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Abstract

This guide explains how to install and build applications with Sourcery G++ Lite, CodeSourcery's customized, validated, and supported 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 in-

> stalling 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 Config-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 This chapter contains information about using Sourcery G++

> Lite that is specific to ARM SymbianOS targets. You should read this chapter to learn how to best use Sourcery G++ Lite

on your target system.

Chapter 4, "Using Sourcery G++ This chapter explains how to build applications with Sourcery from the Command Line"

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, "Next Steps with Sourcery This chapter describes where you can find additional docu-

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mentation 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 SymbianOS. 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:

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

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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 SymbianOS 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 SymbianOS".

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. Sourcery G++ Lite 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.

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.

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.

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 4.3, "Running Applications from GDB".

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

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-symbianelf.

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 NT 4, Windows 2000, Windows XP, and Windows Vista systems using IA32, AMD64, and EM64T processors.
- GNU/Linux systems using IA32, AMD64, or EM64T 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 128MB 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. Typically, you should plan on at least 400MB.

In addition, the graphical installer requires a similar amount of temporary 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 SymbianOS" 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 Code-Sourcery's product toolchains at the Sourcery G++ Portal². For more information about subscriptions for Sourcery G++ product releases, see Section 5.1, "Sourcery G++ Subscriptions".

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.

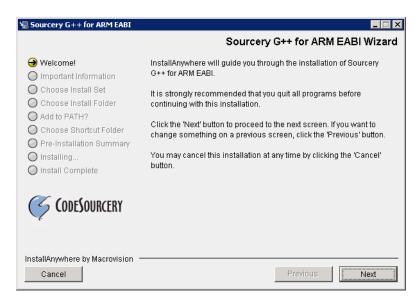
2.4.1. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Installer on Microsoft Windows

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.

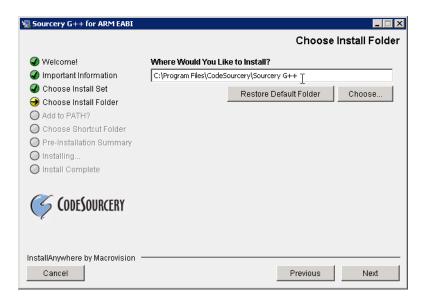
¹ http://www.codesourcery.com/gnu_toolchains/

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.

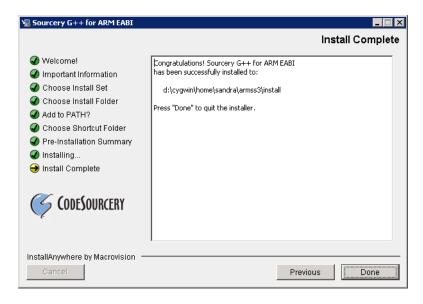


Choose Install Folder. Select the pathname to your install directory.



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++-2009q3.

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 SymbianOS 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 SymbianOS target all begin with **arm-none-symbianelf**. 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:\Program Files\Sourcery G++ should be changed to the path of your Sourcery G++ Lite installation.

To set the PATH on a system running a Microsoft Windows version other than Vista, 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-symbianelf-g++ -v
```

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-63.

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-symbianelf/man.

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

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

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-63.

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.

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

For Windows hosts other than Microsoft Windows Vista, select Start, then Control Panel. Select Add or Remove Programs. Scroll down and click on Sourcery G++ for ARM SymbianOS. Select Change/Remove and follow the on-screen dialogs to uninstall Sourcery G++ Lite.

On Microsoft Windows Vista hosts, select Start, then Settings and finally Control Panel. Select the Uninstall a program task. Scroll down and double click on Sourcery G++ for ARM SymbianOS. 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 Add or Remove Programs (non-Vista) or Uninstall a

program (Vista) 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. The arm-none-symbianelf directory located in the install directory will be removed entirely by the uninstaller. Please back up any changes you have made to this directory, such as modified linker scripts.

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 SymbianOS

This chapter contains information about features of Sourcery G++ Lite that are specific to ARM SymbianOS 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 SymbianOS, and tells you where you may find further information about these features.

Component	Version	Notes		
GNU programming tools				
GNU Compiler Collection	4.4.1	Separate manual included.		
GNU Binary Utilities	2.19.51	Includes assembler, linker, and other utilities. Separate manuals included.		
Debugging support and simulators				
Target libraries				
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++ 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 includes linker scripts as well as runtime libraries for each multilib. You can find these files in multilib-specific subdirectories of the arm-none-symbianelf/lib directory of your Sourcery G++ install.

3.2.1. Included Libraries

The following library configurations are available in Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM SymbianOS.

ARMv5 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float				
Command-line option(s): default				
ARMv5 - Little-Endian, VFP				
Command-line option(s):	-mfloat-abi=softfp			

3.2.2. Library Selection

A given multilib may be compatible with additional processors and build options beyond those listed above. However, even if a particular set of command-line options produces code compatible with one of the provided multilibs, those options may not be sufficient to identify the intended library to the linker. For example, on some targets, specifying only a processor option on the command line may imply architecture features or floating-point support for compilation, but not for library selection. The details of the mapping from command-line options to multilibs are target-specific and quite complex. Therefore, it is recommended that your link command line include exactly the options listed in the tables above for your intended target multilib. In some cases, you may need to supply different options for linking than for compilation.

If you are uncertain which multilib is selected by a particular set of command-line options, GCC can tell you if you invoke it with the -print-multi-directory option in addition to your other build options. For example:

> arm-none-symbianelf-gcc -print-multi-directory options...

The output of this command is a directory name for the multilib, which you can look up in the tables given previously.

3.3. SymbianOS Runtime Libraries

Sourcery G++ Lite does not include C or C++ runtime libraries for SymbianOS. These are provided separately by Symbian.

3.4. 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.

3.5. Half-Precision Floating Point

Sourcery G++ for ARM SymbianOS 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 <code>-mfp16-format</code> command-line option to the compiler. For more information about <code>__fp16</code> representations and usage from C and C++, refer to the GCC manual.

3.6. 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 (10 October 2008)

¹ http://infocenter.arm.com

- BPABI ARM IHI 0037B (10 October 2008)
- EHABI ARM IHI 0038A (10 October 2008)
- CLIBABI ARM IHI 0039A (10 October 2008)
- AADWARF ARM IHI 0040A (10 October 2008)
- CPPABI ARM IHI 0041B (10 October 2008)
- AAPCS ARM IHI 0042C (10 October 2008)
- RTABI ARM IHI 0043B (10 October 2008)
- AAELF ARM IHI 0044C (10 October 2008)
- ABI Addenda ARM IHI 0045B (10 October 2008)

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

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-symbianelf, as indicated by the **arm-none-symbianelf** 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-symbianelf-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-symbianelf/lib.

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

4.3. 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.

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.

4.3.1. 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.

4.3.2. 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

Chapter 5 Next Steps with Sourcery G++

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

5.1. Sourcery G++ Subscriptions

CodeSourcery offers two levels of Sourcery G++ subscriptions. Professional Edition subscriptions include unlimited support, with no per-incident fees. CodeSourcery's support is provided by the same engineers who build Sourcery G++, and covers questions about installing and using Sourcery G++, the C and C++ programming languages, and all other topics relating to Sourcery G++. CodeSourcery provides updated versions of Sourcery G++ on demand to resolve critical problems reported by Professional Edition subscribers. Personal Edition subscriptions do not include support, but do include access to updates as long as the subscription remains active.

Subscription editions of Sourcery G++ also include many additional features not included in the free Lite editions:

- **Sourcery** G++ **IDE.** The Sourcery G++ IDE, based on Eclipse, provides a fully visual environment for developing applications, including an automated project builder, syntax-highlighting editor, and a graphical debugging interface. The debugger provides features especially useful to embedded systems programmers, including the ability to step through code at both the source and assembly level, view registers, and examine stack traces. CodeSourcery's enhancements to Eclipse include improved support for hardware debugging via JTAG or ICE units and complete integration with the rest of Sourcery G++.
- **Debug Sprites.** Sourcery G++ Debug Sprites provide hardware debugging support using JTAG and ICE devices. On some systems, Sourcery G++ Sprites can automatically program flash memory and display control registers. Debug Sprites included in Lite editions of Sourcery G++ include only a subset of the functionality of the Sprites in the subscription editions.
- **CS3.** CS3 provides a uniform, cross-platform approach to board initialization and interrupt handling on bare-metal ELF and EABI platforms. Subscription versions of Sourcery G++ include CS3 support for an expanded set of boards. In addition, the Sourcery G++ Board Builder allows you to extend the power of CS3 to cover custom board definitions. The Board Builder is fully integrated with the Sourcery G++ IDE and Debug Sprites.
- CodeSourcery C Library. Subscription versions of Sourcery G++ for bare-metal targets include the CodeSourcery C Library, a proprietary library implementation that is optimized to be smaller and faster than the Newlib C library included with Lite editions of Sourcery G++.
- QEMU Instruction Set Simulator. The QEMU instruction set simulator can be used to run
 — and debug programs even without target hardware. Most bare-metal configurations of
 Sourcery G++ include QEMU and linker scripts targeting the simulator. Configurations of Sourcery
 G++ for GNU/Linux targets include a user-space QEMU emulator that runs on Linux hosts.
- **Sysroot Utilities.** Subscription editions of Sourcery G++ include a set of sysroot utilities for GNU/Linux targets. These utilities simplify use of the Sourcery G++ dynamic linker and shared libraries on the target and also support remote debugging with **gdbserver**.
- **GNU/Linux Prelinker.** For select GNU/Linux target systems, Sourcery G++ includes the GNU/Linux prelinker. The prelinker is a postprocessor for GNU/Linux applications which can dramatically reduce application launch time. CodeSourcery has modified the prelinker to operate on non-GNU/Linux host systems, including Microsoft Windows.
- **Library Reduction Utility.** Sourcery G++ also includes a Library Reduction Utility for GNU/Linux targets. This utility allows the GNU C Library to be relinked to include only those functions used by a given collection of binaries.

- Additional Libraries. For some platforms, additional run-time libraries optimized for particular CPUs are available. Pre-built binary versions of the libraries with debug information are also available to subscribers.
- Additional Documentation. Subscription customers receive expanded access to the Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base, covering many more tips, howtos, and application notes to help you make the best use of Sourcery G++.

If you would like more information about Sourcery G++ subscriptions, including a price quote or information about evaluating Sourcery G++, please send email to <sales@codesourcery.com>.

If you have a Sourcery G++ subscription, you may access your account by visiting the Sourcery G++ Portal¹. If you have a support account, but are unable to log in, send email to <support@codesourcery.com>.

5.2. Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base

The Sourcery G++ Knowledge Base is available to registered users at the Sourcery G++ Portal². 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.

5.3. 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-symbianelf/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-symbianelf/man/man1

Then you can invoke man as:

> man ./arm-none-symbianelf-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.

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

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

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.

Appendix A Sourcery G++ Lite Release Notes

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

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

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

A.1.1. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-63

@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.

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.

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 -02 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.

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.1.2. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q3-35

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.

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 -O2, -O3, or -Os, 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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-symbianelf-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.

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.

-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.

GCC version 4.4.1. Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM SymbianOS 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.

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.1.3. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q1-162

Incorrect placement of 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 avoid processor errata) to be placed in data sections has been fixed.

New option for automatically generating IT blocks. The assembler now allows use of conditional Thumb-2 instructions without requiring explicit IT instructions. Use the <code>-mauto-it</code> command-line option to enable this automatic generation of IT instructions.

Reduced compilation time. Compilation and build times when using Sourcery G++ Lite are now slightly faster. This performance improvement is the result of building the compilers and other host tools with a recent version of Sourcery G++, rather than an older GCC version.

Assembler bug fix. A bug in the assembler that caused duplicate and missing mapping symbols has been fixed. The bug caused incorrect **objdump** output and incorrect byte-swapping for BE8 configurations.

Stack backtracing and C++ exception handling. Improvements have been made to the linker in support of C++ runtime exception handling and stack backtracing. A problem that caused crashes during the backtrace of C routines that were not compiled with the -fexceptions option has been fixed. In addition, the linker generates more compact stack unwinding tables which can lead to smaller executables.

Assembler floating-point format. The assembler now defaults to VFP format for floating-point numbers. It previously defaulted to the legacy FPA format if no -mcpu or -march option was specified, or if a CPU with no floating-point unit was specified. This bug resulted in incorrect behavior of the .double and .dcb.d directives.

Incorrect linker-generated functions. A bug that caused some linker-generated functions (such as stubs to support interworking from ARM mode to Thumb mode) to contain only nop instructions instead of correct code sequences has been fixed.

Assembler diagnostics for invalid instructions. The assembler now issues diagnostics for invalid ADR and ADRL instructions. Formerly, these invalid instructions were silently mis-assembled. This assembler bug did not affect correct code.

Disassembler bug fix. A bug has been fixed that caused incorrect disassembly of some object files with multiple sections whose symbol tables included symbols in the middle of functions. These typically resulted from hand-written assembly.

Linker crash with very large applications. A linker bug that caused a crash when linking very large applications with the --fix-cortex-a8 command-line option has been fixed.

arm-none-symbianelf-objcopy bug fix. A bug has been fixed that caused **arm-none-symbianelf-objcopy** to issue an error when generating output in the Intel HEX format and using --change-section-lma to change section addresses.

Linker script search path. The bug in the linker has been fixed that caused it not to follow its documented behavior for searching for linker scripts named with the -T option. Now scripts are looked up first in the current directory, then in library directories specified with -L command-line options, and finally in the default system linker script directory.

Cortex-A8 erratum workaround enabled for ARMv7-A. The workaround for the erratum in Cortex-A8 processors mentioned below is now enabled by default if you are targeting the ARMv7-A architecture profile. The workaround can be disabled by passing the --no-fix-cortex-a8 option to the linker.

Internal compiler error when optimizing. A bug has been fixed that caused internal compiler error: in build2_stat when compiling.

Erratum workaround for Cortex-A8 processors. The linker now implements a workaround for an erratum in Cortex-A8 processors. If you are targeting an affected part and wish to use the workaround, pass the --fix-cortex-a8 option to the linker. Please contact ARM for further details of the erratum.

Maximum code alignment increased. The maximum allowed code alignment has been increased from 32 to 64 bytes. This change affects the .p2align and .align directives in GAS and the -falign-functions GCC option.

Corruption of block-scope variables. A compiler optimization bug that sometimes caused corruption of stack-allocated variables has been fixed. The bug affected variables declared in a local block scope in functions containing multiple non-overlapping lexical block scopes, a technique commonly used by programmers to reduce stack frame size. In some rare cases, other optimizations performed by the compiler were ignoring the local extent of such block-scope variables.

A.1.4. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2009q1-115

Incorrect code when using -falign-labels. A bug that caused the compiler to generate incorrect code for switch statements when the -falign-labels option is used has been fixed.

Loop optimization improvements. A new option, -fpromote-loop-indices, has been added to the compiler. Specifying this option enables an optimization that improves the performance of loops with index variables of integer types narrower than the target machine word size, such as char or short. This optimization also applies to int on 64-bit targets.

DMB, DSB, and ISB instructions on ARMv6-M. The assembler now accepts the DMB, DSB, and ISB instructions on ARMv6-M CPUs, including Cortex-M0 and Cortex-M1. These instructions were incorrectly rejected on these CPUs in previous releases.

Extraneous linker error messages. A linker bug that caused extraneous error messages of the form Dwarf Error: Offset (507) greater than or equal to .debug_str size (421). has been corrected. This bug did not affect the correctness of output binaries.

Assembler marking of data. Data generated using the assembler directives .ascii, .asciz, .dc.d, .dc.s, .dc.x, .dcb, .dcb.b, .dcb.d, .dcb.l, .dcb.s, .dcb.w, .dcb.x, .ds, .ds.b, .ds.d, .ds.l, .ds.p, .ds.s, .ds.w, .ds.x, .double, .fill, .float, .incbin, .single, .space, .skip, .string, .string8, .string16, .string32, .string64, and .zero is now correctly marked by the assembler as data rather than code. This fixes incorrect byte-swapping of such data when linking for BE8 configurations.

Improved vectorization. Automatic vectorization for NEON now uses the fused multiply-add (VMLA) and fused multiply-subtract (VMLS) instructions. These fused instructions are faster than the equivalent two-instruction sequence consisting of a multiply followed by an add or subtract.

Out-of-bounds accesses to stack arrays. A bug has been fixed that caused internal compiler errors when some code involving out-of-bounds accesses to stack-allocated arrays was compiled with the -mthumb option. Such code is not valid C; although it is now accepted by the compiler and no diagnostic is issued, it has undefined behavior if executed.

GCC version 4.3.3. Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM SymbianOS is now based on GCC version 4.3.3. This is a bug fix update to GCC. For more information about changes from GCC version 4.3.2 that was included in previous releases, see http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.3/changes.html.

Improved NOP generation for Thumb-2 cores. The assembler now generates Thumb-2/ARMv6K architectural NOP instructions when alignment padding is required in code sections.

Internal compiler error with -O3 or -fpredictive-commoning. A bug has been fixed that caused internal compiler errors when compiling some code with -O3 or -fpredictive-commoning.

C++ named operators bug fix. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to crash in some cases when the C++ operators and_eq, bitand, bitor, compl, not_eq, or_eq and xor_eq were used in contexts where the preprocessor converts their names to strings.

Debug information for anonymous structure types. A GCC bug in the generation of debug information for anonymous structure types in C++ code has been fixed. The bug caused printing the type information for such structures in the debugger (via the **ptype** command) to fail with an error message.

Linker errors on non-ELF input. A bug has been fixed that caused internal errors from the linker when linking non-ELF input files (with the -b or --format linker options).

Undefined weak references in shared libraries. A linker bug has been fixed affecting calls from Thumb code in shared libraries to functions that are undefined weak references when the shared library is linked. Such calls executed as nops whether or not the functions were defined at run time.

Improved code generation. The compiler has been improved to generate better code for an integer multiplication whose result feeds into an addition.

Installer fails during upgrade. The Sourcery G++ installer for Microsoft Windows hosts could fail during an upgrade while waiting for the previous version to be uninstalled. This bug has been fixed.

Performance improvements. Tuning parameters for ARM code generation have been adjusted to improve performance of the generated code.

Uninstaller removed by upgrade. The uninstaller could be incorrectly deleted during an upgrade on Microsoft Windows hosts. This bug has been fixed.

CMP Thumb-2 instruction. The assembler no longer issues an error about CMP instructions in which the second argument is the stack pointer (r13), as these are valid instructions. However, use of the stack pointer in this context is deprecated in the current ARM architecture specification and the assembler now warns about the deprecated use.

Thumb half-precision floating point bug fix. A compiler bug has been fixed that formerly caused incorrect code to be generated in Thumb mode for functions using half-precision floating-point constants. The bug did not affect Thumb-2 code.

Improved code generation. The compiler has been improved to generate better code for integer multiplication by certain constants.

Thumb-2 switch code generation bug fix. A bug has been fixed that caused incorrect Thumb-2 code to be generated for some switch statements.

Internal compiler errors when optimizing. A defect that occasionally caused internal compiler errors when partial redundancy elimination (PRE) optimization was enabled has been corrected.

Install directory pathnames. Bugs in the install and uninstall scripts for Linux hosts that caused errors or incorrect behavior when the Sourcery G++ install directory pathname contains whitespace characters have been fixed.

Internal compiler error with large NEON types. A bug has been fixed that caused internal compiler errors when compiling code using NEON types at least 32 bytes wide.

Temporary files on Microsoft Windows. On Microsoft Windows hosts, Sourcery G++ Lite now uses the standard Windows algorithm to choose the directory in which to place temporary files. This

change eliminates a crash that occurred if none of the TEMP, TMP, or TMPDIR variables were set to a suitable directory.

Vectorized shift fix. A bug has been fixed that caused incorrect code for loops containing a right shift by a constant. The bug affected code compiled with -mfpu=neon and loop vectorization enabled with -O3 or -ftree-vectorize.

Incorrect code for nested functions. A bug in GCC that caused the compiler to generate incorrect code for nested functions has been fixed. The bug resulted in incorrect stack alignments in the affected functions.

Binutils update. The binutils package has been updated to version 2.19.51.20090205 from the FSF trunk. This update includes numerous bug fixes.

ARM build attributes conformance improvements. Several ARM EABI 2.07 conformance issues relating to the handling of build attributes in the assembler and linker have been fixed. All build attribute types are now recognized, and can now be declared by name, in addition to by number. Support for merging attributes in the linker has been improved, and the linking of incompatible objects is now detected and rejected in more cases.

Internal compiler error with -fremove-local-statics. An internal compiler error that occurred when using the -fremove-local-statics option has been fixed. The error occurred when compiling code with function-local static array or structure variables.

Linker crash on incompatible input files. Some third-party compilers, including ARM RealView® 4.0, produce a build attribute marking output files that are not compatible with the ABI for the ARM Architecture. This attribute sometimes caused the linker to crash. The linker now correctly issues an error message.

A.1.5. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2008q3-67

Bug fix for assembly listing. A bug that caused the assembler to produce corrupted listings (via the -a option) on Windows hosts has been fixed.

Optimizer bug fix. A bug that caused an unrecognizable insn internal compiler error when compiling at optimization levels above -00 has been fixed.

VFP compiler fix. A compiler bug that resulted in internal compiler error: output_operand: invalid expression as operand when generating VFP code has been fixed.

Misaligned NEON memory accesses. A bug has been fixed that caused the compiler to use aligned NEON load/store instructions to access misaligned data when autovectorizing certain loops. The bug affected code compiled with -mfpu=neon and loop vectorization enabled with -O3 or -ftree-vectorize.

A.1.6. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2008q3-40

Definition of va_list. In order to conform to the ABI for the ARM Architecture, the definition of the type of va_list (defined in stdarg.h) has been changed. This change impacts only the mangled names of C++ entities. For example, the mangled name of a C++ function taking an argument of type va_list, or va_list *, or another type involving va_list has changed. Since this is an incompatible change, you must recompile and relink any modules defining or using affected va_list-typed entities.

Thumb-2 assembler fixes. The Thumb-2 encodings of QADD, QDADD, QSUB, and QDSUB have been corrected. Previous versions of the assembler generated incorrect object files for these instructions. The assembler now accepts the ORN, QASX, QSAX, RRX, SHASX, SHSAX, SSAX, USAX, UHASX, UQSAX, and USAX mnemonics. The assembler now detects and issues errors for invalid uses of register 13 (the stack pointer) and register 15 (the program counter) in many instructions.

Bug fix for objcopy/strip. An objcopy bug that corrupted COMDAT groups when creating new binaries has been fixed. This bug also affected **strip -g**.

Binutils support for DWARF Version 3. The **addr2line** command now supports binaries containing DWARF 3 debugging information. The **ld** command can display error messages with source locations for input files containing DWARF 3 debugging information.

NEON improvements. Several improvements and bug fixes have been made to the NEON Advanced SIMD Extension support in GCC. A problem that caused the autovectorizer to fail in some circumstances has been fixed. Also, many of the intrinsics available via the arm_neon.h header file now have improved error checking for out-of-bounds arguments, and the vget_lane intrinsics that return signed values now produce improved code.

NEON compiler fix. A compiler bug that resulted in incorrect NEON code being generated has been fixed. Typically the incorrect code occurred when NEON intrinsics were used inside small if statements.

Mixed-case NEON register aliases. An assembler bug that prevented NEON register aliases from being created with mixed-case names using the .dn and .qn directives has been fixed. Previously only aliases created with all-lowercase or all-uppercase names worked correctly.

Inline functions declared with dllexport. The compiler now always emits an out-of-line copy of inline functions declared with the __declspec(dllexport) specifier. This allows such functions to be referenced from outside the DLL, just like non-inline functions.

Janus 2CC support. GCC now includes a work-around for a hardware bug in Avalent Janus 2CC cores. To compile and link for these cores, use the -mfix-janus-2cc compiler option. If you are using the linker directly use the --fix-janus-2cc linker option.

ARM exception handling bug fix. A bug in the runtime library has been fixed that formerly caused throwing an unexpected exception in C++ to crash instead of calling the unexpected exception handler. The bug only affected C++ code compiled by non-GNU compilers such as ARM RealView®.

Mangling of NEON type names. A bug in the algorithm used by the C++ compiler for mangling the names of NEON types, such as int8x16_t, has been fixed. These mangled names are used internally in object files to encode type information in addition to the programmer-visible names of the C++ variables and functions. The new mangled name encoding is more compact and conforms to the ARM C++ ABI.

Half-precision floating point. Sourcery G++ now includes support for half-precision floating point via the __fp16 type in C and C++. The compiler can generate code using either hardware support or library routines. For more information, see Section 3.5, "Half-Precision Floating Point".

A.1.7. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2008g3-10

Uppercase operands to IT instructions. The assembler now accepts both uppercase and lowercase operands for the IT family of instructions.

NEON autovectorizer fix. A compiler bug that caused generation of bad VLD1 instructions has been fixed. The bug affected code compiled with -mfpu=neon -ftree-vectorize.

Output files removed on error. When GCC encounters an error, it now consistently removes any incomplete output files that it may have created.

ARMv7 offset out of range errors. An assembler bug that resulted in offset out of range errors when compiling for ARMv7 processors has been fixed.

Symbian binary relocation. The linker now correctly generates relocations for writable data as data-relative rather than text-relative. The former behavior caused runtime failures accessing writable data.

Thumb-2 MUL encoding. In Thumb-2 mode, the assembler now encodes MUL as a 16-bit instruction (rather than as a 32-bit instruction) when possible. This fix results in smaller code, with no loss of performance.

ARM C++ **ABI** utility functions. Vector utility functions required by the ARM C++ ABI no longer crash when passed null pointers. The affected functions are __aeabi_vec_dtor_cookie, __aeabi_vec_delete, __aeabi_vec_delete3, and __aeabi_vec_delete3_nodtor. These functions are not intended for use by application programmers; they are only called by compiler-generated code. They are not presently used by the GNU C++ compiler, but are used by some other compilers, including ARM's RealView® compiler.

GCC version 4.3.2. Sourcery G++ Lite for ARM SymbianOS is now based on GCC version 4.3.2. For more information about changes from GCC version 4.2 that was included in previous releases, see http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.3/changes.html.

Smaller Thumb-2 code. When optimizing for size (i.e., when -Os is in use), GCC now generates the 16-bit MULS Thumb-2 multiply instruction instead of the 32-bit MUL instruction.

Thumb-2 RBIT encoding. An assembler bug that resulted in incorrect encoding of the Thumb-2 RBIT instruction has been fixed.

Marvell Feroceon compiler bug fix. A bug that caused an internal compiler error when optimizing for Marvell Feroceon CPUs has been fixed.

Misaligned accesses to packed structures fix. A bug that caused GCC to generate misaligned accesses to packed structures has been fixed.

Bug fix for objdump on Windows. An objdump bug that caused the -S option not to work on Windows in some cases has been fixed.

A.1.8. Changes in Older Releases

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