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Preface

Purpose

This document introduces the methods to establish integrated development environments (IDEs) for cross compilation of GR55xx System on Chips (SoCs) in command-line interface with GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) and makefiles on Linux and Windows, to help users quickly get started with secondary development of GR55xx SDK applications.

Audience

This document is intended for:

- GR55xx user

- GR55xx developer

- GR55xx tester

- Hobbyist developer

- Technical writer

Release Notes

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Revision History

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1.0	2019-12-08	Initial release
1.3	2020-03-16	Updated the Python version number in "Install Python".
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1.8	2021-01-13	Introduced installing GCC on Windows and related application details.
1.9	2021-06-26	Updated GR551x to GR55xx.

Contents

1 Introduction

GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) is an open-source, cross-platform compiler system developed by the GNU Project running on Linux operating system. The arm-none-eabi-gcc cross compiler is based on GCC, and supports the instruction sets of ARM CPUs, making it an ideal choice for GR55xx SoCs.

In software development, Make is a build automation tool that automatically compiles and links the project source files based on the makefiles. Makefiles specify the rules of compiling and linking multiple project source files with compilers, and enable users to call and to execute system commands.

This document introduces the approaches for building the development environment for GR55xx SoCs with GCC and makefiles in Ubuntu, a Linux distribution, and on Windows. The document also provides users with examples.

Before getting started, you can refer to the following documents.

Table 1-1 Reference documents

Name	Description
Developer guide of the specific GR55xx SoC	Introduces the software/hardware and quick start guide of the specific GR55xx SoC in use.
J-Link/J-Trace User Guide	Provides J-Link operational instructions. Available at www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/UM08001_JLink.pdf.
Bluetooth Core Spec	Offers official Bluetooth standards and core specificationfrom Bluetooth SIG.
Bluetooth GATT Spec	Provides details about Bluetooth profiles and services. Available at www.bluetooth.com/specifications/gatt.
GCC	Provides more information about GCC. Available at https://launchpad.net/gcc-arm-embedded.
GNU make	Provides a makefile developing guide. Available at https://www.gnu.org/software/make/manual/make.html.

2 Set up Compiling Environment

This chapter introduces environment setup for GR55xx cross compilation and development on Linux OS (Ubuntu) and Windows OS.

2.1 Supported Development Platform

You can use and modify the GCC on the following platform.

Table 2-1 Supported development platform

Hardware Platform	Development Board Model
GR551x development kit	GR5515-SK-BASIC

2.2 Preparation

Before setting up the compiling environment, users shall get the following items ready.

- **On Linux OS**

Table 2-2 Software preparation (Linux)

Name	Description
Ubuntu (Linux)	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS or later LTS versions (both 32-bit and 64-bit versions are acceptable)
gcc-arm-none-eabi	Used for GR55xx cross compilation of the target executable code Version: *gcc-arm-none-eabi-5_4-2016q3-linux.tar.bz2* Available at https://launchpad.net/gcc-arm-embedded/+download.
Python	Used to build environment for script execution for GR55xx application projects Version: Python 3.0 or later versions Available at www.python.org/downloads.
J-Link	Version: J-Link Software and Documentation pack for Linux, DEB installer Available at www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/. **Note:** • Choose the versions that are compatible with your Ubuntu operating systems. • Use J-Link 6.10a or later versions.

📖 **Note**:

- Ubuntu 16.04 LTS or later LTS versions are recommended. As GCC operates on Ubuntu, it is recommended to install the GCC version and the Ubuntu version as recommended in this document, to simplify compilation and development.

- If you choose other Linux distributions, environment-related problems may occur.

- **On Windows OS**

Table 2-3 Software preparation (Windows)

Item	Description
MSYS	MSYS is a lightweight GNU development environment running on Windows, providing functionalities of Unix tools including bash, make, mkdir, and grep. Version: MSYS-1.0.11 Available at https://nchc.dl.sourceforge.net/project/mingw/MSYS/Base/msys-core/msys-1.0.11/MSYS-1.0.11.exe?viasf=1
gcc-arm-none-eabi	Used for GR55xx cross compilation of the target executable code Version: gcc-arm-none-eabi-9-2020-q2-update-win32 Available at https://armkeil.blob.core.windows.net/developer/Files/downloads/gnu-rm/9-2020q2/gcc-arm-none-eabi-9-2020-q2-update-win32.zip
Python	Used to build environment for script execution for GR55xx application projects Version: Python 3.0 or later versions Available at www.python.org/downloads
J-Link	Provides the support library for J-Link hardware driver and software operations. Version: J-Link Software and Documentation pack for Windows Available at www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/. **Note:** Use J-Link 6.10a or later versions.

2.3 Installation

Before compiling ARM programs, users shall install the cross compiler, gcc-arm-none-eabi.

2.3.1 On Linux

This section expounds the steps to install GCC, Python, and J-Link on Linux.

2.3.1.1 Downloading GCC

Get the installation package (*gcc-arm-none-eabi-5_4-2016q3-linux.tar.bz2*).

This installation package is designed for 32-bit Linux. If you need a 64-bit version, download 64-bit Linux Tarball.

2.3.1.2 Installing GCC

The installation package is compilation-free. Extract the file to the correct directory.

Run the following command to extract the installation package.

```
tar xf gcc-arm-none-eabi-5_4-2016q3-linux.tar.bz2
```

2.3.1.3 Setting Environment Variables (On Linux)

Add the actual path of gcc-arm-none-eabi to the PATH environment variable, based on the practice. Examples are provided below.

- Root users

```
echo "export PATH=$PATH:/home/goodix/gcc-arm-none-eabi-5_4-2016q3/bin" >> /etc/bash.bashrc
source /etc/bash.bashrc
```
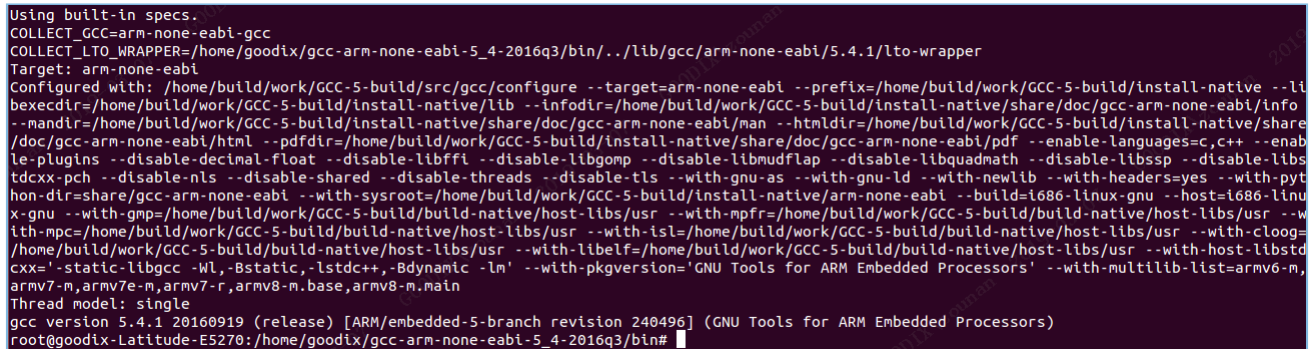
- Non-root users

```
echo "export PATH=$PATH:/home/goodix/gcc-arm-none-eabi-5_4-2016q3/bin" >> ~/.bashrc
source ~/.bashrc
```

2.3.1.4 Testing GCC Installation Result (On Linux)

After GCC installation, test whether GCC is installed successfully by running the following command.

```
arm-none-eabi-gcc -v
```

When the following information is printed on the Terminal, the GCC is successfully installed.

Figure 2-1 GCC installation result

📖 **Note**:

- The Ubuntu compiler arm-none-eabi-gcc provides a universal version for both 32-bit or 64-bit versions.

- When users run arm-none-eabi-* commands on some Ubuntu LTS releases, if the third-party library ia32-libs is absent, an error message will be displayed: "no such file or directory". This can be solved by running the following commands:

```
sudo apt-get install lib32ncurses5
```
```
sudo apt-get install lib32z1
```

2.3.1.5 Installing Python (On Linux)

1. Download the installation package of Python 3. Choose a version that is compatible with your Ubuntu system.

   Enter the following command to install Python 3:

```
sudo apt-get install python3
```

2. Run Python.

```
python
```

3. If the installation is successful, the version information of Python is shown as follows.

Figure 2-2 Python installation result

📖 **Note**:

Python 3.6.7 is installed as an example. When it prints Python 3.6.7 on the Terminal, the installation is successful.

2.3.1.6 Installing J-Link (On Linux)

Click www.segger.com/downloads/jlink/ and download the J-Link for Linux on the official website of SEGGAR.

Figure 2-3 Downloading J-Link for Linux from SEGGAR official website

Install the DEB package of J-Link for Linux on Ubuntu.

📖 **Note**:

- The J-Link version should be compatible with the Ubuntu version.

- Install J-Link 6.10a or later versions.

- After installation, run the `JLinkExe` command in the command-line interface, and J-Link is ready. If not, check whether the environment variable has been successfully added.

2.3.2 On Windows

This section expounds the steps to install MSYS, GCC, Python, and J-Link on Windows.

2.3.2.1 Downloading MSYS and GCC

Click to get the executable package of MSYS: *MSYS-1.0.11.exe*.

Click to get the installation package of GCC: *gcc-arm-none-eabi-9-2020-q2-update-win32.zip*.

2.3.2.2 Installing MSYS and GCC

1. Double-click *MSYS-1.0.11.exe* to install MSYS. It shows as follows after installation completes.

Figure 2-4 MSYS successful installation

2. Extract the installation-free package *gcc-arm-none-eabi-9-2020-q2-update-win32.zip* to the suitable path that you see fit.

2.3.2.3 Setting Environment Variables (On Windows)

Add the paths of the two pieces of software as environment variables by entering **Advanced system settings** in **Control Panel** > **System**. Click **Advanced** and choose **Path** in the **System variables** list. Click **Edit**.

- MSYS path: `<MSYS_installation path>\bin`

- GCC path: `<GCC Win32_installation path>\bin`
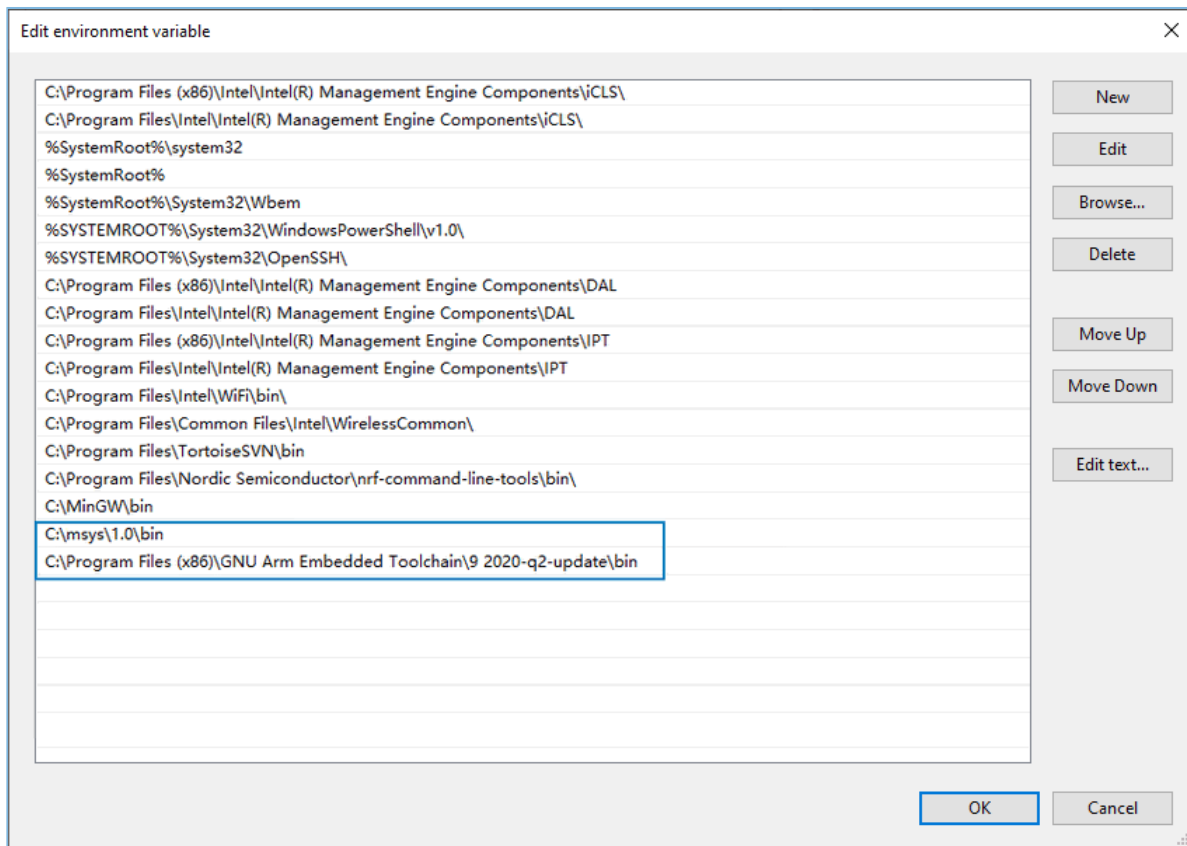
Figure 2-5 Setting environment variables on Windows 10

2.3.2.4 Testing GCC Installation Result (On Windows)

After GCC installation, enter `make -v` to view the version information of the make tool (provided by MSYS).

Figure 2-6 To view version information of GNU Make

Enter `arm-none-eabi-gcc -v` to view the version information of GCC.

Figure 2-7 To view GCC version information

2.3.2.5 Installing Python (On Windows)

1. Download the installation package of Python 3. Choose a version that is compatible with your Windows OS.

2. Install Python by following steps of the installation wizard.

3.   Set the environment variables.

After installation completes, enter `python` in **Command Prompt** to view the version information of Python.

Figure 2-8 To view Python version information

2.3.2.6 Installing J-Link (On Windows)

Download the J-Link for Windows on the official website of SEGGAR.
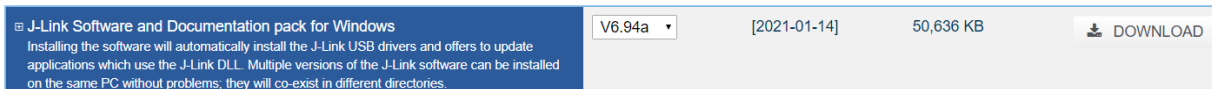
Figure 2-9 Downloading J-Link for Windows from SEGGAR official website

Double-click the downloaded installation package *JLink_Windows_Version.exe* and install J-Link by following steps in the installation wizard.

📖 **Note**:

- Install J-Link 6.10a or later versions.

- *Version* shows the J-Link version number.

2.4 Development Board Connection and Testing

After the installation completes, users can connect the development board to the PC and perform tests.

- **On Linux**

    Ensure J-Link path is included in the environment variables. Enter the following commands on the Terminal in sequence (texts after # are command annotations):

```
JLinkExe        #Launch J-Link tools.
connect         #Connect to the development board with the connect command. Before running
 the command, make sure the development board is accessible.
CORTEX-M4       #Define the model of the CPU core. If the model can be identified by J-Link
 tools, press Enter.
S               #Choose the debug interface for hardware connection debugging. S stands for
 Serial Wire Debug (SWD).
4000            #Specify the data rate of SWD (unit: kHz), which is set to be 4,000 kHz
 here.
```

When it shows **Cortex-M4 identified**, the PC is successfully connected with the GR55xx Board through J-Link.

```
Connecting to J-Link via USB...O.K.
Firmware: J-Link OB-SAM3U128 V3 compiled Sep 21 2017 14:14:50
Hardware version: V3.00
S/N: 483060523
VTref = 3.300V


Type "connect" to establish a target connection, '?' for help
J-Link>connect
Please specify device / core. <Default>: CORTEX-M4
Type '?' for selection dialog
Device>
Please specify target interface:
  J) JTAG (Default)
  S) SWD
TIF>s
Specify target interface speed [kHz]. <Default>: 4000 kHz
Speed>
Device "CORTEX-M4" selected.


Connecting to target via SWD
Found SW-DP with ID 0x2BA01477
Scanning AP map to find all available APs
AP[1]: Stopped AP scan as end of AP map has been reached
AP[0]: AHB-AP (IDR: 0x24770011)
Iterating through AP map to find AHB-AP to use
AP[0]: Core found
AP[0]: AHB-AP ROM base: 0xE00FF000
CPUID register: 0x410FC241. Implementer code: 0x41 (ARM)
Found Cortex-M4 r0p1, Little endian.
FPUnit: 6 code (BP) slots and 2 literal slots
CoreSight components:
ROMTbl[0] @ E00FF000
ROMTbl[0][0]: E000E000, CID: B105E00D, PID: 000BB00C SCS-M7
ROMTbl[0][1]: E0001000, CID: B105E00D, PID: 003BB002 DWT
ROMTbl[0][2]: E0002000, CID: B105E00D, PID: 002BB003 FPB
ROMTbl[0][3]: E0000000, CID: B105E00D, PID: 003BB001 ITM
ROMTbl[0][4]: E0040000, CID: B105900D, PID: 000BB9A1 TPIU
Cortex-M4 identified.
J-Link>
```

Figure 2-10 Successful connection through J-Link

- **On Windows**

  When the GR55xx Board is connected to a Windows PC, open **Device Manager** to check whether J-Link is shown in the **Ports (COM & LPT)** list. J-Link is successfully connected if it is shown; if J-Link is not detected, check whether the J-Link driver is installed successfully, and reinstall the J-Link driver in the latest version.

2.5 Compiling SDK Application Example Projects

This chapter introduces the creation, application, and compilation of makefiles by taking the application example project, ble_app_hrs, as an example. The steps below are applicable for operations on both Linux PCs and Windows PCs.

📖 **Note**:

SDK_Folder is the root directory of the GR55xx SDK in use.

2.5.1 Makefile

At present, GR55xx SDK provides the makefiles for the example projects ble_app_hrs by default, to which users can refer during application tests and verifications. Makefiles for other example projects are created by using scripting tools.

The following is a reference path for the makefiles of ble_app_hrs example project:

`SDK_Folder\projects\ble\ble_peripheral\ble_app_hrs\make_gcc.`
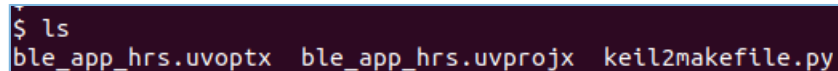
Makefiles define the compilation rules of Make, which enable the execution of GCC commands (to compile and to link) and OS commands. A makefile contains a set of directives, including properties of a compiler, sequence of file compilation, rules for compiling and linking, and dependencies between targets and between targets and source files. Executable files are generated by executing the make command.

2.5.2 Generating Makefile

By default, the application example projects in a GR55xx SDK are compiled in Keil µVision5 IDE. If users wish to compile application example projects (except ble_app_hrs) by using GCC toolchain, you can choose the scripting tool, *keil2makefile.py*, to convert Keil project files **.uvprojx* to makefiles.

Instructions for using *keil2makefile.py*:

1. By default, the tool file *keil2makefile.py* is under the directory `SDK_Folder\tools\gcc`. (Note: It is not *keil2make.py*.)

2. The *keil2makefile.py* script and the **.uvprojx* file shall be under the same directory while in use, to ensure the paths of source files and header files that makefiles refer to after file conversion are correct.

3. Copy the *keil2makefile.py* file under the Keil_5 directory of the target application project. For ble_app_hrs, copy the script to the directory: `SDK_Folder\projects\ble\ble_peripheral\ble_app_hrs\keil_5`.

Figure 2-11 Copying *keil2makefile.py* to the Keil_5 directory

4. Leave the command-line interface and enter the target path. Run the command provided as follows. The project ble_app_hrs is used as an example in this chapter.

```
python keil2makefile.py ble_app_hrs.uvprojx [-D]
```

On a Linux PC, if more than one build targets exist in the Keil source files, the scripting tools remind users to choose the target that they wish to build during conversion. In general, choose the first target (excluding test targets).

```
# python keil2makefile.py ble_app_hrs.uvprojx
>>> Transfer project : ble_app_hrs.uvprojx
>>> ALERT: ignore group gr_drivers because it's provided in sdk lib ...
>>> ALERT: ignore group gr_drivers because it's provided in sdk lib ...
>>> Find more than one compile target, Please select which one to generate makefile ?
++++++ 0 : GR5515_SK / ble_app_hrs
++++++ 1 : gr551x_auto_test / ble_app_hrs

>>> Enter the selected order : 0
>>> The goal project name : GR5515_SK / ble_app_hrs
>>> OS type: Linux
>>> Generate Makefile Successfully, located at ../make_gcc/Makefile
```

Figure 2-12 Choosing the target to be built

5. After successfully converting the files to makefiles, put the makefiles under the make_gcc directory, which is of the same level with Keil_5. Users can access the makefiles under the make_gcc directory.

On a Windows PC, users shall open the makefile and comment out `du -h $@`, as shown in the figure below.

```
$(ECHO) ===========================================
#du -h $@
$(ECHO) ===========================================
```

Figure 2-13 To comment out `du -h $@`

2.5.3 Modifying Makefile Configuration

A set of default parameters for compiling and linking are provided in "Common Configuration Area" in the newly converted makefiles. Users can modify the compilation parameters, based on the practice of a project. Modify parameters with caution, to avoid failures in compiling projects.

In addition to the makefiles, users can create custom *.c* files or *.h* files by taking the approaches provided below (applicable to both Linux and Windows).

```
PRJ_C_SRC_FILES:=   \
../../../../../toolchain/gr551x/source/interrupt_gr55xx.c  \
../../../../../toolchain/gr551x/source/system_gr55xx.c  \
../../../../../toolchain/gr551x/source/platform_gr55xx.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_exflash.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_xqspi.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_aon_gpio.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_gpio.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_pwr.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_spi.c  \
../../../../../drivers/src/gr55xx_hal_uart.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_dma.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_gpiote.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_io.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_pwr_mgmt.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_uart.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_systick.c  \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/src/app_spi.c  \
../../../../../components/libraries/utility/utility.c  \
```

Figure 2-14 To create *.c* files

```
PRJ_C_INCLUDE_PATH :=    \
../Src/platform \
../Src/user  \
../../../../../build/config \
../../../../../components/app_drivers/inc \
../../../../../components/boards  \
../../../../../components/drivers_ext/gr551x \
../../../../../components/drivers_ext/st7735 \
../../../../../components/drivers_ext/vs1005 \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_alarm \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_assert \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_error \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_key \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_log \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_queue \
../../../../../components/libraries/app_timer \
../../../../../components/libraries/at_cmd \
../../../../../components/libraries/bsp \
../../../../../components/libraries/dfu_master \
../../../../../components/libraries/dfu_port \
../../../../../components/libraries/gui \
../../../../../components/libraries/gui/gui_config \
../../../../../components/libraries/hal_flash \
```

Figure 2-15 To create .h files

2.5.4 Executing Make Compilation

1. Enter the directory path of the makefiles of the target example project. For ble_app_hrs, find the makefiles in: `S DK_Folder\projects\ble\ble_peripheral\ble_app_hrs\make_gcc`.

2. Enter the directory of makefiles with the command line of the system. Enter the `make` command to start automatic compilation.

```
make
```

When information similar to the following (details vary for different projects) is printed in the command-line interface, the compilation is successful.

```
COMMENTS USET DEFAULT APP NAME
add pad byte count=8
size of the boot information struct    =0X00000018
the address of the boot info           =0X01000000
-------------------the boot information----------------------------
boot_info.load_addr                    =0X01002000
boot_info.run_addr                     =0X01002000
bin size of the input file             =0X0003CFD0
the check_image_sum of the input file  =0X017C6133
the cmd of the input file              =0X00000000
xqspi_speed                            =0X00000000
code_copy_mode                         =0X00000000
system_clk                             =0X00000000
check image                            =0X00000000
boot delay flag                        =0X00000001
-------------------the boot information----------------------------
bin file to hex file success!
gen info ok...
gen header ok...
gen app.bin with header ok...
gen app.hex ok...
gen app+info.hex ok...
rm -rf out/info.* out/header.* out/*.tmp out/*.lds out/ble_app_hrs.bin
==========================================
du -h out/ble_app_hrs_app.bin
244K    out/ble_app_hrs_app.bin
==========================================
```

Figure 2-16 Interface for successful compilation

When the compilation is finished, *$(project_name)_app.bin* and *$(project_name)_app.hex*, as well as folders lst and obj, which store the process files of compilation, are generated under the out directory.

```
$ ls out
ble_app_hrs_app.bin  ble_app_hrs_app.hex  lst  obj
```

Figure 2-17 Files created by make command on Linux

Figure 2-18 Files created by make command on Windows

2.6 Downloading Program

Users can download programs with GProgrammer (a GUI programming tool supported both on Linux and Windows PCs) under the make_gcc directory.

To install GProgrammer on Windows, see details in GProgrammer User Manual.

To install GProgrammer on Linux, follow the steps below.

1. Extract *GProgrammer_linux_x64_version.tar.bz2*, the portable GProgrammer package, to a specified location. The extracted files are shown in the figure below.
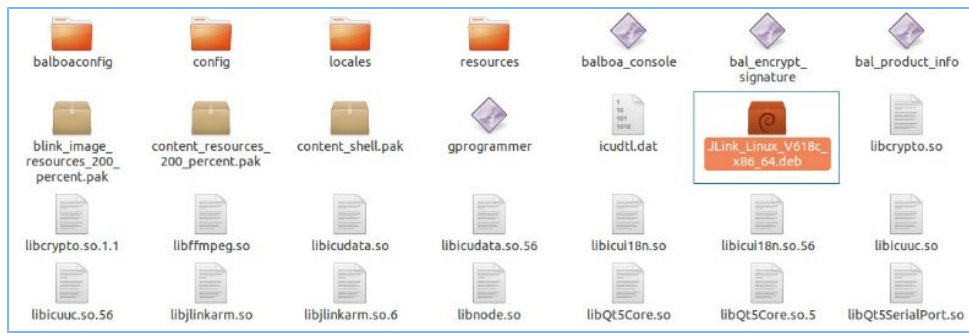
Figure 2-19 Files extracted from *GProgrammer_linux_x64_version.tar.bz2*

📖 **Note**:

version in the package name indicates the current version number of GProgrammer.

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2.   Add the directory of the extracted GProgrammer for Linux as an environment variable.

3.   If you need to install J-Link, double-click *JLink_Linux_V618c_x86_64.deb* and then start installing GProgrammer.

4.   On the Linux-based PC, use the `cd` command to enter the location for file extraction. Enter `sudo ./gprogrammer` and input the password as prompted. Then, GProgrammer is started.

So far, the cross compilation environment for GR55xx application projects on Linux/Windows is successfully set up. Users can modify, compile, download, and test the example projects of GR55xx SDK.

2.7 Building a New Application Project

Users can follow the instructions below to develop new applications with GR55xx:

1.   Users are free to build the underlying framework of application projects based on their own programming habits. Two examples of building a new underlying framework of application projects are provided below.

- Subtraction build model: Find an application project similar to the one to be dealt with under `SDK_Folder\projects`. Rename the folder with the name of the target application project and update the directory; update the Keil project files; keep the files that the project needs for reference; remove files that are not useful. Generate initial makefiles for the new application project with the scripting tool *keil2makefile.py*.

- Addition build model: Refer to the directory structure of the template application projects, and build the directory structure for the new application projects; copy the existing makefiles (such as the makefiles of the ble_app_hrs project); keep the common configurations in makefiles; invalidate the settings of the source files and the header files, and make settings based on future demands.

2.   Develop source code for new application projects based on demands. Users can add, delete, or modify source files or header files.

3.   Modify the references of source files and header files in makefiles, based on the dependencies of the new project files.

4.   Modify parameters of compiling and linking based on demands.

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5. Run the `make` command to perform cross compilation, and to generate .hex/.bin files. Users can download the .hex/.bin files to the GR55xx Board for test and verification.

3 FAQ

This chapter describes possible problems, reasons, and solutions when using GCC examples.

3.1 Why does an Error Occur When Running ble_tools.gcc?

- Description

  An error occurs when I am running ble_tools.gcc after the `make` command is executed.

- Analysis

  The user has no permission for the operation.

- Solution

  Run the `chmod +x ble_tools.gcc` command to grant the user with permission for the operation.