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Board Support Packages

5.1 Introduction

An **RTEMS** Board Support Package (BSP) must be designed to support a particular processor and target board combination. This chapter presents a discussion of MC68020 specific BSP issues. For more information on developing a BSP, refer to the chapter titled **Board Support Packages** in the **RTEMS C Applications User's Guide**.

5.2 System Reset

An **RTEMS** based application is initiated or re-initiated when the MC68020 processor is reset. When the MC68020 is reset, the processor performs the following actions:

- *The tracing bits of the status register are cleared to disable tracing.*
- *The supervisor interrupt state is entered by setting the supervisor (**S**) bit and clearing the master/interrupt (**M**) bit of the status register.*
- *The interrupt mask of the status register is set to level 7 to effectively disable all maskable interrupts.*
- *The vector base register (**VBR**) is set to zero.*
- *The cache control register (**CACR**) is set to zero to disable and freeze the processor cache.*

- *The interrupt stack pointer (**ISP**) is set to the value stored at vector 0 (bytes 0-3) of the exception vector table (**EVT**).*
- *The program counter (**PC**) is set to the value stored at vector 1 (bytes 4-7) of the **EVT**.*
- *The processor begins execution at the address stored in the **PC**.*

5.3 Processor Initialization

The address of the application's initialization code should be stored in the first vector of the EVT which will allow the immediate vectoring to the application code. If the application requires that the **VBR** be some value besides zero, then it should be set to the required value at this point. All tasks share the same MC68020's **VBR** value. Because interrupts are enabled automatically by **RTEMS** as part of the **initialize_executive** directive, the **VBR MUST** be set before this directive is invoked to insure correct interrupt vectoring. If processor caching is to be utilized, then it should be enabled during the reset application initialization code.

In addition to the requirements described in the **Board Support Packages** chapter of the **C Applications User's Manual** for the reset code which is executed before the call to **initialize_executive**, the MC68020 version has the following specific requirements:

- *Must leave the **S** bit of the status register set so that the MC68020 remains in the supervisor state.*
- *Must set the **M** bit of the status register to remove the MC68020 from the interrupt state.*
- *Must set the master stack pointer (**MSP**) such that a minimum stack size of **MINIMUM_STACK_SIZE** bytes is provided for the **initialize_executive** directive.*
- *Must initialize the MC68020's vector table.*

Note that the BSP is not responsible for allocating or installing the interrupt stack. **RTEMS** does this automatically as part of intialization. If the BSP does not install an interrupt stack and -- for whatever reason -- an interrupt occurs before **initialize_executive** is invoked, then the results are unpredictable.