

# Compliance Task Group Call – Minutes

Weds, 08 Apr 2020 8am Pacific → Daylight ← Time

See slide 6 for discussions and action items

# Charter

The Compliance Task Group will

- Develop compliance tests for RISC-V implementations, taking into account approved specifications for:
  - Architectural versions (e.g. RV32I, RV32E, RV64I, RV128I)
  - Standard Extensions (M,A,F,D,Q,L,C,B,J,T,P,V,N)
  - All spec'ed implementation options
    - (incl. MHSU modes, optional CSRs, optional CSR bits)
- Develop a method for selecting and configuring appropriate tests for a RISC-V implementation, taking into account:
  - Platform profile and Execution Environment (EE)
  - Implemented architecture, extensions, and options
- Develop a framework to apply the appropriate tests to an implementation and verify that it meets the standard
  - test result signature stored in memory will be compared to a golden model result signature

# Administrative Pointers

- Chair – Allen Baum [allen.baum@esperantotech.com](mailto:allen.baum@esperantotech.com)
- Co-chair – Bill McSpadden [bill.mcspadden@seagate.com](mailto:bill.mcspadden@seagate.com)
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  - Notetakers: please send emails to [allen.baum@esperantotech.com](mailto:allen.baum@esperantotech.com)
- Meetings -Bi-monthly at 8am Pacific time on 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays
  - See <https://lists.riscv.org/g/tech-compliance/calendar> entry for zoom link
- Documents, calendar, roster, etc. in <https://lists.riscv.org/tech-compliance/>  
see /documents, /calendars subdirectories
  - <https://riscof.readthedocs.io/en/latest/> riscof
  - <https://riscv-config.readthedocs.io/en/latest/> config: YAML and WARL spec
- Git repositories
  - <https://github.com/riscv/riscv-compliance/>
  - [https://github.com/rsnikhil/Experimental\\_RISCV\\_Feature\\_Model](https://github.com/rsnikhil/Experimental_RISCV_Feature_Model)
  - [https://github.com/rsnikhil/Forvis\\_RISCV-ISA-Spec](https://github.com/rsnikhil/Forvis_RISCV-ISA-Spec)
  - <https://gitlab.com/incoresemi/riscof> (Shakti framework)

# Meeting Agenda

- Review of issues (and getting owners to fix them)
  - Many issues are deferred to V.2
  - Issues
    - only 4 that can't be dealt with more easily than v.2 versions
    - #84 – fix is coming?
    - # 4 – has been incorporated within RISCOF
    - #27 – This has been fixed?
    - #72 – Unclear this is can be easily fixed in a general manner until v.2
- New co-chair: Bill McSpadden, (Seagate)
- Progress:
  - Riscov:
    - minor updates to riscv-config
    - migrated riscov-plugins/riscov to use the latest version of riscv-config
    - RVMODEL\_BOOT decoupled from RVTEST\_CODE\_BEGIN
    - RISCOF repository updated with TestFormat Spec
- Next steps (and their ordering):
  - More tests?
    - requires funding or volunteers
    - RFQ requires coverage metric
  - Transitioning to v.2?
- Other? – Covering for YAML-selected/configured tests

# Discussion

## 1. Issue#72: How to handle MTVEC

- How to handle mtvec:  
Test suite for MTVEC must assume we can load trap handler;
  - where it gets put.
  - Need general solution, not just for mtvec
  - Use YAML file? Linker script that uses YAML generated macros
- Allen/Neel's plan is to have a standard trap handler. Tests swaps initial trap handler w/standard handler pointer, & restore on HALT
  - Misalign would then require no further changes

## 2. Issue#84: Simple brute force fix is in place (pull #104)

- But SB, SH need rewrite for coverage
- Tests were auto-generated; say what needs fixing & they'll be fixed;
- Get someone with SV knowledge to check coverage
- SW test is a much better example; it was rewritten

## 3. issue#27 Contact submitter [jlucnagel](#) and see if can be closed

## 4. issue#4 can be closed now

## 5. Can we use one of the tests that use YAML parameters to pipeclean? Mtvec? Misalign?

## 6. Vector tests will use hash instead of individual values - the signatures are enormous

This approach is compatible with both v.1 and v.2 framework

## 7. Coverage: Have we run coverage with new test versions?

- How can we measure coverage for YAML selected/configured tests?
  - Need coverage for each test
    - does new framework support this?
  - How to do this for different YAML? Use grift ?
  - No – use system Verilog, need a tool that refines its coverage points based on YAML (future topic)

NOTE: coverage applies to riscv test suites, and not to implementations - but test selection is model YAML specific.

- This is not used to measure the quality of an implementation, but to the riscv compliance test suite itself
- This means that we can measure coverage on any standard model (e.g. formal model or OVPSim), so doesn't need to be tied to anyone's implementation.

Could we crowdsource coverage models?

Have implementers look at coverage in google DV test suite (and their own ) see if cover points are adequate, submit their own

# Decisions & Action Items

## Decisions

1. Start pipecleaning riscof flow with interesting tests: e.g.misalign
  1. This is related to issue #72
2. start looking into how we can crowdsource coverage model
3. --
4. Close Issues #4, #27, #84 (after verifying it works).
5. Add coverage to next meeting agenda

## Action Items

1. Allen/Neel: start detailing steps needed to pipeclean misalign test, and any test that requires trap handling
2. Simon: get pointers to Google DV (?) cover points to start
3. nothing needed
4. Allen: will attempt to contact [jlucnagel](#) to close #27
5. Simon: will describe (& give a demonstration)? in 2 weeks (combine with #2?)

## Action Items from last meeting

Anybody: Rv64i tests need to be re-written! – (deferred for funding)

Neel: eliminate or document OS dependencies (Debian vs. Ubuntu vs. Centos (vs. MacOS?)) (ongoing)

Allen: contact submitters of fixed issues to close – (one bug remaining to be fixed, one likely is fixed, the remaining 8 will be deferred to v.2 – too hard to fix in v.1)

Allen: put coverage draft into [https://lists.riscv.org/g/tech-compliance/files/Review Documents](https://lists.riscv.org/g/tech-compliance/files/ReviewDocuments) (done)

# Risconf update details

RISCONF version 1.13.1 has just been released which includes the following changes/additions:

RISCONF: <https://gitlab.com/incoresemi/risconf>

RISCONF-PLUGINS: <https://gitlab.com/incoresemi/risconf-plugins>

Updates docs: <https://risconf.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

- Docs have been significantly updated with more details and a better quickstart
- PYTHONPATH no longer needs to be set for the plugins. All the information is picked up from the config.ini itself.
- RISCONF now checks that both signatures are not empty before comparing them
- RISCONF has now shifted to use all the new tests (with better coverage) from github
- RISCONF now allows people to run custom suites using the --suite. This mean for developers who want to write new tests or for those who do not wish to run the entire suite but only a sub-set.
- The plugins now have a makeutility available which can be used to quickly generate makefile. The spike\_parallel and riscvOVPSim plugins have been updated to use this utility. The user can also now choose what make command to use (e.g. pmake, make -j, etc). Default is make which should work on all distros
- Print the help command when no argument are specified
- Print version on execution
- The --setup command now generates all collaterals (including a python plugin template) required to execute RISCONF
- All the hard-coded paths in the spike\_simple plugin have been removed and should now work as is on any system with changes only happening in config.ini



# Pull/Issue Status

Issue#	date	submitter	title	status	
#04	3-Jul-18	kasanovic	Section 2.3 Target Environment	??	will be fixed in V.2
#30	21-Jan-19	RolfyYu	The golden results of rv32ui and rv64ui should be different	bug	most rv64 tests need rewriting
#08	17-Oct-18	AnttiLukats	RV32I/I-IO.S bad file name	bug - needs fixing	change file name...
#37	31-Jan-19	astimonov	rv32imc C.SWSP test5 writes a word outside the binary		will be fixed in V.2
#40	4-Feb-19	debs-sifive	Usage of tohost/fromhost should be removed		change makefile.include? Fixed in V.2?
#42	5-Feb-19	as-sc	Misaligned fetch bit must be excluded for RVC		reset code chg if mdeleg is RO?
#78	26-Jan-20	bobbl	RV_COMPLIANCE_HALT must contain SWSIG		change macros as described
#84	4-Feb-20	towoe	I-SW-01 corrupts .text region		change test
#95	03-Mar-20	dsw	doc directory does not build		?? title & document history mismatch
#96	05-Mar-20	dsw	how to run all RV64 tests, e.g./rv32ui/rv64ui, through spike ?		Documentation fixup?
#90	11-Feb-20	towoe	Report target execution error		will be fixed in V.2
#03	3-Jul-18	kasanovic	2.4 Processor configuration clarification	bug - not fixable in v.1	will be fixed in V.2
#09	<del>22-Oct-18</del>	<del>neelgala</del>	<del>Setting SATP and PMP should be optional (closed)</del>		
#16	7-Nov-18	neelgala	I-MISALIGN_JMP-01.S assumes compressed can be turned off		
#22	24-Nov-18	brouhaha	I-MISALIGN_LDST-01 assumes misaligned data access will trap		
#31	25-Jan-19	debs-sifive	I-MISALIGN_JMP-01.S outdated `mbadaddr` in trap handler?		
#63	13-Aug-19	jeremybennett	Global linker script is not appropriate bug		
#72	26-Oct-19	vogelpi	Allow for non-word aligned `mtvec`		
#11	<del>26-Oct-18</del>	<del>neelgala</del>	<del>illegal.S in rv32mi: S mode int not always supported (closed)</del>		will be fixed in V.2
#27	21-Dec-18	jlucnagel	Macros are checking side-effects		
#28	21-Dec-18	bluewww	I-SB-01 test war hazard (address register)	fixed?	Close?
#32	25-Jan-19	debs-sifive	breakpoint.s undesired behavior when trigger does not exist?		
#33	28-Jan-19	debs-sifive	rv32si/ma_fetch.S has a diff. sign depending on RVC support		
#67	25-Sep-19	rongcuid	RV32I Immediate Operands error		commit cae8567?
#97	05-Mar-20	dsw	rv64i/Makefrag, variable rv64i_sc_tests contains SRAIW twice	low priority bug	
#45	12-Feb-19	debs-sifive	Reorganization of test suites for code maintainability	low priority bug	will be fixed in V.2
#28	<del>21-Jan-19</del>	<del>canthockui</del>	<del>LLB-01 test: Load the data into X0 GPR register (closed)</del>	<del>not a bug?</del>	<del>closed</del>

# Next Meeting Agenda (in order of Priority)

- Next steps
  - More tests?
    - Better coverage of existing tests vs. new tests (primarily priv level)
  - Coverage metrics?
  - Transitioning to v.2?
  - Funding?
  - Get more repo maintainers
  - Other?

Backup from previous discussions

# Draft Test Coverage Proposal (unpriv)

Classes of things we want to test for

- Decode
  - Immediate – test all bits in either polarity will affect output
  - Register specifiers – test that changing any bit will affect output, ensure all regs are tested
  - Variations – test values of opcodes suffixes that have any string after a “.” in its opcode
- Register combinations
  - Destructive (dest = either src) and non-destructive
  - Non-updating (i.e., targeting X0), or non-supplying (X0 as an input)
  - All registers (or immediate bit) should be used per instruction *\*category\**
- Special and exception cases
  - Explicitly defined (e.g. shifts>=XLEN & RD=X0)
  - Implicitly defined – corner cases
    - Maximal and minimal inputs, or creating maximal outputs
    - Inputs that special case outputs (mostly FP cases, also. shiftamt>=XLEN)
    - Outputs crossing value boundary (e.g. address cross word/page/superpage/VA boundary, FP crossing exponent boundary)

proposed coverage & categories	
Arith[I],	W1/0,crys
Logical[I],	W1/0
Shift[I],	W1/0/msk,+
Auipc,Lui,	
Ld,St,	W1/0, bndXing
Br,	W1/0, bndXing
Jmp ,	W1/0, bndXing
Ebreak/ Ecall	
W1/0= walking 1/0	
BndXing=: boundary crossing	

This works for 32i base ops – what do we need to add for priv modes? Mem model? Sequential Dependencies? Other extensions?

Need a review of existing (non-RISC-V) compliance specs

# Draft Test Coverage Proposal (more, incl priv)

- Forwarding: result of one op can be used as the source of the very next instruction
  - Need at least a case within and between instruction classes
- Changing non-reg state used by an op, immediately followed by op that uses it, e.g. :
  - changing the rounding mode for an FP op
  - writing into the instruction stream, followed by a fencei affecting the next ifetch
  - changing a page table entry or PMP entry, or SATP affecting the next access
  - changing xEPC or xSTATUS followed by xRET
  - changing MISA followed by any op enabled or disabled by it
  - changing xTVEC, xDELEG, xIE followed by a trap
  - write once behavior (PMP-lock)
- Ops that change non-reg status, immediately followed by op that tests it, e.g.:
  - FP status after an FP op
  - xSTATUS.FS,XS fields after FP, Vector or other coprocessor op
  - xCAUSE, xEPC, xTVAL, xPP after an interrupt or exception

# RISCV-CONFIG

- Examples & definitions
  - <https://github.com/riscv/riscv-config/tree/master/examples>
  - [https://github.com/riscv/riscv-config/tree/master/riscv\\_config/schemas](https://github.com/riscv/riscv-config/tree/master/riscv_config/schemas)
  - <https://github.com/riscv/riscv-compliance/tree/master/riscv-ovpsim/config-yaml/examples>
- Validator
  - [https://github.com/riscv/riscv-config/blob/master/riscv\\_config/checker.py](https://github.com/riscv/riscv-config/blob/master/riscv_config/checker.py)
- Example integration of converter (OVPsim)
  - <https://github.com/riscv/riscv-compliance/tree/master/riscv-ovpsim/config-yaml>
- WARL, YAML
  - <https://riscv-config.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

# RISCV-CONFIG WARL Syntax

WARL: {optional items in curly braces}

- `dependency_fields: [list]` — use this when legal/illegal values depend on other fields (in list)
- `legal: [<warl-string>{,<warl-string>*}]`
- `wr_illegal: [<warl-string>{,<warl-string>*}] -> update_mode`

where `<warl-string>` is either "&" separated list of rangehi:rangelo lists

*{[`dependency_value`] ->} field-name1[bit#hi:bit#lo] in [legal-range-list]  
{ & field-name2[bit#hi:bit#lo] in [legal-range] }\**

or "&" separated list of bitmasks

*{[`dependency_value`] ->} field-name1[bit#hi:bit#lo] bitmask [mask, fixval]  
{ & field-name2[bit#hi:bit#lo] bitmask [mask, fixval] }\**

(can't mix ranges and bitmasks)

# RISCV-CONFIG WARL Example1

# When base of mtvec depends on the mode field.

**WARL:**

**dependency\_fields:** [mtvec::mode]

**legal:**

- "[0] -> base[29:0] in [0x20000000, 0x20004000]" # can take only 2 fixed values when mode==0.
- "[1] -> base[29:6] in [0x00000:0xF00000] & base[5:0] in [0x00]" # 256 byte aligned when mode==1

**wr\_illegal:**

- "[0] -> **unchanged**"
- "[1] wr\_val in [0x2000000:0x4000000] -> 0x2000000" # predefined value if write value is in this range
- "[1] wr\_val in [0x4000001:0x3FFFFFFF] -> **unchanged**" # predefined value if write value is this range

# When base of mtvec depends on the mode field. Using bitmask instead of range

**WARL:**

**dependency\_fields:** [mtvec::mode]

**legal:**

- "[0] -> base[29:0] in [0x20000000, 0x20004000]" # can take only 2 fixed values when mode==0.
- "[1] -> base[29:0] **bitmask** [0x3FFFFFFC0, 0x00000000]" # 256 byte aligned when mode==1

**wr\_illegal:**

- "[0] -> **unchanged**" # no illegal for bitmask defined legal strings.

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# RISCV-CONFIG WARL Example2

# no dependencies. Mode field of mtvec can take only 2 legal values using range-descriptor

**WARL:**

**dependency\_fields:**

**legal:**

- "mode[1:0] in [0x0:0x1]"

# Range of 0 to 1 (inclusive)"

**wr\_illegal:**

- "0x00"

# default to 0 if not a legal value

# no dependencies. using single-value-descriptors

**WARL:**

**dependency\_fields:**

**legal:**

- "mode[1:0] in [0x0,0x1]"

# also Range of 0 to 1 (inclusive)"

**wr\_illegal:**

- "0x00"

- "[1] wr\_val in [0x2000000:0x4000000] -> 0x2000000 & wr\_val in [0x4000001:0x3FFFFFFF] -> **unchanged**