] thread 31% Resume [high priority] thread 90% Thread switch
0.14 0.37 0.38 0.37 0.37	0.00 0.27 0.27 0.27 0.27	1.36 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.54	0.14 0.13 0.13 0.13 0.13	99% 62% 60% 63% 63%	50% Scheduler lock 62% Scheduler unlock [0 threads] 60% Scheduler unlock [1 suspended] 63% Scheduler unlock [many suspended] 63% Scheduler unlock [many low prio]
0.34 0.88 0.79 0.59 0.50 0.18 3.85	0.00 0.54 0.54 0.27 0.27 0.00 3.80	1.90 4.62 4.35 2.17 0.82 0.54 5.16	0.15 0.37 0.26 0.10 0.09 0.13 0.08	78% 93% 93% 93% 78% 59% 96%	6% Init mutex 71% Lock [unlocked] mutex 53% Unlock [locked] mutex 3% Trylock [unlocked] mutex 18% Trylock [locked] mutex 37% Destroy mutex 96% Unlock/Lock mutex
0.64 0.61 0.87 0.08 0.71 0.08 0.76 0.76 0.65 0.76 0.58 0.61 0.10 0.10	0.27 0.27 0.54 0.00 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.54	3.53 2.17 5.16 0.54 1.09 0.27 4.89 1.09 3.26 2.45 2.72 0.82 0.82 0.54 0.54 3.26 6.25	0.24 0.21 0.31 0.12 0.14 0.12 0.31 0.17 0.21 0.19 0.06 0.10 0.13 0.13	818 % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % % %	15% Create mbox 18% Peek [empty] mbox 87% Put [first] mbox 71% Peek [1 msg] mbox 40% Put [second] mbox 68% Peek [2 msgs] mbox 81% Get [first] mbox 37% Get [second] mbox 50% Tryput [first] mbox 81% Peek item [non-empty] mbox 43% Tryget [non-empty] mbox 87% Peek item [empty] mbox 65% Waiting to get mbox 65% Waiting to put mbox 43% Delete mbox 93% Put/Get mbox
0.34 0.60 0.59 0.59 0.48 0.24 0.19 2.28	0.27 0.27 0.54 0.54 0.27 0.00 0.00	1.09 1.09 0.82 2.17 0.82 0.82 0.54	0.11 0.12 0.08 0.10 0.11 0.09 0.13 0.18	81% 68% 81% 96% 71% 78% 62% 93%	81% Init semaphore 6% Post [0] semaphore 81% Wait [1] semaphore 96% Trywait [0] semaphore 25% Trywait [1] semaphore 18% Peek semaphore 34% Destroy semaphore 90% Post/Wait semaphore
0.43 0.40 0.13 0.71 0.16	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.54 0.00	2.72 1.63 0.82 1.63 0.54	0.23 0.25 0.15 0.16 0.14	90% 68% 96% 50% 53%	59% Set counter value
0.47 1.58 0.12 1.01 0.21 0.78	0.27 1.09 0.00 0.82 0.00 0.54	1.36 7.07 1.09 2.45 0.27 1.90	0.15 0.44 0.16 0.17 0.09 0.12	71% 96% 53%	68% Initialize alarm 65% Disable alarm 43% Enable alarm 21% Delete alarm

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3.80
   3.90 3.80 4.35 0.13 68% 68% Tick counter [many alarms]
1.25 1.09 1.63 0.14 53% 43% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm]
19.88 19.84 20.11 0.07 84% 84% Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
    4.37
           4.35 4.62 0.05 90% 90% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
    3.83 3.80 7.61 0.06 99% 99% Alarm latency [0 threads]
            3.80
                     7.88 0.27 71% 24% Alarm latency [2 threads]
    4.46
   16.06 13.59 26.36 1.05 54% 10% Alarm latency [many threads] 6.67 6.52 22.83 0.29 98% 98% Alarm -> thread resume latency
           0.82 9.78
    1.89
                             0.00
                                                   Clock/interrupt latency
    2.17 1.09 7.34 0.00
                                                   Clock DSR latency
            0 316 (main stack: 744) Thread stack used (1120 total)
   11
                        : stack used 744 size 2400
: Interrupt stack used 288 size 4096
All done, main stack
All done
                        : Idlethread stack used 268 size 2048
All done
Timing complete - 30210 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

# Board: Cirrus Logic EDB7111-2 Development Board CPU: Cirrus Logic EP7211 73MHz

```
Startup, main stack
                               : stack used
                                            404 size 2400
                    : Interrupt stack used 136 size 4096
Startup
Startup
                    : Idlethread stack used 88 size 2048
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 0 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 356.69 microseconds (182 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
   Clock samples:
                           32
   Threads:
                           64
  Thread switches:
  Mutexes:
                           32
  Mailboxes:
   Semaphores:
                           32
   Scheduler operations:
                          128
   Counters:
                           32
  Alarms:
                           32
                               Confidence
         Min Max Var Ave Min Function
    Ave
  =====
         -----
   22.71
         17.58 37.11
                        3.07 46% 34% Create thread
         3.91 5.86 0.70 76% 76% Yield thread [all suspended] 3.91 7.81 0.56 84% 84% Suspend [suspended] thread
   4.36
   4.24
                  7.81 0.45 85% 3% Resume thread
   4.09 1.95
   5.31 3.91 11.72 0.92 65% 32% Set priority
         1.95
         1.95 3.91 0.28 92% 92% Get priority
9.77 25.39 0.99 62% 28% Kill [suspended] thread
   2.11
   11.54
```

4.46 7.57 3.94 7.02 4.42 4.24 11.29 6.29 13.52 24.50 8.79	3.91 5.86 1.95 5.86 3.91 1.95 9.77 3.91 11.72 21.48 7.81	9.77 13.67 5.86 13.67 9.77 5.86 27.34 11.72 31.25 42.97 19.53	0.82 0.69 0.18 1.05 0.79 0.61 1.14 0.84 0.90 1.69 1.05	75% 75% 92% 53% 76% 79% 57% 71% 70% 99%	75% Yield [no other] thread 20% Resume [suspended low prio] thread 3% Resume [runnable low prio] thread 45% Suspend [runnable] thread 76% Yield [only low prio] thread 1% Suspend [runnable->not runnable] 37% Kill [runnable] thread 4% Destroy [dead] thread 25% Destroy [runnable] thread 12% Resume [high priority] thread 53% Thread switch
1.66 2.59 2.62 2.61 2.58	0.00 1.95 1.95 1.95 1.95	3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91	0.52 0.86 0.88 0.87 0.85	83% 67% 65% 66% 67%	
2.69 4.88 4.64 3.97 3.48 1.77	1.95 3.91 3.91 1.95 1.95 0.00 29.30	5.86 9.77 11.72 7.81 3.91 3.91 42.97	0.96 1.10 1.05 0.47 0.67 0.44 1.65	65% 96% 71% 81% 78% 84% 71%	
4.09 1.83 5.31 1.59 5.19 1.65 5.43 5.31 4.76 4.82 5.55 3.97 4.33 1.59 1.71 5.25	3.91 0.00 3.91 0.00 3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91 1.95 3.91 0.00 0.00 3.91 15.63	9.77 3.91 9.77 1.95 9.77 3.91 9.77 7.81 9.77 11.72 7.81 7.81 3.91 3.91 9.77 29.30	0.35 0.34 0.96 0.60 1.04 0.62 0.86 0.96 1.07 1.15 0.82 0.59 0.69 0.79 0.53 1.01	96% 81% 81% 568% 562% 715% 81%% 81%% 59%	28% Get [first] mbox 34% Get [second] mbox 62% Tryput [first] mbox 3% Peek item [non-empty] mbox 25% Tryget [non-empty] mbox 12% Peek item [empty] mbox 81% Tryget [empty] mbox 25% Waiting to get mbox 15% Waiting to put mbox
2.69 3.78 4.27 3.72 3.29 2.32 1.89 15.75	1.95 1.95 3.91 1.95 1.95 1.95 0.00	5.86 7.81 7.81 7.81 5.86 3.91 3.91 29.30	0.96 0.46 0.62 0.66 0.92 0.59 0.24 1.07	65% 84% 84% 75% 62% 81% 90% 68%	65% Init semaphore 12% Post [0] semaphore 84% Wait [1] semaphore 18% Trywait [0] semaphore 34% Trywait [1] semaphore 81% Peek semaphore 6% Destroy semaphore 21% Post/Wait semaphore
2.69 1.83 1.53 4.82 1.89	1.95 0.00 0.00 3.91 0.00	5.86 1.95 3.91 5.86 1.95	0.96 0.23 0.76 0.97 0.12	65% 93% 71% 53% 96%	65% Create counter 6% Get counter value 25% Set counter value 53% Tick counter 3% Delete counter
3.78 7.99 1.71 7.14 2.50 4.94	1.95 5.86 0.00 5.86 1.95 3.91 17.58	7.81 15.63 1.95 11.72 3.91 7.81 23.44	0.46 0.70 0.43 1.04 0.79 1.04 0.36	84% 81% 87% 56% 71% 96% 87%	12% Create alarm 9% Initialize alarm 12% Disable alarm 40% Enable alarm 71% Delete alarm 50% Tick counter [1 alarm] 9% Tick counter [many alarms]

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7.63 5.86 11.72 0.55 81% 15% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm]
99.06 97.66 105.47 1.05 59% 37% Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
22.15 21.48 27.34 0.96 71% 71% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
  359.16 357.42 378.91 0.87 71% 25% Alarm latency [0 threads]
  364.03 357.42 402.34 3.03 58% 15% Alarm latency [2 threads]
  408.25 402.34 416.02 2.89 53% 24% Alarm latency [many threads]
  381.16 376.95 492.19 2.48 95% 46% Alarm -> thread resume latency
          5.86 19.53
    9.79
                           0.00
                                               Clock/interrupt latency
   12.13 5.86 31.25 0.00
                                               Clock DSR latency
                   316 (main stack: 752) Thread stack used (1120 total)
            Ω
                             : stack used 752 size 2400
All done, main stack
                      : Interrupt stack used
                                                   288 size
All done
                       : Idlethread stack used 276 size 2048
All done
Timing complete - 30450 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

# Board: Cirrus Logic EDB7111-2 Development Board CPU: Cirrus Logic EP7212 73MHz

```
Startup, main stack
                             : stack used 404 size 2400
Startup
                  : Interrupt stack used 136 size 4096
Startup
                   : Idlethread stack used 88 size 2048
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 0 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 356.32 microseconds (182 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
   Clock samples:
  Threads:
  Thread switches:
                          128
  Mutexes:
  Mailboxes:
                          32
   Semaphores:
                           32
  Scheduler operations: 128
  Counters:
                          32
  Alarms:
                              Confidence
    Ave Min Max Var Ave Min Function
  22.43 15.63 33.20 3.02 68% 18% Create thread
   4.48 3.91 5.86 0.81 70% Yield thread [all suspended]
                 7.81 0.78 75% 75% Suspend [suspended] thread 5.86 0.49 82% 3% Resume thread
   4.42
         3.91
         1.95
   4.12
                                78% 18% Set priority
89% 89% Get priority
          3.91 11.72
                 11.72 0.64
3.91 0.38
   5.62
           1.95
   2.17
   11.54 9.77 27.34 0.88 70% 25% Kill [suspended] thread
```

4.64 7.51 3.88 7.14 4.52 4.15 11.26 6.22 13.64 24.17 8.80	3.91 5.86 1.95 5.86 3.91 1.95 9.77 3.91 11.72 21.48 7.81	9.77 15.63 9.77 13.67 7.81 7.81 27.34 13.67 33.20 41.02 21.48	0.96 0.72 0.42 1.00 0.86 0.49 1.17 0.88 1.02 1.49	65%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%	39% Suspend [runnable] thread 70% Yield [only low prio] thread 1% Suspend [runnable->not runnable] 39% Kill [runnable] thread 7% Destroy [dead] thread 26% Destroy [runnable] thread
1.60 2.61 2.59 2.61 2.59	0.00 1.95 1.95 1.95	1.95 3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91	0.58 0.87 0.86 0.87 0.86	82% 66% 67% 66% 67%	67% Scheduler unlock [1 suspended] 66% Scheduler unlock [many suspended]
2.62 4.82 4.39 3.84 3.54 1.83	1.95 3.91 3.91 1.95 1.95 0.00	3.91 9.77 9.77 7.81 5.86 3.91 46.88	0.88 1.09 0.79 0.36 0.69 0.34 1.68	65% 96% 81% 87% 75% 87% 78%	
3.97 1.83 4.76 1.71 5.00 1.65 5.31 5.13 4.76 4.46 5.55 4.03 4.27 1.77 1.59 5.37	1.95 0.00 3.91 0.00 3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91 3.91 1.95 3.91 0.00 0.00 3.91 13.67	7.81 3.91 9.77 3.91 9.77 1.95 11.72 7.81 11.72 7.81 9.77 7.81 5.86 3.91 1.95 9.77 27.34	0.24 0.34 1.07 0.64 1.10 0.52 1.05 0.99 1.12 0.82 0.58 0.59 0.44 0.60 0.91	93% 862% 756% 84% 596% 788 818 818 80 90	18% Peek [1 msg] mbox 50% Put [second] mbox 15% Peek [2 msgs] mbox 37% Get [first] mbox 40% Get [second] mbox 65% Tryput [first] mbox 75% Peek item [non-empty] mbox 25% Tryget [non-empty] mbox 9% Peek item [empty] mbox 81% Tryget [empty] mbox 12% Waiting to get mbox 18% Waiting to put mbox
2.62 3.84 4.21 3.48 3.60 2.26 1.89	1.95 1.95 3.91 1.95 1.95 1.95 0.00	5.86 7.81 7.81 5.86 5.86 5.86 1.95 29.30	0.92 0.47 0.53 0.76 0.62 0.53 0.12 1.40	68% 81% 87% 71% 78% 87% 96% 59%	2 · · · · E
2.38 2.01 1.89 4.58 1.71	1.95 0.00 0.00 3.91 0.00	3.91 3.91 3.91 5.86 1.95	0.67 0.35 0.24 0.88 0.43	78% 84% 90% 65% 87%	78% Create counter 6% Get counter value 6% Set counter value 65% Tick counter 12% Delete counter
3.84 7.99 2.01 6.53 2.32 4.76 19.53	1.95 5.86 0.00 5.86 1.95 3.91 17.58	7.81 15.63 3.91 13.67 3.91 7.81 23.44	0.36 0.47 0.35 1.01 0.59 1.01 0.24	87% 93% 84% 75% 81% 59% 90%	9% Create alarm 3% Initialize alarm 6% Disable alarm 75% Enable alarm 81% Delete alarm 59% Tick counter [1 alarm] 6% Tick counter [many alarms]

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75% 21% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm] 96% 62% Tick & fire
                         0.75
   7.57
           5.86
                 13.67
         97.66 105.47
                                  96% 62% Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
71% 71% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
   98.57
                           1.14
                           0.96
         21.48
                 27.34
  22.15
                         1.10 65% 31% Alarm latency [0 threads]
  359.18 357.42 384.77
  362.63 357.42 396.48 2.55 43% 27% Alarm latency [2 threads]
  408.22 402.34 416.02 2.73 55% 21% Alarm latency [many threads]
  378.63 375.00 494.14 2.56 93% 71% Alarm -> thread resume latency
         5.86
   9.78
                 19.53
                         0.00
                                           Clock/interrupt latency
   12.21 5.86
                 31.25 0.00
                                           Clock DSR latency
                 316 (main stack: 752) Thread stack used (1120 total)
           Ω
                           : stack used 752 size 2400
All done, main stack
All done
                    : Interrupt stack used
                                              288 size
                     : Idlethread stack used 276 size 2048
All done
Timing complete - 30550 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

## **Board: ARM PID Evaluation Board**

#### CPU: ARM 7TDMI 20 MHz

```
Startup, main stack
                             : stack used 404 size 2400
                  : Interrupt stack used 136 size 4096
Startup
                                          84 size 2048
Startup
                   : Idlethread stack used
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 6 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 120.74 microseconds (150 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
  Clock samples:
  Threads:
  Thread switches:
                          128
  Mutexes:
  Mailboxes:
                           32
  Semaphores:
                           32
  Scheduler operations:
                         128
  Counters:
                          32
  Alarms:
                              Confidence
    Ave Min Max Var Ave Min Function
  99.01 68.00 129.60 15.62 50% 26% Create thread
  21.60 21.60 21.60 0.00 100% 100% Yield thread [all suspended]
  15.65
         15.20 16.00 0.39 56% 44% Suspend [suspended] thread
                16.00
                       0.31
        15.20
23.20
                                74% 26% Resume thread
56% 44% Set priority
82% 18% Get priority
   15.79
   23.65
                         0.39
                       0.24
   2.26
          1.60
                 2.40
   51.39 51.20 52.00 0.29 76% 76% Kill [suspended] thread
```

21.60 29.47 15.60 27.73 21.60 15.65 51.39 27.66 68.93 91.26 49.14	21.60 28.00 15.20 24.00 21.60 15.20 51.20 27.20 64.80 90.40 48.80	21.60 29.60 16.00 28.00 21.60 16.00 52.00 28.80 69.60 107.20 49.60	0.22 0.40 0.40 0.00 0.39 0.29 0.41	86% 100% 74% 100% 56% 76% 54% 72%	2% Resume [sn 50% Resume [rn 2% Suspend [: 00% Yield [on: 44% Suspend [: 16% Kill [rum 14% Destroy [c 2% Destroy [:	dead] thread runnable] thread igh priority] thread
2.20 10.20 10.20 10.20 10.20	1.60 9.60 9.60 9.60 9.60	2.40 10.40 10.40 10.40 10.40	0.30 0.30 0.30 0.30 0.30	75% 75% 75% 75% 75%	25% Scheduler 25% Scheduler	lock unlock [0 threads] unlock [1 suspended] unlock [many suspended] unlock [many low prio]
6.85 18.40 19.57 16.55 14.55 3.55 119.85	6.40 18.40 19.20 16.00 14.40 3.20	7.20 18.40 20.00 16.80 15.20 4.00 120.00	0.40 0.34 0.24 0.39	53% 68% 81%	13% Init muter 10% Lock [unlo 13% Unlock [lo 13% Trylock [ 13% Trylock [ 166% Destroy m 18% Unlock/Loc	ocked] mutex ocked] mutex unlocked] mutex locked] mutex utex
12.85 1.65 20.70 1.65 20.85 20.85 19.90 17.60 20.90 16.80 17.65 1.85 19.40 65.05	12.80 1.60 20.00 1.60 20.80 20.80 17.60 20.80 17.60 17.60 1.60 1.60 19.20 64.80	13.60 2.40 20.80 2.40 21.60 21.60 21.60 21.60 16.80 18.40 2.40 2.40 20.00 65.60	0.09 0.17 0.00 0.17 0.00	87% 100% 93% 68% 68%		ty] mbox t] mbox sg] mbox nd] mbox sgs] mbox t] mbox inst] mbox [non-empty] mbox [empty] mbox [empty] mbox oget mbox o put mbox ox
7.05 15.55 17.35 14.60 14.20 4.55 3.75 70.85	6.40 15.20 16.80 14.40 13.60 4.00 3.20 70.40	7.20 16.00 17.60 15.20 14.40 4.80 4.00 71.20	0.24 0.39 0.34 0.30 0.30 0.34 0.34	81% 56% 68% 75% 68% 68%	18% Init semaj 16% Post [0] : 18% Wait [1] : 15% Trywait [0] 15% Trywait [1] 11% Peek semaj 11% Destroy so 13% Post/Wait	semaphore semaphore 1] semaphore phore emaphore
6.05 2.25 2.25 19.70 3.45	5.60 1.60 1.60 19.20 3.20	6.40 2.40 2.40 20.00 4.00	0.39 0.24 0.24 0.37 0.34	56% 81% 81% 62% 68%	13% Create con 18% Get count 18% Set count 18% Tick count 58% Delete con	er value er value ter
9.05 29.60 2.15 29.35 5.10 23.20 138.00	8.80 29.60 1.60 28.80 4.80 23.20 137.60	9.60 29.60 2.40 29.60 5.60 23.20 138.40	0.34 0.34 0.37 0.00	68% 68% 62%	58% Create ala 50% Initializa 51% Disable ala 51% Enable ala 52% Delete ala 50% Tick count 50% Tick count	e alarm larm arm arm

```
0.40 100% 50% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm] 12.47 93% 93% Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
  40.40
         40.00
                 40.80
  704.25 697.60 804.00
  155.20 155.20 155.20
                          0.00 100% 100% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
  105.20 104.80 151.20 0.76 99% 94% Alarm latency [0 threads]
  117.57 104.80 149.60
                           7.13 57% 25% Alarm latency [2 threads]
  117.49 104.80 148.80 7.10 58% 26% Alarm latency [many threads]
  192.59 177.60 316.00 1.93 98% 0% Alarm -> thread resume latency
  22.10 21.60 24.00
                         0.00
                                           Clock/interrupt latency
  38.69 32.80 61.60 0.00
                                           Clock DSR latency
         276
                316 (main stack: 752) Thread stack used (1120 total)
                          : stack used 752 size 2400
terrupt stack used 288 size 4096
All done, main stack
          : Interrupt stack used
All done
                     : Idlethread stack used 272 size 2048
All done
Timing complete - 30350 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

## **Board: ARM PID Evaluation Board CPU: ARM 920T 20 MHz**

```
Startup, main stack
                                 : stack used
                                               404 size 2400
        : Interrupt stack used 136 size 4096
Startup
                                               84 size 2048
Startup
                     : Idlethread stack used
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 15 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 291.41 microseconds (364 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
   Clock samples:
   Threads:
   Thread switches:
                             128
   Mutexes:
   Mailboxes:
   Semaphores:
                              32
   Scheduler operations: 128
   Counters:
                             32
   Alarms:
                              32
                                  Confidence
     Ave Min Max Var Ave Min Function
  _____
  257.78 168.00 568.00 48.70 56% 28% Create thread
   50.21 49.60 50.40 0.29 76% 24% Yield thread [all suspended]
         36.80 36.80 0.35 68% Suspend [suspended] thread 36.80 37.60 0.40 100% 50% Resume thread 56.00 56.80 0.34 70% 70% Set priority
   36.26
         36.80 37.60 0.40 100% 50% Resume thread 56.00 56.80 0.34 70% 70% Set priority 4.80 5.60 0.40 100% 50% Get priority
   37.20
   56.24
```

122.75 122.40 123.20 0.39 56% 56% Kill [suspended] thread 50.19 49.60 50.40 0.31 74% 26% Yield [no other] thread

5.20

122.75 67.76 167.07	49.60 36.00 122.40 67.20	69.60 37.60 65.60 50.40 36.80 123.20 68.00 168.00 249.60 389.60	0.21 0.31 0.38 0.31 0.34 0.39 0.34 0.35 1.46 4.17	70% 92%	2% Resume [suspended 1 4% Resume [runnable 1c 2% Suspend [runnable] 6% Yield [only low pri 0% Suspend [runnable-> 6% Kill [runnable] thr 0% Destroy [dead] thre 2% Destroy [runnable] 0% Resume [high priori 9% Thread switch	w prio] thread thread o] thread not runnable] ead lad thread
4.70 23.70 23.60 23.70 23.60	4.00 23.20 23.20 23.20 23.20	4.80 24.00 24.00 24.00 24.00	0.17 0.37 0.40 0.37 0.40	62%	2% Scheduler lock 7% Scheduler unlock [0 0% Scheduler unlock [1 7% Scheduler unlock [m 0% Scheduler unlock [m	suspended] any suspended]
15.65 42.40 45.37 39.20 34.45 8.00 284.42	15.20 42.40 44.80 39.20 34.40 8.00 284.00	16.00 42.40 46.40 39.20 35.20 8.00 284.80	0.39 0.00 0.36 0.00 0.09 0.00	65% 100% 93%	3% Init mutex 0% Lock [unlocked] mut 1% Unlock [locked] mut 0% Trylock [unlocked] 3% Trylock [locked] mu 0% Destroy mutex 6% Unlock/Lock mutex	ex mutex
29.40 3.35 49.35 3.35 49.15 49.15 47.80 41.40 49.40 40.15 40.95 4.05 45.60 153.27	28.80 3.20 48.80 3.20 48.80 48.80 47.20 40.80 40.80 40.00 40.80 4.00 45.60 152.80	29.60 4.00 49.60 4.00 49.60 49.60 49.60 49.60 41.60 40.80 41.60 4.80 4.80 4.80 45.60	0.30 0.24 0.34 0.24 0.39 0.39 0.30 0.30 0.24 0.24 0.09 0.09 0.00	68% 81% 68% 81% 56% 75% 75% 81% 93%	5% Create mbox 1% Peek [empty] mbox 1% Put [first] mbox 1% Peek [1 msg] mbox 1% Put [second] mbox 1% Peek [2 msgs] mbox 6% Get [first] mbox 6% Get [second] mbox 5% Tryput [first] mbox 5% Peek item [non-empty 5% Tryget [non-empty] 1% Peek item [empty] mbox 3% Waiting to get mbox 3% Waiting to put mbox 0% Put/Get mbox	y] mbox mbox : :
16.80 36.60 39.60 34.80 33.35 10.30 8.80 166.92	16.80 36.00 39.20 34.40 32.80 9.60 8.80 166.40	16.80 36.80 40.00 35.20 33.60 10.40 8.80 167.20	0.00 0.30 0.40 0.40 0.34 0.17 0.00 0.36	75% 100% 100% 68% 87%	0% Init semaphore 5% Post [0] semaphore 0% Wait [1] semaphore 0% Trywait [0] semapho 1% Trywait [1] semapho 2% Peek semaphore 0% Destroy semaphore 4% Post/Wait semaphore	re
13.60 4.85 4.80 45.25 7.75	13.60 4.80 4.80 44.80 7.20	13.60 5.60 4.80 45.60 8.00	0.00 0.09 0.00 0.39 0.34	93%	0% Create counter 3% Get counter value 0% Set counter value 3% Tick counter 1% Delete counter	
20.80 69.30 4.80 67.35 11.80 54.80 372.35 95.50	20.80 68.80 4.80 67.20 11.20 54.40 363.20 95.20	20.80 69.60 4.80 68.00 12.00 55.20 652.80 96.00	0.00 0.37 0.00 0.24 0.30 0.40 17.53 0.37	62%	0% Create alarm 7% Initialize alarm 0% Disable alarm 1% Enable alarm 5% Delete alarm 0% Tick counter [1 ala 6% Tick counter [many 2% Tick & fire counter	alarms]

```
1757.92 1707.20 1996.80
                        81.43
                                 81% 81% Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
 256.57 254.40 395.20 2.17
296.60 255.61
                                 53% 53% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
                          2.17
                                 98% 97% Alarm latency [0 threads]
 296.60 255.20 359.20 23.53
                                 53% 31% Alarm latency [2 threads]
 307.49 265.60 357.60 27.52
                                 53% 53% Alarm latency [many threads]
 467.04 432.00 788.80
                        5.03 97% 1% Alarm -> thread resume latency
                          0.00
  55.63
         54.40
                60.80
                                          Clock/interrupt latency
 101.23 80.80 1433.60
                          0.00
                                          Clock DSR latency
         316
                316 (main stack: 752) Thread stack used (1120 total)
All done, main stack
                      : stack used 752 size 2400
                  : Interrupt stack used
                                            288 size 4096
All done
All done
                    : Idlethread stack used
                                            272 size 2048
Timing complete - 30780 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

# Board: Intel IQ80310 XScale Development Kit CPU: Intel XScale 600MHz

```
Startup, main stack
                             : stack used
                                           388 size 2400
                   : Interrupt stack used
                                           148 size 4096
Startup
                   : Idlethread stack used
                                          76 size 1120
Startup
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 73 'ticks' overhead
 .. this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 12.11 microseconds (399 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
  Clock samples:
                          32
   Threads:
  Thread switches:
                         128
  Mutexes.
                          32
  Mailboxes:
  Semaphores:
  Scheduler operations:
                         128
  Counters:
                          32
  Alarms:
                          32
                              Confidence
    Ave
          Min
                  Max
                         Var Ave Min Function
  =====
        _____
         5.48
               8.55
   6.53
                        0.50
                                53% 23% Create thread
               3.24
2.06
   0.37
          0.03
                         0.18
                                87%
                                     1% Yield thread [all suspended]
                                    1% Suspend [suspended] thread
   0.24
          0.00
                         0.12
                                87%
                0.73
                              71% 1% Resume thread
   0.25
          0.00
                        0.06
          0.09
                0.82
                        0.10
                                89%
                                    1% Set priority
   0.36
                                90% Get priority
   0.03
          0.00
                0.42
                        0.05
   1.07
               6.39
          0.52
                         0.18
                                92% 1% Kill [suspended] thread
   0.33
           0.06
                 0.91
                         0.08
                                78%
                                     3% Yield [no other] thread
                 1.06
                                    1% Resume [suspended low prio] thread
   0.55
           0.03
                         0.09
                                85%
                                84% 4% Resume [runnable low prio] thread
   0.28
          0.00
                 1.79
                         0.11
          0.00 1.00 0.12
                              76%
                                    1% Suspend [runnable] thread
   0.43
   0.31
         0.00 1.24
                       0.09 82% 4% Yield [only low prio] thread
```

0.21 1.00 0.59 1.43 3.12 0.87	0.00 0.88 0.42 1.27 2.58 0.36	0.42 1.45 3.97 1.94 5.09	0.04 0.04 0.13 0.07 0.33 0.07	73% 78% 81% 78% 56% 86%	4% 87% 7% 34%	Suspend [runnable->not runnable] Kill [runnable] thread Destroy [dead] thread Destroy [runnable] thread Resume [high priority] thread Thread switch
0.15 0.16 0.16 0.16 0.16	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	1.39 0.64 0.64 0.70 0.64	0.21 0.08 0.08 0.08 0.07	81% 85% 75% 78% 81%	7% 8% 6%	Scheduler lock Scheduler unlock [0 threads] Scheduler unlock [1 suspended] Scheduler unlock [many suspended] Scheduler unlock [many low prio]
0.45 0.43 0.48 0.35 0.26 0.21 2.58	0.00 0.18 0.09 0.21 0.00 0.00	1.39 3.27 3.88 2.24 0.67 1.27 3.09	0.34 0.23 0.26 0.21 0.13 0.24	56% 87% 84% 87% 78% 78% 75%	87% 71% 84% 9% 75%	Init mutex Lock [unlocked] mutex Unlock [locked] mutex Trylock [unlocked] mutex Trylock [locked] mutex Destroy mutex Unlock/Lock mutex
0.99 0.04 0.47 0.02 0.29 0.02 0.48 0.35 0.50 0.39 0.43 0.28 0.28 0.01 0.05 0.42 1.39	0.21 0.00 0.27 0.00 0.15 0.00 0.21 0.09 0.21 0.15 0.18 0.03 0.21 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	2.48 0.39 3.48 0.39 0.58 0.45 3.67 0.82 3.18 1.39 3.33 0.79 0.58 0.45 2.88 2.39	0.41 0.07 0.29 0.03 0.04 0.26 0.11 0.33 0.19 0.23 0.06 0.05 0.02 0.09 0.20	65%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%%	87% 78% 90% 3% 93% 87% 3% 68% 90% 65% 90% 84% 12%	Create mbox Peek [empty] mbox Put [first] mbox Peek [1 msg] mbox Put [second] mbox Peek [2 msgs] mbox Get [first] mbox Get [second] mbox Tryput [first] mbox Peek item [non-empty] mbox Tryget [non-empty] mbox Tryget [empty] mbox Tryget [empty] mbox Waiting to get mbox Waiting to put mbox Delete mbox Put/Get mbox
0.35 0.19 0.25 0.32 0.20 0.07 0.06 1.45	0.00 0.00 0.21 0.06 0.00 0.00 0.00	1.36 0.45 0.88 1.79 0.52 0.45 0.52 1.79	0.45 0.04 0.06 0.21 0.06 0.10 0.06	75% 81% 84% 78% 62% 84% 71% 87%	3% 81% 68% 3% 81% 78%	Init semaphore Post [0] semaphore Wait [1] semaphore Trywait [0] semaphore Trywait [1] semaphore Peek semaphore Destroy semaphore Post/Wait semaphore
0.70 0.05 0.02 0.38 0.03	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.12 0.00	2.88 0.42 0.45 0.58 0.48	0.47 0.09 0.04 0.06 0.05	43% 87% 93% 59% 93%	84% 93% 3%	Create counter Get counter value Set counter value Tick counter Delete counter
1.10 0.58 0.04 0.54 0.03 0.50 5.30 0.82 14.13 5.56 9.69 9.98	0.39 0.03 0.00 0.36 0.00 0.24 5.12 0.64 13.85 5.45 9.45 9.48	4.30 3.12 0.42 1.36 0.70 0.97 5.97 1.36 14.55 6.00 12.52 12.76	0.47 0.18 0.07 0.12 0.06 0.08 0.14 0.11 0.09 0.09 0.22 0.23	62% 87% 90% 84% 84% 84% 78% 78% 64%	3% 90% 43% 84% 6% 75% 43% 71% 71%	Create alarm Initialize alarm Disable alarm Enable alarm Delete alarm Tick counter [1 alarm] Tick counter [many alarms] Tick & fire counter [1 alarm] Tick & fire counters [>1 together] Tick & fire counters [>1 separately] Alarm latency [0 threads] Alarm latency [2 threads]

```
10.38
          9.48
                 24.67
21.33
                   24.67
                            0.59
                                 74% 45% Alarm latency [many threads]
81% 58% Alarm -> thread resume latency
         11.30
   11.72
                            0.32
   1.87 1.82 10.42
                         0.00
                                            Clock/interrupt latency
         2.58 7.67
   3.02
                           0.00
                                            Clock DSR latency
                260 (main stack:
                                     776) Thread stack used (1120 total)
All done, main stack
                         : stack used 776 size 2400
                    : Interrupt stack used
                                               268 size 4096
All done
All done
                     : Idlethread stack used 244 size 1120
Timing complete - 30300 ms total
PASS: < Basic timing OK>
EXIT: <done>
```

## **Board: Intel SA1110 (Assabet)**

### CPU: StrongARM 221.2 MHz

```
Microseconds for one run through Dhrystone:
                                      3.3
Dhrystones per Second:
                                     306748.5
VAX MIPS rating =
               174.586
                         : stack used 420 size 2400
Startup, main stack
Startup
                : Interrupt stack used 136 size 4096
Startup
                 : Idlethread stack used 84 size 2048
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 0 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took 3.20 microseconds (11 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
                       32
  Clock samples:
  Threads.
  Thread switches:
  Mutexes:
  Mailboxes:
  Semaphores:
                       32
  Scheduler operations:
                      128
  Counters:
                       32
  Alarms:
                       32
                          Confidence
        Min Max Var Ave Min Function
   Ave
              ______
   5.98
       4.88 14.38
                    0.70 57% 35% Create thread
       0.86
   1.05
   1.07
   1.36
   0.73
   2.93
         0.81 4.34 0.14 89% 89% Yield [no other] thread
   0.89
```

1.74 0.93 1.06 2.56 2.02 3.09 6.77 1.81	1.36 0.81 0.81 1.90 1.63 2.44 5.43 1.63	6.51 4.61 3.26 13.02 7.05 15.19 13.02 7.87	0.22 0.18 0.19 0.41 0.22 0.51 0.59	87% 98% 42% 87% 92% 78% 75% 49%	6% Suspend [runnable] thread 78% Yield [only low prio] thread 39% Suspend [runnable->not runnable] 34% Kill [runnable] thread 3% Destroy [dead] thread 46% Destroy [runnable] thread 17% Resume [high priority] thread 49% Thread switch
0.25 0.51 0.51 0.51 0.51	0.00 0.27 0.27 0.27 0.27	1.36 1.36 1.09 1.09	0.05 0.06 0.06 0.07 0.06	89% 85% 85% 85% 85%	10% Scheduler lock 13% Scheduler unlock [0 threads] 13% Scheduler unlock [1 suspended] 14% Scheduler unlock [many suspended] 13% Scheduler unlock [many low prio]
0.52 0.97 1.05 0.86 0.79 0.33 4.16	0.27 0.54 0.81 0.54 0.54 0.27 3.80	2.17 4.34 5.15 3.26 3.53 1.63 8.95	0.15 0.28 0.28 0.24 0.23 0.11 0.30	62% 84% 96% 65% 43% 90% 75%	31% Init mutex 65% Lock [unlocked] mutex 96% Unlock [locked] mutex 31% Trylock [unlocked] mutex 46% Trylock [locked] mutex 90% Destroy mutex 96% Unlock/Lock mutex
0.70 0.59 1.33 0.61 1.35 0.58 1.40 1.27 1.34 1.47 1.12 1.14 0.59 0.59 1.28 2.64	0.54 0.27 1.09 0.27 1.09 0.27 1.09 1.09 0.81 0.81 0.81 0.27 0.27 0.27	2.98 1.63 5.70 1.63 5.43 1.36 4.88 5.15 4.88 4.61 5.15 4.34 4.07 1.36 5.43 10.31	0.21 0.14 0.31 0.13 0.31 0.11 0.25 0.26 0.28 0.22 0.27 0.23 0.24 0.12 0.32 0.48	96% 96% 96% 96% 96% 59% 59% 84% 59% 718% 87% 87% 96%	9% Peek [empty] mbox 9% Peek [empty] mbox 93% Put [first] mbox 3% Peek [1 msg] mbox 87% Put [second] mbox 6% Peek [2 msgs] mbox 37% Get [first] mbox 34% Get [second] mbox 65% Tryput [first] mbox 6% Peek item [non-empty] mbox 12% Tryget [non-empty] mbox 31% Peek item [empty] mbox 25% Tryget [empty] mbox 6% Waiting to get mbox 6% Waiting to put mbox 78% Delete mbox 96% Put/Get mbox
0.47 0.77 0.90 0.85 0.69 0.44 0.38 2.74	0.27 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.54 0.27 0.27	2.17 3.80 4.07 3.26 2.17 2.17 1.90 9.49	0.19 0.26 0.26 0.21 0.18 0.19 0.17 0.42	46% 90% 75% 56% 96% 96% 96%	46% Init semaphore 56% Post [0] semaphore 21% Wait [1] semaphore 28% Trywait [0] semaphore 62% Trywait [1] semaphore 56% Peek semaphore 75% Destroy semaphore 96% Post/Wait semaphore
0.43 0.49 0.33 1.03 0.42	0.27 0.00 0.00 0.81 0.27	1.90 2.17 1.63 2.44 1.90	0.18 0.18 0.13 0.22 0.20	96% 56% 78% 84% 90%	56% Create counter 3% Get counter value 6% Set counter value 50% Tick counter 65% Delete counter
0.70 1.65 0.75 1.75 0.81 1.01 4.19 1.48 20.23 4.70	0.54 1.36 0.54 1.36 0.54 0.81 4.07 1.36 20.07 4.61	2.44 6.78 1.63 7.05 2.44 2.17 5.43 3.80 22.52 6.78	0.20 0.40 0.18 0.38 0.15 0.16 0.20 0.21	93%%%%% 43%%65% 62% 96%% 96%%	62% Create alarm 81% Initialize alarm 43% Disable alarm 81% Enable alarm 28% Delete alarm 40% Tick counter [1 alarm] 68% Tick counter [many alarms] 78% Tick & fire counter [1 alarm] 65% Tick & fire counters [>1 together] 87% Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]

```
98% 98% Alarm latency [0 threads]
73% 59% Alarm latency [2 threads]
59% 53% Alarm latency [many threads]
    2.81
            2.71
                    14.38
                              0.20
    3.19
             2.71
                    13.56
                              0.38
            2.71 13.56
7.87 18.17
    9.71
                             1.25
    5.77
          5.43 45.57
                            0.68
                                    97% 97% Alarm -> thread resume latency
    2.38
          0.81 9.49
                             0.00
                                               Clock/interrupt latency
                   7.32
                              0.00
    2.02
            1.09
                                               Clock DSR latency
            Ω
                  316 (main stack: 764) Thread stack used (1120 total)
All done, main stack
                         : stack used 764 size 2400
All done
                      : Interrupt stack used 287 size 4096
All done
                      : Idlethread stack used 272 size 2048
```

Timing complete - 30220 ms total

# **Board: Intel SA1100 (Brutus)** CPU: StrongARM 221.2 MHz

```
Microseconds for one run through Dhrystone:
                                            306748.5
Dhrystones per Second:
VAX MIPS rating =
                   174.586
Startup, main stack
                              : stack used
                                           404 size 2400
                    : Interrupt stack used
                                           136 size 4096
Startup
Startup
                    : Idlethread stack used
                                           87 size 2048
eCos Kernel Timings
Notes: all times are in microseconds (.000001) unless otherwise stated
Reading the hardware clock takes 0 'ticks' overhead
... this value will be factored out of all other measurements
Clock interrupt took
                    3.09 microseconds (11 raw clock ticks)
Testing parameters:
   Clock samples:
   Threads:
  Thread switches:
                          128
  Mutexes:
  Mailboxes:
  Semaphores:
                           32
   Scheduler operations:
                          128
   Counters:
  Alarms:
                               Confidence
          Min Max Var Ave Min Function
    Ave
  =====
         _____
         5.43 18.99
0.81 2.17
0.81 5.15
   6.63
         5.43
                        0.77 70% 37% Create thread
                                 98% 98% Yield thread [all suspended]
                        0.04
   0.83
                                 68% 73% Suspend [suspended] thread
   1.27
                         0.30
   1.25
         0.81 5.15
                         0.25
                                 82%
                                     1% Resume thread
                        0.30 78% 75% Set priority
          1.09
                 7.87
   1.52
          0.54
   0.97
                  2.71
                        0.28 64% 51% Get priority
                                 84% 76% Kill [suspended] thread
98% 98% Yield [no other] thread
                19.53
   3.45
           2.71
                          0.66
           0.81 6.24
1.36 6.24
   0.90
                          0.17
```

0.33 68% 50% Resume [suspended low prio] thread

0.81 5.15 0.25 82% 1% Resume [runnable low prio] thread

2.01 1.63 10.04 0.32 70% 84% Suspend [runnable] thread

1.86

1.25

0.90	0.81	6.24	0.17	98%	98%	Yield [only low prio] thread
1.25	0.81	5.15	0.24	84%	1%	Suspend [runnable->not runnable]
2.92	1.90	18.72	0.57	85%	43%	Kill [runnable] thread
2.45	1.90	10.31 23.60	0.33	95% 68%		Destroy [dead] thread
3.95	2.71	23.60				Destroy [runnable] thread
8.55	6.24	19.53	1.15	60%		Resume [high priority] thread
1.85	1.63	11.94	0.21	49%	49%	Thread switch
0.05	0 00	1 62	0 05	000	100	
0.25	0.00	1.63	0.05	89%		Scheduler lock
0.52	0.27	1.90	0.07	85%		Scheduler unlock [0 threads]
0.51 0.51	0.27	1.36	0.06	85%		Scheduler unlock [1 suspended]
0.51	0.27 0.27	1.36	0.06 0.06	85% 85%		Scheduler unlock [many suspended] Scheduler unlock [many low prio]
0.51	0.27	1.63	0.06	03%	130	scheduler diffock [many fow prio]
0.58	0.27	3.53	0.20	71%	21%	Init mutex
1.07	0.54	5.70	0.35	87%		Lock [unlocked] mutex
1.14	0.81	6.51	0.40	96%		Unlock [locked] mutex
0.96	0.54	5.15	0.34			Trylock [unlocked] mutex
0.94	0.54	4.88	0.34	65%		Trylock [locked] mutex
0.33	0.27	2.17	0.11	96%	96%	Destroy mutex
4.21	3.80	10.85	0.41	71%	96%	Unlock/Lock mutex
0.76	0.54	4.07	0.25	96%		Create mbox
0.75	0.54	1.90	0.20	84%		Peek [empty] mbox
1.56	1.09	6.78	0.39			Put [first] mbox
0.75	0.54	1.90	0.20			Peek [1 msg] mbox
1.55	1.09	6.78	0.40	68%		Put [second] mbox
0.77	0.54	1.63	0.17	46%		Peek [2 msgs] mbox
1.67	1.09	6.24	0.31	87%		Get [first] mbox
1.63 1.50	1.09	6.24 6.51	0.31	75% 56%		Get [second] mbox Tryput [first] mbox
1.58	1.09 1.09	5.43	0.40 0.37	68%		Peek item [non-empty] mbox
1.79	1.09	7.05	0.43	71%		Tryget [non-empty] mbox
1.29	1.09	5.15	0.32			Peek item [empty] mbox
1.33	1.09	5.97	0.37			Tryget [empty] mbox
0.73	0.54	1.90	0.21	84%		Waiting to get mbox
0.76	0.54	1.90	0.19	40%		Waiting to put mbox
1.47	1.09	6.78	0.39	59%		Delete mbox
2.70	2.17	12.75	0.63	96%	96%	Put/Get mbox
0.47	0.27	2.71	0.20	96%		Init semaphore
0.89	0.54	4.88	0.33	56%		Post [0] semaphore
0.96	0.54	5.15	0.33	71%		Wait [1] semaphore
0.86	0.54	4.88	0.32	96%		Trywait [0] semaphore
0.69	0.54	3.26	0.22	96%		Trywait [1] semaphore
0.49 0.39	0.27 0.27	3.26 2.44	0.28 0.19	84% 96%		Peek semaphore Destroy semaphore
2.83	2.44	11.66	0.19	96%		Post/Wait semaphore
2.05	2.11	11.00	0.55	208	200	rose, ware semaphore
0.52	0.27	3.26	0.20	56%	40%	Create counter
0.59	0.00	2.71	0.34			Get counter value
0.36	0.00	2.44	0.21	81%		Set counter value
1.13	0.81	2.98	0.26	59%		Tick counter
0.39	0.27	1.90	0.19	90%	78%	Delete counter
0.86	0.54	4.07	0.24	65%	31%	Create alarm
1.86	1.36	9.77	0.54	96%		Initialize alarm
0.77	0.54	2.71	0.23	84%		Disable alarm
1.86	1.36	9.22	0.51	96%		Enable alarm
0.89	0.54	3.26	0.25	65% 96%		Delete alarm Tick counter [1 alarm]
0.99 4.22	0.81 4.07	3.26 6.78	0.21 0.22	968 968		Tick counter [I alarm] Tick counter [many alarms]
1.51	1.36	4.61	0.22	96%		Tick & fire counter [1 alarm]
20.29	20.07	23.33	0.24	96%		Tick & fire counters [>1 together]
4.71	4.61	7.87	0.20	96%		Tick & fire counters [>1 separately]
2.88	2.71	23.87	0.33	99%		Alarm latency [0 threads]
3.24	2.71	17.36	0.40	79%		Alarm latency [2 threads]

15.71 5.95		27.40 64.56	1.47 1.02			larm latency larm -> thre		
3.25	0.81	14.11	0.00		Cl	lock/interr	upt latency	
2.68	1.09	12.75	0.00		Cl	lock DSR lat	tency	
29 All done, All done All done		ick : Int	: terrupt	stack stack	used used	nread stack 764 size 288 size 260 size	2400 4096	total)

Timing complete - 30280 ms total

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