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Executive Summary

This document describes the deliverable *D 8.5 Open Source Reference Implementation* of work package 8 of the T-CREST project, due 36 months after project start as stated in the Description of Work. This document describes the open-source T-CREST components and where they can be found.

1 Introduction

Most components of T-CREST are made available in open source. The components are licensed under the industry friendly “Simplified BSD License”. The license text is as follows:

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The T-CREST compiler is based on LLVM and therefore licensed under the University of Illinois/NCSA Open Source License.¹

2 Source Access

T-CREST components are hosted on GitHub under the Organization `t-crest`:

```
https://github.com/t-crest
```

¹http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Illinois/NCSA_Open_Source_License

In the following we list the individual components in two categories: core components and secondary components. The core components are direct results of the T-CREST project. Secondary components are additional sub-projects not directly connected to the EC funded project T-CREST (e.g., master thesis work or work funded by another research project (RTEMP)).

2.1 Core Components

Core components are part of the EC funded project T-CREST.

2.1.1 Patmos

Patmos [12] is the processor of the T-CREST platform:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos`

The `patmos` repository contains the hardware description of the processor, a software simulator, and a small assembler. Furthermore, the repository contains two memory controllers for SRAM and SS-RAM memories as they are available on the Altera DE2 boards. Several cores can share that memory controller via a round-robin memory arbiter or a distributed TDM based memory arbiter [11].

2.1.2 Compiler, Linker, and Library

The T-CREST compiler [8], linker, and libraries are distributed over several repositories.

Port of the LLVM compiler infrastructure to the time-predictable processor Patmos:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-llvm`

Port of the clang front-end to the time-predictable processor Patmos:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-clang`

Port of LLVM's compiler library:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-compiler-rt`

Port of the binutils gold linker to Patmos:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-gold`

Newlib port for Patmos:

`https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-newlib`

2.1.3 RTEMS

Port of the RTEMS real-time operating system to the time-predictable processor Patmos.

<https://github.com/t-crest/rtems>

2.1.4 Argo

Argo is a time-division multiplexing network-on-chip [2] with synchronous and asynchronous routers [4, 3] and an area-efficient network interface [15].

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<https://github.com/t-crest/argo>

2.1.5 Memory Tree

The memory tree is the memory interconnect designed for the T-CREST project such that multiple Patmos processors have a time-predictable way to access memory [7, 1].

<https://github.com/t-crest/bluetree>

2.1.6 S4NOC

A statically-scheduled TDM network-on-chip for real-time systems. The initial version of the T-CREST NoC [10] including a minimalistic network interface [13].

<https://github.com/t-crest/s4noc>

2.1.7 Benchmarks

A collection of embedded and WCET benchmarks and tests for the Patmos processor and compiler.

<https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-benchmarks>

2.1.8 Misc

Config files, scripts, and other stuff for Patmos.

<https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-misc>

2.1.9 Aegean

Configuration framework for the T-CREST platform (Aegean).

<https://github.com/t-crest/aegean>

2.1.10 SDRAM controller model

RTMemController is an open-source tool for evaluating the worst-case and average-case execution time of memory transactions of the dynamic memory controller, described in [6].

<http://www.es.ele.tue.nl/rtmemcontroller/>

2.2 Secondary Components

Secondary components are additional contributions, often results of a master thesis, to T-CREST.

2.2.1 SDRAM controller

A simple and static SDRAM controller for time-predictable main memory access [5].

<https://github.com/t-crest/sdram>

2.2.2 ospat

A real-time operating system for Patmos [16].

<https://github.com/t-crest/ospat>

2.2.3 Poseidon

Static NoC TDM scheduler [14].

<https://github.com/t-crest/poseidon>

2.2.4 Debugger

Port of the LLDB debugger for Patmos.

<https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-lldb>

2.2.5 OTAWA support

Files for OTAWA Patmos port.

<https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-otawa>

2.2.6 RTEMP GUI

Graphical Configuration for the RTEMP Project.

<https://github.com/t-crest/rtemp-gui>

3 Retrieving the Source Code and Build Instructions

Here we list very briefly the instructions to build the T-CREST platform version consisting of open-source components. Detailed instructions can be found in the Patmos reference handbook [9].

To build T-CREST and develop for T-CREST only open-source or free tools are needed (except an FPGA board and a PC):

- A Unix like environment with `git`, `make`, and a C/C++ compiler, such as: Linux, Mac OSX, or cygwin/Windows
- A recent version of `cmake` and `boost` for the assembler
- ModelSim for simulation (the free version from Altera is good enough) ²
- Altera Quartus for synthesizing for an FPGA (the free Web edition is good enough) ³
- An FPGA board, the default target is currently the Terasic DE2-115 board ⁴
- A serial interface on a PC to read the program output

We assume that the T-CREST project will live in `$HOME/t-crest`. The source code of T-CREST can be retrieved with as follows:

```
mkdir ~/t-crest
cd ~/t-crest
git clone https://github.com/t-crest/patmos-misc.git misc
./misc/build.sh
```

The `build.sh` script will clone all other needed repositories and then builds the compiler, the Patmos simulator, and the Patmos hardware emulator.

To generate a 2x2 bi-torus T-CREST platform, synthesize it, and configure the FPGA execute following commands:

²<https://www.altera.com/download/software/modelsim-starter>

³<https://www.altera.com/download/software/quartus-ii-we>

⁴<https://www.terasic.com.tw/cgi-bin/page/archive.pl?Language=English&CategoryNo=139&No=502>

```
cd aegean
make platform
make synth
make config
```

The default board for the open-source version of T-CREST is the Altera DE2-115 FPGA board. The target board can be changed by setting the `BOARD` variable in the above make commands.

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