

Installation instructions

for tutorial: “A Tour of the RISC-V ISA Formal Specification”

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About this slide deck

This is a standalone slide deck that accompanies the main slide deck for the tutorial: “A Tour of the RISC-V ISA Formal Specification”, first presented at the RISC-V Summit, December 12, 2019, San Jose.

We recommend taking either Step A, or Steps A and B, depending on your objectives, in advance of the tutorial.

Step A: If you just want to learn how to *read and consult the spec*

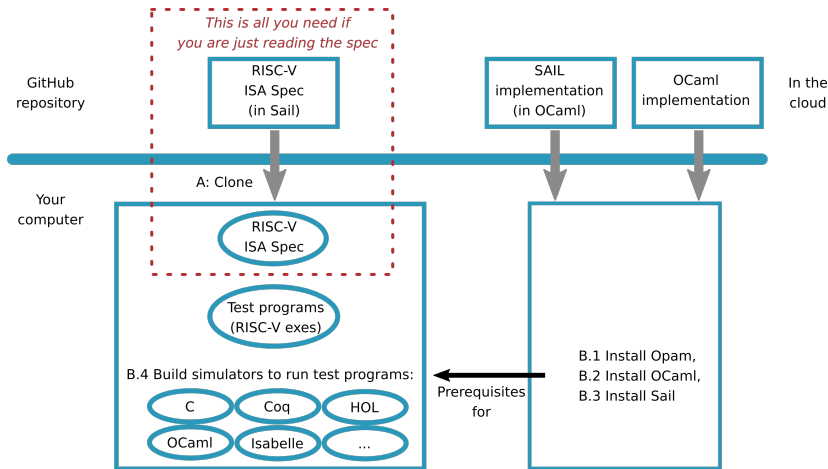
This merely git-clones a certain repo which contains the SAIL source code for the RISC-V ISA Formal Spec.

Step B: If you also want to learn how to *execute the spec*

This will compile a RISC-V ISA simulator from the SAIL formal spec, which you can use to execute:

- The standard suite of RISC-V ISA tests
- The standard RISC-V Compliance Test suite
- RISC-V ELF binaries that you create from other source codes

Installation Overview



Step A Installation: Cloning the SAIL RISC-V ISA Formal Spec

Just one step:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/rems-project/sail-riscv
```

What you get:

```
$ sail-riscv
```

```
$ tree -d
```

```
|-- ...
```

```
|-- model/
```

```
|-- ...
```

This directory contains all the spec files

That's all you need, for just reading and consulting (not executing) the spec!

Step B Installation: to create an executable version of the spec

Reminder: Step A is sufficient if you are only reading/consulting the spec. Step B is only necessary if you also want to build an executable version of the spec that can execute RISC-V binaries.

OS requirements

These instructions are for Debian/Ubuntu Linux. If you are running some other OS:

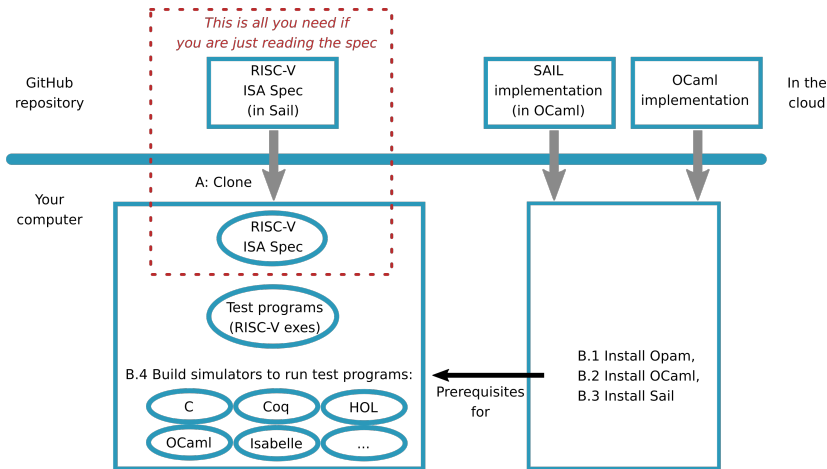
- You could install a virtual machine running Debian/Linux and follow these instructions.
- Opam, OCaml and SAIL will also install on other OSes. See the “Safety net” websites (below) for more information.

Safety net, in case things go wrong:

The instructions in these slides are collected here from various sources for your convenience. In case of trouble, the original full instructions can be found at:

- Installing Opam:
<https://opam.ocaml.org/doc/Install.html>
- Installing Ocaml for SAIL, and installing SAIL:
<https://github.com/rem-s-project/sail/blob/sail2/INSTALL.md>

Installation Overview



Step B.1: Installing Opam, the package manager for OCaml

Step B.1: Download the install script and run it

Download: <https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ocaml/opam/master/shell/install.sh>

Run the script:

```
$ sudo sh install.sh
## Downloading opam 2.0.5 for linux on x86_64...
## ...
## opam 2.0.5 installed to /usr/local/bin
## Run this script again with '--restore' to revert.
```

Or: Combine the above download-and-run into one line

Install curl if you don't already have it:

```
$ sudo apt-get install curl
```

Then, one line:

```
$ sudo sh <(curl -sL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ocaml/opam/master/shell/install.sh)
```


Step B.1: Installing Opam (contd.)

Step B.1: Verify successful opam installation

```
$ which opam
/usr/local/bin/opam
$ opam --version
2.0.5
```

Step B.2: Installing OCaml using Opam

Once Opam is installed, you can use it to install OCaml and SAIL. First, OCaml:

Step B.2: Installing OCaml

```
# Environment setup
$ opam init
$ eval $(opam env)
# Install specific version of OCaml
$ opam switch create ocaml-base-compiler.4.06.1
$ eval $(opam config env)
```

Verifying we've got OCaml

```
$ which ocaml
/home/nikhil/.opam/ocaml-base-compiler.4.06.1/bin/ocaml
$ ocaml -version

The OCaml toplevel, version 4.06.1
```

Note: 4.06.1 is not the latest version of OCaml, but it is known to be suitable for SAIL (it is the version used during CI of SAIL).

Step B.3: Installing SAIL using Opam

First, please install certain prerequisite libraries needed by SAIL (if not already installed on your system):

On .deb based Linux (Debian, Ubuntu, ...)

```
$ sudo apt-get install build-essential libgmp-dev  
$ sudo apt-get install z3 m4 pkg-config zlib1g-dev  
$ sudo apt-get install git rsync unzip  
$ sudo apt-get install device-tree-compiler
```

Needed by simulator

```
$ sudo apt-get install bubblewrap
```

Maybe (some people reported needing this)

On .rpm based Linux (Fedora, CentOS, ...)

```
$ sudo dnf install @development-tools gmp-devel  
$ sudo dnf install z3 m4 pkg-config zlib-devel  
$ sudo dnf install git rsync unzip  
$ sudo dnf install dtc
```

Needed by simulator

```
$ sudo dnf install bubblewrap
```

Maybe (some people reported needing this)

Step B.3 (contd.): Installing SAIL using Opam

Set up opam so it knows where to get SAIL

```
$ opam repository add rems https://github.com/rems-project/opam-repository.git
```

Install SAIL

```
$ opam install sail
```

Verify we've got it

```
$ which sail
/home/nikhil/.opam/ocaml-base-compiler.4.06.1/bin/sail
$ sail --help
Sail 0.11 (sail2 @ opam)
usage:  sail <options> <file1.sail> ... <fileN.sail>

-o <prefix> select output filename prefix
-i start interactive interpreter
...
```

Step B.4: Building RISC-V simulators from the SAIL spec

Simulators can be used to execute RISC-V binaries.

Building an RV64 RISC-V simulator from the SAIL spec:

```
$ cd sail-riscv          i.e., be in the git-cloned directory for sail-riscv  
$ make csim              RV64 is the default  
or  
$ make ARCH=RV64 csim
```

Creates executable: `c_emulator/riscv_sim_RV64`

Building an RV32 RISC-V simulator from the SAIL spec:

```
$ cd sail-riscv          i.e., be in the git-cloned directory for sail-riscv  
$ make ARCH=RV32 csim
```

Creates executable: `c_emulator/riscv_sim_RV32`

Note: During these builds, you may get some messages about incomplete pattern matches; you can ignore them.

Note: Omitting the 'csim' makefile target will also build all the targets, which include an OCaml-based simulator and material for Coq, Isabelle,

HOL4, ... (not necessary for this tutorial).

Step B.4: Test-drive your RV64 simulator (a smoke test)

Example: executing the `rv64ui-p-add` standard ISA test in the simulator

```
$ ./c_emulator/riscv_sim_RV64 test/riscv-tests/rv64ui-p-add.elf
...
tohost located at 0x80001000
...
Running file test/riscv-tests/rv64ui-p-add.elf.
ELF Entry @ 0x80000000
...
[0] [M]: 0x00000000000001000 (0x00000297) auipc t0, 0
...
[1] [M]: 0x00000000000001004 (0x02028593) addi a1, t0, 32
...
[2] [M]: 0x00000000000001008 (0xF1402573) csrrs a0, zero, mhartid
...
[477] [M]: 0x00000000800000044 (0xFC3F2023) sw gp, 4032(t5)
...
SUCCESS
```

During execution of the RISC-V binary, it prints out a trace of instructions executed.

Step B.4: Test-drive your RV32 simulator (a smoke test)

Example: executing the `rv32ui-p-add` standard ISA test in the simulator

```
$ ./c_emulator/riscv_sim_RV32 test/riscv-tests/rv32ui-p-add.elf
...
tohost located at 0x80001000
...
Running file test/riscv-tests/rv32ui-p-add.elf.
ELF Entry @ 0x80000000
...
[0] [M]: 0x00001000 (0x00000297) auipc t0, 0
...
[1] [M]: 0x00001004 (0x02028593) addi a1, t0, 32
...
[2] [M]: 0x00001008 (0xF1402573) csrrs a0, zero, mhartid
...
[472] [M]: 0x80000044 (0xFC3F2023) sw gp, 4032(t5)
...
SUCCESS
```

During execution of the RISC-V binary, it prints out a trace of instructions executed.