

# Or1ksim User Guide

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## Scope of this Document

This document is the user guide for Or1ksim, the OpenRISC 1000 Architectural Simulator.

# 1 Installation

Installation follows standard GNU protocols.

## 1.1 Preparation

Unpack the software and create a *separate* directory in which to build it:

```
tar jxf orlksim-0.3.0.tar.bz2
mkdir builddir_orlksim
cd builddir_orlksim
```

## 1.2 Configuring the Build

Configure the software using the `configure` script in the main directory.

The most significant argument is `--target`, which should specify the OpenRISC 1000 32-bit architecture. If this argument is omitted, it will default to OpenRISC 1000 32-bit with a warning

```
../orlksim-0.3.0/configure --target=or32-uclinux ...
```

There are several other options available, many of which are standard to GNU `configure` scripts. Use `configure --help` to see all the options. The most useful is `--prefix` to specify a directory for installation of the tools.

A number of Orlksim features in the simulator do require enabling at configuration. These include

`--enable-profiling`

`--disable-profiling`

If enabled, Orlksim is compiled for profiling with `gprof`. This is disabled by default. Only really of value for developers of Orlksim.

`--enable-execution=simple`

`--enable-execution=complex`

`--enable-execution=dynamic`

Orlksim has developed to improve functionality and performance. This feature allows three versions of Orlksim to be built

`--enable-execution=simple`

Build the original simple interpreting simulator

`--enable-execution=complex`

Build a more complex interpreting simulator. Experiments suggest this is 50% faster than the simple simulator. This is the default.

`--enable-execution=dynamic`

Build a dynamically compiling simulator. This is the way many modern ISS are built. This represents a work in progress. Currently Orlksim will compile, but segfaults if configured with this option.

The default is `--enable-execution=complex`.

`--enable-ethphy`

`--disable-ethphy`

If enabled, this option allows the Ethernet to be simulated by connecting via a socket (the alternative reads and writes, from and to files). This must then be configured using the relevant fields in the `ethernet` section of the configuration file. See [Section 3.4.4 \[Ethernet Configuration\]](#), page 23.

The default is for this to be disabled.

`--enable-range-stats`

`--disable-range-stats`

If enabled, this option allows statistics to be collected to analyse register access over time. The default is for this to be disabled.

`--enable-ov-flag`

`--disable-ov-flag`

If enabled, this option causes instructions to set the overflow flag. The instructions affected by this are `l.add`, `l.addc`, `l.addi`, `l.and`, `l.andi`, `l.div`, `l.divu`, `l.mul`, `l.muli`, `l.or`, `l.ori`, `l.sll`, `l.slli`, `l.srl`, `l.srli`, `l.sra`, `l.srai`, `l.sub`, `l.xor` and `l.xori`.

The default is for this to be disabled.

**Caution:** This appears a very dangerous option, to the extent of arguably being a bug. Whether or not flags are set is part of the OpenRISC 1000 architectural specification. Within the above list, the arithmetic instructions (`l.add`, `l.addc`, `l.addi`, `l.div`, `l.divu`, `l.mul`, `l.muli` and `l.sub`), together with `l.addic` which is missed out, set the overflow flag. All the others (`l.and`, `l.andi`, `l.or`, `l.ori`, `l.sll`, `l.slli`, `l.srl`, `l.srli`, `l.sra`, `l.srai`, `l.xor` and `l.xori`) do not.

Thus it is impossible to get correct behavior whichever way this option is set.

`--enable-arith-flag`

`--disable-arith-flag`

If enabled, this option causes instructions to set the flag (F bit) in the supervision register. The instructions affected by this are `l.add`, `l.addc`, `l.addi`, `l.and` and `l.andi`.

The default is for this to be disabled.

**Caution:** As with `--enable-ov-flag`, this appears another very dangerous option, to the extent of arguably being a bug. It also appears to be only partially implemented—why only the instructions early in the alphabet?

Whether or not flags are set is part of the OpenRISC 1000 architectural specification. The only flags which should set this are the “set flag” instructions: `l.sfeq`, `l.sfeqi`, `l.sfges`, `l.sfgesi`, `l.sfgeu`, `l.sfgeui`, `l.sfgts`, `l.sfgtsi`, `l.sfgtu`, `l.sfgtui`, `l.sfles`, `l.sflesi`, `l.sfleu`, `l.sfleui`, `l.sflts`, `l.sfltsi`, `l.sfltu`, `l.sfltui`, `l.sfne` and `l.sfnei`.

The flags are correctly set (irrespective of `--enable-arith_flag`).

Correct behavior is thus achieved if this flag is not set. `--enable-arith-flag` should never be used.

`--enable-debug`

`--disable-debug`

This is a feature of the Argtable2 package used to process arguments. If enabled, some debugging features are turned on in Argtable2. It is provided for completeness, but there is no reason why this feature should ever be needed by any Or1ksim user.

## 1.3 Building and Installing

The tool is then built with:

```
make all
```

```
make install
```

This will install the three variations of the Orlksim tool, `or32-uclinux-sim`, `or32-uclinux-psim` and `or32-uclinux-mps`, the Orlksim library, `libsim`, the header file, `orlksim.h` and this documentation in `info` format.

**Note:** Testing Orlksim with `make check` is not yet supported.

The documentation may be created and installed in alternative formats (PDF, Postscript, DVI, HTML) with for example:

```
make pdf  
make install-pdf
```

## 1.4 Known Problems and Issues

The following problems and issues are known about with Orlksim 0.3.0. The OpenRISC tracker may be used to see the current state of these issues and to raise new problems and feature requests. It may be found at <http://www.opencores.org/ptracker.cgi/view/or1k/398>.

- The Supervision Register Little Endian Enable (LEE) bit is ignored. Orlksim can be built for either little endian or big endian use, but that behavior cannot be changed dynamically.
- The NPC is a read/write register, but after being written it clears the pipeline. This means that if the processor is stalled, the value should subsequently read back as 0, until the processor is unstalled and able to refill its pipeline. By default Orlksim always reports back the value of NPC, even when it has been written while stalled.

There is now an option, `--strict-npc`, which will enforce this behavior. At some stage in the future it will become the default behavior, but for now it is an option, since its use will break GDB.

- The memory components are given names in the configuration file. However there is currently no way for Orlksim to report that name back to the user (for example to identify which memory block corresponds to a particular access).
- Orlksim allows the processor to be stalled (from the command line), even if there is no debugger present. This seems to be a meaningless operation.
- Orlksim is not reentrant, so a program cannot instantiate multiple instances using the library. This is clearly a problem when considering multi-core applications. However it stems from the original design, and can only be fixed by a complete rewrite. The entire source code uses static global constants liberally!
- There is no support for floating point instructions currently in Orlksim. However this is a work in progress and should be available in the near future.



## 2 Usage

### 2.1 Standalone Simulator

The general form the standalone command is:

```
or32-uclinux-sim [-vhi] [-f file] [--nosrv] [--srv=n] [-d str]
                [--enable-profile] [--enable-mprofile] [file]
```

Many of the options have both a short and a long form. For example `-h` or `--help`.

`-v`

`--version`

Print out the version and copyright notice for Or1ksim and exit.

`-h`

`--help` Print out help about the command line options and what they mean.

`-f file`

`--file file`

Read configuration commands from the specified file, looking first in the current directory, and otherwise in the `$HOME/.or1k` directory. If this argument is not specified, the file `'sim.cfg'` in those two locations is used. Failure to find the file is a fatal error. See [Chapter 3 \[Configuration\]](#), page 9, for detailed information on configuring Or1ksim.

`--nosrv`

Do not start up the debug server. This overrides any setting specified in the configuration file. This option may not be specified with `--srv`. If it is, a rude message is printed and the `--nosrv` option is ignored.

`--srv`

`--srv=n`

Start up the debug server. If the parameter, *n*, is specified, use that as the TCP/IP port for the server, otherwise a random value from the private port range (41920-65535) will be used. This option may not be specified with `--nosrv`. If it is, a rude message is printed and the `--nosrv` option is ignored.

`-d=config_string`

`--debug-config=config_string`

Enable selected debug messages in Or1ksim. This parameter is for use by developers only, and is not covered further here. See the source code for more details.

`-i`

`--interactive`

After starting, drop into the Or1ksim interactive command shell.

`--strict-npc`

In real hardware, setting the next program counter (NPC, SPR 16), flushes the processor pipeline. The consequence of this is that until the pipeline refills, reading the NPC will return zero. This is typically the case when debugging, since the processor is stalled.

Historically, Or1ksim has always returned the value of the NPC, irrespective of when it is changed. If the `--strict-npc` option is used, then Or1ksim will mirror real hardware more accurately. If the NPC is changed while the processor is stalled, subsequent reads of its value will return 0 until the processor is unstalled.

This is not currently the default behavior, since tools such as GDB have been implemented assuming the historic Or1ksim behavior. However at some time in the future it will become the default.

```
--enable-profile
    Enable instruction profiling.
--enable-mprofile
    Enable memory profiling.
```

## 2.2 Profiling Utility

This utility analyses instruction profile data generated by Or1ksim. It may be invoked as a standalone command, or from the Or1ksim CLI. The general form the standalone command is:

```
or32-uclinux-profile [-vhcq] [-g=file]
```

Many of the options have both a short and a long form. For example `-h` or `--help`.

```
-v
--version
    Print out the version and copyright notice for the Or1ksim profiling utility and exit.
-h
--help
    Print out help about the command line options and what they mean.
-c
--cumulative
    Show cumulative sum of cycles in functions
-q
--quiet
    Suppress messages
-g=file
--generate=file
    The data file to analyse. If omitted, the default file, 'sim.profile' is used.
```

## 2.3 Memory Profiling Utility

This utility analyses memory profile data generated by Or1ksim. It may be invoked as a standalone command, or from the Or1ksim CLI. The general form the standalone command is:

```
or32-uclinux-mprofile [-vh] [-m=m] [-g=n] [-f=file] from to
```

Many of the options have both a short and a long form. For example `-h` or `--help`.

```
-v
--version
    Print out the version and copyright notice for the Or1ksim memory profiling utility
    and exit.
-h
--help
    Print out help about the command line options and what they mean.
-m=m
--mode=m
    Specify the mode out output. Permitted options are
    detailed
    d          Detailed output. This is the default if no mode is specified.
    pretty
    p          Pretty printed output.
    access
    a          Memory accesses only.
    width
    w          Access width only.
```

`-g=n`  
`--group=n` Group  $2^n$  bits of successive addresses together.

`-f=file`  
`--filename=file` The data file to analyse. If not specified, the default, 'sim.profile' is used.

`from`  
`to` `from` and `to` are respectively the start and end address of the region of memory to be analysed.

## 2.4 Simulator Library

Orlksim may be used as a static or dynamic library, 'libsim.a' or 'libsim.so'. When compiling with the static library, the flag, `-lsim` should be added to the link command.

The header file 'orlksim.h' contains appropriate declarations of the functions exported by the Orlksim library. These are:

```
int orlksim_init (const char *config_file, const char *image_file,      ['orlksim.h']
                 void *class_ptr, unsigned long int (*upr)(void *class_ptr, unsigned long int
                 addr, unsigned long int mask), void (*upw)(void *class_ptr, unsigned long int
                 addr, unsigned long int mask, unsigned long int wdata))
```

The initialization function is supplied with the name of a configuration file, `config_file`, an executable image, `image_file`, a pointer to the calling class, `class_ptr` (since the library may be used from C++) and two up-call functions, one for reads, `upr`, and one for writes, `upw`.

See [Chapter 3 \[Configuration\], page 9](#), for detailed information on configuring Orlksim and the format of the configuration file.

`upw` is called for any write to an address external to the model (determined by a `generic` section in the configuration file). `upr` is called for any reads to an external address. The `class_ptr` is passed back with these upcalls, allowing the function to associate the call with the class which originally initialized the library.

`mask` indicates which bytes in the word are to be written or read. Bytes to be read/written should have 0xff set in `mask`. Otherwise the byte should be zero.

`addr`, `mask`, `wdata` and the result from `upr` all use host-endianess, *not* model-endianess. The internal Orlksim routines manage all the conversion.

```
int orlksim_run (double duration)                                     ['orlksim.h']
  Run the simulator for the simulated duration specified (in seconds).
```

```
void orlksim_reset_duration (double duration)                       ['orlksim.h']
  Change the duration of a run specified in an earlier call to orlksim_run. Typically this is called from an upcall, which realizes it needs to change the duration of the run specified in the call to orlksim_run that has been interrupted by the upcall.
```

The time specified is the amount of time that the run must continue for (i.e the duration from *now*, not the duration from the original call to `orlksim_run`).

```
void orlksim_set_time_point ()                                     ['orlksim.h']
  Set a timing point. For use with orlksim_get_time_period.
```

```
double orlksim_get_time_period ()                                  ['orlksim.h']
  Return the simulated time (in seconds) that has elapsed since the last call to orlksim_set_time_point.
```

```
int orksim_is_le () ['orksim.h']
    Return 1 (logical true) if the Orksim simulation is little-endian, 0 otherwise.
```

```
unsigned long int orksim_clock_rate () ['orksim.h']
    Return the Orksim clock rate (in Hz). This is the value specified in the configuration file.
```

```
void orksim_interrupt (int i) ['orksim.h']
    Generate an edge-triggered interrupt on interrupt line i. The interrupt is then immediately cleared automatically. A warning will be generated and the interrupt request ignored if level sensitive interrupts have been configured with the programmable interrupt controller (see Section 3.3.5 \[Interrupt Configuration\], page 17).
```

```
void orksim_interrupt_set (int i) ['orksim.h']
    Assert a level-triggered interrupt on interrupt line i. The interrupt must be cleared separately by an explicit call to orksim_interrupt_clear. A warning will be generated, and the interrupt request ignored if edge sensitive interrupts have been configured with the programmable interrupt controller (see Section 3.3.5 \[Interrupt Configuration\], page 17).
```

```
void orksim_interrupt_clear (int i) ['orksim.h']
    Clear a level-triggered interrupt on interrupt line i, which was previously asserted by a call to orksim_interrupt_set. A warning will be generated, and the interrupt request ignored if edge sensitive interrupts have been configured with the programmable interrupt controller (see Section 3.3.5 \[Interrupt Configuration\], page 17).
```

The libraries will be installed in the ‘lib’ sub-directory of the main installation directory (as specified with the ‘--prefix’ option to the `configure` script).

For example if the main installation directory is ‘/opt/orksimsim’, the library will be found in the ‘/opt/orksimsim/lib’ directory. It is available as both a static library (‘libsimsim.a’) and a shared object (‘libsimsim.so’).

To link against the library add the ‘-lsim’ flag when linking and do one of the following:

- Add the library directory to the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH environment variable during execution. For example:

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/orksimsim/lib:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

- Add the library directory to the LD\_RUN\_PATH environment variable during linking. For example:

```
export LD_RUN_PATH=/opt/orksimsim/lib:$LD_RUN_PATH
```

- Use the linker ‘--rpath’ option and specify the library directory when linking your program. For example

```
gcc ... -Wl,--rpath -Wl,/opt/orksimsim/lib ...
```

- Add the library directory to ‘/etc/ld.so.conf’

## 3 Configuration

Orlksim is configured through a configuration file. This is specified through the `-f` parameter to the Orlksim command, or passed as a string when initializing the Orlksim library. If no file is specified, the default `'sim.cfg'` is used. The file is looked for first in the current directory, then in the `'$HOME/.or1k'` directory of the user.

### 3.1 Configuration File Format

The configuration file is a plain text file.

#### 3.1.1 Configuration File Preprocessing

The configuration file may include C style comments (i.e. delimited by `/*` and `*/`).

Configure files may be included, using

```
include filename_to_include
```

#### 3.1.2 Configuration File Syntax

The configuration file is divided into a series of sections, with the general form:

```
section section_name
```

```
<contents>...
```

```
end
```

Sections may also have sub-sections within them (currently only the ATA/ATAPI disc interface uses this).

Within a section, or sub-section are a series of parameter assignments, one per line, with the general form

```
parameter = value
```

Depending on the parameter, the value may be a named value (an enumeration), an integer (specified in any format acceptable in C) or a string in double quotes. For flag parameters, the value 1 is used to mean “true” or “on” and the value “0” to mean “false” or “off”. An example from a memory section shows each of these

```
section memory
  type      = random
  pattern   = 0x00
  name      = "FLASH"
  ...
end
```

Many parameters are optional and take reasonable default values if not specified. However there are some parameters (for example the `ce` parameter in `section memory`) *must* be specified.

Subsections are introduced by a keyword, with a parameter value (`no = sign`), and end with the same keyword prefixed by `end`. Thus the ATA/ATAPI interface (`section ata`) has a `device` subsection, thus:

```
section ata
  ...
  device 0
    type      = 1
    file      = "filename"
    ...
```

```

    enddevice
    ...
end

```

Some sections (for example `section sim`) should appear only once. Others (for example `section memory`) may appear multiple times.

Sections may be omitted, *unless they contain parameters which are non-optional*. If the section describes a part of the simulator which is optional (for example whether it has a UART), then that functionality will not be provided. If the section describes a part of the simulator which is not optional (for example the CPU), then all the parameters of that section will take their default values.

All optional parts of the functionality are always described by sections including a `enabled` parameter, which can be set to 0 to ensure that functionality is explicitly omitted.

Even if a section is disabled, all its parameters will be read and stored. This is helpful if the section is subsequently enabled from the Orksim command line (see [Chapter 4 \[Interactive Command Line\]](#), page 30).

**Tip:** It generally clearer to have sections describing *all* components, with omitted functionality explicitly indicated by setting the `enabled` parameter to 0

The following sections describe the various configuration sections and the parameters which may be set in each.

## 3.2 Simulator Configuration

### 3.2.1 Simulator Behavior

Simulator behavior is described in `section sim`. This section should appear only once. The following parameters may be specified.

`verbose = 0|1`

If 1 (true), print extra messages. Default 0.

`debug = 0-9`

0 means no debug messages. 1-9 means produce debug messages. The higher the value the greater the number of messages. Default 0. Negative values will be treated as 0 (with a warning). Values that are too large will be treated as 9 (with a warning).

`profile = 0|1`

If 1 (true) generate a profiling file using the file specified in the `prof_file` parameter or otherwise `'sim.profile'`. Default 0.

`prof_file = 'filename'`

Specifies the file to be used with the `profile` parameter. Default `'sim.profile'`. For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `prof_fn` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

`mprofile = 0|1`

If 1 (true) generate a memory profiling file using the file specified in the `mprof_file` parameter or otherwise `'sim.mprofile'`. Default 0.

`mprof_fn = 'filename'`

Specifies the file to be used with the `mprofile` parameter. Default `'sim.mprofile'`. For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `mprof_fn` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

`history = 0|1`

If 1 (true) track execution flow. Default 0.

**Note:** Setting this parameter seriously degrades performance.

**Note:** If this execution flow tracking is enabled, then `dependstats` must be enabled in the CPU configuration section (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).

`exe_log = 0|1`

If 1 (true), generate an execution log. Log is written to the file specified in parameter `exe_log_file`. Default 0.

**Note:** Setting this parameter seriously degrades performance.

`exe_log_type = default|hardware|simple|software`

Type of execution log to produce.

**default** Produce default output for the execution log. In the current implementation this is the equivalent of **hardware**.

**hardware** After each instruction execution, log the number of instructions executed so far, the next instruction to execute (in hex), the general purpose registers (GPRs), status register, exception program counter, exception, effective address register and exception status register.

**simple** After each instruction execution, log the number of instructions executed so far and the next instruction to execute, symbolically disassembled.

**software** After each instruction execution, log the number of instructions executed so far and the next instruction to execute, symbolically disassembled. Also show the value of each operand to the instruction.

Default value **hardware**. Any unrecognized keyword (case insensitive) will be treated as the default with a warning.

**Note:** Execution logs can be *very* big.

`exe_log_start = value`

Address of the first instruction to start logging. Default 0.

`exe_log_end = value`

Address of the last instruction to log. Default no limit (i.e once started logging will continue until the simulator exits).

`exe_log_marker = value`

Specifies the number of instructions between printing horizontal markers. Default is to produce no markers.

`exe_log_file = filename`

Filename for the execution log filename if `exe_log` is enabled. Default 'executed.log'. For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `exe_log_fn` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

`clkcycle = value [ps|ns|us|ms]`

Specify the time taken by one clock cycle. If no units are specified, **ps** is assumed. Default 4000ps (250MHz).

### 3.2.2 Verification API (VAPI) Configuration

The Verification API (VAPI) provides a TCP/IP interface to allow components of the simulation to be controlled externally. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\]](#), page 33, for more details.

Verification API configuration is described in [section vapi](#). This section may appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), verification API is enabled and its server started. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`server_port = value`

When VAPI is enabled, communication will be via TCP/IP on the port specified by *value*. The value must lie in the range 1 to 65535. The default value is 50000.

**Tip:** There is no registered port for Or1ksim VAPI. Good practice suggests users should adopt port values in the *Dynamic* or *Private* port range, i.e. 49152-65535.

`log_enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), all VAPI requests and sent commands will be logged. If 0 (the default), logging is disabled. Logs are written to the file specified by the `vapi_log_file` field (see below).

**Caution:** This can generate a substantial amount of file I/O and seriously degrade simulator performance.

`hide_device_id = 0|1`

If 1 (true) don't log the device ID. If 0 (the default), log the device ID. This feature (when set to 1) is provided for backwards compatibility with an old version of VAPI.

`vapi_log_file = "filename"`

Use 'filename' as the file for logged data is logging is enabled (see `log_enabled` above). The default is "vapi.log". For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `vapi_log_fn` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

### 3.2.3 Custom Unit Compiler (CUC) Configuration

The Custom Unit Compiler (CUC) was a project by Marko Mlinar to generate Verilog from ANSI C functions. The project seems to not have progressed beyond the initial prototype phase. The configuration parameters are described here for the record.

CUC configuration is described in `section cuc`. This section may appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`memory_order = none|weak|strong|exact`

This parameter specifies the memory ordering required:

`memory_order=none`

Different memory ordering, even if there are dependencies. Bursts can be made, width can change.

Different memory ordering, even if there are dependencies. If dependencies cannot occur, then bursts can be made, width can change.

Same memory ordering. Bursts can be made, width can change.

Exactly the same memory ordering and widths.

The default value is `memory_order=exact`. Invalid memory orderings are ignored with a warning.

`calling_convention = 0|1`

If 1 (true), programs follow OpenRISC calling conventions. If 0 (the default), they may use other conventions.

`enable_bursts = 0 | 1`

If 1 (true), bursts are detected. If 0 (the default), bursts are not detected.



`no_multicycle = 0 | 1`

If 1 (true), no multicycle logic paths will be generated. If 0 (the default), multicycle logic paths will be generated.

`timings_file = "filename"`

*filename* specifies a file containing timing information. The default value is "virtex.tim". For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `timings_fn` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

### 3.3 Configuring the OpenRISC Architectural Components

#### 3.3.1 CPU Configuration

CPU configuration is described in `section cpu`. This section should appear only once. At present Or1ksim does not model multi-CPU systems. The following parameters may be specified.

`ver = value`

`cfg = value`

`rev = value`

The values are used to form the corresponding fields in the VR Special Purpose Register (SPR 0). Default values 0. A warning is given and the value truncated if it is too large (8 bits for `ver` and `cfg`, 6 bits for `rev`).

`upr = value`

Used as the value of the Unit Present Register (UPR) Special Purpose Register (SPR 1) to *value*. Default value is 0x0000075f, i.e.

- UPR present (0x00000001)
- Data cache present (0x00000002)
- Instruction cache present (0x00000004)
- Data MMY present (0x00000008)
- Instruction MMU present (0x00000010)
- Debug unit present (0x00000040)
- Power management unit present (0x00000100)
- Programmable interrupt controller present (0x00000200)
- Tick timer present (0x00000400)

However, with the execution of the UPR present (0x00000001) and tick timer present, the various fields will be modified with the values specified in their corresponding configuration sections.

`cfgr = value`

Sets the CPU configuration register (Special Purpose Register 2) to *value*. Default value is 0x00000020, i.e. support for the ORBIS32 instruction set. Attempts to set any other value are accepted, but issue a warning that there is no support for the instruction set.

`sr = value`

Sets the supervision register Special Purpose Register (SPR 0x11) to *value*. Default value is 0x00008001, i.e. start in supervision mode (0x00000001) and set the "Fixed One" bit (0x00008000).

`superscalar = 0|1`

If 1, the processor operates in superscalar mode. Default value is 0.

In the current simulator, the only functional effect of superscalar mode is to affect the calculation of the number of cycles taken to execute an instruction.

**Caution:** The code for this does not appear to be complete or well tested, so users are advised not to use this option.

`hazards = 0|1`

If 1, data hazards are tracked in a superscalar CPU. Default value is 0.

In the current simulator, the only functional effect is to cause logging of hazard waiting information if the CPU is superscalar. However nowhere in the simulator is this data actually computed, so the net result is probably to have no effect.

if hazards are tracked, current hazards can be displayed using the simulator's `r` command.

**Caution:** The code for this does not appear to be complete or well tested, so users are advised not to use this option.

`dependstats = 0|1`

If 1, inter-instruction dependencies are calculated. Default value 0.

If these values are calculated, the dependencies can be displayed using the simulator's `stat` command.

**Note:** This field must be enabled, if execution execution flow tracking (field `history`) has been requested in the simulator configuration section (see [Section 3.2.1 \[Simulator Behavior\]](#), page 10).

`sbuf_len = value`

The length of the store buffer is set to *value*, which must be no greater than 256. Larger values will be truncated to 256 with a warning. Negative values will be treated as 0 with a warning. Use 0 to disable the store buffer.

When the store buffer is active, stores are accumulated and committed when I/O is idle.

### 3.3.2 Memory Configuration

Memory configuration is described in [section memory](#). This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple blocks of memory. The following parameters may be specified.

`type=random|pattern|unknown|zero`

Specifies the values to which memory should be initialized. The default value is `unknown`.

**random** Set the memory values to be a random value. A seed for the random generator may be set using the `random_seed` field in this section (see below), thus ensuring the same “random” values are used each time.

**pattern** Set the memory values to be a pattern value, which is set using the `pattern` field in this section (see below).

**unknown** The memory values are not initialized (i.e. left “unknown”). This option will yield faster initialization of the simulator.

**zero** Set the memory values to be 0. This is the equivalent of `type=pattern` and a `pattern` value of 0, and implemented as such.

**Note:** As a consequence, if the `pattern` field is *subsequently* specified in this section, the value in that field will be used instead of zero to initialize the memory.

`random_seed = value`

Set the seed for the random number generator to *value*. This only has any effect for memory type `random`.

The default value is -1, which means the seed will be set from a call to the `time` function, thus ensuring different random values are used on each run. The simulator prints out the seed used in this case, allowing repeat runs to regenerate the same random values used in any particular run.

`pattern = value`

Set the pattern to be used when initializing memory to *value*. The default value is 0. This only has any effect for memory type `pattern`. The least significant 8 bits of this value is used to initialize each byte. More than 8 bits can be specified, but will be ignored with a warning.

**Tip:** The default value, is equivalent to setting the memory `type` to be `zero`. If that is what is intended, then using `type=zero` explicitly is better than using `type=pattern` and not specifying a value for `pattern`.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the memory to *value*. It should be aligned to a multiple of the memory size rounded up to the nearest  $2^n$ . The default value is 0.

`size = value`

Set the size of the memory block to be *value* bytes. This should be a multiple of 4 (i.e. word aligned). The default value is 1024.

**Note:** When allocating memory, the simulator will allocate the nearest  $2^n$  bytes greater than or equal to *value*, and will not notice memory misses in any part of the memory between *value* and the amount allocated.

As a consequence users are strongly recommended to specify memory sizes that are an exact power of 2. If some other amount of memory is required, it should be specified as separate, contiguous blocks, each of which is a power of 2 in size.

`name = "text"`

Name the block. Typically these describe the type of memory being modeled (thus "SRAM" or "Flash". The default is "anonymous memory block".

**Note:** It is not clear that this information is currently ever used in normal operation of the simulator. Even the `info` command of the simulator ignores it.

`ce = value`

Set the chip enable index of the memory instance. Each memory instance should have a unique chip enable index, which should be greater than or equal to zero. This is used by the memory controller when identifying different memory instances. The default value is -1 (invalid).

`mc = value`

Specifies the memory controller this memory is connected to. It should correspond to the `index` field specified in a `section mc` for a memory controller (see [Section 3.4.1 \[Memory Controller Configuration\]](#), page 20).

Default value is 0, which is also the default value of a memory controller `index` field. This is suitable therefore for designs with just one memory controller.

`delayr = value`

The number of cycles required for a read access. Set to -1 if the memory does not support reading. Default value 1. The simulator will add this number of cycles to the total instruction cycle count when reading from main memory.

`delayw = value`

The number of cycles required for a write access. Set to -1 if the memory does not support writing. Default value 1. The simulator will add this number of cycles to the total instruction cycle count when writing to main memory.

`log = "file"`

If specified, 'file' names a file for all memory accesses to be logged. If not specified, the default value, NULL is used, meaning that the memory is not logged.

### 3.3.3 Memory Management Configuration

Memory Management Unit (MMU) configuration is described in `section dmmu` (for the data MMU) and `section immu` (for the instruction MMU). Each section should appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`nsets = value`

Sets the number of data or instruction (as appropriate) TLB sets to *value*, which must be a power of two, not exceeding 128. Values which do not fit these criteria are ignored with a warning. The default value is 1.

`nways = value`

Sets the number of data or instruction (as appropriate) TLB ways to *value*. The value must be in the range 1 to 4. Values outside this range are ignored with a warning. The default value is 1.

`pagesize = value`

The data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU page size is set to *value*, which must be a power of 2. Values which are not a power of 2 are ignored with a warning. The default is 8192 (0x2000).

`entrysize = value`

The data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU entry size is set to *value*, which must be a power of 2. Values which are not a power of 2 are ignored with a warning. The default value is 1.

**Note:** Or1ksim does not appear to use the `entrysize` parameter in its simulation of the MMUs. Thus setting this value does not seem to matter.

`ustates = value`

The number of instruction usage states for the data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU is set to *value*, which must be 2, 3 or 4. Values outside this range are ignored with a warning. The default value is 2.

**Note:** Or1ksim does not appear to use the `ustates` parameter in its simulation of the MMUs. Thus setting this value does not seem to matter.

`hitdelay = value`

Set the number of cycles a data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU hit costs. Default value 1.

`missdelay = value`

Set the number of cycles a data or instruction (as appropriate) MMU miss costs. Default value 1.

### 3.3.4 Cache Configuration

Cache configuration is described in `section dc` (for the data cache) and `section ic` (for the instruction cache). Each section should appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the data or instruction (as appropriate) cache is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`nsets = value`

Sets the number of data or instruction (as appropriate) cache sets to *value*, which must be a power of two, not exceeding `MAX_DC_SETS` (for the data cache) or `MAX_IC_SETS` (for the instruction cache). At the time of writing, these constants are both defined in the code to be 1024). The default value is 1.

`nways = value`

Sets the number of data or instruction (as appropriate) cache ways to *value*, which must be a power of two, not exceeding `MAX_DC_WAYS` (for the data cache) or `MAX_IC_WAYS` (for the instruction cache). At the time of writing, these constants are both defined in the code to be 32). The default value is 1.

`blocksize = value`

The data or instruction (as appropriate) cache block size is set to *value* bytes, which must be either 16 or 32. The default is 16.

`ustates = value`

The number of instruction usage states for the data or instruction (as appropriate) cache is set to *value*, which must be 2, 3 or 4. The default value is 2.

`hitdelay = value`

*Instruction cache only.* Set the number of cycles an instruction cache hit costs. Default value 1.

`missdelay = value`

*Instruction cache only.* Set the number of cycles an instruction cache miss costs. Default value 1.

`load_hitdelay = value`

*Data cache only.* Set the number of cycles a data load cache hit costs. Default value 2.

`load_missdelay = value`

*Data cache only.* Set the number of cycles a data load cache miss costs. Default value 2.

`store_hitdelay = value`

*Data cache only.* Set the number of cycles a data store cache hit costs. Default value 0.

`store_missdelay = value`

*Data cache only.* Set the number of cycles a data store cache miss costs. Default value 0.

### 3.3.5 Interrupt Configuration

Programmable Interrupt Controller (PIC) configuration is described in `section pic`. This section may appear at most once—Or1ksim has no mechanism for handling multiple interrupt controllers. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the programmable interrupt controller is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`edge_trigger = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), the programmable interrupt controller is edge triggered. If 0 (false), it is level triggered.

### 3.3.6 Power Management Configuration

Power management implementation is incomplete. At present the effect (which only happens when the power management unit is enabled) of setting the different bits in the power management Special Purpose Register (PMR, SPR 0x4000) is

SDF (bit mask 0x0000000f)

No effect - these bits are ignored

DME (bit mask 0x00000010)

SME (bit mask 0x00000020)

Both these bits cause the processor to stop executing instructions. However all other functions (debug interaction, CLI, VAPI etc) carry on as normal.

DCGE (bit mask 0x00000004)

No effect - this bit is ignored

SUME (bit mask 0x00000008)

Enabling this bit causes a message to be printed, advising that the processor is suspending and the simulator exits.

On reset all bits are cleared.

Power management configuration is described in [section pm](#). This section may appear at most once. The following parameter may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), power management is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

### 3.3.7 Branch Prediction Configuration

From examining the code base, it seems the branch prediction function is not fully implemented. At present the functionality seems restricted to collection of statistics.

Branch prediction configuration is described in [section bpb](#). This section may appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), branch prediction is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`btic = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the branch target instruction cache model is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

`sbp_bf_fwd = 0|1`

If 1 (true), use forward prediction for the `l.bf` instruction. If 0 (the default), do not use forward prediction for this instruction.

`sbp_bnf_fwd = 0|1`

If 1 (true), use forward prediction for the `l.bnf` instruction. If 0 (the default), do not use forward prediction for this instruction.

`hitdelay = value`

Set the number of cycles a branch prediction hit costs. Default value 0.

`missdelay = value`

Set the number of cycles a branch prediction miss costs. Default value 0.

### 3.3.8 Debug Interface Configuration

The debug unit and debug interface configuration is described in [section debug](#). This section may appear at most once. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the debug unit is enabled. If 0 (the default), it is disabled.

**Note:** This enables the functionality of the debug unit (its registers etc) within the mode. It does not provide any external interface to the debug unit. For that, see `gdb_enabled` and `rsp_enabled` below.

`rsp_enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the GDB *Remote Serial Protocol* server is started, providing an interface to an external GNU debugger, using the port specified in the `rsp_port` field (see below), or the `or1ksim-rsp` TCP/IP service. If 0 (the default), the server is not started, and no external interface is provided.

For more detailed information on the interface to the GNU Debugger see Embecosm Application Note 2, *Howto: Porting the GNU Debugger Practical Experience with the OpenRISC 1000 Architecture*, by Jeremy Bennett, published by Embecosm Limited ([www.embecosm.com](http://www.embecosm.com)).

**Note:** `rsp_enabled` may not be enabled with `gdb_enabled` (see below). If both are enabled, a warning is issued and only the *Remote Serial Protocol* interface is enabled.

`rsp_port = value`

`value` specifies the port to be used for the GDB *Remote Serial Protocol* interface to the GNU Debugger (GDB). Default value 51000. If the value 0 is specified, Or1ksim will instead look for a TCP/IP service named `or1ksim-rsp`.

**Tip:** There is no registered port for Or1ksim *Remote Serial Protocol* service `or1ksim-rsp`. Good practice suggests users should adopt port values in the *Dynamic* or *Private* port range, i.e. 49152-65535.

`gdb_enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true), the OpenRISC Remote JTAG protocol server is started, providing an interface to an external GNU debugger, using the port specified in the `server_port` field (see below), or the `or1ksim` TCP/IP service. If 0 (the default), the server is not started, and no external interface is provided.

For more detailed information on the interface to the GNU Debugger see Embecosm Application Note 2, *Howto: Porting the GNU Debugger Practical Experience with the OpenRISC 1000 Architecture*, by Jeremy Bennett, published by Embecosm Limited ([www.embecosm.com](http://www.embecosm.com)).

**Note:** The OpenRISC Remote JTAG protocol is unique to OpenRISC, and remains only for backward compatibility. New users should adopt the standard GDB *Remote Serial Protocol* interface (see `rsp_enabled` above) providing access to a wider range of GDB functionality.

**Note:** `gdb_enabled` may not be enabled with `rsp_enabled`. If both are enabled, a warning is issued and only the *Remote Serial Protocol* interface is enabled.



`server_port = value`

*value* specifies the port to be used for the OpenRISC Rmote JTAG protocol interface to the GNU Debugger (GDB). Default value 51000. If the value 0 is specified, Or1ksim will instead look for a TCP/IP service named `or1ksim`.

**Tip:** There is no registered port for Or1ksim Remote JTAG Interface or service `or1ksim`. Good practice suggests users should adopt port values in the *Dynamic* or *Private* port range, i.e. 49152-65535.

`vapi_id = value`

*value* specifies the value of the Verification API (VAPI) base address to be used with the debug unit. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\], page 33](#), for more details.

If this is specified and *value* is non-zero, all OpenRISC Remote JTAG protocol transactions will be logged to the VAPI log file, if enabled. This is the only functionality associated with VAPI for the debug unit. No VAPI commands are sent, nor requests handled.

## 3.4 Configuring Memory Mapped Peripherals

All peripheral components are optional. If they are specified, then (unlike other components) by default they are enabled.

### 3.4.1 Memory Controller Configuration

The memory controller used in Or1ksim is the component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, `mem_ctrl1`. It is described in the document *Memory Controller IP Core* by Rudolf Usselmann, which can be found in the `doc` subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

The memory controller configuration is described in [section mc](#). This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple memory controllers. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this memory controller is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

**Note:** The memory controller can effectively also be disabled by setting an appropriate power on control register value (see below). However this should only be used if it is desired to specifically model this behavior of the memory controller, not as a way of disabling the memory controller in general.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the memory controller's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The memory controller has a 7 bit address bus, with a total of 19 32-bit registers, at addresses 0x00 through 0x4c (address 0x0c and addresses 0x50 through 0x7c are not used).

`poc = value`

Specifies the value of the power on control register, The least significant two bits specify the bus width (use 0 for an 8-bit bus, 1 for a 16-bit bus and 2 for a 32-bit bus) and the next two bits the type of memory connected (use 0 for a disabled interface, 1 for SSRAM, 2 for asynchronous devices and 3 for synchronous devices).

If other bits are specified, they are ignored with a warning.

**Caution:** The default value, 0, corresponds to a disabled 8-bit bus, and is likely not the most suitable value



`index = value`

Specify the index of this memory controller amongst all the memory controllers. This value should be unique for each memory controller, and is used to associate specific memories with the controller, through the `mc` field in the `section memory` configuration (see [Section 3.3.2 \[Memory Configuration\]](#), page 14).

The default value, 0, is suitable when there is only one memory controller.

### 3.4.2 UART Configuration

The UART implemented in Orlksim follows the specification of the National Semiconductor 16450 and 16550 parts. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

The component provides a number of interfaces to emulate the behavior of an external terminal connected to the UART.

UART configuration is described in `section uart`. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple UARTs. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this UART is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the UART's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The UART has a 3 bit address bus, with a total of 8 8-bit registers, at addresses 0x0 through 0x7.

`channel = "type:args"`

Specify the channel representing the terminal connected to the UART Rx & Tx pins.

`channel="file:'rxfile','txfile'"`

Read input characters from the file `'rxfile'` and write output characters to the file `'txfile'` (which will be created if required).

`channel="xterm:args"`

Create an xterm on startup, write UART Tx traffic to the xterm and take Rx traffic from the keyboard when the xterm window is selected. Additional arguments to the xterm command (for example specifying window size may be specified in *args*, or this may be left blank.

`channel="tcp:value"`

Open the TCP/IP port specified by *value* and read and write UART traffic from and to it.

Typically a telnet session is connected to the other end of this port.

**Tip:** There is no registered port for Orlksim telnet UART connection. Privileged access is required to read traffic on the registered “well-known” telnet port (23). Instead users should use port values in the *Dynamic* or *Private* port range, i.e. 49152-65535.

`channel="fd:rxfd,txfd"`

Read and write characters from and to the existing open numerical file descriptors, file `rxfd` and `txfd`.

```
channel="tty:device=/dev/ttyS0,baud=9600"
```

Read and write characters from and to a physical serial port. The precise device (shown here as `/dev/ttyS0`) may vary from machine to machine.

The default value for this field is `"xterm:"`.

```
irq = value
```

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this UART. Default value 0.

```
16550 = 0|1
```

If 1 (true), the UART has the functionality of a 16550. If 0 (the default), it has the functionality of a 16450. The principal difference is that the 16550 can buffer multiple characters.

```
jitter = value
```

Set the jitter, modeled as a time to block, to *value* milliseconds. Set to -1 to disable jitter modeling. Default value 0.

**Note:** This functionality has yet to be implemented, so this parameter has no effect.

```
vapi_id = value
```

*value* specifies the value of the Verification API (VAPI) base address to be used with the UART. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\], page 33](#), for more details, which details the use of the VAPI with the UART.

### 3.4.3 DMA Configuration

The DMA controller used in Or1ksim is the component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, `'wb_dma'`. It is described in the document *Wishbone DMA/Bridge IP Core* by Rudolf Usselmann, which can be found in the `'doc'` subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus. The present implementation is incomplete, intended only to support the Ethernet interface (see [Section 3.4.4 \[Ethernet Configuration\], page 23](#)), although the Ethernet interface is not yet completed.

DMA configuration is described in [section dma](#). This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple DMA controllers. The following parameters may be specified.

```
enabled = 0|1
```

If 1 (true, the default), this DMA controller is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

```
baseaddr = value
```

Set the base address of the DMA's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The DMA controller has a 10 bit address bus, with a total of 253 32-bit registers. The first 5 registers at addresses 0x000 through 0x010 control the overall behavior of the DMA controller. There are then 31 blocks of 8 registers, controlling each of the 31 DMA channels available. Addresses 0x014 through 0x01c are not used.

```
irq = value
```

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this DMA controller. Default value 0.

```
vapi_id = value
```

*value* specifies the value of the Verification API (VAPI) base address to be used with the DMA controller. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\], page 33](#), for more details, which details the use of the VAPI with the DMA controller.

### 3.4.4 Ethernet Configuration

The Ethernet MAC used in Or1ksim is the component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, 'ethernet'. It also forms part of the OpenRISC SoC, ORPSoC. It is described in the document *Ethernet IP Core Specification* by Igor Mohor, which can be found in the 'doc' subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

Ethernet configuration is described in **section ethernet**. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple Ethernet interfaces. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this Ethernet MAC is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the MAC's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The Ethernet MAC has a 7-bit address bus, with a total of 21 32-bit registers. Addresses 0x54 through 0x7c are not used.

**Note:** The Ethernet specification describes a Tx control register, TXCTRL, at address 0x50. However this register is not implemented in the Or1ksim model.

`dma = value`

*value* specifies the DMA controller with which this Ethernet is associated. The default value is 0.

**Note:** Support for external DMA is not provided in the current implementation, and this value is ignored. In any case there is no equivalent field to which this can be matched in the current DMA component implementation (see [Section 3.4.3 \[DMA Configuration\], page 22](#)).

`irq = value`

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this Ethernet MAC. Default value 0.

`rtx_type = 0|1`

If 1 (true) use a socket interface to the Ethernet (see parameter `sockif` below). If 0 (the default), use a file interface, reading and writing from and to the files specified in the `rxfile` and `txfile` parameters (see below).

**Note:** By default the socket interface is not provided in Or1ksim. If it is required, this must be requested when configuring, by use of the `--enable-ethphy` option to `configure`.

```
configure --target=or32-uclinux --enable-ethphy ...
```

`rx_channel = rxvalue`

`tx_channel = txvalue`

*rxvalue* specifies the DMA channel to use for receive and *txvalue* the DMA channel to use for transmit. Both default to 0.

**Note:** As noted above, support for external DMA is not provided in the current implementation, and so these values are ignored.

`rxfile = "rxfile"`

`txfile = "txfile"`

When `rtx_type` is 0 (see above), *rxfile* specifies the file to use as input and *txfile* specifies the file to use as output.

The file contains a sequence of packets. Each packet consists of a packet length (32 bits), followed by that many bytes of data. Once the input file is empty, the

Ethernet MAC behaves as though there were no data on the Ethernet. The default values of these parameters are "eth\_rx" and "eth\_tx" respectively.

The input file must exist and be readable. The output file must be writable and will be created if necessary. If either of these conditions is not met, a warning will be given.

`sockif = "service"`

When `rtx_type` is 1 (see above), `service` specifies the service to use for communication. This may be TCP/IP or UDP/IP. The default value of this parameter is "orlksim\_eth".

`vapi_id = value`

`value` specifies the value of the Verification API (VAPI) base address to be used with the Ethernet PHY. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\], page 33](#), for more details, which details the use of the VAPI with the DMA controller.

### 3.4.5 GPIO Configuration

The GPIO used in Orlksim is the component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, 'gpio'. It is described in the document *GPIO IP Core Specification* by Damjan Lampret and Goran Djakovic, which can be found in the 'doc' subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

GPIO configuration is described in [section gpio](#). This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple GPIO devices. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this GPIO is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the GPIO's memory mapped registers to `value`. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The GPIO has a 6 bit address bus, with a total of 10 32-bit registers, although the number of bits that are actively used varies. Addresses 0x28 through 0x3c are not used.

`irq = value`

Use `value` as the IRQ number of this GPIO. Default value 0.

`vapi_id = value`

`value` specifies the value of the Verification API (VAPI) base address to be used with the GPIO. See [Chapter 5 \[Verification API\], page 33](#), for more details, which details the use of the VAPI with the GPIO controller. For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `base_vapi_id` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

### 3.4.6 Display Interface Configuration

Orlksim models a VGA interface to an external monitor. The VGA controller used in Orlksim is the component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, 'vga\_lcd', with no support for the optional hardware cursors. It is described in the document *VGA/LCD Core v2.0 Specifications* by Richard Herveille, which can be found in the 'doc' subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

The current implementation provides only functionality to dump the screen to a file at intervals. VGA controller configuration is described in [section vga](#). This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple VGA controllers. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this VGA is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the VGA controller's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The VGA controller has a 12-bit address bus, with 7 32-bit registers, at addresses 0x000 through 0x018, and two color lookup tables at addresses 0x800 through 0xff. The hardware cursor registers are not implemented, so addresses 0x01c through 0x7fc are not used.

`irq = value`

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this VGA controller. Default value 0.

`refresh_rate = value`

*value* specifies number of cycles between screen dumps. Default value is derived from the simulation clock cycle time (see [Section 3.2.1 \[Simulator Behavior\], page 10](#)), to correspond to dumping 50 times per simulated second.

`txfile = "file"`

*file* specifies the base of the filename for screen dumps. Successive screen dumps will be in BMP format, in files with the name '*file**nnnn*.bmp', where *nnnn* is a sequential count of the screen dumps starting at zero. The default value is "vga\_out". For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `filename` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

### 3.4.7 Frame Buffer Configuration

**Caution:** The frame buffer is only partially implemented. Its configuration fields are described here, but the component should not be used at this time. Like the VGA controller, it is designed to make screen dumps to file.

Frame buffer configuration is described in `section fb`. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple frame buffers. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this frame buffer is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the frame buffer's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The frame buffer has an 121-bit address bus, with 4 32-bit registers, at addresses 0x000 through 0x00c, and a PAL lookup table at addresses 0x400 through 0x4ff. Addresses 0x010 through 0x3fc and addresses 0x500 through 0x7ff are not used.

`refresh_rate = value`

*value* specifies number of cycles between screen dumps. Default value is derived from the simulation clock cycle time (see [Section 3.2.1 \[Simulator Behavior\], page 10](#)), to correspond to dumping 50 times per simulated second.

`txfile = "file"`

*file* specifies the base of the filename for screen dumps. Successive screen dumps will be in BMP format, in files with the name '*file**nnnn*.bmp', where *nnnn* is a sequential count of the screen dumps starting at zero. The default value is "fb\_out". For backwards compatibility, the alternative name `filename` is supported for this parameter, but deprecated.

### 3.4.8 Keyboard Configuration (PS2)

The PS2 interface provided by Or1ksim is not documented. It may be based on the PS2 project at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, 'ps2'. However this project lacks any

documentation beyond its project webpage. Since most PS2 interfaces follow the Intel i8042 standard, this is presumably what is expected with this device.

The implementation only provides for keyboard support, which is modelled as a file of keystrokes. There is no mouse support.

**Caution:** A standard i8042 device has two registers at addresses 0x60 (command) and 0x64 (status). Inspection of the code, suggests that the Or1ksim component places these registers at addresses 0x00 and 0x04.

The port of Linux for the OpenRISC 1000, which runs on Or1ksim implements the i8042 device driver, anticipating these registers reside at their conventional address. It seems unlikely that this code will work.

This component should be used with caution.

Keyboard configuration is described in **section** `kbd`. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple keyboard interfaces. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this keyboard is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the keyboard's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The keyboard PS/2 interface has an 3-bit address bus, with 2 8-bit registers, at addresses 0x000 and 0x004.

**Caution:** As noted above, a standard Intel 8042 interface would expect to find these registers at locations 0x60 and 0x64, thus requiring at least a 7-bit bus.

`irq = value`

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this Keyboard interface. Default value 0.

`rxfile = "file"`

'file' specifies a file containing raw key stroke data, which models the input from a physical keyboard. The default value is "kbd\_in".

### 3.4.9 Disc Interface Configuration

The ATA/ATAPI disc controller used in Or1ksim is the OCIDEC (OpenCores IDE Controller) component implemented at OpenCores, and found in the top level CVS directory, 'ata'. It is described in the document *ATA/ATAPI-5 Core Specification* by Richard Herveille, which can be found in the 'doc' subdirectory. It is a memory mapped component, which resides on the main OpenRISC Wishbone data bus.

ATA/ATAPI configuration is described in **section** `ata`. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple disc controllers. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this ATA/ATAPI interface is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the ATA/ATAPI interface's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The ATA/ATAPI PS/2 interface has an 5-bit address bus, with 8 32-bit registers. Depending on the version of the OCIDEC ATA/ATAPI interface selected (see `dev_id` below), not all registers will be available.

`irq = value`

Use *value* as the IRQ number of this ATA/ATAPI interface. Default value 0.



`dev_id = 1|2|3`

This parameter specifies which version of the OCIDEDEC ATA/ATAPI interface to model. The default value is 1.

Version 1 supports only the CTRL, STAT and PCTR registers. Versions 2 & 3 add the FCTR registers, Version 3 adds the DTR registers and the RXD/TXD registers.

`rev = value`

Set the *value* as the revision of the OCIDEDEC ATA/ATAPI interface. The default value is 1. The default value is 0. Its value should be in the range 0-15. Larger values are truncated with a warning. This only affects the reset value of the STAT register, where it forms bits 24-27.

`pio_mode0_t1 = value`

`pio_mode0_t2 = value`

`pio_mode0_t4 = value`

`pio_mode0_teoc = value`

These parameters specify the timings for use with Programmed Input/Output (PIO) transfers. They are specified as the number of clock cycles - 2, rounded up to the next highest integer, or zero if that would be negative. The values should not exceed 255. If they do, they will be ignored with a warning.

See the ATA/ATAPI-5 specification for explanations of each of these timing parameters. The default values are:

```
pio_mode0_t1 = 6
pio_mode0_t2 = 28
pio_mode0_t4 = 2
pio_mode0_teoc = 23
```

`dma_mode0_tm = value`

`dma_mode0_td = value`

`dma_mode0_teoc = value`

These parameters specify the timings for use with DMA transfers. They are specified as the number of clock cycles - 2, rounded up to the next highest integer, or zero if that would be negative. The values should not exceed 255. If they do, they will be ignored with a warning.

See the ATA/ATAPI-5 specification for explanations of each of these timing parameters. The default values are:

```
dma_mode0_tm = 4
dma_mode0_td = 21
dma_mode0_teoc = 21
```

### 3.4.9.1 ATA/ATAPI Device Configuration

Within the `section ata`, each device is specified separately. The device subsection is introduced by

`device value`

*value* is the device number, which should be 0 or 1. The subsection ends with `enddevice`. Note that if the same device number is specified more than once, the previous values will be overwritten. Within the `device` subsection, the following parameters may appear:

`type = value`

*value* specifies the type of device: 0 (the default) for “not connected”, 1 for hard disk simulated in a file and 2 for local system hard disk.

`file = "filename"`

'filename' specifies the file to be used for a simulated ATA device if the file type (see `type` above) is 1. Default value "ata-File*n*", where *n* is the device number.

`size = value`

*value* specifies the size of a simulated ATA device if the file type (see `type` above) is 1. The default value is zero.

`packet = 0|1`

If 1 (true), implement the PACKET command feature set. If 0 (the default), do not implement the PACKET command feature set.

`firmware = "str"`

Firmware to report in response to the "Identify Device" command. Default "02207031".

`heads = value`

Number of heads in the device. Default 7, use -1 to disable all heads.

`sectors = value`

Number of sectors per track in the device. Default 32.

`mwdma = 0|1|2|-1`

Highest multi-word DMA mode supported. Default 2, use -1 to disable.

`pio = 0|1|2|3|4`

Highest PIO mode supported. Default 4.

### 3.4.10 Generic Peripheral Configuration

When used as a library (see [Section 2.4 \[Simulator Library\], page 7](#)), Or1ksim makes provision for any additional peripheral to be implemented externally. Any read or write access to this peripheral's memory map generates *upcalls* to an external handler. This interface can support either C or C++, and was particularly designed to facilitate support for OSCI SystemC (see <http://www.systemc.org>).

Generic peripheral configuration is described in `section generic`. This section may appear multiple times, specifying multiple external peripherals. The following parameters may be specified.

`enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), this ATA/ATAPI interface is enabled. If 0, it is disabled.

`baseaddr = value`

Set the base address of the generic peripheral's memory mapped registers to *value*. The default is 0, which is probably not a sensible value.

The size of the memory mapped register space is controlled by the `size` parameter, described below.

`size = value`

Set the size of the generic peripheral's memory mapped register space to *value* bytes. Any read or write accesses to addresses with offsets of 0 to *value*-1 bytes from the base address specified in parameter `baseaddr` (see above) will be directed to the external interface.

*value* will be rounded up the nearest power of 2. It's default value is zero. If *value* is not an exact power of two, accesses to address offsets of *value* or above up to the next power of 2 will generate a warning, and have no effect (reads will return zero).



`name = "str"`

This gives the peripheral the name "*str*". This is used to identify the peripheral in error messages and warnings, and when reporting its status. The default value is "anonymous external peripheral".

`byte_enabled = 0|1`

`hw_enabled = 0|1`

`word_enabled = 0|1`

If 1 (true, the default), these parameters respectively enable the device for byte wide, half-word wide and word wide accesses. If 0, accesses of that width will fail.

## 4 Interactive Command Line

If started with the `-f` flag, or if interrupted with `ctrl-C`, Or1ksim provides the user with an interactive command line. The commands available, which may not be abbreviated, are:

- `q`           Exit the simulator
- `r`           Display all the General Purpose Registers (GPRs). Also shows the just executed and next to be executed instructions symbolically and the state of the flag in the Supervision Register.
- `t`           Execute the next instruction and then display register/instruction information as with the `r` command (see above).
- `run num [ hush ]`  
Execute *num* instructions. The register/instruction information is displayed after each instruction, as with the `r` command (see above) *unless* `hush` is specified.
- `pr reg value`  
Patch register *reg* with *value*.
- `dm fromaddr [ toaddr ]`  
Display memory bytes between *fromaddr* and *toaddr*. If *toaddr* is not given, 64 bytes are displayed, starting at *fromaddr*.  
**Caution:** The output from this command is broken (a bug). Or1ksim attempts to print out 16 bytes per row. However, instead of printing out the address at the start of each row, it prints the address (of the first of the 16 bytes) before *each* byte.
- `de fromaddr [ toaddr ]`  
Disassemble code between *fromaddr* and *toaddr*. If *toaddr* is not given, 16 instructions are disassembled.  
The disassembly is entirely numerical, and gives no symbolic information.
- `pm addr value`  
Patch the 4 bytes in memory starting at *addr* with the 32-bit *value*.
- `pc value`   Patch the program counter with *value*.
- `cm fromaddr toaddr size`  
Copy *size* bytes in memory from *fromaddr* to *toaddr*.
- `break addr`  
Toggle the breakpoint set at *addr*.
- `breaks`     List all set breakpoints
- `reset`      Reset the simulator. Includes modeling a reset of the processor, so execution will restart from the reset vector location, 0x100.
- `hist`       If saving the execution history has been configured (see [Section 3.2.1 \[Simulator Behavior\]](#), page 10), display the execution history.
- `stall`      Stall the processor, so that control is passed to the debug unit. When stalled, the processor can execute no instructions. This command is useful when debugging the JTAG interface, used by debuggers such as GDB.
- `unstall`    Unstall the processor, so that normal execution can continue. This command is useful when debugging the JTAG interface, used by debuggers such as GDB.

**stats category | clear**

Print the statistics for the given *category*, if available, or `clear` if `clear` is specified. The categories are:

- 1 Miscellaneous statistics: branch predictions (if branch predictions are enabled), branch target cache model (if enabled), cache (if enabled), MMU (if enabled) and number of additional load & store cycles.  
See [Section 3.3 \[Configuring the OpenRisc Architectural Components\]](#), page 13, for details of how to enable these various features.
- 2 Instruction usage statistics. Requires hazard analysis to be enabled (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).
- 3 Instruction dependency statistics. Requires hazard analysis to be enabled (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).
- 4 Functional unit dependency statistics. Requires hazard analysis to be enabled (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).
- 5 Raw register usage over time. Requires hazard analysis to be enabled (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).
- 6 Store buffer statistics. Requires the store buffer to be enabled (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).

**info** Display detailed information about the simulator configuration. This is quite a lengthy about, because all MMU TLB information is displayed.

**dv fromaddr [ toaddr ] [ module ]**

Dump the area of memory between *fromaddr* and *toaddr* as Verilog code for a synchronous, 23-bit wide SRAM module, named *module*. If *toaddr* is not specified, then 64 bytes are dumped (as 16 32-bit words). If *module* is not specified, `or1k_mem` is used.

To save to a file, use the redirection function (described after this table, below).

**dh fromaddr [ toaddr ]**

Dump the area of memory between *fromaddr* and *toaddr* as 32-bit hex numbers (no `0x`, or `32'h` prefix). If *toaddr* is not specified, then 64 bytes are dumped (as 16 32-bit words).

To save to a file, use the redirection function (described after this table, below).

**setdbch** Toggle debug channels on/off. See [Section 2.1 \[Standalone Simulator\]](#), page 5, for a description of specifying debug channels on the command line.

**set section param = value**

Set the configuration parameter *para* in section *section* to *value*. See [Chapter 3 \[Configuration\]](#), page 9, for details of configuration parameters and their settings.

**debug** Toggle the simulator debug mode. See [Section 3.3.8 \[Debug Interface Configuration\]](#), page 19, for information on this parameter.

**Caution:** This is effectively enabling or disabling the debug unit. It does not effect the remote GDB debug interface. However using the remote debug interface while the debug unit is disabled will lead to undefined behavior and likely crash Or1ksim

**cuc** Enter the the Custom Unit Compiler command prompt (see [Section 3.2.3 \[CUC Configuration\]](#), page 12).

**Caution:** The CUC must be properly configured, for this to succeed. In particular a timing file must be available and readable. Otherwise Orlksim will crash.

`help` Print out brief information about each command available.

`mprofile [-vh] [-m m] [-g n] [-f file] from to`

Run the memory profiling utility. This follows the same usage as the standalone command (see [Section 2.3 \[Memory Profiling Utility\]](#), page 6).

`profile [-vhcq] [-g file]`

Run the instruction profiling utility. This follows the same usage as the standalone command (see [Section 2.2 \[Profiling Utility\]](#), page 6).

For all commands, it is possible to redirect the output to a file, by using the redirection operator, `>`.

`command > filename`

This is particularly useful for commands dumping a large amount of output, such as `dv`.

**Caution:** Unfortunately there is a serious bug with the redirection operator. It does not return output to standard output after the command completes. Until this bug is fixed, file redirection should not be used.

## 5 Verification API (VAPI)

The Verification API (VAPI) provides a TCP/IP interface to allow components of the simulation to be controlled externally. The interface is polled for new requests on each simulated clock cycle. Components within the simulator may send responses to such requests.

The interface is an asynchronous duplex protocol. On the request side it provides for simple commands, known as VAPI IDs (a 32 bit integer), with a single piece of data (also a 32 bit integer). On the send side, it provides for sending a single VAPI ID and data. However there is no explicit command-response structure. Some components just accept requests (e.g. to set values), some just generate sends (to report values), and some do both.

Each component has a base ID (32 bit) and its commands will start from that base ID. This provides a simple partitioning of the command space amongst components. Request commands will be directed to the component with the closest base ID lower than the VAPI ID of the command.

Thus if there are two components with base IDs of 0x200 and 0x300, and a request with VAPI ID of 0x203 is received, it will be directed to the first component as its command #3.

The results of VAPI interactions are logged (by default in ‘`vapi.log`’ unless an alternative is specified in `section vapi`).

Currently the following components support VAPI:

### Debug Unit

Although the Debug Unit can specify a base VAPI ID, it is not used to send commands or receive requests.

Instead, if the base VAPI ID is set, all remote JTAG protocol exchanges are logged in the VAPI log file.

### UART

If a base VAPI ID is specified, the UART sends details of any chars or break characters sent, with details of the line control register etc encoded in the data packet sent.

This supports a single VAPI command request, but encodes a sub-command in the top 8 bits of the associated data.

- |      |  |
|------|--|
| 0x00 | This stuffs the least significant 8 bits of the data into the serial register of the UART and the next 8 bits into the line control register, effectively providing control of the next character to be sent or received.                    |
| 0x01 | The divisor latch bytes are set from the least significant 16 bits of the data.  |
| 0x02 | The line control register is set from bits 15-8 of the data.   |
| 0x03 | The UART skew is set from the least significant 16 bits of the data  |
| 0x04 | If the 16th most significant bit of the data is 1, start sending breaks, otherwise stop sending breaks. The breaks are sent or cleared after the number of UART clock divider ticks specified by the data (immediately if the data is zero). |

### DMA

Although the DMA unit supports a base VAPI ID in its configuration (`section dma`), no VAPI data is sent, nor VAPI requests currently implemented.

### Ethernet

The following requests are handled by the Ethernet. Specified symbolically, these are the increments from the base VAPI ID of the Ethernet. At present no implementation is provided behind these VAPI requests.

ETH\_VAPI\_DATA (0)  
ETH\_VAPI\_CTRL (0)

GPIO If a base VAPI ID is specified, the GPIO sends out on its base VAPI ID (symbolically, GPIO\_VAPI\_DATA (0) offset from the base VAPI ID) any changes in outputs. The following requests are handled by the GPIO. Specified symbolically, these are the increments from the VAPI base ID of the GPIO.

GPIO\_VAPI\_DATA (0)  
Set the next input to the commands data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_AUX (1)  
Set the GPIO auxiliary inputs to the data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_CLOCK (2)  
Add an external GPIO clock trigger of period specified in the data field.

GPIO\_VAPI\_RGPIIO\_OE (3)  
Set the GPIO output enable to the data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_RGPIIO\_INTE (4)  
Set the next interrupt to the data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_RGPIIO\_PTRIG (5)  
Set the next trigger to the data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_RGPIIO\_AUX (6)  
Set the next auxiliary input to the data field

GPIO\_VAPI\_RGPIIO\_CTRL (7)  
Set th next control input to the data field

## 6 A Guide to Or1ksim Internals

These are notes to help those wanting to extend Or1ksim. This section assumes the use of a tag file, so file locations of entities' definitions are not in general provided. For more on tags, see the Linux manual page for `etags`. A tag file can be created with:

```
make tags
```

### 6.1 Coding Conventions for Or1ksim

This chapter provides some guidelines for coding, to facilitate extensions to Or1ksim

#### *GNU Coding Standard*

Code should follow the GNU coding standard for C (<http://www.gnu.org/prep/standards/>). If in doubt, put your code through the `indent` program.

#### `#include` headers

All C source code files should include `'config.h'` before any other file.

This should be followed by inclusion of any system headers (but see the comments about portability and `'port.h'` below) and then by any Or1ksim package headers.

If `'port.h'` is required, it should be the first package header to be included after the system headers.

All C source code and header files should directly include any system or package header they depend on, i.e. not rely on any other header having already included it. The two exceptions are

1. All header files may assume that `'config.h'` has already been included.
2. System headers which impose portability problems should be included by using the package header `'port.h'`, rather than the system headers themselves. This is the case for code requiring
  - `strndup` (from `'string.h'`)
  - Integer types (`intn_t`, `uintn_t`) (from `'inttypes.h'`).
  - `isblank` (from `'ctype.h'`)

#### `#include` files once only

All include files should be protected by `#ifndef` to ensure their definitions are only included once. For instance a header file `'x-y.h'` should surround its contents with:

```
#ifndef X_Y__H
#define X_Y__H

<body of the include file>

#endif /* X_Y__H */
```

#### *Avoid typedef*

The GNU coding style for C does not have a clear way to distinguish between user type name and user variables. For this reason `typedef` should be avoided except for the most ubiquitous user defined types. This makes the code much easier to read.

There are some `typedef` declarations in the `argtable2` library and the ELF and COFF headers, because this code is taken from other places.

Within Or1ksim legacy uses of `typedef` have largely been purged, except in the Custom Unit Compiler (see [Section 3.2.3 \[Custom Unit Compiler \(CUC\) Configuration\]](#), page 12).

The remaining uses of `typedef` occur in two places:

- ‘port/port.h’ defines types to replace those in header files that are not available (character functions, string duplication, integer types).  
‘cpu/or1k/arch.h’ defines types for the key Or1ksim entities: addresses (`oraddr_t`), unsigned register values (`uorreg_t`) and signed register (`orreg_t`) values.

Where new types are defined, they should appear in one of these two files as appropriate. Or1ksim specific types appearing in ‘arch.h’ should always have the suffix ‘\_h’.

#### *Don’t begin names with underscore*

Names beginning with `_` are intended to be part of the C infrastructure. They should not be used in the simulator code.

#### *Keep Non-global top level entities static*

All top level entities (functions, variables), which are not explicitly part of a global interface should be declared static. This ensures that unwanted connections are not inadvertently built across the program.

#### *Use of inline*

Code should not be declared `inline`. Modern compilers can work out for themselves what is best in this respect.

#### *Initialization*

All data structures should be explicitly initialized. In particular code should not rely on static data structures being initialized to zero.

The rationale is that in future static data structures may become dynamic. This has been a particular source of bugs in Or1ksim historically.

A specific case is with new peripherals, which should always include a `start` function to pre-initialize all configuration parameters to sensible defaults

#### *Configuration Validation*

All configuration values should be validated, preferably when encountered, if not when the `section` is closed, or otherwise at run time when the parameter is first used.

## 6.2 Global Data Structures

`config` The global variable `config` of type `struct config` holds the configuration data for some of the Or1ksim components which are always present. At present the components are:

- The simulator defined in `section sim` (see [Section 3.2 \[Simulator Configuration\]](#), page 10).
- The Verification API (VAPI) defined in `section vapi` (see [Section 3.2.2 \[Verification API \(VAPI\) Configuration\]](#), page 11).
- The Custom Unit Compiler (CUC), defined in `section cuc` (see [Section 3.2.3 \[Custom Unit Compiler \(CUC\) Configuration\]](#), page 12).
- The CPU, defined in `section cpu` (see [Section 3.3.1 \[CPU Configuration\]](#), page 13).
- The data cache (but not the instruction cache), defined in `section dc` (see [Section 3.3.4 \[Cache Configuration\]](#), page 17).
- The power management unit, defined in `section pm` (see [Section 3.3.6 \[Power Management Configuration\]](#), page 18).



- The programmable interrupt controller, defined in `section pic` (see [Section 3.3.5 \[Interrupt Configuration\]](#), page 17).
- Branch prediction, defined in `section bpb` (see [Section 3.3.7 \[Branch Prediction Configuration\]](#), page 18).
- The debug unit, defined in `section debug` (see [Section 3.3.8 \[Debug Interface Configuration\]](#), page 19).

This struct is made of a collection of structs, one for each component. For example the simulator configuration is held in `config.sim`.

- config** This is a linked list of data structures holding configuration data for all sections which are not held in the main `config` data structure. In general these are components (such as peripherals and memory) which may occur multiple times. However it also handles some architectural components which may occur only once, such as the memory management units, the instruction cache, the interrupt controller and branch prediction.
- runtime** The global variable `runtime` of type `struct runtime` holds all the runtime information about the simulation. To access this variable, ‘`sim-config.h`’ must be included.
- This struct is itself made of 3 other structs, `cpu` (for CPU run time state), `vapi` (for Verification API state) and `cuc` (for Custom Unit Compiler state).

## 6.3 Concepts

### *Output Redirection*

The current output stream is held in `runtime.cpu.fout`. Output should be explicitly written to this stream, or may use the `PRINTF` macro, which will write its arguments to this output stream.

### *Reset Hooks*

Any peripheral may register a routine to be called when the the processor is reset by calling `reg_sim_reset`, providing a function and pointer to a data structure as arguments. On reset that function will be called with the data structure pointer as argument.

## 6.4 Internal Debugging

The function `debug` is like `printf`, but with an extra first argument, which is the debug level. If the debug level specified in the simulator configuration (see [Section 3.2.1 \[Simulator Behavior\]](#), page 10) is greater than or equal to this value, the remaining arguments are printed to the current output stream (see [\[Output Redirection\]](#), page 37).

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