

# **Sourcery CodeBench Lite**

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**Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2012.03-63**

**Getting Started**



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# **Sourcery CodeBench Lite: MIPS GNU/Linux: Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2012.03-63: Getting Started**

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## **Abstract**

This guide explains how to install and build applications with Sourcery CodeBench Lite, CodeSourcery's customized and validated version of the GNU Toolchain. Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench from the command line.

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# Preface

This preface introduces the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite. This guide provides a step-by-step guide to installing Sourcery CodeBench Lite and to building simple applications. Parts of this document assume that you have some familiarity with using the command-line interface.

# 2. Organization

This document is organized into the following chapters and appendices:

Chapter 1, “Quick Start”	This chapter includes a brief checklist to follow when installing and using Sourcery CodeBench Lite for the first time. You may use this chapter as an abbreviated guide to the rest of this manual.
Chapter 2, “Installation and Configuration”	This chapter describes how to download, install and configure Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux”	This chapter contains information about using Sourcery CodeBench Lite that is specific to MIPS GNU/Linux targets. You should read this chapter to learn how to best use Sourcery CodeBench Lite on your target system.
Chapter 4, “Using Sourcery CodeBench from the Command Line”	This chapter explains how to build applications with Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite”	This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery CodeBench 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.
Chapter 6, “Next Steps with Sourcery CodeBench”	This chapter describes where you can find additional documentation and information about using Sourcery CodeBench Lite and its components. It also provides information about Sourcery CodeBench subscriptions. CodeSourcery customers with Sourcery CodeBench subscriptions receive comprehensive support for Sourcery CodeBench.
Appendix A, “Sourcery CodeBench Lite Release Notes”	This appendix contains information about changes in this release of Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux. You should read through these notes to learn about new features and bug fixes.
Appendix B, “Sourcery CodeBench Lite Licenses”	This appendix provides information about the software licenses that apply to Sourcery CodeBench Lite. Read this appendix to understand your legal rights and obligations as a user of Sourcery CodeBench Lite.

### 3. Typographical Conventions

The following typographical conventions are used in this guide:

<code>&gt; command arg ...</code>	A command, typed by the user, and its output. The “>” character is the command prompt.
<code>command</code>	The name of a program, when used in a sentence, rather than in literal input or output.
<code>literal</code>	Text provided to or received from a computer program.
<code>placeholder</code>	Text that should be replaced with an appropriate value when typing a command.
<code>\</code>	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.

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# Chapter 1

## Quick Start

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

Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite in Chapter 3, “Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux”.

## 1.1. Installation and Set-Up

**Install Sourcery CodeBench Lite on your host computer.** You may download an installer package from the Sourcery CodeBench web site<sup>1</sup>, 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite for the Target System

**Identify your target libraries.** Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench runtime libraries on target hardware, you must install these libraries, the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite on GNU/Linux Targets” for full discussion of these options.

## 1.3. Building Your Program

**Build your program with Sourcery CodeBench command-line tools.** Create a simple test program, and follow the directions in Chapter 4, “Using Sourcery CodeBench from the Command Line” to compile and link it using Sourcery CodeBench 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://go.mentor.com/codebench/>



**Run your program on the MIPS GNU/Linux target.** To run a program using the included Sourcery CodeBench libraries, you must install the sysroot 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 CodeBench dynamic linker explicitly. Refer to Section 3.5, “Using Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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.

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# Chapter 2

## Installation and Configuration

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

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

## 2.1. Terminology

Throughout this document, the term *host system* refers to the system on which you run Sourcery CodeBench while the term *target system* refers to the system on which the code produced by Sourcery CodeBench runs. The target system for this version of Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench, 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 CodeBench supports the following host operating systems and architectures:

- Microsoft Windows XP (SP1), 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), SuSE Enterprise Linux 8 (and later), and Ubuntu 8.04 (and later).

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

#### **Installing on Ubuntu and Debian GNU/Linux Hosts**

The Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 -pnow dash
Install as /bin/sh? No
```

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

### 2.2.2. Host Hardware Requirements

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

The amount of disk space required for a complete Sourcery CodeBench 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 disk specified by the `TEMP` environ-

ment 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 CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux” for requirements that apply to the target system.

## 2.3. Downloading an Installer

If you have received Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite”.

You can download Sourcery CodeBench Lite from the Sourcery CodeBench web site<sup>1</sup>. This free version of Sourcery CodeBench, which is made available to the general public, does not include all the functionality of CodeSourcery's product releases. If you prefer, you may instead purchase or register for an evaluation of CodeSourcery's product toolchains at the Sourcery CodeBench Portal<sup>2</sup>.

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 CodeBench installer is provided as an executable with the `.exe` extension. For GNU/Linux systems Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite

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

### 2.4.1. Using the Sourcery CodeBench Lite Installer on Microsoft Windows

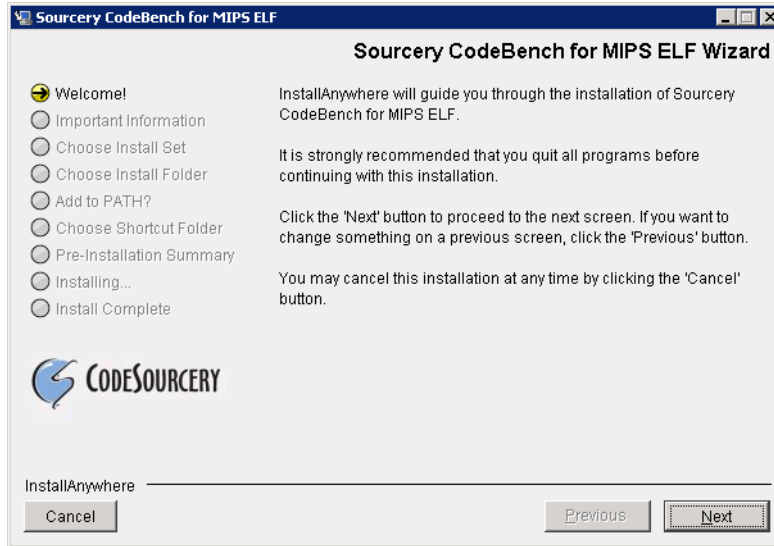
If you have received Sourcery CodeBench Lite on CD, insert the CD in your computer. On most computers, the installer then starts automatically. If your computer has been configured not to automatically run CDs, open `My Computer`, and double click on the CD. If you downloaded Sourcery CodeBench Lite,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

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

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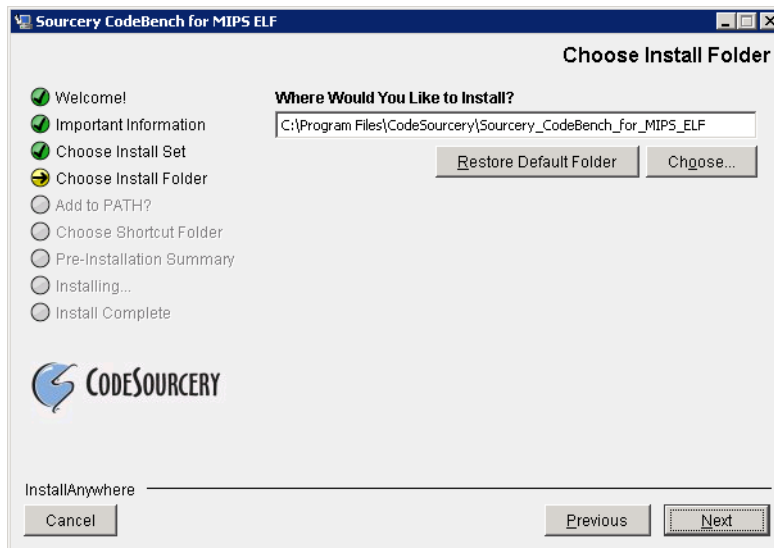
<sup>1</sup> <http://go.mentor.com/codebench/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://sourcery.mentor.com/GNUToolchain/>

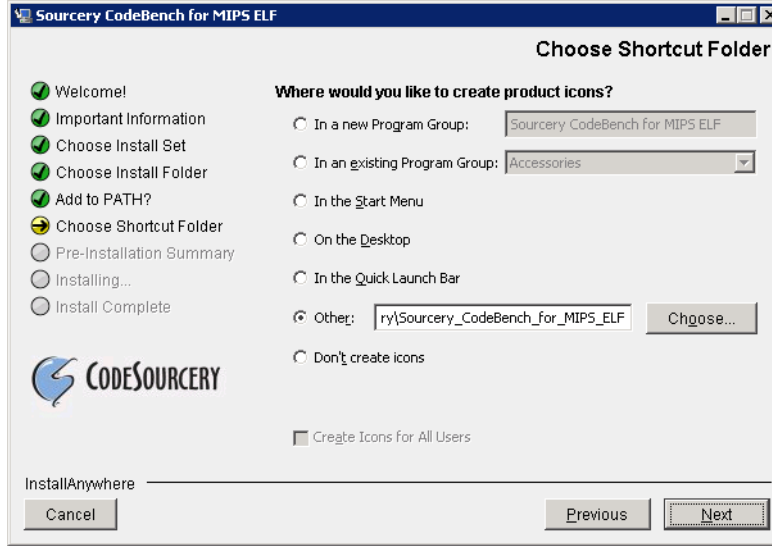


**Running the Installer.** The graphical installer guides you through the steps to install Sourcery CodeBench Lite.

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

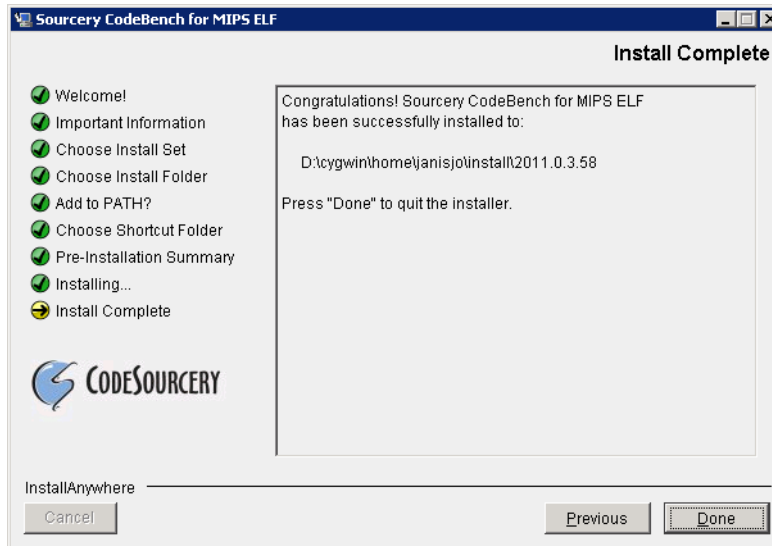


**Choose Install Folder.** Select the pathname to your install directory.



**Choose Shortcut Folder.** You can customize where the installer creates shortcuts for quick access to Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite from a Compressed Archive

You do not need to be a system administrator to install Sourcery CodeBench Lite from a compressed archive. You may install Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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++-2012.03`.

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 CodeBench Lite Updates

If you have already installed an earlier version of Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench commands for the MIPS GNU/Linux target all begin with `mips-linux-gnu`. This means that you can install Sourcery CodeBench 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

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

In order to use the Sourcery CodeBench tools from the command line, you should add them to your PATH. In the instructions that follow, replace *installdir* with the full pathname of your Sourcery CodeBench Lite installation directory, including the drive letter.

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

```
> setx PATH "%PATH%;installdir\bin"
```

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 Edit. Add the string `;installdir\bin` to the end, and click OK.

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 `;installdir\bin` to the end, and click OK.

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 CodeBench Lite 2012.03-63`.

### 2.6.1.2. Working with Cygwin

Sourcery CodeBench Lite does not require Cygwin or any other UNIX emulation environment. You can use Sourcery CodeBench directly from the Windows command shell. You can also use Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench is not a Cygwin application, it does not, by default, recognize Cygwin paths.

If you are using Sourcery CodeBench from Cygwin, you should set the `CYGPATH` environment variable. If this environment variable is set, Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench relies on the `cygpath` utility provided with Cygwin. You must provide Sourcery CodeBench with the full path to `cygpath` if `cygpath` is not in your PATH. For example:

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



directs Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite using the graphical installer then you may skip this step. The installer does this setup for you.

Before using Sourcery CodeBench 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 installdir/bin:$PATH
```

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

```
> PATH=installdir/bin:$PATH
> export PATH
```

If you are not sure which shell you are using, try both commands. In both cases, replace *installdir* with the full pathname of your Sourcery CodeBench Lite installation directory.

You may also wish to set the `MANPATH` environment variable so that you can access the Sourcery CodeBench manual pages, which provide additional information about using Sourcery CodeBench. 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 CodeBench Lite 2012.03-63`.

## 2.7. Uninstalling Sourcery CodeBench Lite

The method used to uninstall Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite Uninstaller on Microsoft Windows

You should use the provided uninstaller to remove a Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite.

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

To uninstall third-party drivers bundled with Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite Uninstaller on GNU/Linux**

You should use the provided uninstaller to remove a Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite from a `.tar.bz2` file, you can uninstall it by manually deleting the installation directory created in the install procedure.

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# **Chapter 3**

## **Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux**

This chapter contains information about features of Sourcery CodeBench Lite that are specific to MIPS GNU/Linux targets. You should read this chapter to learn how to best use Sourcery CodeBench Lite on your target system.

## 3.1. Included Components and Features

This section briefly lists the important components and features included in Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux, and tells you where you may find further information about these features.

Component	Version	Notes
<b>GNU programming tools</b>		
GNU Compiler Collection	4.6.3	Separate manual included.
GNU Binary Utilities	2.21.53	Includes assembler, linker, and other utilities. Separate manuals included.
<b>Debugging support and simulators</b>		
GNU Debugger	7.2.50	Separate manual included.
Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite for MIPS	2012.03-63	Provided for kernel debugging only. See Chapter 5, “Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite”.
GDB Server	N/A	Included with GDB. See Section 3.6, “Using GDB Server for Debugging”.
<b>Target libraries</b>		
GNU C Library	2.15	Separate manual included.
uClibc C Library	0.9.30	
Linux Kernel Headers	3.2.10	
<b>Other utilities</b>		
GNU Make	N/A	Build support on Windows hosts.
GNU Core Utilities	N/A	Build support on Windows hosts.

## 3.2. Library Configurations

Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux includes the following library configuration.

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

<b>MIPS64 revision 2 - Big-Endian, N64</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mabi=64
Sysroot subdirectory:	./
Dynamic linker:	lib64/ld.so.1

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

<b>MIPS64 revision 2 - Little-Endian, N64</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-EL -mabi=64
Sysroot subdirectory:	el/
Dynamic linker:	lib64/ld.so.1

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

<b>MIPS64 revision 2 - Big-Endian, Soft-Float, N64</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-msoft-float -mabi=64
Sysroot subdirectory:	soft-float/
Dynamic linker:	lib64/ld.so.1

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

<b>MIPS64 revision 2 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float, N64</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-EL -msoft-float -mabi=64
Sysroot subdirectory:	soft-float/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib64/ld.so.1

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, O32, microMIPS</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mmicromips
Sysroot subdirectory:	micromips/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

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

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

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

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, O32, MIPS16</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mips16
Sysroot subdirectory:	mips16/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, O32, MIPS16</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mips16 -EL
Sysroot subdirectory:	mips16/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - Big-Endian, Soft-Float, O32, MIPS16</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mips16 -msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	mips16/soft-float/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - Little-Endian, Soft-Float, O32, MIPS16</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-mips16 -EL -msoft-float
Sysroot subdirectory:	mips16/soft-float/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld.so.1

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

<b>MIPS32 revision 2 - uClibc, Little-Endian, O32</b>	
Command-line option(s):	-muclibc -EL
Sysroot subdirectory:	uclibc/el/
Dynamic linker:	lib/ld-uClibc.so.0

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

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

Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite on GNU/Linux Targets

In order to run and debug programs produced by Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite, and the corresponding sysroot directory pathnames.

#### Note for Windows Host Users

The sysroots provided in Windows host packages for Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench depend on the Sourcery CodeBench dynamic linker included in the sysroot as well as the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench on a GNU/Linux host, as an alternative to copying files to the target system, you may be able to NFS-mount the Sourcery CodeBench Lite installation directory from your host system on the target system. It is especially convenient for debugging if you can



make the sysroot 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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.1`, 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 CodeBench 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.1`, 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 CodeBench Lite can be used to debug a GNU/Linux application. While Sourcery CodeBench runs on your host system, `gdbserver` and the target application run on your target system. Even though Sourcery CodeBench 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

CodeBench 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 sysroot 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.

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# **Chapter 4**

## **Using Sourcery CodeBench from the Command Line**

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

## 4.1. Building an Application

This chapter explains how to build an application with Sourcery CodeBench 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;
}
```

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 CodeBench runtime libraries and dynamic linker on the target system before you can run your application. Refer to Chapter 3, “Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite

The Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite” for a full description of the Sprite arguments.

### 4.3.2. Connecting to an External GDB Server

Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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.

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# Chapter 5

## Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite

This chapter describes the use of the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite contains the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite” for information about the specific devices supported by this version of Sourcery CodeBench Lite.

### Note for Linux users

The Debug Sprite provided with Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux” for details about how to install and run `gdbserver` on the target.

### Important

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

## 5.1. Probing for Debug Devices

Before running the Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite for the first time, or when attaching new debug devices to your host system, it is helpful to verify that the Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench Lite \
2012.03-63)
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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite Options

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

- b** Print a list of *board-file* files in the board config directory.
- h** Print a list of options and their meanings. A list of *device-url* syntaxes is also shown.
- i** Print a list of the accessible devices. If a *device-url* 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 *device-url*. For each discovered device, the *device-url* 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 terminates after the first connection from GDB terminates. This option instead makes it listen for a subsequent connection. To terminate the Sprite, open a connection and send the string `END\n`.

`-q` Do not print any messages.

`-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 CodeBench 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 configuration file. (This is distinct from the Sprite's own *board-file*.) You can use this option to specify the file. It is equivalent 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 *seconds* 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 immediately 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench Debug Sprite must run on the machine that is connected to the target board. You must have Sourcery CodeBench installed on both machines.

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

```
> mips-linux-gnu-sprite -l :10000 device-url board-file
```

starts the Sprite listening on port 10000.

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

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

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

For more detailed instructions on using the Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite in this way, please refer to the Sourcery CodeBench Knowledge Base<sup>1</sup>.

## 5.6. Supported Board Files

The Sourcery CodeBench 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 Malta 64-bit	malta64
MIPS SEAD-3 LX110	sead3-lx110
MIPS SEAD-3 LX50	sead3-lx50
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 CodeBench 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:

<sup>1</sup> <https://sourcery.mentor.com/GNUToolchain/kbentry132>

```

<!-- Board description files

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written permission of Mentor Graphics or its authorized
distributor. This file is licensed only for use with
Sourcery CodeBench. No other use is permitted.
-->

<!ELEMENT board
(category?, properties?, feature?, initialize?, memory-map?, \
debuggerDefaults?)>

<!-- Board category to group boards list into the tree -->
<!ELEMENT category (#PCDATA)>

<!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    #REQUIRED
                value    CDATA    #REQUIRED
                bits     CDATA    #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT delay EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST delay
        time CDATA    #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT wait-until-memory-equal EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST wait-until-memory-equal
        address CDATA    #REQUIRED
                value    CDATA    #REQUIRED
                timeout  CDATA    #IMPLIED
                bits     CDATA    #IMPLIED>
<!ELEMENT wait-until-memory-not-equal EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST wait-until-memory-not-equal
        address CDATA    #REQUIRED
                value    CDATA    #REQUIRED
                timeout  CDATA    #IMPLIED
                bits     CDATA    #IMPLIED>

<!ELEMENT memory-map (memory-device)*>
<!ELEMENT memory-device (property?, description?, sectors*)>

```

```

<!ATTLIST memory-device
        address CDATA #REQUIRED
        size CDATA #REQUIRED
        type CDATA #REQUIRED
        device CDATA #IMPLIED>

<!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>
<!ELEMENT property (#PCDATA)>
<!ATTLIST property name CDATA #REQUIRED>
<!ELEMENT sectors EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST sectors
        size CDATA #REQUIRED
        count CDATA #REQUIRED>

<!-- Definition of default option values for each debug interface -->
<!ELEMENT debuggerDefaults (debugInterface*)>
<!ELEMENT debugInterface (option*)>
<!ATTLIST debugInterface
        name CDATA #REQUIRED
>
<!ELEMENT option EMPTY>
<!ATTLIST option
        name CDATA #REQUIRED
        defaultValue 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>	This top-level element encapsulates the entire description of the board. It can contain <category>, <properties>, <feature>, <initialize> and <memory-map> elements.
<category>	The <category> element specifies a '.' separated categorization of this board (e.g., Vendor.Family) to allow grouping similar boards in a tree structure.
<properties>	The <properties> element specifies specific properties of the target system. This element can occur at most once. It can contain a <description> element.
<initialize>	The <initialize> element defines an initialization sequence for the board, which the Sprite performs before downloading a program. It can contain <write-register>, <write-memory> and <delay> elements.
<feature>	This element is used to inform GDB about additional registers and peripherals available on the board. It is passed directly to GDB; see the GDB manual for further details.

<code>&lt;memory-map&gt;</code>	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 <code>&lt;memory-device&gt;</code> elements.
<code>&lt;memory-device&gt;</code>	This element specifies a region of memory. It has four attributes: <code>address</code> , <code>size</code> , <code>type</code> and <code>device</code> . The <code>address</code> and <code>size</code> attributes specify the location of the memory device. The <code>type</code> attribute specifies that device as <code>ram</code> , <code>rom</code> or <code>flash</code> . The <code>device</code> attribute is required for <code>flash</code> regions; it specifies the flash device type. The <code>&lt;memory-device&gt;</code> element can contain a <code>&lt;description&gt;</code> element.
<code>&lt;write-register&gt;</code>	This element writes a value to a control register. It has three attributes: <code>address</code> , <code>value</code> and <code>bits</code> . The <code>bits</code> attribute, specifying the bit width of the write operation, is optional; it defaults to 32.
<code>&lt;write-memory&gt;</code>	This element writes a value to a memory location. It has three attributes: <code>address</code> , <code>value</code> and <code>bits</code> . The <code>bits</code> 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.
<code>&lt;delay&gt;</code>	This element introduces a delay. It has one attribute, <code>time</code> , which specifies the number of milliseconds, or microseconds to delay by.
<code>&lt;description&gt;</code>	This element encapsulates a human-readable description of its enclosing element.
<code>&lt;property&gt;</code>	The <code>&lt;property&gt;</code> element allows additional name/value pairs to be specified. The property name is specified in a <code>name</code> attribute. The property value is the body of the <code>&lt;property&gt;</code> element.

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# **Chapter 6**

## **Next Steps with Sourcery**

### **CodeBench**

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



## 6.1. Sourcery CodeBench Knowledge Base

The Sourcery CodeBench Knowledge Base is available to registered users at the Sourcery CodeBench Portal<sup>1</sup>. Here you can find solutions to common problems including installing Sourcery CodeBench, 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench installation.

### 6.2.1. Other Examples

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 CodeBench toolchain.

## 6.3. Manuals for GNU Toolchain Components

Sourcery CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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 CodeBench 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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sourcery.mentor.com/GNUToolchain/>

Finally, note that every command-line utility program included with Sourcery CodeBench 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.

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# **Appendix A**

## **Sourcery CodeBench Lite Release Notes**

This appendix contains information about changes in this release of Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux. You should read through these notes to learn about new features and bug fixes.

## A.1. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux

This section documents Sourcery CodeBench Lite changes for each released revision.

### A.1.1. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2012.03-63

**\_\_attribute\_\_((nomips16)) code generation bug fix.** A bug in GCC that caused incorrect code to be generated for functions with the `__attribute__((nomips16))` attribute while compiling with `-mips16` has been fixed.

**C++ bug fix.** A bug that caused unpredictable program behavior in C++ programs has been fixed.

**Invalid microMIPS relocation fixed.** A bug in branch code generation for microMIPS, reported by the linker as `relocation truncated to fit: R_MICROMIPS_PC16_S1`, has been fixed.

**Improved size optimization for microMIPS.** The compiler now aligns microMIPS functions more efficiently when the `-Os` option is used.

**Compiler crash fixed.** A GCC bug that occasionally caused an internal compiler error during register allocation has been fixed.

**Register allocation bug fix.** A bug in the register allocator that caused incorrect code generation has been fixed.

**Linker `--gc-sections` bug fix.** A linker bug that incorrectly caused undefined references to be diagnosed when the `--gc-sections` option is used has been fixed.

**EVA support.** GAS now supports MIPS EVA instructions. You can specify the `-meva` option to GCC and GAS to indicate that EVA instructions are being used.

**RPC library functions.** GLIBC has been changed so that programs may again be built to use its RPC library functions. The ability to build programs using these functions had previously been disabled.

### A.1.2. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2012.03-40

**Nondeterministic code generation bug fix.** A GCC bug has been fixed that caused nondeterministic code generation for some input files when optimizing.

**GCC version 4.6.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux is now based on GCC version 4.6. For more information about changes from GCC version 4.5 that was included in previous releases, see <http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.6/changes.html>.

**Fix for internal compiler error.** A GCC bug has been fixed that caused an internal compiler error when using pointer casts in C++0x `constexpr` initialization expressions.

**Compact C++ exception handling tables.** GCC now defaults to emitting a compact encoding of C++ exception handling tables, rather than using a DWARF-based scheme. For more information, refer to the documentation of the `-mcompact-eh` and `-mno-compact-eh` options in the GCC manual.

**Fix for bit-field optimization bug.** A compiler bug that caused incorrect code to be generated for programs using bit-fields has been fixed.

**Incorrect accesses to volatile memory.** The compiler no longer generates SWP, LWP, SWM or LWM instructions to access objects declared with the `volatile` type qualifier, as these instructions can cause multiple memory accesses of unspecified ordering.

**GCC version 4.6.3.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux is now based on GCC version 4.6.3. For more information about issues that have been fixed since version 4.6.1, see <http://gcc.gnu.org/gcc-4.6/changes.html>.

**GCC stack usage improvement.** GCC now generates better code for stack allocation in some cases when compiling with `-fno-strict-aliasing`.

**microMIPS PLT linker bug fix.** A bug has been fixed that sometimes caused the linker to emit MIPS32 code in the Procedure Linkage Table (PLT) in programs linked from pure microMIPS objects.

**Linker `--gc-sections` option bug fix.** A bug has been fixed that caused the linker to incorrectly remove the `.debug_types` section when using the `--gc-sections` option.

**Fix for assembler internal error.** A bug has been fixed that caused the assembler to abort with an assertion failure in `emit_inc_line_addr`.

**Installer failure during upgrade.** Some recent releases were affected by an installer bug on Windows hosts that caused installing a newer version of Sourcery CodeBench Lite into the same directory to fail with the error `Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux upgrade failed`. This bug has now been fixed, but the affected releases cannot be upgraded. As a workaround, uninstall the older release before installing the new version.

**zic bug fix.** A bug has been fixed in GLIBC's `zic` command (included in the target sysroot) that caused too many `transitions` errors on some valid input files.

**EGLIBC version 2.15.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux now includes EGLIBC version 2.15 library which is based on GNU C Library version 2.15. For more information about changes, see [http://www.eglibc.org/news#eglibc\\_2\\_15](http://www.eglibc.org/news#eglibc_2_15).

**Linux kernel headers update.** Linux kernel header files have been updated to version 3.2.10.

**C++ debugging bug fix.** A GDB bug has been fixed that caused GDB to fail to find enum constants in base classes when debugging C++ code.

**Fix for crash in GDB.** A memory corruption bug in GDB has been fixed that under very rare circumstances made it crash or exhibit other unpredictable behavior. On GNU/Linux hosts, this bug caused crashes with an error message similar to: `*** glibc detected *** mips-linux-gnu-gdb: free(): invalid next size (normal): 0x09466198 ***` followed by a backtrace.

**Fix debugger remote target interruption.** A bug in GDB's handling of requests to interrupt execution on a remote target has been fixed that caused it to stop the target but not emit a stopped MI record.

**GDB internal error fix.** A bug has been fixed that caused GDB to produce messages of the form: `warning: (Internal error: pc 0x1000a0 in read in psyntab, but not in syntab.)` when taking the addresses of symbols from objects added with the `add-symbol-file` command.

### A.1.3. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2011.09-75

**MIPS64 support and multilibs.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux now provides full support for MIPS64 revision 2 processors, including new libraries for the N64 ABI (`-mabi-64`). Please refer to Section 3.2, “Library Configurations” for a list of the currently-supported multilibs.

**Fix for compiler hang.** A bug that caused GCC to become stuck in an infinite loop in the optimizer has been fixed.

**Optimization bug fix.** A compiler bug has been fixed that affected some programs using type-aliased assignments to pointer variables. The bug caused incorrect code to be generated when compiled with `-O2` or `-O3`.

**MIPS16 register corruption fix.** A bug in the `libgcc` shared library has been fixed that caused MIPS16 functions returning floating-point values to corrupt the `v0` and `v1` registers. Affected programs must be re-linked.

**Linker COMDAT group code size optimization.** The linker supports a new option `-Wl,--shared-comdat` that causes it to resolve COMDAT group symbols to definitions provided by shared libraries when possible, discarding any duplicate definitions of the group in relocatable files included in the link. This optimization can produce smaller C++ executables and shared libraries at the expense of additional runtime overhead.

**Binutils version 2.21.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite for MIPS GNU/Linux is now based on binutils version 2.21.

**Assembler crash.** The assembler now warns when there is line information for the `*ABS*` section, rather than crash. This can occur when the `.offset` directive is used incorrectly.

**Linux kernel headers update.** Linux kernel header files have been updated to version 3.0.1.

**Fix for crash in GDB `maint print arch`.** A bug in the GDB command `maint print arch` that sometimes caused GDB to crash has been fixed.

**Remote command bug fix.** A bug in the Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite has been fixed that caused GDB's `monitor` remote commands to fail without performing the intended action on some versions of Windows.

**Debug Sprite option defaults.** The Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite now uses default option values specified in board configuration files. Options included in the device URL override the default values.

**Changes to host operating system requirements.** The minimum required Microsoft Windows OS needed to run Sourcery CodeBench Lite is now Windows XP (SP1).

### A.1.4. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2011.03-110

**MIPS16 support and multilibs.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite now includes full support for MIPS16 code on MIPS GNU/Linux targets. New multilibs built as MIPS16 code have been added to provide reduced code size and improved processor performance on MIPS16 targets. For details about the new libraries, refer to Section 3.2, “Library Configurations”.

**Wrong-code bug fix.** A compiler bug that caused incorrect code to be generated for some branches with `-mbranch-likely` optimization enabled has been fixed.

**Map file name demangling bug fix.** GCC now properly passes the `--demangle` and `--no-demangle` options to the linker to control map file output. The default behavior on all hosts is now to demangle C++ names.

**MIPS16 branch bug fix.** A compiler bug that caused incorrect code to be generated for MIPS16 branches with offsets greater than 65534 or less than -65536 has been fixed.

**MIPS16 Thread-Local Storage support added.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite now supports use of the `__thread` storage specifier for Thread-Local Storage (TLS) when compiling and linking with `-mips16`.

**Smaller exception handling tables.** The compiler now marks exception handling information for template functions so that the linker can remove duplicates. This also affects non-inlined inline functions.

**Support for pure microMIPS objects.** The assembler and linker now support generation of pure microMIPS objects, and the included microMIPS libraries now contain only microMIPS instructions.

**Binutils support for 32-bit microMIPS instructions.** The assembler and linker now support generation of 32-bit instructions only when making microMIPS code. For more information, refer to the documentation of the `-mins32` assembler option and the `--insn32` linker option.

**GDB interrupt handling bug fix.** A bug in GDB has been fixed that caused it to sometimes fail to interrupt lengthy single-step operations (as by a **Ctrl+C** when using GDB from the command line).

**Fix GDB crash during connection to debug agent.** A bug has been fixed that caused GDB to crash while connecting to any debug agent through standard IO where the debug agent had detected an early error and terminated the communication.

**Debug Sprite register reporting bug fix.** In recent releases, the Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite reported an incorrect set of registers to GDB in some circumstances. This bug has been fixed.

**Improved download speed on Windows hosts.** The Sourcery CodeBench Debug Sprite now downloads binaries to the target faster when using Windows hosts.

### A.1.5. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2011.03-93

**MIPS16 switch statement compilation fix.** A bug has been fixed that caused very large `switch` statements to be compiled incorrectly for MIPS16.

**Support for MIPS M14Ke and M14Kec processors.** Sourcery CodeBench Lite now supports the MIPS M14Ke and M14Kec processors. To compile for these targets, use the `-march=m14ke -mmicromips` or `-march=m14kec -mmicromips` command-line options.

**MIPS16 static data bug fix.** A compiler bug has been fixed that caused static data to be accessed incorrectly from position-independent MIPS16 code in rare cases.

### A.1.6. Changes in Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2011.03-77

**New Sourcery CodeBench Lite branding.** Sourcery G++ has been renamed to Sourcery CodeBench. This change affects the names of the default installation directory and installer-created shortcuts, but no internal pathnames or tool names within the installation directory have been changed.

**Improved function call profiling.** The compiler now supports the `-finstrument-function-calls` option. Please see the GCC documentation for more details.

**MIPS16 bug fix.** A GCC bug that caused undefined references to functions with the prefix `__fn_local` when compiling with `-mips16 -mhard-float` has been fixed.

**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 that make use of the `ADDIU` instruction.

**Improved GDB diagnostics.** A bug has been fixed in GDB that caused cryptic `assertion fail` messages whenever a file in the unsupported SGI IRIX variation of the ELF binary format was selected. GDB now issues explanatory warning messages instead.

**Improved disassembler performance in the debugger.** GDB's disassembler has been improved to use more efficient memory access on remote targets.

### A.1.7. 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](http://www.eglibc.org/news#eglibc_2_13).



### A.1.8. 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 `ACL`, `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.1.9. 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 2012.03-63. The major and minor parts of the version number, in this case 2012.03, 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 Base](#)<sup>1</sup>.

**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.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://support.codesourcery.com/GNUToolchain/kbentry1>

**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 L016 reloc` linker warning.

**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 `$_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.1.10. 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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