

Lost and Found



Oh memset, where did you go???

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Why are we here?

Builtins and intrinsics are terribly fascinating and frequently misunderstood

Builtins as a vehicle of attack

Builtins as a starting point of defense

Builtins & Ininsics

From the docs:

- GCC provides a large number of **built-in** functions, for internal use, and for **optimization purposes of standard C library** functions
 - `__builtin_puts`, `__builtin_alloca`, `__builtin_memcpy`, etc. etc. etc.
- GCC **intrinsic**s are built-in functions that help the developer use domain specific operations, and help the compiler **leverage machine specific functionality**
 - Vector operations, signal processing, interrupt handling, etc. etc. etc.
- Compiler can replace builtins with **custom implementation** if provided

GCC and GCC Builtins

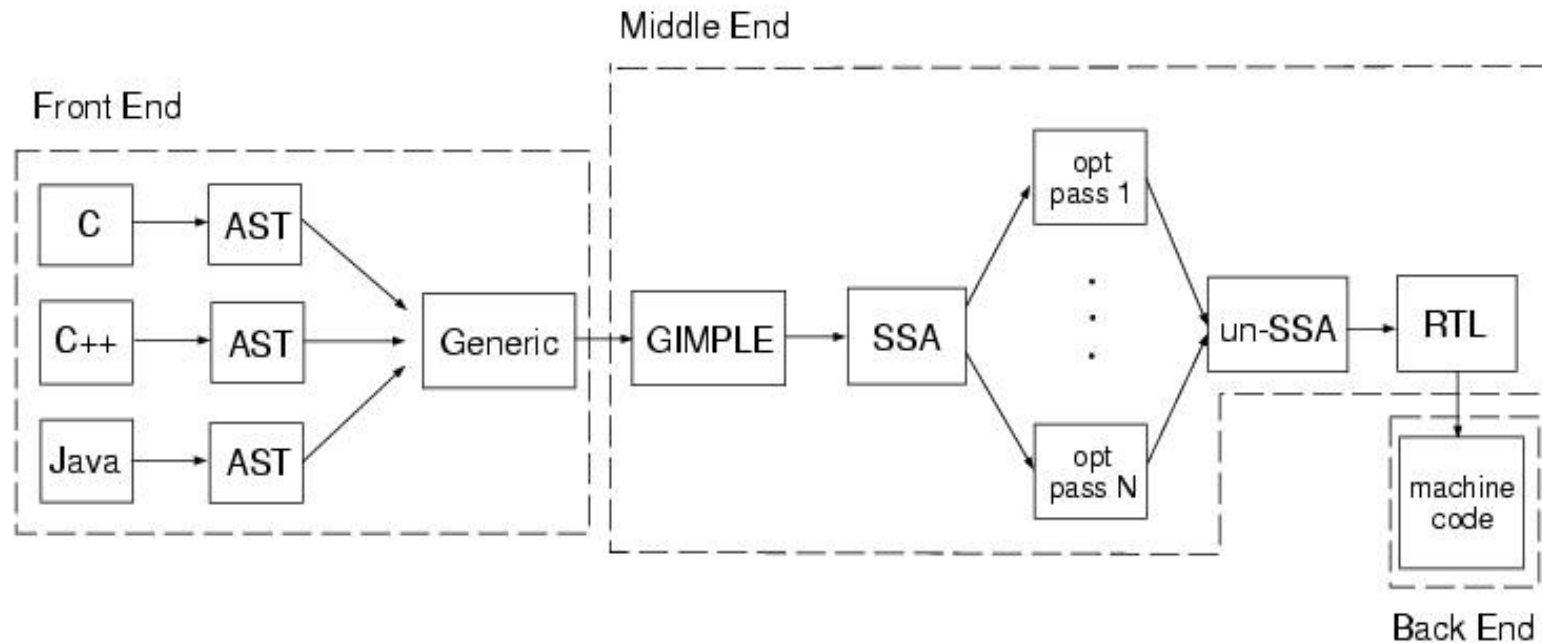
Compiler provides its own implementation of a library function

Tailored to use case and target platform

Mostly used throughout compilation process, not by developers

Optimizing on a case by case basis, eg.:

- printf replacement
- memcpy inlining
- strlen removal
- sizeof removal




```
692 DEF_C99_COMPL_BUILTIN      (BUILT_IN_CTANHF, "ctanhf", BT_FN_COMPLEX_FLOAT_COMPLEX_FLOAT, ATTR_MATHFN_FROUNDING)
693 DEF_C99_COMPL_BUILTIN      (BUILT_IN_CTANHL, "ctanhl", BT_FN_COMPLEX_LONGDOUBLE_COMPLEX_LONGDOUBLE, ATTR_MATHFN_FROUNDING)
694 DEF_C99_COMPL_BUILTIN      (BUILT_IN_CTANL, "ctanl", BT_FN_COMPLEX_LONGDOUBLE_COMPLEX_LONGDOUBLE, ATTR_MATHFN_FROUNDING)
```



A vast choice of functions the compiler "understands"

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696 /* Category: string/memory builtins. */
697 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_BCMP, "bcmp", BT_FN_INT_CONST_PTR_CONST_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
698 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_BCOPY, "bcopy", BT_FN_VOID_CONST_PTR_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
699 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_BZERO, "bzero", BT_FN_VOID_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
700 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_INDEX, "index", BT_FN_STRING_CONST_STRING_INT, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
701 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_MEMCHR, "memchr", BT_FN_PTR_CONST_PTR_INT_SIZE, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
702 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_MEMCMP, "memcmp", BT_FN_INT_CONST_PTR_CONST_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
703 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_MEMCPY, "memcpy", BT_FN_PTR_PTR_CONST_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_RET1_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
704 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_MEMMOVE, "memmove", BT_FN_PTR_PTR_CONST_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_RET1_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
705 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_MEMPCPY, "mempcpy", BT_FN_PTR_PTR_CONST_PTR_SIZE, ATTR_RETNONNULL_NOTHROW_LEAF)
706 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_MEMSET, "memset", BT_FN_PTR_PTR_INT_SIZE, ATTR_RET1_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
707 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_RINDEX, "rindex", BT_FN_STRING_CONST_STRING_INT, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
708 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_STPCPY, "stpcpy", BT_FN_STRING_STRING_CONST_STRING, ATTR_RETNONNULL_NOTHROW_LEAF)
709 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_STPNCPY, "stpncpy", BT_FN_STRING_STRING_CONST_STRING_SIZE, ATTR_RETNONNULL_NOTHROW_LEAF)
710 DEF_EXT_LIB_BUILTIN        (BUILT_IN_STRCASECMP, "strcasecmp", BT_FN_INT_CONST_STRING_CONST_STRING, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
711 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_STRCAT, "strcat", BT_FN_STRING_STRING_CONST_STRING, ATTR_RET1_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
712 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_STRCHR, "strchr", BT_FN_STRING_CONST_STRING_INT, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
713 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_STRCMP, "strcmp", BT_FN_INT_CONST_STRING_CONST_STRING, ATTR_PURE_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
714 DEF_LIB_BUILTIN            (BUILT_IN_STRCPY, "strcpy", BT_FN_STRING_STRING_CONST_STRING, ATTR_RET1_NOTHROW_NONNULL_LEAF)
```


Builtin-spotting Opportunities

- PaX' STACKLEAK
(<https://pax.grsecurity.net/docs/PaXTeam-H2HC13-PaX-gcc-plugins.pdf>,
https://code.woboq.org/linux/linux/scripts/gcc-plugins/stackleak_plugin.c.html,
<https://a13xp0p0v.github.io/2018/11/04/stackleak.html>)
- Kostya Serebryany's AddressSanitizer
(<https://github.com/google/sanitizers/wiki/AddressSanitizer>,
<https://code.woboq.org/gcc/gcc/asan.c.html>)

What can an attacker do alongside the compiler's own mechanisms?

Why are we curious about tracking builtins?

```

warn_unused_result
*diagnose_omp_blocks
*diagnose_tm_blocks
tree-omplower
tree-lower
tree-tmlower
tree-ehopt
tree-eh
tree-cfg
*warn_function_return
tree-ompexp
tree-printf-return-value1
tree-wallocal
*build_cgraph_edges
*free_lang_data
ipa-visibility
ipa-chkp_versioning
ipa-chkp_ecleanup
ipa-build_ssa_passes
  tree-fixup_cfg1
  tree-ssa
  *nonnullcmp
  tree-ubsan
  *early_warn_uninitialized
  tree-nothrow
  *rebuild_cgraph_edges
ipa-chkp_passes
  tree-fixup_cfg2
  tree-chkp
  *rebuild_cgraph_edges
ipa-opt_local_passes
  tree-fixup_cfg3
  *rebuild_cgraph_edges
  tree-local-fnsummary1
  tree-inline
  tree-early_optimizations
  *remove_cgraph_callee_edges
  tree-objsz1
  tree-ccp1
  tree-forwprop1
  tree-ethread
  tree-esra
  tree-ealias
  tree-frel
  tree-evrp
  tree-mergephi1
  tree-dsel
  tree-oddcel
  tree-eipa_sra
  tree-tailr1
  tree-switchconv
  tree-ehcleanup1
  tree-profile_estimate
  tree-local-pure-const1
  tree-fnsplit
  *strip_predict_hints
  tree-release_ssa
  *rebuild_cgraph_edges
  tree-local-fnsummary2
ipa-ipa_oacc
  ipa-ptal
  ipa-ipa_oacc_kernels
  tree-oacc_kernels
  tree-ch1
  tree-fre2
  tree-lim1
  tree-dom1
  tree-dcel

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tree-reeassoc1
tree-ompexpssa1
  *rebuild_cgraph_edges
ipa-targetclone
ipa-chkp_cleanup
ipa-afdo
ipa-profile
  tree-feedback_fnsplit
ipa-free-fnsummary1
ipa-increase_alignment
ipa-tmipa
ipa-emitls
ipa-whole-program
ipa-profile_estimate
ipa-icf
ipa-devirt
ipa-cp
ipa-ctor
ipa-hsa
ipa-fnsummary
ipa-inline
ipa-pure-const
ipa-free-fnsummary2
ipa-static-var
ipa-single-use
ipa-comdats
ipa-materialize-all-clones
ipa-pta2
ipa-simdclone
tree-fixup_cfg4
tree-ehdisp
tree-oaccdevlow
tree-ompdevlow
tree-omptargetlink
tree-optimizations
  *remove_cgraph_callee_edges
  *strip_predict_hints
  tree-objsz1
  tree-ccp2
  tree-post_ipa_warn1
  tree-cunroll1
  tree-backprop
  tree-phirop
  tree-forwprop2
  tree-objsz2
  tree-alias
  tree-retslot
  tree-fre3
  tree-mergephi2
  tree-thread1
  tree-vrpl
  tree-chkpopt
  tree-dce2
  tree-stdarg
  tree-odce
  tree-cselim
  tree-copyprop1
  tree-ifcombine
  tree-mergephi3
  tree-phiopt1
  tree-tailr2
  tree-ch2
  tree-cplxlower1
  tree-sra
  tree-thread2
  tree-dom2
  tree-isolate-paths
  tree-phirop1
  tree-dcel

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tree-dce3
tree-forwprop3
tree-phiopt2
tree-ccp3
tree-sincos
tree-bswap
tree-laddress
tree-lim2
tree-wallocal2
tree-pre
tree-sink
tree-sancov1
tree-asan1
tree-tsan1
tree-dce4
tree-fix_loops
tree-loop
  tree-loopinit
  tree-unswitch
  tree-sccp
  tree-lsplit
  tree-unrolljam
  tree-oddce2
  tree-ivcanon
  tree-ldist
  tree-linterchange
  tree-copyprop2
  tree-graphite0
  tree-graphite
  tree-lim3
  tree-copyprop3
  tree-dce5
  tree-parloops2
  tree-ompexpssa2
  tree-ch_vect
  tree-ifcvt
  tree-vecf
  tree-dce6
  tree-pcom
  tree-cunroll
  tree-slp1
  tree-afprefetch
  tree-ivopts
  tree-lim4
  tree-loopdone
tree-no_loop
  tree-slp2
tree-simduid1
tree-veclower21
tree-recv
tree-printf-return-value2
tree-reassoc2
tree-slsr
tree-split-paths
tree-copyprop1
tree-thread3
tree-dom3
tree-strlen
tree-thread4
tree-vrp2
tree-wrestrict
tree-phirop2
tree-dse3
tree-oddce3
tree-forwprop4
tree-phiopt3
tree-fabl

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tree-widening_mul
tree-store-merging
tree-tailc
tree-dce7
tree-critcd1
tree-uninit1
tree-uncprop1
tree-local-pure-const2
*all_optimizations_g
  *remove_cgraph_callee_edges
  *strip_predict_hints
  tree-cplxlower2
  tree-veclower22
  tree-ccp4
  tree-post_ipa_warn2
  tree-objsz3
  tree-fab2
  tree-printf-return-value3
  tree-copyprop4
  tree-dce8
  tree-sancov2
  tree-asan2
  tree-tsan2
  tree-critcd2
  tree-uninit2
  tree-uncprop2
  tree-local-pure-const3
*tminit
  tree-tmark
  tree-tmmemopt
  tree-tmedge
tree-simduid2
tree-vtable-verify
tree-lower_vaarg
tree-veclower
tree-cplxlower0
tree-sancov_00
tree-switchlower
tree-asan0
tree-tsan0
tree-sanopt
tree-ehcleanup2
tree-resx
tree-nrv
tree-optimized
*warn_function_noreturn
tree-hsagen
rtl-expand
*rest_of_compilation
  rtl-vregs
  rtl-into_cfglayout
  rtl-jump
  rtl-subreg1
  rtl-dfinit
  rtl-csel
  rtl-fwprop1
  rtl-cprop1
  rtl-rtl_pre
  rtl-hoist
  rtl-cprop2
  rtl-store_motion
  rtl-cse_local
  rtl-cel
  rtl-reginfo
  rtl-loop2
    rtl-loop2_init
    rtl-loop2_invariant
    rtl-loop2_unroll

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rtl-loop2_doloop
rtl-loop2_done
rtl-web
rtl-cprop3
rtl-stvl
rtl-cse2
rtl-dsel
rtl-fwprop2
rtl-auto_inc_dec
rtl-init_regs
rtl-ud_dce
rtl-combine
rtl-stv2
rtl-ce2
rtl-bbpart
rtl-outof_cfglayout
rtl-split1
rtl-subreg2
rtl-no-opt_dfinit
*stack_ptr_mod
rtl-mode_sw
rtl-asmcons
rtl-sms
rtl-lr_shrinkage
rtl-sched1
rtl-early_remat
rtl-ira
rtl-reload
rtl-vzeroupper
*all-postreload
  rtl-postreload
  rtl-gcse2
  rtl-split2
  rtl-ree
  rtl-cmpelim
  rtl-bt11
  rtl-pro_and_epilogue
  rtl-dse2
  rtl-csa
  rtl-jump2
  rtl-compgotos
  rtl-sched_fusion
  rtl-peephole2
  rtl-ce3
  rtl-rnreg
  rtl-cprop_hardreg
  rtl-rtl_dce
  rtl-bbro
  rtl-bt12
  *leaf_regs
  rtl-split4
  rtl-sched2
  *stack_regs
    rtl-split3
    rtl-stack
*all-late_compilation
  rtl-alignments
  rtl-vartrack
  *free_cfg
  rtl-mach
  rtl-barriers
  rtl-dbr
  rtl-split5
  rtl-eh_ranges
  rtl-cet
  rtl-shorten
  rtl-nothrow
  rtl-dwarf2
  rtl-final
  rtl-dfinish
*clean_state

```

All the Passes

sqlite3.c.000i.cgraph	sqlite3.c.073i.icf	sqlite3.c.124t.reassoc1	sqlite3.c.182t.strlen	sqlite3.c.264r.ud_dce
sqlite3.c.000i.ipa-clones	sqlite3.c.074i.devirt	sqlite3.c.125t.dce3	sqlite3.c.183t.thread4	sqlite3.c.265r.combine
sqlite3.c.000i.type-inheritance	sqlite3.c.075i.cp	sqlite3.c.126t.forwprop3	sqlite3.c.184t.vrp2	sqlite3.c.267r.ce2
sqlite3.c.003t.original	sqlite3.c.078i.fnsummary	sqlite3.c.127t.phiopt2	sqlite3.c.186t.phicprop2	sqlite3.c.268r.bbpart
sqlite3.c.004t.gimple	sqlite3.c.079i.inline	sqlite3.c.128t.ccp3	sqlite3.c.187t.dse3	sqlite3.c.269r.outof_cfglayout
sqlite3.c.006t.omplower	sqlite3.c.080i.pure-const	sqlite3.c.129t.sincos	sqlite3.c.188t.cddce3	sqlite3.c.270r.split1
sqlite3.c.007t.lower	sqlite3.c.081i.free-fnsummary2	sqlite3.c.130t.bswap	sqlite3.c.189t.forwprop4	sqlite3.c.271r.subreg2
sqlite3.c.010t.eh	sqlite3.c.082i.static-var	sqlite3.c.131t.laddress	sqlite3.c.190t.phiopt3	sqlite3.c.273r.mode_sw
sqlite3.c.011t.cfg	sqlite3.c.083i.single-use	sqlite3.c.132t.lim2	sqlite3.c.191t.fabl	sqlite3.c.274r.asmcons
sqlite3.c.012t.ompexp	sqlite3.c.084i.comdat	sqlite3.c.134t.pre	sqlite3.c.192t.widening_mul	sqlite3.c.279r.ira
sqlite3.c.015i.visibility	sqlite3.c.085i.materialize-all-clones	sqlite3.c.135t.sink	sqlite3.c.193t.store-merging	sqlite3.c.280r.reload
sqlite3.c.018i.build_ssa_passes	sqlite3.c.087i.simdclone	sqlite3.c.139t.dce4	sqlite3.c.194t.tailc	sqlite3.c.282r.postreload
sqlite3.c.019t.fixup_cfg1	sqlite3.c.088t.fixup_cfg4	sqlite3.c.140t.fix_loops	sqlite3.c.195t.dce7	sqlite3.c.283r.gcse2
sqlite3.c.020t.ssa	sqlite3.c.091t.ompdevlow	sqlite3.c.141t.loop	sqlite3.c.196t.critcd1	sqlite3.c.284r.split2
sqlite3.c.022t.nothrow	sqlite3.c.093t.ccp2	sqlite3.c.142t.loopinit	sqlite3.c.198t.uncprop1	sqlite3.c.285r.ree
sqlite3.c.026i.opt_local_passes	sqlite3.c.095t.cunrolli	sqlite3.c.143t.unswitch	sqlite3.c.199t.local-pure-const2	sqlite3.c.286r.cmpelim
sqlite3.c.027t.fixup_cfg3	sqlite3.c.096t.backprop	sqlite3.c.144t.sccp	sqlite3.c.225t.switchlower	sqlite3.c.288r.pro_and_epilogue
sqlite3.c.028t.local-fnsummary1	sqlite3.c.097t.phiprop	sqlite3.c.145t.lsplit	sqlite3.c.231t.nrv	sqlite3.c.289r.dse2
sqlite3.c.029t.einline	sqlite3.c.098t.forwprop2	sqlite3.c.146t.unrolljam	sqlite3.c.232t.optimized	sqlite3.c.290r.csa
sqlite3.c.030t.early_optimizations	sqlite3.c.099t.objsz2	sqlite3.c.147t.cddce2	sqlite3.c.234r.expand	sqlite3.c.291r.jump2
sqlite3.c.031t.objsz1	sqlite3.c.100t.alias	sqlite3.c.148t.ivcanon	sqlite3.c.235r.vregs	sqlite3.c.292r.compgotos
sqlite3.c.032t.ccp1	sqlite3.c.101t.retslot	sqlite3.c.149t.ldist	sqlite3.c.236r.into_cfglayout	sqlite3.c.294r.peephole2
sqlite3.c.033t.forwprop1	sqlite3.c.102t.fre3	sqlite3.c.150t.linterchange	sqlite3.c.237r.jump	sqlite3.c.295r.ce3
sqlite3.c.034t.ethread	sqlite3.c.103t.mergephi2	sqlite3.c.151t.copypop2	sqlite3.c.238r.subreg1	sqlite3.c.297r.cprop_hardreg
sqlite3.c.035t.esra	sqlite3.c.104t.thread1	sqlite3.c.159t.ch_vect	sqlite3.c.239r.dfinit	sqlite3.c.298r.rtl_dce
sqlite3.c.036t.ealias	sqlite3.c.105t.vrp1	sqlite3.c.160t.ifcvt	sqlite3.c.240r.csel	sqlite3.c.299r.bbpro
sqlite3.c.037t.fre1	sqlite3.c.107t.dce2	sqlite3.c.161t.vect	sqlite3.c.241r.fwprop1	sqlite3.c.301r.split4
sqlite3.c.038t.evrp	sqlite3.c.108t.stdarg	sqlite3.c.162t.dce6	sqlite3.c.242r.cprop1	sqlite3.c.302r.sched2
sqlite3.c.039t.mergephi1	sqlite3.c.109t.cdce	sqlite3.c.163t.pcom	sqlite3.c.243r.pre	sqlite3.c.304r.stack
sqlite3.c.040t.dsel	sqlite3.c.110t.cselim	sqlite3.c.164t.cunroll	sqlite3.c.245r.cprop2	sqlite3.c.305r.alignments
sqlite3.c.041t.cddcel	sqlite3.c.111t.copypop1	sqlite3.c.165t.slp1	sqlite3.c.247r.cse_local	sqlite3.c.306r.vartrack
sqlite3.c.042t.eipa_sra	sqlite3.c.112t.ifcombine	sqlite3.c.167t.ivopts	sqlite3.c.248r.cel	sqlite3.c.307r.mach
sqlite3.c.043t.tailr1	sqlite3.c.113t.mergephi3	sqlite3.c.168t.lim4	sqlite3.c.249r.reginfo	sqlite3.c.308r.barriers
sqlite3.c.044t.switchconv	sqlite3.c.114t.phiopt1	sqlite3.c.169t.loophone	sqlite3.c.250r.loop2	sqlite3.c.313r.shorten
sqlite3.c.046t.profile_estimate	sqlite3.c.115t.tailr2	sqlite3.c.170t.no_loop	sqlite3.c.251r.loop2_init	sqlite3.c.314r.nothrow
sqlite3.c.047t.local-pure-const1	sqlite3.c.116t.ch2	sqlite3.c.171t.slp2	sqlite3.c.252r.loop2_invariant	sqlite3.c.315r.dwarf2
sqlite3.c.048t.fnsplit	sqlite3.c.117t.cplxlower1	sqlite3.c.173t.veclower21	sqlite3.c.255r.loop2_done	sqlite3.c.316r.final
sqlite3.c.049t.release_ssa	sqlite3.c.118t.sra	sqlite3.c.175t.printf-return-value2	sqlite3.c.257r.cprop3	sqlite3.c.317r.dfinish
sqlite3.c.050t.local-fnsummary2	sqlite3.c.119t.thread2	sqlite3.c.176t.reassoc2	sqlite3.c.258r.stvl	sqlite3.c.318t.statistics
sqlite3.c.062i.targetclone	sqlite3.c.120t.dom2	sqlite3.c.177t.slsr	sqlite3.c.259r.cse2	
sqlite3.c.067i.free-fnsummary1	sqlite3.c.121t.isolate-paths	sqlite3.c.178t.cgraph	sqlite3.c.260r.cse	
sqlite3.c.071i.whole-program	sqlite3.c.122t.phicprop1	sqlite3.c.180t.reld3	sqlite3.c.261r.forwprop	
sqlite3.c.072i.profile_estimate	sqlite3.c.123t.dse2	sqlite3.c.181t.dom3	sqlite3.c.263r.init-regs	

Compiler debug files

Relevant Concepts



1000-foot view: GIMPLE, SSA & RTL, optimization levels

10-foot view: Alice's Wonderland

998-foot view on compiler optimization

Level	CFLAG	Description
0	-O0	No optimizations enabled.
1	-O1	Optimizations are enabled that reduce code and execution time, but don't significantly increase compilation time.
2	-O2	All optimizations are enabled that reduce code and execution time, excluding those that involve a tradeoff between code size and speed.
3	-O3	Enables all optimizations at Level 2, plus those that can drastically increase code size and those that may not always improve performance.
s	-Os	Optimizes for size. Similar to Level 2, except without optimizations that could increase code size, plus additional optimizations to reduce code size.
fast	-Ofast	Optimization Level 3, plus additional optimizations that may violate the language standards.
g	-Og	Enables any optimizations that do not interfere with the debugger or significantly increase the compilation time.

```
$ gcc -Q -O2 --help=optimizers
```

shows optimizations enabled
for e.g. O2

GCC recognizes O0, O1, O2, O3,
Os, Ofast and Og

In detail, the number of possible
optimizations is YUGE

GIMPLE – SIMPLE for GCC

The three address code representation

Target- and language independent optimization

```
# Calculate one solution to the [[quadratic equation]].  
x = (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c)) / (2*a)
```

```
t1 := b * b  
t2 := 4 * a  
t3 := t2 * c  
t4 := t1 - t3  
t5 := sqrt(t4)  
t6 := 0 - b  
t7 := t5 + t6  
t8 := 2 * a  
t9 := t7 / t8  
x := t9
```

RTL – Register Transfer Language

RTL passes “implement” the machine definition

Machine definition reflects the processor ABI

Algebraic description of target instructions

Target dependent optimization, register allocation, machine code generation

```
(insn 26 25 27 2 (set (mem/c:TI (reg:DI 97) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+0 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x20612073692073696874206f6c6c6548)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
(nil))
```

```

#include<stdio.h>
#include<string.h>

void main(void) {
    char name[30];
    char buf1[300], buf2[300], buf3[2000];
    char* longstring = "Hello this is a longer string to test w
    char* moarr = "adgweubssssskaserjefbggggggggddddddddddd
        "halweufhadrcfghvbfzvlhubnednfkzjesbf,hbdcv,hawevf,
        "aeknflalssodfingnlsufgnlarbngkjadfnvkjlaengilarrfi
        "asrlgjnzndlfnlejrkbglkzjdfbcfvkljabjerklgkbzdfkjb
        "aweednvafjgnagnkaejkjngkjaerngakej;kngak;ngkja;nb;l

    int i, superlargesize = 5000;
    char superlarge[superlargesize];
    char otherlarge[superlargesize];

    memset(buf1, 0, 300);
    memset(buf2, 0, 300);

    // memcpy 1 -- 300 empty
    memcpy(buf1, buf2, 300);

    // memcpy 2 -- 13 Hello world
    memset(name, 0, 30);
    memcpy(name, "hello world!", 13);
    printf("%s\n", name);

    // memcpy 3 -- 78 long string
    memcpy(buf2, longstring, strlen(longstring));
    printf("%s\n", buf2);

    // memcpy 4 -- 600 longer string
    memcpy(buf3, moarr, strlen(moarr));
    printf("%s\n", buf3);

    // memcpy 5 -- 5000 super long string, repeating char
    for (i=0; i<superlargesize; i++) {
        superlarge[i]='x';
    }
    printf("%s\n", superlarge);

    memcpy(otherlarge, superlarge, strlen(superlarge));
    printf("%s\n", otherlarge);
}

```

hellocompiler.c

5 memcpy calls
 300 byte empty buffer
 13 byte hello world!
 78 byte random string
 600 byte random string
 5000 byte random string

Don't forget the printf's to create dependencies!

Note: ignoring anything but "memcpy", "memset", etc.

tree-gimple

```
main ()
{
  char name[30];
  char buf1[300];
  char buf2[300];
  char buf3[2000];
  char * longstring;
  char * moarr;

  try
  {
    longstring = "Hello this is a longer string to test whether we ca
    moarr = "adgweubkaserjefbggggggggddddddddddddddkkkkkkkkkkkkkkkk
    memset (&buf1, 0, 300);
    memset (&buf2, 0, 300);
    MEM[(char * {ref-all})&buf1] = MEM[(char * {ref-all})&buf2];
    memset (&name, 0, 30);
    memcpy (&name, "hello world!", 13);
    __builtin_puts (&name);
    _1 = strlen (longstring);
    memcpy (&buf2, longstring, _1);
    __builtin_puts (&buf2);
    _2 = strlen (moarr);
    memcpy (&buf3, moarr, _2);
    __builtin_puts (&buf3);
  }
  finally
  {
    name = {CLOBBER};
    buf1 = {CLOBBER};
    buf2 = {CLOBBER};
    buf3 = {CLOBBER};
  }
}
```

tree-optimized

```
;; Function main (main, funcdef_no=11, decl_uid=2575,
cgraph_uid=11, symbol_order=11) (executed once)
```

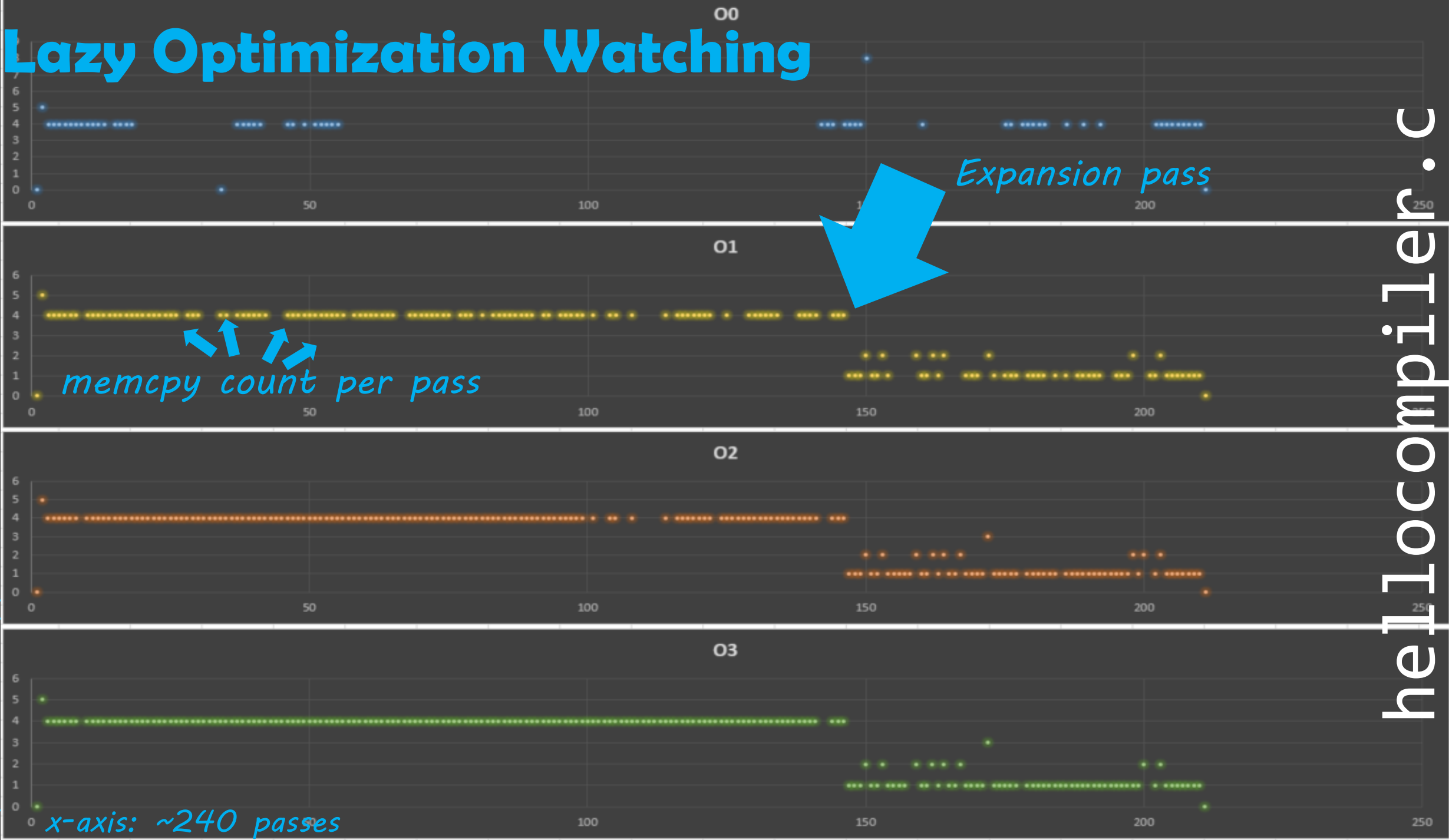
```
main ()
{
  char buf3[2000];
  char buf2[300];
  char name[30];

  <bb 2> [local count: 1073741825]:
  memset (&buf2, 0, 300);
  memset (&MEM[(void *)&name + 12B], 0, 18);
  memcpy (&name, "hello world!", 13);
  __builtin_puts (&name);
  memcpy (&buf2, "Hello this is a longer string to test whethe
  __builtin_puts (&buf2);
  memcpy (&buf3, "adgweubkaserjefbggggggggddddddddddddddkkkk
  __builtin_puts (&buf3);
  name ={v} {CLOBBER};
  buf2 ={v} {CLOBBER};
  buf3 ={v} {CLOBBER};
  return;
}
```

rtl-expand

```
(insn 26 25 27 2 (set (mem/c:TI (reg:DI 97) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+0 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x20612073692073696874206f6c6c6548)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 27 26 28 2 (set (mem/c:TI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 16 [0x10])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+16 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x6f7420676e69727473207265676e6f6c)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 28 27 29 2 (set (mem/c:TI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 32 [0x20])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+32 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x65772072656874656877207473657420)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 29 28 30 2 (set (mem/c:TI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 48 [0x30])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+48 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x726563696e206120656573206e616320)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 30 29 31 2 (set (mem/c:TI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 64 [0x40])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+64 S16 A128])
  (const_wide_int 0x697562207920702063206d2065206d20)) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 31 30 32 2 (set (mem/c:SI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 80 [0x50])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+80 S4 A128])
  (const_int 1852404844 [0x6e69746c])) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 32 31 33 2 (set (mem/c:HI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 84 [0x54])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+84 S2 A32])
  (const_int 8481 [0x2121])) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 33 32 34 2 (set (mem/c:QI (plus:DI (reg:DI 97)
  (const_int 86 [0x56])) [0 MEM[(void *)&buf2]+86 S1 A16])
  (const_int 10 [0xa])) "hellocompiler.c":23 -1
  (nil))
(insn 34 33 35 2 (parallel [
  (set (reg:DI 98)
    (plus:DI (reg/f:DI 82 virtual-stack-vars)
      (const_int -2304 [0xffffffffffff700])))
  (clobber (reg:CC 17 flags))
]) "hellocompiler.c":24 -1
  (nil))
(insn 35 34 36 2 (set (reg:DI 5 di)
  (reg:DI 98)) "hellocompiler.c":24 -1
  (nil))
(call_insn 36 35 37 2 (set (reg:SI 0 ax)
  (call (mem:QI (symbol_ref:DI ("puts") [flags 0x41] <function_decl 0x7fb1fd6cdf00 __builtin_puts>) [0 __builtin_puts S1 A8])
    (const_int 0 [0]))) "hellocompiler.c":24 -1
  (expr_list:REG_CALL_DECL (symbol_ref:DI ("puts") [flags 0x41] <function_decl 0x7fb1fd6cdf00 __builtin_puts>)
    (nil))
  (expr_list:DI (use (reg:DI 5 di))
    (nil)))
```

Lazy Optimization Watching



hellocompiler.c

The testbunny: SQLite3

sqlite3.c

shell.c

lemon.c

mkkeywordhash.c

tclsqlite.c



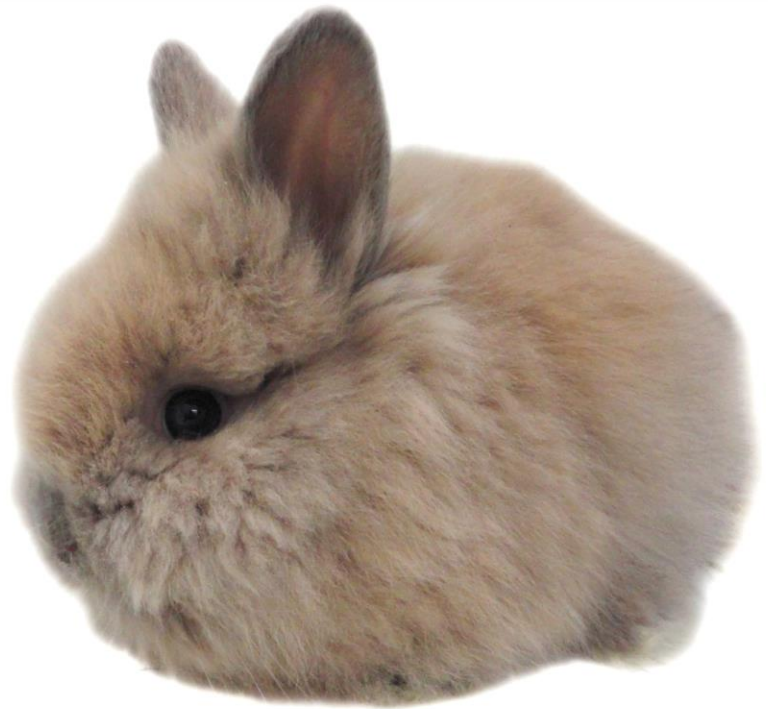
sqlite3 / sqlite3.o

sqlite3

lemon

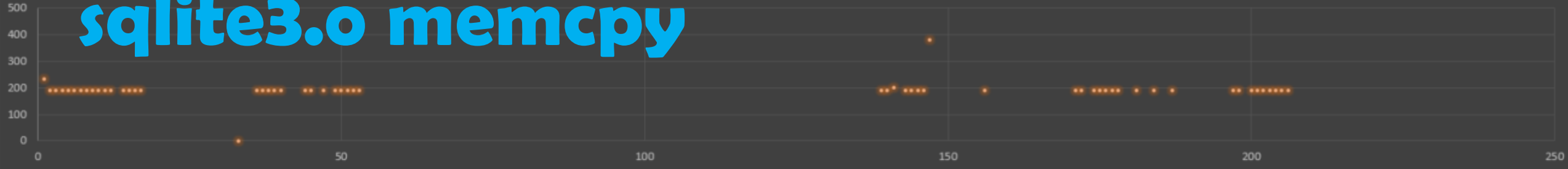
mkkeywordhash

tclsqlite.o



sqlite3.0 memcpy

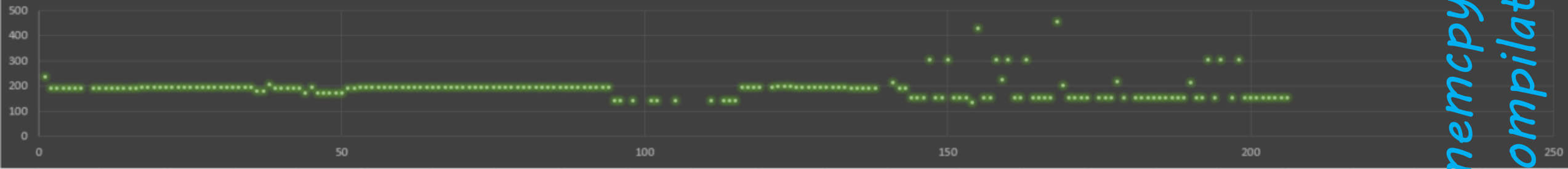
00



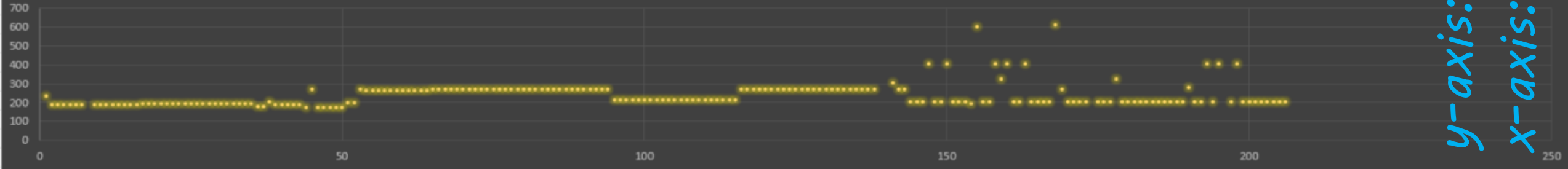
01



02



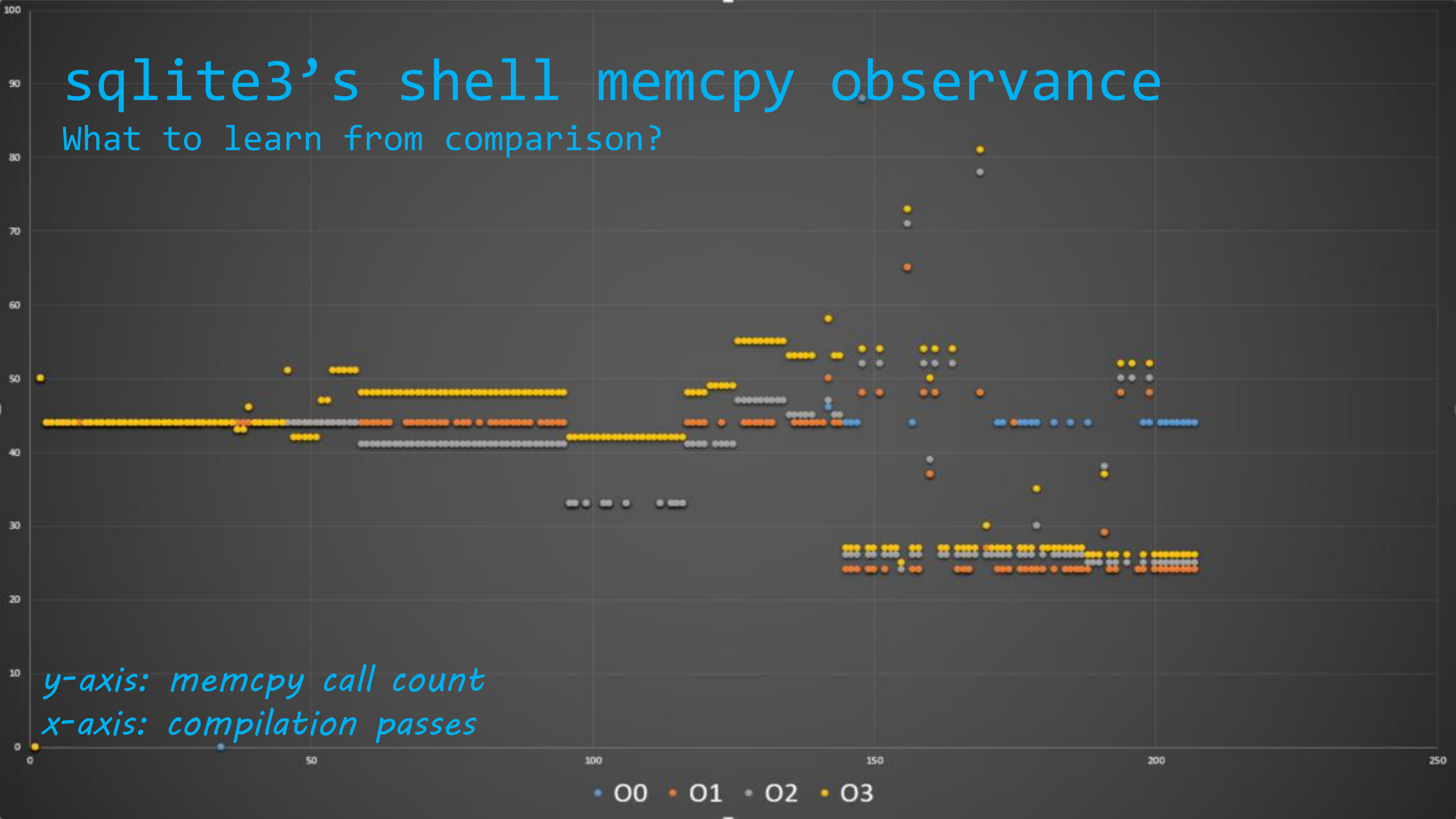
03



y-axis: memcpy call count
x-axis: compilation passes

sqlite3's shell memcpy observance

What to learn from comparison?



y-axis: memcpy call count
x-axis: compilation passes

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Grep for Compiler Research ^^

Fairly straight forward

Not necessarily the most accurate

Text parsing only ever gets so far:

Code duplications for optimization purposes

Different representations in same log file



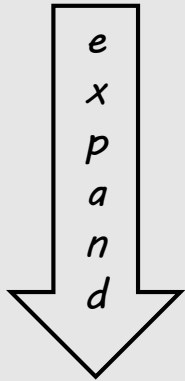
but there IS fun stuff we can do with that data..

Homemade off-by-plenty bugs

Developer controlled

Piggy-backing onto compiler behavior

```
__builtin_fun(x, y, magic_value);
```



magic_value found?
modify output

```
mov ...  
mov ...  
mov ...  
(evil) mov dst, src
```



```
int AUTH = 0; ← victim variable
```

```
int main(void)
```

```
{
```

```
char *string1 = aligned_alloc(32, 96);
```

```
char *string2 = "eldit934h2rkfhgppq;a3fjjdklsajieeisbnufblabghbalweglqjwebdfjhlkj"  
               "alekdgowe;anebkbirnwlekgn;qnwol";
```

← builtin to "fix"

```
memcpy(string1, string2, 96);
```

← magic number

```
printf("Result %s\n", string2);
```

```
if (AUTH != 0) {
```

```
    execl("/usr/games/xmabacus", "xmabacus", NULL);
```

```
} else {
```

```
    printf("Nooope go away\n");
```

```
}
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

DEMO TIME



Look ma, I
made
memcpy
faster!



```
lea    rsi,[rip+0xf66]      # 2008 <_IO_stdin_used+0x
lea    rdi,[rip+0xfc7]      # 2070 <_IO_stdin_used+0x
mov    QWORD PTR [rax-0xff4],0x1

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax],xmm0
movdqa xmm0,XMMWORD PTR [rip+0xff1]      # 20b0 <_IO_

mov    QWORD PTR [rax-0xfec],0x0

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax+0x10],xmm0
movdqa xmm0,XMMWORD PTR [rip+0xfea]      # 20c0 <_IO_

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax+0x20],xmm0
movdqa xmm0,XMMWORD PTR [rip+0xfee]      # 20d0 <_IO_

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax+0x30],xmm0
movdqa xmm0,XMMWORD PTR [rip+0xff2]      # 20e0 <_IO_

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax+0x40],xmm0
movdqa xmm0,XMMWORD PTR [rip+0xff6]      # 20f0 <_IO_

movaps XMMWORD PTR [rax+0x50],xmm0
xor    eax,eax
call   1040 <printf@plt>
mov    eax,DWORD PTR [rip+0x2f41]      # 404c <AUTH>
test   eax,eax
je     112d <main+0xad>
xor    edx,edx
lea    rsi,[rip+0xf6e]      # 2086 <_IO_stdin_used+0x
lea    rdi,[rip+0xf5c]      # 207b <_IO_stdin_used+0x
xor    eax,eax
call   1060 <execl@plt>
```

Tracking from within

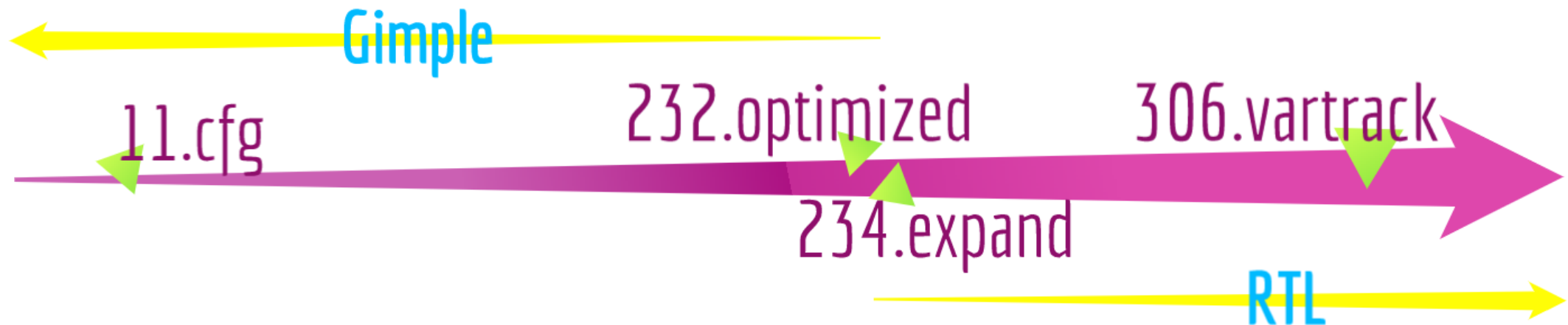
GCC's `location_t` available throughout compilation

Provides source file, line number, function name, etc.

Plugging into four passes to take measurements

cfg, optimized, expand, vartrack

Two types of parsers: GIMPLE & RTL



	optsetting	binaryout	pass	token	sourcefile	linenumber
	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter	Filter
2072	O3	sqlite3	post_expand	memcpy	shell.c	10903
2073	O3	sqlite3	post_vartrack	memcpy	shell.c	10903
2074	O3	sqlite3	post_vartrack	memcpy	shell.c	10903
2075	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	9884
2076	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	9885
2077	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18187
2078	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18200
2079	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18205
2080	O3	sqlite3	post_expand	memcpy	shell.c	18200
2081	O3	sqlite3	post_expand	memcpy	shell.c	18205
2082	O3	sqlite3	post_vartrack	memcpy	shell.c	18205
2083	O3	sqlite3	post_vartrack	memcpy	shell.c	18200
2084	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18426
2085	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18427
2086	O3	sqlite3	post_optimized	memcpy	shell.c	18775
2087	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	74941
2088	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	27854
2089	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	28229
2090	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	27141
2091	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	28283
2092	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	28264
2093	O3	sqlite3	post_cfg	memcpy	sqlite3.c	28305

“Big Data”

Flat dataset:

- builtin
- optimization setting
- output binary
- source file : line number

Future reseach

Memcpy calls in sqlite3's lemon tool

optimization

source file and line

measured passes

	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O0	lemon.c:2644	1	1	1	1
O0	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O0	lemon.c:89	1	1	1	1
	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O1	lemon.c:2644	1	1	0	0
O1	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O1	lemon.c:89	1	1	1	1
	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O2	lemon.c:2644	1	1	0	0
O2	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O2	lemon.c:89	1	2	2	2
	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O3	lemon.c:2644	1	1	0	0
O3	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O3	lemon.c:89	1	13	6	6

memcpy calls in
that location

WAIT WHAT??

```

;; Function lemon_sprintf (null)
;; enabled by -tree-original

{
  struct ap[1];
  int rc;

  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  struct ap[1];
  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  int rc;
  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  __builtin_va_start ((struct *) &ap, format);
  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  rc = lemon_vsprintf (str, format, (struct *) &ap);
  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  __builtin_va_end ((struct *) &ap);
  # DEBUG BEGIN STMT;
  return rc;
}

```

Original code

inlining

inlining /
loop
unrolling



lemon_sprintf(..)

lemon_vsprintf(..)

lemon_addtext(..)

memcpy(..)

Location dependent actions might shift if the compiler reorders things, in case no data dependency is present

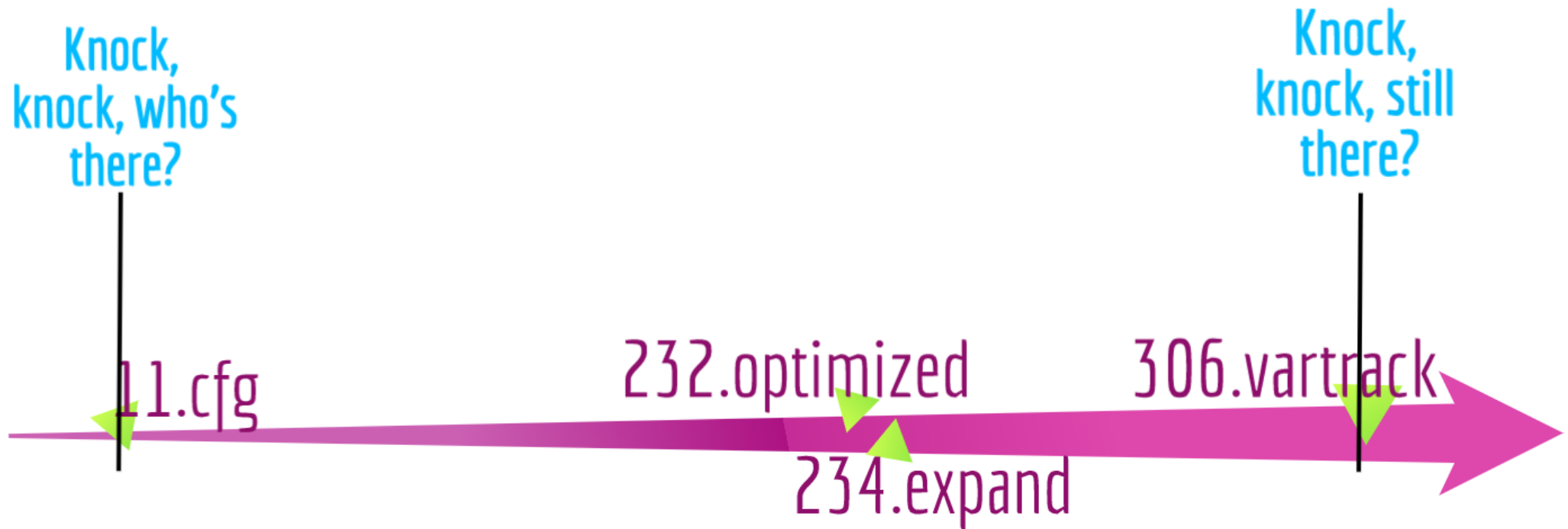
	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O2	lemon.c:2644	1	1	0	0
O2	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O2	lemon.c:89	1	2	2	2
	source	1_post_cfg	2_post_optimized	3_post_expand	4_post_vartrack
O3	lemon.c:2644	1	1	0	0
O3	lemon.c:2659	1	1	1	1
O3	lemon.c:89	1	13	6	6

← inlining

← inlining + loop unrolling

But most importantly, what about the zeros?

How to know whether inlined or eliminated?



O2	sqlite3.c:168195	1	1	1	1	remains:3
O2	sqlite3.c:168366	1	1	0	0	remains:7
O2	sqlite3.c:168728	1	0	0	0	eliminated
O2	sqlite3.c:169143	1	1	0	0	remains:1
O2	sqlite3.c:169437	1	1	0	0	remains:2

memset in `sqlite3.c` line
168728 when compiled with
-O2 disappears ...

```

168722  /*
168723  ** Malloc and Free functions
168724  */
168725  static void *fts3HashMalloc(sqlite3_int64 n){
168726      void *p = sqlite3_malloc64(n);
168727      if( p ){
168728          memset(p, 0, n);
168729      }
168730      return p;
168731  }

```

... in fact, the entire function
is gone ...

```

167518  static void *fts3MallocZero(sqlite3_int64 nByte){
167519      void *pRet = sqlite3_malloc64(nByte);
167520      if( pRet ) memset(pRet, 0, nByte);
167521      return pRet;
167522  }

```

... since it had been replaced
with another one 0.0

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Latest Stable Kernel:



5.3.6

Experiments on Linux kernel 5.3.6

GCC plugin infrastructure plug n play (thx to PaX!)

Used default opt setting -O2

0%0%0% ?



Linux kernel 5.3.6, some numbers





	memset calls via grep	memset calls in cfg	memset calls post optimized	memset calls after expand	memset calls final	Eliminated memset	Inlined memsets
Total	19732	12870	12476	1374	1364	434	11072
Loss			394	11102	10		
			% call loss since cfg	% call loss since cfg	% call loss since cfg	% memset eliminated	% memset inlined
% of cfg total			3.0614%	86.2626%	0.0777%	3.3722%	86.0295%



10717	smb2transport.o:smb2transport.c:244	1	1	0	0	2
10718	smb2transport.o:smb2transport.c:443	1	1	0	0	2
10719	smb2transport.o:smb2transport.c:444	1	1	0	0	2
10720	smb2transport.o:smb2transport.c:543	1	1	0	0	2
10721	smb2transport.o:smb2transport.c:587	1	1	0	0	10
10722	smbencrypt.o:smbencrypt.c:149	1	0	0	0	eliminated
10723	smbencrypt.o:smbencrypt.c:150	1	1	0	0	2
10724	smbencrypt.o:smbencrypt.c:151	1	1	0	0	4
10725	smbencrypt.o:smbencrypt.c:198	1	1	0	0	2
10726	smbencrypt.o:smbencrypt.c:199	1	1	0	0	4
10727	smc91c92_cs.o:smc91c92_cs.c:1552	1	1	0	0	1
10728	sme.o:etherdevice.h:240	1	1	0	0	3
10729	sme.o:sme.c:1121	1	1	0	0	4
10730	sme.o:sme.c:260	1	1	0	0	10
10731	sme.o:sme.c:369	1	1	0	0	6
10732	sme.o:sme.c:703	1	1	0	0	2
10733	sme.o:sme.c:710	1	1	0	0	2
10734	sme.o:sme.c:716	1	1	0	0	4
10735	sme.o:sme.c:929	1	1	0	0	2
10736	sme.o:sme.c:936	1	1	0	0	2
10737	sme.o:sme.c:942	1	1	0	0	1
10738	smincio_main.o:smincio_main.c:521	1	1	0	0	4

Lost memset in ./drivers/crypto/ccp/ccp-crypto-aes-cmac.c

```
static int ccp_aes_cmac_export(struct ahash_request *req, void *out)
{
    struct ccp_aes_cmac_req_ctx *rctx = ahash_request_ctx(req);
    struct ccp_aes_cmac_exp_ctx state;

    /* Don't let anything leak to 'out' */
     memset(&state, 0,  sizeof(state));

    state.null_msg = rctx->null_msg;
     memcpy(state.iv, rctx->iv,  sizeof(state.iv));
    state.buf_count = rctx->buf_count;
     memcpy(state.buf, rctx->buf,  sizeof(state.buf));

    /* 'out' may not be aligned so memcpy from local variable */
     memcpy(out, &state,  sizeof(state));

    return 0;
}
```

 *eliminated / implied*

 *inlined*


```
var_38 = qword ptr -38h
var_2C = qword ptr -2Ch
var_24 = dword ptr -24h
var_20 = qword ptr -20h
var_18 = qword ptr -18h
canary = qword ptr -10h
```

```
call    __fentry__    ; PIC mode
push   rbp
mov    rbp, rsp
sub    rsp, 30h      ; rdi - ahash_request *req
mov    rdx, [rdi+0B0h] ; reading of request data
mov    rcx, [rdi+0DCh]
mov    rax, gs:28h
mov    [rsp+38h+canary], rax
xor    eax, eax
mov    r9d, [rdi+0D8h]
mov    rax, [rdi+0A8h]
mov    r8, [rdi+0E4h]
mov    edi, [rdi+50h]
mov    [rsp+38h+var_2C], rdx ; space for state struct apparently held on stack
mov    [rsp+38h+var_38+4], rax ; no sizeof, memcpy or memset calls preserved
mov    dword ptr [rsp+38h+var_38], edi
mov    rdx, [rsp+38h+var_38]
mov    [rsp+38h+var_24], r9d
mov    [rsi], rdx      ; rsi - void *out
mov    rdx, [rsp+8]    ; memcpy(out, &state, sizeof.. inlined here
mov    [rsp+38h+var_20], rcx
mov    [rsi+8], rdx
mov    rdx, [rsp+38h+var_2C+4]
mov    [rsp+38h+var_18], r8
mov    [rsi+10h], rdx
mov    [rsi+18h], rcx
mov    [rsi+20h], r8
mov    rcx, [rsp+38h+canary]
xor    rcx, gs:28h
jnz   short loc_94
```

Loading of req data from first function argument

state struct occupies stack vars var_18 to var_38

inlined memcpy copying state struct data to void *out



Lost memset in smbencrypt.c

The compiler removes memset(p14..), and inlines the other two

We see the memcpy(p14, passwd,..) inlined so as passwd is copied to a stack buffer in chunks

The compiler also inlined the call to E_P16

inlined

```
int
SMBencrypt(unsigned char *passwd, const unsigned char *c8, unsigned char *p24)
{
    int rc;
    unsigned char p14[14], p16[16], p21[21];
    ✖ memset(p14, '\0', 14);
    ★ memset(p16, '\0', 16);
    ★ memset(p21, '\0', 21);

    ★ memcpy(p14, passwd, 14);
    ★ rc = E_P16(p14, p16);
    if (rc)
        return rc;

    ★ memcpy(p21, p16, 16);
    rc = E_P24(p21, c8, p24);

    return rc;
}
```

✖ *eliminated / implied*
★ *inlined*

```
static int
E_P16(unsigned char *p14, unsigned char *p16)
{
    int rc;
    unsigned char sp8[8] =
        { 0x4b, 0x47, 0x53, 0x21, 0x40, 0x23, 0x24, 0x25 };

    rc = smbhash(p16, sp8, p14);
    if (rc)
        return rc;
    rc = smbhash(p16 + 8, sp8, p14 + 7);
    return rc;
}
```

```
sp8= qword ptr -58h
p14_1= qword ptr -53h
p14_2= dword ptr -48h
p14_3= word ptr -47h
p16_1= qword ptr -45h
p16_2= qword ptr -30h
p21_1= byte ptr -35h
p21_2= qword ptr -20h
p21_3= dword ptr -25h
p21_4= byte ptr -21h
cookie= qword ptr -20h
```

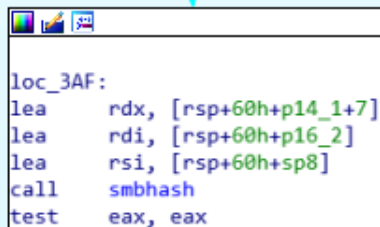
→ p14 memset-0 omitted

```
call    __fentry__    ; PIC mode
push   rbp
mov    rbp, rsp
push   r12
mov    r12, rdx
push   rbx
mov    rbx, rsi
sub    rsp, 48h
mov    rax, gs:28h
mov    [rsp+60h+cookie], rax
xor    eax, eax
mov    rax, [rdi]
lea    rdx, [rsp+60h+p14_1]
lea    rsi, [rsp+60h+sp8]
mov    [rsp+60h+p16_1], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+p14_1], rax
mov    eax, [rdi+8]
mov    [rsp+60h+p16_2], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+p14_2], eax
movzx  eax, word ptr [rdi+0Ch]
lea    rdi, [rsp+60h+p16_1]
mov    qword ptr [rsp+60h+p21_1], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+p14_3], ax
mov    rax, 2524234021534748h
mov    [rsp+60h+p21_2], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+p21_3], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+p21_4], 0
mov    [rsp+60h+sp8], rax
call   smbhash
test   eax, eax
jz     short loc_3AF
```

RDI holds first argument, passwd is copied to p14_1, p14_2 and p14_3

SMBEncrypt asm

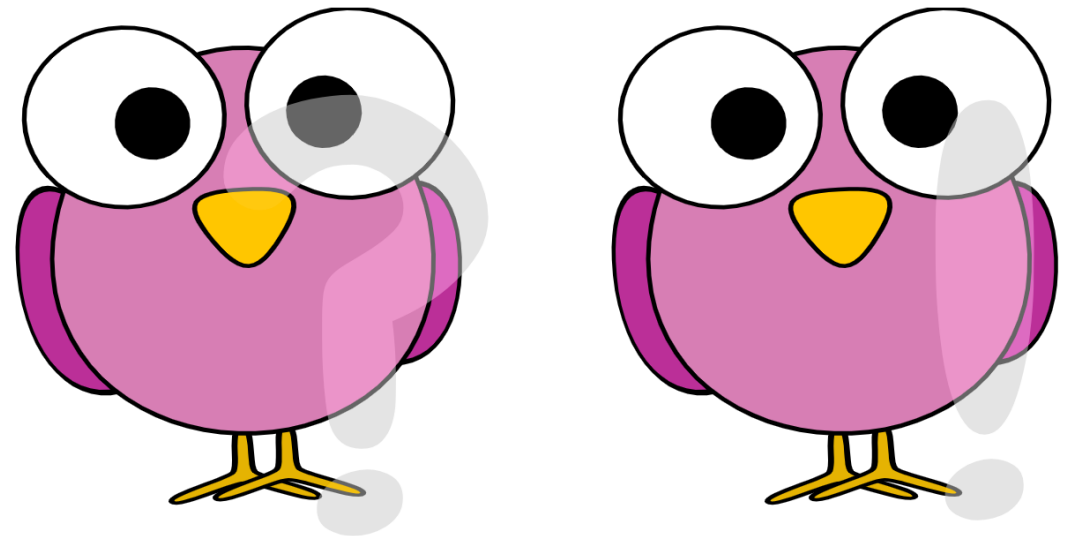
- 14 bytes are copied out of the passwd buffer using mov instructions, and overwrite the given memory
- This, regardless of what the memory contained before



```
loc_3AF:
lea    rdx, [rsp+60h+p14_1+7]
lea    rdi, [rsp+60h+p16_2]
lea    rsi, [rsp+60h+sp8]
call   smbhash
test   eax, eax
```


... and 431 other cases, but first:

- *Careful tracking: wrapper functions or self-made implementations*
- *Understanding of application needed in order to track the right information*
- *Gatherable information in reality very one dimensional, much more analysis of code desirable*



Thank  Joy!