Sourcery G++ Lite MIPS GNU/Linux Sourcery G++ Lite 2011.03-53 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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Preface

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- uration"	This chapter describes how to download, install and configure Sourcery G ++ Lite. This section describes the available install- ation options and explains how to set up your environment so that you can build applications.
Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux"	This chapter contains information about using Sourcery G ++ Lite that is specific to MIPS GNU/Linux 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, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite"	This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for remote debugging. The Sprite is provided for debug- ging of the Linux kernel on the target board. This chapter in- cludes information about the debugging devices and boards supported by the Sprite for MIPS GNU/Linux.
Chapter 6, "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 re- lease of Sourcery G ++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux. 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 MIPS GNU/Linux is intended for developers working on embedded GNU/Linux applications. It may also be used for Linux kernel development and debugging, or to build a GNU/Linux distribution.

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. Note that this checklist is also oriented towards application debugging rather than kernel debugging.

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 MIPS GNU/Linux".

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. When the installation is complete, it offers 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".

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

Identify your target libraries. Sourcery G++ Lite supports libraries optimized for different targets. Libraries are selected automatically by the linker, depending on the processor and other options you have specified. Refer to Section 3.2, "Library Configurations" for details.

Install runtime libraries on your target machine. In order to run programs built with the Sourcery G++ runtime libraries on target hardware, you must install these libraries, the Sourcery G++ dynamic linker, and other runtime support files -- collectively referred to as the *sysroot* -- on your GNU/Linux target system. Typically, this involves either using third-party tools to build a complete root filesystem including the Sourcery G++ sysroot, or using special commands when linking or running your program so it can find the sysroot installed in another location on the target. Refer to Section 3.5, "Using Sourcery G++ Lite on GNU/Linux Targets" for full discussion of these options.

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.

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.

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

Run your program on the MIPS GNU/Linux target. To run a program using the included Sourcery G++ libraries, you must install the system on the target, as previously discussed. Copy the executable for your program to the target system. The method you use for launching your program depends on how you have installed the libraries and built your program. In some cases, you may need to invoke the Sourcery G++ dynamic linker explicitly. Refer to Section 3.5, "Using Sourcery G++ Lite on GNU/Linux Targets" for details.

Debug your program on the target using GDB server. You can use GDB server on a remote target to debug your program. When debugging a program that uses the included Sourcery G++ libraries, you must use the gdbserver executable included in the sysroot, and similar issues with respect to the dynamic linker as discussed previously apply. See Section 3.6, "Using GDB Server for Debugging" for detailed instructions. Once you have started GDB server on the target, you can connect to it from the debugger on your host system. Refer to Section 4.3, "Running Applications from GDB" for instructions on remote debugging from command-line 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 mips-linux-gnu.

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 MIPS GNU/Linux" 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.

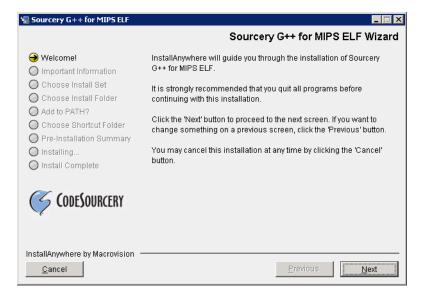
2.4.1. Using the Sourcery G++ Lite Installer on Microsoft Windows

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.

🖫 Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF	
	Choose Install Folder
🕢 Welcome!	Where Would You Like to Install?
Important Information	C:\Program Files\CodeSourcery\Sourcery G++
 Choose Install Set Choose Install Folder 	<u>R</u> estore Default Folder Ch <u>o</u> ose
Add to PATH? Choose Shortcut Folder Bra Installation Cummeru	
 Pre-Installation Summary Installing Install Complete 	
InstallAnywhere by Macrovision -	Previous

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

🖳 Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF	
	Choose Shortcut Folder
 Welcome! Important Information Choose Install Set Choose Install Folder Add to PATH? Choose Shortcut Folder Pre-Installation Summary Installing 	Where would you like to create product icons? C In a new Program Group: Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF C In an existing Program Group: Accessories C In the Start Menu In the Desktop C In the Quick Launch Bar In the Quick Launch Bar
Install Complete CODESOURCERY	Other: deSourcery\Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF Choose Don't create icons Create Icons for All Users
InstallAnywhere by Macrovision — <u>C</u> ancel	Previous Next

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.

📲 Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF	
	Install Complete
 Welcome! Important Information Choose Install Set Choose Install Folder Add to PATH? Choose Shortcut Folder Pre-Installation Summary Installing Install Complete 	Congratulations! Sourcery G++ for MIPS ELF has been successfully installed to: d:\cygwin\home\sandra\mipself\install Press "Done" to quit the installer.
InstallAnywhere by Macrovision	Previous Done

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++-2011.03.

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 MIPS GNU/Linux 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 MIPS GNU/Linux target all begin with mips-linux-gnu. 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 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:

> mips-linux-gnu-g++ -v

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2011.03-53.

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++-mips-linux-gnu/man.

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

> mips-linux-gnu-g++ -v

Verify that the last line of the output contains: Sourcery G++ Lite 2011.03-53.

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 mips-linux-gnu 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 MIPS GNU/Linux

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

Component	Version	Notes
GNU programming tools		·
GNU Compiler Collection	4.5.2	Separate manual included.
GNU Binary Utilities	2.20.51	Includes assembler, linker, and other utilities. Separate manuals included.
Debugging support and simulators	5	
GNU Debugger	7.2.50	Separate manual included.
Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for MIPS	2011.03-53	Provided for kernel debugging only. See Chapter 5, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite".
GDB Server	N/A	Included with GDB. See Section 3.6, "Using GDB Server for Debugging".
Target libraries		
GNU C Library	2.13	Separate manual included.
uClibc C Library	0.9.30	
Linux Kernel Headers	2.6.38	
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 MIPS GNU/Linux includes the following library configuration.

MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, O32	
Command-line option(s):	default
Sysroot subdirectory:	./
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, O32	
Command-line option(s):	-EL
Sysroot subdirectory:	el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, Soft-Float, O32	
Command-line option(s):	-msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	soft-float/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float, O32	
Command-line option(s):	-EL -msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	soft-float/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, O32, microMIPSCommand-line option(s):-mmicromipsSysroot subdirectory:micromips/Dynamic linker:lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, O32, microMIPS	
Command-line option(s):	-mmicromips -EL
Sysroot subdirectory:	micromips/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, Soft-Float, O32, microMIPS	
Command-line option(s):	-mmicromips -msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	micromips/soft-float/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float, O32, microMIPS		
Command-line option(s):	-mmicromips -EL -msoft-float	
Sysroot subdirectory:	micromips/soft-float/el/	
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1	

MIPS32 revision 2 - uClibc, Big-Endian, O32	
Command-line option(s):	-muclibc
Sysroot subdirectory:	uclibc/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld-uClibc.so.0

MIPS32 revision 2 - uClibc, Little-Endian, O32

Command-line option(s):	-muclibc -EL
Sysroot subdirectory:	uclibc/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld-uClibc.so.0

MIPS32 revision 2 - uClibc, Big-Endian, Soft-Float, O32	
Command-line option(s):	-muclibc -msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	uclibc/soft-float/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld-uClibc.so.0

MIPS32 revision 2 - uClibc, Little-Endian, Soft-Float, O32		
Command-line option(s):	-muclibc -EL -msoft-float	
Sysroot subdirectory:	uclibc/soft-float/el/	
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld-uClibc.so.0	

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.

Each multilib corresponds to a *sysroot* directory which contains the files that should be installed on the target system. The sysroot contains the dynamic linker used to run your applications on the target as well as the libraries. Refer to Section 3.5, "Using Sourcery G++ Lite on GNU/Linux Targets" for instructions on how to install and use these support files on your target GNU/Linux system. You can find the sysroot directories provided with Sourcery G++ in the mips-linux-gnu/libc directory of your installation. In the tables below, the dynamic linker pathname is given relative to the corresponding sysroot.

3.3. Target Architectures

By default, Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux generates code for MIPS32r2 processors. If you wish to generate code for another MIPS processor, you must use an appropriate -march option when you build your application. Refer to the GCC manual for additional information about supported targets.

3.4. Target Kernel Requirements

The GNU C library supplied with this version of Sourcery G++ Lite requires that Linux kernel version 2.6.12 or later be installed on the target in order to run applications.

To support hardware watchpoints with gdbserver, Linux 2.6.28 or later is required.

3.5. Using Sourcery G++ Lite on GNU/Linux Targets

In order to run and debug programs produced by Sourcery G++ on a GNU/Linux target, you must install runtime support files on the target. You may also need to set appropriate build options so that your executables can find the correct dynamic linker and libraries at runtime.

The runtime support files, referred to as the *sysroot*, are found in the mips-linux-gnu/libc directory of your Sourcery G++ Lite installation. The sysroot consists of the contents of the etc, lib, sbin, and usr directories. There may be other directories in mips-linux-gnu/libc that contain additional sysroots customized for particular combinations of command-line compiler flags, or *multilibs*. Refer to Section 3.2, "Library Configurations" for a list of the included multilibs in this version of Sourcery G++ Lite, and the corresponding sysroot directory pathnames.

Note for Windows Host Users

The sysroots provided in Windows host packages for Sourcery G++ are not directly usable on the GNU/Linux target because of differences between the Windows and GNU/Linux file systems. Some files that are hard links, or copies, in the sysroot as installed on the Windows file system should be symbolic links on the GNU/Linux target. Additionally, some files in the sysroot that should be marked executable on the GNU/Linux target are not marked executable on Windows. If you intend to use the sysroot provided with Sourcery G++ on a Windows host system as the basis for your GNU/Linux target filesystem, you must correct these issues after copying the sysroot to the target.

You have these choices for installing the sysroot on the target:

- You can install the files in the filesystem root on the target (that is, installing the files directly in /etc/, /lib/, and so on). All applications on the target then automatically use the Sourcery G++ libraries. This method is primarily useful when you are building a GNU/Linux root filesystem from scratch. If your target board already has a GNU/Linux filesystem installed, overwriting the existing C library files is not recommended, as this may break other applications on your system, or cause it to fail to boot.
- You can install the sysroot in an alternate location and build your application with the -rpath and --dynamic-linker linker options to specify the sysroot location.
- You can install the sysroot in an alternate location and explicitly invoke your application through the dynamic linker to specify the sysroot location. If you are just getting started with Sourcery G++ Lite, this may be the easiest way to get your application running, but this method does not support use of the debugger. In addition, this method only works with programs linked with the GNU C Library (glibc), not uClibc.

Setting the environment variable LD_LIBRARY_PATH on the target is not sufficient, since executables produced by Sourcery G++ depend on the Sourcery G++ dynamic linker included in the sysroot as well as the Sourcery G++ runtime libraries.

3.5.1. Installing the Sysroot

If you are modifying an existing system, rather than creating a new system from scratch, you should place the sysroot files in a new directory, rather than in the root directory of your target system.

If you choose to overwrite your existing C library, you may not be able to boot your system. You should back up your existing system before overwriting the C library and ensure that you can restore the backup even with your system offline.

The next step is to identify the correct sysroot subdirectory in the Sourcery G++ Lite install directory on your host system. The sysroot you copy to the target must be the one that corresponds to the linker options you are using to build your applications. The tables in Section 3.2, "Library Configurations" tell you which sysroot subdirectories correspond to which sets of command-line options. From the command line, you can identify the appropriate sysroot for your program by invoking the compiler with -print-sysroot added to your other build options. This causes GCC to print the host sysroot pathname and exit.

The mechanism you use for copying the sysroot to your target board depends on its hardware and software configuration. You may be able to use FTP or SSH with a server already running on your target. If your target board does not have networking configured, you may be able to copy files using an SD card or USB memory stick, or via a file transfer utility over a serial line. The instructions that come with your board may include specific suggestions.

When running Sourcery G^{++} on a GNU/Linux host, as an alternative to copying files to the target system, you may be able to NFS-mount the Sourcery G^{++} Lite installation directory from your host system on the target system. It is especially convenient for debugging if you can make the system

pathname on the target system be identical to that on the GNU/Linux host system; refer to Section 3.6.3, "Setting the Sysroot in the Debugger" for further discussion of this issue.

Otherwise, you must copy files from the appropriate sysroot subdirectory in the mips-linux-gnu/libc directory of your Sourcery G++ Lite install to the target system. In many cases, you do not need to copy all of the files in the sysroot. For example, the usr/include subdirectory contains files that are only needed if you will actually be running the compiler on your target system. You do not need these files for non-native compilers. You also do not need any .o or .a files; these are used by the compiler when linking programs, but are not needed to run programs. You should definitely copy all .so files and the executable files in usr/bin and sbin.

3.5.2. Using Linker Options to Specify the Sysroot Location

If you have installed the sysroot on the target in a location other than the file system root, you can use the -rpath and --dynamic-linker linker options to specify the sysroot location.

If you are using Sourcery G++ from the command line, follow these steps:

- 1. First find the correct sysroot directory, dynamic linker, and library subdirectory for your selected multilib. Refer to Section 3.2, "Library Configurations". In the following steps, *sysroot* is the absolute path to the sysroot directory on the target corresponding to your selected multilib. For the default multilib, the dynamic linker path relative to the sysroot is lib/ld.so.l, and the library subdirectory is lib. This is used in the example below.
- 2. When invoking mips-linux-gnu-gcc to link your executable, include the command-line options:

```
-Wl,-rpath=sysroot/lib:sysroot/usr/lib \
-Wl,--dynamic-linker=sysroot/lib/ld.so.1
```

where *sysroot* is the absolute path to the sysroot directory on the target corresponding to your selected multilib.

3. Copy the executable to the target and execute it normally.

Note that if you specify an incorrect path for --dynamic-linker, the common failure mode seen when running your application on the target is similar to

```
> ./factorial
./factorial: No such file or directory
```

or

```
> ./factorial
./factorial: bad ELF interpreter: No such file or directory
```

This can be quite confusing since it appears from the error message as if it is the ./factorial executable that is missing rather than the dynamic linker it references.

3.5.3. Specifying the Sysroot Location at Runtime

You can invoke the Sourcery G^{++} dynamic linker on the target to run your application without having to compile it with specific linker options. Note that this method of specifying the sysroot is specific to the GNU C Library (glibc) and does not work if you have linked your application with uClibc instead.

To do this, follow these steps:

- 1. Build your application on the host, without any additional linker options, and copy the executable to your target system.
- 2. Find the correct sysroot directory, dynamic linker, and library subdirectory for your selected multilib. Refer to Section 3.2, "Library Configurations". In the following steps, *sysroot* is the absolute path to the sysroot directory on the target corresponding to your selected multilib. For the default multilib, the dynamic linker is lib/ld.so.l, and the library subdirectory is lib. This is used in the example below.
- 3. On the target system, invoke the dynamic linker with your executable as:

```
> sysroot/lib/ld.so.1 \
    --library-path sysroot/lib:sysroot/usr/lib \
    /path/to/your-executable
```

where *sysroot* is the absolute path to the sysroot directory on the target corresponding to your selected multilib.

Invoking the linker in this manner requires that you provide either an absolute pathname to your executable, or a relative pathname prefixed with . /. Specifying only the name of a file in the current directory does not work.

3.6. Using GDB Server for Debugging

The GDB server utility provided with Sourcery G++ Lite can be used to debug a GNU/Linux application. While Sourcery G++ runs on your host system, gdbserver and the target application run on your target system. Even though Sourcery G++ and your application run on different systems, the debugging experience when using gdbserver is very similar to debugging a native application.

3.6.1. Running GDB Server

The GDB server executables are included in the sysroot in ABI-specific subdirectories of *sysroot/usr*. Use the executable from the sysroot and library subdirectory that match your program. See Section 3.2, "Library Configurations" for details.

You must copy the sysroot to your target system as described in Section 3.5.1, "Installing the Sysroot". You must also copy the executable you want to debug to your target system.

If you have installed the sysroot in the root directory of the filesystem on the target, you can invoke gdbserver as:

> gdbserver :10000 program arg1 arg2 ...

where *program* is the path to the program you want to debug and *arg1 arg2 ...* are the arguments you want to pass to it. The :10000 argument indicates that gdbserver should listen for connections from GDB on port 10000. You can use a different port, if you prefer.

If you have installed the sysroot in an alternate directory, invoking gdbserver becomes more complicated. You must build your application using the link-time options to specify the location of the sysroot, as described in Section 3.5.2, "Using Linker Options to Specify the Sysroot Location". You must also invoke gdbserver itself using the dynamic linker provided in the Sourcery G++ sysroot, as described in Section 3.5.3, "Specifying the Sysroot Location at Runtime". In other words, the command to invoke gdbserver in this case would be similar to:

```
> sysroot/lib/ld.so.1 \
    --library-path sysroot/lib:sysroot/usr/lib \
    sysroot/usr/lib/bin/gdbserver :10000 program arg1 arg2 ...
```

3.6.2. Connecting to GDB Server from the Debugger

You can connect to GDB server by using the following command from within GDB:

(gdb) target remote target:10000

where *target* is the host name or IP address of your target system.

When your program exits, gdbserver exits too. If you want to debug the program again, you must restart gdbserver on the target. Then, in GDB, reissue the target command shown above.

3.6.3. Setting the Sysroot in the Debugger

In order to debug shared libraries, GDB needs to map the pathnames of shared libraries on the target to the pathnames of equivalent files on the host system. Debugging of multi-threaded applications also depends on correctly locating copies of the libraries provided in the system on the host system.

In some situations, the target pathnames are valid on the host system. Otherwise, you must tell GDB how to map target pathnames onto the equivalent host pathnames.

In the general case, there are two GDB commands required to set up the mapping:

```
(gdb) set sysroot-on-target target-pathname (gdb) set sysroot host-pathname
```

This causes GDB to replace all instances of the *target-pathname* prefix in shared library pathnames reported by the target with *host-pathname* to get the location of the equivalent library on the host.

If you have installed the sysroot in the root filesystem on the target, you can omit the set sysroot-on-target command, and use only set sysroot to specify the location on the host system.

Refer to Section 3.5.1, "Installing the Sysroot" for more information about installing the sysroot on the target. Note that if you have installed a stripped copy of the provided libraries on the target, you should give GDB the location of an unstripped copy on the host.

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 mips-linux-gnu, as indicated by the mips-linux-gnu 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:

> mips-linux-gnu-gcc -o factorial main.c

There should be no output from the compiler. (If you are building a C++ application, instead of a C application, replace mips-linux-gnu-gcc with mips-linux-gnu-g++.)

4.2. Running Applications on the Target System

You may need to install the Sourcery G++ runtime libraries and dynamic linker on the target system before you can run your application. Refer to Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux" for specific instructions.

To run your program on a GNU/Linux target system, use the command:

```
> factorial
```

You should see:

```
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
```

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.

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:

```
> mips-linux-gnu-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.

4.3.1. 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 5, "Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for detailed information about the supported devices.

You can start the Sprite directly from within GDB:

(gdb) target remote | mips-linux-gnu-sprite arguments

Refer to Section 5.2, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for a full description of the Sprite arguments.

4.3.2. Connecting to an External GDB Server

Sourcery G^{++} Lite includes a program called gdbserver that can be used to debug a program running on a remote MIPS GNU/Linux target. Follow the instructions in Chapter 3, "Sourcery G^{++} Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux" to install and run gdbserver on your target system.

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.

Chapter 5 Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite

This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for remote debugging. The Sprite is provided for debugging of the Linux kernel on the target board. This chapter includes information about the debugging devices and boards supported by the Sprite for MIPS GNU/Linux.

Sourcery G++ Lite contains the Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for MIPS GNU/Linux. 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 5.2, "Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite" for information about the specific devices supported by this version of Sourcery G++ Lite.

Note for Linux users

The Debug Sprite provided with Sourcery G++ Lite allows remote debugging of the Linux kernel running on the target. For remote debugging of application programs, you should use gdbserver instead. See Chapter 3, "Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux" for details about how to install and run gdbserver on the target.

Important

The Sourcery G^{++} Debug Sprite is not part of the GNU Debugger and is not free or opensource 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.

5.1. 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:

> mips-linux-gnu-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:

```
Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite for MIPS (Sourcery G++ Lite \
2011.03-53)
mdi: [lib=<file>&cfg=<file>&rst=<n>] MDI device
mdi:/23/1 - 24KE (Instruction)/24KE LE
mdi:/23/2 - 24KE (Instruction)/24KE BE
mdi:/24/1 - 24KE (Cycle)/24KE LE
mdi:/24/2 - 24KE (Cycle)/24KE BE
mdi:/$Target/$Device - Generic MDI target/device
```

This shows that MDI (Microprocessor Debug Interface) devices are supported. Four MIPSsim devices have been autodetected. Note that additional configuration steps for the MDI library are required to allow the Sprite to autodetect devices; see Section 5.4, "MDI Devices".

5.2. Invoking Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite

The Debug Sprite is invoked as follows:

```
> mips-linux-gnu-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 MIPS GNU/Linux:

mdi Use a Microprocessor Debug Interface (MDI) debugging device. Refer to Section 5.4, "MDI 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 5.6, "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 5.7, "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.

5.3. Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite Options

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

-b	Print a list of <i>board-file</i> files in the board config directory.
-h	Print a list of options and their meanings. A list of <i>device-url</i> syntaxes is also shown.
-i	Print a list of the accessible devices. If a <i>device-url</i> 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 <i>device-url</i> . For each discovered device, the <i>device-url</i> is printed along with a description of that device.
-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 mips-linux-gnu-sprite command, you do not need this option.
-m	Listen for multiple sequential connections. Normally the Debug Sprite ter- minates 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.

-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.

5.4. MDI Devices

The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for MIPS supports MDI (Microprocessor Debug Interface) devices. Each MDI device is identified by a target number and device number; these form the *path* part of the device URL, and the *hostname* and *port* must be empty or omitted. Thus, the *device-url* has the form:

mdi:///targetnum/devicenum[?device-options]

You can also use the environment variables GDBMDITARGET and GDBMDIDEVICE to provide defaults for the *targetnum* and *devicenum*.

The following *device-options* are permitted:

lib=filename	This option specifies the MDI library to load. It is equivalent to setting the GDBMDILIB environment variable.
cfg=filename	Some MDI target libraries, such as MIPSsim, require a config- uration file. (This is distinct from the Sprite's own <i>board-file</i> .) You can use this option to specify the file. It is equival- ent to setting the GDBMIPSSIMCONFIG environment variable.
rst=seconds	This option can be used to specify a delay after the target is reset by the Sprite. If the value of <i>seconds</i> is greater than zero, then execution is resumed for the specified number of seconds; this can be used to allow power-on firmware to initialize the memory controller and peripherals. Then the target is halted again and queried for configuration.
	If the value of $seconds$ is -1, then the target is queried imme- diately without reset. This is the same effect as passing the -a command-line option to the Sprite, which allows the Sprite to attach to a running program.
	This option is equivalent to setting the GDBMDICONNRST environment variable. If neither the option nor the environment variable are provided, the default is to reset the target and query it immediately unless the -a option is specified.
group=/targetn/devicen	This option may be specified multiple times and is cumulative. Each of the specified devices is opened and queried and they are all treated as threads of execution, subject to being enabled or active; if a device is disabled or has no active thread contexts associated with it, it is not visible to GDB but is still under control of the Sprite in case its state changes. This option cannot be used in combination with the team= option.

team=/targetn/devicen This option may be specified multiple times and is cumulative. The specified devices are not opened, but are associated with the base device by means of the MDI team mechanism for the purpose of synchronization. The specified devices may still be opened and controlled by another debugger (such as another instance of the Debug Sprite) independently. This option cannot be used in combination with the group= option.

Before you can connect to a target using the MDI API, you must tell the Debug Sprite which shared library or DLL to load for your simulator or device. On Linux hosts you should add the directory containing the shared library files to your LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable. On Windows hosts, add the directory containing the DLLs to your PATH environment variable. Then, either set the environment variable GDBMDILIB to the base name of the MDI library before starting the Debug Sprite, or use the lib= device option to specify the library to load.

Similarly, the -i command-line option can only probe for devices if you have set the PATH or LD_ LIBRARY_PATH environment variable appropriately, and specify an MDI library using either the GDBMDILIB environment variable or the lib= device option. Otherwise, it reports only the generic *device-url* syntax.

For example, to use an FS2 probe on a Windows host to debug a MIPS Malta board, first add the directory containing the MDI DLLs to your PATH. Then you can invoke the Sprite from GDB using a command line similar to:

```
(gdb) target remote | mips-linux-gnu-sprite \
'mdi:/2/2?lib=jnetfs2mdilib.dll&rst=7' malta
```

The quotes are required to prevent special characters in the *device-url* from being interpreted by the shell.

In the above command, the rst=7 option provides for a sufficient delay for the board's reset code to execute on connection. Since this takes several seconds, GDB may time out waiting for the Sprite to respond. You can prevent this by issuing this command before you connect to the Sprite:

(gdb) set remotetimeout 10

To use the Sprite with MIPSsim, a configuration file is required. The configuration files provided with the MIPSsim distribution are intended for use with standalone execution from the command line, rather than running the program from the debugger. So, make a copy and comment out the APP_FILE setting. It is also recommended that you comment out TRACE_FILE as well, since the trace files can be very large.

To connect to MIPSsim using the Sprite on a Linux host, first set your LD_LIBRARY_PATH and GDBMDILIB as described above. You can run the Sprite from the shell to probe for devices to verify that your setup is correct:

> mips-linux-gnu-sprite -i

Then, from GDB, use a command similar to:

```
(gdb) target remote | mips-linux-gnu-sprite \
'mdi:/23/2?cfg=24KE.cfg&rst=-1' mipssim
```

Fill in your target and device numbers as reported by the probe output, and the full pathname to your configuration file. The rst=-1 option is required, as MIPSsim does not support reset.

This section describes only the basic MDI usage; refer to the documentation for your MDI simulator or debug device for details specific to that target. Note, in particular, that some MDI targets may require you to set up a license in addition to the steps given here.

5.5. 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:

> mips-linux-gnu-sprite -1 :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.

5.6. Supported Board Files

The Sourcery G++ Debug Sprite for MIPS GNU/Linux 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
MIPS Malta	malta
MIPS SEAD-3 LX110	sead3-lx110
MIPS SEAD-3 LX50	sead3-1x50
MIPSsim	mipssim

5.7. 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 mips-linux-gnu/lib/boards directory in the installation. Refer to the files in that directory for examples.

The file's DTD is:

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

```
<!-- 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)* >
<!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 #REOUIRED
                      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
                CDATA #REQUIRED
         size
         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:

<board></board>	This top-level element encapsulates the entire description of the board. It can contain <properties>, <feature>, <initialize> and <memory-map> elements.</memory-map></initialize></feature></properties>	
<properties></properties>	The <properties> element specifies specific properties of the target system. This element can occur at most once. It can contain a <description> element.</description></properties>	
<initialize></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.</delay></write-memory></write-register></initialize>	
<feature></feature>	This element is used to inform GDB about additional registers and peri- pherals available on the board. It is passed directly to GDB; see the GDB manual for further details.	
<memory-map></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>	
<memory-device></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.</description></memory-device>	
<write-register></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.	
<property></property>	The <property> element allows additional name/value pairs to be specified. The property name is specified in a name attribute. The property value is the body of the <property> element.</property></property>	

Chapter 6 Next Steps with Sourcery G++

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

6.1. 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.

6.2. Example Programs

Sourcery G++ Lite includes some bundled example programs. You can find the source code for these examples in the share/sourceryg++-mips-linux-gnu-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.

6.3. 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++-mips-linux-gnu/ 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++-mips-linux-gnu/man/man1
```

Then you can invoke man as:

```
> man ./mips-linux-gnu-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 MIPS GNU/Linux. You should read through these notes to learn about new features and bug fixes.

A.1. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux

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

A.1.1. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2011.03-53

Improved support for 32-bit symbols when using 64-bit ABI. Sourcery G++ Lite has been improved to handle Procedure Linkage Table (PLT) entries for 32-bit function symbols when compiling for N64 ABI. Effectively, the toolchain now supports building applications with -mabi=64 -msym32 -mplt compiler options, which may improve performance of certain applications.

Interprocedural stack optimization. The compiler has a new experimental optimization that generates code that claims less stack space. To switch this optimization on, use -mframe-header-opt.

MIPS32r2 floating-point multiply-accumulate restrictions lifted. Following clarifications to the MIPS architecture specification, GCC has been updated to allow floating-point multiply-accumulate instructions on MIPS32r2 processors in all configurations.

Interprocedural register optimization. The compiler has a new experimental optimization that generates better code for functions that only call functions in the same object. To switch this optimization on, use -fuse-caller-save.

Incorrect C++ warning fixed. A bug in GCC has been fixed that caused spurious warnings about lambda expressions in C++ code that does not use them.

C++ constructor bug fix. A compiler bug has been fixed that caused incorrect code for C++ constructors for some class hierarchies that use virtual inheritance and include empty classes. At runtime, the incorrect constructors resulted in memory corruption or other errors.

microMIPS branches. A compiler bug that caused sub-optimal branch instructions to be generated in microMIPS mode has been fixed.

Addr2line bug fix. A bug has been fixed that caused Addr2line to print ??:0 for any address instead of file and line number.

24K Errata. The -mfix-24k assembler option has been extended to work around Errata E48: Lost Data on Stores During Refill. In addition, GCC now accepts this command-line option and passes it through to the assembler.

EGLIBC version 2.13. Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux now includes EGLIBC version 2.13 library which is based on GNU C Library version 2.13. For more information about changes, see http://www.eglibc.org/news#eglibc_2_13.

A.1.2. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2011.03-11

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

- Smaller and faster code for compound conditionals.
- Improved filling of branch delay slots.

• Removal of superfluous sign and zero extensions.

GCC version 4.5.2. Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux is now based on GCC version 4.5.2.

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. Refer to the GCC manual for details.

GCC code generation bug for casts to volatile types. A compiler bug has been fixed that sometimes caused incorrect code for references to pointers to types with volatile casts.

Improvements to synchronization primitives. GCC's __sync built-in functions have been improved to make better use of MIPS atomic instructions. In addition, some of GLIBC's atomic macros have been improved to make use of the __sync built-in functions.

Incorrect optimization fix. An optimizer bug that in rare cases caused incorrect code to be generated for complex AND and OR expressions containing redundant subexpressions has been fixed.

GCC microMIPS code size improvement. GCC has been improved to generate smaller code around function calls.

GCC bug where accesses to volatile structure fields are optimized away. A bug has been fixed where accesses to volatile fields of a structure were sometimes incorrectly optimized away if the structure instance was defined as non-volatile.

Improved MIPS16 and microMIPS library call support. The toolchain now supports the use of MIPS16 and microMIPS code in the Procedure Linkage Table (PLT). The table is used to make shared library function calls from programs. The new feature allows smaller and faster code to be generated.

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.

microMIPS linker code size optimization bug fix. A bug has been fixed that sometimes caused the linker to generate incorrect code when the --relax option is used to enable certain code size optimizations.

MCU ASE instructions assembler bug fixes. Bugs have been fixed that caused the assembler to sometimes generate incorrect code for the MCU ASE ACLR, ASET and IRET instructions.

popen bug fix. GLIBC's popen function no longer causes a deadlock situation when invoked from more than one thread.

strstr and strcasestr bug fixes. A problem has been fixed that caused GLIBC's strstr and strcasestr functions to return wrong results on certain inputs.

Linux kernel headers update. Linux kernel header files have been updated to version 2.6.38.

gdbserver support for watchpoints. gdbserver now supports hardware watchpoints on MIPS GNU/Linux targets. The Linux kernel version 2.6.28 or later is required.

GDB microMIPS disassembler bug fix. A bug in GDB has been fixed that caused some microMIPS instructions to disassemble incorrectly.

Improved GDB startup times when debugging remote targets. GDB has been enhanced to reduce the startup times when working with remote targets via GDBServer, especially when the target uses a large number of shared libraries.

A.1.3. Changes in Sourcery G++ Lite 2010.09-24

Changes to Sourcery G++ version numbering. Sourcery G++ product and Lite toolchains now uniformly use a version numbering scheme of the form 2011.03-53. The major and minor parts of the version number, in this case 2011.03, 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.

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.

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.
- Better code when constant addresses are used as arguments to inline assembly statements.
- Better code for copying small constant strings.

GCC version 4.5.1. Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux 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.

C++ locale support. The C++ standard library now includes locale support. This feature is not enabled for uClibc multilibs.

COP2 instruction bug fix. A bug in handling of the COP2 instruction's argument has been fixed in the assembler and disassembler.

Archiver bug fix. A bug has been fixed in the ar utility, which sometimes caused it to produce unrecognizable 64-bit files. The bug also caused similar problems in the strip and objcopy utilities when processing 64-bit archives.

Linker bug fix. A bug in the linker's handling of some multiply-defined symbols from shared libraries has been fixed.

Fix for incorrect MIPS16 and microMIPS relocations. An assembler bug has been fixed that caused incorrect relocation information to be produced for MIPS16 and microMIPS code, diagnosed by a Can't find matching LO16 reloc linker warning.

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

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.

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

memcpy and memmove optimizations. The memcpy and memmove functions have been tuned for MIPS targets and to better handle unaligned inputs.

More efficient process creation functions. The system and popen functions provided by GLIBC have been improved to require less memory when memory overcommit is disabled in the Linux kernel.

Optimized string and memory functions. The performance of GLIBC's string and memory functions, including strstr and memmem, have been significantly improved for large inputs.

Linux kernel headers update. Linux kernel header files have been updated to version 2.6.35.2.

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 \pm 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.

A.1.4. Changes in Older Releases

For information about changes in older releases of Sourcery G++ Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux, please refer to the Getting Started guide packaged with those releases.

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