3.1 INTRODUCTION

The model of the ADSP-21000 family C compiler runtime environment includes standards for memory usage, stack usage, and system initialization.

The ADSP-21000 family C runtime environment calling protocol specifies that all functions' return addresses are stored on the C runtime stack. This allows an arbitrary function nesting level.

Arguments to functions are passed in registers and on the C runtime stack. The runtime stack is also used for local and temporary storage. A complete description of argument passing is given in the next chapter, Assembly Language Interface.

An embedded system without an operating system is often used in DSP applications. The support software (including the interrupt table, routines used to initialize the runtime environment, and any code required to support the runtime library) is included in the embedded system's executable image. In the ADSP-21000 family C runtime environment, this support is provided by including a runtime header.

3.2 MEMORY MODEL

Data can be stored in program or data memory. The mapping of data values to program memory or data memory is specified by the architecture file and in the C source file with the pm and dm qualifiers (see Chapter 5, *Language Extensions*).

Sections 3.2.1–3.2.9 discuss the memory model inherent in an executable image, and how to write an architecture description file to specify how memory is used in your hardware system.

3.2.1 Architecture File

The architecture description file specifies how memory and memorymapped peripherals are configured in an ADSP-21xxx based system. Read Chapter 3, *Writing the Architecture Description File*, in the *ADSP-21000 Family Assembler Tools Manual* for details about the architecture file. This section discusses how to write an architecture file for a system that uses the C runtime environment.

The compiler and linker read the architecture description file to determine the specifications of your target system. For example, you may specify the memory size, memory type, and number of wait states used in various banks of external data and program memory.

The architecture file also may include directives that determine the parameters of the C runtime environment. For example, the location of the various memory segments are determined by the architecture file directives.

G21K issues an error message if there is a continuity error in the architecture file; for example, if two segments have overlapping areas of memory.

The linker stores the information from the architecture file in a segment of program memory labeled seg_init. Upon system initialization, the runtime header code (see Section 3.2.3) calls initialization routines that read configuration information stored in the seg_init. These routines configure both the runtime environment and the system hardware.

3.2.1.1 .SEGMENT Directive

A memory segment is one or more contiguous memory locations that is assigned a symbolic name. The compiler uses several default segments names:

† Required segments for runtime library.

‡ Required segment for system initialization.

* Stack segment is always required.

You may define alternate or additional memory segments by using the .SEGMENT directive with one or more qualifiers in the architecture description file.

Note: Do not confuse the architecture file .SEGMENT directive with the assembler .SEGMENT directive.

The syntax of the .SEGMENT directive is:

.SEGMENT [qualifiers] seg_name

where seg_name is a symbolic name of the memory segment and qualifiers is one or more of:

This table shows the default memory segment names and the qualifiers that correspond to them:

* PM stack is not supported

** seg init must be in 48-bit program memory

There must be an area of memory named seg_dmda and an area named seg_pmco to use the C runtime library. Static variable are stored in seg_dmda.

3.2.1.2 .BANK Directive

The .BANK directive is used to configure your target hardware system memory. It lets you configure the wait states, page sizes, page modes, and banks of physical memory. Use the . BANK directive to configure the physical memory, and the .SEGMENT directive to configure the logical organization of memory. See the *ADSP-21020 User's Manual* or the *ADSP-2106x SHARC User's Manual* for information about how the processors use external memory banks.

Note: The .BANK directive is not currently supported in ADSP-2106x systems.

The syntax of the .BANK directive is

.BANK [qualifiers]

where qualifiers is one or more of:

Note: Banks DM0 and PM0 must always begin at address 0. The PGSIZE option need only be applied to one bank each in program memory and data memory and is necessary only if the PAGE pin is used for data memory access.

3.2.1.3 .REGISTER/RESERVED Directive

The compiler looks for .REGISTER/RESERVED directives in the architecture file to determine which registers are reserved.

Note: You can also reserve registers with the -mreserved switch. The compiler will generate an error if there is more than one -mreserved switch on the command line, or a single -mreserved switch and a .REGISTER/RESERVED statement in the architecture file.

3.2.1.4 .PROCESSOR= Directive

G21K determines which member of the ADSP-21000 family to generate an executable for by means of the architecture file

.PROCESSOR = *dsp*; directive. Legal values for *dsp* are ADSP21020 and ADSP2106x .

G21K chooses the correct runtime header (either 020 hdr or 060_hdr) based on the setting of the . PROCESSOR directive of the architecture file.

G21K invokes the assembler with the –ADSP2106x switch when you specify the . PROCESSOR = $ADSP2106x$; directive.

3.2.1.5 Example Architecture File

This is an example of an architecture file for an ADSP-21020 system using the C runtime environment. The . BANK directive lines shown put the processor in the same state as the ADSP-21020 processor after a reset.

```
.SYSTEM A_C_System;
.PROCESSOR = ADSP21020;
.SEGMENT / DM / RAM / BEGIN = 0 \times 00000001 / END = 0 \times 0000 FFFF seq dmda;
.SEGMENT / DM / RAM / BEGIN = 0 \times 00010000 / END = 0 \times 0001 FFFF seq stak;
.SEGMENT /DM /RAM /BEGIN = 0 \times 00020000 /END = 0 \times 0002FFFF /CHEAP heapl;
.SEGMENT /PM /ROM /BEGIN = 0x000000 /END = 0x00000FF seq rth;
.SEGMENT /PM /ROM /BEGIN = 0 \times 000100 /END = 0 \times 00FFFF seg_pmco;
.SEGMENT /PM /RAM /BEGIN = 0 \times 010000 /END = 0 \times 01 FFFF seq pmda;
.SEGMENT /PM /ROM /BEGIN = 0x020000 /END = 0x02FFFF seq init;
.SEGMENT /PM /RAM /BEGIN = 0 \times 030000 /END = 0 \times 03FFFF /CHEAP pm heap1;
BANK /DM0 /PGSIZE = 256 /WTSTATES = 7 /WTMODE = BOTH /BEGIN = 0x000000000;
BANK / DM / PGSIZE = 256 / WTSTATES = 7 / WTMODE = BOTH / BEGIN = <math>0x200000000BANK /DM2 /PGSIZE = 256 /WTSTATES = 7 /WTMODE = BOTH /BEGIN = 0x400000000;
BANK / DM3 / PGSIZE = 256 / WTSTATES = 7 / WTMODE = BOTH / BEGIN = 0x800000000;BANK /PM0 /PGSIZE = 256 /WTSTATES = 7 /WTMODE = BOTH /BEGIN = 0 \times 000000;
.BANK /PM1 /PGSIZE = 256 /WTSTATES = 7 /WTMODE = BOTH /BEGIN = 0x800000;
.ENDSYS;
```
3.2.2 Variable Storage

The *storage class* of a variable determines how space is allocated for it in the C runtime environment.

The optimizing features of G21K may detect that a declared variable is never actually used by a block of code, and therefore no space is allocated for it. In general, there is no guarantee where space for any particular variable is allocated. Do not write assembly language code that depends on a variable of automatic storage class being at a certain location.

3.2.3 Runtime Header (Interrupt Table)

A portion of program memory in ADSP-21000 family processors is used for the interrupt table.

The interrupt table is where the linker puts the code in the runtime header, 020_hdr.obj or 060_hdr.obj (for the ADSP-21020 and ADSP-2106x SHARC processors respectively). Unless you disable automatic linking, a runtime header is linked in by default when you invoke the compiler. See section 3.2.1.4, ".PROCESSOR=Directive" for details on how to specify which runtime header is specified in the architecture file.

The default runtime header is found in the ADI $DSP\21k\1ib$ directory, with its source file, 0×0 hdr.asm. If the compiler finds a copy of $0x0$ hdr. obj in the current directory, it uses it instead of the default.

On the ADSP-21020, each interrupt is allocated eight words. On the ADSP-2106x, each interrupt is allocated four words. C runtime library functions are provided to simplify interrupt setup and handling. In the *C Runtime Library Manual*, see the entries for the interrupt(), signal(), and raise() functions.

The interrupt vector table is located in the memory segment seq_rth. You must declare this segment in the architecture file. For example, if the interrupt table is stored in ROM, include this line in the architecture file:

```
.segment/rom /begin=0x000000 /end=0x0000ff /pm seg_rth;
```
The source files 020 hdr.asm and 060 hdr.asm are included in the software distribution package. If you prefer to write interrupt handlers in C, use the library functions signal(), raise(), interrupt(), and their variants based on the runtime header used.

3.2.4 Code Segment

The code segment is where program instructions are stored. It must be in program memory space.

The code segment begins at the logical location seg_pmco, by default. For example, to declare a 256 K-word program memory data segment stored in ROM starting at $PM[0x090000]$, include this line in your architecture file:

```
.segment/rom /begin=0x090000 /end=0x0cffff /pm
seg pmco;
```
To use a code segment other than seg_pmco, declare a program memory data segment in your architecture file and use –mpmcode compiler switch.

```
.segment/rom /begin=0x0d0000 /end=0x0fffff /pm
alt_pmco;
```
The invocation line for this example is

```
g21k -mpmcode=alt_pmco myfile.c -a myach.ach
```
3.2.5 Program Memory Data Segment

The program memory data segment is where static variables in program memory space are stored. Use the pm qualifier to put C variables in this segment. For example the C definition statement

```
static int pm coeffs[10];
```
allocates an array of 10 integers in the program memory data segment. See

Section 5.2 for information on language extensions for dual memory support.

The program memory data is seg_pmda. For example, to declare a 128Kword program memory data segment starting at PM [0x0d0000], include this line in your architecture file:

```
.segment/begin=0x0d0000 /end=0x0effff /pm seg_pmda;
```
To use a program memory data segment other than seg_pmda, declare a program memory data segment in your architecture file and use the –mpmdata compiler switch. For example,

```
.segment/begin=0x0d0000 /end=0x0fffff /pm alt_pmda;
```
3.2.6 Data Memory Data Segment

The data memory data segment is where static variables in data memory space are stored. You may use the dm qualifier when defining variables; however if the pm qualifier is not specified, static and global variables are put in data memory by default. For example,

```
static int data [10];
```
allocates an array of 10 integers in the data memory data segment. Usually, data memory data is physically mapped to RAM.

The data memory data segment is seg_dmda. For example, to declare a 128K-word data memory data segment stored in RAM starting at DM[0x0d0000], include this line in your architecture file:

```
.segment/ram /begin=0x0d0000 /end=0x0effff /dm
seg dmda;
```
To use a data memory data segment other than seg_dmda, declare a data memory data segment in your architecture file and use the –mpmdata

compiler switch. For example,

```
.segment/ram /begin=0x0d0000 /end=0x0effff /dm
alt dmda;
```
3.2.7 The Runtime Stack

The runtime stack is the storage area for local variables. It is also where the return address of a calling function is kept.

3.2.7.1 Function Calling Protocol

The C runtime environment uses the runtime stack to store the return address of the calling function: the calling function pushes the return address onto the stack.

3.2.7.2 Stack Implementation

The stack is implemented as a 32-bit wide structure, growing from high memory to low memory.

The stack is managed by a *frame pointer* and a *stack pointer*. I6 is used as the frame pointer and $I7$ is used as the stack pointer.

A stack frame is a section of the stack used to hold information about the current context of the C program. The stack frame is where local and temporary variables reside, as well as parameters that are pushed onto the stack for the next function. The current stack frame is the stack space between the frame pointer and the stack pointer.

Note: In general, the first three parameters are stored in registers. See Chapter 4, *Assembly Language Interface*, for further details.

The frame pointer serves as a base for accessing memory in the stack frame. Locals, parameters, and temporaries are referenced by their offset from the frame pointer.

When a new stack frame is created, the following actions occur:

1. Parameters that are not placed in registers are pushed onto the stack (with the Stack Pointer advancing).

- 2. The Frame Pointer is saved (see "Stack Usage" below).
- 3. The Frame Pointer is set to the Stack Pointer.
- 4. The Stack Pointer is advanced to a point beyond local and temporary storage.

When a stack frame is discarded, the following actions occur:

- 1. The Stack Pointer is set to the Frame Pointer (which is the Stack Pointer of the previous stack frame).
- 2. The Frame Pointer is restored to its value for the previous frame (see "Stack Usage" below).
- 3. The Stack Pointer is adjusted by the amount it was changed when parameters were pushed on function entry.

You must define a segment in memory for the runtime stack in your architecture file. For example, to declare a 4K-word stack called seg_stak starting at $DM[0x070000]$, include this line in your architecture file:

.segment/ram /begin=0x070000 /end=0x070fff /dm seg_stak;

3.2.7.3 Stack Usage

The calling function is responsible for loading R2 with the old frame pointer and loading the new frame pointer with the stack pointer.

- 1. The calling function loads R2 with the frame pointer and sets the frame pointer equal the stack pointer.
- 2. The calling function passes control to the called function using the delayedbranch JUMP (DB) instruction.
- 3. The calling function pushes the frame pointer in the 1st delayed branch slot.
- 4. The calling function pushes the return address in the 2nd delayed branch slot.

At the end of the called function:

- 1. The return address minus one is read off the stack into an index register (I12).
- 2. The stack pointer is loaded with the frame pointer, the frame pointer is loaded with the old frame pointer (loaded from the stack).
- 3. Control is passed back to the calling function by jumping to the return address plus one.


```
int foo(int,int);
int x;
int c,d,e;
int a,b;
main()
{
   static int z;
   char m;
   int w;
  z=0;w=1;x = foo(a, z);}
int foo(int x1, int x2)
{
   int x3;
  x3 = (x1+x2)/2; return x3;
}
```
 $3 - 12$ Listing 3.1 Example Function

Listing 3.1 shows example C source code, and Listing 3.2 shows the **High Mem**

```
.segment /pm seg_pmco;
       .global _main;
       _main:
       ! FUNCTION PROLOGUE: main
       ! rtrts protocol, params in registers, DM stack, doubles are floats
       .extern _exit;
               .def end_prologue; .val .; .scl 109; .endef;
               r4=dm(a);
               r8=0;dm( _{z_2}^2)=r8;r2=i6;
               i6=ii7;jump (pc, _foo) (DB);
               dm(i7,m7)=r2;
               dm(i7,m7)=pc;dm(x)=r0;! FUNCTION EPILOGUE:
               i12=dm(-1,i6);jump (PC, _exit) (DB);
               i7=i6;i6=dm(0, i6);qlobal foo;
       _foo:
       ! FUNCTION PROLOGUE: foo
       ! rtrts protocol, params in registers, DM stack, doubles are floats
               .def end proloque; .val .; .scl 109; .endef;
               r0 = (r4 + r8)/2;! FUNCTION EPILOGUE:
               i12=dm(-1,i6);jump (m14,i12) (DB);
               i7=i6;i6=dm(0,i6);.endseg;
function
calling
protocol
function
return
protocol
      ➞
      ➞
function
return
protocol
      ➞
```
Listing 3.2 Compiled Code

resulting assembly code produced by the compiler.

Figure 3.1 shows the configuration of the stack during a typical call.

3.2.7.4 Parameter Passing

Parameters in a function call are passed in registers, if possible. This decreases the number of cycles it takes to call a function, compared to pushing parameters onto the runtime stack. See Section 4.2.2, "Retrieving Parameters" for details.

3.2.7.5 ADSP-2106x Function Calls

The compiler will generate code that uses the CJUMP and RFRAME instructions for C function calls and returns.

This feature is invoked if the architecture file contains a processor directive that indicates an ADSP2106x system.

The CJUMP instruction executes three operations at once. Control is transferred to the specified label, the frame is stored in R2, and the frame is loaded with the current stack pointer.

The compiler will generate the following code for function calls:

```
CJUMP _function_label (DB);
<delay slot 1>;
<delay slot 2>;
```
The compiler will attempt to fill the two delayed branch slots of CJUMP with usable instructions (such as ALU or multiplier operations), otherwise NOPs will be used.

The RFRAME instruction executes two operations at once. The stack pointer is loaded with the frame pointer, and the frame pointer is loaded with the old frame (from the stack).

The compiler will use the RFRAME at the end of the function epilogue. The following code will be generated as the last three instructions of a function:

```
JUMP (M14, I13) (DB);
RFRAME;
<delay slot2>;
```
The compiler will attempt to fill the available delay slot with a usable instruction (ALU or multiplier), otherwise a NOP will be inserted.

$3.2.8$ The Heap

The C runtime library includes four functions, malloc(), calloc(), realloc(), and free() to allocate and deallocate memory dynamically at runtime. The memory for these functions is taken from a memory segment designated as the heap.

You define a segment in memory for the heap in your architecture file. For example, to declare a 60 K-word heap called seg_heap starting at DM[0x071000], include this line in your architecture file:

```
.segment/ram /begin=0x071000 /end=0x07ffff /dm /cheap
seg heap;
```
Note: The architecture file directive /CHEAP is required. It is by this directive that the linker picks which segment is the heap. This directive is placed on any number of segments (program or data memory). The compiler and linker generate the proper code to access the heap. The logical label you use for the heap segment may be any legal label. (In the example the name seg_heap was chosen.)

The first segment declared with the /CHEAP directive is the default heap at program startup. The set_alloc_type() function can be used to change from which heap memory is allocated. The prototype for this function is:

int set_alloc_type(char*);

3.2.9 Initialization Segment

The initialization segment is where the system parameters and initialization information is stored. This information is derived from the architecture file. It must be in 48-bit program memory space. The size of the segment varies based on the contents of your architecture file and the number of global and static initializations.

The initialization segment begins at the logical location seg_init. The linker uses seg_init to store global and static initialization data. For example, to declare a 256 word initialization segment stored in ROM starting at PM[0x090000], include this line in your architecture file:

```
.segment/rom /begin=0x090000 /end=0x0900ff /pm
seg init;
```
3.3 REGISTERS

All C functions (except functions of type void) return a value. In the runtime environment, R0 is the register used to return values that can fit in one word. If two words are needed (when the function is type double , for example) R0 and R1 are both used. R0 is the most significant word and R1 is the least significant word.

If a structure larger than two words is to be returned, the calling function sets R1 equal to the address where the return structure should go. The called function copies the result into the area pointed to by R1. Structures whose size does not exceed two words are returned in registers R0 and, if necessary, R1. See Chapter 4, *Assembly Language Interface*, for details on return values and other register usage.

3.3.1 Variables In Specified Registers

The compiler supports variables in specified registers with the following syntax:

register int *foo asm ("R5");

You may use any of the processor registers with the following exceptions:

- Do not use the stack registers: B6, I6, M6, L6, B7, I7, M7, L7.
- Do not use the scratch registers: R0, R1, R2, R4, R8, R12, B4, I4, M4, L4, B12, I12, M12, L12.
- Do not use any of the fixed-value registers: M5, M6, M7, M13, M14, M15.

See the sections "Fixed-Value Registers" and "Saving & Restoring Registers" in Chapter 4, *Assembly Language Interface*, for further details.

Exercise extreme caution when using B registers or L registers. These registers may alter the operation of their associated I registers. See the "Data Address Generators" chapter of the *ADSP-2106x SHARC User's Manual* or *ADSP-21020 User's Manual* for details.

Global register variables may not have initial values, because an executable file has no means to supply initial contents for a register.

3.4 DATA TYPES

The ADSP-21xxx family of processors can process 32-bit operands, with provisions for certain 40-bit operations. All other arithmetic data types are mapped onto these types.The native mode arithmetic types supported directly are listed in Table 3.1, below.

Table 3.1 ADSP-21000 Family Native Mode Data Types

* The -fno-short-double switch causes the the processor to use "no short doubles," i.e. it does not default to the use of 32-bit floats. Use this switch for 64-bit doubles.

$3.4.1$ Type Int

The int type is a fixed-point 32-bit two's-complement number.

3.4.2 Type Float

The float type is IEEE-754 standard single-precision floating-point, implemented in the ADSP-21xxx hardware. It has a 24-bit signedmagnitude fraction and an 8-bit exponent, in the following format:

Exponent values for normalized single-precision numbers range from $1 \le e \le 254$, with exponents of 0 and 255 being reserved for special operands. (Floating-point constants in the range 1e64 – 1e84 will not give compiler errors but will evaluate to unreliable values. Avoid these ranges if at all possible.) To calculate the value of a number in this format, the

exponent is decremented by 127 (the "exponent bias" is $+127$), and the fraction has a "1" inserted before the binary point (called the "hidden bit").

The value of the number is then:

 $(-1)^s 2^{e-127}$ (1.f)

Variables declared as double are represented in 32-bit IEEE floating-point numbers by default. Use the -fno-short-double switch or -ansi switch for 64-bit numbers.

Variables declared as long double are represented in 64-bit IEEE numbers.

Note: Operations on double-precision numbers (double and long double) are calculated with software emulation and do not take advantage of the hardware floating-point unit—they execute several orders of magnitude more slowly than operations calculated in single-precision.

Floating-point precision may contain some insignificant rounding errors because it uses the floating-point format of the host computer. Precision is improved on a PC with a math coprocessor.

Floating-point numbers are rounded according to the following rules:

- Floating-point numbers are rounded to the nearest value.
- Passing floats to an unprototyped function or a variable argument function results in promoting those parameters to doubles (per the ANSI specification).

The compiler switch -wfloat-convert alerts you to any silent conversions between floats and doubles.

3.4.3 Type Complex

The complex type is a Numerical C extension to Standard C. See Chapter 6 for details about the complex type. A complex number is represented as two float or int numbers, depending on whether it is declared it as complex

float or complex int. The first float or int represents the real portion of the number, the second represents the imaginary portion.

3.4.4 Underlying Types

The Table 3.2 lists all the C language arithmetic and data types, and shows which ADSP-21000 native data types represent them.

Table 3.2 C Language Types On ADSP-21000 Family DSPs

Note: Some internal compiler mathematics are done in the double type, while the ADSP-21xxx uses the float type. This may lead to differences in compiler results between optimized and non-optimized results.

3.5 PC-RELATIVE BRANCHING

The compiler generates all branching instructions with PC-relative addressing rather than direct addressing. This facilitates relocatable code.