Sourcery G++ Lite ARM EABI Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-51 Getting Started



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Abstract

This guide explains how to install and build applications with Sourcery G++ Lite, CodeSourcery's customized and validated version of the GNU Toolchain. Sourcery G++ Lite includes everything you need for application development, including C and C++ compilers, assemblers, linkers, and libraries.

When you have finished reading this guide, you will know how to use Sourcery G++ from the command line.

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This preface introduces the Sourcery G++ Lite Getting Started guide. It explains the structure of this guide and describes the documentation conventions used.

1. Intended Audience

This guide is written for people who will install and/or use Sourcery G++ Lite. This guide provides a step-by-step guide to installing Sourcery G++ Lite and to building simple applications. Parts of this document assume that you have some familiarity with using the command-line interface.

2. Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters and appendices:

Chapter 1, "Quick Start"

This chapter includes a brief checklist to follow when installing and using Sourcery G++ Lite for the first time. You may use this chapter as an abbreviated guide to the rest of this manual.

Chapter 2, "Installation and Configuration"

This chapter describes how to download, install and configure Sourcery G++ Lite. This section describes the available installation options and explains how to set up your environment so that you can build applications.

Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI"

This chapter contains information about using Sourcery G++ Lite that is specific to ARM EABI targets. You should read this chapter to learn how to best use Sourcery G++ Lite on your target system.

Chapter 4, "Using Sourcery G++ from the Command Line"

This chapter explains how to build applications with Sourcery G++ Lite using the command line. In the process of reading this chapter, you will build a simple application that you can use as a model for your own programs.

Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The Code-Sourcery Common Startup Code Sequence" CS3 is CodeSourcery's low-level board support library. This chapter documents the boards supported by Sourcery G++ Lite and the compiler and linker options you need to use with them. It also explains how you can use and modify CS3-provided definitions for memory maps, system startup code and interrupt vectors in your own code.

Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite"

This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for remote debugging. The Sprite allows you to debug programs running on a bare board without an operating system. This chapter includes information about the debugging devices and boards supported by the Sprite for ARM EABI.

Chapter 7, "Next Steps with Sourcery G++"

This chapter describes where you can find additional documentation and information about using Sourcery G++ Lite and its components. It also provides information about Sourcery G++ subscriptions. CodeSourcery customers with Sourcery G++ subscriptions receive comprehensive support for Sourcery G++.

Appendix A, "Sourcery G++ Lite Release Notes"

This appendix contains information about changes in this release of Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI. You should read through these notes to learn about new features and bug fixes.

Appendix B, "Sourcery G++ Lite Licenses"

This appendix provides information about the software licenses that apply to Sourcery G++ Lite. Read this appendix to understand your legal rights and obligations as a user of Sourcery G++ Lite.

3. Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used in this guide:

> command arg ... A command, typed by the user, and its output. The ">" character is the

command prompt.

command The name of a program, when used in a sentence, rather than in literal

input or output.

literal Text provided to or received from a computer program.

placeholder Text that should be replaced with an appropriate value when typing a

command.

\ At the end of a line in command or program examples, indicates that a

long line of literal input or output continues onto the next line in the

document.

Chapter 1 Quick Start

This chapter includes a brief checklist to follow when installing and using Sourcery G++ Lite for the first time. You may use this chapter as an abbreviated guide to the rest of this manual.

Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI is intended for developers working on embedded applications or firmware for boards without an operating system, or that run an RTOS or boot loader. This Sourcery G++ configuration is not intended for Linux or uClinux kernel or application development.

Follow the steps given in this chapter to install Sourcery G++ Lite and build and run your first application program. The checklist given here is not a tutorial and does not include detailed instructions for each step; however, it will help guide you to find the instructions and reference information you need to accomplish each step.

You can find additional details about the components, libraries, and other features included in this version of Sourcery G++ Lite in Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI".

1.1. Installation and Set-Up

Install Sourcery G++ Lite on your host computer. You may download an installer package from the Sourcery G++ web site¹, or you may have received an installer on CD. The installer is an executable program that pops up a window on your computer and leads you through a series of dialogs to configure your installation. If the installation is successful, it will offer to launch the Getting Started guide. For more information about installing Sourcery G++ Lite, including host system requirements and tips to set up your environment after installation, refer to Chapter 2, "Installation and Configuration".

Install drivers for your debug device. If you plan to use the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite, you may need to install drivers, libraries, or other software on your host system. Refer to Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for a list of supported devices and information about installing drivers and other device set-up. Sourcery G++ Lite also supports third-party debug devices that communicate via the GDB remote serial protocol. If you plan to use one of these devices, follow the manufacturer's directions to connect the device and install any required drivers or software.

1.2. Configuring Sourcery G++ Lite for the Target System

Identify your target board. On bare-metal targets, you must explicitly specify a linker script for your target board on your link command line. Supported boards are listed in Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence". You can also choose a simulator as your target board.

1.3. Building Your Program

Build your program with Sourcery G++ command-line tools. Create a simple test program, and follow the directions in Chapter 4, "Using Sourcery G++ from the Command Line" to compile and link it using Sourcery G++ Lite. On bare-metal targets, you must specify a linker script using the -T option on your link command line. Supported boards and linker scripts are listed in Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence".

1.4. Running and Debugging Your Program

The steps to run or debug your program depend on your target system and how it is configured. Choose the appropriate method for your target.

http://www.codesourcery.com/gnu_toolchains/

Run or debug your program in the simulator. Sourcery G++ Lite includes an instruction-set simulator, which provides an easy way to run or debug your program without requiring target hardware. The simulator can be run directly from the command line (see Section 4.3, "Running Applications in the Simulator") or via the debugger (see Section 4.4, "Running Applications from GDB").

Debug your program on the target using the Debug Sprite. You can use the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite to load and execute your program on the target from the debugger. Refer to Section 4.4, "Running Applications from GDB" for instructions on using the Sprite from the GDB command line. Detailed reference material for the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite, including information about supported debug devices, can be found in Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite".

Debug your program on the target using a third-party debug device. Sourcery G++ supports debugging programs on the remote target using third-party debug devices that can communicate via the GDB remote serial protocol. For command-line GDB instructions, see Section 4.4, "Running Applications from GDB".

Chapter 2 Installation and Configuration

This chapter explains how to install Sourcery G++ Lite. You will learn how to:

- 1. Verify that you can install Sourcery G++ Lite on your system.
- 2. Download the appropriate Sourcery G++ Lite installer.
- 3. Install Sourcery G++ Lite.
- 4. Configure your environment so that you can use Sourcery G++ Lite.

2.1. Terminology

Throughout this document, the term *host system* refers to the system on which you run Sourcery G++ while the term *target system* refers to the system on which the code produced by Sourcery G++ runs. The target system for this version of Sourcery G++ is arm-none-eabi.

If you are developing a workstation or server application to run on the same system that you are using to run Sourcery G++, then the host and target systems are the same. On the other hand, if you are developing an application for an embedded system, then the host and target systems are probably different.

2.2. System Requirements

2.2.1. Host Operating System Requirements

This version of Sourcery G++ supports the following host operating systems and architectures:

- Microsoft Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7 systems using IA32, AMD64, and Intel 64 processors.
- GNU/Linux systems using IA32, AMD64, or Intel 64 processors, including Debian 3.1 (and later), Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 (and later), and SuSE Enterprise Linux 8 (and later).

Sourcery G++ is built as a 32-bit application. Therefore, even when running on a 64-bit host system, Sourcery G++ requires 32-bit host libraries. If these libraries are not already installed on your system, you must install them before installing and using Sourcery G++ Lite. Consult your operating system documentation for more information about obtaining these libraries.

Installing on Ubuntu and Debian GNU/Linux Hosts

The Sourcery G++ graphical installer is incompatible with the dash shell, which is the default /bin/sh for recent releases of the Ubuntu and Debian GNU/Linux distributions. To install Sourcery G++ Lite on these systems, you must make /bin/sh a symbolic link to one of the supported shells: bash, csh, tcsh, zsh, or ksh.

For example, on Ubuntu systems, the recommended way to do this is:

```
> sudo dpkg-reconfigure -plow dash
Install as /bin/sh? No
```

This is a limitation of the installer and uninstaller only, not of the installed Sourcery G++ Lite toolchain.

2.2.2. Host Hardware Requirements

In order to install and use Sourcery G++ Lite, you must have at least 512MB of available memory.

The amount of disk space required for a complete Sourcery G++ Lite installation directory depends on the host operating system and the number of target libraries included. When you start the graphical installer, it checks whether there is sufficient disk space before beginning to install. Note that the graphical installer also requires additional temporary disk space during the installation process. On Microsoft Windows hosts, the installer uses the location specified by the TEMP environment variable for these temporary files. If there is not enough free space on that volume, the installer

prompts for an alternate location. On Linux hosts, the installer puts temporary files in the directory specified by the IATEMPDIR environment variable, or /tmp if that is not set.

2.2.3. Target System Requirements

See Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI" for requirements that apply to the target system.

2.3. Downloading an Installer

If you have received Sourcery G++ Lite on a CD, or other physical media, then you do not need to download an installer. You may skip ahead to Section 2.4, "Installing Sourcery G++ Lite".

You can download Sourcery G++ Lite from the Sourcery G++ web site¹. This free version of Sourcery G++, which is made available to the general public, does not include all the functionality of Code-Sourcery's product releases. If you prefer, you may instead purchase or register for an evaluation of CodeSourcery's product toolchains at the Sourcery G++ Portal².

Once you have navigated to the appropriate web site, download the installer that corresponds to your host operating system. For Microsoft Windows systems, the Sourcery G++ installer is provided as an executable with the .exe extension. For GNU/Linux systems Sourcery G++ Lite is provided as an executable installer package with the .bin extension. You may also install from a compressed archive with the .tar.bz2 extension.

On Microsoft Windows systems, save the installer to the desktop. On GNU/Linux systems, save the download package in your home directory.

2.4. Installing Sourcery G++ Lite

The method used to install Sourcery G++ Lite depends on your host system and the kind of installation package you have downloaded.

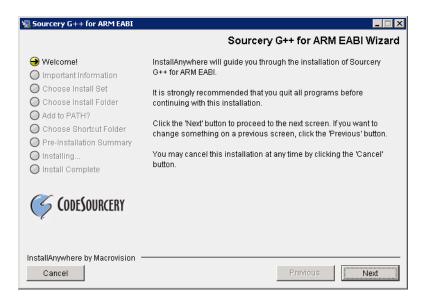
2.4.1. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Installer on Microsoft Windows

If you have received Sourcery G++ Lite on CD, insert the CD in your computer. On most computers, the installer then starts automatically. If your computer has been configured not to automatically run CDs, open My Computer, and double click on the CD. If you downloaded Sourcery G++ Lite, double-click on the installer.

After the installer starts, follow the on-screen dialogs to install Sourcery G++ Lite. The installer is intended to be self-explanatory and on most pages the defaults are appropriate.

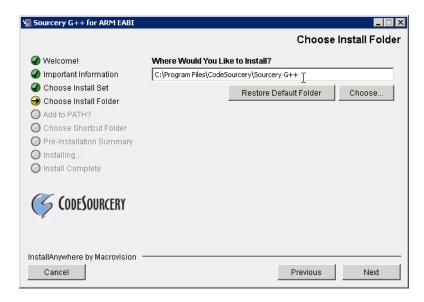
¹ http://www.codesourcery.com/gnu_toolchains/

² https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/



Running the Installer. The graphical installer guides you through the steps to install Sourcery G++ Lite.

You may want to change the install directory pathname and customize the shortcut installation.

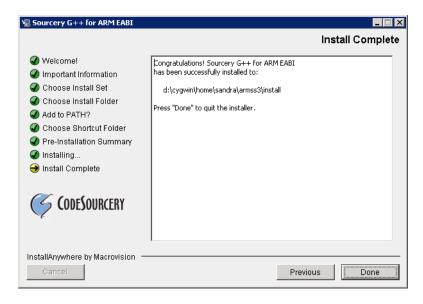


Choose Install Folder. Select the pathname to your install directory.



Choose Shortcut Folder. You can customize where the installer creates shortcuts for quick access to Sourcery G++ Lite.

When the installer has finished, it asks if you want to launch a viewer for the Getting Started guide. Finally, the installer displays a summary screen to confirm a successful install before it exits.



Install Complete. You should see a screen similar to this after a successful install.

If you prefer, you can run the installer in console mode rather than using the graphical interface. To do this, invoke the installer with the -i console command-line option. For example:

> /path/to/package.exe -i console

2.4.2. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Installer on GNU/Linux Hosts

Start the graphical installer by invoking the executable shell script:

> /bin/sh ./path/to/package.bin

After the installer starts, follow the on-screen dialogs to install Sourcery G++ Lite. For additional details on running the installer, see the discussion and screen shots in the Microsoft Windows section above.

If you prefer, or if your host system does not run the X Window System, you can run the installer in console mode rather than using the graphical interface. To do this, invoke the installer with the -i console command-line option. For example:

> /bin/sh ./path/to/package.bin -i console

2.4.3. Installing Sourcery G++ Lite from a Compressed Archive

You do not need to be a system administrator to install Sourcery G++ Lite from a compressed archive. You may install Sourcery G++ Lite using any user account and in any directory to which you have write access. This guide assumes that you have decided to install Sourcery G++ Lite in the \$HOME/CodeSourcery subdirectory of your home directory and that the filename of the package you have downloaded is /path/to/package.tar.bz2. After installation the toolchain will be in \$HOME/CodeSourcery/sourceryg++-2010.09.

First, uncompress the package file:

> bunzip2 /path/to/package.tar.bz2

Next, create the directory in which you wish to install the package:

> mkdir -p \$HOME/CodeSourcery

Change to the installation directory:

> cd \$HOME/CodeSourcery

Unpack the package:

> tar xf /path/to/package.tar

2.5. Installing Sourcery G++ Lite Updates

If you have already installed an earlier version of Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI on your system, it is not necessary to uninstall it before using the installer to unpack a new version in the same location. The installer detects that it is performing an update in that case.

If you are installing an update from a compressed archive, it is recommended that you remove any previous installation in the same location, or install in a different directory.

Note that the names of the Sourcery G++ commands for the ARM EABI target all begin with arm-none-eabi. This means that you can install Sourcery G++ for multiple target systems in the same directory without conflicts.

2.6. Setting up the Environment

As with the installation process itself, the steps required to set up your environment depend on your host operating system.

2.6.1. Setting up the Environment on Microsoft Windows Hosts

2.6.1.1. Setting the PATH

In order to use the Sourcery G++ tools from the command line, you should add them to your PATH. You may skip this step if you used the graphical installer, since the installer automatically adds Sourcery G++ to your PATH.

To set the PATH on a Microsoft Windows Vista system, use the following command in a cmd.exe shell:

```
> setx PATH "%PATH%;C:\Program Files\Sourcery G++\bin"
```

where $C:\Pr$ Files\Sourcery G++ should be changed to the path of your Sourcery G++ Lite installation.

To set the PATH on a system running Microsoft Windows 7, from the desktop bring up the Start menu and right click on Computer. Select Properties and click on Advanced system settings. Go to the Advanced tab, then click on the Environment Variables button. Select the PATH variable and click the Edit. Add the string ; C:\Program Files\Sourcery G++\bin to the end, and click OK. Be sure to adjust the pathname to reflect your actual installation directory.

To set the PATH on older versions of Microsoft Windows, from the desktop bring up the Start menu and right click on My Computer. Select Properties, go to the Advanced tab, then click on the Environment Variables button. Select the PATH variable and click the Edit. Add the string ;C:\Program Files\Sourcery G++\bin to the end, and click OK. Again, you must adjust the pathname to reflect your installation directory.

You can verify that your PATH is set up correctly by starting a new cmd. exe shell and running:

```
> arm-none-eabi-g++ -v
```

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-51.

2.6.1.2. Working with Cygwin

Sourcery G++ Lite does not require Cygwin or any other UNIX emulation environment. You can use Sourcery G++ directly from the Windows command shell. You can also use Sourcery G++ from within the Cygwin environment, if you prefer.

The Cygwin emulation environment translates Windows path names into UNIX path names. For example, the Cygwin path /home/user/hello.c corresponds to the Windows path c:\cygwin\home\user\hello.c. Because Sourcery G++ is not a Cygwin application, it does not, by default, recognize Cygwin paths.

If you are using Sourcery G++ from Cygwin, you should set the CYGPATH environment variable. If this environment variable is set, Sourcery G++ Lite automatically translates Cygwin path names into Windows path names. To set this environment variable, type the following command in a Cygwin shell:

```
> export CYGPATH=cygpath
```

To resolve Cygwin path names, Sourcery G++ relies on the cygpath utility provided with Cygwin. You must provide Sourcery G++ with the full path to cygpath if cygpath is not in your PATH. For example:

> export CYGPATH=c:/cygwin/bin/cygpath

directs Sourcery G++ Lite to use c:/cygwin/bin/cygpath as the path conversion utility. The value of CYGPATH must be an ordinary Windows path, not a Cygwin path.

2.6.2. Setting up the Environment on GNU/Linux Hosts

If you installed Sourcery G++ Lite using the graphical installer then you may skip this step. The installer does this setup for you.

Before using Sourcery G++ Lite you should add it to your PATH. The command you must use varies with the particular command shell that you are using. If you are using the C Shell (csh or tcsh), use the command:

```
> setenv PATH $HOME/CodeSourcery/Sourcery_G++/bin:$PATH
```

If you are using Bourne Shell (sh), the Korn Shell (ksh), or another shell, use:

- > PATH=\$HOME/CodeSourcery/Sourcery_G++/bin:\$PATH
- > export PATH

If you are not sure which shell you are using, try both commands. In both cases, if you have installed Sourcery G++ Lite in an alternate location, you must replace the directory above with bin subdirectory of the directory in which you installed Sourcery G++ Lite.

You may also wish to set the MANPATH environment variable so that you can access the Sourcery G++ manual pages, which provide additional information about using Sourcery G++. To set the MANPATH environment variable, follow the same steps shown above, replacing PATH with MANPATH, and bin with share/doc/sourceryg++-arm-none-eabi/man.

You can test that your PATH is set up correctly by running the following command:

```
> arm-none-eabi-g++ -v
```

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-51.

2.7. Uninstalling Sourcery G++ Lite

The method used to uninstall Sourcery G++ Lite depends on the method you originally used to install it. If you have modified any files in the installation it is recommended that you back up these changes. The uninstall procedure may remove the files you have altered. In particular, the arm-none-eabi directory located in the install directory will be removed entirely by the uninstaller.

2.7.1. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Uninstaller on Microsoft Windows

You should use the provided uninstaller to remove a Sourcery G++ Lite installation originally created by the graphical installer. Start the graphical uninstaller by invoking the Uninstall executable located in your installation directory, or use the uninstall shortcut created during installation. After the uninstaller starts, follow the on-screen dialogs to uninstall Sourcery G++ Lite.

You can run the uninstaller in console mode, rather than using the graphical interface, by invoking the Uninstall executable found in your Sourcery G++ Lite installation directory with the -i console command-line option.

To uninstall third-party drivers bundled with Sourcery G++ Lite, first disconnect the associated hardware device. Then use Uninstall a program (Vista and newer) or Add or Remove Programs (older versions of Windows) to remove the drivers separately. Depending on the device, you may need to reboot your computer to complete the driver uninstall.

2.7.2. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Uninstaller on GNU/Linux

You should use the provided uninstaller to remove a Sourcery G++ Lite installation originally created by the executable installer script. Start the graphical uninstaller by invoking the executable Uninstall shell script located in your installation directory. After the uninstaller starts, follow the on-screen dialogs to uninstall Sourcery G++ Lite.

You can run the uninstaller in console mode, rather than using the graphical interface, by invoking the Uninstall script with the -i console command-line option.

2.7.3. Uninstalling a Compressed Archive Installation

If you installed Sourcery G++ Lite from a .tar.bz2 file, you can uninstall it by manually deleting the installation directory created in the install procedure.

Chapter 3 Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI

This chapter contains information about features of Sourcery G++ Lite that are specific to ARM EABI targets. You should read this chapter to learn how to best use Sourcery G++ Lite on your target system.

3.1. Included Components and Features

This section briefly lists the important components and features included in Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI, and tells you where you may find further information about these features.

Component	Version	Notes		
GNU programming tools				
GNU Compiler Collection	4.5.1	Separate manual included.		
GNU Binary Utilities	2.20.51	Includes assembler, linker, and other utilities. Separate manuals included.		
Debugging support and simulators	Debugging support and simulators			
GNU Debugger	7.2.50	Separate manual included.		
Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for ARM	2010.09-51	See Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite".		
GDB Simulator	N/A	See Section 4.3, "Running Applications in the Simulator".		
Target libraries				
CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence	2010.09-51	See Chapter 5, "CS3 TM : The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence".		
Newlib C Library	1.18.0	Separate manuals included.		
Other utilities				
GNU Make	N/A	Build support on Windows hosts.		
GNU Core Utilities	N/A	Build support on Windows hosts.		

3.2. Library Configurations

Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI includes the following library configuration.

ARMv4 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float	
Command-line option(s):	default
Library subdirectory:	./

ARMv4 Thumb - Little-Endian, Soft-Float	
Command-line option(s):	-mthumb
Library subdirectory:	thumb/

ARMv7 Thumb-2 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float		
Command-line option(s):	-mthumb -march=armv7 -mfix-cortex-m3-ldrd	
Library subdirectory:	thumb2/	

ARMv6-M Thumb - Little-Endian, Soft-Float		
Command-line option(s):	-mthumb -march=armv6-m	
Library subdirectory:	armv6-m/	

Sourcery G++ includes copies of run-time libraries that have been built with optimizations for different target architecture variants or other sets of build options. Each such set of libraries is referred to as a *multilib*. When you link a target application, Sourcery G++ selects the multilib matching the build options you have selected.

Sourcery G++ Lite's library support includes linker scripts that pull in appropriate CS3 startup code, as well as the libraries themselves. You can find these linker scripts in multilib-specific subdirectories of the arm-none-eabi/lib directory of your Sourcery G++ install.

3.3. Using Flash Memory

Sourcery G++ Lite supports development and debugging of applications loaded into flash memory on ARM EABI targets. There are three steps involved:

- You must use an appropriate linker script that identifies the ROM memory region on your target board, and locates the program text within that region. Refer to Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The Code-Sourcery Common Startup Code Sequence" for information about the boards supported by Sourcery G++.
- 2. Next, load your program into the flash memory on your target board. You must use third-party tools to program the flash memory.
- 3. Finally, when debugging a program in flash memory, GDB must be told about the ROM region so that it knows where it must use hardware breakpoints to control program execution. If you are using the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite to debug your program, the Sprite does this automatically, using the memory map provided in the board configuration file. Otherwise, you must provide this information explicitly.

When using GDB from the command line, you can mark the flash memory as read-only by using the command:

```
(gdb) mem start end ro
```

where start and end define the address range of the read-only memory region.

Although GDB automatically attempts to use hardware breakpoints on code locations in the readonly memory region, on many targets the number of available hardware breakpoints is very small. Furthermore, GDB also uses hardware breakpoints internally to implement commands such as step, next, and finish. Thus the number of breakpoints you can explicitly set in ROM may be fewer than the number supported by the target system.

For example, ARM7TDMI cores support only one hardware breakpoint, which must also be used internally by the debugger if you set any software breakpoints in RAM. On ARM9 cores, there are two hardware breakpoints supported and one is consumed by the debugger if you set any software breakpoints.

3.4. Using VFP Floating Point

3.4.1. Enabling Hardware Floating Point

GCC provides three basic options for compiling floating-point code:

• Software floating point emulation, which is the default. In this case, the compiler implements floating-point arithmetic by means of library calls.

- VFP hardware floating-point support using the soft-float ABI. This is selected by the -mfloat-abi=softfp option. When you select this variant, the compiler generates VFP floating-point instructions, but the resulting code uses the same call and return conventions as code compiled with software floating point.
- VFP hardware floating-point support using the VFP ABI, which is the VFP variant of the Procedure Call Standard for the ARM® Architecture (AAPCS). This ABI uses VFP registers to pass function arguments and return values, resulting in faster floating-point code. To use this variant, compile with -mfloat-abi=hard.

You can freely mix code compiled with either of the first two variants in the same program, as they both use the same soft-float ABI. However, code compiled with the VFP ABI is not link-compatible with either of the other two options. If you use the VFP ABI, you must use this option to compile your entire program, and link with libraries that have also been compiled with the VFP ABI. For example, you may need to use the VFP ABI in order to link your program with other code compiled by the ARM RealView® compiler, which uses this ABI.

Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI includes libraries built with software floating point, which are compatible with VFP code compiled using the soft-float ABI. While the compiler is capable of generating code using the VFP ABI, no compatible runtime libraries are provided in Sourcery G++ Lite. However, VFP hard-float libraries built with both ABIs are available to Sourcery G++ Standard and Professional Edition subscribers.

Note that, in addition to selecting hard/soft float and the ABI via the <code>-mfloat-abi</code> option, you can also compile for a particular FPU using the <code>-mfpu</code> option. For example, <code>-mfpu=neon</code> selects VFPv3 with NEON coprocessor extensions.

3.4.2. NEON SIMD Code

Sourcery G++ includes support for automatic generation of NEON SIMD vector code. Autovectorization is a compiler optimization in which loops involving normal integer or floating-point code are transformed to use NEON SIMD instructions to process several data elements at once.

To enable generation of NEON vector code, use the command-line options -ftree-vectorize -mfpu=neon -mfloat-abi=softfp. The -mfpu=neon option also enables generation of VFPv3 scalar floating-point code.

Sourcery G++ also includes support for manual generation of NEON SIMD code using C intrinsic functions. These intrinsics, the same as those supported by the ARM RealView® compiler, are defined in the arm_neon.h header and are documented in the 'ARM NEON Intrinsics' section of the GCC manual. The command-line options -mfpu=neon -mfloat-abi=softfp must be specified to use these intrinsics; -ftree-vectorize is not required.

3.4.3. Half-Precision Floating Point

Sourcery G++ for ARM EABI includes support for half-precision (16-bit) floating point, including the new ___fp16 data type in C and C++, support for generating conversion instructions when compiling for processors that support them, and library functions for use in other cases.

To use half-precision floating point, you must explicitly enable it via the -mfp16-format command-line option to the compiler. For more information about ___fp16 representations and usage from C and C++, refer to the GCC manual.

3.5. ABI Compatibility

The Application Binary Interface (ABI) for the ARM Architecture is a collection of standards, published by ARM Ltd. and other organizations. The ABI makes it possible to combine tools from different vendors, including Sourcery G++ and ARM RealView®.

Sourcery G++ implements the ABI as described in these documents, which are available from the ARM Information Center¹:

- BSABI ARM IHI 0036B (28 October 2009)
- BPABI ARM IHI 0037B (28 October 2009)
- EHABI ARM IHI 0038A (28 October 2009)
- CLIBABI ARM IHI 0039B (4 November 2009)
- AADWARF ARM IHI 0040A (28 October 2009)
- CPPABI ARM IHI 0041C (5 October 2009)
- AAPCS ARM IHI 0042D (16 October 2009)
- RTABI ARM IHI 0043C (19 October 2009)
- AAELF ARM IHI 0044D (28 October 2009)
- ABI Addenda ARM IHI 0045C (4 November 2009)

Sourcery G++ currently produces DWARF version 2, rather than DWARF version 3 as specified in AADWARF.

3.6. ARM Profiling Implementation

Profiling is enabled by means of the -pg compiler option. In this mode, the compiler inserts a call to __gnu_mcount_nc into every function prologue. However, no implementation of __gnu_mcount_nc is provided (to do so would be impossible without knowledge of the execution environment).

You must provide your own implementation of __gnu_mcount_nc . Here are the requirements:

• On exit, pop the top value from the stack, and place it in the 1r register. The sp register should be adjusted accordingly. For example, this is how to write it as a stub function:

```
.globl __gnu_mcount_nc
    .type __gnu_mcount_nc, %function
__gnu_mcount_nc:
    mov ip, lr
    pop { lr }
    bx ip
```

¹ http://infocenter.arm.com

- Preserve all other register state except for r12 and the CPSR condition code bits. In particular all coprocessor state and registers r0-r3 must be preserved.
- Record and count all occurrences of the function calls in the program. The caller can be determined from the lr value stored on the top of the stack (on entry to __gnu_mcount_nc), and the callee can be determined from the current value of the lr register (i.e. the caller of this function).
- Arrange for the data to be saved to a file named gmon. out when the program exits (via atexit). Refer to the gprof profiler manual for more information.

3.7. Object File Portability

It is possible to create object files using Sourcery G++ for ARM EABI that are link-compatible with the GNU C library provided with Sourcery G++ for ARM GNU/Linux as well as with the Code-Sourcery C Library or Newlib C Library provided with ARM bare-metal toolchains. These object files are additionally link-compatible with other ARM C Library ABI-compliant static linking environments and toolchains.

To use this feature, when compiling your files with the bare-metal ARM EABI toolchain define the preprocessor constant _AEABI_PORTABILITY_LEVEL to 1 before including any system header files. For example, pass the option -D_AEABI_PORTABILITY_LEVEL=1 on your compilation command line. No special options are required when linking the resulting object files. When building applications for ARM EABI, files compiled with this definition may be linked freely with those compiled without it.

Files compiled in this manner may not use the functions fgetpos or fsetpos, or reference the type fpos_t. This is because Newlib assumes a representation for fpos_t that is not AEABI-compliant.

Note that object files are only portable from bare-metal toolchains to GNU/Linux, and not vice versa; object files compiled for ARM GNU/Linux targets cannot be linked into ARM EABI executables.

Chapter 4 Using Sourcery G++ from the Command Line

This chapter demonstrates the use of Sourcery G++ Lite from the command line.

4.1. Building an Application

This chapter explains how to build an application with Sourcery G++ Lite using the command line. As elsewhere in this manual, this section assumes that your target system is arm-none-eabi, as indicated by the arm-none-eabi command prefix.

Using an editor (such as notepad on Microsoft Windows or vi on UNIX-like systems), create a file named main.c containing the following simple factorial program:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int factorial(int n) {
   if (n == 0)
      return 1;
   return n * factorial (n - 1);
}

int main () {
   int i;
   int n;
   for (i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
      n = factorial (i);
      printf ("factorial(%d) = %d\n", i, n);
   }
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

Compile and link this program using the command:

```
> arm-none-eabi-gcc -o factorial main.c -T script
```

Sourcery G++ requires that you specify a linker script with the -T option to build applications for bare-board targets. Linker errors like undefined reference to `read' are a symptom of failing to use an appropriate linker script. Default linker scripts are provided in arm-none-eabi/lib. Refer to Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence" for information about the boards and linker scripts supported by Sourcery G++ Lite. You must also add the processor options for your board, as documented in that chapter, to your compile and link command lines.

There should be no output from the compiler. (If you are building a C++ application, instead of a C application, replace arm-none-eabi-gcc with arm-none-eabi-g++.)

4.2. Running Applications on the Target System

Consult your target board documentation for instructions on loading programs onto the target, and running them. Alternatively, you can use the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite from within GDB to download and run programs on the target via a supported hardware debugging device.

4.3. Running Applications in the Simulator

Sourcery G++ Lite includes a simulator that you can use on the host system to run programs compiled for the target system. Since you do not need target hardware, this is the easiest way to try out Sourcery G++.

To use the simulator run:

```
> arm-none-eabi-run factorial
```

You should see the expected output:

```
factorial(0) = 1
factorial(1) = 1
factorial(2) = 2
factorial(3) = 6
factorial(4) = 24
factorial(5) = 120
factorial(6) = 720
factorial(7) = 5040
factorial(8) = 40320
factorial(9) = 362880
```

You can also use the simulator to execute target programs when debugging with GDB. See Section 4.4, "Running Applications from GDB" for more information.

The simulator supports the ARMv4 (StrongARM), ARMv4T (ARM7TDMI, ARM920, ARM9TDMI), ARMv5, and ARMv5TE (ARM926, Xscale) instruction sets. The arm-none-eabi-run simulator also includes support for Thumb instructions.

4.4. Running Applications from GDB

You can run GDB, the GNU Debugger, on your host system to debug programs running remotely on a target board or system. You can also run and debug programs using the GDB simulator.

When starting GDB, give it the pathname to the program you want to debug as a command-line argument. For example, if you have built the factorial program as described in Section 4.1, "Building an Application", enter:

```
> arm-none-eabi-gdb factorial
```

While this section explains the alternatives for using GDB to run and debug application programs, explaining the use of the GDB command-line interface is beyond the scope of this document. Please refer to the GDB manual for further instructions.

4.4.1. Connecting to the GDB Simulator

GDB includes a simulator that allows you to debug ARM EABI applications without target hardware. To start and connect to the simulator from within GDB, use this command:

```
(gdb) target sim
```

4.4.2. Connecting to the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite

The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite is a program that runs on the host system to support hardware debugging devices. You can use the Debug Sprite to run and debug programs on a target board without an operating system, or to debug an operating system kernel. See Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for detailed information about the supported devices.

You can start the Sprite directly from within GDB:

(gdb) target remote | arm-none-eabi-sprite arguments

Refer to Section 6.3, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for a full description of the Sprite arguments.

4.4.3. Connecting to an External GDB Server

From within GDB, you can connect to a running gdbserver or other debugging stub that uses the GDB remote protocol using:

(gdb) target remote host:port

where *host* is the host name or IP address of the machine the stub is running on, and *port* is the port number it is listening on for TCP connections.

4.4.4. Loading and Running Applications

Connecting to a bare-metal target or simulator from GDB does not cause your program to be loaded into target memory. You must do this explicitly from GDB after you connect:

(gdb) load

Alternatively, you can use third-party tools to load your application into flash memory before starting GDB.

To begin execution of your application, you should generally use the continue command:

(gdb) continue

However, you should use run instead of continue to start your program if you used target sim to connect:

(gdb) run

Chapter 5 CS3™: The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence

CS3 is CodeSourcery's low-level board support library. This chapter documents the boards supported by Sourcery G++ Lite and the compiler and linker options you need to use with them. It also explains how you can use and modify CS3-provided definitions for memory maps, system startup code and interrupt vectors in your own code.

Many developers turn to the GNU toolchain for its cross-platform consistency: having a single system support so many different processors and boards helps to limit risk and keep learning curves gentle. Historically, however, the GNU toolchain has lacked a consistent set of conventions for processorand board-level initialization, language run-time setup, and interrupt and trap handler definition.

The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence (CS3) addresses this problem. For each supported system, CS3 provides a set of linker scripts describing the system's memory map, and a board support library providing generic reset, startup, and interrupt handlers. These scripts and libraries all follow a standard set of conventions across a range of processors and boards.

In addition to providing linker support, CS3's functionality is fully integrated with the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite. For each supported board, CS3 provides the board file containing the memory map and initialization sequence required for debugging applications on the board via the Sprite, as documented in Section 6.9, "Supported Board Files".

This chapter is organized in two parts. The first part explains CS3 concepts:

- Section 5.1, "Linker Scripts" provides basic information you need to know in order to select an appropriate CS3-provided linker script for your ARM EABI board.
- CS3's program startup and termination model is discussed in Section 5.2, "Program Startup and Termination".
- Section 5.3, "Memory Layout" discusses the mapping from program sections to memory regions. It also explains how you can refer to memory regions using CS3-provided symbolic names from C, assembly language, or the linker script, and customize placement of code or data in your program.
- Section 5.4, "Interrupt Vectors and Handlers" covers CS3's interrupt handling model, and discusses how you can customize the CS3-provided interrupt vector tables.

The second part provides details about the CS3 implementation for ARM EABI:

- Section 5.5, "Supported Boards for ARM EABI" lists the boards supported by CS3 for ARM EABI, and the available linker scripts for them.
- Section 5.6, "Interrupt Vector Tables" documents the details of the provided interrupt vectors for CS3-supported devices.

5.1. Linker Scripts

When you build programs for ARM EABI targets, you must use a linker script. The linker script serves several purposes:

- It determines the memory addresses for placement of code and data sections.
- It defines symbolic names for memory regions present on the board, which you can use programmatically within your code.
- It provides appropriate program startup and termination code, and causes the linker to pull in any low-level board support libraries that are required to run code on the target.
- It optionally provides a *hosting* library for basic I/O functionality.
- It provides a default interrupt vector appropriate for the target processor.

When invoking the Sourcery G++ linker from the command line, you must explicitly supply a linker script using the -T option; otherwise a link error results.

CS3 may provide multiple linker scripts for different configurations using the same board. For example, on some boards CS3 may support running the program from either RAM or ROM (flash). Some CS3 link configurations are also designed to co-exist with, or be run from, a boot monitor on the target board. Simulator targets typically require different startup code configurations than hardware targets. In CS3 terminology, each of these different configurations is referred to as a *profile*.

The remainder of this section discusses profile and hosting selection considerations in more detail. You can find the full list of supported boards and linker scripts included in this release of Sourcery G++ Lite in Section 5.5, "Supported Boards for ARM EABI".

5.1.1. Program and Data Placement

Many boards have both RAM and ROM (flash) memory devices. CS3 provides distinct linker scripts to place the application either entirely in RAM, or to place code and read-only data in ROM.

Some boards have very small amounts of RAM memory. If you use large library functions (such as printf and malloc), you may overflow the available memory. You may need to use the ROM-based profile for such programs, so that the program itself is stored in ROM. You may be able to reduce the total amount of memory used by your program by replacing portions of the Sourcery G++ runtime library and/or startup code.

5.1.2. Hosting and Semihosting

CS3 is designed to support boards without an operating system. To allow functions like open and write to work without operating system support, a *semihosting* feature is supported, in conjunction with the debugger.

With semihosting enabled, these system calls are translated into equivalent function calls on your host system. You can only use these function calls while connected to the debugger; if you try to use them when disconnected from the debugger, you will get a hardware exception.

Semihosting requires support from the remote GDB debugging stub or agent, as well as the debugger itself. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite implements semihosting for all supported devices. Semihosting is also supported by the GDB Simulator included with Sourcery G++ Lite. However, semihosting may not be supported by debugging stubs provided by third parties. If you are using a debug device that communicates with GDB using the GDB remote protocol, check the documentation for your device to see whether semihosting is supported.

A good use of semihosting is to display debugging messages. For example, this program prints a message on the debugger console on the host:

```
#include <unistd.h>
int main () {
  write (STDERR_FILENO, "Hello, world!\n", 14);
  return 0;
}
```

The hosted CS3 linker scripts provide the semihosting support, and as such programs linked with them may only be run with the debugger. For production code, or programs where memory usage is tightly constrained, use the unhosted CS3 linker scripts instead. These scripts provide stub versions of the system calls, which return an appropriate error value in errno. If such a stub system call is

required in the executable, the linker also produces a warning. Such a warning may indicate that you have left debugging code active, or that your program contains unused code.

As an alternative to semihosting via the debugger, some targets supported by CS3 can run a boot monitor that provides console I/O services and other basic system calls. CS3 can also provide hosting via these facilities; where a boot monitor is supported, this is noted in the board tables below. Unlike semihosting, hosting via the boot monitor can be used when running programs outside of the debugger.

5.1.3. Specifying a Linker Script

When using Sourcery G++ from the command line or from a Makefile, you must add -T script to your linking command, where script is the appropriate linker script. For example, to target Altera Cyclone III Cortex-M1 boards, you could link with -T cycloneiii-cm1-ram-hosted.ld.

5.2. Program Startup and Termination

This section documents CS3's model for target initialization prior to invoking the main function of your program, and aspects of program termination that are left unspecified in the C and C++ standards. It explains how you can customize or override the default behavior for your application.

CS3 divides the startup sequence into three phases:

- The *hard reset phase* (__cs3_reset) includes actions such as initializing the memory controller and setting up the memory map.
- The *assembly initialization phase* (__cs3_start_asm) prepares the stack to run C code, and jumps to the C initialization function.
- The *C initialization phase* (__cs3_start_c) is responsible for initializing the data areas, running constructors for statically-allocated objects, and calling main.

The hard reset and assembly initialization phases are necessarily written in assembly language; at reset, there may not yet be stack to hold compiler temporaries, or perhaps even any RAM accessible to hold the stack. These phases do the minimum necessary to prepare the environment for running simple C code. Then, the code for the final phase may be written in C; CS3 leaves as much as possible to be done at this point.

The CodeSourcery board support library provides default code for all three phases. The hard reset phase is implemented by board- and profile-specific code. The assembly initialization phase is implemented by profile-specific code. The C initialization phase is implemented by generic code.

5.2.1. The Hard Reset Phase

This phase, which begins at __cs3_reset, is responsible for initializing board-specific registers, such as memory base registers and DRAM controllers, or scanning memory to check the available size. It is written in assembler and ends with a jump to __cs3_start_asm, which is where the assembly initialization phase begins.

The hard reset code is in a section named .cs3.reset. CS3 linker scripts define __cs3_reset as an alias for a board- and profile-specific entry point. You may override the CS3-provided reset code by defining your own __cs3_reset entry point in the .cs3.reset section.

Program execution always begins at __cs3_reset, whether the program is started from the reset vector, the debugger, or a boot monitor. However, the __cs3_reset code linked into the application

is typically non-empty only for ROM-based profiles. For example, in a RAM-based profile, resetting the memory controllers would overwrite the code being executed.

When using the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite, the Sprite is responsible for carrying out the hard reset actions before the program is loaded onto the target. This is performed prior to execution of both RAM- and ROM-profile applications from the debugger. Thus, when debugging a ROM-profile application, hard reset is actually performed twice — once by the Sprite, and once by the application itself.

5.2.2. The Assembly Initialization Phase

This phase is responsible for initializing the stack pointer and creating an initial stack frame. The symbol __cs3_start_asm marks the entry point of the assembly initialization code. The assembly initialization phase ends with a call or jump to __cs3_start_c.

The assembly initialization phase is profile-specific. For example, while bare-board applications typically must initialize the stack themselves, CS3 also supports boot-monitor profiles where the stack is initialized by the boot monitor before it launches the application. Likewise, some simulators automatically initialize the stack pointer and initial stack frame on startup, while others require a supervisory operation on startup to determine the amount of available memory. Each of these scenarios requires different assembly initialization behavior.

Note that on bare-board targets setting the stack pointer explicitly in the assembly initialization phase is required even if the processor itself initializes the stack pointer automatically on reset. This is to support running programs from the debugger as well as from processor reset.

For backwards compatibility with previous versions of CS3, on RAM and ROM profiles the symbol __cs3_start_asm is actually an alias for a symbol named _start. However, referencing or defining _start directly is now deprecated.

The value of the symbol __cs3_stack provides the initial value of the stack pointer for profiles that must set it explicitly. The CodeSourcery linker scripts provide a default value for this symbol, which you may override by defining __cs3_stack yourself.

The initial stack frame is created for the use of ordinary C and C++ calling conventions. The stack should be initialized so that backtraces stop cleanly at this point; this might entail zeroing a dynamic link pointer, or providing hand-written DWARF call frame information.

The last action of the assembly initialization phase is to call the C function __cs3_start_c. This function never returns, and __cs3_start_asm need not be prepared to handle a return from it.

As with the hard reset code, the CodeSourcery board support library provides reasonable default assembly initialization code. However, you may provide your own code by providing a definition for cs3 start asm, either in an object file or a library.

5.2.3. The C Initialization Phase

Finally, C code can be executed. The C startup function is declared as follows:

```
void __cs3_start_c (void) __attribute__ ((noreturn));
```

This function performs the following steps:

 Initialize all .data-like sections by copying their contents. For example, ROM-profile linker scripts use this mechanism to initialize writable data in RAM from the read-only data program image.

- Clear all .bss-like sections.
- Run constructors for statically-allocated objects, recorded using whatever conventions are usual for C++ on the target architecture.

CS3 reserves priorities from 0 to 100 for use by initialization code. You can handle tasks like enabling interrupts, initializing coprocessors, pointing control registers at interrupt vectors, and so on by defining constructors with appropriate priorities.

- Call main as appropriate.
- Call exit, if it is available.

As with the hard reset and assembly initialization code, the CodeSourcery board support library provides a reasonable definition for the __cs3_start_c function. You may override this by providing a definition for __cs3_start_c, either in an object file or in a library.

5.2.4. Arguments to main

The CodeSourcery-provided definition of __cs3_start_c can pass command-line arguments to main using the normal Cargc and argv mechanism if the board support package provides corresponding definitions for __cs3_argc and __cs3_argv. For example:

```
int __cs3_argc;
char **__cs3_argv;
```

These variables should be initialized using a constructor function, which is run by __cs3_start_c after it initializes the data segment. Use the constructor attribute on the function definition:

```
__attribute__((constructor))
static void __cs3_init_args (void) {
    __cs3_argc = ...;
    __cs3_argv = ...;
}
```

The constructor function may have an arbitrary name; __cs3_init_args is used only for illustrative purposes here.

If definitions of __cs3_argc and __cs3_argv are not provided, then the default __cs3_start_c function invokes main with zero as the argc argument and a null pointer as argv.

5.2.5. Program Termination

A program running on an embedded system is usually designed never to exit — it runs until the system is powered down. The C and C++ standards leave it unspecified as to whether exit is called at program termination. If the program never exits, then there is no reason to include exit, facilities to run functions registered with atexit, or global destructors. This code would never be run and would therefore just waste space in the application.

The CS3 startup code, by itself, does not cause exit to be present in the application. It dynamically checks whether exit is present, and only calls it if it is. If you require exit to be present, either refer to it within your application, or add -Wl, -u, exit to the linking command line.

Similarly, code to register global destructors is only invoked when atexit is already in the executable; CS3, by itself, does not cause atexit to be present. If you require atexit, either refer to it within your application, or add -Wl, -u, atexit to the linking command line.

5.3. Memory Layout

Boards supported by CS3 can have multiple banks or regions of memory with different characteristics. This section describes how program sections are mapped onto memory regions, and how you can use these CS3 features to customize placement of your program's code or data in memory. CS3 also provides a uniform set of symbolic names for each region, allowing you to programmatically refer to each region's address range from C or assembly language as well as from the linker script.

5.3.1. Memory Regions and Program Sections

The regions that are available on a particular board are listed in the table for that board in Section 5.5, "Supported Boards for ARM EABI", below. There are two kinds of regions: those documented as "Memory regions", which are general-purpose memory banks that can be used for program or data storage; and those documented as "Other regions", which typically correspond to memory-mapped control registers or other special-purpose storage.

CS3 supports boards that include both ram and rom memory regions. The ram region holds the .data and .bss sections, and the .text section in RAM profiles. In ROM profiles, the rom region holds the .text section and initialization values for the writable data sections.

In addition, all regions documented as "Memory regions" correspond to similarly-named program sections. For example, the linker script assigns the .ram section to the ram region.

More generally, for a memory region named R, CS3 linker scripts define a section named . R, which may contain initialized data or code. There is also a section named . bss . R for zero-initialized data (BSS), which is placed after the initialized data section for this region.

You can explicitly locate data or code in a section corresponding to a particular memory region using section attributes in your source C or C++ code. Section attributes are especially useful on code compiled for boards that include special memory banks, such as a fast on-chip cache memory, in addition to the default ram and/or rom regions. CS3's start-up code arranges for additional data-like sections to be initialized in the same way as the default .data section.

As an example to illustrate the attribute syntax, you can put a variable v in the .ram section using:

```
int v __attribute__ ((section (".ram")));
```

To declare a function f in this section, use:

```
int f (void) __attribute__ ((section (".ram"))) {...}
```

For more information about attribute syntax, see the GCC manual.

In addition to the .R and .bss.R sections, CS3 places a .cs3.region-head.R section at the beginning of each region R. Explicitly placing data in .cs3.region-head.R sections is discouraged, because CS3 itself may want to place items (like interrupt vector tables) at these locations. If there is a conflict, CS3 raises an error at link time.

Regions documented as "Other regions" in the tables in Section 5.5, "Supported Boards for ARM EABI" do not have corresponding program sections. Typically, these regions contain memory-mapped control and I/O registers and cannot be used for general data or program storage. If your program needs to manipulate data in these regions, you can use the CS3 memory map access interface declared in cs3.h, as described in Section 5.3.2, "Programmatic Access to the CS3 Memory Map".

Memory maps for boards supported by Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI are documented in XML files in the arm-none-eabi/lib/boards/ subdirectory of your Sourcery G++ installation directory.

5.3.2. Programmatic Access to the CS3 Memory Map

CS3 makes C declarations describing the memory regions on the target board available to your program via the header file cs3.h, which you can find in the arm-none-eabi/include directory within your install.

For each region named R, cs3.h declares a byte array variable __cs3_region_start_R at the region's start address, and a size_t variable __cs3_region_size_R to represent the total size of the region. These symbols are defined by the linker script and so may also be referenced from assembly language. Note that all regions are aligned on eight-byte boundaries and sizes are also multiples of eight bytes.

For memory regions that can correspond to program sections (as described in Section 5.3.1, "Memory Regions and Program Sections"), there are additional symbols __cs3_region_init_R and __cs3_region_init_size_R that describe constant data used to initialize the region. During the C initialization phase (Section 5.2, "Program Startup and Termination"), this data is copied into the lower part of the memory region. The symbol __cs3_region_zero_size_R represents the size of the zero-initialized .bss.R section following the initialized data. Any of these identifiers may actually be defined as a preprocessor macro that expands to an expression of the appropriate type and value.

To perform the memory region initializations during startup, CS3 internally uses the array variable __cs3_regions, which contains descriptors for all of the writable (RAM) memory regions. These descriptors are also exposed in cs3.h; refer to the header file for details.

5.3.3. Heap and Stack Placement

CS3 linker scripts provide default placement of the heap and stack in the RAM region. However, you can override the defaults by providing your own definitions of the associated CS3 variables. For example, you may put the heap and/or stack in some other memory region.

Heap placement is controlled by defining the symbol __cs3_heap_start at the beginning of the heap, and either the symbol __cs3_heap_end or the pointer variable __cs3_heap_limit to mark the end of the heap. For example, this fragment of C code places the heap in a region named extsram:

```
#define HEAPSIZE ... /* However big you want to make it. */
unsigned char __cs3_heap_start[HEAPSIZE]
    __attribute__ ((section (".bss.extsram"), aligned(8)));
unsigned char *__cs3_heap_limit = __cs3_heap_start + HEAPSIZE;
```

The default initial stack pointer for bare-metal profiles is given by the symbol __cs3_stack. Stack initialization is discussed in more detail in Section 5.2.2, "The Assembly Initialization Phase".

You can find C declarations for the CS3 heap and stack symbols in the header file cs3.h.

5.4. Interrupt Vectors and Handlers

CS3 provides standard handlers for interrupts, exceptions and traps, but also allows you to define your own handlers as needed. In this section, we use the term *interrupt* as a generic term for this entire class of events.

Different processors handle interrupts in various ways, but there are two general approaches:

- Some processors fetch an address from an array indexed by the interrupt number, and jump to that address. We call these *address vector* processors.
- Others multiply the interrupt number by some constant factor, add a base address, and jump directly
 to that address. Here, the interrupt vector consists of blocks of code, so we call these *code vector*processors.
- Still other processors use a more complicated descriptor mechanism for the interrupt table.

M-profile processors like the Cortex-M3 use the address vector model. Classic ARM processors (including ARM7/ARM9 as well as Cortex-A/R series processors) are technically code vector processors. However, each vector slot only holds a single instruction. CS3 emulates the address vector model on these processors by placing an indirect branch instruction in each slot of the real exception vector. The remainder of this section assumes that you have some understanding of the specific requirements for your target; refer to the architecture manuals if necessary.

5.4.1. ARM EABI Interrupt Vector Implementation

On address vector processors, the CS3 library provides an array of pointers to interrupt handlers named __cs3_interrupt_vector_form, where form identifies the particular processor variant the vector is appropriate for. Each entry in the vector holds a reference to a symbol named __cs3_isr_name, where name is the customary name of that interrupt on the processor, or a number if there is no consistently used name. You can find the interrupt vector details in Section 5.6, "Interrupt Vector Tables". The particular vector used by a given CS3-supported board is documented in the tables in Section 5.5, "Supported Boards for ARM EABI".

CS3 provides a reasonable default definition for each __cs3_isr_name handler. Many of these symbols are aliased to a common handler routine. If your program stops at a default interrupt handler, its name as shown in backtraces may therefore not correctly reflect which interrupt occurred.

To override an individual handler, provide your own definition for the appropriate __cs3_isr_name symbol. The definition need not be placed in any particular object file section.

To override the entire interrupt vector, you can define __cs3_interrupt_vector_form. You must place this definition in a section named .cs3.interrupt_vector. The linker script reports an error if the .cs3.interrupt_vector section is empty, to ensure that the definition of __cs3_interrupt_vector_form occupies the proper section.

You may define the vector in C with an array of pointers using the section attribute to place it in the appropriate section. For example, to override the interrupt vector on Altera Cyclone III Cortex-M1 boards, make the following definition:

```
typedef void handler(void);
handler *__attribute__((section (".cs3.interrupt_vector")))
    __cs3_interrupt_vector_micro[] =
{ ... };
```

5.4.2. Writing Interrupt Handlers

Interrupt handlers typically require special call/return and register usage conventions that are target-specific and beyond the scope of this document. In many cases, normal C functions cannot be used as interrupt handlers. For example, the EABI requires that the stack be 8-byte aligned, but on some ARMv7-M processors, only 4-byte stack alignment is guaranteed when calling an interrupt vector. This can cause subtle runtime failures, usually when 8-byte types are used.

As an alternative to writing interrupt handlers in assembly language, on ARM targets they may be written in C using the interrupt attribute. This tells the compiler to generate appropriate function entry and exit sequences for an interrupt handler. For example, to override the __cs3_isr_nmi handler, use the following definition:

```
void __attribute__ ((interrupt)) __cs3_isr_nmi (void)
{
    ... custom handler code ...
}
```

On ARM targets, the interrupt attribute also takes an optional parameter to specify the type of interrupt. Refer to the GCC manual for more details about attribute syntax and usage.

5.5. Supported Boards for ARM EABI

CS3 provides support for the following boards on ARM EABI targets.

Altera Cyclone III Cortex-M1			
Processor name:	Cortex-M1		
Processor options:	-mcpu=cortex-m	1 -mthumb	
Memory regions:	itcm, ram (SRAM), rom (Flash)	ram (SRAM),	
Interrupt vector:	cs3_interrupt_vector_micro		
Linker scripts:	RAM Hosted	cycloneiii-cml-ram-hosted.ld	
	RAM Unhosted	cycloneiii-cml-ram.ld	
	ROM Hosted	cycloneiii-cml-rom-hosted.ld	
	ROM Unhosted	cycloneiii-cml-rom.ld	

ARM M-profile Simulator			
Processor name:	Cortex-M3	Cortex-M3	
Processor options:	-mcpu=cortex-m	-mcpu=cortex-m3 -mthumb	
Memory regions:	ram		
Interrupt vector:	cs3_interrupt_vector_micro		
Linker scripts:	Simulator Hosted generic-m-hosted.ld		
	Simulator Unhosted	generic-m.ld	

ARM Simulator			
Processor name:	unspecified	unspecified	
Processor options:	none	none	
Memory regions:	ram		
Interrupt vector:	cs3_interrupt_vector_arm		
Linker scripts:	Simulator Hosted generic-hosted.ld		
	Simulator Unhosted	generic.ld	

ARM Simulator (VFP)		
Processor name:	unspecified	
Processor options:	none	
Memory regions:	ram	
Interrupt vector:	cs3_interrupt_vector_arm	
Linker scripts:	Simulator Hosted generic-vfp-hosted.ld	
	Simulator Unhosted generic-vfp.ld	

ARMulator (RDI)	ARMulator (RDI)		
Processor name:	unspecified	unspecified	
Processor options:	none		
Memory regions:	ram		
Interrupt vector:	cs3_interrupt_vector_arm		
Linker scripts:	RAM Hosted armulator-ram-hosted.ld		
	RAM Unhosted	armulator-ram.ld	

5.6. Interrupt Vector Tables

5.6.1. __cs3_interrupt_vector_arm

The ARM interrupt vector table ($_ cs3_interrupt_vector_arm$) contents are:

Number	Name	Meaning
0	cs3_reset	Reset entry point
1	cs3_isr_undef	Undefined Instruction
2	cs3_isr_swi	Software Interrupt/Supervisor Call
3	cs3_isr_pabort	Prefetch Abort
4	cs3_isr_dabort	Data Abort
5	cs3_isr_reserved	
6	cs3_isr_irq	External Interrupt (IRQ)
7	cs3_isr_fiq	Fast Interrupt (FIQ)

5.6.2. __cs3_interrupt_vector_micro

The Microcontroller Profile interrupt vector table ($_ cs3_interrupt_vector_micro$) contents are:

Number	Name	Meaning
0	cs3_stack	Initial stack pointer
1	cs3_reset	Reset entry point
2	cs3_isr_nmi	Non Maskable Interrupt
3	cs3_isr_hard_fault	Hardware fault
4	cs3_isr_mpu_fault	MPU fault
5	cs3_isr_bus_fault	Bus fault
6	cs3_isr_usage_fault	Usage fault
710	cs3_isr_reserved_710	Reserved for future use
11	cs3_isr_svcall	System Vector Call
12	cs3_isr_debug	Debug interrupt
13	cs3_isr_reserved_13	Reserved for future use
14	cs3_isr_pendsv	
15	cs3_isr_systick	System Ticker
1647	cs3_isr_external_031	External interrupt

Chapter 6 Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite

This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for remote debugging. The Sprite allows you to debug programs running on a bare board without an operating system. This chapter includes information about the debugging devices and boards supported by the Sprite for ARM EABI.

Sourcery G++ Lite contains the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for ARM EABI. This Sprite is provided to allow debugging of programs running on a bare board. You can use the Sprite to debug a program when there is no operating system on the board, or for debugging the operating system itself. If the board is running an operating system, and you wish to debug a program running on that OS, you should use the facilities provided by the OS itself (for instance, using gdbserver).

The Sprite acts as an interface between GDB and external debug devices and libraries. Refer to Section 6.3, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for information about the specific devices supported by this version of Sourcery G++ Lite.

Important

The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite is not part of the GNU Debugger and is not free or open-source software. You may use the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite only with the GNU Debugger. You may not distribute the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite to any third party.

6.1. Probing for Debug Devices

Before running the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for the first time, or when attaching new debug devices to your host system, it is helpful to verify that the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite recognizes your debug hardware. From the command line, invoke the Sprite with the -i option:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite -i
```

This prints out a list of supported device types. For devices that can be autodetected, it additionally probes for and prints out a list of attached devices. For instance:

```
CodeSourcery ARM Debug Sprite
   (Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-51)
armusb: [speed=<n:0-7>] ARMUSB (Stellaris) device
   armusb://0B01000C - Stellaris Evaluation Board (0B01000C)
rdi: (rdi-library=<file>&rdi-config=<file>) RDI Device
   rdi:/// - RDI Device
```

This shows that ARMUSB and RDI devices are supported. The exact set of supported devices depends on your host system and the version of Sourcery G++ you have installed; refer to Section 6.3, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for complete information.

Note that it may take several seconds for the Debug Sprite to probe for all types of supported devices.

6.2. Debug Sprite Example

Start by compiling and linking a simple test program for your target board, following the instructions in Chapter 4, "Using Sourcery G++ from the Command Line". Use the -g option to tell the compiler to generate debugging information.

To build the factorial program to run on the ARMulator simulator, which can communicate with the Sprite via the RDI protocol, use:

```
> arm-none-eabi-gcc -g -Tarmulator-ram-hosted.ld main.c \
    -o factorial
```

Next start the debugger on your host system:

```
> arm-none-eabi-gdb factorial
```

The command for connecting GDB to the board depends on the debug device you are using; this is described in more detail in Section 6.3, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite". If you are connecting via RDI, you must specify the full path to the RDI library file and configuration file for that library. Use quotes to escape the Sprite argument syntax from the shell. For example, use a command like this to connect to the ARMulator:

```
(gdb) target remote | arm-none-eabi-sprite \
   "rdi:///?rdi-library=library&rdi-config=config" armulator
```

The Sprite prints some status messages as it connects to your debug device and target board. If the connection is successful, you should see output similar to:

```
arm-none-eabi-sprite:Target reset
0x00008936 in ?? ()
(gdb)
```

Next, use GDB to load your program onto the target board.

```
(gdb) load
```

At this point you can use GDB to control the execution of your program as required. For example:

```
(gdb) break main (gdb) continue
```

6.3. Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite

The Debug Sprite is invoked as follows:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite [options] device-url board-file
```

The device-url specifies the debug device to use to communicate with the board. It follows the standard format:

```
scheme:scheme-specific-part[?device-options]
```

Most device URL schemes also follow the regular format:

```
scheme:[//hostname:[port]]/path[?device-options]
```

The meanings of hostname, port, path and device-options parts depend on the scheme and are described below. The following schemes are supported in Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI:

Use an RDI debugging device. Refer to Section 6.5, "Remote Debug Interface Devices".

flashpro Use a FlashPro debugging device. Refer to Section 6.6, "Actel FlashPro Devices".

altera Use an Altera FPGA. Refer to Section 6.7, "Altera Devices".

The optional ?device-options portion is allowed in all schemes. These allow additional device-specific options of the form name=value. Multiple options are concatenated using &.

The board-file specifies an XML file that describes how to initialize the target board, as well as other properties of the board used by the debugger. If board-file refers to a file (via a relative or absolute pathname), it is read. Otherwise, board-file can be a board name, and the toolchain's

board directory is searched for a matching file. See Section 6.9, "Supported Board Files" for the list of supported boards, or invoke the Sprite with the -b option to list the available board files. You can also write a custom board file; see Section 6.10, "Board File Syntax" for more information about the file format.

Both the device-url and board-file command-line arguments are required to correctly connect the Sprite to a target board.

6.4. Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite Options

The following command-line options are supported by the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite:

-b Print a list of board-file files in the board-	rd config directory.
---	----------------------

-h	Print a list of options and their meanings. A list of device-url syntaxes
	is also shown

Print a list of the accessible devices. If a <code>device-url</code> is also specified, only devices for that device type are scanned. Each supported device type is listed along with the options that can be appended to the <code>device-url</code>. For each discovered device, the <code>device-url</code> is printed along with a description

-l [host]:port

Specify the host address and port number to listen for a GDB connection. If this option is not given, the Debug Sprite communicates with GDB using stdin and stdout. If you start the Sprite from within GDB using the target remote | arm-none-eabi-sprite ... command, you do not need this option.

-m Listen for multiple sequential connections. Normally the Debug Sprite terminates after the first connection from GDB terminates. This option instead makes it listen for a subsequent connection. To terminate the Sprite, open a

connection and send the string END\n.

-q Do not print any messages.

of that device.

-v Print additional messages.

If any of -b, -i or -h are given, the Debug Sprite terminates after providing the information rather than waiting for a debugger connection.

6.5. Remote Debug Interface Devices

Remote Debug Interface (RDI) devices are supported. The RDI device URL accepts no hostname, port or path components, so the device-url is specified as follows:

```
rdi:[///][?device-options]
```

The following device-options are required:

rdi-library=library Specify the library (DLL or shared object) implementing the RDI

target you wish to use.

rdi-config=configfile Specify a file containing configuration information for library.

The format of this file is specific to the RDI library you are using,

but tends to constitute a list of *key=value* pairs. Consult the documentation of your RDI library for details.

6.6. Actel FlashPro Devices

On Windows hosts, Sourcery G++ Lite supports FlashPro devices used with Actel Cortex-M1 development kits.

For FlashPro devices, the device-url has the following form:

```
flashpro:[//usb12345/][?jtagclock=rate]
```

The optional *usb12345* part indicates the ID of the FlashPro device to connect to, which is useful if you have more than one such device attached to your computer. If the ID is omitted, the Debug Sprite connects automatically to the first detected FlashPro device. You can enumerate the connected FlashPro devices by invoking the Sprite with the -i switch, as follows:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite -i flashpro:
```

The jtagclock option allows the communication speed with the target board to be altered. The rate is specified in Hz and may range between 93750 and 4000000. The default is 93750, the slowest speed supported by the FlashPro device. Depending on your target board, you may be able to increase this rate, but beware that communication errors may occur above a certain threshold. If you encounter communication errors with a higher-than-default speed selected, try reducing the speed.

6.6.1. Installing FlashPro Windows drivers

Windows drivers for the FlashPro device are included with the FlashPro software provided by Actel. Refer to Actel's documentation for details on installing this software. You must use the Actel FlashPro software to configure the FPGA on your Cortex-M1 board, but it does not need to be running when using the Debug Sprite.

Once you have set up your board using the FlashPro software, you can check that it is recognized by the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite by running the following command:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite -i
flashpro: [jtagclock=<n:93750-4000000>] FlashPro device
  flashpro://usb12345/ - FlashPro Device
   ...
```

If output similar to the above does not appear, your FlashPro device is not working correctly. Contact CodeSourcery for further guidance in that case.

6.7. Altera Devices

The Debug Sprite can be used to debug applications running on a Cortex-M1 core embedded in an Altera FPGA supporting the System-Level Debug (SLD) architecture. Currently, the Sprite supports the Cyclone III FPGA Starter board on Microsoft Windows hosts.

The Debug Sprite accepts two forms of the *device-url* for Altera devices. For the common case where you have only one Altera Cortex-M1 device configured, you can use simply:

```
altera://
```

The full form of the device-url is:

```
altera://usbX/hubY/nodeZ
```

where X, Y, and Z are non-negative integers. The SLD architecture forms a hierarchy; there may be multiple USB Blaster devices (numbered by X), multiple Altera FPGAs (numbered by Y) per USB Blaster, and multiple nodes (numbered by Z) per FPGA.

The Debug Sprite can autodetect connected Altera Cortex-M1 devices. Invoking the Sprite with the -i option, as described in Section 6.1, "Probing for Debug Devices", displays the <code>device-url</code> for each detected device:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite -i
...
altera: Altera SLD Hub device
  altera://usb0/hub0/node1 - Altera Cortex-M Device
```

6.7.1. Setting Up the Altera Device

Follow these steps for initial installation and set up of the Altera device.

- 1. Install Quartus II Web Edition (or any equivalent), available from Altera.
- 2. Install drivers for USB Blaster, also available from Altera.
- 3. Install Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI. See Chapter 2, "Installation and Configuration".
- 4. Connect the board and the host computer with a USB cable.
- 5. Turn on the board.
- 6. Use Quartus II to download a . sof file including a Cortex-M1 core to the FPGA.
- 7. Use arm-none-eabi-sprite -i to verify that the Sprite can detect the installed Cortex-M1 core.

6.7.2. Hardware Breakpoints

The Cortex-M1 core only permits hardware breakpoints to be set in the first 512MB of its address space. Because both external SRAM and flash memory are located at higher addresses, you cannot set hardware breakpoints in these memory regions.

6.8. Debugging a Remote Board

You can run the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite on a different machine from the one on which GDB is running. For example, if your board is connected to a machine in your lab, you can run the debugger on your laptop and connect to the remote board. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite must run on the machine that is connected to the target board. You must have Sourcery G++ installed on both machines.

To use this mode, you must start the Sprite with the -1 option and specify the port on which you want it to listen. For example:

```
> arm-none-eabi-sprite -l :10000 device-url board-file
```

starts the Sprite listening on port 10000.

When running GDB from the command line, use the following command to connect GDB to the remote Sprite:

```
(gdb) target remote host:10000
```

where *host* is the name of the remote machine. After this, debugging is just as if you are debugging a target board connected to your host machine.

For more detailed instructions on using the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite in this way, please refer to the Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base¹.

6.9. Supported Board Files

The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for ARM EABI includes support for the following target boards. Specify the appropriate board-file as an argument when invoking the Sprite from the command line.

Board	Config
Altera Cyclone III Cortex-M1	cycloneiii-cm1
ARMulator (RDI)	armulator

6.10. Board File Syntax

The board-file can be a user-written XML file to describe a non-standard board. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite searches for board files in the arm-none-eabi/lib/boards directory in the installation. Refer to the files in that directory for examples.

The file's DTD is:

```
<!-- Board description files
    Copyright (c) 2007-2009 CodeSourcery, Inc.
    THIS FILE CONTAINS PROPRIETARY, CONFIDENTIAL, AND TRADE
    SECRET INFORMATION OF CODESOURCERY AND/OR ITS LICENSORS.
    You may not use or distribute this file without the express
    written permission of CodeSourcery or its authorized
    distributor. This file is licensed only for use with
    Sourcery G++. No other use is permitted.
     -->
<!ELEMENT board
 (properties?, feature?, initialize?, memory-map?)>
<!ELEMENT properties
 (description?, property*)>
<!ELEMENT initialize
 (write-register | write-memory | delay
   wait-until-memory-equal | wait-until-memory-not-equal)* >
```

¹ https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/kbentry132

```
<!ELEMENT write-register EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST write-register
         address CDATA #REQUIRED
                      value CDATA #REQUIRED
                      bits CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT write-memory EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST write-memory
         address CDATA #REQUIRED
                      value CDATA #REQUIRED
                      bits CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT delay EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST delay
         time CDATA
                     #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT wait-until-memory-equal EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST wait-until-memory-equal
         address CDATA #REQUIRED
                      value CDATA
                                      #REQUIRED
                      timeout CDATA #IMPLIED
                      bits CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT wait-until-memory-not-equal EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST wait-until-memory-not-equal
         address CDATA #REQUIRED
                      value CDATA #REQUIRED
                      timeout CDATA #IMPLIED
                      bits CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT memory-map (memory-device)*>
<!ELEMENT memory-device (property*, description?, sectors*)>
<!ATTLIST memory-device
                     address CDATA
                                      #REQUIRED
         size
               CDATA #REQUIRED
         type CDATA #REQUIRED
                      device CDATA #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT property (#PCDATA)>
<!ATTLIST property name CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT sectors EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST sectors
size CDATA #REQUIRED
count CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ENTITY % gdbtarget SYSTEM "gdb-target.dtd">
%gdbtarget;
```

All values can be provided in decimal, hex (with a 0x prefix) or octal (with a 0 prefix). Addresses and memory sizes can use a K, KB, M, MB, G or GB suffix to denote a unit of memory. Times must use a ms or us suffix.

The following elements are available:

<pre><pre>cproperties></pre></pre>	
/ DI ODGI CIGO	-

It can also contain c

banked-regs The banked-regs property specifies that the CPU

of the target board has banked registers for different

processor modes (supervisor, IRQ, etc.).

has-vfp The has-vfp property specifies that the CPU of the

target board has VFP registers.

system-v6-m The system-v6-m property specifies that the CPU

of the target board has ARMv6-M architecture system

registers.

 ${\tt system-v7-m} \qquad {\tt The \ system-v7-m \ property \ specifies \ that \ the \ CPU}$

of the target board has ARMv7-M architecture system

registers.

core-family The core-family property specifies the ARM

family of the target. The body of the cproperty>
element may be one of arm7, arm9, arm11, and

cortex.

system-clock This property specifies the target clock frequency (in

Hertz) after reset. It is used to configure flash program-

ming algorithms.

<initialize>

The <initialize> element defines an initialization sequence for the board, which the Sprite performs before downloading a program. It can contain <write-register>, <write-memory> and <delay>

elements.

<feature>

This element is used to inform GDB about additional registers and peripherals available on the board. It is passed directly to GDB; see the GDB manual for further details.

<memory-map>

This element describes the memory map of the target board. It is used by GDB to determine where software breakpoints may be used and when flash programming sequences must be used. This element can occur at most once. It can contain <memory-device> elements.

<memory-device>

This element specifies a region of memory. It has four attributes: address, size, type and device. The address and size attributes specify the location of the memory device. The type attribute specifies that device as ram, rom or flash. The device attribute is required for flash regions; it specifies the flash device type. The <memory-device> element can contain a <description> element.

<write-register>

This element writes a value to a control register. It has three attributes: address, value and bits. The bits attribute, specifying the bit width of the write operation, is optional; it defaults to 32.

<write-memory></write-memory>	This element writes a value to a memory location. It has three attributes: address, value and bits. The bits attribute is optional and defaults to 32. Bit widths of 8, 16 and 32 bits are supported. The address written to must be naturally aligned for the size of the write being done.
<delay></delay>	This element introduces a delay. It has one attribute, time, which specifies the number of milliseconds, or microseconds to delay by.
<description></description>	This element encapsulates a human-readable description of its enclosing element.
<pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre>	The <pre></pre>

Chapter 7 Next Steps with Sourcery G++

This chapter describes where you can find additional documentation and information about using Sourcery G++ Lite and its components.

7.1. Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base

The Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base is available to registered users at the Sourcery G++ Portal¹. Here you can find solutions to common problems including installing Sourcery G++, making it work with specific targets, and interoperability with third-party libraries. There are also additional example programs and tips for making the most effective use of the toolchain and for solving problems commonly encountered during debugging. The Knowledge Base is updated frequently with additional entries based on inquiries and feedback from customers.

7.2. Example Programs

Sourcery G++ Lite includes some bundled example programs. You can find the source code for these examples in the share/sourceryg++-arm-none-eabi-examples directory of your Sourcery G++ installation.

The subdirectories contain a number of small, target-independent test programs. You may find these programs useful as self-contained test cases when experimenting with configuring the correct compiler and debugger settings for your target, or when learning how to use the debugger or other features of the Sourcery G++ toolchain.

7.3. Manuals for GNU Toolchain Components

Sourcery G++ Lite includes the full user manuals for each of the GNU toolchain components, such as the compiler, linker, assembler, and debugger. Most of the manuals include tutorial material for new users as well as serving as a complete reference for command-line options, supported extensions, and the like.

When you install Sourcery G++ Lite, links to both the PDF and HTML versions of the manuals are created in the shortcuts folder you select. If you elected not to create shortcuts when installing Sourcery G++ Lite, the documentation can be found in the share/doc/sourceryg++-arm-none-eabi/subdirectory of your installation directory.

In addition to the detailed reference manuals, Sourcery G++ Lite includes a Unix-style manual page for each toolchain component. You can view these by invoking the man command with the pathname of the file you want to view. For example, you can first go to the directory containing the man pages:

> cd \$INSTALL/share/doc/sourceryg++-arm-none-eabi/man/man1

Then you can invoke man as:

```
> man ./arm-none-eabi-gcc.1
```

Alternatively, if you use man regularly, you'll probably find it more convenient to add the directory containing the Sourcery G++ man pages to your MANPATH environment variable. This should go in your .profile or equivalent shell startup file; see Section 2.6, "Setting up the Environment" for instructions. Then you can invoke man with just the command name rather than a pathname.

Finally, note that every command-line utility program included with Sourcery G++ Lite can be invoked with a --help option. This prints a brief description of the arguments and options to the program and exits without doing further processing.

¹ https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/

Appendix A Sourcery G++ Lite Release Notes

This appendix contains information about changes in this release of Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI. You should read through these notes to learn about new features and bug fixes.

A.1. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI

This section documents Sourcery G++ Lite changes for each released revision.

A.1.1. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-51

GCC fix for duplicated symbols. A GCC optimizer bug that caused multiple definitions of local symbols has been fixed. Code affected by the bug was rejected by the assembler.

NEON code generation fix. A GCC bug has been fixed that resulted in an assembler error VFP/Neon double precision register expected.

Static data size improvement at -Os. When optimizing for size, the compiler no longer implicitly adds padding bytes to align static and local arrays on word boundaries. This fixes static data size regressions introduced since GCC 4.4. The additional alignment is still used when optimizing for speed.

New -fstrict-volatile-bitfields option. The compiler has a new option, -fstrict-volatile-bitfields, which forces access to a volatile structure member using the width that conforms to its type. This option is enabled by default to conform to the ARM EABI. Refer to the GCC manual for details.

Internal compiler error fixes. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to crash on code containing a typedef alias for __builtin_va_list with option -femit-struct-debug-baseonly. A second bug has been fixed that caused a crash when compiling code using C99 variable-length arrays. Additionally, a compiler crash on code using 64-bit integer multiplications with NEON vectorization enabled has also been fixed.

NEON narrowing-move instructions. The compiler now supports narrowing-move instructions when auto-vectorizing for NEON. Loops accessing arrays of char or short values are now more likely to be vectorized.

Improved support for atomic memory builtins. The compiler support for built-in atomic memory access operations on ARMv7 targets has been improved. These builtins are documented in the GCC manual.

Linker debug information fix. A bug in linker processing of debug information has been fixed. The bug sometimes prevented the Sourcery G++ debugger from displaying source code if the executable was linked with the --gc-sections option.

Absolute branch bug fixes. A bug that caused the assembler to crash on a branch to an absolute address has been fixed. Linker handling of the resulting relocations has also been improved. Previously this caused an invalid switch to ARM mode on ARMv7-M devices.

VMOV instruction bug fix. A bug that caused the assembler to incorrectly reject certain valid immediate operands for the VMOV instruction has been fixed.

Debugger warnings quieted. GDB no longer prints RMT ERROR diagnostics on connection to the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite. In spite of the alarming appearance of the messages, they were not actually indicative of a serious problem.

A.1.2. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-22

Changes to Sourcery G++ version numbering. Sourcery G++ product and Lite toolchains now uniformly use a version numbering scheme of the form 2010.09-51. The major and minor parts of the version number, in this case 2010.09, identify the release branch, while the final component is a build number within the branch. There are also new preprocessor macros defined by the compiler for the version number components so that you may conditionalize code for Sourcery G++ or particular Sourcery G++ versions. Details are available in the Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base¹.

GCC fix for reference to undefined label. A bug in the optimizer that caused GCC to emit references to undefined labels has been fixed.

Precision improvement with vectorization enabled. The GCC auto-vectorizer no longer uses NEON floating-point instructions unless the -funsafe-math-optimizations option (implied by -ffast-math) is specified. This is because NEON hardware does not fully support the IEEE 754 standard for floating-point arithmetic. In particular, very small quantities may be flushed to zero.

Alignment attributes. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to ignore alignment attributes of C++ static member variables where the attribute was present on the definition, but not the declaration.

naked attribute semantics. The naked function attribute now also implies the noinline and noclone attributes. This fixes bugs resulting from invalid optimizations of functions with this attribute.

Stack corruption bug fix. A bug in GCC has been fixed that caused stack corruption in functions with the interrupt attribute.

GCC bug fix for push multiple instruction generation. A bug has been fixed that caused GCC to generate incorrect push multiple instructions, causing an assembler warning register range not in ascending order.

Thumb-2 internal compiler error fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to crash when compiling Thumb-2 code using 64-bit integer arithmetic.

Compiler optimization improvements. The compiler has been enhanced with a number of optimization improvements, including:

- More efficient assignment for structures containing bitfields.
- Better code for initializing C++ arrays with explicit element initializers.
- Improved logic for eliminating/combining redundant comparisons in code with nested conditionals.
- Better selection of loop variables, resulting in fewer temporaries and more efficient register usage.
- More optimization of references to globals in position-independent code.
- Various Thumb code generation improvements.
- · Better code when constant addresses are used as arguments to inline assembly statements.
- Better code for copying small constant strings.

¹ https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/kbentry1

- Improved tuning for Cortex-M4 processors.
- Cortex-A9 specific tuning for VFP and NEON instructions.
- · Use of more NEON features.

Preprocessor symbols for floating-point calling convention. Built-in preprocessor symbols __ARM_PCS and __ARM_PCS_VFP are now defined to indicate the current floating-point calling convention.

GCC version 4.5.1. Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI is now based on GCC version 4.5.1. For more information about changes from GCC version 4.4 that was included in previous releases, see http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.5/changes.html.

New -Wdouble-promotion warning option. The compiler has a new option, -Wdouble-promotion, which enables warnings about implicit promotions of float values to double. This option is useful when compiling code for processors (such as ARM Cortex-M4) that have hardware support for single-precision floating-point arithmetic only, where unintentional use of double precision results in dramatically slower code.

Linker bug fix. A bug that caused the linker error relocation truncated to fit: R_ARM_THM_JUMP24 when linking some Thumb-2 applications has been fixed.

Assembler PC-relative store fix. A bug that caused the assembler to reject some valid PC-relative store instructions has been fixed. It now issues a warning instead for architectures where these instructions are deprecated.

ARMv7-A linker bug fix. A bug in the linker support for --fix-cortex-a8, which is enabled by default when linking ARMv7-A objects, has been fixed. Programs affected by the bug sometimes crashed with segmentation fault or illegal instruction errors.

Smaller C++ programs with -g. An assembler bug has been fixed that caused unnecessary references to exception-handling routines from C++ programs when debug information is enabled. For programs that do not otherwise use exceptions, this change results in smaller code size.

Additional validation in the assembler. The assembler now diagnoses an error, instead of producing an invalid object file, when directives such as .hidden are missing operands.

Assembler PC-relative load fix. An assembler bug that caused the assembler to reject some references to global symbols has been fixed. This bug affected Thumb instructions of the form ldr r0, symbol.

Strip bug fix. A bug in the strip and objcopy utilities, which resulted in stripped object files that the linker could not recognize, has been fixed.

Binutils update. The binutils package has been updated to version 2.20.51.20100809 from the FSF trunk. This update includes numerous bug fixes.

Additional alignment in CS3-defined linker scripts. Sourcery G++ now ensures 8-byte alignment at additional points in CS3-defined linker scripts. Previously, placing a symbol in certain sections broke the initialization of the .data and/or .bss sections.

Newlib update. The Newlib package has been updated to version 1.18.0, with additions from the community CVS trunk as of 2010-08-12. This update provides additional wide-character functions, along with other bug fixes and enhancements.

malloc fix. A bug that sometimes caused free to dereference an invalid address has been fixed. The bug was caused by incorrect handling within malloc of calls to sbrk from outside of malloc.

Improved support for debugging RealView® C++ programs. GDB has been enhanced to handle some debug information contained in binaries produced by the ARM RealView® compiler. Formerly, GDB sometimes crashed on programs which use C++ templates. Another bug has been fixed that caused GDB to fail to place breakpoints in binaries produced by the ARM RealView® compiler when the source file location for the breakpoint was specified as an absolute pathname.

GDB update. The included version of GDB has been updated to 7.2.50.20100908. This update adds numerous bug fixes and new features, including improved C++ language support, a new command to save breakpoints to a file, a new convenience variable \$_thread that holds the number of the current thread, among many other improvements.

GDB crash fix. A bug has been fixed that caused GDB to crash on launch if the environment variable CYGPATH is set to a program that does not exist or cannot be executed.

Debug Sprite abnormal termination bug fix. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite no longer terminates abnormally if GDB is killed while the target is waiting for semihosted I/O to complete. The bug was only triggered when running GDB on a Windows host.

Semihosting support for gettimeofday. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite now provides a semihosted implementation of the gettimeofday C library function.

A.1.3. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2010q1-188

ARM internal compiler error fix. A bug that caused the error internal compiler error: in get_arm_condition_code when compiling code using 64-bit integers has been fixed.

Improved NEON code generation for 0.0 constants. The compiler now generates better code for loading double float 0.0 constants on processors supporting NEON instructions.

Incorrect linker-generated functions. A bug that caused some linker-generated functions (including stubs to support interworking from ARM mode to Thumb mode and stubs to implement long branches) to jump to invalid offsets has been fixed.

Improved support for debugging RealView® programs with inlined functions. GDB has been enhanced to better handle debug information for inlined functions contained in binaries produced by the ARM RealView® compiler. Formerly, local variables in inner function scopes would become unavailable at calls to static inline functions. GDB now also includes inlined functions in the stack trace in binaries produced by RealView® versions earlier than 4.0. In addition, GDB's support for stepping over inline functions in programs built with such compilers has been improved.

Long branch fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the linker to generate ARM-mode instructions for long branches on ARM v6-M. The linker now generates Thumb instructions.

Improved code generation for if statements. The compiler can now generate better code for if statements when the then and else clauses contain similar code.

Assembler encoding bug fixes. Several bugs in the assembler have been fixed that caused selection of incorrect encodings for some instructions that have multiple encodings. The incorrect encodings are not believed to have affected runtime behavior but were not in conformance with the canonical encodings specified by the ARM ARM. The objdump command has also been fixed to decode such instructions correctly.

ARMv7-A performance improvements. The compiler has been enhanced to produce faster code for the ARM architecture, particularly for ARMv7-A cores, when compiling using the -O2 option. This results in a significant improvement in performance relative to CodeSourcery's 2009q3 releases.

Linker performance improvement. A bug in the linker that caused applications with many input files to link slowly has been fixed.

ARM EABI 2.08. The toolchain has been updated to implement ARM EABI 2.08 (October 2009).

Weak symbols. An assembler bug has been fixed that caused incorrect code to be generated for references to weak symbols when a default definition is also provided in the same file.

GDB shared library support. GDB now supports targets that report loaded shared libraries using the qXfer:libraries:read Remote Serial Protocol packet. For more information, see the GDB manual.

Optimization of ARM NEON vdupq_n* intrinsics. The compiler now generates better code for vdupq_n* intrinsics to load particular constants.

Linker bug fix for --section-start. A linker bug that caused --section-start to fail to work as documented if the section is defined in multiple object files has been fixed.

GCC inline assembly bug fixes. A bug that caused NEON/VFP registers specified in the clobber list of inline assembly statements to be saved and restored incorrectly has been fixed. Another bug that caused incorrect code when double-precision or quad-precision registers were specified in the clobber list has also been fixed.

Assembler segmentation fault fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the assembler to crash when processing some data filling directives, such as .fill 0, 0, 0.

Linker bug with Cortex-A8 erratum fix. A bug in the --fix-cortex-a8 linker option, which is enabled by default when linking ARMv7-A objects, has been fixed. The bug could cause the linker to generate incorrect shared libraries.

Improved code generation for Cortex-A5. The compiler has been enhanced to provide instruction scheduling for Cortex-A5 cores. To take advantage of this, use the -mcpu=cortex-a5 command-line option.

Improved support for debugging RealView® programs. GDB has been enhanced to handle some debug information contained in binaries produced by the ARM RealView® compiler. Formerly, GDB sometimes crashed on these programs and libraries.

Linker script processing improvement. The linker can now automatically place sections that are not mentioned in your linker script. Previously, it issued the error no memory region specified for loadable section.

Better use of NEON instructions on Cortex-A8. The compiler now generates better code when optimizing for the Cortex-A8 by being less eager to use NEON instructions.

Assembler segmentation fault fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the assembler to crash when assembling some Thumb-only instructions in ARM mode. The assembler now gives an error on all incorrect uses of Thumb-only instructions in ARM mode.

GCC internal compiler error. A bug has been fixed that caused GCC to crash when compiling some C++ code using templates at -02 or -03.

Linker script compatibility. A bug that caused the linker error undefined reference to `__cs3_start_asm' has been fixed. The bug applied to projects using a linker script from an older version of Sourcery G++ with a newer CS3 library.

GCC internal compiler error with optimize attribute. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to crash when invoked with the -O0 or -O1 option on code using the optimize attribute to specify higher optimization levels for individual functions.

C++ array initializer optimization. The compiler now generates better code for some non-constant array initializations in C++.

A.1.4. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2010q1-155

IPSR register. A bug in the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite that caused only five bits of the M-profile IPSR register to be displayed in the debugger has been fixed.

Support for ARM Cortex-M4 cores. Sourcery G++ now includes support for ARM Cortex-M4 cores. Use the -mcpu=cortex-m4 command-line option.

Debugging preprocessed source code. A compiler bug has been fixed that caused debug output to erroneously contain the name of the intermediate preprocessed file.

Thumb-2 size optimization improvements. The compiler has been enhanced to produce smaller code for the ARM architecture, particularly for Thumb-2 mode, when compiling using the -Os option. This results in a significant improvement in code size relative to CodeSourcery's 2009q3 releases.

GDB update. The included version of GDB has been updated to 7.0.50.20100218. This update adds numerous bug fixes and new features, including improved C++ language support, automatic caching of stack memory, and Position Independent Executable (PIE) support.

CS3 program startup behavior revised. CS3's model for program startup has been made more uniform across different target profiles. Changes include:

- Execution now consistently begins at hard reset (__cs3_reset) for all profiles. Formerly, the debugger began execution at assembly initialization (_start) instead.
- All profiles now perform the assembly initialization phase, using profile-specific code. Formerly, simulator and boot monitor profiles skipped this initialization phase.

Most existing programs using customized linker scripts or startup code based on the previous CS3 initialization model should continue to work as before with the new CS3 library. For more details on the CS3 startup model, refer to Section 5.2, "Program Startup and Termination".

CS3 improvements. Several changes have been made to CS3 to make it easier to customize, including improved documentation and additions and corrections to the header file cs3.h. For details, see Chapter 5, "CS3TM: The CodeSourcery Common Startup Code Sequence".

GDB asynchronous mode fix. GDB can now be used from the command line in asynchronous mode with remote targets. Previously, GDB did not accept user input while asynchronous commands (such as continue &) were running.

GDB interrupt handling bug fix. A bug in GDB has been fixed that caused it to sometimes fail to indicate that the target had stopped after being interrupted. The bug affected clients using GDB's MI front end.

GDB and programs linked with the --gc-sections linker option. GDB has been improved to better handle debug information found in programs and libraries linked with the --gc-sections option. GDB formerly selected the wrong debug information in some cases, resulting in incorrect behavior when stepping over a function or displaying local variables, for example.

GDB memory find bug fix. A bug in GDB's find command has been fixed. The bug caused searches on large memory areas to fail or report matches at incorrect addresses.

Debugger errors after loading program. A bug in GDB has been fixed that sometimes caused a GDB internal error after the load command.

Frame manipulation bug fix. A bug in GDB has been fixed that caused frame manipulation commands to report an internal error in some cases when used on arbitrary stack frames specified by an address.

Read watchpoints bug fix. A GDB bug has been fixed that caused watchpoints set to trigger on memory reads to be silently ignored in some cases.

GDB load improvement. GDB now automatically initializes ARM Cortex-M devices to Thumb mode on the load command. This is helpful, for example, when an incorrect program image was previously flashed onto the board, causing it to enter an invalid state on reset.

Setting thread-specific breakpoints in GDB. A bug in GDB has been fixed that caused a syntax error for the break *expression thread threadnum command.

Backtracing through ARM M-profile exceptions. GDB now supports backtracing through processor exceptions on ARMv6-M and ARMv7-M targets, including Cortex-M3.

Backtracing through noreturn functions. A compiler bug that made it impossible to obtain a backtrace through functions declared with the noreturn attribute has been fixed. This fix makes it possible for the debugger to present a useful stack backtrace for applications that call abort.

vcvt assembly bug fix. A bug that caused vcvt.s32.f64 instructions to be misassembled as vcvtr.s32.f64 has been fixed.

Branches between ARM and Thumb fix. An assembler bug that caused incorrect branches between ARM and Thumb code in different sections has been fixed.

Assembler segmentation fault fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the assembler to crash when processing code containing invalid Thumb-mode instructions such as ldr r0, 0. The assembler now produces an error message in such cases.

Assembler fix for Thumb-2. A bug that caused the assembler to reject some valid Thumb-2 strexd instructions has been fixed.

NEON assembler fix. The assembler now correctly handles the three-operand form of NEON logic instructions, such as vorr.i32 q0, q0, #0xff

Warning for deprecated instructions. The assembler now issues warnings about uses of swp or swpb instructions on architectures where they have been deprecated.

Additional error checks in the assembler. The assembler has been improved to perform a number of additional checks for invalid inputs. In particular, it now diagnoses additional invalid uses of the PC and SP registers, as specified in the ARM documentation. The assembler now also rejects invalid NEON alignment qualifiers, such as vldl.8 $\{d0\}$, [r0, :128] and vldl.8 $\{q0\}$, [r0, :256].

Thumb-2 multiply fix. A bug that caused an invalid muls instruction to be generated in certain circumstances has been fixed. This affected code compiled for Thumb-2, and resulted in an error from the assembler.

Debug Sprite multiple connections fix. When started with the -m option, the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite no longer exits if the connection to GDB is lost when sending a response. Instead, it goes back to waiting for another connection.

Disassembler bug fix. A bug in the disassembler has been fixed that caused incorrect output for data objects, including literal pools and the interrupt vector.

Improved code generation for Cortex-A9. The compiler has been enhanced to provide better instruction scheduling for Cortex-A9 cores. To take advantage of this, use the -mcpu=cortex-a9 command-line option.

Improved NEON code generation. GCC's code generation for NEON targets (e.g., when compiling with -mfpu=neon) has been improved. In particular, the compiler can now make use of NEON instructions for many 64-bit integer operations.

Indirect function call optimization. The instruction sequence used to implement calls via a function pointer has been improved to give better branch-prediction performance on some processors.

Thumb-2 function call optimization. The compiler has been enhanced to generate improved code on Thumb-2 targets for functions that return via calls to other functions.

Watchpoint fix. A bug in the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite that sometimes prevented watchpoints on Cortex-M targets from functioning has been fixed.

Optimizer bug fix. A bug in GCC that caused internal compiler errors at -02 or above has been fixed. The bug also occurred at other optimization levels when the -fpromote-loop-indices command-line option was used.

Internal compiler error fix. A bug that caused an internal compiler error when using -fno-omit-frame-pointer to compile code for Thumb-2 has been fixed.

Thumb-2 internal compiler error fix. A bug that caused an internal compiler error when building the QT library for Thumb-2 has been fixed.

Incorrect symbol addresses bug fix. A bug in the linker that caused it to assign incorrect addresses to symbols has been fixed. The bug occurred when the input objects contained sections not explicitly mentioned in the linker script.

Static constructor and destructor ordering fixes. The linker now correctly ensures that static destructors with priorities are executed after destructors without priorities. Another linker bug that caused incorrect static constructor and destructor ordering with partial linking involved has been fixed.

Linker fix for data-only sections. A bug has been fixed that caused the linker to incorrectly mark parts of the output as containing code, rather than data, when linking data-only sections not explicitly tagged as such. The bug resulted in incorrect disassembly.

Linker relocation diagnostics. A bug that caused the linker to incorrectly diagnose overflows for some valid relocations has been fixed.

C++ name-mangling of va_list. The compiler no longer issues the mangling of 'va_list' has changed warnings for references to std::va_list within system header files.

A.1.5. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-68

Out-of-range branch error. A compiler bug has been fixed that caused out-of-range branch errors from the assembler. The bug only affected code compiled in Thumb-2 mode.

A.1.6. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-64

GDB crash fix. A GDB bug has been fixed that caused GDB to crash when unloading shared libraries or switching executables.

@FILE fix. A bug has been fixed in the processing of **@FILE** command-line options by GCC, GDB, and other tools. The bug caused any options in *FILE* following a blank line to be ignored.

Preprocessor error handling. The preprocessor now treats failing to find a file referenced via #include as a fatal error.

NEON improvements. The compiler now generates improved NEON vector code when copying memory or storing constants to memory using the NEON coprocessor. The compiler also generates better code for accessing data arrays that are not known to have 64-bit alignment. In addition, a bug that caused internal compiler errors when compiling for Thumb-2 with NEON enabled has been fixed, as has another bug that caused some vector shift NEON operations to be wrongly rejected.

ELF file corruption with strip. A bug that caused strip to corrupt unusual ELF files has been fixed.

GDB support for Cygwin pathnames. A bug in GDB's translation of Cygwin pathnames has been fixed.

Compiler errors with float32_t. A bug has been fixed that caused compiler errors when using the float32_t type from arm_neon.h.

Support for ARM Cortex-A5 cores. Sourcery G++ now includes basic support for ARM Cortex-A5 cores. Use the -mcpu=cortex-a5 command-line option.

Static variables and asm statements bug fix. A bug in GCC that caused functions containing static variables and asm statements to be miscompiled at -O2 or above has been fixed. The bug also occurred at other optimization levels when the -fremove-local-statics command-line option was used.

Linker script fixes. A bug in CS3 linker scripts for simulator profiles has been fixed. The bug resulted in data memory being too small, which sometimes caused the stack to be overwritten during initialization, or reduced space for malloc to allocate.

Warnings for naked functions. A compiler bug that resulted in incorrect warnings about missing return statements in non-void functions declared with the naked attribute has been fixed.

Optimizer bug fix. A bug in GCC that caused functions with complex loop nests to be miscompiled at -O2 or above has been fixed. The bug also occurred at other optimization levels when the -fpromote-loop-indices command-line option was used.

VFPv4 support. Sourcery G++ now includes support for VFPv4, VFPv4-D16 and NEON-VFPv4 coprocessors. Use the -mfpu=vfpv4, -mfpu=vfpv4-d16 or -mfpu=neon-vfpv4 options, respectively.

GCC internal compiler error. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to crash when optimizing code that casts between structure types and the type of the first field.

Flash programming support on Atmel AT91SAM7Sxxx. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite now supports flash programming on Atmel AT91SAM7Sxxx when using SEGGER J-Link devices.

ELF Program Headers. The linker now better diagnoses errors in the usage of FILEHDR and PHDRS keywords in PHDRS command of linker scripts. Refer to the linker manual for more information.

A.1.7. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-37

Improved optimization for ARM. GCC now automatically enables loop unrolling and -fpromote-loop-indices when -O2 or -O3 is specified. Loop unrolling is limited at -O2 to control code growth. These changes improve performance by more than 5%.

VFP assembly mnemonics. The assembler now accepts unified assembly mnemonics for VFP instructions (e.g. VADD.f32 s0, s0) in legacy syntax mode.

ARM Cortex-R4F assembler bug fix. The assembler now correctly recognizes the -mcpu=cortex-r4f command-line option to select the Cortex-R4F processor.

VFP half-precision extensions. Sourcery G++ now includes support for VFP coprocessors with half-precision floating-point extensions. This can be enabled with the -mfpu=vfpv3-d16-fp16 or -mfpu=vfpv3-fp16 command-line options.

Optimizer improvements. When optimizing for speed, the compiler now uses improved heuristics to limit certain types of optimizations that may adversely affect both code size and speed. This change also makes it possible to produce better code when optimizing for space rather than speed.

Improved optimization for Thumb-2. GCC now supports instruction scheduling for Thumb-2 code. This optimization is enabled when compiling with -02, -03, or -0s, and can improve performance substantially.

ARM VFP assembler bug fix. The assembler now correctly assembles the vmls, vnmla and vnmls mnemonics. Previously these were incorrectly assembled to different instructions.

GDB finish internal error. A bug has been fixed that caused a GDB internal error when using the finish command. The bug occurred when debugging optimized code.

Linking objects built without -fPIC into shared libraries. The linker now gives an error for attempts to link object files built without -fPIC or -fpic into shared libraries when those objects use the ARMv7 MOVW and MOVT instructions in ways that are unsafe in a shared library. Previously it built a shared library that behaved incorrectly when used.

GDB update. The included version of GDB has been updated to 6.8.50.20090630. This update adds numerous bug fixes and new features, including support for multi-byte and wide character sets and improved C++ template support.

New assembler directive .inst. The assembler now accepts the new .inst directive to generate an instruction from its integer encoding.

GDB and third-party compilers. Some bugs that caused GDB to crash when debugging programs compiled with third-party tools have been fixed. These bugs did not affect programs built with Sourcery G++.

Remote debugging hardware watchpoint bug fix. A GDB bug has been fixed that caused hardware watchpoint hits to be incorrectly reported in some cases.

Internal error in assembler. An assembler bug that caused an internal error when . thumb or . arm appears after an invalid instruction has been fixed.

GDB internal warning fix. A GDB bug has been fixed that caused warnings of the form warning: (Internal error: pc address in read in psymtab, but not in symtab.).

Incorrect linker diagnostic removed. The linker has been corrected to not emit an error message when the load address of an output section with no contents overlaps an output section with contents. This can occur in linker scripts that use MEMORY regions and AT> to place initialized contents into ROM.

Improved bit counting operation. The __builtin_ctz built-in function, which returns the number of trailing zero bits in a value, has been improved to use a shorter instruction sequence for ARMv6T2 and later.

Out-of-range branch errors. A Thumb-2 code generation defect in the compiler that caused branch out of range errors from the assembler has been eliminated.

Binutils update. The binutils package has been updated to version 2.19.51.20090709 from the FSF trunk. This update includes numerous bug fixes.

Linker fix. The linker now correctly processes references to undefined local symbols. Such references are treated the same as references to undefined global symbols. Usually object files contain no such references, as they can never be satisfied.

Assembler validation improvements. The assembler now issues a warning when a section finishes with an unclosed IT instruction block at the end of the input file. It also now rejects unwinding directives that appear outside of a .fnstart/.fnend pair. Additionally, 32-bit Thumb instructions are now correctly rejected when assembling for cores that do not support these instructions.

Destructor function bug fix. A bug in CS3 has been fixed that caused functions with the destructor attribute not to be run on program termination.

Assembler validations fix. A bug in the assembler that caused some addw and subw instructions with SP or PC as operand to be wrongly rejected has been fixed.

-mauto-it assembler option replaced with -mimplicit-it. The -mauto-it command-line option to the assembler has been replaced with a more general -mimplicit-it option to control the behavior of the assembler when conditional instructions appear outside an IT instruction block. If you were previously using -mauto-it, you should now use -mimplicit-it=always. Other -mimplicit-it modes allow you to separately control implicit IT instruction insertion behavior in ARM and Thumb-2 code. For more information, refer to the assembler manual. In addition to renaming the option, a number of bugs in the implicit IT generation have been fixed.

GDB backwards compatibility fix. A bug has been fixed that caused GDB to crash when loading symbols from binaries built by very old versions of GCC.

Linker failure with Cortex-A8 erratum fix. A bug in the --fix-cortex-a8 linker option has been fixed. The bug caused the linker either to produce a bad value error, or to silently generate an incorrect executable.

Debug information for variadic functions. A compiler bug that resulted in incorrect debug information for functions with variable arguments has been fixed.

Overlay sections. arm-none-eabi-readelf now correctly recognizes section headers for ARM DEBUGOVERLAY and ARM OVERLAYSECTION sections.

Code generation improvements. The compiler has been changed to make better use of VFP registers in mixed integer and floating-point code, resulting in faster code.

Register variable corruption. A compiler bug has been fixed that caused incorrect code to be generated when the frame pointer or other special-use registers are used as explicit local register variables, introduced via the asm keyword on their declarations.

Startup code debugging fixes. Two GDB bugs have been fixed that caused errors when debugging startup code. One bug caused an internal error message; the other caused the error Cannot find bounds of current function.

Assembler fix for mixed Thumb and ARM mode. A bug in the assembler has been fixed where mapping symbols were sometimes incorrectly placed at section boundaries. This could lead to incorrect disassembly in some cases.

C++ exception matching. A C++ conformance defect has been fixed. According to clause 15.3 of the standard, given a derived class D with base B, a thrown D * object is not caught by a handler with type B *& (that is, a reference to pointer B). The compiler formerly treated this case incorrectly as if the handler had type B *, which does catch D *.

-fremove-local-statics optimization. The -fremove-local-statics optimization is now enabled by default at -O2 and higher optimization levels.

Elimination of spurious warnings about NULL. The C++ compiler no longer issues spurious warnings about comparisons between pointers to members and NULL.

Vectorizer improvements. The compiler now generates improved code for accesses to static nested array variables (e.g. static int foo[8][8];).

Linker bug fix. A bug that caused the linker to crash when .ARM. exidx sections were discarded by a linker script has been fixed.

Configuration file required for Debug Sprite. When invoking the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite from the command line, it is now required to specify a board configuration file argument. This change eliminates a source of confusion and errors resulting from accidental omission of the configuration file argument, since recent improvements to debugger functionality depend on properties specified in the configuration file. Refer to Chapter 6, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for more details on invoking the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite from the command line.

GCC version 4.4.1. Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM EABI is now based on GCC version 4.4.1. For more information about changes from GCC version 4.3 that was included in previous releases, see http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.4/changes.html.

Watchpoint support. The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite now implements watchpoints on all currently-supported debugging devices.

Linker map address sorting. The map generated by the linker -Map option now lists symbols sorted by address.

Assembler fix. The assembler now correctly diagnoses a missing operand to bl and blx instructions. Previously, incorrect code was silently generated.

A.1.8. Changes in Older Releases

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