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# **ADVANCED DIGITAL ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS**

## ***SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT***

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## SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT FOR DESKTOP COMPUTERS vs EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

### DESKTOP COMPUTERS

- ◆ Desktop development: written, debugged, and run on the same machine
- ◆ OS loads the program into the memory when the program has been requested to run
- ◆ Address resolution takes place at the time of loading by a program called the loader
  - The loader is included in the OS

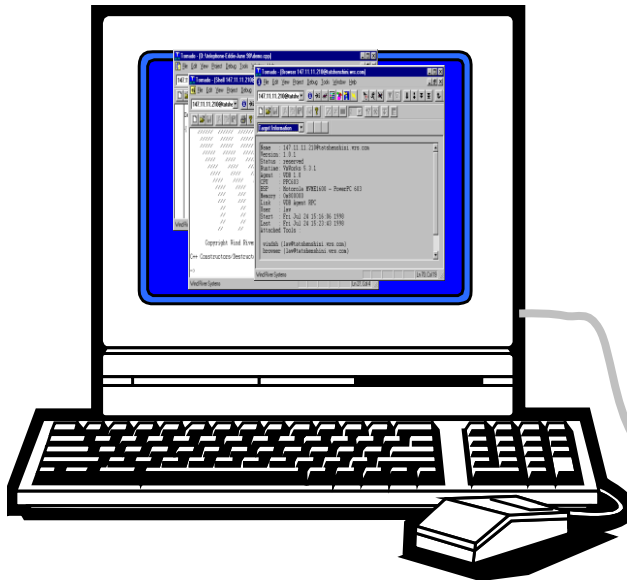
### EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

- ◆ The programmer glues into one executable file called ELF
  - Boot code, application code, RTOS, and ISRs
  - Address resolution takes place during the gluing stage
- ◆ The executable file is downloaded into the target system through different methods
  - Ethernet, serial, JTAG, BDM, ROM programmer

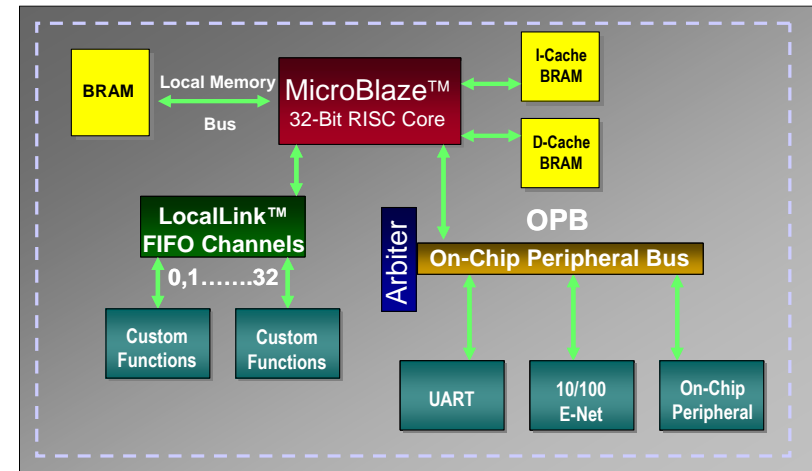


- ◆ Development takes place on one machine (host) and is downloaded to the embedded system (target)

Host Computer



Target Computer

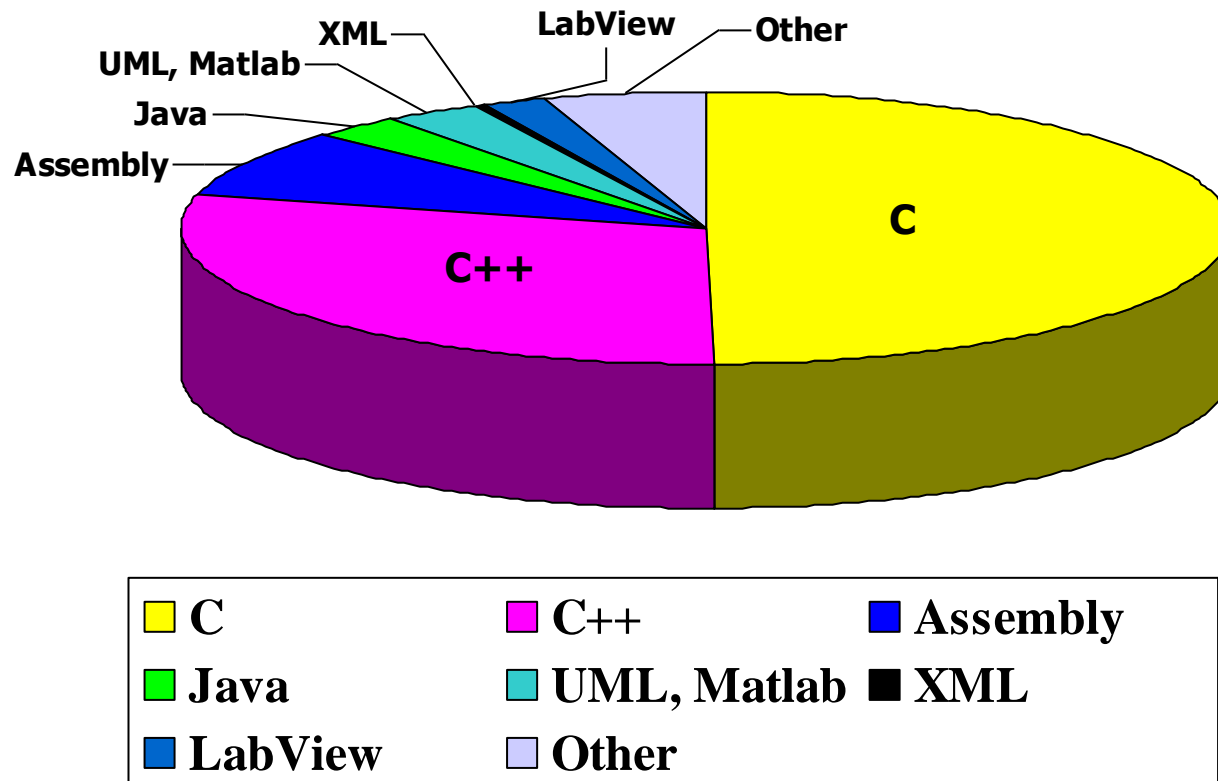


A cross-compiler is run on the host



## ◆ Different set of problems

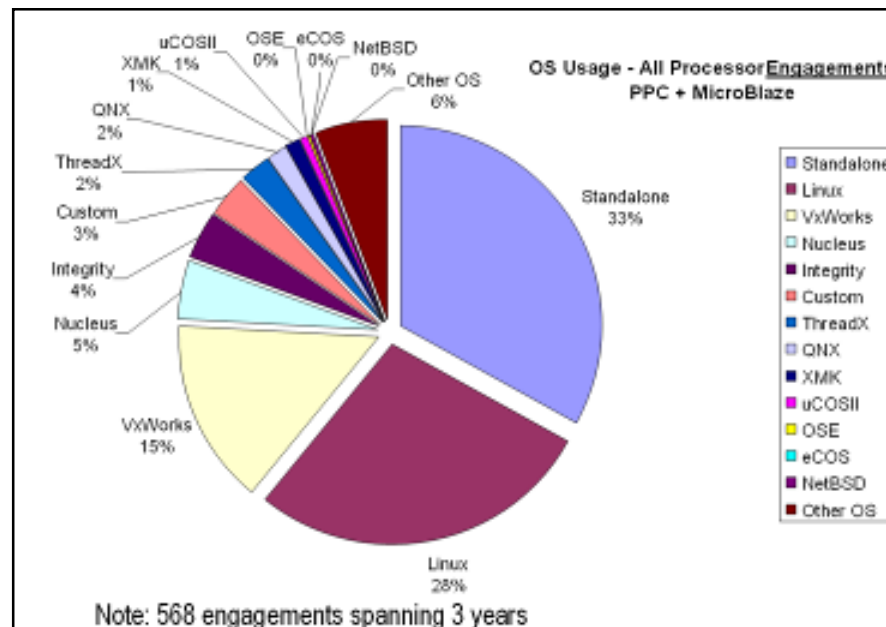
- Unique hardware for every design
- Reliability
- Real-time response requirement (sometimes)
- RTOS versus OS
- Code compactness
- High-level languages and assembly



**Source: 2006 Embedded Systems Design  
State of Embedded Market Survey**

## ◆ Several alternatives

- Standalone (No operating system)
- Embedded Operating System (eOS)
  - General Purpose Operating Systems (GPOS)
  - Real Time Operating System (RTOS)





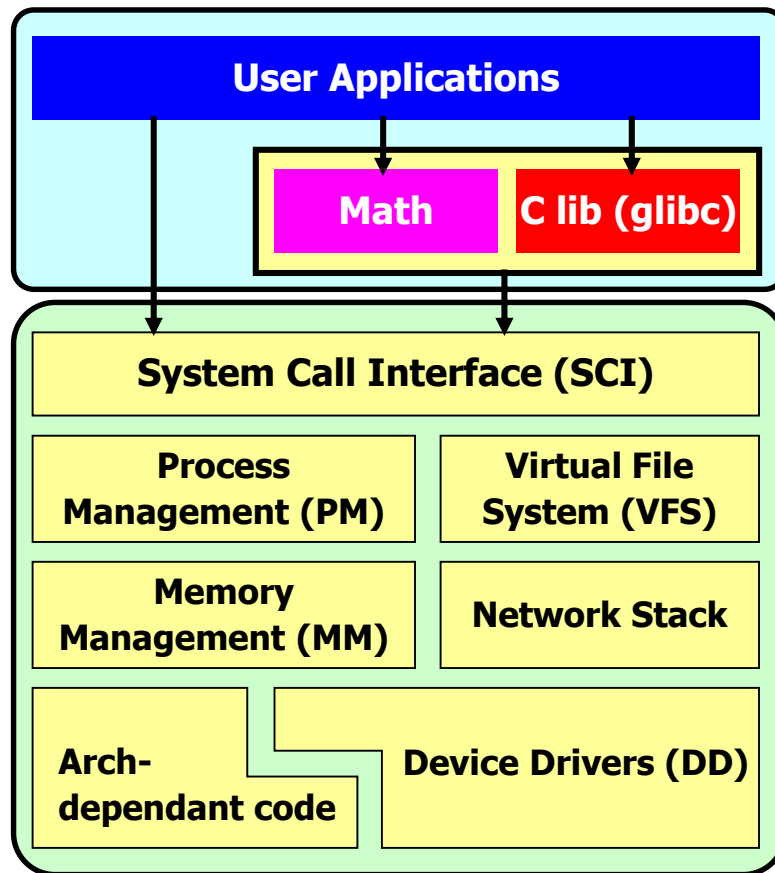
## Embedded RTOS

- ◆ Multi-tasking
- ◆ Minimize latency
- ◆ Generally pre-emptive
  - VxWorks, ThreadX, etc.
- ◆ Hard and soft real time deadlines
  - execution deterministic
- ◆ Minimize CPU loading

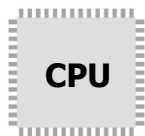
## Embedded OS

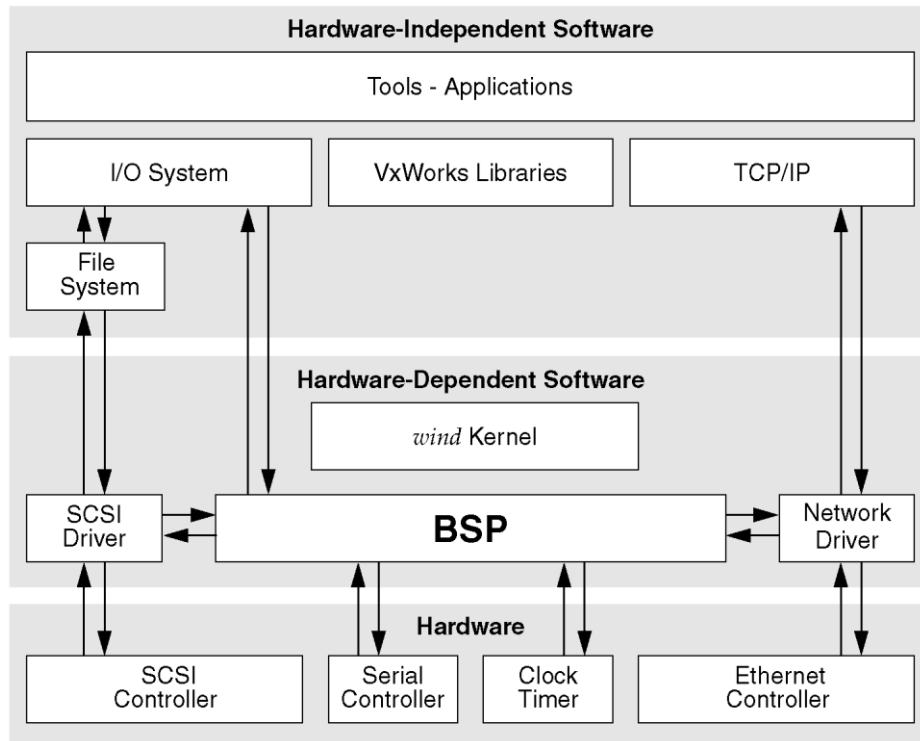
- ◆ Multi-tasking
- ◆ Maximize throughput
- ◆ Pre-emption not critical
  - Linux 2.4, Clinux
- ◆ Soft real time deadlines
  - execution less predictable
- ◆ Maximize CPU loading





- ◆ Rich set of toolsets and utilities is available
- ◆ Multitasking
- ◆ Memory protection
- ◆ Portability

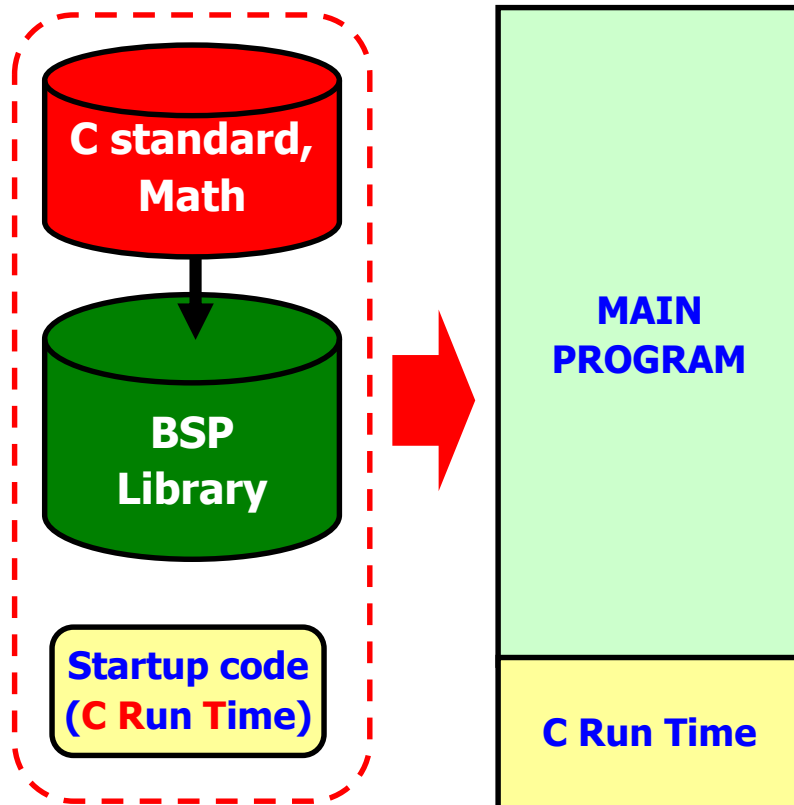




- ◆ **Modular design**
  - Scalability
- ◆ **Microkernel provides minimal functionality**
  - Process and memory management
- ◆ **Other modules for the rest of the functionality**
  - Client-server approach
- ◆ **Hardware specific functionality in BSP libraries**



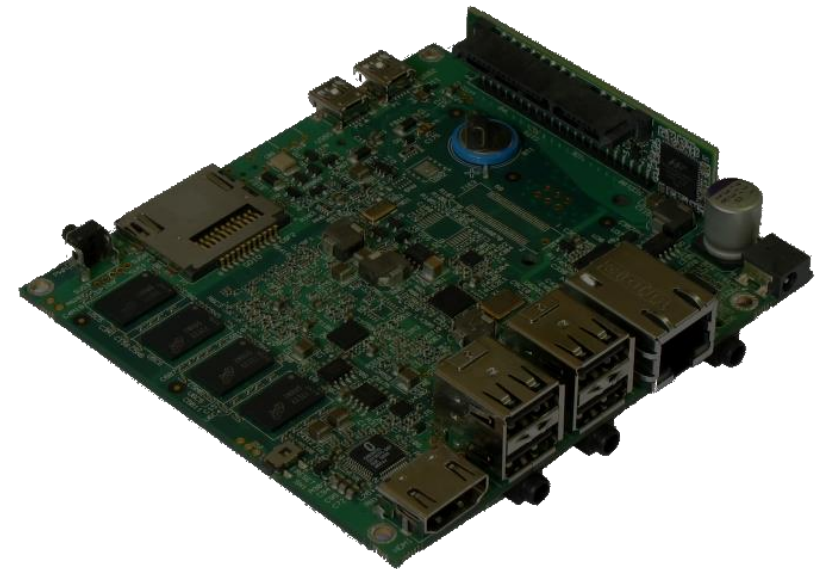
## *Run Time support libraries*



- ◆ Valid approach for very simple systems
  - Difficult to scale
  - One single task
- ◆ Monolithic structure
- ◆ Lightweight runtime support libraries

*We will focus on this  
alternative*

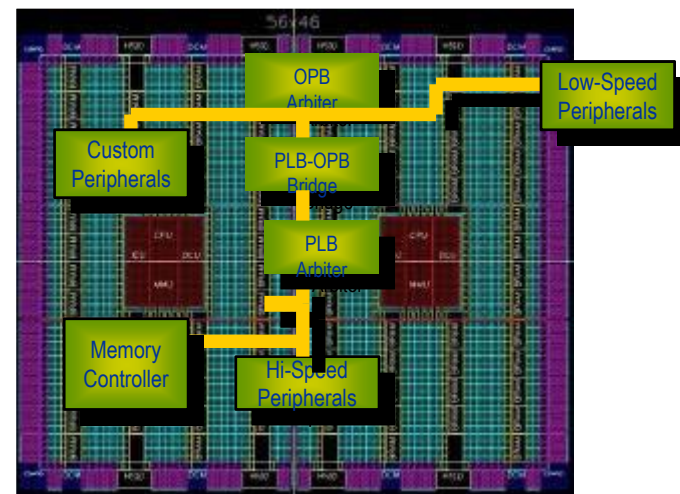
- ◆ A Board Support Package (BSP) is the lowest layer of software modules used to access processor specific functions and custom hardware on the embedded system for a given target O/S
  - Virtualizes the platform hardware so that the different drivers can be ported easily on any hardware
  - Hides the board- and CPU-specific details from the rest of the OS
- ◆ The BSP has two components:
  - The microprocessor support
    - Interrupts, cache, endiannes
  - Board specific routines
    - Boot loader support
    - Memory map support
    - System timers
    - Interrupt controller support
    - Real-Time Clock (RTC)



## Classical Embedded Platforms



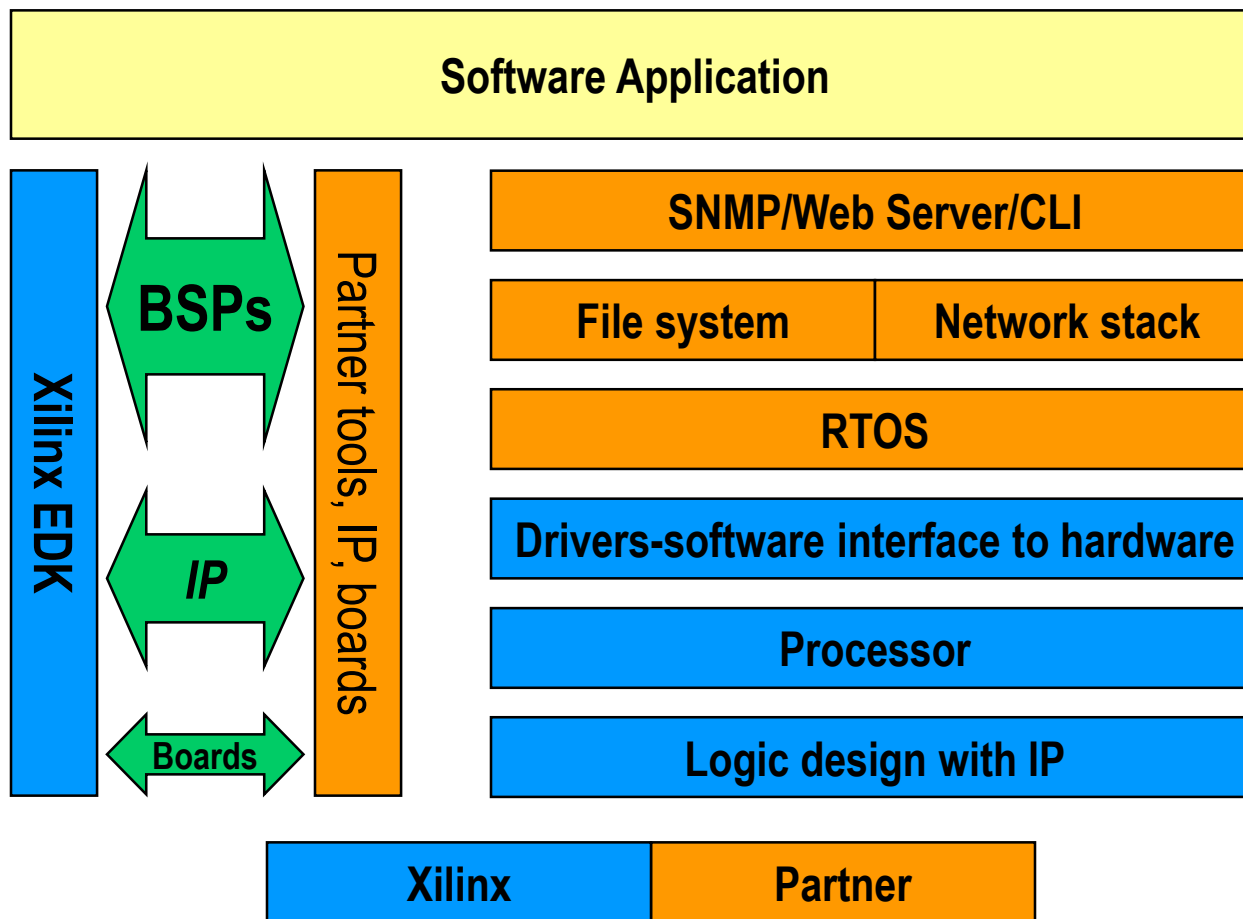
## Platform FPGA



- Fixed peripherals
- Fixed address maps
- Fixed BSP

- Design dependent peripherals
- Each board is unique and custom
- Need efficient custom BSP creation

**In an environment where hardware is defined in a programmable System-on-Chip (SoC), hardware changes can come about much more rapidly, making it difficult for the BSP to remain current with the revisions in hardware**



**EDK provides a process called Automatic BSP Generation that tailors a BSP according to the current hardware configuration of the FPGA**



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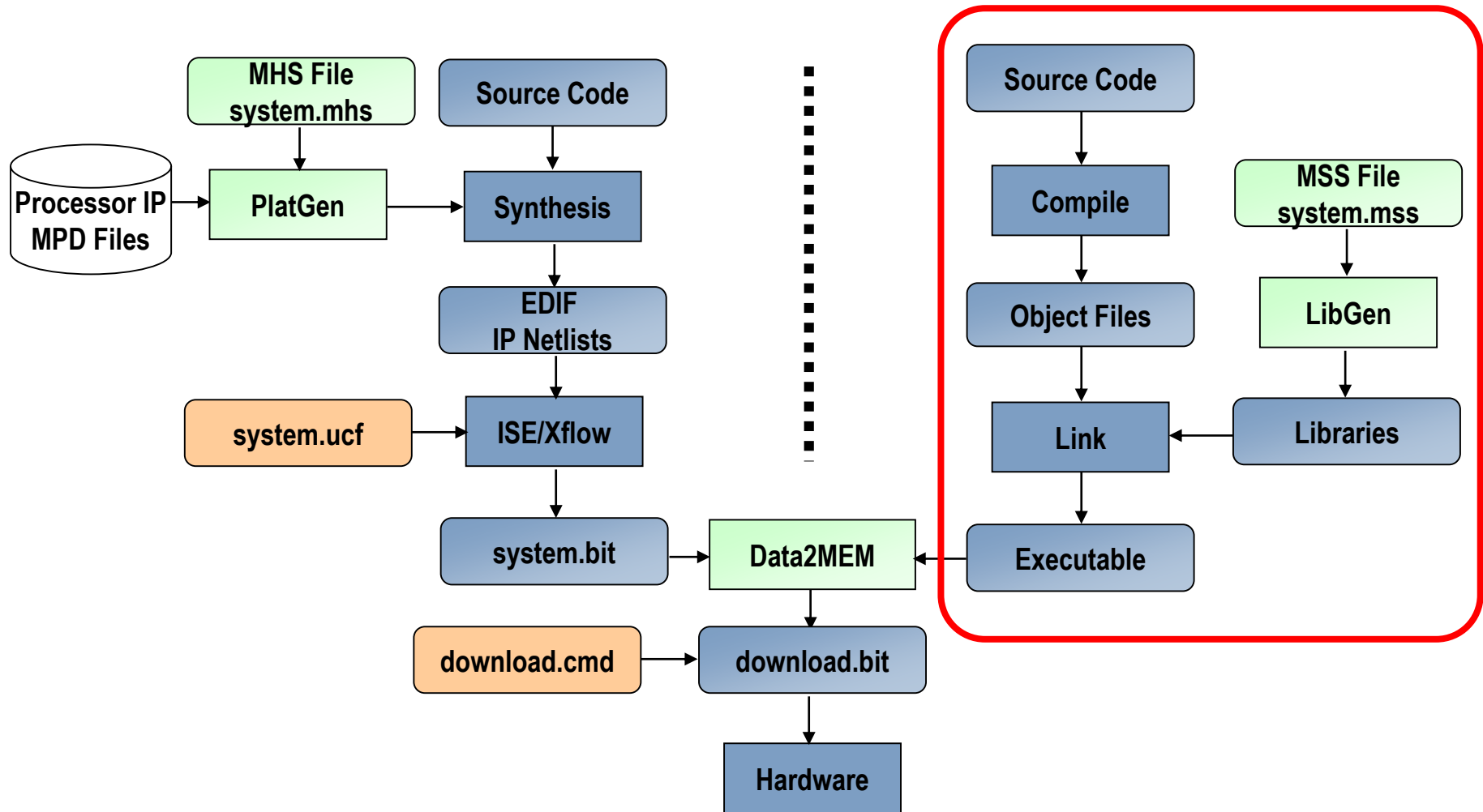
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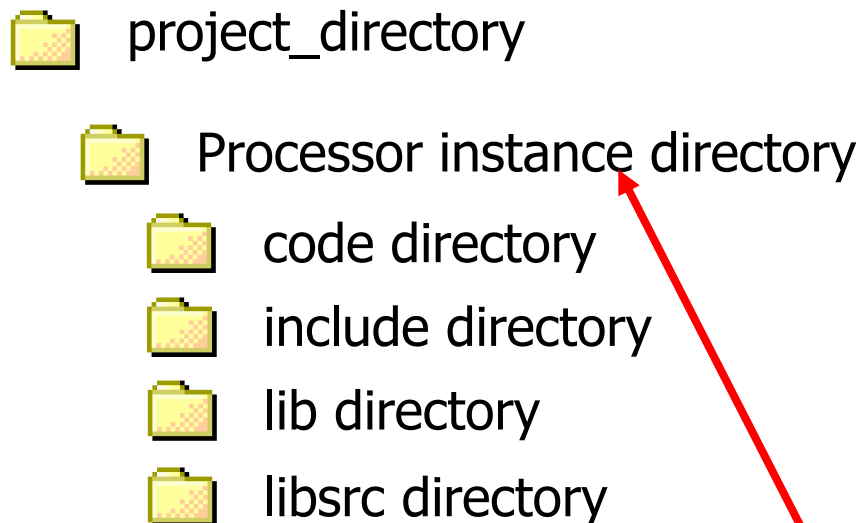


- ◆ The Library Generator (LibGen) utility generates the necessary libraries and drivers for the embedded system
- ◆ LibGen takes an MSS (Microprocessor Software Specification) file created by the user as input. The MSS file defines:
  - the drivers associated with peripherals
  - standard input/output devices
  - interrupt handler routines
  - other related software features
- ◆ The MSS file is generated by XPS by using the software settings specified



## LibGen configures libraries and device drivers

### LibGen Generated Directories



**Note:** The number of processor instance directories generated is related to the number of processor instances present in the system

#### ◆ code directory

- A repository for EDK executables
- Creates `xmdstub.elf` for MB here

#### ◆ include directory

- C header files that are required by drivers

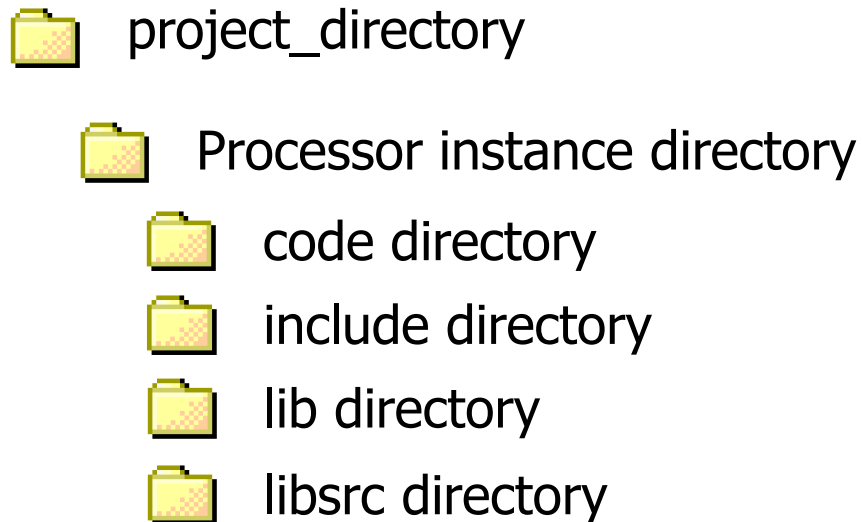
#### ◆ `xparameters.h`

- Defines base and high addresses of the peripherals in the system
- Defines the peripheral IDs required by the drivers and user programs
- Defines the function prototypes

**Microblaze instance name in MHS file (e.g. `microblaze_0`)**



## LibGen Generated Directories



**Note:** The processor instance directories content is overwritten every time LibGen is run

### ◆ libsrc directory

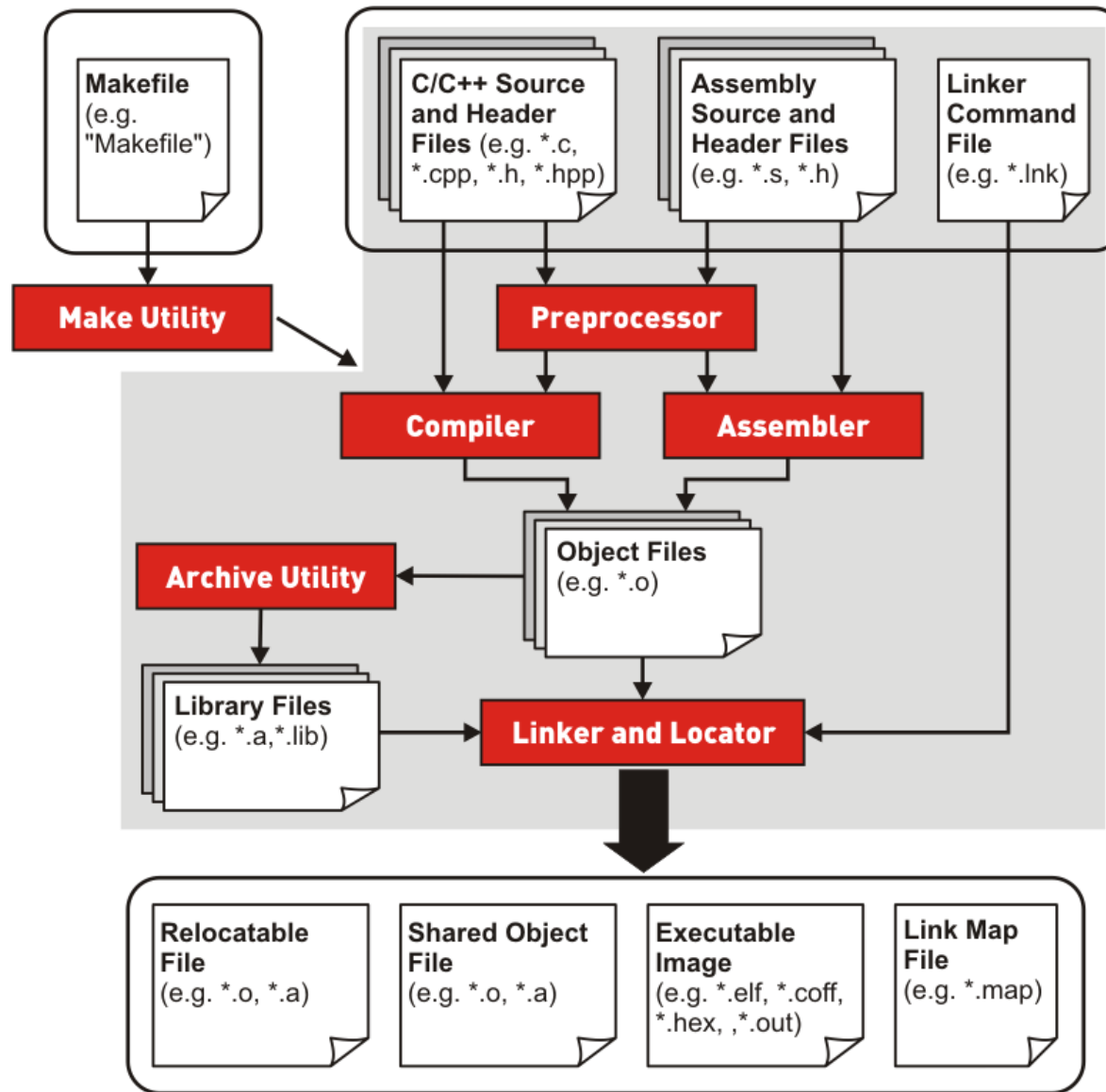
- Intermediate files and makefiles that compile the libraries and drivers
- Peripheral-specific driver files that are copied from the EDK and user driver directories

### ◆ lib directory

- System support libraries:
  - `libc.a`
  - `libm.a`
  - `libxil.a`

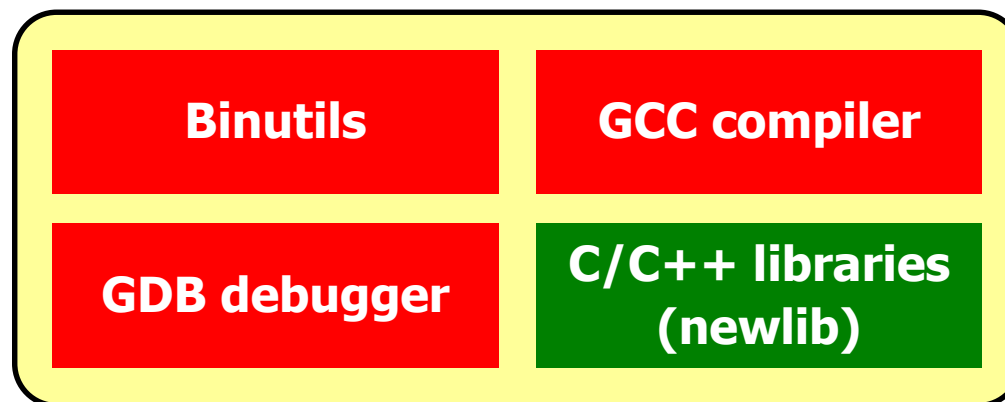


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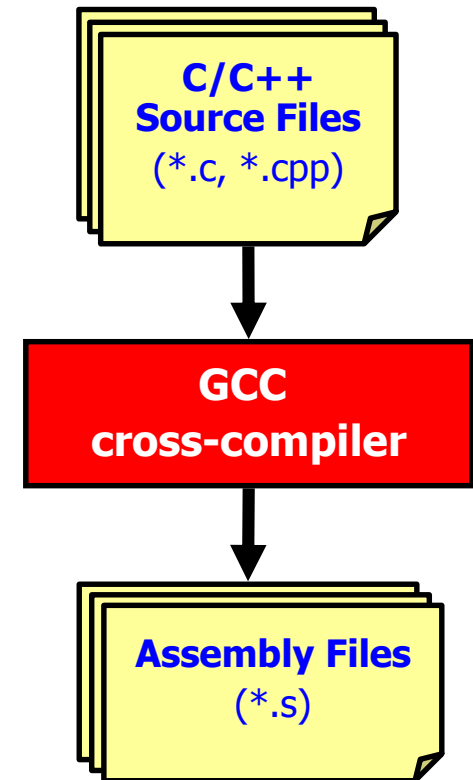




- ◆ Microblaze uses the GNU toolchain as software development tools
  - mb-gcc: C/C++ Compiler
  - mb-as: Assembler
  - mb-ld: Linker
  - mb-ar: Archiver (Library management)
  - mb-objdump: Provides info about object files
  - mb-readelf: Provides info about elf (executable) files
  - etc.



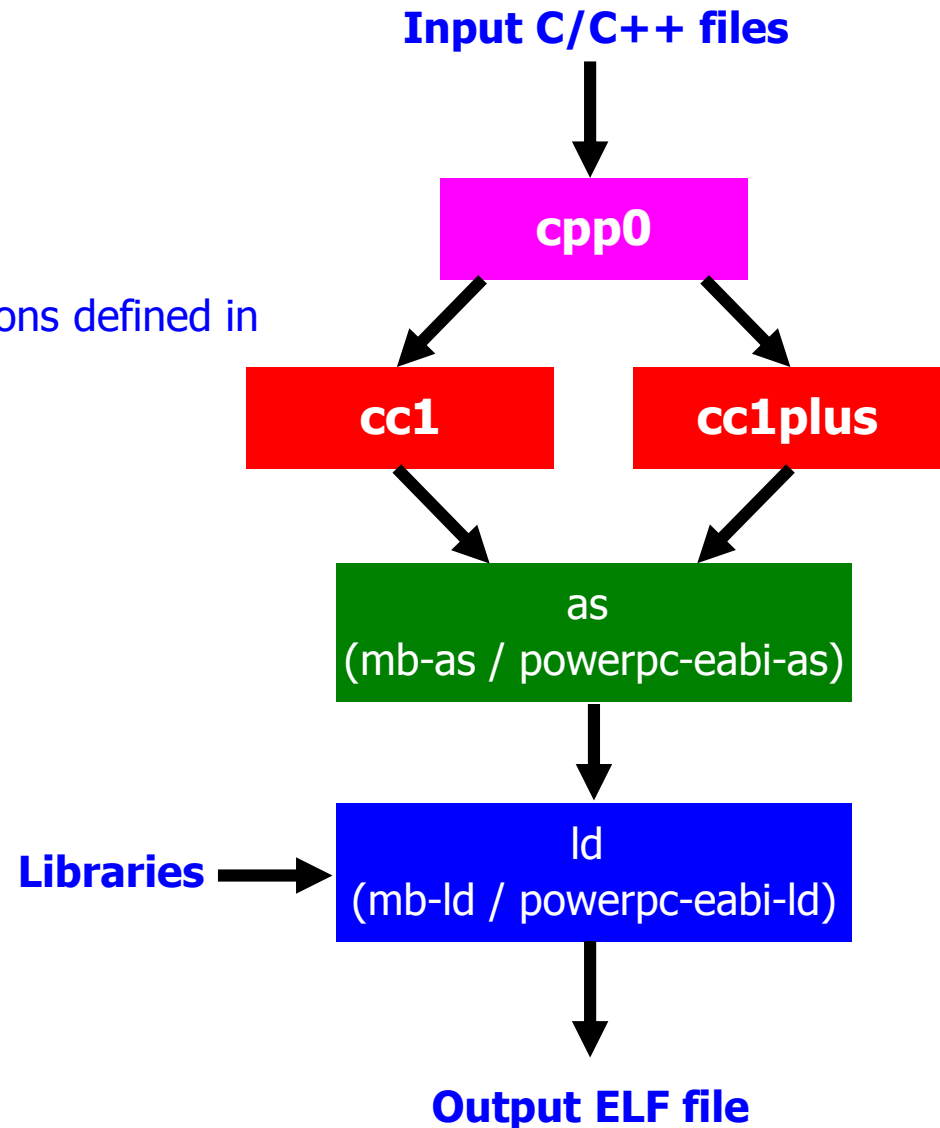
- ◆ GCC translates C source code into assembly language
- ◆ GCC also functions as the user interface to the GNU assembler and to the GNU linker, calling the assembler and the linker with the appropriate parameters
- ◆ Supported cross-compilers:
  - PowerPC™ processor compiler
    - GNU GCC (powerpc-eabi-gcc)
    - Wind River Diab compiler (dcc)
  - MicroBlaze™ processor compiler
    - GNU GCC (mb-gcc)
- ◆ Command line only; uses the settings set through the GUI





## ◆ Calls four different executables

- Preprocessor (cpp0)
  - Analyzes and expands directives
  - Replaces all macros with definitions defined in the source and header files
- Language specific c-compiler
  - cc1 C-programming language
  - cc1plus C++ language
- Assembler
  - mb-as (MicroBlaze)
  - powerpc-eabi-as (PowerPC)
- Linker and loader
  - mb-ld (MicroBlaze)
  - powerpc-eabi-ld (PowerPC)







## MICROBLAZE SPECIFIC OPTIONS:

### ◆ Processor feature selection options:

- -mcpu=vX.YY.Z
- -mno-xl-soft-mul
- -mxl-multiply-high
- -mno-xl-multiply-high
- -mxl-soft-mul
- -mno-xl-soft-div
- -mxl-soft-div
- -mxl-barrel-shift
- -mno-xl-barrel-shift
- -mxl-pattern-compare
- -mno-xl-pattern-compare
- -mhard-float
- -msoft-float

### ◆ General Program Options

- -msmall-divides
- -mxl-gp-opt
- -mno-clearbss
- -mxl-stack-check

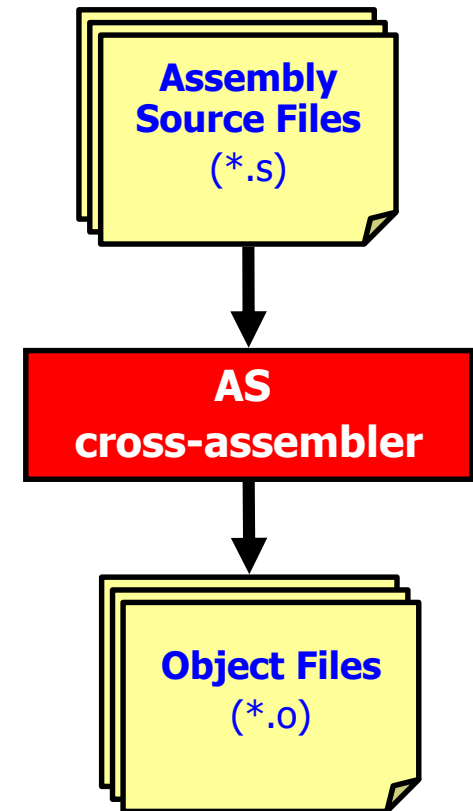
### ◆ Application Execution Modes

- -xl-mode-executable
- -xl-mode-xmdstub
- -xl-mode-bootstrap
- -xl-mode-novectors

*EDK automatically fixes the right options depending on MHS setting and compiler user dialogs*



- ◆ Input: Assembly language files
  - File extension: **.s**
- ◆ Output: Object code
  - File extension: **.o**
  - Contains
    - Assembled piece of code
    - Constant data
    - External references
    - Debugging information
- ◆ Typically, the compiler automatically calls the assembler
- ◆ It's possible to assemble a source file from gcc
  - Use `-Wa, xxx` to pass the xxx assembler option to mb-as from the gcc command line



- ◆ Combines several object files and archive files, relocates their data and generates an executable file

## ◆ Inputs:

- Several object files
- Archived object files (library)
- Linker script (mapfile)

## ◆ Output:

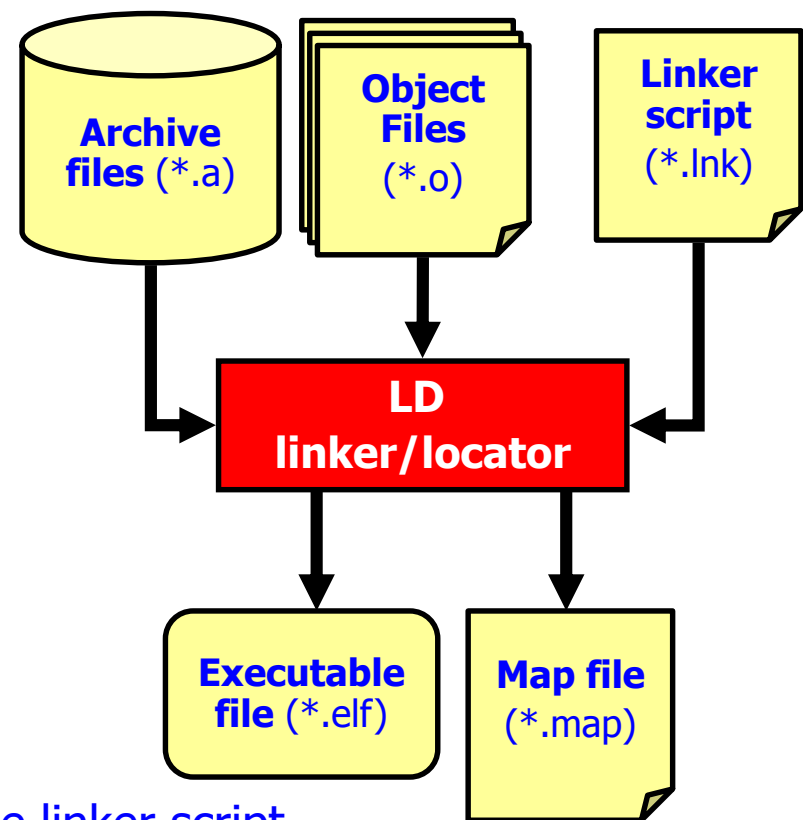
- Executable image (.elf)
- Mapping info file (.map)

## ◆ Command line options:

- Have priority over those included in the linker script
- Symbol definition: `-defsym symbol=expression`

## ◆ Use `-Wl, xxx` to set the xxx linker option from the GCC command line

- `mb-gcc -Wl,defsym -Wl,_STACK_SIZE=0x800`





- ◆ **Binutils** is a set of tools to generate and manipulate binaries for a given CPU architecture
- **as**, the assembler, that generates binary code from assembler source code
  - **ld**, the linker
  - **ar, ranlib**, to generate .a archives, used for libraries
  - **objdump, readelf, size, nm, strings**, to inspect binaries.
  - Very useful analysis tools !
  - **strip**, to strip useless parts of binaries in order to reduce their size



## ◆ AR Archiver

- Library management
- Create, modify, and extract object modules from libraries
- Used in EDK to combine the object files of the Board Support Package (BSP) in a library
- Used in EDK to extract object files from different libraries

## ◆ Object Dump

- Display information from object files and executables
  - Header information, memory map
  - Data
  - Disassemble code
- Two versions:
  - powerpc-eabi-objdump
  - mb-objdump



- ◆ Display summary information from the section headers:

```
mb-objdump -h executable.elf
```

Section Size

Virtual Memory Address

Loadable Memory Address

Section  
Name

Byte alignment

Offset from the beginning  
of the section header table

```
/cygdrive/c/Program Files/ARM/Utilities/bin/mb-objdump -h executable.elf
$ mb-objdump -h executable.elf
executable.elf:      file format elf32-microblaze

Sections:
Idx Name              Size      UMA      LMA      File off  Algn
 0 .vectors.reset      00000004  00000000  00000000  00000114  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 1 .vectors.sw_exception 00000004  00000008  00000008  00000118  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 2 .vectors.interrupt   00000004  00000010  00000010  0000011c  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 3 .vectors.hw_exception 00000004  00000020  00000020  00000120  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 4 .text               000012bc  00000050  00000050  00000124  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, CODE
 5 .init               00000024  0000130c  0000130c  000013e0  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 6 .fini               0000001c  00001330  00001330  00001404  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, CODE
 7 .rodata             0000006e  0000134c  0000134c  00001420  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, READONLY, DATA
 8 .sdata2             00000006  000013ba  000013ba  0000148e  2**0
   ALLOC
 9 .sbss2             00000000  000013c0  000013c0  000015f4  2**0
   CONTENTS
10 .data               0000014c  000013c0  000013c0  00001490  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
11 .ctors             00000008  0000150c  0000150c  000015dc  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
12 .dtors             00000008  00001514  00001514  000015e4  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
13 .eh_frame          00000004  0000151c  0000151c  000015ec  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
14 .jcr               00000004  00001520  00001520  000015f0  2**2
   CONTENTS, ALLOC, LOAD, DATA
15 .sdata             00000004  00001524  00001524  000015f4  2**0
   CONTENTS
```



## ◆ Dumping the source and assembly code:

```
mb-objdump -S executable.elf
```

```
C:\ /cygdrive/c/seda_master_lab/seda_timer_ints/test_timer_ints

int main (void) {
    XStatus status;
    Xuint32 value;

    // Inicializo el puerto de los leds
    status = XGpio_Initialize(&ledsDrv, LEDS_PORT_DEU_ID);
2cc: 30a01564      addik    r5, r0, 5476      // 1564 <leds
2d0: 3021ffe0      addik    r1, r1, -32
2d4: fa61001c      swi      r19, r1, 28
2d8: f9e10000      swi      r15, r1, 0
2dc: b9f40548      brlid    r15, 1352      // 824 <XGpio_Initialize
>
2e0: 10c00000      addk     r6, r0, r0
if(status != XST_SUCCESS) {
2e4: be03001c      beqid    r3, 28
      addk    r19, r3, r
      for all signals to be outputs
      on(&ledsDrv, LED_CHANNEL, 0x0);
// Set the GPIO outputs to low
XGpio_DiscreteWrite(&ledsDrv, LED_CHANNEL, 0x0);

// Inicializo el puerto de los microswitches:
status = XGpio_Initialize(&switchesDrv, SWITCHES_PORT_DEU_ID);
if(status != XST_SUCCESS) {
    return XST_FAILURE;
}
// Set the direction for all signals to be inputs
XGpio_SetDataDirection(&switchesDrv, SWITCHES_CHANNEL, ~0);

cfgTimer();

while(1);
```

Memory location

Machine Language Instruction

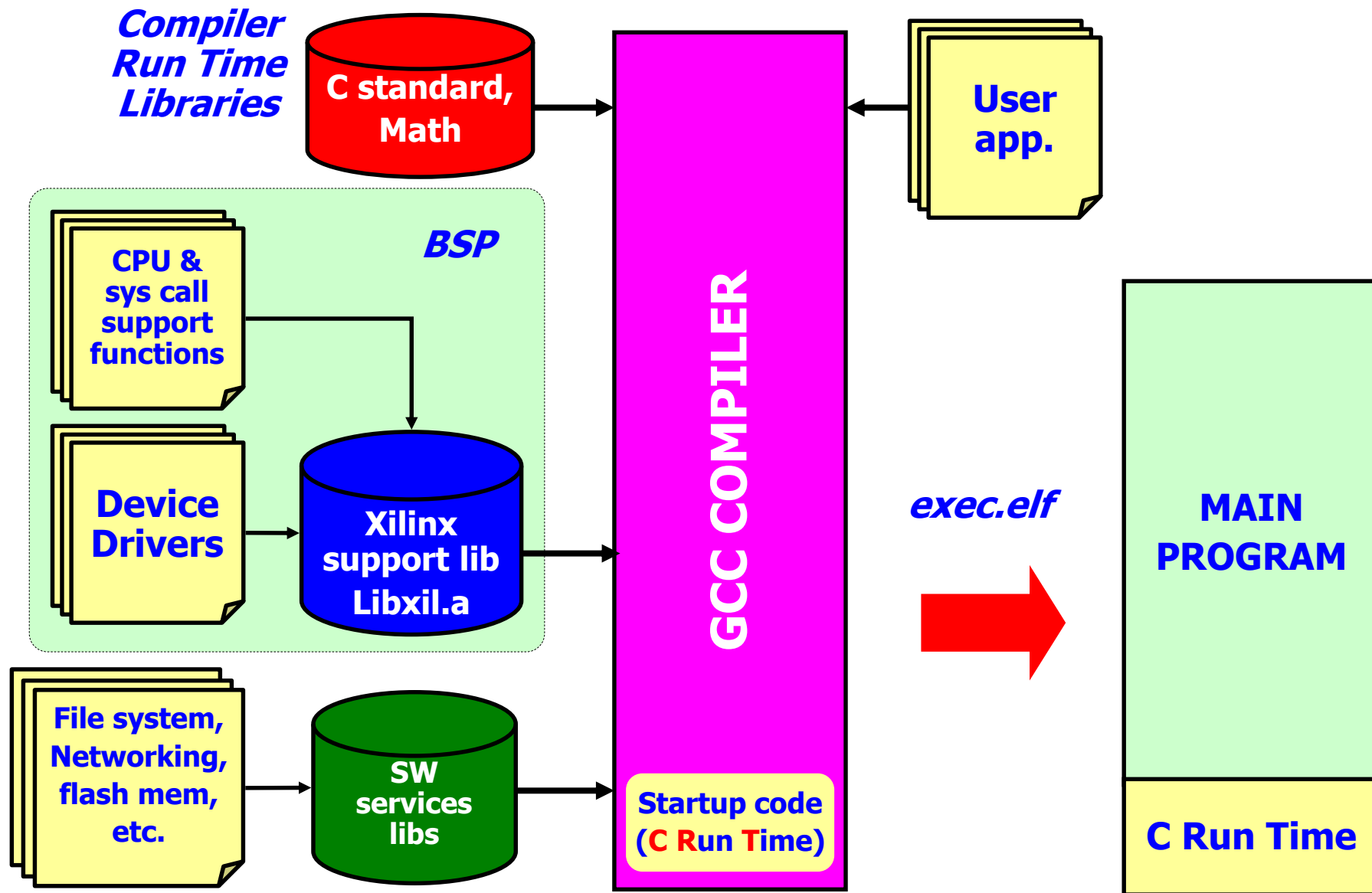
C code instruction

Assembly instruction



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- ◆ Desktop GCC compiler uses the GNU C library as the C standard library
  - Provides the system call interface that connects to the OS kernel
  - Shipped as a package that is made up of several modules: libc, libm
  - Full-featured but too large for embedded systems
  - More lightweight alternatives: uClibc, eglibc, dietlibc, and **newlib**
  
- ◆ Microblaze GCC uses **newlib** as run-time libraries for standalone and Xilinx Microkernel platforms
  - System services implemented by the Xilinx support library
  - Two files: libc, libm
  - EDK includes several precompiled variants for different CPU features
    - `_bs`     Barrel shifter
    - `_m`     HW multiplier
    - `_p`     Patter comparator
    - `_mh`    Extended HW multiplier
    - `_fps`    Single precision
    - `_fpd`    Double precision
  - LibGen copies the appropriated one to the project directory based on the used Microblaze HW configuration (MHS)



## ◆ Standard C language library (**libc**)

- Contains standard C functions such as `stdlib`, `stdio`, `string`, etc.
- Automatically linked with user code
  - No need to add the `-lc` option to the gcc command line
- Limited functionality for dynamic memory allocation
- I/O functions can result too heavy for embedded system
  - Consider to use simplified versions included in the Xilinx support library

## ◆ Math library (**libm**)

- The math library is an improvement over the newlib math library
- It must be explicitly linked with user code
  - Add the `-lm` option to the gcc command line



- ◆ EDK includes a **libxil** precompiled basic version that provides:
  - OS-like support functionality for compiler libraries (sys call interface)
  - Default interrupt and exception handlers
  - Simplified I/O functions: xil\_printf, print, putnum
  - Some low level support for GCC compiler (64 bits arithmetic)
- ◆ LibGen makes a local copy to the project directory and this copy is used to store platform BSP functions:
  - Microprocessor support: cache, interrupt and FSL management
  - Device drivers
- ◆ Automatically linked with user code
  - No need to add the **-lxil** option to gcc command line



- ◆ Software service library package shipped as source code
  - LibXil MFS: Simple memory based file system
  - LibXil Flash: Access to parallel flash devices that conform to the Common Flash Interface (CFI)
  - LibXil Isf: Serial flash communication library
  - XilFATFS: File system support for System ACE CompactFlash or IBM microdrive devices
  - lwIP: open source TCP/IP stack to build network applications



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## ◆ Currently EDK supports:

- *Standalone BSP*: No OS is used and the user application accesses board or processor features directly
- Wind River VxWorks (only for PPC)
- Linux 2.4 & 2.6: (uClinux for Microblaze without MMU)
- Xilinx MicroKernel (XMK). It's a simple embedded processor Kernel that can be customized to a great degree for a given system



## ◆ Board Support Package (BSP):

- Lowest layer of software modules used to access processor specific functions
  - Interrupt and Exception Handling
  - Instruction and Data Cache Handling
  - Fast Simplex Link interface macros
  - Program Profiling
- Allows you to use IP peripheral-device drivers
  - GPIO, IIC controller, PCI controller, UART
- Offers glue functionality to link code against standard libraries
  - Time, sleep
  - Files
  - Memory
- Standalone BSP (no operating system)
  - Libgen generates `libxil.a` library





## ◆ Functions to enable, disable and register handlers (ISR)

- Declared in `mb_interface.h`

```
void microblaze_enable_interrupts(void);  
void microblaze_disable_interrupts(void);  
void microblaze_enable_exceptions(void);  
void microblaze_disable_exceptions(void);  
void microblaze_register_handler(  
    XInterruptHandler Handler,  
    void *DataPtr);  
void microblaze_register_exception_handler(  
    Xuint8 ExceptionId,  
    XExceptionHandler Handler,  
    void *DataPtr);
```



- ◆ Functions to enable, disable and update a single cache line or initialize a range of cache lines
  - Declared in `mb_interface.h`

```
void microblaze_enable_icache(void) ;  
void microblaze_disable_icache(void) ;  
void microblaze_enable_dcache(void) ;  
void microblaze_disable_dcache(void) ;
```

```
void microblaze_update_icache(int tag, int inst, int lockValid) ;  
void microblaze_init_icache_range(int cacheAddr, int cacheRange) ;  
void microblaze_update_dcache(int tag, int inst, int lockValid) ;  
void microblaze_init_dcache_range(int cacheAddr, int cacheRange) ;
```



- ◆ Blocking and not-blocking functions to send and receive write data through FSL channels
  - Defined as macros in `mb_interface.h`
  - Use in-line assembly

```
getfsl(val, id)    // Blocking Data Read and Write to FSL no. id
putfsl(val, id)
ngetfsl(val, id)   // Non-blocking Data Read and Write to FSL no. id
nputfsl(val, id)
cgetfsl(val, id)   // Blocking Control Read and Write to FSL no. id
cputfsl(val, id)
ncgetfsl(val, id)  // Non-blocking Control Read and Write to FSL no. id
ncputfsl(val, id)
// Polling versions of FSL access macros.
// This makes the FSL access interruptible
getfsl_interruptible(val, id)
putfsl_interruptible(val, id)
cgetfsl_interruptible(val, id)
cputfsl_interruptible(val, id)
// FSL valid and error check macros.
fsl_isinvalid(result)
fsl_iserror(error)
```



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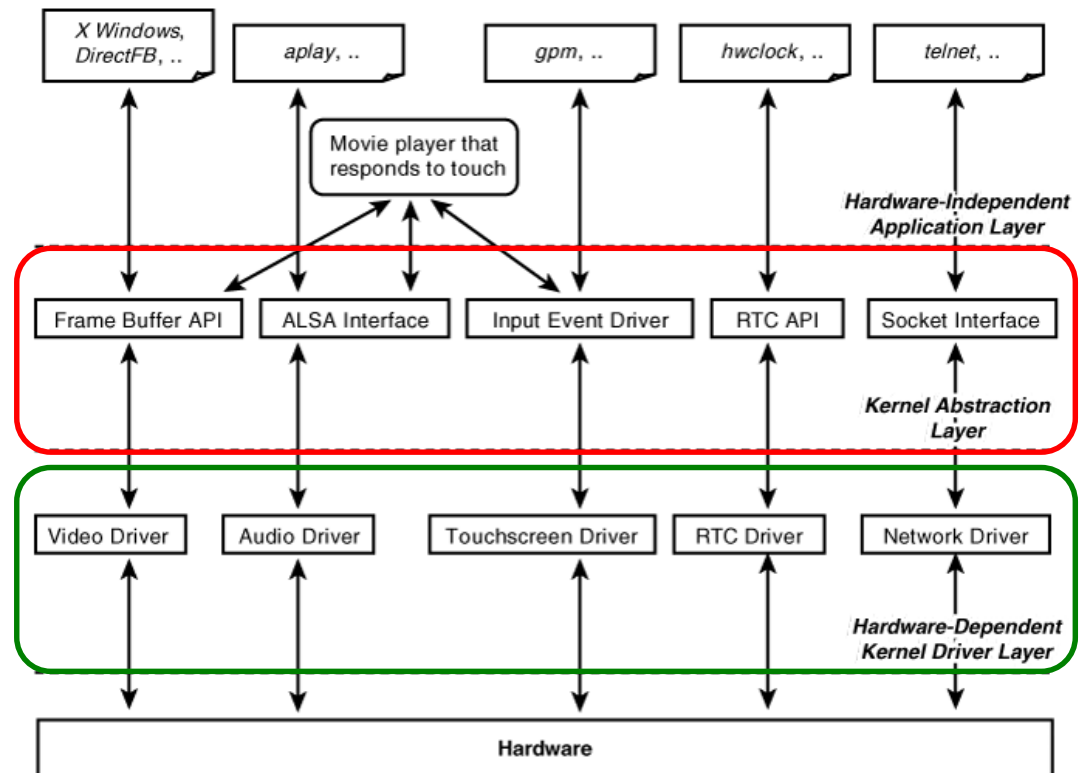
- ◆ A device driver is a SW module that directly interfaces with and controls a HW device
  - It manages access to HW by higher software layers (kernel, user apps)
- ◆ Every OS defines its own device driver model (or architecture)
  - Standard API to communicate from upper layers



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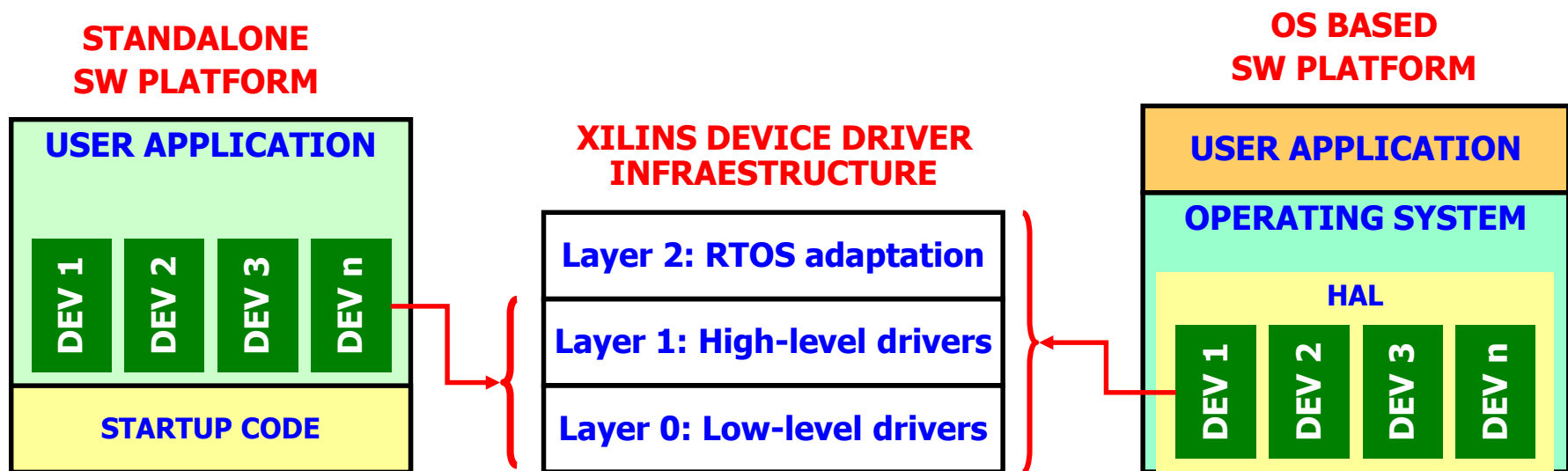


µC/OS-II™  
The Real-Time Kernel



- ◆ The Xilinx device drivers are designed to meet the following objectives:
  - Provide maximum portability
    - The device drivers are provided as ANSI C source code
  - Support FPGA configurability
    - Supports multiple instances of the device without code duplication for each instance, while at the same time managing unique characteristics on a per-instance basis
  - Support simple and complex use cases
    - A layered device driver architecture provides both
      - Simple device drivers with minimal memory footprints
      - Full-featured device drivers with larger memory footprints
  - Ease of use and maintenance
    - Xilinx uses coding standards and provides well-documented source code for developers

- ◆ LibGen tool automatically generates drivers for devices included in the hardware platform
  - Designed to be portable across processor architectures and OS
  - Delivered as source code, allowing it to be built and optimized
  - C coded, limited use of assembly language
- ◆ Xilinx device driver infrastructure uses a multilayered approach
  - Layer 0: Low level drivers for simple use cases
  - Layer 1: High-level device drivers that are full-featured and portable across operating systems and processors
  - Layer 2: RTOS adaptation layer





- ◆ Direct access to HW: Consists of very low level functions and macros
  - Designed to allow developer to create a small system
- ◆ Characteristics:
  - Small memory footprint, low function calling overhead
  - Include symbols (register offset, bit masks, etc.) and simple macros that give the user access to the HW registers
  - Little to no error checking is performed
  - Supports primary device features only
  - No support of device configuration parameters and device state
  - Supports multiple instances of a device
    - The API uses the device base address as identifier
  - Polled I/O only → Blocking functions for simple use cases
  - Header files use `\_I` suffix:
    - E.g. `xuartlite_1.h`





- ◆ Provides high level functionality
- ◆ Implemented as macros and functions and designed to allow a developer to utilize all of the features of a device
- ◆ Characteristics
  - Abstract API that isolates the API from hardware device changes
  - Uses data structure to control the device configuration and/or status
  - Polled and interrupt driven I/O
  - Non-blocking function calls to aid complex applications
  - May have a large memory footprint
  - Typically, provides buffer interfaces for data transfers
    - as opposed to byte interfaces
  - Utilizes asynchronous callbacks for upward communication
  - Header files without `'_'` suffix
    - E.g. `xuartlite.h`



- ◆ This layer adapts lower layers to the requirements of a given OS
  - Specific to every BSP
  - Every OS defines its device driver model
  - It converts a Layer 1 device driver to an interface that matches the requirements of the driver model for an RTOS
- ◆ Characteristics:
  - Communicates directly to the RTOS as well as the Layer 1 interface of the device driver
  - Not portable across operating systems
    - It contains references functions and identifiers specific to the RTOS
  - Can use memory management (i.e. malloc)
  - Can use RTOS services:
    - Threading, inter-task communication, etc.
  - Complexity depending on the RTOS interface and requirements for the device



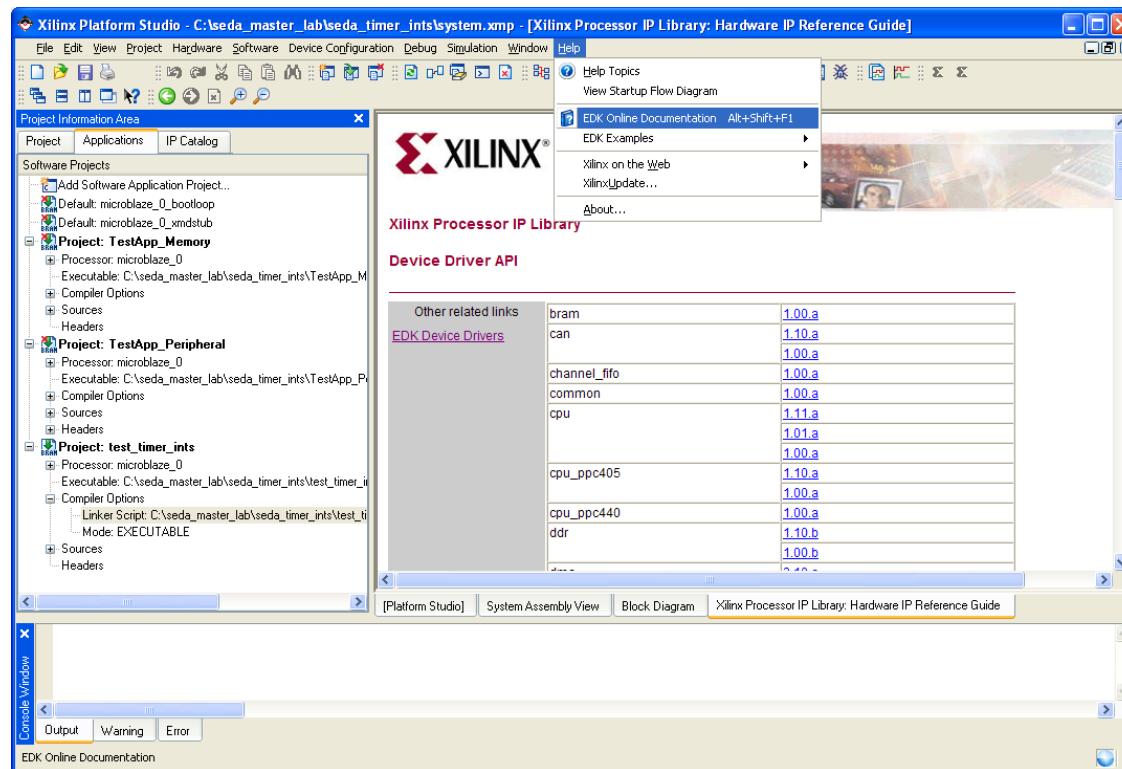
## ◆ Uartlite Level 1

- XStatus XUartLite\_Initialize (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, Xuint16 DeviceId)
- void XUartLite\_ResetFifos (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- unsigned int XUartLite\_Send (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, Xuint8 \*DataBufferPtr, unsigned int NumBytes)
- unsigned int XUartLite\_Recv (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, Xuint8 \*DataBufferPtr, unsigned int NumBytes)
- Xboolean XUartLite\_IsSending (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- void XUartLite\_GetStats (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, XUartLite\_Stats \*StatsPtr)
- void XUartLite\_ClearStats (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- XStatus XUartLite\_SelfTest (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- void XUartLite\_EnableInterrupt (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- void XUartLite\_DisableInterrupt (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)
- void XUartLite\_SetRecvHandler (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, XUartLite\_Handler FuncPtr, void \*CallBackRef)
- void XUartLite\_SetSendHandler (XUartLite \*InstancePtr, XUartLite\_Handler FuncPtr, void \*CallBackRef)
- void XUartLite\_InterruptHandler (XUartLite \*InstancePtr)

## ◆ Uartlite Level 0

- void XUartLite\_SendByte (Xuint32 BaseAddress, Xuint8 Data)
- Xuint8 XUartLite\_RecvByte (Xuint32 BaseAddress)

- ◆ EDK provides a detailed description about the API for each device driver
  - HTML format generated with DOXIGEN
  - Available through EDK help
    - C:\EDA\Xilinx\10.1\EDK\doc\usenglish\xilinx\_drivers\_api\_toc.htm
- ◆ EDK defines a standard API for level 1 drivers
  - Level 0 varies highly among different devices





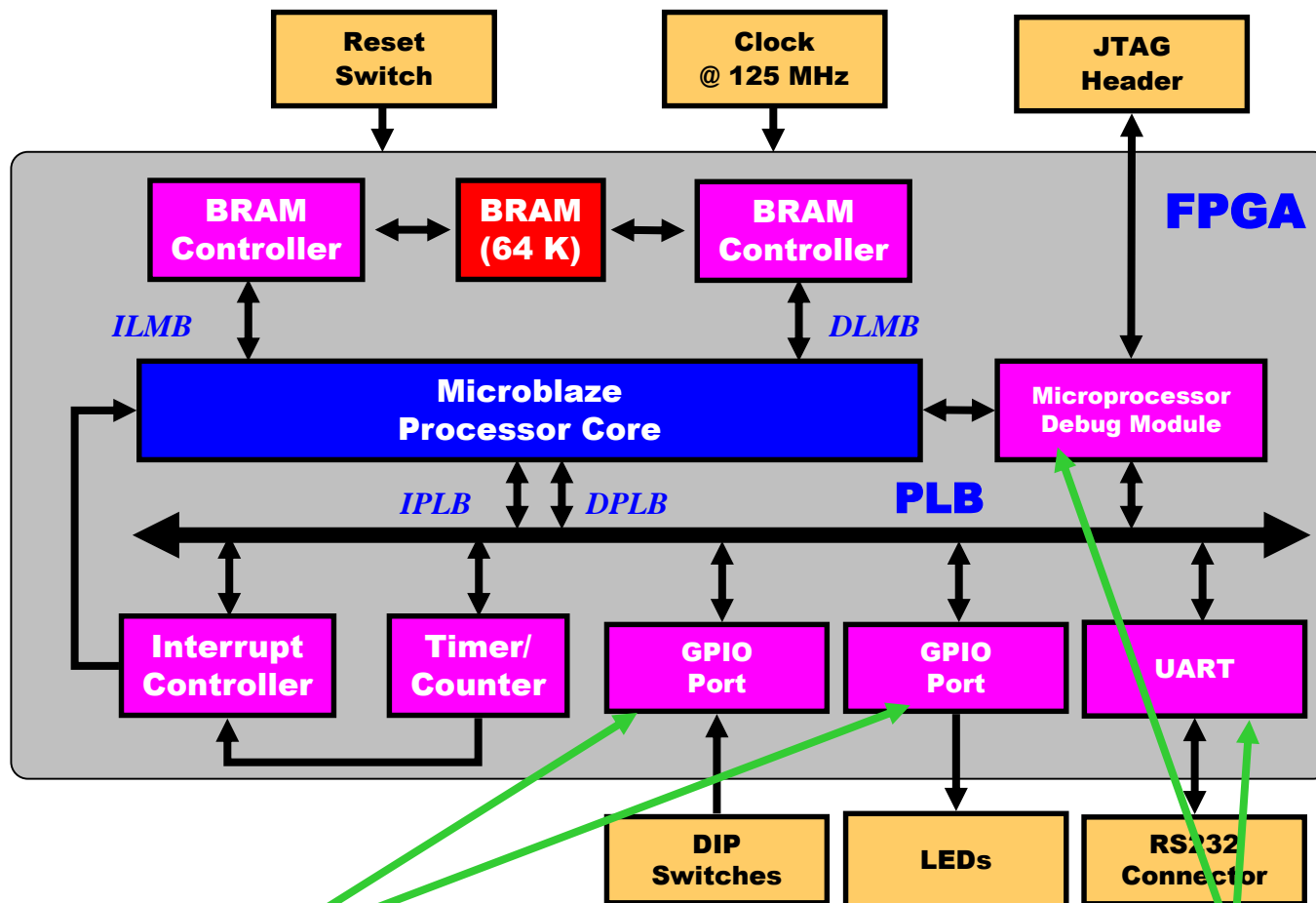
- ◆ Layer 0 is just a bundle of functions and macros that allow to access to the peripherals internal registers

```
void XGpio_mWriteReg(u32 BaseAddr, u32 RegOffset, u32 Data)
u32 XGpio_mReadReg(u32 BaseAddr, u32 RegOffset)
void XGpio_mSetDataDirection(u32 BaseAddr, unsigned Channel, u32 DirMask)
u32 XGpio_mGetDataReg(u32 BaseAddr, unsigned Channel)
void XGpio_mSetDataReg(u32 BaseAddr, unsigned Channel, u32 Data)
```

- ◆ It's necessary to know the base address in the memory map where every device instance is located
- ◆ Furthermore, IPs are highly parameterizable
  - It's necessary to know the configuration used by every device instance in order to properly control its operation
- ◆ System software also may need to know which interrupt vector the device is attached to
- ◆ LibGen tool automatically generates a file called '**xparameter.h**' containing all configuration info about the hardware platform



- ◆ `'xparameters.h'` file contains symbols (`#define`) that provide info about the configuration used for every device and driver within the system
  - Used by BSP and device drivers to configure the system at runtime
- ◆ Configuration info for each device:
  - Common info** {
    - Number of device instances
    - Device ID for each instance (uint16)
      - used during initialization to perform the mapping of a device driver to a HW device
    - Base address for each device instance
    - Interrupt assignments for each device instance (if used)
    - *Other device specific info*
- ◆ For each device driver type:
  - `XPAR_X<driver_name>_NUM_INSTANCES`
- ◆ For each device instance:
  - `XPAR_<driver_name>_<device_instance>_DEVICE_ID`
  - `XPAR_<driver_name>_<device_instance>_BASEADDR`
  - `XPAR_<driver_name>_<device_instance>_HIGHADDR`
  - `XPAR_<intc_device_instance>_<interrupting_device_instance>_VEC_ID`



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```
BEGIN xps_uartlite
PARAMETER INSTANCE = RS232_Uart_1
PARAMETER HW_VER = 1.00.a
PARAMETER C_BAUDRATE = 9600
PARAMETER C_DATA_BITS = 8
PARAMETER C_ODD_PARITY = 0
PARAMETER C_USE_PARITY = 0
PARAMETER C_SPLB_CLK_FREQ_HZ = 62500000
PARAMETER C_BASEADDR = 0x84000000
PARAMETER C_HIGHADDR = 0x8400ffff
BUS_INTERFACE SPLB = mb_plb
PORT RX = fpga_0_RS232_Uart_1_RX
PORT TX = fpga_0_RS232_Uart_1_TX
PORT Interrupt = uart_interrupt
END

BEGIN mdm
PARAMETER INSTANCE = debug_module
PARAMETER HW_VER = 1.00.b
PARAMETER C_MB_DBG_PORTS = 1
PARAMETER C_USE_UART = 1
PARAMETER C_UART_WIDTH = 8
PARAMETER C_BASEADDR = 0x84400000
PARAMETER C_HIGHADDR = 0x8440ffff
BUS_INTERFACE SPLB = mb_plb
BUS_INTERFACE MBDEBUG_0 = microblaze_0_dbg
PORT Debug_SYS_Rst = Debug_SYS_Rst
END
```

MHS

```
BEGIN DRIVER
PARAMETER DRIVER_NAME = uartlite
PARAMETER DRIVER_VER = 1.13.a
PARAMETER HW_INSTANCE = RS232_Uart_1
END

BEGIN DRIVER
PARAMETER DRIVER_NAME = uartlite
PARAMETER DRIVER_VER = 1.13.a
PARAMETER HW_INSTANCE = debug_module
END
```

MSS

```
/* Definitions for driver UARTLITE */
#define XPAR_XUARTLITE_NUM_INSTANCES 2

/* Definitions for peripheral RS232_UART_1 */
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_BASEADDR 0x84000000
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_HIGHADDR 0x8400ffff
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_DEVICE_ID 0
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_BAUDRATE 9600
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_USE_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_ODD_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_RS232_UART_1_DATA_BITS 8

/* Definitions for peripheral DEBUG_MODULE */
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_BASEADDR 0x84400000
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_HIGHADDR 0x8440ffff
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_DEVICE_ID 1
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_BAUDRATE 0
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_USE_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_ODD_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_DATA_BITS 0

/*****

/* Canonical definitions for peripheral RS232_UART_1 */
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_DEVICE_ID XPAR_RS232_UART_1_DEVICE_ID
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_BASEADDR 0x84000000
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_HIGHADDR 0x8400ffff
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_BAUDRATE 9600
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_USE_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_ODD_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_DATA_BITS 8
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_0_SIO_CHAN 0

/* Canonical definitions for peripheral DEBUG_MODULE */
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_DEVICE_ID XPAR_DEBUG_MODULE_DEVICE_ID
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_BASEADDR 0x84400000
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_HIGHADDR 0x8440ffff
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_BAUDRATE 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_USE_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_ODD_PARITY 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_DATA_BITS 0
#define XPAR_UARTLITE_1_SIO_CHAN -1
```

xparameter.h





```
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "xgpio_1.h"
#include "xbasic_types.h"

#define LEDS_CHANNEL      1
#define SWITCHES_CHANNEL  1

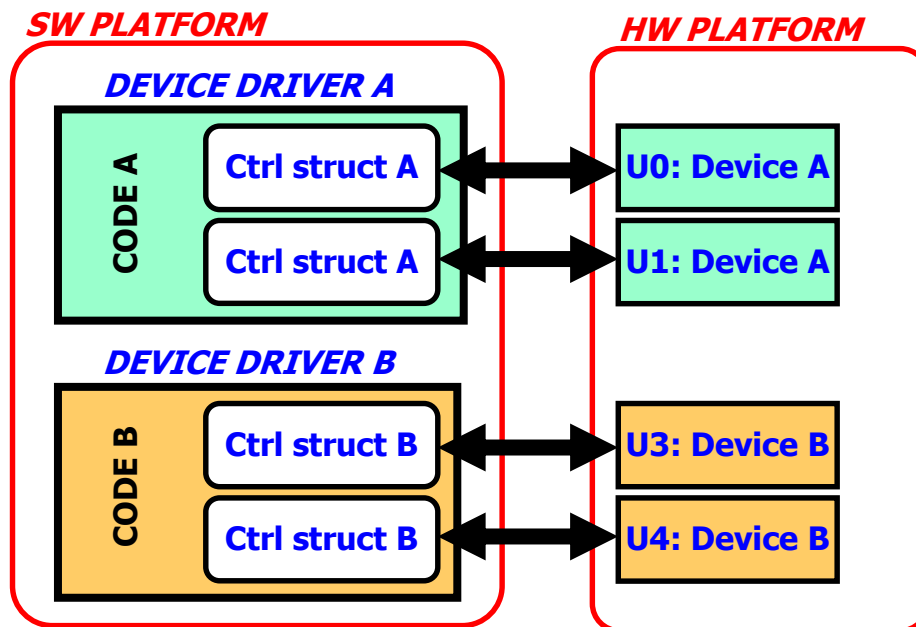
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    Xuint32 value;

    // set LEDS to OUT
    XGpio_mSetDataDirection(XPAR_LEDS_8BIT_BASEADDR, LEDS_CHANNEL, 0x00);
    // set SWITCHES to IN
    XGpio_mSetDataDirection(XPAR_DIP_SWITCHES_8BIT_BASEADDR,
        SWITCHES_CHANNEL, 0xFF);

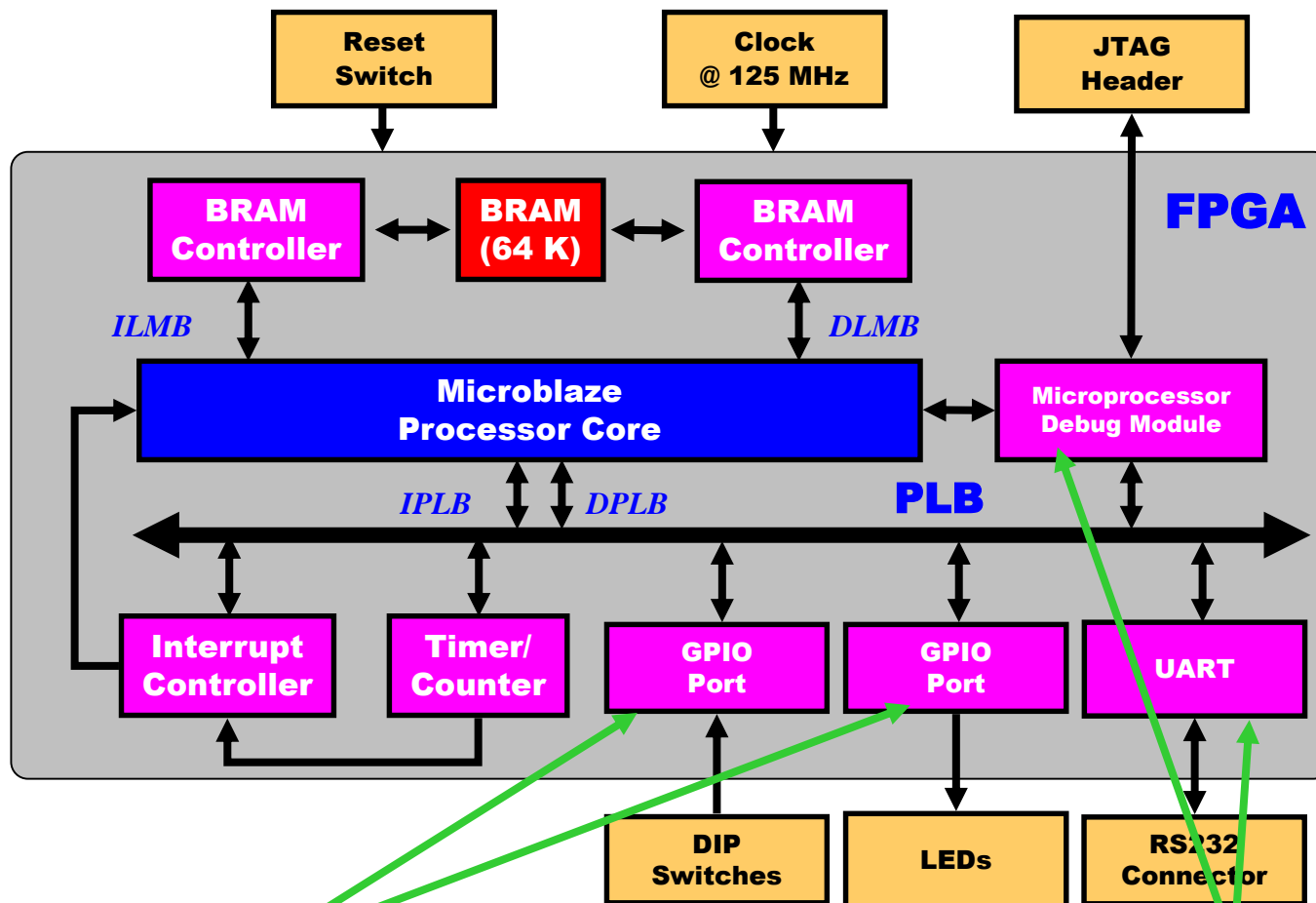
    while(1) {
        value = XGpio_mGetDataReg(XPAR_DIP_SWITCHES_8BIT_BASEADDR,
            SWITCHES_CHANNEL);
        XGpio_mSetDataReg(XPAR_LEDS_8BIT_BASEADDR, LEDS_CHANNEL, value);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



- ◆ For layer 1, each device instance is controlled by means of a data structure containing **configuration** and **status** info about this instance
  - Defined for each device driver
  - User must declare a variable of this type for each device instance
  - First parameter for API functions (OOP with C)
    - The pointer to the data structure serves as device driver reference
  - Deferred as *driver instance data* or *driver object*



```
typedef struct {  
    XTmrCtrStats Stats;  
    u32 BaseAddress;  
    u32 IsReady;  
  
    XTmrCtr_Handler Handler;  
    void *CallBackRef;  
} XTmrCtr;  
  
...  
void XTmrCtr_Start(  
    XTmrCtr *InstancePtr,  
    u8 TmrCtrNumber);
```



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## ◆ API common functions

- **Initialize**: Initializes an instance of a device driver
  - Driver instance must be initialize before other API function can be called
- **Reset**: resets the device driver and device with which it is associated
  - Allows to recover from exception conditions
- **SelfTest**: performs a self-test on the device driver and its associated device
- **LookupConfig**: retrieves a pointer to the configuration table for a device driver

## ◆ API optional functions

- **Start**: Starts the device driver (device and interrupt enable)
- **Stop**: Stops the device driver (device and interrupt disable)
- **GetStats**: gets the statistics for the device and/or device driver
- **ClearStats**: clears the statistics for the device and/or device driver
- **InterruptHandler**: High level custom interrupt processing for each device
  - Interrupt acknowledge
  - User functionality provided through a callback function (hook)



- ◆ Before a device instance can be used its data structure must be properly initialized using the `Initialize()` function
  - It maps an instance driver with a given device
  - The user is responsible for allocating the driver handler passed as 1st parameter
  - The device instance is identified by the second parameter obtained from '`x_parameter.h`'

```
int XGpio_Initialize(XGpio *InstancePtr, u16 DeviceId)
```

- ◆ From that point, the driver instance is referred by its data structure address:

```
u32 XGpio_DiscreteRead(XGpio *InstancePtr, unsigned Channel)
```



- ◆ System software can need to obtain configuration info for each instance of a given driver at runtime
  - E.g. OS driver enumeration
- ◆ Each device driver (SW) uses a data structure to store info about the HW configuration applied to the associated device
  - Defined in `x<driver_name>.h` file
  - Contains most of the info included in `xparameters.h` file
  - It mustn't be confounded with the driver data structure (1st parameter used in Layer 1 functions)
  - Format:

```
typedef struct {  
    u16 DeviceID;  
    u32 BaseAddress;  
    // Other device dependent data attributes  
} X<driver_name>_Config;
```
- ◆ Moreover, an array of structures is defined with one element for each device instance in the system
  - Declared within `x<driver_name>_g.c`
  - The structure address for a given instance can be obtained by means of `x<driver_name>_LookupConfig()` function



```
#include "xparameters.h"
#include "xtmrctr.h"

#define SYS_TIMER_DEV_ID      XPAR_XPS_TIMER_1_DEVICE_ID
XTmrCtr sysTimerDrv;  // The instance of the timer counter

int status;
Xuint32 options;

// Initialize the TmrCtr driver so that it's ready to use
status = XTmrCtr_Initialize(&sysTimerDrv, XPAR_XPS_TIMER_1_DEVICE_ID);
if(status != XST_SUCCESS) {
    return XST_FAILURE;
}
options =    XTC_DOWN_COUNT_OPTION    |
            XTC_INT_MODE_OPTION       |
            XTC_AUTO_RELOAD_OPTION;
XTmrCtr_SetOptions(&sysTimerDrv, TIMER_CNTR_0, options);
```



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- ◆ The following are the steps involved in generating software for EDK designs using XPS :
  1. Configure Software settings
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  4. Open/Create your applications
  5. View and Set Applications' Options
  6. Build Applications
  7. Initialize bitstream with applications
  8. Download and execute application
  9. Download and debug applications by using XMD
- ◆ You can configure software settings for an EDK project
  - by using the XPS GUI 
  - by directly editing the MSS file.



# SOFTWARE PLATFORM SETTINGS (I)



Select Software  
Platform panel

Select processor  
instance

**Software Platform Settings**

Processor Information

Processor Instance: **microblaze\_0**

**Software Platform** | Processor Settings

OS and Libraries

Drivers

CPU Driver: **cpu** | CPU Driver Version: **1.11.a**

Processor Parameters:

Name	Current Value	Default Value	Type	Description
<b>microblaze_0</b>				
CORE_CLOCK_FREQ_HZ	625000000	100000000	int	Core Clock Frequency in Hz
xmdstub_peripheral	<b>none</b>	none	peripheral_instance	Debug peripheral to be used with xmdstub
extra_compiler_flags	-g	-g	string	Extra compiler flags used in BSP and library generation.
archiver	mb-ar	mb-ar	string	Archiver used to archive libraries for both BSP generation
compiler	mb-gcc	mb-gcc	string	Compiler used to compile both BSP/Libraries and Applicat

OS & Library Settings

OS: **standalone** | Version: **2.00.a**

Default software platform. Provides basic processor related functions and basic OS like functions such as standard input and output.

Use	Library	Version	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	xilnfs	1.00.a	Xilinx Memory File System
<input type="checkbox"/>	xilflash	1.00.a	Xilinx Flash library for Intel parallel flash
<input type="checkbox"/>	xilfatfs	1.00.a	Provides read/write routines to access files stored on a FAT16.
<input type="checkbox"/>	lwip	3.00.a	LwIP TCP/IP Stack library v3.00.a

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Select OS

Adjust processor  
parameters

Check desired  
libraries and  
their version



Select OS and  
Libraries panel

Select processor  
instance

The image shows the 'Software Platform Settings' dialog box. It has a 'Processor Information' section at the top with a 'Processor Instance' dropdown menu set to 'microblaze\_0'. Below this is the 'Software Platform' section, which includes a 'Configuration for OS: standalone v2.00.a' and a table of OS parameters. The 'OS and Libraries' tab is selected, and the 'Drivers' section is expanded. The 'Configuration for Libraries' section at the bottom shows a table of library parameters for 'xilnfs'. Red arrows and numbered circles (1-4) point to specific elements: 1 points to the 'OS and Libraries' tab, 2 points to the 'Processor Instance' dropdown, 3 points to the OS parameters table, and 4 points to the library parameters table.

Name	Current Value	Default Value	Type	Description
<b>standalone</b>				
stdout	debug_module	none	peripheral_instance	stdout peripheral
stdin	debug_module	none	peripheral_instance	stdin peripheral
microblaze_exceptions	false	false	bool	Enable MicroBlaze Exceptions
enable_sw_intrusive_profiling	false	false	bool	Enable S/W Intrusive Profiling on Hardware Targets

Name	Current Value	Default Value	Type	Description
<b>xilnfs</b>				
need_utils	false	false	bool	Need additional Utilities?
init_type	MFSINIT_NEW	MFSINIT_NEW	enum	Init Type
base_address	0x10000	0x10000	int	Base Address
numbytes	100000	100000	int	Number of Bytes

Adjust OS related parameters:  
std I/O, fpu, malloc and profiling

Configure selected  
libraries parameters



Select  
Drivers panel

**Software Platform Settings**

Processor Information

Processor Instance: microblaze\_0

Software Platform

OS and Libraries

**Drivers**

Drivers Configuration:

Peripheral	HW version	Instance	Driver	Version
lmb_bram_if_cntrl	2.10.a	dmb_cntrl	bram	1.00.a
lmb_bram_if_cntrl	2.10.a	ilmb_cntrl	bram	1.00.a
xps_uartlite	1.00.a	RS232_Uart_1	uartlite	1.13.a
xps_gpio	1.00.a	LEDs_8Bit	gpio	2.12.a
xps_gpio	1.00.a	Push_Buttons	gpio	2.12.a
xps_gpio	1.00.a	DIP_Switches_8Bit	gpio	2.12.a
xps_timer	1.00.a	xps_timer_1	tmrctr	1.10.b
mdm	1.00.b	debug_module	uartlite	1.13.a

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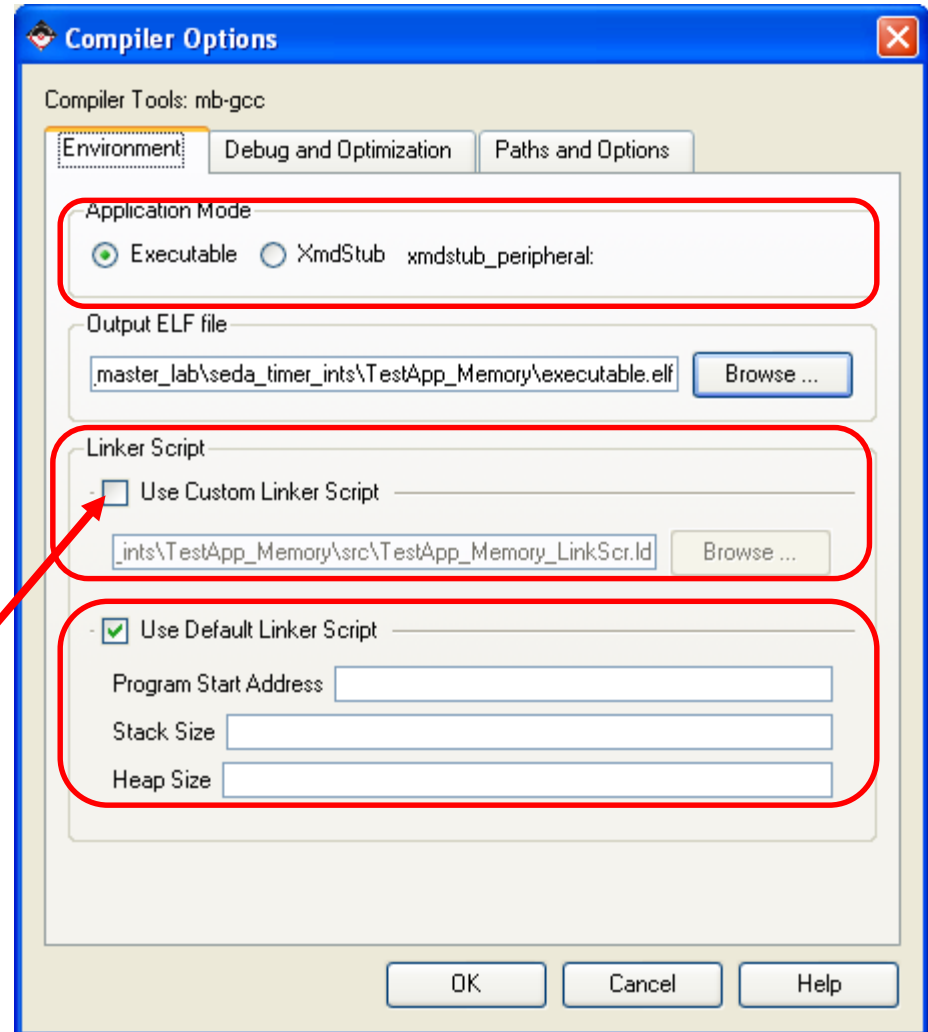
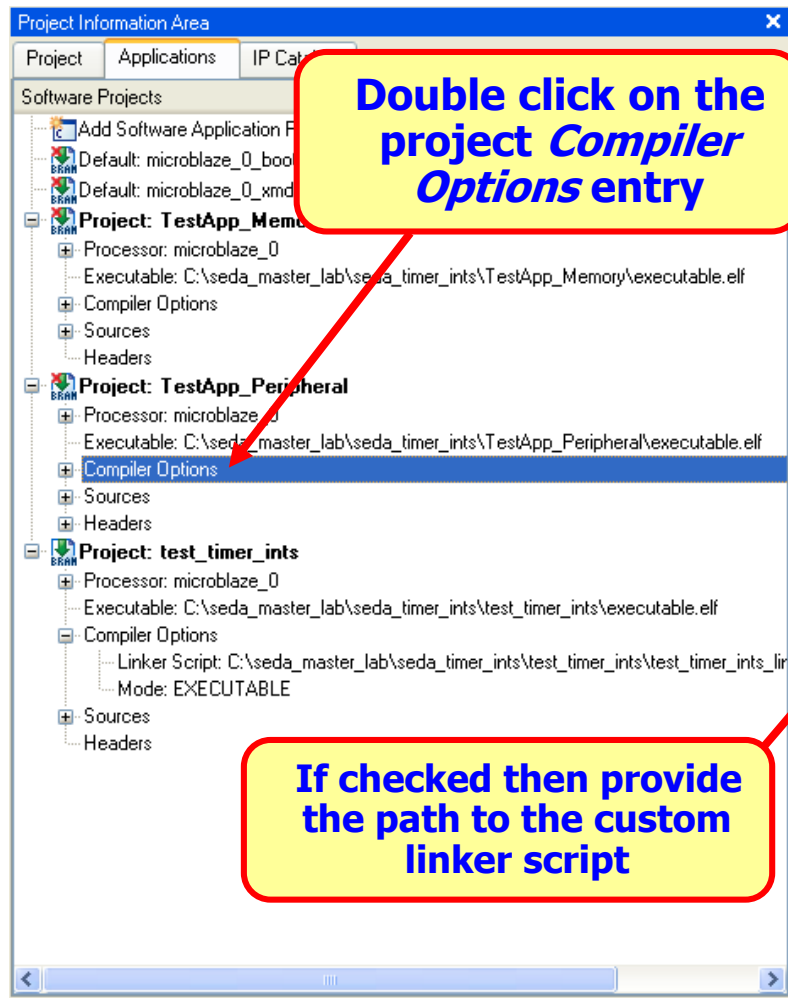
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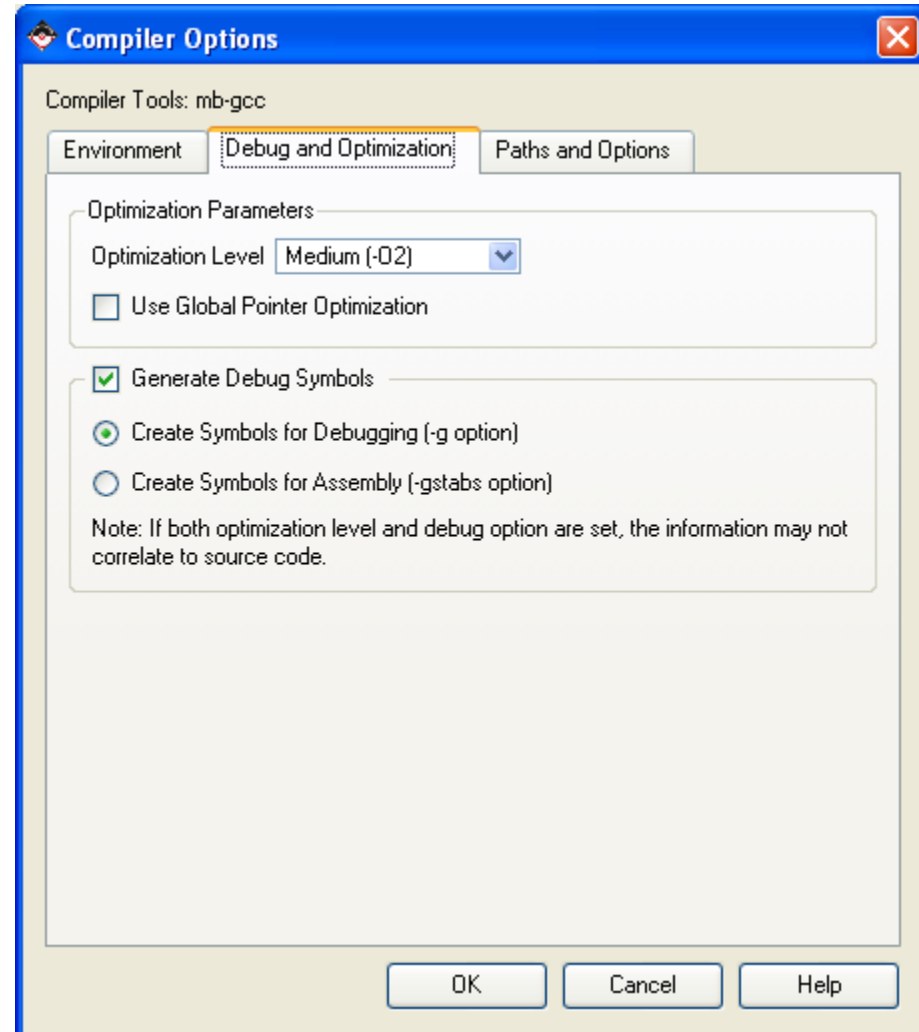
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## ENVIRONMENT TAB



## DEBUG AND OPTIMIZATION TAB

- ◆ Optimization parameters:
  - Optimization level (0-3):
    - Level 0: No optimization, useful during debugging
    - Levels 1-3: Code reordering
- ◆ Use Global Pointer Optimization
  - Use of small data areas
    - Data size (8 bytes)
    - Registers: R2, R13
- ◆ Generate Debug Symbols
  - Include debugging information for GDB
    - C language: -g
    - Assembly: -gstabs



## PATH AND OPTIONS TAB

### Search paths

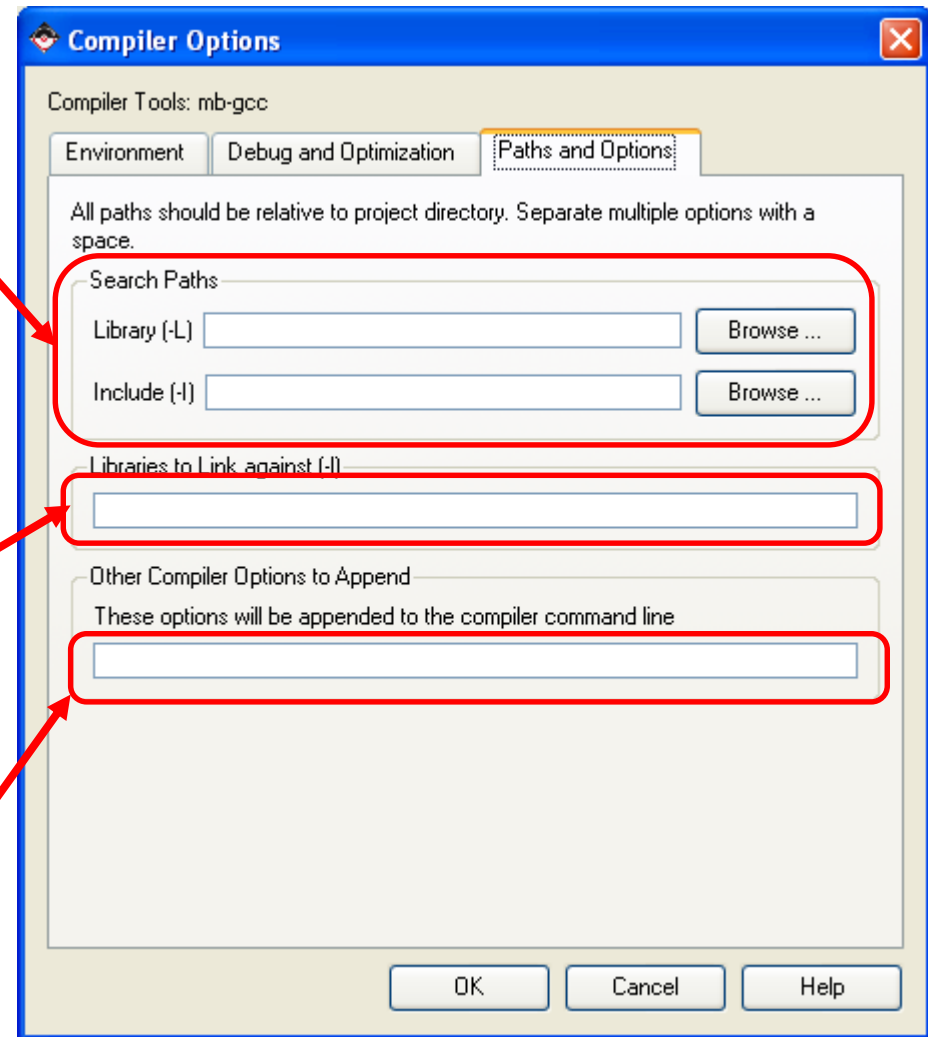
- ◆ Libraries. By default:
  - Project directory
  - MB\_instance/lib directory
- ◆ Includes. By default:
  - Project directory
  - MB\_instance/include directory

### Additional libraries:

- ◆ User libraries

### Other compiler options to append:

- ◆ E.g. Symbol definition for conditional compilations
  - -Dmy\_def



Compiler Options

Compiler Tools: mb-gcc

Environment   Debug and Optimization   **Paths and Options**

All paths should be relative to project directory. Separate multiple options with a space.

Search Paths

Library (-L)  Browse ...

Include (-I)  Browse ...

Libraries to Link against (-l)

Other Compiler Options to Append

These options will be appended to the compiler command line

OK   Cancel   Help



# END