ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE AND MICROCOMPUTER PRACTICE

CodeSourcery G++ tool-chain

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- What is the CodeSourcery G++ tool-chain
- How to get it
- How to install
- Basic for compilation
- Basic for simulation
- Basic for debugging
- Basic for pure assembly



What is the CodeSourcery G++ tool-chain?

- The ARM tool-chain (GCC based)
- It's free software
- CodeSourcery, in partnership with ARM, Ltd., develops improvements to the GNU Toolchain for ARM processors and provides regular, validated releases of the GNU Toolchain.



What is the CodeSourcery G++ tool-chain?

	free	\$399	\$2799
	Lite Edition	Personal Edition	Professional Edition
GNU C & C++ Compilers	~	~	~
GNU Assembler & Linker	~	~	✓
C & C++ Runtime Libraries	~	~	✓
Additional C & C++ Runtime Libraries			✓
CS3		~	✓
GNU Debugger	~	~	✓
Debug Sprites		~	~
Instruction Set Simulator	~	~	✓
GNU/Linux Application Simulator		~	~
Eclipse IDE		~	✓
GNU/Linux Prelinker		~	~
GNU/Linux Library Optimizer		~	✓
Sysroot Utilities		~	~
Access to Updates		~	~
Knowledge Base		~	~
Unlimited Support			~



How to get it

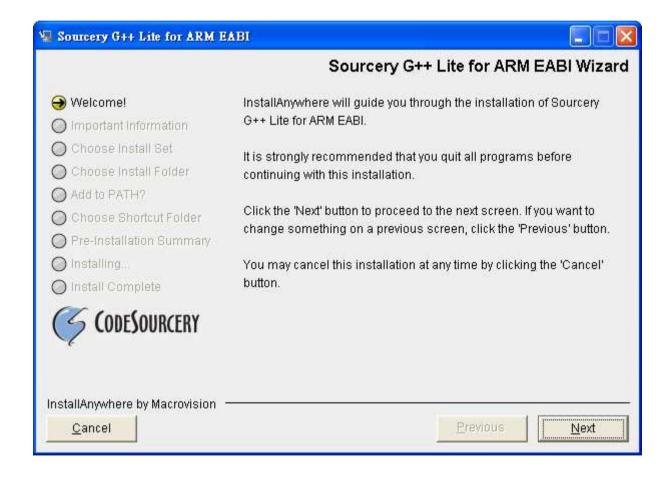
- http://140.117.176.59/ASSEMBLY_LANGUAGE_AND_ MICROCOMPUTER_PRACTICE/tools/sourceryG++/
- http://www.codesourcery.com/sgpp/lite/ar m/portal/subscription3053



How to install

- You must be administrator.
- According to the following slides to install.

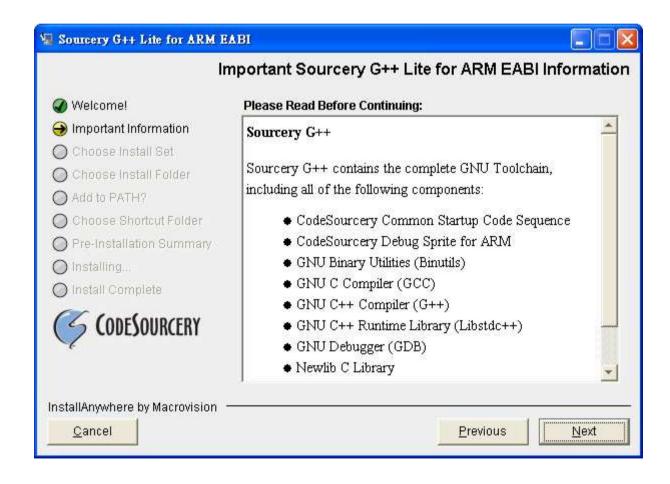










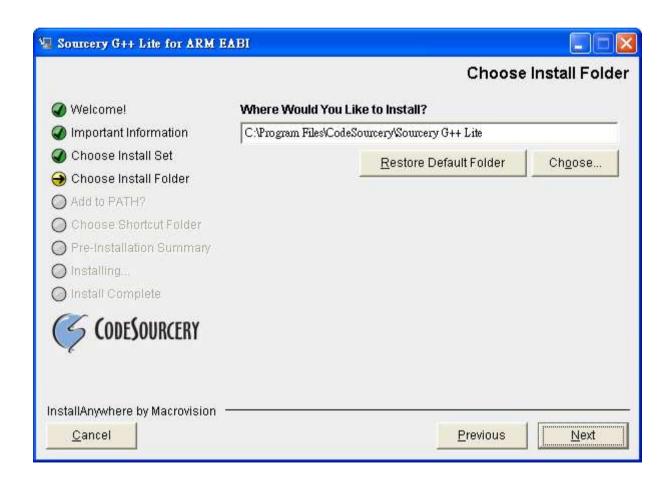




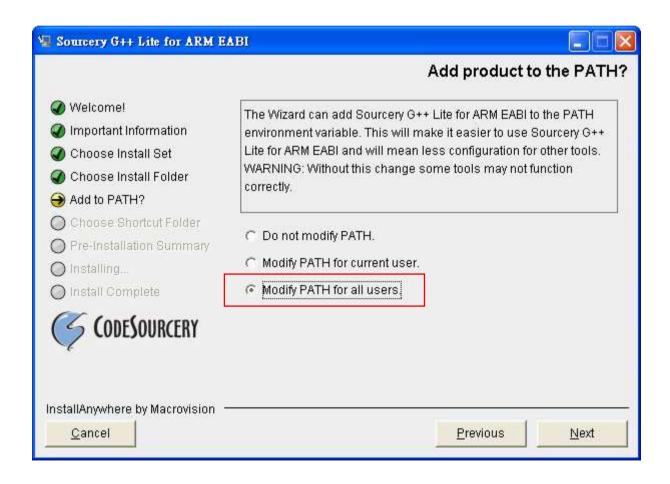
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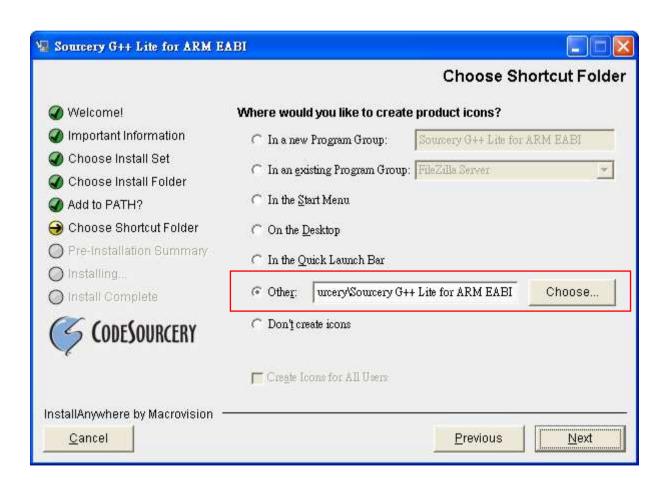




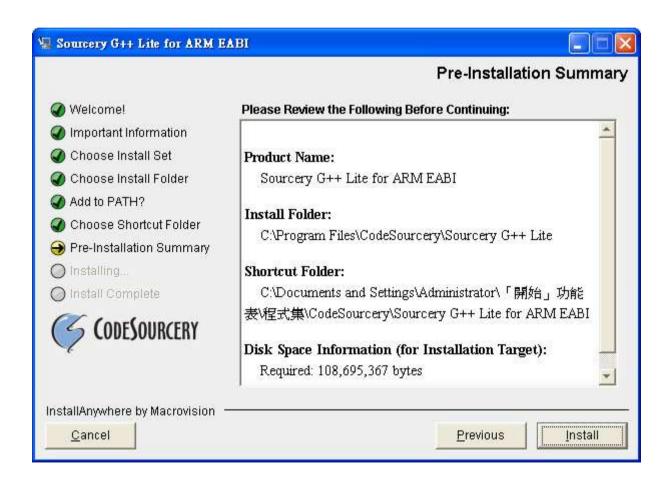




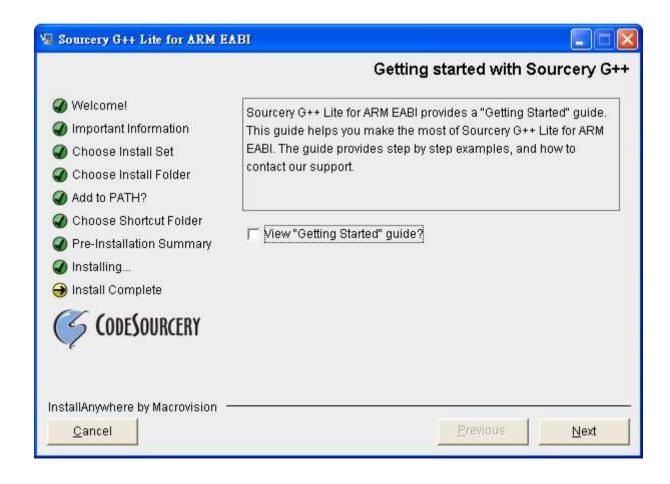




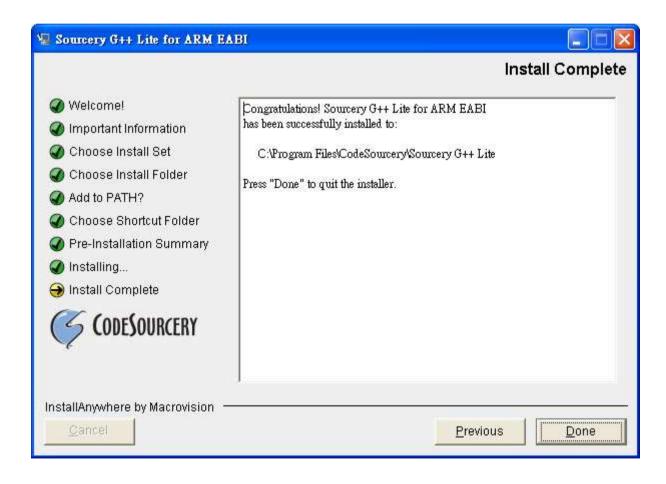














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Basic for compilation

arm-none-eabi-gcc.exe test.c -T generic-hosted.ld

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     printf("Hello, CodeSourcery\n");
6     return 0;
7 }
```



Basic for simulation

arm-none-eabi-run.exe a.out





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Basic for debugging

arm-none-eabi-gdb.exe a.out

```
C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - arm-none-eabi-gdb.exe a.out

C:\cygwin\home\FrankLin\none-eabi\arm-none-eabi-gdb.exe a.out

GNU gdb (Sourcery G++ Lite 2008q3-66) 6.8.50.20080821-cvs

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This GDB was configured as "--host=i686-mingw32 --target=arm-none-eabi".

For bug reporting instructions, please see:

\https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/>...

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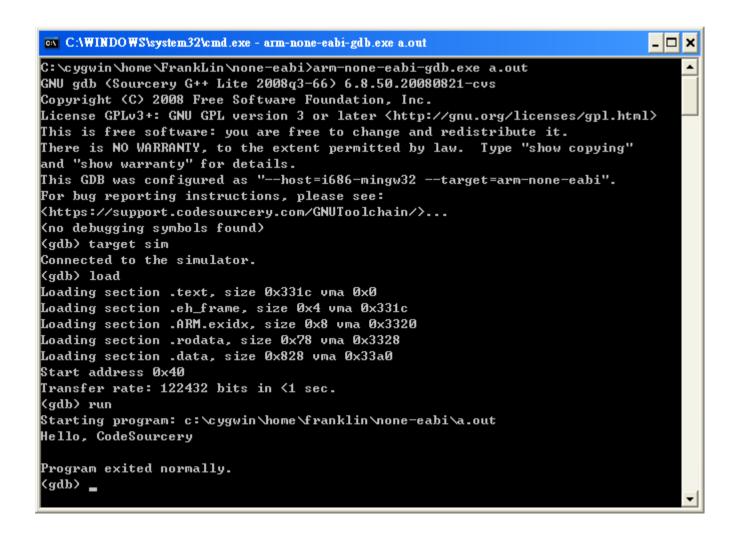
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Debug with GDB

- In GDB, type
 - □ target sim
 - □load
 - □ run

Debug with GDB





Some useful GDB command

- **■** b
 - □b main
- run
- info registers
- p
 - □ p \$pc
 - □ p/x \$pc

 Please refer to the CodeSourcery's documents for details



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Introduction to GAS for arm

- GAS is Gnu ASsembler
- The following slides would introduce how to write a pure assembly code in CodeSourcery G++.



The assembly template

- Please refer to gcc-asm-template.S
- You can use this file as the skeleton of your homework.



assemble and run

- assemble
 - □ arm-none-eabi-gcc.exe -T generic-hosted.ld gcc-asm-template.S
- run
 - □ arm-none-eabi-run.exe a.out



Some useful assembler directives

- .align
- .global
- string
- number
- comment
 - @this is a comment
- label
 - **LABEL0**:



.align

- Pad the location counter (in the current subsection) to a particular storage boundary
- It is aligned power of 2
- For example, aligned 4 byte
 - □.align 2



.global

- Make the symbol visible to Id
- At least we must have a global symbol called "main" because we use the "generic-hosted.ld" for our linker script.



How to define a string

- .ascii
 - It assembles each string (with no automatic trailing zero byte) into consecutive addresses.
 - ☐ for example: .ascii "Hello world\n\0"
- .asciz
 - asciz is just like ascii, but each string is followed by a zero byte.
 - ☐ for example: .asciz "Hello world\n"



How to define a number

- .byte
- short.
- .word
- Multiple number is separated by comma
 - ☐ for example: .byte 0x31, 0x32, 0x33, 0x34
- If you don't use .align, assembler would compact each number.



Reference

- http://www.codesourcery.com/sgpp
- The as manual of CodeSourcery G++