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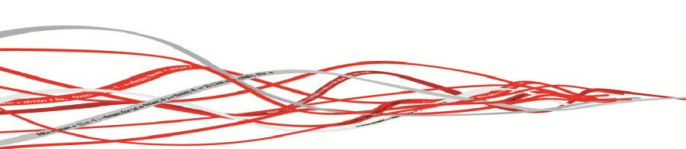
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1 Introduction

Version 5.0 release of PRLGCC is a full release.

This document provides information on the major feature additions as well as all feature fixes made in this release.



2 PRLGCC Changes Overview

2.1 Functional Changes in PRLGCC 5.0

2.1.1 Improved support for GCC variants

The GNU collection is often used as a backend code generate for 3rd party clients. These front ends will often provide additional defines and flags to the compiler to ensure that the code compiles correctly.

However, PRLGCC depends on specific command line options being supported by the tool and producing the output necessary to create a working personality or CCT. This version of PRLGCC changes how the compiler is queried with the core options being specified as part of the `-Wp` option, ie. passed to the preprocessor.

Three passes are then performed:

1. The command line as specified to PRLGCC is invoked and the includes and defines gathered.
2. Using the gathered includes and defines, the command line is then scanned to find and remove explicit `-I`, `-D` and `-include` options.
3. A final pass calls the top level tool with `-v` in an attempt to determine the Target compiler.

The resulting configuration will include only the options implicitly defined by the compiler, excluding those explicitly specified on the command line.

2.1.2 Change to Version Detecting Algorithm

Official releases of GNU GCC define a macro `__GLIBCXX__` with an ISO datestamp that, in most cases can be mapped to the version of library being used.

The list of versions and official releases can be found here:

<https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/libstdc++/manual/abi.html#abi.versioning>

The structure of the stubbed headers has been modified to make use of the `__GLIBCXX__` macro.

The main benefit of this approach being that the path through the headers is independent of the version reported by the compiler. This will reduce the effort required to work with 3rd party compilers that use the standard library headers provided by GNU GCC.

One consequence of this change is that by default, future C++ standard library versions

will not be supported until an entry is added for them in the following location:

```
.../config/cct/DATA/GNU_GCC-g++/Stub/gcc/bits/qacpp_glibcxx.h
```

Note: Some distributions ship a modified version of the C++ standard library with a changed datestamp. These can be handled by adding an entry for the version, see the `qacpp_glibcxx.h` header file for more information.

2.1.3 Additional Support

In addition to the listed tickets support has been added for the following versions:

- 4.8.5
- 4.9.4

3 PRLGCC Ticket Summary

3.1 Ticket Summary for PRLGCC 5.0

The following table summarizes the tickets that were closed in PRLGCC 5.0.

Tickets are categorized into 3 types:

- E** – Enhancement to an existing feature.
- F** – A fix of a bug or problem feature.
- N** – New functionality has been introduced.

Table 3.1: Ticket Summary for PRLGCC 5.0

Ticket	Type	Description
21938	E	The <code>__UNSIGNED_CHAR__</code> macro, if defined will be used to set the value of the <code>-u</code> macro in QA·C.
22549	E	Replace <code>__int128</code> with long long.
22871	F	Improved support for MinGW.
24471	E	Use <code>-Wp</code> to pass options through to the preprocessor allowing PRLGCC to be used with a wider set of GNU GCC variant compilers.
24672	E	Return constant expression from <code>__builtin?</code> functions to avoid errors parsing 'ratio'
24673	E	Work around incorrect lookup of swap in <code>priority_queue</code> in <code>noexcept</code> used in declaration