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Abstract

This document contains a set of guidelines for extending the ASSERT Virtual Machine kernel with device drivers. The real-time kernel is a version of ORK+, the Open Ravenscar real-time Kernel, which supports the Ada Ravenscar profile as defined in the current Ada 2005 standard. It is integrated with the GNATforLEON compilation system, and provides full support for the Ada Ravenscar subset, including low-level and system programming facilities. The document shows how to develop device drivers in Ada using such facilities. The guidelines are illustrated with the development of a communications driver for a SpaceWire device which is part of the GR-RASTA LEON2 computer board.
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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document provides guidelines for writing device drivers for the ASSERT Virtual Machine. Device drivers need not contain protocols and algorithms. They are to be made of simple, short and time-effective actions. Protocols and algorithms are realized in the application code and, to fit the ASSERT methodology, are to respect the Ravenscar restrictions.

The Wikipedia gives a good definition of what a device driver is:

“In computing, a device driver or software driver is a computer program allowing higher-level computer programs to interact with a hardware device.

A driver typically communicates with the device through the computer bus or communications sub-system to which the hardware is connected. When a calling program invokes a routine in the driver, the driver issues commands to the device. Once the device sends data back to the driver, the driver may invoke routines in the original calling program. Drivers are hardware-dependent and operating-system-specific. They usually provide the interrupt handling required for any necessary asynchronous time-dependent hardware interface.”

Writing device drivers requires an in-depth understanding of the hardware functionality. In order to better illustrate the issues related to hardware and software integration, this document includes an example of a physical communications driver that can be integrated with the logical communication layer of the ASSERT Virtual Machine. The logical communication layer, which is part of the ASSERT VM middleware, is the higher-level computer program that interacts with the communication device by means of the device driver.

Detailed knowledge of the computer bus is also needed for driver development. The buses of the GR-RASTA development platform¹ are used in the document as an example. Notwithstanding the notional use of a particular driver and bus as a case study, the guidelines provided in the document are generic in nature, and are intended to help developers build a large variety of device drivers and integrate them in the ASSERT Virtual Machine.

¹ GR-RASTA is a modular system based on a LEON2 or LEON3 computer, using a cPCI (compact Peripheral Component Interconnect) backplane bus. See http://www.gaisler.com/doc/gr-rasta_product_sheet.pdf for detailed information.
1.2 Scope

The target audience for this document are software engineers who are in charge of writing the lower-level components of onboard computer software.

1.3 Glossary

1.3.1 Acronyms and abbreviations

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**LANCE** Local Area Network Controller for Ethernet  
**MEC** Memory Controller  
**N-Chars** Normal characters (data characters, EOP or EEP)  
**OBDH** On-Board Data Handling  
**ORK** Open Ravenscar real-time Kernel  
**PCI** Peripheral Component Interconnect  
**PO** (Ada) Protected Object  
**RASTA** Reference Avionics System Testbench Activity  
**RMAP** Remote Memory Access Protocol  
**SOIS** CCSDS Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services  
**SVAP** Software Validation Plan  
**SVEP** Software Verification Plan  
**SVVP** Software Verification & Validation Plan  
**VM** Virtual Machine  
**VME** Versa Module Europa (IEEE 1014)

### 1.4 Applicable and reference documents

#### 1.4.1 Applicable documents


#### 1.4.2 Reference documents

[R1] **ASSERT D3.3.2-2: Virtual Machine Architecture Definition.** I1R1, July 2007.


#### 1.4.3 Standards


1.4.4 Other documents


1.5 Overview

The rest of this document is organised as follows:

- Chapter 2 recalls basic foundations of computer structure to introduce the device drivers functionality and the proposed software architecture.

- Chapter 3 describes the mechanisms to define, map, and access device registers in Ada and the peculiarities of the GNATforLEON tool chain.

- Chapter 4 shows how to handle interrupts in Ada with the restrictions imposed by the Ravenscar Profile and the characteristics of the ORK+ kernel.
• Chapter 5 describes a sample device driver for the SpaceWire chip of the GR-RASTA system.
• Chapter 6 provides guidance about organising device driver source code as well as about compilation and testing.
• Chapter 7 concludes the report.
Chapter 2

Driver architecture

The development of a device driver requires a thorough knowledge of the underlying hardware device as well as the supporting facilities of the target operating system or kernel. This chapter deals with the underlying hardware devices and gives a description of general hardware devices and the peculiarities of the GR-RASTA system. Then, the functionality of a device driver is summarized and a general software architecture is described.

2.1 I/O subsystem

Computer systems are composed of three mayor subsystems that interact with one another: CPU (Central Processing Unit), main memory and I/O (Input/Output) subsystem.

The I/O subsystem includes the so-called peripheral devices (or peripherals for short), which permit the system to interact with the outside environment or provide auxiliary functions, such as timing or additional storage.

Modern CPUs are general-purpose devices, and the logic needed to deal with peripherals is typically placed in separate devices, called I/O modules or I/O devices. In this way, the CPU only includes the logic needed to communicate with the I/O modules in a uniform way, and leaves the peripherals management to the I/O modules. The CPU capabilities required to communicate with the I/O modules are limited to the ability of reading and writing the I/O module registers, which make up the I/O module interface. As a result, the I/O subsystem of a modern digital computer is built up from the set of I/O modules connected to the computer.

2.1.1 I/O modules

Peripheral devices are attached to computers by links to I/O modules. These links are used to exchange data as well as control and status information between I/O modules and peripheral devices. In turn, I/O modules are connected to the computer through the system bus, and their interface to the CPU side consists of several registers. Device registers can be classified as:

Status registers: store the status of the attached device. The CPU can check the status of a device by reading its status registers.

Control registers: accept commands from the CPU which are decoded by the I/O module in order to issue the corresponding request to the peripheral device.
Data registers: perform data buffering in order to decouple the different transfer rates of the main memory and the peripheral device.

2.1.2 I/O operations

The aim of I/O modules is to provide a simple interface to perform I/O operations on peripheral devices. An I/O operation consists in transferring data from main memory to a peripheral device or vice-versa.

The amount of data involved in an I/O operation depends on the nature of the peripheral device. For instance, it can be a byte or character for a keyboard, or a fixed length block for a disk drive. The key issue is that the timing of I/O operations depends on the individual peripheral device, and therefore device-related events occur arbitrarily. As a result, the I/O modules and the processor need to be synchronized when performing I/O operations. Synchronization can be done by polling I/O module status registers. However, a high amount of processor time may be wasted on waiting until the I/O modules are ready to receive or transmit data (busy waiting). The common alternative is to make I/O modules signal their asynchronous events by interrupting the processor through dedicated bus lines (interrupt request lines).

When interrupts are used, after the processor issues a command for a peripheral device, it switches to doing something else (typically switching to another thread of execution). When the command is completed, the I/O module signals an interrupt. The processor reacts to the interrupt by saving the execution context of the current thread and transferring control to an Interrupt Service Routine (ISR), which completes the I/O operation, possibly by transferring additional data to or from the main memory.

The ASSERT Virtual Machine kernel provides a mechanism for setting user-defined procedures as ISR for the 11 interrupt sources available in the LEON processor. The standard Ada interrupt support approach is used for this purpose, as explained in chapter 4.

2.1.3 DMA I/O operations

An I/O operation on a block peripheral device implies transferring a large amount of data, typically several hundreds or even thousands of bytes. In these cases, it is more effective to directly transfer the data between the I/O module and the memory without any intervention from the CPU. This schema, called Direct Memory Access (DMA), is widely used with block devices such as communication devices or disk drives.

It should be noticed that the I/O module must issue an interrupt in order to signal the completion of the I/O operation to the CPU. The interrupt service routine polls the status registers so as to check if the operation has been successfully completed.

It is possible to go further in reducing processor involvement in performing I/O operations. DMA I/O operations need little processor attention when an operation finishes, but issuing commands to I/O modules implies transferring not only the command itself, but the memory address of the buffer and the amount of data involved as well. Therefore, it is effective to create a structure in memory with several linked buffers, and then send an access to it to the concerned I/O module at initialization time. In this way, the processor only has to command the operation and service the completion interrupt routine. Furthermore, bidirectional peripheral devices usually manage two sets of linked buffers, for input and output operations. Some I/O modules, such as LANCEs,1 awake periodically and check for new output operations by polling the status of the output buffers, which in this case are usually called rings.

Communication devices usually have the ability to deal with so-called linked DMA I/O operations. As a result, the initialization procedure is more complex because it is not just a matter of setting proper values in I/O module registers, but setting up the memory structures for linked I/O operations as well.

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2.2 Device interface

The I/O modules or devices have several registers which need to be allocated and make them accessible to the processor. Processors may use the same instructions for accessing device registers as for main memory, or may have special instructions for accessing device registers.

Processors with special instructions for accessing device registers have different address spaces for memory locations and for I/O device registers. This scheme is commonly referred to as “isolated I/O map”: additional bus lines (typically I/O request, IOREQ, lines) are needed to access the I/O map. Bus cycles using these lines are generated when I/O instructions are executed (typically named in and out).

On the other hand, the most common approach is to share a single address space for memory locations and I/O device registers. This is commonly known as “memory-mapped I/O”. Under this approach, load and store instructions are used for accessing both memory and I/O devices.

SPARC processors use memory-mapped I/O and thus it is possible to use Ada representation clauses (see section 3.1) to access I/O module registers, as shown in chapter 3.

2.2.1 Bus architecture

Although there are other ways for CPU, main memory and I/O subsystem to communicate with each other, most commonly these subsystems are connected by means of a computer bus or, more often, a computer bus hierarchy. Therefore, the bus structure for accessing the I/O module interfaces has to be defined before starting the development of device drivers.

A key issue is the allocation of device registers in the bus address space. I/O addresses for a single device are always allocated in a contiguous region, and all that is needed is to set the so-called base address for the device. Some modular buses, such as VME or EISA, provide jumpers or micro-switches for manually setting the base addresses. However, setting up a system-wide base on several boards is error prone and must be done carefully. Other modular buses, such as PCI, do not provide such low-level mechanisms, and the base address is written in registers by using a separate configuration address space.

The configuration address space uses a so-called geographical addressing scheme, i.e. boards are addressed by their physical location, which is where the boards are inserted in the bus backplane. Locations or slot numbers are hard-wired into the backplane. It must be noticed that this approach forces a predefined number of addresses for boards and thus can only be used for configuration.

As a result, as part of system startup a routine must initialize the configuration registers in order to properly set up the system I/O configuration. This capability is usually known as “plug and play”. The cPCI modular bus of the GR-RASTA system has a set of configuration registers that are accessed by geographical addressing, and therefore a plug and play routine has to be developed in order to initialize the operation of I/O devices. On the other hand, the Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA) bus, which is also part of the GR-RASTA subsystem, uses a centralized address decoding scheme, and therefore the AMBA plug and play routine does not have to set up any address registers. Its main function is to explore the AMBA configuration records of the devices in order to find their preassigned base addresses.

It is worth mentioning that other bus configuration features such as interrupt request lines, bus request lines, etc. are also set up in the same way.

2.2.2 Bus hierarchy

Computer systems with a large number of devices with transfer speeds several orders of magnitude apart use multiple buses instead of a single bus interconnecting all the devices. These buses are generally laid out in a
hierarchy, with the higher speed bus at the top and the lower speed buses at the bottom. In this way, there is no loss of performance due to bus length and saturation.

Bus hierarchies can be found at all levels inside a computer system. In particular, LEON processors use the AMBA bus hierarchy which is shown in figure 2.1.

![Figure 2.1: A typical AMBA system (reproduced from [D13]).](image)

The AMBA specification [D13] defines three kinds of buses:

**Advanced High-performance Bus (AHB):** this is a high bandwidth bus intended to be used at the top of the hierarchy, i.e. to connect processors with main memory and fast DMA I/O devices.

**Advanced System Bus (ASB):** this is also a high bandwidth bus intended for use at the top of the hierarchy. However, it does not support burst transfers, and therefore there is a performance penalty when using it to connect cache memories or burst DMA devices such as GR-SpaceWire.

**Advanced Peripheral Bus (APB):** this is a simpler and slower bus intended to be used at the lower levels of the bus hierarchy. It usually connects slow I/O devices, and it communicates with the AHB or ASB through a bridge.

The ATMEL AT697E LEON2-FT processor has the structure shown in figure 2.2. It uses AHB as the local bus, APB as the system bus, and PCI as an expansion bus.

System software is usually unaware of the bus hierarchy, aside from the configuration of the plug-and-play feature. However, it is important to take into account the “endianness” of the different buses of the hierarchy as it has a strong influence on the definition of device registers.

Endianness has to do with byte ordering in multibyte scalar values. Some machines store the least significant byte in the lowest byte address: this disposition is known as *little-endian*. Other machines store the most significant byte in the lowest byte address: this arrangement is known as *big-endian*.

The SPARC v7 and v8 architectures, and therefore LEON, are big-endian. This is also the the byte ordering of the AMBA buses in LEON processors. However, the PCI bus is little-endian, as it was mainly developed for Intel x86 processors. In this way, I/O device multibyte registers will suffer byte twisting as shown in figure 2.3.

This issue must be taken into account for PCI I/O device multibyte registers as well as for DMA transfers. Accordingly, PCI hosts and PCI DMA I/O devices must be properly initialized.

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2Both terms come from *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift and refer to the ways of slicing boiled eggs open for English breakfast.
Figure 2.2: AT697 Block Diagram (reproduced from [D7]).

Figure 2.3: AMBA bus to PCI byte twisting (reproduced from [D11]).
2.2.3 Bus hierarchy in the GR-RASTA system

The GR-RASTA is a computer system built on a cPCI backplane bus. This modular computer has two cPCI boards:

**GR-CPCI-AT697**: this is the processor board. It includes an Atmel AT697 LEON2-FT device, as well as memory, a debug support unit and some I/O devices. Its structure is shown in figure 2.4. It has a PCI-AMBA bridge to access the cPCI backplane bus.

**GR-CPCI-XC4V**: this is an interface board based on a FPGA which has several I/O modules, including three SpaceWire links. Its design is based on an AMBA AHB to which the high-bandwidth units are connected. Low-bandwidth units are connected to the APB. It also has a PCI-AMBA bridge to access the cPCI backplane bus.

It must be noticed that I/O modules in the GR-CPCI-XC4V board are accessed through a PCI-AMBA bridge. As a result, data going from I/O modules to main memory or CPU cross two PCI-AMBA bridges and suffer two byte twists to revert to the original byte order.
Figure 2.5: RASTA Interface Board Block Diagram (reproduced from [D10]).
2.3 Software architecture for device drivers

According to the hardware organization described in the previous section, a device driver has to deal with peripheral buses, in addition to device control, data registers and interrupts. The software architecture should ideally reflect this organization, by providing separate components to handle peripheral devices and buses.

Figure 2.6 shows a generic architecture for a communications driver. It is modelled after other software architectures that have been successfully implemented for other communications devices [Mor95, Ber05, Sal08]. A sample driver built on this architecture is described in chapter 5.

![Diagram of generic driver architecture]

As shown in the figure, there are four components which support the communications device itself, the I/O board mechanisms, the PCI functionality, and the AMBA bus, respectively. It must be noticed that the functionality provided by the PCI hierarchy, as well as the AMBA bus exploration,\(^3\) can be used by all the drivers to configure and locate PCI and AMBA devices, and therefore both PCI and AMBA have their own hierarchy.

- The AMBA component provides data type definitions and operations for scanning the AMBA configuration records.
- The PCI component provides data type definitions and operations for reading and writing the PCI configuration registers.
- The Board component provides a higher-level interface for AMBA and PCI bus initialization, as well as hooks for redirecting the board interrupt mechanism to the driver interrupt handler.
- The Driver component provides all the data and operations that are required to operate the communications device. It contains several internal parts (fig. 2.7):

\(^3\)An Ada program will normally make use of a library of program units of general utility. The language provides means whereby individual organizations can construct their own libraries. All libraries are structured in a hierarchical manner; this enables the logical decomposition of a subsystem into individual components. The text of a separately compiled program unit must name the library units it requires [ALRM Introduction].
Figure 2.7: Generic driver decomposition.

- **HLInterface**: contains the higher-level interface for application programs.
- **Parameters**: contains the definitions of all the parameters that can be configured by the application programmer.
- **Core**: contains all the code that interacts with the device registers in order to implement the I/O operations.
- **Handler**: contains the device interrupt handler, which is invoked on the completion of I/O operations. Since the GR-RASTA board provides a single hardware interrupt, this handler is invoked by the board handler at the receipt of an interrupt occurrence.
- **Registers**: contains register and bit field definitions, as well as other definitions that can be required to interact with the device.

### 2.4 Bus configuration

As explained in the previous sections, the peripheral buses must be properly configured and initialized before a device driver can start operating. Figure 2.8 provides a general view of the required initialization steps.

The initialization steps for a sample communications driver are explained in detail in chapter 5.

### 2.5 Integrating drivers in the ASSERT Virtual Machine

Device drivers interact with low-level hardware and kernel features. Therefore they have to be integrated with the real-time kernel component of the AVM. To this end, the source code of all the components of the driver — including the bus modules— has to be compiled and linked with the kernel code (and also with the application code) using the GNATforLEON compilation system. See [R3] for the details.

Detailed compilation instructions for the sample SpaceWire driver are given in chapter 6.
Figure 2.8: Device initialization.
Chapter 3

Device register management

A device interface consists of a set of registers which are read (loaded from) or written (stored into) with proper values in order to interact with the hardware devices. For the sake of program abstraction and readability, device registers have to be represented in an abstract way.

In this chapter, the facilities of the Ada programming language are used to specify the implementation of data types that correspond to the various kinds of device registers which can be found in a particular architecture. These facilities are the so-called representation clauses, which can be used to specify the way Ada objects and types are mapped onto the underlying device registers.

3.1 Device register definition

In order to illustrate the use of representation clauses, the 32-bit LEON2 interrupt mask register (IMASK) will be used. Its 16 most significant bits can be used to enable or disable the corresponding interrupt in the LEON2 processor (figure 3.1).

3.1.1 Internal codes

The first step is to define an enumeration type that corresponds to the *enable* and *disable* status of each IMASK bit.

```ada
type Interrupt_Status is (Disabled, Enabled);
```

In order to ensure that the internal code representation for `Disabled` and `Enabled` is 0 and 1, respectively, the following enumeration representation clause should be used:

```ada
for Interrupt_Status use (Disabled => 0, Enabled => 1);
```

Notice that the predefined `Boolean` type could be used in this case because the language defines the low-level representation of `False` and `True` to be 0 and 1, respectively. However, defining an enumeration type provides better readability and is required for multi-bit internal codes.

Furthermore, the corresponding representation clauses can be included in the private part of the package. In this way, implementation details are hidden and readability is improved.
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When the IU acknowledges the interrupt, the corresponding pending bit is automatically cleared.

Table 67. Interrupt Mask and Priority Register - ITMP
Address = 0x80000090

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bit</th>
<th>Mnemonic</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>31-17</td>
<td>ilevel[15:1]</td>
<td>Interrupt level indicates whether an interrupt belongs to priority level 1 (ILEVEL[n]=1) or level 0 (ILEVEL[n]=0).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15-1</td>
<td>imask[15:1]</td>
<td>Interrupt mask indicates whether an interrupt is masked or enabled '0' = masked '1' = enabled</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Figure 3.1: Interrupt mask register of the AT697E LEON2 processor (reproduced from [D7]).

3.1.2 Register layout

After defining the required types, the LEON2 interrupt mask register can be defined in the following way:

```ada
type Interrupt_Mask_Register is
  record
    Reserved1 : Interrupt_Status;
    Correctable_Error_In_Memory : Interrupt_Status;
    UART_2_RX_TX : Interrupt_Status;
    UART_1_RX_TX : Interrupt_Status;
    External_Interrupt_0 : Interrupt_Status;
    External_Interrupt_1 : Interrupt_Status;
    External_Interrupt_2 : Interrupt_Status;
    External_Interrupt_3 : Interrupt_Status;
    Timer_1 : Interrupt_Status;
    Timer_2 : Interrupt_Status;
    Unused_1 : Interrupt_Status;
    DSU : Interrupt_Status;
    Unused_2 : Interrupt_Status;
    Unused_3 : Interrupt_Status;
    PCI : Interrupt_Status;
    Unused_4 : Interrupt_Status;
    Interrupt_Level : Unsigned_16;
  end record;
```

Where the `Unsigned_16` type is assumed to be represented as a 16-bit unsigned integer.

The order, position and size of the basic components must match the actual register layout. Ada provides the record representation clause to specify the representation of records. The layout of the interrupt mask register can
be defined as follows:

```ada
for Interrupt_Mask_Register use
record
    Reserved1 at 0 range 31 .. 31;
    Correctable_Error_In_Memory at 0 range 30 .. 30;
    UART_2_RX_TX at 0 range 29 .. 29;
    UART_1_RX_TX at 0 range 28 .. 28;
    External_Interrupt_0 at 0 range 27 .. 27;
    External_Interrupt_1 at 0 range 26 .. 26;
    External_Interrupt_2 at 0 range 25 .. 25;
    External_Interrupt_3 at 0 range 24 .. 24;
    Timer_1 at 0 range 23 .. 23;
    Timer_2 at 0 range 22 .. 22;
    Unused_1 at 0 range 21 .. 21;
    DSU at 0 range 20 .. 20;
    Unused_2 at 0 range 19 .. 19;
    Unused_3 at 0 range 18 .. 18;
    PCI at 0 range 17 .. 17;
    Unused_4 at 0 range 16 .. 16;
    Interrupt_Level at 0 range 0 .. 15;
end record;
```

The bit fields are specified by ranges which correspond with the actual position and size of the hardware register. Notice that the SPARC v8 architecture has a big-endian representation, which means that the first byte of a 32-bit word is the most significant one, i.e. the leftmost byte in figure 3.1. The ALRM (13.5.3) defines the numbering of bits in the following way:

```ada
if Word_Size = Storage_Unit, the default bit ordering is implementation defined. If Word_Size
> Storage_Unit, the default bit ordering is the same as the ordering of storage elements in a word,
when interpreted as an integer.
```

Consequently, since the order of the storage elements in SPARC is big-endian, the default bit ordering in Ada is such that bit 0 is the leftmost bit in figure 3.1. This is contrary to the usual practice, and to the bit numbering in the SPARC manual [D6] and the AT697E manual [D7]. This explains the difference between the numbering of bits in the above listing and the figure.

The following representation clauses are also needed to specify the total size and the alignment of the register in the I/O address space:

```ada
for Interrupt_Mask_Register’Size use 32;
for Interrupt_Mask_Register’Alignment use 4;
```

The Size clause guarantees that at least 32 bits are used for objects of the type. The Alignment clause guarantees that aliased, imported, or exported objects of the type will have addresses divisible by 4.

In order to avoid compiler optimizations that can lead to an improper layout, the following pragma must be included:

```ada
pragma Pack (Interrupt_Mask_Register);
```
Pragma Pack specifies that storage minimization should be the main criterion when selecting the representation of the composite type. The components should be packed as tightly as possible subject to their sizes, and subject to the record representation clauses.

The GNAT compiler generates initialization procedures for objects of packed Boolean array types and record types that have components of these types. Therefore, the following specific GNAT pragma must be used in order to avoid undesirable initialization which would result in improper values being set in the hardware register.

```ada
pragma Suppress_Initialization (Interrupt_Mask_Register);
```

### 3.2 Device registers mapping

Now that the type has been completely defined, it is possible to define the object for the actual register. This is done with an Ada object declaration.

```ada
Interrupt_Mask : Interrupt_Mask_Register;
```

As above explained, initialization is usually undesirable because the hardware sets the proper values after reset. The declared object has to correspond (in layout) to the actual interrupt mask register, which has a fixed address in the address space. This is achieved with the following declarations:

```ada
Interrupt_Mask_Register_Address : constant System.Address :=
   System'To_Address (16#8000_0090#);
for Interrupt_Mask'Address use Interrupt_Mask_Register_Address;
```

In this way, the object is allocated exactly at the hardware register address.

The compiler can attempt to optimize the code by reading or writing a local copy of the object instead of the memory address. To prevent such optimizations and force the compiler to generate read and write operations at the actual memory address, the following pragma must be included:

```ada
pragma Volatile (Interrupt_Mask);
```

The above representation clauses and pragmas should be enough in the general case. However, the memory controller (MEC) of the LEON2 processors raises memory exceptions when undesirable instructions such as STH (store half word) are generated, because accessing the whole word is mandatory. The workaround is to use `pragma Atomic` instead of `pragma Volatile`, together with using auxiliary or `mirror` objects in order to always read and update the whole object (see next section). This is a clean solution, although with some small semantic differences.

```ada
pragma Atomic (Interrupt_Mask);
```

In this way the compiler back-end generates word instructions when writing the object, because an update of an atomic object is indivisible from a concurrency point of view. Nothing is said in [ALRM, C6] about the reading of the object; however, tests have shown that reading the object is also atomic when using the pragma.
3.3 Device registers access

3.3.1 Mirror objects

In the general case, accessing a hardware register is just a matter of using the corresponding object, which can be included in general Ada statements. However, the ASSERT Virtual Machine compiler\(^1\) can generate instructions that access a half word or a byte when reading the registers. This would cause the MEC to raise a storage error exception. In order to avoid such incorrect behavior, an auxiliary (mirror) object has to be used in order to read and update the register, as illustrated in the following example:

```ada
... Interrupt_Mask_Mirror : Interrupt_Mask_Register := Interrupt_Mask; -- Declaration of a mirror object initialized with the actual value of the register. ... begin ... if Interrupt_Mask_Mirror.External_Interrupt_2 = Disabled then Interrupt_Mask_Mirror.External_Interrupt_2 := Enabled; Interrupt_Mask := Interrupt_Mask_Mirror; -- Compiler generates word instructions for updating the object due to pragma Atomic end if; ... 
```

3.3.2 Shared addresses

It is quite common that status and control registers share the same address in the I/O address space. In this way, a read operation on the shared address returns the status register, and when writing the control register is updated. This may result in some statements causing undesirable effects. For example, consider the following statement:

```ada
Byte_Wide_Device_Control_Register.Reset := True;
```

As `Byte_Wide_Device_Control_Register` has a byte size, the compiler generates instructions to read and write the whole register without the need of an auxiliary object. The code generated by the compiler is:

```ada
ldub [%g2+3], %g1 or %g1, 64, %g1 stb %g1, [%g2+3]
```

As a result the complementary status register that shares the address is read, the corresponding bit is set to 1, and the status register is written with the result of the `or` operation. In the general case, the bit codes are updated with improper values.

In such cases, a mirror object has to be kept with the actual values that have been written to the hardware register. In this way, updating the hardware register requires updating the mirror object, and then updating the hardware register with the mirror object contents.

\(^1\)gcc-4.1.3 in the current version
It must be noticed that updates may in principle be performed by several tasks in a concurrent way, so that race-condition situations may consequently arise. Therefore, both updates must be atomic and thus a protected object should be used to encapsulate them.

3.4 Example

As an example, consider a 3-axis robotic arm with a grabber claw, 4 DC motors, 4 limit or reference switches, and 4 pulse counter switches for travel measurement. The robotic arm is connected through 8 digital inputs to read the status of the 8 switches and 8 digital output to command the 4 digital motors. There are 3 different motor commands and one unused code.

The digital inputs and outputs are grouped in bytes mapped onto the I/O address space, and it can thus be considered the status and control register of the robot. The following Ada package is a self-explanatory abstraction of the robot:

Listing 3.1: Register layout definition

```
package Robot is

  type Type_Switch is (On, Off);
  type Type_Motor_Turntable is (Stop, Counterclockwise, Clockwise);
  type Type_Motor_Horizontal_Axis is (Stop, Backward, Forward);
  type Type_Motor_Vertical_Axis is (Stop, Upward, Downward);
  type Type_Motor_Gripper is (Stop, Open, Close);

  type Type_Robot_Status_Register is
    record
      Reference_Switch_Turntable : Type_Switch;
      Reference_Switch_Horizontal_Axis : Type_Switch;
      Reference_Switch_Vertical_Axis : Type_Switch;
      Reference_Switch_Gripper : Type_Switch;
      Pulse_Counter_Turntable : Type_Switch;
      Pulse_Counter_Horizontal_Axis : Type_Switch;
      Pulse_Counter_Vertical_Axis : Type_Switch;
      Pulse_Counter_Gripper : Type_Switch;
    end record;

  type Type_Robot_Control_Register is
    record
```

Motor_Turntable : Type_Motor_Turntable;
Motor_Horizontal_Axis : Type_Motor_Horizontal_Axis;
Motor_Vertical_Axis : Type_Motor_Vertical_Axis;
Motor_Gripper : Type_Motor_Gripper;
end record;

private

for Type_Switch use (On => 0, Off =>1);
for Type_Switch’size use 1;
for Type_Motor_Turntable use (Stop => 0, Counterclockwise => 1, Clockwise => 2);
for Type_Motor_Turntable’size use 2;
for Type_Motor_Horizontal_Axis use (Stop => 0, Backward => 1, Forward => 2);
for Type_Motor_Horizontal_Axis’size use 2;
for Type_Motor_Vertical_Axis use (Stop => 0, Upward => 1, Downward => 2);
for Type_Motor_Vertical_Axis’size use 2;
for Type_Motor_Gripper use (Stop => 0, Open => 1, Close => 2);
for Type_Motor_Gripper’size use 2;
for Type_Robot_Status_Register use
record
    Reference_Switch_Turntable at 0 range 0..0;
    Reference_Switch_Horizontal_Axis at 0 range 1..1;
    Reference_Switch_Vertical_Axis at 0 range 2..2;
    Reference_Switch_Gripper at 0 range 3..3;
    Pulse_Counter_Turntable at 0 range 4..4;
    Pulse_Counter_Horizontal_Axis at 0 range 5..5;
    Pulse_Counter_Vertical_Axis at 0 range 6..6;
    Pulse_Counter_Gripper at 0 range 7..7;
end record;
pragma Pack (Type_Robot_Status_Register);
pragma SuppressInitialization (Type_Robot_Status_Register);

for Type_Robot_Control_Register use
record
    Motor_Turntable at 0 range 0..1;
    Motor_Horizontal_Axis at 0 range 2..3;
    Motor_Vertical_Axis at 0 range 4..5;
    Motor_Gripper at 0 range 6..7;
end record;
pragma Pack (Type_Robot_Control_Register);
pragma SuppressInitialization (Type_Robot_Control_Register);
end Robot;
If the address of the status and control register is 16#8000_8000#, the registers can be defined in the following child library unit:

**Listing 3.2: Register mapping**

```vhdl
with System;
package Robot.Registers is

  Robot_Control_Register_Address : constant System.Address := System'To_Address (16#80_008_000#);

  Robot_Status_Register_Address : constant System.Address := System'To_Address (16#80_008_000#);

  Robot_Control : Type_Robot_Control_Register;
  for Robot_Control'Address use Robot_Control_Register_Address;
  pragma Atomic (Robot_Control);

  Robot_Status : Type_Robot_Status_Register;
  for Robot_Status'Address use Robot_Status_Register_Address;
  pragma Atomic (Robot_Status);

end Robot.Registers;
```

Now a main procedure for moving the arm upward until the limit in a polling-based manner can be coded in the following naive way:

**Listing 3.3: Naive register usage**

```vhdl
with Robot.Registers;
use Robot.Registers;
use Robot;

procedure Upward_Naive is
begin
  while Robot_Status.Reference_Switch_Vertical_Axis = Off loop
    Robot_Control.Motor_Vertical_Axis := Upward;
  end loop;
  Robot_Control.Motor_Vertical_Axis := Stop;
end Upward_Naive;
```
It must be noticed that the code shown in listing 3.3 commands the vertical axis motor properly, but the other 3 motors are also inadvertently commanded with the corresponding bit codes of the $\text{Robot\_Status}$ register. As a result, undesirable actions could be performed because the following assembly code is generated by the compiler to start the motor:

```
1 ldub [%g2], %g1
2 and %g1, -13, %g1
3 or %g1, 4, %g1
4 stb %g1, [%g2]
```

The proper way to circumvent the problem is to use a mirror register as in the following procedure:

```
with Robot.Registers;
use Robot.Registers;
use Robot;

procedure Upward is
   Robot_Control_Mirror : Type_Robot_Control_Register := (Stop, Stop, Stop, Stop);
begin
   while Robot_Status.Reference_Switch_Vertical_Axis = Off loop
      Robot_Control_Mirror.Motor_Vertical_Axis := Upward;
      Robot_Control := Robot_Control_Mirror;
   end loop;
   Robot_Control_Mirror.Motor_Vertical_Axis := Stop;
   Robot_Control := Robot_Control_Mirror;
end Upward;
```
Chapter 4

Interrupt handling

Hardware devices indicate events requiring attention from the CPU by issuing interrupt requests. Therefore, a key part of device drivers has to deal with interrupt handling. Interrupts can be handled in Ada by attaching parameterless protected procedures to hardware interrupt sources. In this way, parameterless protected procedures are executed when the hardware signals the associated interrupts.

The dynamic semantics of Ada interrupt handling is fully supported by the ASSERT Virtual Machine. The ALRM (C.3) defines the dynamic semantics as follows:

An interrupt represents a class of events that are detected by the hardware or the system software. Interrupts are said to occur. An occurrence of an interrupt is separable into generation and delivery. Generation of an interrupt is the event in the underlying hardware or system that makes the interrupt available to the program. Delivery is the action that invokes part of the program as response to the interrupt occurrence. Between generation and delivery, the interrupt occurrence (or interrupt) is pending. Some or all interrupts may be blocked. When an interrupt is blocked, all occurrences of that interrupt are prevented from being delivered. Certain interrupts are reserved. The set of reserved interrupts is implementation defined. A reserved interrupt is either an interrupt for which user-defined handlers are not supported, or one which already has an attached handler by some other implementation-defined means. Program units can be connected to non-reserved interrupts. While connected, the program unit is said to be attached to that interrupt. The execution of that program unit, the interrupt handler, is invoked upon delivery of the interrupt occurrence.

While a handler is attached to an interrupt, it is called once for each delivered occurrence of that interrupt. While the handler executes, the corresponding interrupt is blocked.

While an interrupt is blocked, all occurrences of that interrupt are prevented from being delivered. Whether such occurrences remain pending or are lost is implementation defined.

Each interrupt has a default treatment which determines the system’s response to an occurrence of that interrupt when no user-defined handler is attached. The set of possible default treatments is implementation defined, as is the method (if one exists) for configuring the default treatments for interrupts.

An interrupt is delivered to the handler (or default treatment) that is in effect for that interrupt at the time of delivery.

An exception propagated from a handler that is invoked by an interrupt has no effect.
If the Ceiling_Locking policy (see D.3) is in effect, the interrupt handler executes with the active priority that is the ceiling priority of the corresponding protected object.

4.1 Interrupt support in the ORK+ kernel

The Ravenscar profile only permits the static attachment of interrupt handlers. In Ravenscar, interrupt handlers are statically attached to interrupt sources at program elaboration time by using pragma Attach_Handler. In general Ada instead, interrupt handlers may be dynamically attached to interrupt sources by using Ada.Interrupts facilities. The use of those facilities is considered dangerous in high-integrity systems because incorrect programs may lead to improper interrupt handling.

Interrupt handlers are declared as parameterless protected procedures, attached to an interrupt source. Interrupt sources are identified in the Ada.Interrupts.Names package. In the case of the GNATforLEON compiler, this package contains the identifiers of the LEON2 interrupts.

A general template is shown in listing 4.1.

Listing 4.1: Template for interrupt handlers.

```ada

-- used for:
-- External_Interrupt_0,
-- External_Interrupt_0_Priority

protected Interrupt is

-- public protected operations

private

-- The handler need not be visible outside the protected object
procedure Handler;
-- Attach the protected handler to an interrupt name:
pragma Attach_Handler(Handler, External_Interrupt_0);
-- Set the priority ceiling of the Protected Object.
-- As pragma Interrupt_Priority is used instead of pragma Priority,
-- hardware interrupts are disabled to that level when executing
-- the protected operations.
pragma Interrupt_Priority(External_Interrupt_0_Priority);

-- other private operations and data

end Interrupt;
```

A ceiling priority must be assigned to the protected object with pragma Interrupt_Priority. Priorities in the System.Interrupt_Priority range should only be used for protected objects that contain interrupt handlers. The interrupt priority of such a protected object must be equal to or greater than the hardware priority of the interrupt source (ALRM C.3.1). The corresponding hardware priority levels are declared in the package Ada.Interrupt.Names.
The ORK+ kernel has 15 priority levels in the `System.Interrupt_Priority` range, corresponding to the LEON2 interrupt levels. The kernel provides a nested interrupt schema, i.e. a lower priority interrupt handler can be interrupted by a higher priority one. Lower priority interrupts are blocked while the application executes within the `System.Interrupt_Priority` range. On the contrary, higher priority interrupt occurrences are delivered to the processor. In this way, the latency of higher priority interrupts is minimized.

If the active priority of a running task is equal to or greater than the an interrupt priority, the interrupt is not recognized by the processor and thus becomes blocked. The interrupt remains pending until the active priority of the running task becomes lower than the priority of the interrupt, and only then will the interrupt be recognized by the processor and delivered.

An important implication of this interrupt model is that users should always use distinct priorities for tasks and interrupt handlers; otherwise, tasks could delay the handling of interrupts. The implication of this (correct and important) recommendation is that the user should not assign priorities in the `Interrupt_Priority` range to software tasks.

### 4.1.1 Implementation details

The ALRM also sets implementation and documentation requirements (C.3). Some of them are applicable to the ORK+ kernel and are clarified in this section:

- The implementation shall provide a mechanism to determine the minimum stack space that is needed for each interrupt handler and to reserve that space for the execution of the handler. This space should accommodate nested invocations of the handler where the system permits this.
- The implementation shall document which run-time stack an interrupt handler uses when it executes as a result of an interrupt delivery; if this is configurable, what is the mechanism to do so; how to specify how much space to reserve on that stack.
- In ORK+, interrupt handlers are always executed using their own interrupt stacks. The default size of an interrupt stack is 4 kB, but it can be modified by the user by changing the value of `System.BB.Parameters.Interrupt_Stack_Size`. The procedures for tailoring the kernel and changing this and other parameters is described in the GNATforLEON and ORK+ user’s guide [R3]. The dynamic semantics of interrupts in Ada implies that the only way that nested invocations of a handler can occur is by calling the handler from the handler itself. This kind of self call is allowed by the language, but it is dangerous.
- If the hardware or the underlying system holds pending interrupt occurrences, the implementation shall provide for later delivery of these occurrences to the program.
- The implementation shall document for each interrupt, which interrupts are blocked from delivery when a handler attached to that interrupt executes (either as a result of an interrupt delivery or of an ordinary call on a procedure of the corresponding protected object).
- The implementation shall document any interrupts that cannot be blocked, and the effect of attaching handlers to such interrupts, if this is permitted.

The SPARC v8 architecture has 15 processor interrupt priority levels and does not have any non-maskable hardware interrupts, i.e. interrupt requests will be processed if and only if current processor interrupt priority level is lower than interrupt request priority.

The `System.Interrupt_Priority` range of ORK+ has 15 priority values, corresponding to the LEON2 hardware interrupt priorities, i.e. if a task runs within `System.Interrupt_Priority` range the corresponding lower priority interrupts are blocked because the processor interrupt priority level is set accordingly. Those interrupts will be delivered as soon as the running priority is lowered.
As ORK+ is not a threaded kernel, kernel operations are performed in the context of the calling task. Therefore, the only way to make the application run at interrupt priority levels is by specifying \texttt{pragma Interrupt\_Priority (...) for an application task or protected object, which is of course not recommended.}

The implementation shall document the treatment of interrupt occurrences that are generated while the interrupt is blocked; i.e., whether one or more occurrences are held for later delivery, or all are lost.

The default response to an interrupt is to deliver it to the default handler. The default handler is a null operation, i.e., it does nothing but return back to the interrupted task. It must be noticed that, if the hardware does not clear the interrupt request automatically when the processor acknowledges it, the interrupt will be delivered again. As a result, the default handler will be executed forever.

The implementation shall document whether the interrupted task is allowed to resume execution before the interrupt handler returns.

Interrupt handlers are called directly from the hardware, and are executed as if they were directly invoked by the interrupted task (but using the interrupt stack). Therefore, the interrupted task cannot resume before the handler returns.

There is the following implementation advice:

\textbf{It is a bounded error to call Task\_Identification.Current\_Task (see C.7.1) from an interrupt handler.}

The ORK+ kernel raises \texttt{Program\_Error} as is recommended for detected bounded errors. It must be noticed that “an exception propagated from an interrupt handler has no effect.” This rule is modelled after the rule about exceptions propagated out of task bodies.

### 4.2 Interrupt names

The names of the interrupts, as well as their respective priorities, are declared in the Ada standard package \texttt{Ada.Interrupts.Names}. The names are taken from the interrupt list of the Rad-Hard 32 bit SPARC V8 Processor AT697E manual.

#### Listing 4.2: Package Ada.Interrupts.Names

```ada
with Ada.Interrupts;
-- Used for Interrupt\_ID
with System.OS_Interface;
-- Used for names and priorities of interrupts
package Ada.Interrupts.Names is
  -------------------------
  -- External Interrupts --
  -------------------------
```

External_Interrupt_3 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_3);

External_Interrupt_2 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_2);

External_Interrupt_1 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_1);
External_Interrupt_1_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority := System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_1_Priority;

External_Interrupt_0 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_0);
External_Interrupt_0_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority := System.OS_Interface.External_Interrupt_0_Priority;

-----------------------
-- Timers Interrupts --
-----------------------
Timer_2 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.Timer_2);

Timer_1 : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.Timer_1);
Timer_1_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority := System.OS_Interface.Timer_1_Priority;

---------------------
-- UART Interrupts --
---------------------
UART_1_RX_TX : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.UART_1_RX_TX);
UART_1_RX_TX_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority := System.OS_Interface.UART_1_RX_TX_Priority;

UART_2_RX_TX : constant Interrupt_ID := Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.UART_2_RX_TX);
UART_2_RX_TX_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority := System.OS_Interface.UART_2_RX_TX_Priority;

-------------------------
-- Miscellaneous Interrupts --
Correctable_Error_In_Memory : constant Interrupt_ID
:= Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.Correctable_Error_In_Memory);
Correctable_Error_In_Memory_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority
:= System.OS_Interface.Correctable_Error_In_Memory_Priority;

DSU : constant Interrupt_ID
:= Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.DSU);
DSU_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority
:= System.OS_Interface.DSU_Priority;

PCI : constant Interrupt_ID
:= Interrupt_ID (System.OS_Interface.PCI);
PCI_Priority : constant System.Interrupt_Priority
:= System.OS_Interface.PCI_Priority;

end Ada.Interrupts.Names;

4.3 Priority ceiling

ORK+ supports Ada programs that are compliant with the Ravenscar computational model. The Ravenscar profile requires the Ceiling_Locking policy to be in effect when protected objects are accessed. The standard defines a specific dynamic semantics for interrupt handlers (ALRM, C.3.1):

If the Ceiling_Locking policy (see D.3) is in effect, then upon the initialization of a protected object for which either an Attach_Handler or Interrupt_Handler pragma applies to one of its procedures, a check is made that the ceiling priority defined in the protected definition is in the range of System.Interrupt_Priority. If the check fails, Program_Error is raised.

... If the Ceiling_Locking policy (see D.3) is in effect and an interrupt is delivered to a handler, and the interrupt hardware priority is higher than the ceiling priority of the corresponding protected object, the execution of the program is erroneous.

In order to avoid this kind of error, the ceiling priority of the object containing the interrupt handler should be made equal to the hardware interrupt priority as defined in Ada.Interrupts.Names. In this way, the resulting program is compliant with the Ada dynamic semantics, and priority interrupt nesting is enabled.

It must however be noticed that it is also possible to set the ceiling priority of all protected objects containing interrupt handlers to System.Interrupt_Priority'Last. However, this setting would disable priority interrupt nesting.

4.4 Interrupt handlers

The Ravenscar profile only allows static attachment of interrupt handlers, and thus calls to any of the operations defined in package Ada.Interrupts are forbidden. These operations are Is_Reserved, Is_Attached, Current_Handler, Attach_Handler, Exchange_Handler, Detach_Handler, and Reference.
Therefore, the only means of attaching interrupt handlers to interrupts is by use of `pragma Attach_Handler`, as shown in listing 4.1 (page 34).

The ALRM (C.3.1) defines the following dynamic semantics for protected procedure handlers:

> The expression in the `Attach_Handler` pragma as evaluated at object creation time specifies an interrupt. As part of the initialization of that object, if the `Attach_Handler` pragma is specified, the handler procedure is attached to the specified interrupt.

> ... When a handler is attached to an interrupt, the interrupt is blocked (subject to the Implementation Permission in C.3) during the execution of every protected action on the protected object containing the handler.

The above specification is fulfilled by the ASSERT VM (ORK+). However, the following clause (ALRM C.3.1) is not supported by the ASSERT VM compiler (GNATforLEON):

> A check is made that the corresponding interrupt is not reserved. `Program_Error` is raised if the check fails, and the existing treatment for the interrupt is not affected.

In the ASSERT VM, Timer_1 and Timer_2 interrupts are reserved for ORK+ usage. They are used to implement `Ada.Real_Time.Clock` and timing services. Application programs must not attach any handler to these interrupts as it would jeopardize the real-time kernel internal operation. Since the compiler is not aware of this usage, it cannot check this possible error. However, the static nature of the Ravenscar computational model makes it easy to detect violations of this rule by application programmers.

The ALRM (C.3.1) allows some implementation permissions, and the ORK+ takes advantage of the following one:

> When the pragmas `Attach_Handler` or `Interrupt_Handler` apply to a protected procedure, the implementation is allowed to impose implementation-defined restrictions on the corresponding protected type declaration and protected body.

The default configuration of ORK+ does not allow the usage of the floating point unit within protected procedure handlers, because it was not considered a useful feature, as it increases the interrupt handling latency. This makes saving and restoring the floating point context unnecessary in interrupt handlers, thus making their execution more efficient.

It is quite unlikely that an interrupt handler needs to use floating point operations. However, floating point support can be easily added if needed. Earlier versions of ORK had a configurable option for building a kernel with floating point support in interrupt handlers.

It must be noticed that GNAT uses the so-called proxy model for servicing entry calls. With this approach the task exiting a protected operation executes all the waiting entry calls whose barriers are open on behalf the awaiting tasks, re-evaluating the barriers every time. The proxy model saves context switching, and allows a simpler implementation of the kernel. However, it also requires the floating point unit not to be used in an entry of a protected object containing interrupt handlers. The reason is that the entry body is executed as part of the interrupt handler if there is a task awaiting on the entry and the handler opens the entry barrier. Should that happen in fact and the interrupt handler used floating point operations, the floating point context of the task might be corrupted before the task operation in the entry is executed.
Chapter 5

Sample driver

As an example, a device driver for the GR-Rasta SpaceWire device is provided in order to illustrate the use of concepts of the ORK+ driver development summarized in the previous chapters.

GR-Rasta is a development/evaluation platform for LEON2 and LEON3 based spacecraft avionics. Processing is provided by the Atmel AT697 LEON2-FT device. The GRSPW SpaceWire core interface is provided on a separate FPGA I/O board. Communication between the boards is done via the Compact PCI (cPCI) bus as described in section 2.2.2 of this manual.

For a detailed description of the SpaceWire protocol see the SpaceWire standard [S3].

5.1 GRSPW Spacewire

The GRSPW core provides an interface between an AHB bus and a SpaceWire network. It is configured through a set of registers accessed through an APB interface, and data is transferred through DMA channels using an AHB master interface as shown in figure 5.1.

![GRSPW Core diagram](image)

Figure 5.1: GRSPW Core. (reproduced from [D11]).

The GRSPW core can be split into three main parts:

- The link interface, which consists of the receiver, transmitter and the link interface FSM.
- The AMBA interface, which consists of the DMA engines, the AHB master interface and the APB interface.
• The RMAP handler is an optional part of the GRSPW and handles incoming packets which are determined to be RMAP commands. See section 5.1.4 for details.

Figure 5.2 shows a block diagram of the internal structure of the GRSPW module:

![GRSPW Block Diagram](image)

Figure 5.2: GRSPW block diagram. (reproduced from [D11]).

### 5.1.1 Link interface

The link interface handles the communication on the SpaceWire network and consists of a transmitter, a receiver, a FSM, and FIFO interfaces. FIFO interfaces are provided to the DMA engines and are used to transfer a number of normal characters (N-Chars)\(^1\) between the AMBA and SpaceWire domains during reception and transmission.

The low-level protocol handling is done by the transmitter and receiver while the FSM in the host domain handles the exchange level.

N-Chars are sent when they are available from the transmitter FIFO and there are credits available. The credit counter is automatically increased when FCTs are received and decreased when N-Chars are transmitted. Received N-Chars are stored to the receiver N-Char FIFO for further handling by the DMA interface.

The link interface FSM is controlled through the control register. The link can be disabled through a link disable bit, which depending on the current state, either prevents the link interface from reaching the started state or forces it to the error-reset state. When the link is not disabled, the link interface FSM is allowed to enter the started state.

**Transmitter**

The state of the FSM, credit counters and requests from the DMA interface are used to decide the next character to be transmitted.

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\(^{1}\)A “normal character” is defined in [S3] as a “data character or control character (EOP or EEP) that is passed from the exchange level to the packet level.”
A transmission FSM reads N-Chars for transmission from the transmitter FIFO. It is given packet lengths from the DMA interface and appends EOPs/EEP or RMAP CRC values if requested. When it is finished with a packet, the DMA interface is notified and a new packet length value is given.

**Receiver**

The receiver detects connections from other nodes and receives characters as a bit stream on the data and strobe signals.

The receiver is activated as soon as the link interface leaves the error reset state. Then after a NULL descriptor is received it can start receiving any characters. It detects parity, escape and credits errors which causes the link interface to enter the error reset state.

### 5.1.2 Receiver DMA engine

The receiver DMA engine reads N-Chars from the N-Char FIFO and stores them on a DMA channel. Reception is based on descriptors located in a consecutive area in memory that hold pointers to buffers where packets should be stored. When a packet arrives it reads a descriptor from memory and stores the packet to the memory area pointed by the descriptor.

Before reception can take place, a few registers need to be initialized, such as the node address register, which needs to be set to hold the address of this SpaceWire node. The link interface has to be put in the run state before any data can be sent. Also, the descriptor table and control register must be initialized.

**Receive descriptor table**

The GRSPW reads descriptors from an area in memory pointed by the receiver descriptor table address register. The register consists of a base address and a descriptor selector. The base address points to the beginning of the area and must start on a 1 kB aligned address. It is also limited to be 1 kB in size, which means that the maximum number of descriptors is 128.

The descriptor selector points to individual descriptors and is increased by 1 when a descriptor has been used (figure 5.3). When the selector reaches the upper limit of the area it wraps to the beginning.

Each descriptor is 8 B in size and is enabled by setting the address pointer to a location where data can be stored and then setting the enable bit.

An interrupt will be generated when a packet has been received if the receive interrupt enable bit in the DMA channel control register is set and if the Interrupt Enable(IE) field is set in the descriptor. The contents of the receive descriptor can be seen in figure 5.4.

\(^2\)Packets received with the incorrect address will be discarded.
• 31: Truncated (TR) - Packet was truncated due to maximum length violation.

• 30: Data CRC (DC) - 1 if a CRC error was detected for the data and 0 otherwise.

• 26: Wrap (WR) - If set, the next descriptor used by the GRSPW will be the first one in the descriptor table (at the base address). Otherwise the descriptor pointer will be increased with 0x8 to use the descriptor at the next higher memory area pointed to by the packet address field. The memory area pointed to by the packet address can be used to store a packet.

• 25: Enable (EN) - Set to one to activate this descriptor. This means that the descriptor contains valid control values and the memory area pointed to by the packet address field can be used to store a packet.

• 24: Packet Length - The number of bytes received to this buffer. Only valid after EN has been set to 0 by the GRSPW.

• 15-0: Packet Address - The address pointing at the buffer which will be used to store the received packet.

Figure 5.3: SpaceWire receive descriptor table.

Figure 5.4: SpaceWire receive descriptor (reproduced from [D11]).

- 27: Interrupt Enable (IE) - If set, an interrupt will be generated when a packet has been received if the receive interrupt enable bit in the DMA channel control register is set.

- 28: EEPROM Termination (EP) - This packet ended with an Error End of Packet character.

- 29: Header CRC (HC) - If a CRC error was detected for the header and 0 otherwise.

- 31: Truncated (TR) - Packet was truncated due to maximum length violation.
Status bits

When the reception of a packet is finished the enable bit in the current descriptor is set to zero. When enable is zero, the status bits are also valid and the number of received bytes is indicated in the length field. The DMA control register contains a status bit which is set each time a packet has been received. Also an interrupt for this event can be generated as mentioned before.

5.1.3 Transmitter DMA engine

The transmitter DMA engine reads data from the AHB bus and stores them in the transmitter FIFO for transmission on the SpaceWire network.

Before transmissions can be done, the descriptor table address register needs to be written with the address to the descriptor table. Also one or more descriptors must be enabled in the table. Finally the DMA control register must be enabled by setting the Transmitter Enable (TE) bit.

Transmit descriptor table

Transmission is based on the same type of descriptors as for the receiver and the descriptor table has the same alignment and size restrictions. However, the transmit descriptors are 16 B in size so the maximum number in a single table is 64.

To transmit packets one or more descriptors have to be initialized in memory which is done by setting the number of bytes to be transmitted and a pointer to the data. There are two different length and address fields in the transmit descriptors because there are separate pointers for header and data. The maximum header length is 255 B and the maximum data length is 16 MB - 1. When the pointer and length fields have been set then the enable field should be set to 1 to enable the descriptor.

The internal pointer which is used to keep the current position in the descriptor table can be read and written through the APB interface. This pointer is set to zero during reset and is incremented each time a descriptor is used. It wraps automatically when the 1 kB limit for the descriptor table is reached. The contents of the transmit descriptor is shown on figure 5.5.

5.1.4 RMAP

The Remote Memory Access Protocol (RMAP) is used to implement access to resources in the node via the SpaceWire Link.

The aim of the RMAP protocol is to standardize the way in which SpaceWire units are configured and to provide a low-level mechanism for the transfer of data between two SpaceWire nodes. It has been designed to provide remote access via a SpaceWire network to memory mapped resources on a SpaceWire node. It provides three operations:

1. write commands, read commands and read-modify-write commands. These are posted operations which means that a source does not wait for an acknowledge or reply. It also implies that any number of operations can be outstanding at any time and that no time-out mechanism is implemented in the protocol.

2. There is a possibility that RMAP commands will not be performed in the order they arrive. This can happen if a read arrives before one or more writes. Since the command handler stores replies in a buffer with more than one entry, several commands can be processed even if no replies are sent. Data for read replies is read when the reply is sent an thus write coming after the read might have been performed already if there was congestion in the

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3 A complete description of the protocol can be found in the RMAP Standard [S2]
7: Data Address - Address from where data is read. Does not need to be word aligned.
8: Data Length - Length of data part of packet. If set to zero, no data will be sent. If both data and header lengths are set to zero, no packet will be sent.
9: Header Address - Address from where the packet header is fetched. Does not need to be word aligned.
10: Calculate CRC (CC) - If set, two CRC values according to the RMAP specification will be generated and appended after the data pointed to by the data address field. The first CRC will be appended after the data pointed to by the header address field and the second is appended after the data pointed to by the data address field.
11: Interrupt Enable (IE) - If set, an interrupt will be generated when the packet has been transmitted and the transmitter interrupt enable bit in the DMA control register is set.
12: Enable (EN) - Enable transmitter descriptor. When all control fields (address, length, wrap and crc) are set, this bit is set to zero, no packet will be sent.
13: Wrap (WR) - If set, the descriptor pointer will wrap and the next descriptor read will be the first one in the table (at the base address). Otherwise the pointer is increased with 0x10 to use the descriptor at the next higher memory location.
14: Non-CRC bytes - Sets the number of bytes in the beginning of the header which should not be included in the CRC calculation. This is necessary when using path addressing since one or more bytes in the beginning of the packet might be discarded before the packet reaches its destination.
15: Link Error (LE) - A link error occurred during the transmission of this packet.
16: Header Length - Header Length in bytes. If set to zero, the header is skipped.

Figure 5.5: SpaceWire transmitter descriptor (reproduced from [D11]).
transmitter. To avoid this the RMAP buffer disable bit can be set to force the command handler to only use one buffer which prevents this situation.

5.1.5 AMBA interface

As described in chapter 2, LEON processors use the Advanced Microcontroller Bus Architecture (AMBA) bus hierarchy. It consists of an APB interface, an AHB master interface and DMA FIFOs. The APB interface provides access to the user registers. The DMA engines have 32-bit wide FIFOs to the AHB master interface which are used when reading and writing to the bus as described in 5.1.2 and 5.1.3 sections.

The transmitter DMA engine reads data from the bus in bursts which are half the FIFO size in length. A burst is always started when the FIFO is half-empty or if it can hold the last data for the packet. The burst containing the last data might have shorter length if the packet is not an even number of bursts in size.

The receiver DMA works in the same way except that it checks if the FIFO is half-full and then performs a burst write to the bus which is half the FIFO size in length. The last burst might be shorter.

5.2 Driver architecture

Figure 5.6 contains a diagram of the software organization of the GRSPW driver, which is an instance of the generic architecture described in chapter 2. The driver has four main components:

- The PCI driver component, which provides data type definitions and operations for reading and writing the PCI configuration registers.
- The AMBA driver component, which provides data type definitions and operations for scanning the AMBA configuration records.
- The RastaBoard driver component, which provides a common interface for drivers using the GR-RASTA board, as well as hooks for interrupt handlers to be called upon reception of the single hardware interrupt issued by the board.
- The SpaceWire driver component, which provides all the software items required by application programs to initialize and use the SpaceWire cores included in the GR-RASTA computer platform.

The functionality of these components is described in more detail in the rest of this section. Section 5.3 contains a description of the main features of the implementation source code.

5.2.1 SpaceWire driver

As explained in section 2.3, the components of the SpaceWire driver are:

- HLInterface: contains the higher-level interface for application programs. The SpaceWire interface consists of:
  - Type definitions for the device and node addresses, and for receive and transmit data packets.
  - Operations for initializing the SpaceWire devices, setting their node addresses, and sending and receiving data packets.
Figure 5.6: SpaceWire driver architecture
The `Receive` operation is always blocking, i.e. the calling thread is suspended until a data packet is received. On the other hand, `Send` can be invoked as either a blocking or non-blocking operation. A blocking send suspends the calling thread until the data packet has been sent through the SpaceWire device link.  

- **Parameters**: contains the definitions of all the parameters that can be configured by the application programmer. The parameters are the sizes of receive and transmit packets, the number of SpaceWire core devices, and the number of entries in the receiver and transmitter descriptor tables.

- **Core**: contains all the code that interacts with the device registers in order to implement the I/O operations. This component exports a set of interface operations, which are used to implement the `HLInterface` operations. The component implements all the device operations in terms of the device registers and other hardware characteristics.

- **Handler**: contains the device interrupt handler, which is invoked on the completion of I/O operations. There is a single interrupt for all the three SpaceWire devices, and a synchronization object for each of the transmit and receive sections of each SpaceWire hardware device. Each occurrence of the interrupt is signalled to the appropriate synchronization object by identifying the device and function that has caused the interrupt.

- **Registers**: contains register and bit field definitions, as well as other data definitions that may be required to interact with the device.

### 5.2.2 RastaBoard

The interface of the RastaBoard component includes a type definition with an operation for attaching the particular driver handlers to the board hardware interrupt handler, as well as initialization and configuration operations for the board, including the PCI and AMBA bus initialization.

This component has are two internal components:

- **RastaBoard.Registers** contains register and bit fields definitions for interrupt support which are common to all devices in the board.

- **RastaBoard.Handler** contains a first level handler for the board interrupts. Upon each interrupt occurrence, the particular device handler (e.g. SpaceWire.Core.Handler) is invoked depending on the source that can be identified for the interrupt.

### 5.2.3 PCI driver

The interface of the PCI driver includes data type definitions and operations for initializing the PCI bus and locating the boards connected to it. There is an internal component, `PCI.Registers`, with additional data types and register declarations related to the operation of the PCI bus.

### 5.2.4 AMBA driver

The interface of the AMBA bus driver includes a single operation for initializing and scanning the bus, as well as some data definitions required to use the bus.

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4 See the companion document 21392_08.UPD.TR.01, *The ASSERT Virtual Machine*, for a discussion on blocking calls.

5 The GR-RASTA interface board has three SpaceWire devices.
5.3 Source code

The implementation source code of the SpaceWire driver is organized as a set of Ada packages. There are four root packages, namely SpaceWire, RastaBoard, PCI, and AMBA, from which the internal components of each subsystems are defined as package hierarchies. The rest of this section contains a description of the specification and implementation of every package.

Only segments of code that are significant for the description are shown here. The reader is referred to the source files for the full details.

5.3.1 SpaceWire

The SpaceWire package provides a root name for the SpaceWire package hierarchy. It is declared as Pure, which means that the package can be preelaborated, i.e. its declaration is elaborated before any other library units in the same partition, and has no internal state. Notice that this package contains no further declarations and therefore has no state.

Listing 5.1: Package SpaceWire

```ada
-- This is the root package of the GR-SpaceWire driver implementation
pragma Restrictions (No_Elaboration_Code);
package SpaceWire is
pragma Pure (SpaceWire);
end SpaceWire;
```

SpaceWire.Parameters

This package contains the definitions of some parameters that can be configured by the application programmer. The first set of configurable parameters is the sizes of the receive and transmit buffers. Other parameters are directly related to the GR-RASTA hardware configuration, and should not be changed unless the hardware configuration is modified.
Listing 5.2: Package SpaceWire.Parameters

```vhdl
-- This package defines basic parameters used by the SpaceWire driver.
-- This is the Rasta GR-CPCI-XC4V version of this package.
pragma Restrictions (No_Elaboration_Code);
package SpaceWire.Parameters is

-- Spacewire packet sizes --

Receiver_Packet_Max_Size : constant Integer := 1024;
-- Maximum length of receive packet in bytes.
-- Must be less than 2**24.

Transmitter_Packet_Header_Max_Size : constant Integer := 4;
-- Maximum length of transmit packet header in bytes.
-- Must be less than 2**8.

Transmitter_Packet_Data_Max_Size : constant Integer :=
    Receiver_Packet_Max_Size - Transmitter_Packet_Header_Max_Size;
-- Maximum length of transmit packet data in bytes.

-- GR-CPCI-XC4V definitions --

-- The following are GR-Rasta definitions.
-- They must not be modified as long as a GR-Rasta board is used.
Number_Of_Spacewire_Cores : constant Integer := 3;
-- Number of Spacewire Cores in the GR-Rasta GR-CPCI-XC4V System.

Receiver_Descriptor_Max_Entries : constant Integer := 128;
-- The GRSPW core reads descriptors from a area in memory pointed to by the
-- receiver descriptor table address register. The register consists of a
-- base address and a descriptor selector. The base address is limited to
-- 1 kB in size which means the maximum number of descriptors is 128. (Each
-- receiver descriptor is 8 Bytes in size).

Transmitter_Descriptor_Max_Entries : constant Integer := 64;
-- The transmit descriptors are 16 Bytes in size, and thus the maximum
-- number of descriptors in a table is 64.

end SpaceWire.Parameters;
```
SpaceWire.HLInterface

This package defines the API of the SpaceWire driver. Its main elements are the procedures for initializing the SpaceWire configuration, Initialize and Set_Node_Address, and for transmitting and receiving data, Send and Receive.

Listing 5.3: Package SpaceWire.HLInterface

```vhdl
-- This is the High Level Interface of the GR-SpaceWire driver implementation
-- This version of the package is for the GR-Rasta GR-CPCI-XC4V board
with SpaceWire.Parameters;
with Interfaces;

package SpaceWire.HLInterface is

type SpaceWire_Device is
range 1 .. Parameters.Number_Of_Spacewire_Cores;
-- SpaceWire Cores in the GR-Rasta GR-CPCI-XC4V System

subtype Byte is Interfaces.Unsigned_8;

subtype Node_Address is Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
-- Address of SpaceWire nodes.

type Receiver_Packet_Size_Type is
range 1 .. Parameters.Receiver_Packet_Max_Size;
-- The size of a receive packet.

type Receiver_Packet_Type is
array (Receiver_Packet_Size_Type range <>) of Byte;
-- Receive packet type

type Transmitter_Packet_Data_Size_Type is
range 1 .. Parameters.Transmitter_Packet_Data_Max_Size;
-- The size of a transmit packet.

type Transmitter_Data_Packet_Type is
array (Transmitter_Packet_Data_Size_Type range <>) of Byte;
-- Transmit packet type

procedure Initialize (Success : out Boolean);
-- Find and set up all Spacewire devices.
-- Returns
-- Success = true if devices were found and properly set up,
-- Success = false otherwise.

procedure Set_Node_Address (Device : SpaceWire_Device;
Address : Node_Address);
```
42  -- Set the address of one of the SpaceWire devices.
43  -- This procedure should be called for every device after a successful
44  -- initialization.
45  -- for those device that are to be used to receive packets
46  -- Subsequent packets received with the incorrect address are discarded.
47  -- NOTE: Initialize sets a default node address of 254 for all devices.
48
49  procedure Send (Device : SpaceWire_Device;
50     Address : Node_Address;
51     Data  : Transmitter_Data_Packet_Type;
52     Blocking : Boolean);
53  -- Send a data packet to a node through a SpaceWire device.
54  -- If Blocking = true, the calling thread is suspended until the device
55  -- signals the transmission has been completed. Otherwise, the call
56  -- returns immediately.
57  -- Data transmission integrity should be checked at application level.
58
59  procedure Receive (Device : SpaceWire_Device;
60     Data  : out Receiver_Packet_Type;
61     Length : out Receiver_Packet_Size_Type);
62  -- Receive a data packet from a SpaceWire device.
63  -- The calling thread is blocked until a packet is received.
64
65  end SpaceWire.HLInterface;

The operations are implemented in the body of the package as direct calls to core operations.

SpaceWire.Registers

This is a private package that contains the definitions of all the data types that are needed to specify the SpaceWire device registers, including those that are used to interface with the AMBA bus, as well as the definition of the register structure.

The fields of the registers and the registers themselves are named as in the document RASTA Interface Board FPGA User’s Manual [D.10]. See this document for the details.

Operations for reading and writing interrupt registers are also provided by this package.

SpaceWire.Core

This private package contains all the functionality required to operate the SpaceWire devices.

Listing 5.4: Package SpaceWire.Core

1  -- This version of the package is for the GR-RASTA Interface board
2
3  with SpaceWire.Parameters;
4  with SpaceWire.HLInterface;
5
6  with AMBA;
with Ada.Unchecked_Conversion;
with Interfaces;
with System;

private package SpaceWire.Core is

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-- Interface operations --
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function Initialize return Boolean;
-- Initialize all SpaceWire devices

procedure Set_Node_Address (SPWDevice : HLInterface.SpaceWire_Device;
                        Address : HLInterface.Node_Address);
-- Set the node address of a SpaceWire Device

procedure Send (SPWDevice : HLInterface.SpaceWire_Device;
               Address : HLInterface.Node_Address;
               Data : HLInterface.Transmitter_Data_Packet_Type;
               Blocking : Boolean);
-- Send a data packet through a SpaceWire device link

procedure Receive (SPWDevice : HLInterface.SpaceWire_Device;
                   Data : out HLInterface.Receiver_Packet_Type;
                   Length : out HLInterface.Receiver_Packet_Size_Type);
-- Receive a data packet from a SpaceWire device link
-- Receive is always blocking

private

-- Other data definitions and local operations

end SpaceWire.Core;

The Initialize operation takes care of all the initialization steps that are required to make the SpaceWire devices operational, so that data can be sent and received over the SpaceWire links. Figure 5.7 summarizes the initialization sequence steps. An internal procedure SPW_Startup initializes the registers and descriptor tables in a SpaceWire device.

The Set_Node_Address operation must be invoked after successful initialization in order to assign a SpaceWire node address to every SpaceWire device which is to be subsequently used to receive and transmit packets in a network.

The Send and Receive operations perform the actual data transfers on SpaceWire devices. Figures 5.8 and 5.9 summarize the actions performed by these operations. See the source code for the details.
Figure 5.7: SpaceWire driver initialization sequence.
Send

Check link

Copy data to buffer

Enable TX bit

[blocking]

Wait interrupt

Receive

Wait interrupt

Copy data from buffer

Check flags

Figure 5.8: Send packet.

Figure 5.9: Receive packet.
5.3.2 RastaBoard

Package RastaBoard provides a high-level interface for the PCI and AMBA initialization, as well as a common support for discriminating between different interrupt sources in the GR-RASTA board.

Listing 5.5: Package RastaBoard

```ada
-- This package defines a common interface for the PCI and AMBA buses in a board.
-- This is the Rasta GR-CPCI-XC4V version of this package.

with AMBA;
with Ada.Unchecked_Conversion;
with Interfaces;
with System;

package RastaBoard is

  type Handler_Callback is access procedure (Device : Integer);
  -- Used for calling a device specific interrupt handler

  procedure Initialize_PCI;
  -- Initialize the PCI bus controller in the processor board, and then
  -- scan the PCI bus in order to locate the RASTA peripheral board.

  procedure Configure_IOBoard;
  -- Configure memory controller and set the mapping between PCI Master’s
  -- AHB memory address space and PCI address space

  function Scan_AMBA_Bus return AMBA.AMBA_Devices;
  -- Scans AMBA Plug&Play Information

  procedure Unmask_SpaceWire_Interrupts;
  -- Unmask SpaceWire interrupts in the IOBoard interrupt mask register.
  -- SpaceWire interrupts will come in to AT697 through External Interrupt 1

  procedure Unmask_UART_Interrupts;
  -- Unmask APB UART interrupts in the IOBoard interrupt mask register.
  -- UART interrupts will come in to AT697 through External Interrupt 1

  procedure Hook_SpaceWire_Interrupt (Callback : Handler_Callback);
  -- Set the SpaceWire interrupt handler

  procedure Hook_UART_Interrupt (Callback : Handler_Callback);
  -- Set the UART interrupt handler

private
...

end RastaBoard;
```
5.3.3 RastaBoard.Registers

This is a private package that contains field and register type definitions for the interrupt registers of the GR-RASTA board (AT697). The details on the register structure can be found in the RASTA Interface Board FPGA User’s Manual [D.10].

Listing 5.6: Package RastaBoard.Registers

```plaintext
private package RastaBoard.Registers is

-- field and register type definitions
...

-- Interrupt register operations --

-- The Gaisler Research Multi-processor Interrupt Ctrl is configured
-- through a set of registers accessed through the APB interface.
-- These registers can be accessed from Bar0 + IRQ_Offset
--
-- In the GR-RASTA System, Bar0 can be retrieved from the first
-- Region Map of the Rasta_PCI_Device

function Read_Interrupt_Pending_Register
  (Bar0 : Interfaces.Unsigned_32) return Interrupt_Register;
-- Used for read which interrupts are currently pending

procedure Write_Interrupt_Level_Register
  (Bar0 : Interfaces.Unsigned_32; Data : Interrupt_Register);
-- Used for set the interrupt level register

procedure Write_Interrupt_Clear_Register
  (Bar0 : Interfaces.Unsigned_32; Data : Interrupt_Register);
-- Used for clear pendings interrupts

procedure Write_Interrupt_Mask_Register
  (Bar0 : Interfaces.Unsigned_32; Data : Interrupt_Register);
-- Used for set the interrupt mask

end RastaBoard.Registers;
```

5.3.4 RastaBoard.Handler

This is a private package that contains a common interrupt handler for the GR-RASTA board devices. Upon occurrence of an interrupt, the interrupt source is identified and the appropriate device interrupt handler (e.g. the IRQ procedure in SpaceWire.Core.Handler) is invoked. The following listing shows a configuration including a serial line driver in addition to the sample SpaceWire driver.
Listing 5.7: Package RastaBoard.Handler

```vhd
private package RastaBoard.Handler is

   SPW_Callback : Handler_Callback;
   UART_Callback : Handler_Callback;

   SPW_Handler_Defined : Boolean := False;
   UART_Handler_Defined : Boolean := False;

   procedure Hook_SpaceWire_Interrupts (Callback : Handler_Callback);
   procedure Hook_UART_Interrupts (Callback : Handler_Callback);

end RastaBoard.Handler;
```

Listing 5.8 illustrates the way hardware interrupts are redirected to the appropriate driver handler.

Listing 5.8: Procedure RastaBoard.Handler.Handle_IRQ

```vhd
procedure HandleIRQ is Pending_Interrupt : Registers.Interrupt_Register; begin Pending_Interrupt := Registers.Read_Interrupt_Pending_Register (RastaBoard.To_Unsigned_32 (RastaBoard.RastaBoard_MBar0_Address));

if SPW_Handler_Defined then
   if Pending_Interrupt.SPW_0 then SPW_Callback (1); end if;
   if Pending_Interrupt.SPW_1 then SPW_Callback (2); end if;
   if Pending_Interrupt.SPW_2 then SPW_Callback (3); end if;
   Registers.Write_Interrupt_Clear_Register (RastaBoard.To_Unsigned_32(RastaBoard.RastaBoard_MBar0_Address),
   (Reserved16 => (others => True),
   SPW_0 => True,
   SPW_1 => True,
   SPW_2 => True,
   others => False));
end if;

if UART_Handler_Defined then
   if Pending_Interrupt.UART_0 then
      UART_Callback (1);
      Registers.Write_Interrupt_Clear_Register (RastaBoard.To_Unsigned_32(RastaBoard.RastaBoard_MBar0_Address),
      (Reserved16 => (others => True),
      UART_0 => True,
      others => False));
   end if;
   if Pending_Interrupt.UART_1 then UART_Callback (2);
   Registers.Write_Interrupt_Clear_Register
```

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5.3.5 PCI

Package PCI provides functions for initializing the PCI bus and locating the interface board where the SpaceWire devices are found.

Listing 5.9: Package PCI

```vhdl
-- This version of the package is for the GR-RASTA system
with Interfaces;
with System;
package PCI is
  ------------------------------------
  -- PCI configuration space codes --
  ------------------------------------
  type Bus_Type is range 0 .. 2**8-1;
  type Unit_Type is range 0 .. 2**5-1;
  type Device_Function_Type is range 0 .. 2**3-1;
  -- Boards in a PCI bus can be addressed in configuration space by means of
  -- an 8-bit bus number, a 5-bit device number, and a 3-bit function number.
  -- The configuration space is 256 bytes for each device.
  -- For standard operation, the PCI interface only works in a limited
  -- address range. The address range for such initiator transaction is
  -- limited to addresses between 0xA0000000 and 0xF0000000.
  -- PCI addresses outside of this predefined range can be accessed only
  -- via DMA transactions.
  -- Any access to a memory address in the PCI address range is automatically
  -- translated by the interface into the appropriate PCI transaction. In
  -- this configuration, the PCI bus is accessed by the same instructions as
  -- the main memory. The SPARC instruction set foresees various load/store
  -- instruction types. The PCI bus foresees 32 bit wide transactions with
  -- byte-enables for each byte lane.
```
32 PCI_Mem_Start : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16#A0000000#;
33 PCI_Mem_End   : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16#F0000000#;
34
35 type Config_Address is range 0 .. 255;
36    -- Allows the system to identify and control the device
37
38 type PCI_Command is new Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
39    -- PCI Commands to control the device
40
41 type Device_Class is new Interfaces.Unsigned_16;
42    -- Identifies the type of device
43
44    -- PCI Configuration Headers:
45 Config_Header_Vendor_ID : constant Config_Address := 16#00#;
46    -- A unique number describing the originator of the PCI device.
47
48 Config_Header_Device_ID : constant Config_Address := 16#02#;
49    -- A unique number describing the device itself.
50
51 Config_Header_Command : constant Config_Address := 16#04#;
52    Command_IO       : constant PCI_Command := 16#1#;
53    -- Enable response in I/O space
54 Command_Memory     : constant PCI_Command := 16#2#;
55    -- Enable response in Memory space
56 Command_Master     : constant PCI_Command := 16#4#;
57    -- Enable bus mastering
58 Command_Special    : constant PCI_Command := 16#8#;
59    -- Enable response to special cycles
60 Command_Invalidate : constant PCI_Command := 16#10#;
61    -- Use memory write and invalidate
62 Command_VGA_Palette : constant PCI_Command := 16#20#;
63    -- Enable palette snooping
64 Command_Parity     : constant PCI_Command := 16#40#;
65    -- Enable parity checking
66 Command_Wait       : constant PCI_Command := 16#80#;
67    -- Enable address/data stepping
68 Command_SERR       : constant PCI_Command := 16#100#;
69    -- Enable SERR
70 Command_Fast_Back  : constant PCI_Command := 16#200#;
71    -- Enable back-to-back writes
72
73 Config_Header_Status : constant Config_Address := 16#06#;
74    -- Status register
75
76 Config_Header_Revision : constant Config_Address := 16#08#;
77    -- Revision of the device
78
79    -- Class Code Register: specifies which type of device it is.
80    -- Divided into: Class Code, SubClass Code and Prog. I/F.
81 Config_Header_Class_Prog_Iface : constant Config_Address := 16#09#;
Config_Header_Class_Subclass : constant Config_Address := 16#0A#;
Config_Header_Class_Basic : constant Config_Address := 16#0B#;
Config_Header_Cache_Line_Size : constant Config_Address := 16#0C#;
-- This is the cache line size of the CPU. This is CPU dependant.
-- It is important that devices which do DMA have this value.
Config_Header_Latency : constant Config_Address := 16#0D#;
-- Specifies the maximum number of PCI cycles the bus master can
-- retain control on the bus.
Config_Header_Header_Format : constant Config_Address := 16#0E#;
-- Single/Multi function device flag
Config_Header_Built_In_Self_Test : constant Config_Address := 16#0F#;
-- Specifies if the device is BIST(Built In Self Test) capable
-- These are base addresses for memory mapped/io mapped communications
-- with the device
Config_Header_Base_Address_0 : constant Config_Address := 16#10#;
Config_Header_Base_Address_1 : constant Config_Address := 16#14#;
Config_Header_Base_Address_2 : constant Config_Address := 16#18#;
Config_Header_Base_Address_3 : constant Config_Address := 16#1C#;
Config_Header_Base_Address_4 : constant Config_Address := 16#20#;
Config_Header_Base_Address_5 : constant Config_Address := 16#24#;
Config_Header_Expansion_ROM_Address : constant Config_Address := 16#30#;
-- Address that the expansion ROM of the device is mapped in
Config_Header_Interrupt_Line : constant Config_Address := 16#3C#;
-- The IRQ this device is routed through
Config_Header_Interrupt_Pin : constant Config_Address := 16#3D#;
-- Which line this device raises interrupts on.
Config_Header_Minimum_Grant : constant Config_Address := 16#3E#;
-- A read only register informing of how long the device would like
-- maintain control of the bus as a bus master.
Config_Header_Maximum_Latency : constant Config_Address := 16#3F#;
-- Specifies how often the device needs to access the PCI bus
-- Specifies if this is a multifunction PCI Device
Multi_Function : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_8 := 16#80#;
-- Type of device
Class_Network : constant Device_Class := 16#02#;
Class_Network_Ethernet : constant Device_Class := 16#0200#;
Class_Network_Other : constant Device_Class := 16#0280#;
Class_Bridge : constant Device_Class := 16#06#;
Class_Bridge_Host : constant Device_Class := 16#0600#;
Class_Bridge_PCI : constant Device_Class := 16#0604#;

-- PCI board ID --

-- The board ID is stored in the configuration space of the board.

type Vendor_Code_Type is range 0 .. 16#FFFF#;
-- This code identifies the manufacturer of the device. It is allocated
-- by the PCI SIG.

type Device_Code_Type is range 0 .. 16#FFFF#;
-- This code identifies the particular device. It is allocated by the
-- vendor.

-- Vendor and device codes for the GR-RASTA I/O board.
Gaisler_Vendor_ID : constant Vendor_Code_Type := 16#1AC8#;
Rasta_Device_ID : constant Device_Code_Type := 16#0010#;

Invalid_Vendor_ID : constant Vendor_Code_Type := 16#FFFF#;
-- An invalid ID is returned when trying to address an empty PCI slot.

-- Device address region --

-- The device registers can be mapped to memory address space or I/O
-- address space.

type Region_Mapping_Mode is (Memory_Mapped, IO_Mapped, Not_Mapped);
-- This type contains the mapping of the board address space to either
-- the memory or the I/O address space in the processor.
-- The LEON2 processor only allows memory-mapped regions.

type Region (Mapping_Mode : Region_Mapping_Mode := Memory_Mapped) is
record
  case Mapping_Mode is
  when Memory_Mapped | IO_Mapped =>
    Size : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
  case Mapping_Mode is
  when Memory_Mapped =>
    Memory_Address : System.Address;
  when IO_Mapped =>
    IO_Address : System.Address;
  when Not_Mapped =>
    null;
end case;
when Not_Mapped =>
  null;
end case;
end record;

-- There may be up to 6 different regions in each PCI board

type Region_Number_Type is range 0 .. 5;
type Region_Map_Type is array (Region_Number_Type) of Region;

-- Device record type --
-------------------------
type Device_Identity is (Anonymous, Concrete);
type Device (Identity : Device_Identity := Anonymous) is
record
  Vendor_ID : Vendor_Code_Type;
  Device_ID : Device_Code_Type;
  case Identity is
  when Concrete =>
    Bus : Bus_Type;
    Unit : Unit_Type;
    Device_Function : Device_Function_Type;
    Region_Map : Region_Map_Type;
  when Anonymous =>
    null;
  end case;
end record;
-------------------------
-- PCI bus operations --
-------------------------

procedure Initialize_PCI;
-- Initialize the PCI bus controller in the processor board, and then
-- scan the PCI bus in order to locate the RASTA peripheral board.

function Find_RastaBoard return Device;
-- Returns a concrete device record with the RASTA board parameters, if
-- present, or an anonymous device record otherwise.
-- This function must be called after the PCI bus has been initialized.

procedure Set_Parity_Error
  (Bus : Bus_Type;
   Unit : Unit_Type;
   Device_Function : Device_Function_Type);
-- Enable parity error detection on a PCI device.

procedure Set_Master_Enable
  (Bus : Bus_Type;
   Unit : Unit_Type;
The most important operation in this package is `Initialize_PCI`. The body of this operation performs the following initialization operations (figure 5.7):

1. Initialize the PCI controller on the processor board;
2. Scan the PCI bus in order to find the interface board where the SpaceDrivers are located.
3. Initialize the memory base addresses for the board.

Listing 5.10 illustrates how the PCI bus initialization is performed. See the document *Rad-Hard 32 bit SPARC V8 Processor AT697E* [7] for the meaning of the register fields.

```
procedure Initialize_PCI is
  -- Local shadows for PCI configuration registers on processor board
  PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux : PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Register;
  Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux : Memory_Base_Address_Register;
  Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux : Memory_Base_Address_Register;
  PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux : PCI_Target_Page_Address_Register;
  PCI_Status_Command_Aux : PCI_Status_Command_Register;

  -- Other local declarations for PCI bus scanning
  Id : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
  Vendor : Vendor_Code_Type;
  DeviceID : Device_Code_Type;
  Header : Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
  Num_Functions : Device_Function_Type;
  Aux : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
  Pos_Aux : Config_Address;
  Size : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
  Addr : Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := PCI_Mem_Start;

begin
  -- Initialize the PCI configuration on the AT697 processor board --

  -- Set PCI Initiator Configuration – PCIIC
  PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux := (Reserved2 => (others => True),
                                         CMD0 => True,
```
CMD1 => True, 
    Reserved24 => (others => True), 
    others => True);

PCI_Initiator_Configuration := PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux;

-- Set Memory Base Address Registers - MBAR1 & MBAR2
Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux.Base_Address := 16#4000000#;
Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux.MSI := False;
Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux.Type_Address := (others => False);
Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux.Pref := False;

Memory_Base_Address_1 := Memory_Base_Address_1_Aux;

Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux.Base_Address := 16#6000000#;
Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux.MSI := False;
Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux.Type_Address := (others => False);
Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux.Pref := False;

Memory_Base_Address_2 := Memory_Base_Address_2_Aux;

-- Set PCI Target Page Address Register - PCITPA
PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux.TPA1 := 16#40#
PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux.TPA2 := 16#60#
PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux.Reserved1 := (others => False)
PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux.Reserved2 := (others => False)

PCI_Target_Page_Address := PCI_Target_Page_Address_Aux;

-- Set fields in Status_Command_Register - PCISC
PCI_Status_Command_Aux := PCI_Status_Command;
-- Enable target memory command response
PCI_Status_Command_Aux.com1 := True;
-- Enable PCI master
PCI_Status_Command_Aux.com6 := True;
-- Enable parity check
PCI_Status_Command := PCI_Status_Command_Aux;

-- Set the latency timer in PCI bus clock to 64 - PCIBHLC
BIST_Header_Latency_Cache_Size := (Latency_Timer => 64, 
    Cache_Line_Size => 0, 
    BIST => (others => False), 
    Header => (others => False));

-- Set fields in PCI Initiator Configuration - PCIID
PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux := PCI_Initiator_Configuration;
PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux.CMD0 := True;
PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux.Mode := True;
PCI_Initiator_Configuration := PCI_Initiator_Configuration_Aux;
-- Enable PCI Interrupts - PCIITE
PCI_Interrupt_Enable := (Reserved => (others => False),
    others => True);

-- The AT697 initialization is complete at this point

 SCAN the PCI bus and find the RASTA board --

-- Scan board slots in bus 0
for Slot in Unit_Type'Range loop
  Id := Read_Config_Dword (0, Slot, 0, Config_Header_Vendor_ID);
  Vendor := To_Vendor_Code (Id and 16#FFFF#);
  if Vendor = Gaisler_Vendor_ID then
    DeviceID := To_Device_Code (Interfaces.Shift_Right (Id, 16)) and 16#FFFF#;
    RastaBoard.Vendor_ID := Vendor;
    RastaBoard.Device_ID := DeviceID;
    Header := Read_Config_Byte (0, Slot, 0, Config_Header_Header_Format);
    if (Header and Multi_Function) = 1 then
      -- TODO: add multi function support
      null;
    else
      Num_Functions := 1;
    end if;
  end if;
  -- Find data for all functions in the board
  for func in 0 .. (Num_Functions - 1) loop
    Id := Read_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func, Config_Header_Vendor_ID);
    Vendor := To_Vendor_Code (Id and 16#FFFF#);
    if Vendor /= Invalid_Vendor_ID and Id /= 0 then
      Aux := Read_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func, Config_Header_Revision);
      Aux := Interfaces.Shift_Right (Aux, 16);
      if Device_Class (Aux) /= Class_Bridge_PCI then
        RastaBoard.Bus := 0;
        RastaBoard.Unit := Slot;
        RastaBoard.Device_Function := func;
      end if;
    end if;
  end loop;
end for;
for Pos in Region_Number_Type'Range loop
  Pos_Aux := Config_Address
  (Interfaces.Shift_Left
   (Interfaces.Unsigned_32 (Pos), 2));
  Write_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func,
   Config_Header_Base_Address_0 + Pos_Aux,
   16#FFFFFFFF#);
  Size := Read_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func,
   Config_Header_Base_Address_0 + Pos_Aux);
  if Size = 0
    or Size = 16#FFFFFFFF#
    or (Size and 16#FF#) /= 0 then
    Write_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func,
     Config_Header_Base_Address_0 + Pos_Aux,
     0);
  else
    Size := (not Size) + 1;
    Write_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func,
     Config_Header_Base_Address_0
     + Config_Address (Pos * 4),
     Addr);
    Addr := Addr + Size;
    -- Set latency timer to 64
    Aux := Read_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func, 16#C#);
    Aux := Aux or 16#4000#;
    Write_Config_Dword (0, Slot, func, 16#C#, Aux);
    -- Enable response in memory space
    Aux := Read_Config_Dword
     (0, Slot, func, Config_Header_Command);
    Aux := Aux or Interfaces.Unsigned_32
     (Command_Memory);
    Write_Config_Dword
     (0, Slot, func, Config_Header_Command, Aux);
    RastaBoard.Region_Map (Pos).Size := Size;
    RastaBoard.Region_Map (Pos).Memory_Address :=
     System'To_Address (Addr - Size);
  end if;
end loop;
end if;
end if;
end loop;
end if;
end loop;
end loop;
end Initialize_PCI;
PCI.Registers

This is a private package that contains field and register type definitions for the PCI controller of the GR-RASTA system processor board (AT697). The details on the register structure can be found in the *RASTA Interface Board FPGA User’s Manual* [D.10].

5.3.6 AMBA

This package contains data type definitions for accessing the devices connected to the AMBA bus in the RASTA interface board. The only operation provided by this package is the function *Scan_AMBA_Bus*, which returns an array of devices connected to the bus.

Listing 5.11: Package AMBA

```pl
with System; with Interfaces;

package AMBA is

  use type Interfaces.Unsigned_8;
  use type Interfaces.Unsigned_16;
  use type Interfaces.Unsigned_32;

  ----------------
  -- Data types --
  ----------------

  type AMBA_Vendor_Type is mod 2 ** 8;
  for AMBA_Vendor_Type'Size use 8;
  -- Used for vendor ID

  type AMBA_Device_Type is mod 2 ** 12;
  for AMBA_Device_Type'Size use 12;
  -- Used for device ID

  type AMBA_Version_Type is mod 2 ** 5;
  for AMBA_Version_Type'Size use 5;
  -- Used for version number

  type IRQ_Type is mod 2 ** 5;
  for IRQ_Type'Size use 5;
  -- Used for interrupt routing information

  subtype IO_BAR_Type is Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
  -- Used for IO Bank Address Register

  -- Vendor codes
  constant Vendor_Invalid : constant AMBA_Vendor_Type := 16#0#;
```
Vendor_Gaisler : constant AMBA_Vendor_Type := 16#1#;
Vendor_ESA : constant AMBA_Vendor_Type := 16#4#;

-- Gaisler Research device id’s
Gaisler_APB_Master : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#6#;
Gaisler_Spacewire : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#1F#;
Gaisler_APB_UART : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#C#;
Gaisler_AHB_UART : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#7#;
Gaisler_CANBus : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#34#;
Gaisler_IRQMP : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#D#;
GaislerPIOPORT : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#1A#;
Gaisler_PCIEFRG : constant AMBA_Device_Type := 16#14#;

-------------------------------------
-- Device record type --
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-- AMBA APB Plug&play record
type AMBA_Device is
  record
    IRQ : IRQ_Type;
    -- Interrupt routing information
    Version : AMBA_Version_Type;
    -- Version number
    Device : AMBA_Device_Type;
    -- Device ID
    Vendor : AMBA_Vendor_Type := Vendor_Invalid;
    -- Vendor ID
    IObar : IObAR_Type;
    -- IO BAR(Bank Address Register) contains the start address
    -- for an area allocated to the device
  end record;

AMBA_Max_APB_Slaves : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16#10#;
-- The GR-RASTA AMBA AHB/APB bridge is an APB bus master according
-- the AMBA 2.0 standard. The controller supports up to 16 slaves

type Max_APB_Slaves_Devices is range 0 .. AMBA_Max_APB_Slaves - 1;
type AMBA_Devices is array (Max_APB_Slaves_Devices’Range) of AMBA_Device;

-------------------------------------
-- AMBA bus operations --
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function Scan_AMBA_Bus (IOArea : Interfaces.Unsigned_32)
  return AMBA_Devices;
-- Scans AMBA Plug&Play Information
-- IOArea: address of AMBA Plug&Play information
end AMBA;
The Scan_AMBA_Bus function first finds an APB master device, and then scans the slave devices connected to it. For each slave device found, the configuration parameters (vendor and device codes, IRQ number and IO BAR (Bank Address Register) are stored into a device description record. See reference [D11] for the details.

Listing 5.12: Function Scan_AMBA_Bus

```haskell
function Scan_AMBA_Bus (IOArea : Interfaces.Unsigned_32)
return AMBA_Devices is

   Pointer : Read_Memory_Word.Object_Pointer;
   PointerID : Read_AMBA_Identification.Object_Pointer;
   ConfWord : AMBA_APB_Identification_Register;
   ConfWordAPB : AMBA_APB_Identification_Register;
   MBar : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
   IOBar : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
   APBMaster : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
   CFG_AreaAPB : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
   Word_Size : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 4;
   AMBA_Conf_Area : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16#FF000#;
   AMBA_AHB_Slave_Conf_Area : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16#800#;
   AMBA_AHB_Conf_Words : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16##8#;
   AMBA_APB_Conf_Words : constant Interfaces.Unsigned_32 := 16##2#;
   MaxLoops : Integer := 64; -- Max 64 devices
   CFG_Area : Interfaces.Unsigned_32;
   Devices : AMBA_Devices;

begin
   -- Address to configuration area
   CFG_Area := IOArea or AMBA_Conf_Area or AMBA_AHB_Slave_Conf_Area;
   -- Scan bus for a maximum of 64 devices
   for i in 0 .. (MaxLoops - 1) loop
      PointerID := Read_AMBA_Identification.To_Pointer
               (System'To_Address (CFG_Area));
      ConfWord := PointerID.all;

      if ConfWord.Vendor /= 0 then
         Pointer := Read_Memory_Word.To_Pointer
               (System'To_Address (CFG_Area + (Word_Size * 4)));
         MBar := Pointer.all;

         if ConfWord.Vendor = Vendor_Gaisler
            and ConfWord.Device = Gaisler_APB_Master then
            -- Decoding of APB slaves is done using the plug&play method
            -- explained in the GRLIB IP Library User’s Manual. A slave can
```
-- occupy any binary aligned address space with a size of
-- 256 bytes .. 1 Mbyte.

APBMaster := Address_From (MemBar_Start (MBar));
CFG_AreaAPB := APBMaster or AMBA_Conf_Area;

-- GRLIB APB slaves contain a plug&play identification register
-- word which is included in the APB records. These records are
-- combined into an array which is connected to the APB bridge.
for j in Max_APB_Slaves_Devices loop
  PointerID := Read_AMBA_Identification.To_Pointer
  (System’To_Address (CFG_AreaAPB));
  ConfWordAPB := PointerID.all;
  if ConfWordAPB.Vendor /= 0 then
    Pointer := Read_Memory_Word.To_Pointer
      (System’To_Address (CFG_AreaAPB + Word_Size));
    IOBar := Pointer.all;
    Devices (j).Vendor := ConfWordAPB.Vendor;
    Devices (j).Device := ConfWordAPB.Device;
    Devices (j).IRQ := ConfWordAPB.IRQ;
    -- Interrupt routing information
    Devices (j).IOBar := IOBar_Start (APBMaster, IOBar);
    -- IO BAR(Bank Address Register) contains the start
    -- address for an area allocated to the device
  end if;
  CFG_AreaAPB := CFG_AreaAPB + AMBA_APB_Conf_Words * Word_Size;
end loop;
end if;
end if;
end if;
end loop;

return Devices;
end Scan_AMBA_Bus;
Chapter 6

Build process

To produce an executable file from application-level user files, the compiler performs a three-step build process:

- **Compilation phase:** Each compilation unit is examined in turn, checked for consistency, and compiled or recompiled when necessary. The recompilation decision is based on dependency information that is typically produced by a previous compilation.

- **Post-compilation phase (or binding):** During this phase objects are grouped into static libraries.

- **Linking phase:** All units or libraries are processed by a linker tool specific to the set of tool-chains being used.

Let us consider that driver sources and a test program called “spacewiretest.adb” are in the same directory. Then, these steps can be performed using gnatmake:

```sh
$ sparc-elf-gnatmake spacewiretest
```

You can also compile, bind, and link separately:

```sh
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewiretest.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire.ads
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire-hlinterface.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire-core.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire-parameters.ads
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c rastaboard.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire-core-handler.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c amba.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewire-registers.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c pci.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c rastaboard-handler.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c rastaboard-registers.adb
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c pci-registers.ads
$ sparc-elf-gnatbind -x spacewiretest.ali
$ sparc-elf-gnatlink spacewiretest.ali
```
However, in order to avoid common building problems, there are several tools that can be used to generate builds in a repeatable and consistent manner, such as GNU Make or better the GNAT tools for project management. GNAT provide an Integrated Development Environment called GPS that can be configured for using ORK+. There is also a GNAT command-based tool called GPRBuild.

Though GNU Make is simple, widely known and can also be used to manage the build process of ORK+ applications, GNAT tools are recommended for the construction of large multilanguage (such as Ada, assembler, C) applications.

The remaining sections in this chapter will explain how to define an automated build process for ORK+ driver development using GNAT tools.

### 6.1 Source code arrangement

The driver source directory tree can be placed in any location on your system. Let us suppose that it is `/usr/local/gnatforleon/src/drivers/grspw`. The application which uses the driver will be also located in any location. Let us suppose that it is `/home/projects/spw-communication/grspw-test`.

A valid ORK+ cross-compilation system needs to be installed and the ORK+/bin directory must be added to the search path (usually, the `PATH` environment variable). For more details of ORK+ installation, see the `GNATforLEON/ORK+ User Manual` [R3].

#### 6.1.1 ORK+ with built-in drivers

There is a ORK+ binary distribution which includes a driver library. This arrangement has the advantage that users only need to deal with their own sources, since the SpaceWire, PCI and AMBA hierarchies are included in the ORK+ run-time library. For the above mentioned example, only the test source file, `spacewiretest`, is required to build the test application. It can be build by using `gnatmake` or it can also be compiled, bound, and linked separately:

```
$ sparc-elf-gcc -c spacewiretest.adb
$ sparc-elf-gnatbind -x spacewiretest.ali
$ sparc-elf-gnatlink spacewiretest.ali
```

It must be noticed that only the user source files are compiled because the driver files are precompiled and already included in the ORK+ libraries.

### 6.2 Project file

GNAT project management tools require one or more project files describing the characteristics of the user project. For a project which uses the Ada driver with the described code arrangement the following project file can be used:

```
1  project SpaceWire_Test is
2    for Languages use ("Ada");
```
for Source_Dirs use ("/home/projects/spw-communication/grspw-test",
    "}usr/local/gnatforleon/src/drivers/grspw");
for Object_Dir use "/home/projects/spw-communication/grspw-test/obj";
for Exec_DIR use "/home/projects/spw-communication/grspw-test/exec";
for Source_Files use ("spacewiretest.adb",
    "amba.adb", "amba.ads", "pci.adb", "pci.ads",
    "pci-registers.ads", "rastaboard.adb", "rastaboard-handler.ads",
    "rastaboard-registers.adb", "rastaboard-registers.ads", "spacewire.adb",
    "spacewire-core.adb", "spacewire-core.ads",
    "spacewire-core-handler.adb", "spacewire-core-handler.adb",
    "spacewire-core-handler.ads", "spacewire-hlinterface.adb",
    "spacewire-hlinterface.ads", "spacewire-parameters.adb",
    "spacewire-registers.adb", "spacewire-registers.ads",
    "spacewiretest.adb");
for Main use ("spacewiretest.adb");
package Ide is
  for Compiler_Command ("ada") use "sparc-elf-gnatmake";
  for Gnatlist use "sparc-elf-gnatls";
  for Gnat use "sparc-elf-gnat";
  for Debugger_Command use "sparc-elf-gdb";
end Ide;
package Builder is
  for Default_Switches ("ada") use ("-s", ":m");
end Builder;
package Compiler is
  for Default_Switches ("ada") use ("-gnatylAbcdefhiiklnprsStux",
    ":gnatVa", "-gnatw.e", ":gnat05", ":gnatf");
end Compiler;
end SpaceWire_Test;

This project file indicates:

- The languages used for source files. In this example only Ada is used, but other languages such as C or assembler may be also used.
- The directory containing the sources.
- The directory for the objects.
- The directory for the executables.
- The complete list of source files which includes driver source files and application source files. In this case there is just one application source file containing the test “spacewiretest.adb”. 

• The main entry point of the system is in the application source file.

• The default tool-chain that will be used by the Integrated Development Environment (GPS) as well as the compiler and builder switches.

GNATMAKE can be used for compiling and building the whole application by using this project file. The following command builds the application:

```bash
$ sparc-elf-gnatmake -PSpaceWire_Test.gpr
```

The output of the gnatmake execution will show the three steps described at the beginning of this chapter:

• Several sparc-elf-gcc commands for compiling the sources files which correspond to the compilation phase.

• The sparc-elf-gnatbind command corresponds to the post-compilation phase.

• The sparc-elf-gnatlink command corresponds to the final link.

This project file is distributed together with the driver source files. In this way it can be adapted to different code arrangements and projects as needed. This can be done by using a text editor but it is much more convenient to use GPS for creating or adapting a project. This project file was generated with GPS.

### 6.2.1 GPS Integrated Development Environment

GPS (GNAT Programming Studio) is not distributed with ORK+, but it can be downloaded from [http://libre.adacore.com/libre/](http://libre.adacore.com/libre/) as part of the GNAT GPL edition. As the current version of ORK+ is based in GNAT GPL 2008, using GNAT GPL 2008 or GNAT GPL 2009 is recommended. For more details on GPS, see [http://www.adacore.com/home/products/gnatpro/toolsuite/gps](http://www.adacore.com/home/products/gnatpro/toolsuite/gps).

After installing GPS, it can be launched by calling:

```bash
$ gps SpaceWire_Test.gpr
```

If the code arrangement corresponds with the project file and ORK+/bin is in the PATH, GPS will start without errors as shown in figure 6.1.

It is also possible to launch GPS without any project file and create a new one from scratch. In this case the welcome window is shown in figure 6.2.

This welcome window is followed by the one shown in figure 6.3 which will query about the type, name, languages, code arrangement, etc. of the new project. After filling all the subsequent query windows, the window shown in figure 6.1 is reached.

The properties of the project have to be modified in order to make GPS use the ORK+ tool-chain instead of the native one. To this purpose, the name of the native tools must be replaced by the GNATforLEON tools as shown in figure 6.4. The properties window can be reached by clicking on “Project” and then on “Edit Project Properties”, and finally selecting the “Languages” tab in the pop up window.

Now GPS can use the GNATforLEON/ORK+ tool-chain as required to develop and build the application.
Figure 6.1: GPS initial window
Figure 6.2: GPS welcome window
Figure 6.3: GPS create project window
Figure 6.4: GPS project properties window
6.2.2 GPRBuild configuration

GPRbuild requires a configuration file describing the languages and tool-chains to be used, and one or more project files describing the characteristics of the user project. For more details about GPRbuild, see http://www.adacore.com/home/products/gnatpro/toolsuite/gprbuild.

The configuration file can be created automatically by calling gprconfig with the proper ORK+ switches. The following command\(^1\) creates a configuration file named ork.cgpr for cross-compiling Ada with the full run-time and C for the SPARC LEON2 processor:

```
$ gprconfig --batch --target=sparc-elf \
   --config=Ada,2008,full,,/usr/local/gnatforleon/bin,,GNAT \
   --config=C,4.1.3,,/usr/local/gnatforleon/bin,,GCC \
   -o ork.cgpr
```

The following command triggers the interactive mode of gprconfig, listing all the languages supported by GNATforLEON/ORK+:

```
$ gprconfig --target=sparc-elf -o ork.cgpr
```

The above defined SpaceWire_Test project can be built by doing:

```
$ gprbuild --config=ork.cgpr -PSpaceWire_Test
```

6.3 Test program

In order to test a program on the target platform, a debug monitor for LEON processors, such as GRMON,\(^2\) is required.

GRMON communicates with the LEON debug support unit (DSU) and enables non-intrusive debugging of the complete target system. It is started by entering the grmon command in a terminal window. By default, GRMON communicates with the target using the first UART port of the host. This behaviour can be overridden by specifying an alternative device.\(^3\)

Use the --baud option if you need to use a different baud rate for the DSU serial link than the default 115200 baud.

The example below shows how to execute programs with GRMON and a common list of start-up switches:

```
$ grmon -dsu -uart /dev/ttyS0 -baud 115200
```

Once you get the GRMON console, use the load command to download the application and then go to start it.

The output from the application appears on the normal LEON UARTs and thus cannot be seen on the GRMON console unless the program is started with the --u switch. You can use terminal emulators such as tip, minicom, or kermit to display the output.

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\(^1\)The GNATforLEON/ORK+ installation directory is assumed to be /usr/local/gnatforleon/, although it can be installed at any other location as well.

\(^2\)GRMON is not free software, and it is not part of GNATforLEON.

\(^3\)Device names depend on the host operating system. In Unix systems, serial devices are named /dev/ttyXX.
6.4 Debugging

Debugging support is available with the GDB version that comes with the GNATforLEON/ORK+ distribution. To initiate GDB communications, start the monitor with the \(-gdb\) switch:

\[
\text{\$ grmon -dsu -uart /dev/ttyS0 -baud 115200 -gdb}
\]

Now, the debugging session can be started using the extended-remote protocol. By default GRMON listens on port 2222 for the GDB connection:

\[
\text{\$ sparc-elf-gdb hello} \\
\text{\(\text{(gdb) target extended-remote localhost:2222}\)} \\
\text{\(\text{(gdb) load}\)} \\
\text{\(\text{(gdb) continue}\)} \\
... \\
\]

While attached, normal GRMON commands can be executed using the \text{gdb monitor} command. Output from the GRMON commands, such as the trace buffer history is then displayed on the GDB console.
Chapter 7

Conclusions

Guidelines for writing device drivers for the ASSERT VM kernel (GNATforLEON/ORK+) have been given in the document. A sample SpaceWire driver for the GR-RASTA board has been described as an example. The SpaceWire driver has been implemented and tested on real hardware (a GR-RASTA system).
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