

# binutils support for Xtensa

- git tree: <https://github.com/jcmvbkbc/binutils-gdb-xtensa>

## FDPIC support

- [+] static linking
- [+] PDE
- [+] PIE
- [±] PLT and lazy binding
- [-] TLS

## FDPIC instruction sequences

### Local call

Default local call

```
+0:    movi    tmp, target@GOT
+3:    add     tmp, tmp, localGOTptr
+5:    l32i   tmp, tmp, 0
+7:    mov     GOTptr, localGOTptr
+9:    callx0 tmp
```

No-GOT local call

```
+0:    movi    tmp1, target
+3:    l32i   tmp2, localGOTptr, TEXT_SEGMENT_OFFSET
+5:    add     tmp1, tmp1, tmp2
+7:    mov     GOTptr, localGOTptr
+9:    callx0 tmp1
```

When call0 reaches the target it can be transformed to

```
+0:    mov     GOTptr, localGOTptr
+2:    call0  target
```

In the j.l style it could probably be done like

```
call0.l target, tmp1, tmp2, localGOTptr
```

### PLT call

Obvious version:

```
+0:    movi    tmp, target@PLTGOT
+3:    add     tmp, tmp, localGOTptr
+5:    l32i    tmp, tmp, 0
+7:    l32i    GOTptr, tmp, 4
+9:    l32i    tmp, tmp, 0
+11:   callx0  tmp
```

```
target@PLT:
+0:    movi    a8, target@PLTGOT
+3:    add     a8, a8, GOTptr
+5:    movi    a9, target-symbol
+8:    l32i    a10, GOTptr, RESOLVER_FN
+10:   l32i    GOTptr, GOTptr, RESOLVER_GOT
+12:   jx0     a10
```

The inline part calls the PLT part only once, after resolution the inline part calls the target directly. The adjustment is done to a single GOT entry, so it's atomic. The inline part can be reduced to a fixed direct call to the PLT:

```
+0:    mov     GOTptr, localGOTptr
+2:    call0  target@PLT
```

that reduces the inline part from 14 to 5 bytes, but adds two jumps to each call and some special logic to the resolver to avoid name resolution on each call.

## TLS Support

### TLS General Dynamic

```
+0:    movi    tmp1, x@GOTTLSDESC
+3:    add     arg0, tmp1, localGOTptr      # TLS_ARG
+5:    l32i    tmp2, arg0, 0                # TLS_FUNCDESC
+7:    l32i    GOTptr, tmp2, 4             # TLS_GOT
+9:    _l32i  tmp3, tmp2, 0                # TLS_FUNC
+12:   callx0  tmp3                        # TLS_CALL
```

This TLSDESC is not the same as the descriptor of the default xtensa toolchain. It contains two pointers, one to the resolver function, the other to that other descriptor containing DTPOFF and module index in the dtv.

### TLS Local Dynamic

Header getting the address of the `_TLS_MODULE_BASE_` is the same as in General Dynamic, or a possible one instruction less version:

```
+0:    l32i    arg0, localGOTptr, _TLS_MODULE_BASE_DESC_OFF
```

```

+2:    l32i    tmp1, arg0, 0
+4:    l32i    GOTptr, tmp1, 4
+6:    _l32i   tmp2, tmp1, 0
+9:    callx0  tmp2
...
+m:    movi    tmp3, x@DTPOFF
+m+3:  add     res, tmp3, rv0
...

```

`_TLS_MODULE_BASE_DESC_OFF` is a small fixed offset (16?) from the GOT base where an entry with `R_XTENSA_TLSDESC(_TLS_MODULE_BASE_)` relocation against it is placed.

### TLS Initial Exec

```

+0:    movi    tmp1, x@GOTTPOFF
+3:    add     tmp2, tmp1, localGOTptr      # TLS_TPOFF_PTR
+5:    l32i    tmp3, tmp2, 0                # TLS_TPOFF_LOAD
+7:    rur     tmp4, THREADPTR
+10:   add     res, tmp3, tmp4

```

### TLS Local Exec

```

+0:    movi    tmp1, x@TPOFF
+3:    rur     tmp2, THREADPTR
+6:    add     res, tmp1, tmp2

```

## Linker optimizations

### General Dynamic -> Initial Exec

```

+0:    movi    tmp1, x@GOTTLSDESC
movi   tmp1, x@GOTTPOFF
+3:    add     arg0, tmp1, localGOTptr      # TLS_ARG
add    arg0, tmp1, localGOTptr
+5:    l32i    tmp2, arg0, 0                # TLS_FUNCDESC
l32i   arg0, arg0, 0
+7:    l32i    GOTptr, tmp2, 4              # TLS_GOT
nop
+9:    _l32i   tmp3, tmp2, 0                # TLS_FUNC
rur    tmp3, THREADPTR
+12:   callx0  tmp3                          # TLS_CALL
add    arg0, arg0, tmp3

```

### General Dynamic -> Local Exec

```
+0:      movi    tmp1, x@GOTTLSDESC
movi    tmp1, x@TPOFF
+3:      add     arg0, tmp1, localGOTptr      # TLS_ARG
mov     arg0, tmp1
+5:      l32i    tmp2, arg0, 0              # TLS_FUNCDESC
nop
+7:      l32i    GOTptr, tmp2, 4           # TLS_GOT
nop
+9:      _l32i   tmp3, tmp2, 0            # TLS_FUNC
rur     tmp3, THREADPTR
+12:     callx0 tmp3                      # TLS_CALL
add     arg0, arg0, tmp3
```

### Initial Exec -> Local Exec

```
+0:      movi    tmp1, x@GOTTPOFF
movi    tmp1, x@TPOFF
+3:      add     tmp2, tmp1, localGOTptr    # TLS_TPOFF_PTR
mov     tmp2, tmp1
+5:      l32i    tmp3, tmp2, 0            # TLS_TPOFF_LOAD
mov     tmp3, tmp2
+7:      rur     tmp4, THREADPTR
rur     tmp4, THREADPTR
+10:     add     res, tmp3, tmp4
add     res, tmp3, tmp4
```

### Manual toolchain building script

```
#!/bin/bash -ex

target=${TARGET:-xtensa-linux-uclibcfdpic}
build_base=`pwd`/build
src_base=$(dirname $(readlink -f "$0"))
binutils_src=$HOME/ws/tensilica/binutils-gdb/binutils-gdb
gcc_src=$HOME/ws/tensilica/gcc/gcc
linux_src="$src_base/linux"
uclibc_src="$src_base/uclibc-ng"
uclibc_config_src="$src_base/uclibc-ng-config"

prefix=`pwd`
sysroot="$prefix/$target/sysroot"
linux_headers="$sysroot/usr"

_FLAGS_FOR_HOST=${FLAGS_FOR_HOST:--Og -g}
_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET=${FLAGS_FOR_TARGET:--mauto-litpools -mfdpic -Oz -g}
CROSS_COMPILE=${CROSS_COMPILE:-$prefix/bin/$target-}
TARGET_CFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET -D_LARGEFILE64_SOURCE -
D_FILE_OFFSET_BITS=64"
```

```
if [ "$1" = "-r" ]; then
    reconfigure=1
fi

mkdir -p .build

mkdir .build/binutils && (
    cd .build/binutils
    "$binutils_src/configure" --prefix="$prefix" \
        --target=$target \
        --with-sysroot="$sysroot" \
        --disable-shared --disable-werror --disable-gdb --disable-
gdbstub \
        CFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_HOST"

    make -j8
    make -j8 install
)

mkdir .build/gcc-initial && (
    cd .build/gcc-initial
    "$gcc_src/configure" --prefix="$prefix" \
        --target=$target \
        --with-sysroot="$sysroot" \
        --enable-languages=c \
        --disable-shared \
        --enable-__cxa_atexit \
        --disable-tls --disable-threads \
        --without-headers --with-newlib \
        CFLAGS_FOR_TARGET="$_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET" \
        CXXFLAGS_FOR_TARGET="$_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET" \
        CFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_HOST" \
        CXXFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_HOST"

    make -j8 all-gcc
    make -j8 all-target-libgcc
    make -j8 install-gcc
    make -j8 install-target-libgcc
)

mkdir .build/linux && (
    cd .build/linux
    make -C "$linux_src" ARCH=xtensa \
        CROSS_COMPILE="$CROSS_COMPILE" O=`pwd` \
        defconfig
    make -C "$linux_src" ARCH=xtensa \
        CROSS_COMPILE="$CROSS_COMPILE" O=`pwd` \
        INSTALL_HDR_PATH="$linux_headers" \
        -j8 headers_install
)
```

```
mkdir .build/uclibc && (  
  cd .build/uclibc  
  cp "$uclibc_config_src/.config" .  
  if [ -n "$reconfigure" ]; then  
    make -C "$uclibc_src" ARCH=xtensa \  
      CROSS_COMPILE="$CROSS_COMPILE" \  
      O=`pwd` KERNEL_HEADERS="$linux_headers/include" \  
      UCLIBC_EXTRA_CFLAGS="${TARGET_CFLAGS}" \  
      menuconfig  
    cp .config "$uclibc_config_src"  
  fi  
  
  make -C "$uclibc_src" ARCH=xtensa \  
    CROSS_COMPILE="$CROSS_COMPILE" \  
    O=`pwd` KERNEL_HEADERS="$linux_headers/include" \  
    UCLIBC_EXTRA_CFLAGS="${TARGET_CFLAGS}" \  
    -j8 "$@"  
  make -C "$uclibc_src" ARCH=xtensa \  
    CROSS_COMPILE="$CROSS_COMPILE" \  
    O=`pwd` KERNEL_HEADERS="$linux_headers/include" \  
    UCLIBC_EXTRA_CFLAGS="${TARGET_CFLAGS}" \  
    DESTDIR="$sysroot" \  
    install  
)  
  
mkdir .build/gcc-final && (  
  cd .build/gcc-final  
  "$gcc_src/configure" --prefix="$prefix" \  
    --target=$target \  
    --with-sysroot="$sysroot" \  
    --enable-languages=c,c++ \  
    --disable-shared \  
    --enable-__cxa_atexit \  
    --disable-tls --disable-threads \  
    --with-uclibc \  
    CFLAGS_FOR_TARGET="$_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET" \  
    CXXFLAGS_FOR_TARGET="$_FLAGS_FOR_TARGET" \  
    CFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_HOST" \  
    CXXFLAGS="$_FLAGS_FOR_HOST"  
  
  make -j8 all  
  make -j8 install  
)
```

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