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scope	Example. This code is provided as example code for a user to base their code on.
description	How to debug a program at the machine instruction level
boards	Unless otherwise specified, this example runs on the SliceKIT Core Board, but can easily be run on any XMOS device by using a different XN file.

As well as working at the source level, XGDB can be used to debug programs at the level of the machine instructions. As an example, consider the following program:

```
int main() {
    int i, j = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
        j += i;
    }
    return 0;
}</pre>
```

Compile the above program ensuring that debug is enabled (-g):

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1 From xTIMEcomposer Studio

Create a new debug configuration via *Run->Debug Configurations->xCORE Applications*. Set a breakpoint on *main* and start debugging. Execution will now break when *main* is reached. Open both the *Disassembly* and the *Debug* views. In the *Debug* view toolbar, click on the *Instruction Stepping Mode* button. When in this mode, a single step will now correspond to a single machine instruction and not a source line. This can be seen by stepping a few times and watching the progress in the *Disassembly* view.

2 From the command line

Start XGDB, connect to the simulator and set a breakpoint on *main*. Execution will therefore suspend when the *main* is reached. The *stepi* command can be used to

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step a single machine instruction, and the *disassemble* command can be used to see the disassembly of the code close to the current PC location:

```
> xgdb a.xe
 ..etc..
 (gdb) connect -s
Oxffffc070 in ?? ()
 (gdb) b main
 Breakpoint 1 at 0x100b0: file debugging_at_the_instruction_level.xc, line
    \rightarrow 9.
(gdb) r
 ...etc...
 Breakpoint 1, main () at debugging_at_the_instruction_level.xc:9
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        int i, j = 0;
 (gdb) disassemble
 Dump of assembler code for function main:
0x000100ac <main+0>: entsp (u6)
                                                                      0 \times 4
                                           ldc (ru6)
0x000100ae <main+2>:
                                                                    r0, 0x0
0x000100b0 <main+4>:
                                          stw (ru6)
                                                                   r0, sp[0x0]
0x000100b2 <main+6>:
                                          stw (ru6)

      0x000100b2 <main+6>:
      stw (ru6)

      0x000100b4 <main+8>:
      bu (u6)

      0x000100b6 <main+10>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100b8 <main+12>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100b8 <main+12>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100ba <main+14>:
      add (3r)

      0x000100bc <main+16>:
      stw (ru6)

      0x000100bc <main+18>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100bc <main+20>:
      add (2rus)

      0x000100c2 <main+20>:
      add (2rus)

      0x000100c2 <main+24>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100c4 <main+24>:
      ldw (ru6)

      0x000100c6 <main+26>:
      ldc (ru6)

      0x000100c8 <main+28>:
      lss (3r)

                                                                   r0, sp[0x1]
                                                                     0x7
                                                                     r0, sp[0x1]
                                                                 r0, sp[0x0]
r1, sp[0x0]
r0, r1, r0
                                                                   r0, sp[0x0]
                                                                  r0, sp[0x1]
                                                                   r0, r0, 0x1
                                                                   r0, sp[0x1]
                                                                    r0, sp[0x1]
                                                                     r1, 0x5
                                         lss (3r)
                                                                     r0, r0, r1
0x000100ca <main+30>:
                                            bt (ru6)
                                                                     r0, -0xb
0x000100cc <main+32>:
                                            bu (u6)
                                                                     0 x 0
0x000100ce <main+34>:
                                           ldc (ru6)
                                                                     r0, 0x0
0x000100d0 <main+36>:
                                          stw (ru6)
                                                                     r0, sp[0x2]
0x000100d2 <main+38>:
                                           ldw (ru6)
                                                                     r0, sp[0x2]
0x000100d4 <main+40>:
                                          retsp (u6)
                                                                     0x4
End of assembler dump.
 (gdb) stepi
10 for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
 (gdb) stepi
 0x000100b4 10
                                for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
 (gdb) stepi
                                 for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
0x000100c4 10
 (gdb) stepi
0x000100c6 10
                                 for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
 (gdb) stepi
0x000100c8 10
                                  for (i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
 ...etc...
```

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