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Quick start

SoCLib's configuration file is used by `soclib-cc` to find your tools paths. You may override:

- SystemC implementation to use (its paths, ...)
- Compiler and compiler flags
- Where objects reside

Let's suppose we want to override SystemC's path, we can write the following `~/soclib/global.conf`:

```
config.systemc_22 = Config(
    base = config.systemc,
    dir = "/home/me/tools/systemc/2.2"
)

config.default = Config(
    base = config.default,
    systemc = config.systemc_22
)
```

Now let's suppose we would like to add another configuration where we use SystemCass. We don't want compiled objects to mix-up, so we'll set another built files repository.

```
config.systemc_cass = Config(
    base = config.systemc,
    dir = "/home/me/tools/systemc/cass",
    libs = config.systemc.libs + ["-Wl,-rpath,%(libdir)s", "-ldl", "-fopenmp"],
)

config.use_systemcass = Config(
    base = config.default,
    repos = "repos/systemcass_objs",
    systemc = config.systemc_cass
)
```

Now if we want to compile a platform with SystemCass, the only thing to is to tell it to `soclib-cc`:

```
$ soclib-cc -t use_systemcass
```

The argument after `-t` is the configuration name, attribute set to `config` in this line:

```
config.use_systemcass = Config( ....
```

The long theory

Default configuration

SoCLib's configuration file is using inheritance in order to be able to share parameters among different similar instances.

There are 3 base configurations to inherit from:

- `config.toolchain` to define a compiler suite
- `config.systemc` to define a SystemC implementation
- `config.build_env` to define a build environment. This one must reference one instance of each of the above.

There are 2 default configuration classes:

- `config.systemc`.
 - ♦ It inherits from `config.systemc`, you may inherit from either of them
 - ♦ It expects the environment variable `$SYSTEMC` to point to your actual SystemC installation directory
- `config.default`.
 - ♦ It inherits from `config.build_env`, you may inherit from either of them
 - ♦ It uses the default compiler (`gcc & g++`) and `config.systemc`

Inheriting

Inheritance is written using `base =` as follows:

```
my_new_config = Config(  
    base = parent,  
    other_var = ....  
)
```

`config` is a global object defined by configuration system. It holds current configuration status.

Variables

`soclib-cc`'s `-t arg` option will change used configuration. It will make configuration system look for `config.arg`. You should have defined it before.

What was done in quick start

```
# Defining a SystemC implementation inheriting everything  
# from default SystemC declaration  
config.systemc_22 = Config(  
    base = config.systemc,  
    dir = "/home/me/tools/systemc/2.2"  
)  
  
# Then defining a new default configuration,  
# inheriting from previous default configuration  
config.default = Config(  
    base = config.default,  
    systemc = config.systemc_22,
```

```

    )

# Now with SystemCASS

# Declare a new SystemC implementation
config.systemc_cass = Config(
    base = config.systemc,
    dir = "/home/me/tools/systemc/cass",
)

config.use_systemcass = Config(
    base = config.default,

    # This defines a new path to store compiled objects to
    # See 'fields' section below
    repos = "repos/systemcass_objs",

    # and here we tell this configuration use the SystemC implmentation
    # declared above.
    systemc = config.systemc_cass,
)

```

Fields

You may put "*%(name)s*" anywhere in strings used for expansion, this will expand to value of `name` attribute in the same class. See `systemc` definition below.

Build environment

This is the one you may specify from command line with `-t`. By default, this is `default`. It inherits directly or indirectly from `config.build_env`.

`toolchain`

A class derived from `config.toolchain`

`systemc`

A class derived from `config.systemc`

`mode`

Default mode. default: "release"

`repos`

Path where object files are stored, it may be absolute or relative to current path (where `soclib-cc` is run)

SystemC

`dir`

The directory containing SystemC installation

`os`

The current os, for expansion in following variable

`libdir`

"*%(dir)s/lib-%(os)s*"

`libs`

Link flags. default: ['-L*%(libdir)s*', '-lsystemc']

`cflags`

Cflags. default: ['-I*%(dir)s/include*']

Toolchain

`prefix`
a string prepended to all toolchain tools. (eg: "i686-pc-linux-gnu-")

`cflags`
global cflags. default: "-Wall"

`libs`
global linking arguments. default: "-lbfd"

`release_cflags`
cflags used for a "release" build, ie everyday build. default: "-O2"

`release_libs`
linking arguments for a "release" build. default: none

`debug_cflags`
cflags used for a "debug" build, ie when there is a bug to nail down. default: "-ggdb"

`debug_libs`
linking arguments for a "debug" build. default: none

`prof_cflags`
cflags used for a "profiling" build, ie performance test build. default: "-pg"

`prof_libs`
linking arguments for a "profiling" build. default: "-pg"

`max_processes`
Maximum simultaneous compilation processes run (same as -j command-line flag)

`max_name_length`
Maximum file name length for the file system `repos` is located in. If object file has a longer name, it is hashed to get a shorter one, around 16 chars.

- Cflags used for compilation will be `cflags + mode_cflags`
- Libs used for compilation will be `libs + mode_libs`
- *mode* is selected in current build environment, or on command line (flag -m)

Adding other component libraries to soclib-cc search path

Soclib-cc searches metadata files in soclib's module directories. This default behavior can be tweaked to add other paths on search list. Simply call `addDescPath` in any of your configuration files:

```
config.addDescPath("/path/to/my/components")
```

This method may be called more than once to add more directories.