QEMU support for Xtensa

- Git tree (view): http://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/git/?p=dumb/qemu-xtensa.git;a=summary
- Git tree (clone): git://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/dumb/qemu-xtensa.git / http://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/dumb/qemu-xtensa.git
- Toolchain build scripts (view): http://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/git/?p=dumb/xtensa-toolchain-build.git;a=summary
- Toolchain build scripts (clone): git://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/dumb/xtensa-toolchain-build.git / http://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/dumb/xtensa-toolchain-build.git
- Kernel and rootfs binary archive: http://jcmvbkbc.spb.ru/~dumb/ws/osll/qemu-xtensa/20110829/xtensa-dc232b_kernel_rootfs.tgz

Description

qemu/target-xtensa is a project aimed at development of a free simulator for Tensilica Xtensa processor family.

Although xtensa instruction set specification is open and there's even linux port for xtensa there were no free simulator available.

The project was initiated to lower cost and to speed up development of one of the Motorola Solutions projects and has been carried out exclusively by the OSLL. Started in March 2011 it took 2 months to provide initial ThreadX support, 2 more months to provide linux support and 2 more months to get accepted into the qemu mainline.

Our qemu/target-xtensa implementation currently provides almost full instruction set support (enough to run linux/ThreadX), is fast and is available under BSD license.

It can be easily extended to support custom xtensa architecture variants and external hardware.

Our goal is to make it usable (and preferable:) in real development/production environment.

Now active

- MAC16 option implementation;
- cache option implementation;
- debug option implementation;
- cycle accurate pipeline;

Implementation status

- core/basic opcodes implementation;
  - [+] and/or/xor/neg/abs;
  - [+] shifts;

- [+] add[x*]/sub[x*]/add.n/addi.n;
- [+] call0, callx0, j, b*;
- [+] l32*, s32*;
- [+] accurate SR write semantics;

- options
  - [+] windowed registers;
    - [+] call*/callx*, retw, rotw, rfwo, rfwu;
    - [+] accurate overflow triggering;
  - [+] loop option;
  - [+] extended L32R option;
  - [-] MAC16;
  - [-] coprocessors;
    - [-] floating point;
    - [+] boolean registers/commands;
  - [+] memory protection;
    - [+] no-MMU mode;
    - [+] region protection (with/without translation);
    - [+] MMU mode;
  - cache options;
    - [-] memory attributes;
    - [-] memory access timing;
  - [-] debug option;
  - exceptions;
    - [+] debug (only external);
    - [-] break;
    - [+] window overflow/underflow;
    - [+] user/kernel (invalid insn, privileged insn, alignment, division by 0,…);
    - [+] relocatable vectors;
    - [+] external interrupts;
    - [+] timer interrupts;
      - [-] correct opcode timings?;
      - [+] qemu timer to avoid busy looping in waiti;
- gdbserver;
  - [+] read/write register, ~~xml register map~~ (not used by gdb);
  - [+] correct SR mapping;
  - [+] debug exception, single step mode;
  - [+] hw/sw breakpoints;
  - [+] gdbserver for different processor types;
- sample evaluation board;
  - [+] memory mapping, ELF loader;
  - [-] standard peripherals;
  - [+] dc232b;
- simulation quality;
  - [+] pass command line arguments to argc/argv SIMCALLs (DAN branch only);
  - [+] TB chaining;
  - cycle accuracy;
    - [-] pipeline/SYNC group;
    - [-] memory access;
    - [-] exceptions;
- [+] external configuration (a-la xtensa overlay)?

- [+] automatic regression test suite;

Events

- 2011.04.20: C++ 'hello world' is working in qemu (stdio, stdlib, simcalls, windowed registers, loops, ext l32r) (:
- 2011.04.26: multithreaded ThreadX application is working in qemu (timer interrupts)
- 2011.04.30: preparation for qemu mainline submission started
- 2011.05.04: first RFC patchset sent to qemu-devel http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-05/msg00242.html
- 2011.05.18: first PATCH patchset sent to qemu-devel http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-05/msg01525.html
- 2011.06.19: linux boots, issues on userspace application startup
- 2011.06.22: successfull userspace app startup in linux
- 2011.06.29: xtensa linux session on qemu-xtensa is available at ssh -p 3333 xtensa@jcmvbkbc.spb.ru with the following private key:

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-----BEGIN RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
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-----END RSA PRIVATE KEY-----
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- 2011.07.18: issue with gdb not able to read privileged SRs root-caused: http://sourceware.org/ml/gdb/2011-07/msg00073.html
- 2011.07.19: tensilica guys suggested the following solution for gdb:

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I guess you can just make sure you don't mark new registers as PRIVILEGED in
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./gdb/xtensa-config.c
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- 2011.07.24: second PATCH patchset sent to qemu-devel
  http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-07/msg02529.html
- 2011.09.01: third PATCH patchset sent to qemu-devel
  http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-08/msg03888.html
- 2011.09.02: fourth PATCH patchset sent to qemu-devel
  http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-09/msg00165.html
- 2011.09.06: fifth PATCH patchset sent to qemu-devel
  http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-09/msg00695.html
- 2011.09.10: fifth PATCH patchset hit the qemu mainline:
  http://lists.nongnu.org/archive/html/qemu-devel/2011-09/msg01298.html

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