

## TECHNICAL NOTE



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# CHILI Instruction Set Simulator short manual

## 1 Introduction

This document describes how to run the CHILI Instruction Set Simulator.

Note : The simulator executable is dynamically linked and requires that libstdc++.so.5 is installed. ( gcc 3.3.5 or similar ).

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### 1. Compiling for the Simulator

The chilli gcc is used to produce an ELF binary for the simulator:

```
% chilli-odm-elf-gcc test.c -o test.exe
```

### 2. Starting the Simulator

The simulator for CHILI (chilisim) can be executed from the command line as mentioned below. It takes an absolute file <file>, generated by the gcc compiler, as the input.

Syntax :  
% chilisim -z <file>

By default, data and code sections are stored in the 64K Core RAM.

Command line arguments to the simulated application are set with the -a switch.

Examples:

```
/* standard C main fuction */
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
}

# calling the simulator with 2 application parameters arg1 and arg2
%chilisim -z text.exe -a "arg1 arg2"

argc = 2
argv[0]=test.exe
argv[1]=arg1
argv[2]=arg2

# string parameter to -a is empty
%chilisim -z text.exe -a ""

argc = 1
argv[0]=test.exe

# -a is not used here
%chilisim -z text.exe

argc = 0
```

### 3. Arguments for the DMS ( Data Memory Subsystem)

By default, the DMS is not simulated (DMA commands and DMA controller). To simulate with the CHILI DMS, the dynamic library "libdms2.so" (file included in the chili toolchain package) needs to be specified by the -d switch.

Example:  
-d libdms2.so

Scratch pads models need also to be specified with `-e`, `-f`, `-g`, `-j` switches. The scratch pads models available in the `dms2.so` library need to be specified with their function entry point which are `"createPort0"` and `"createPort1"`

Example:

```
-e libdms2.so:createPort0 -flibdms2.so:createPort1
```

The layout of the data memory model needs to be specified with the switch `"-x"`.

They consist of :

- `-c[address range]` : defines the address range of the core memory (coreRAM)
- `-l[address range]` : defines the address range of the local memory (sRAM)
- `-d[address range]`: defines the address range of the external memory (DRAM).

Example:

```
-x"-c0:0x200000 -l0x1000000:0x100FFFFF -d0x10000000:0x10100000"
```

NOTE1: the memory layout specified within the `-x` arguments has to match the section layout specified in the linker script.

NOTE2: the `dms2.so` library will output by default warnings when uninitialized memory are read. To stop the output of warnings, use the `-W` switch.

#### 4. Debug Interactive mode

Use the `-D` switch to start the simulator in debugging mode.

```
% chilisim -D
Interactive debugging mode started. Try help for information.
chilisim>
```

Use `"help"` to get the list of available commands.

#### 5. Simulation Interruption

It is possible to stop a running simulation with a CTRL-C interruption. The simulation will switch to interactive debug mode. To exit the debugger and continue the simulation in standard mode, use the command `"exit"`. To quit the simulation, use the `"quit"` command.

#### 6. Verbose Output

A verbose mode can be set with the `-v` switch following by a digit representing the verbose level. The 5 verbose levels are the following:

`-v1`: cycle counter + instruction address

Example:

```
#CYCLE      2645  #ADDR 0004978f
```

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```
#CYCLE      2646  #ADDR 00049794
#CYCLE      2647  #ADDR 00049798
#CYCLE      2648  #ADDR 0004979c
```

### -v2: register contents

#### Example:

```
Cycle: 607
R0=00000002    R1=20000000    R2=00000400    R3=1FFFFFF3C    R4=00000000
R5=00000000    R6=00000000    R7=00000000
R8=00000000    R9=00000000    R10=00000400    R11=00000000    R12=00000000
R13=1FFFFFFD0  R14=00000000    R15=00000000
R16=10000000    R17=00000000    R18=00000006    R19=00000008    R20=00000000
R21=00000000    R22=00000000    R23=20000000
R24=00000000    R25=00000000    R26=00000000    R27=0000001F    R28=00000000
R29=00000000    R30=00000000    R31=00000000
R32=00000000    R33=00000000    R34=00000000    R35=00000000    R36=00000000
R37=00000000    R38=00000000    R39=00000000
R40=00000000    R41=00000000    R42=00000000    R43=00000000    R44=00000000
R45=00000000    R46=00000000    R47=00000000
R48=00000000    R49=00000000    R50=00000000    R51=00000000    R52=00000000
R53=00000000    R54=00000000    R55=00000000
R56=00000000    R57=00000000    R58=00000000    R59=00000000    R60=00000000
R61=1FFFFFF14  R62=1FFFFFFD0  R63=0005094C
```

### -v3 : pipeline content

```
#CYCLE 239:
#ADDR 3b18d:
spy_src_0_dat_s: >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
spy_src_1_dat_s: >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
spy_dst_r_dat_s: >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
dst_dat_comb:    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
dst_dat_ss:      >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
dst_dat_sss:     >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
dst_dat_post:    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
register file:    >00000000    >0000088c    >00036946    >00000000
                 >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >0000088c
                 >0000b31c    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
                 >00000000    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
                 >00000064    >0000089c    >0000089c    >0000088c
                 >0000b468    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
                 >0000b468    >00000000    >00000000    >00000000
```

### -v4 : Disassembler output

At every cycle, the simulator output the 4-slots disassembled instructions and the contents of the 64 registers.

#### Example:

```
Cycle: 531
#ADDR 00037F8E:
jump(0x38012)
if(R16 == 0x0)
port32[R62 + -4] = R63;
R62 = R62 + -4;

R0=00000000    R1=0000B31C    R2=00000400    R3=1FFFFFF3C    R4=00000000
R5=00000000    R6=00000000    R7=00000001
R8=0000B664    R9=0000B664    R10=00000000    R11=00000000    R12=00000000
R13=1FFFFFFD0  R14=00000000    R15=00000000
```

```

R16=00000000 R17=00000000 R18=0000B6C0 R19=00042A28 R20=00000000
R21=00042C63 R22=00000000 R23=00000000
R24=00000000 R25=00000000 R26=00000000 R27=00000000 R28=00000000
R29=00000000 R30=00000000 R31=00000000
R32=00000000 R33=00000000 R34=00000000 R35=00000000 R36=00000000
R37=00000000 R38=00000000 R39=00000000
R40=00000000 R41=00000000 R42=00000000 R43=00000000 R44=00000000
R45=00000000 R46=00000000 R47=00000000
R48=00000000 R49=00000000 R50=00000000 R51=00000000 R52=00000000
R53=00000000 R54=00000000 R55=00000000
R56=00000000 R57=00000000 R58=00000000 R59=00000000 R60=00000000
R61=1FFFFFF78 R62=1FFFFFF2C R63=0004450D

```

### -v5 : Function calls output

With this verbose level, the simulator outputs a line every time a function is called and returned. The function name and arguments values (2) are displayed. The cycle count, pipeline and DMS stalls are also displayed.

#### Example:

```

%chilisim -z functionPointer.exe -v5

FUNCTION_CALL (main , 0x00000000 , 0x00000000) 12:3:0
-FUNCTION_CALL ( _main , 0x00000000 , 0x00000000) 21:3:0
--FUNCTION_CALL (atexit , 0x00000642 , 0x00000000) 53:3:0
---FUNCTION_CALL ( __register_exitproc , 0x00000000 , 0x00000000) 59:9:0
---110 end_func 128:21:0
--121 end_func 142:24:0
-132 end_func 156:27:0

Core:0 Program has finished within 156 cycles (PIPELINE stalls: 27, DMS
stalls: 0).
R0: 0x00000000

```

Function names can be added to -v5 to select only the function to be outputted.

#### Example:

```
-v5:main:f1
```

Only trace for function “main” and “f1”

## 7. Profiler Output

-p <file> : output profile information in file <fiel>

Example of profiling output (no DMS here):

```

Total cycles: 3302936
with DMS stalls: 0
Pipeline stalls: 0

Cycles per function (including subfunctions):
Cycles:  Total          pl stalls      dms stalls
99.76%   3295044         0              0              MpegAudioDecoder

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63.91%	2111017	0	0	mad_frame_decode
63.49%	2097341	0	0	mad_layer_III
62.36%	2059945	0	0	III_decode
18.35%	606403	0	0	mad_synth_frame
18.34%	605808	0	0	synth_full
18.32%	605150	0	0	III_imdct_l
4.6%	152207	0	0	mad_bit_read
3.37%	111384	0	0	dct32
1.6%	52946	0	0	_vfprintf_r
1.1%	36400	0	0	fastsdct
0.94%	31277	0	0	_sfvwrite
0.8%	26661	0	0	fprintf
0.8%	26523	0	0	vfprintf
0.47%	15834	0	0	memmove
0.4%	13359	0	0	fwrite
0.39%	12907	0	0	mad_header_decode
0.3%	10030	0	0	_udivsi3
0.23%	7818	0	0	puts
0.22%	7327	0	0	memcpy

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Function self cycles (without subfunctions):

Function BstdFileEofP at address: 0x51

Calls: 1 Cycles: 11

Average Cycles: 11

No min/max information

Max local stack in function: 80120 Byte

Max stack in function: 80192 Byte

Smallest heap address in function: 4294967295 Byte

Function BstdRead at address: 0xab

Calls: 2 Cycles: 174

Average Cycles: 87

Min Cycles: 51 Max Cycles: 123

Max local stack in function: 80148 Byte

Max stack in function: 80220 Byte

Smallest heap address in function: 469760640 Byte

## 8. Multi-core simulation

-M <n> : number of cores

.Z core1:core2:...:core<n> list of Elf binaries files for each core

When profiling is used, a suffix corresponding to the core-id is added to

To the output profiled filenames.

Example:

```
chili-odm-elf-gcc core0.c -o core0
```

```
chili-odm-elf-gcc core1.c -o core1
```

```
chili-odm-elf-gcc core2.c -o core2
```

```
chilisim -M 3 -Z core0:core1:core2 -p profile.txt
```

Profiler files created are:

```
0_profile.txt
```

```
1_profile.txt
```

```
2_profile.txt
```

## Debug PLI

This mechanism allows the user to customize the debug output of the simulator without

changing the source code of the simulated C application. ( same concept as Verilog API ).

A C file need to be compiled as a shared library and contains callback routines that will be executed

at the beginning or end of a function call during simulation.  
( at jsr(r63, func) or ret(63) chili instructions ).

The C file should also contain the registration of the callbacks.

An API provides a set of functions to access the register or memory values.

In the PLI:

2 functions need to be defined:

```
void ChilisimDebugPLIinit(void *core);  
void ChilisimDebugPLIclose(void *core)
```

They are executed once by each core:

ChilisimDebugPLIinit at the start of simulation and  
ChilisimDebugPLIclose at the end.

Callbacks registration should be done in ChilisimDebugPLIinit() with the routine  
ChilisimDebugPLIAddFunction(void \*core, char \*fname, void (\*f)(void \*), int when)  
(see example for usage).

The access to the simulator internal values is done with the following routines:

```
#include "pli/chilisim_pli.h"  
  
extern unsigned int chilisim_debug_pli_get_register_value(void  
*core, int regno);  
extern unsigned char chilisim_debug_pli_get_memory_value(void  
*core, unsigned int address);  
extern unsigned int chilisim_debug_pli_get_cycle(void *core);  
extern unsigned int chilisim_debug_pli_get_coreid(void *core);
```

Compile PLI with:

```
gcc -g -shared -fPIC my_debug.c -o my_debug.so -  
I/prj/cad/odc/chili/test64/include/chili
```

Run with Chilisim by adding following switch:

```
-l ./my_debug.so
```

**Example:**

```

/* -----
   Chilisim Debug PLI example

Compiled with:
gcc -g -shared -fPIC check_fifo.c -o check_fifo.so -
I/prj/cad/odc/chili/test64/include/chili

Run with Chilisim simulator by adding following switch:
-l ./check_fifo.so

ex:
chilisim -W -d libdms2.so -e libdms2.so:createPort0 -flibdms2.so:createPort1
-x"-c0:0x200000 -l0x1000000:0x150FFFF -d0x10000000:0x12000000"
-M 2 -Z reader.exe:writer.exe
-l ./check_fifo.so
----- */

#include<stdio.h>

/* API header, NEEDED */
#include "pli/chilisim_pli.h"

#define MAXARRAY 512000

/* user file pointers */
unsigned char core0[MAXARRAY];
unsigned char core1[MAXARRAY];

int idx_core0 = 0;
int idx_core1 = 0;

FILE *ferr=NULL;

/* callback when entering user C function "writeFifo" - core0 */
void my_debug_writeFifo_begin(void *core)
{
    int r1= chilisim_debug_pli_get_register_value(core, 1);
    int r2= chilisim_debug_pli_get_register_value(core, 2);
    int i=r1;
    unsigned char val;

    printf("[check_fifo.so] my_debug_writeFifo_begin r1=%x r2=%x idx_core0=%d\n",
r1, r2, idx_core0);

    const char *fname = chilisim_debug_pli_get_parent_function_name(core);

    if (fname)
        printf("[check_fifo.so:my_debug_writeFifo_begin] inside function: %s \n",
fname);

    if (idx_core0+r2>=MAXARRAY)
        return;

    while(i<r1+r2)
    {
        val = chilisim_debug_pli_get_memory_byte_value(core, i);

        core0[idx_core0] = val;
        i++;
        idx_core0++;
    }
}

/* callback when exiting user C function "readFifo" - core1 */
void my_debug_readFifo_end(void *core)
{
    int r1= chilisim_debug_pli_get_register_value(core, 1);
    int r2= chilisim_debug_pli_get_register_value(core, 2);
    int i=r1;
    unsigned int val;
    int ok = 1;

    if (idx_core1+r2>=MAXARRAY)
        return;

```



```

while(i<r1+r2)
{
    val = chilisim_debug_pli_get_memory_byte_value(core, i);

    if (val != core0[idx_core1])
    {
        fprintf(ferr, "[check_fifo.so] diff on Element %d, at cycle:%d\n",
                idx_core1,
                chilisim_debug_pli_get_cycle(core));
        ok = 0;
    }

    core1[idx_core1] = val;
    i++;
    idx_core1++;
}

chilisim_debug_pli_dump_callstack(core);
}

/* NEEDED -- called by simulator */
void ChilisimDebugPLIinit(void *core)
{
    /* register callbacks */

    ChilisimDebugPLIAddFunction(core, "writeFifo", &my_debug_writeFifo_begin, CHILISIM_AT_
BEGIN);

    ChilisimDebugPLIAddFunction(core, "readFifo", &my_debug_readFifo_end, CHILISIM_AT_END)
;

    if (chilisim_debug_pli_get_coreid(core) == 0)
        ferr = fopen("./t_check_fifo.txt", "w");
}

/* NEEDED -- called by simulator */
void ChilisimDebugPLIclose(void *core)
{
    /* core0 makes the check */
    if (chilisim_debug_pli_get_coreid(core) == 0)
    {
        if (idx_core0 != idx_core1)
        {
            printf("Nb Elements are diff idx_core0=%d idx_core1=%!!\n",
                    idx_core0, idx_core1 );
        }

        int i=0;
        while(i<idx_core1)
        {
            if (core0[i] != core1[i])
            {
                printf("Diff on element %i core0=%d core1=%d!!\n", i, core0[i],
core1[i]);
            }
            i++;
        }

        printf("FIFO: all %d bytes match!!\n", idx_core0);

        fclose(ferr);
    }
}

```