

# Automatic Porting of BFD Library

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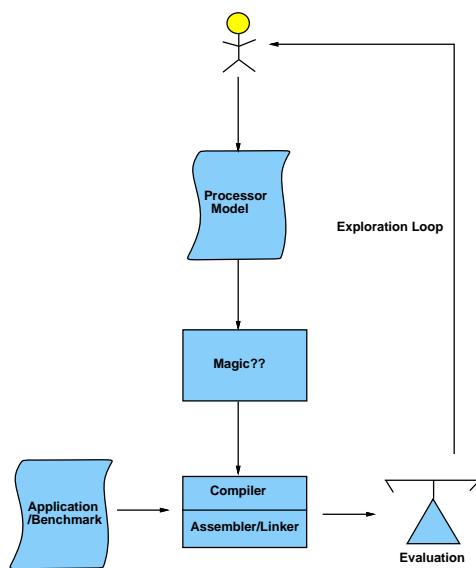
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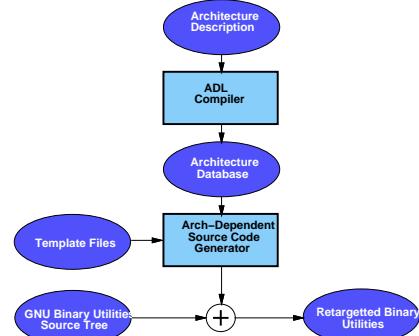
## Motivation

- System-On-Chip dominated by software
- Is software really cheap?
- Yes if development tools readily available
- *de facto* standard: GNU binutil package
  - A quarter million lines of code
  - Target-dependent interface not cleanly defined
  - John Levine: Backend gurus can be “packed in one single room”.



# Automatic Porting of Binary Utilities

- Bridge the gap between
  - Abstract architecture model of ISA and ABI
  - GNU's porting interface
- Template files
  - C, header, configuration, Makefile
  - Placeholder for substitution
- No change to GNU binutils distribution
- Retargeting binutils



## Implementation Statistics

### ■ Our Tools

Component	#lines
Babel compiler	3538
ISA plug-in	2124
ABI plug-in	1474
rbinutils	2785
ISA/ABI data model	207

### ■ Processor specification

Processor	Beh (#lines)	ISA (#lines)	ABI (#lines)
SPARC	196	2300	56
SimpleScalar	90	1048	45
Alpha	1144	4511	52
I386	1234	20406	44



## Result: Retargeting SPARC

### ■ Generated BFD code

File	#line
bfd/elf32-sparc.c	1899
include/elf/sparc.h	114
include/elf/common.h	641
bfd/archures.c	1088
bfd/config.bfd	1093
configure.in	838
bfd/cpu-sparc.c	78
bfd/targets.c	1243
bfd/bfd-in2.h	3918
config.sub	1449
Total	12361

### ■ Generated opcodes code

File	#line
include/opcode/sparc.h	116
opcodes/sparc-opc.c	2128
opcodes/Makefile.am	658
opcodes/configure-in	283
Total	3185

### ■ Generated gas code

File	#line
gas/config/sparc-tmp.h	521
gas/config/tc-sparc.c	2436
gas/config/tc-sparc.h	205
gas/configure.in	984
gas/Makefile.am	2280
Total	6424

### ■ Generated ld code

File	#line
ld/Makefile.am	985
ld/emulparams/elf32_sparc.sh	12
Total	997

### ■ Verification: SPEC2000



## Conclusion

- Formal architectural model: ISA and ABI
- Use typed, generic language as ADL
- Leverage open-source, production quality software
- More detail at our poster!

