Skymizer | Introduction of ONNC C Backend

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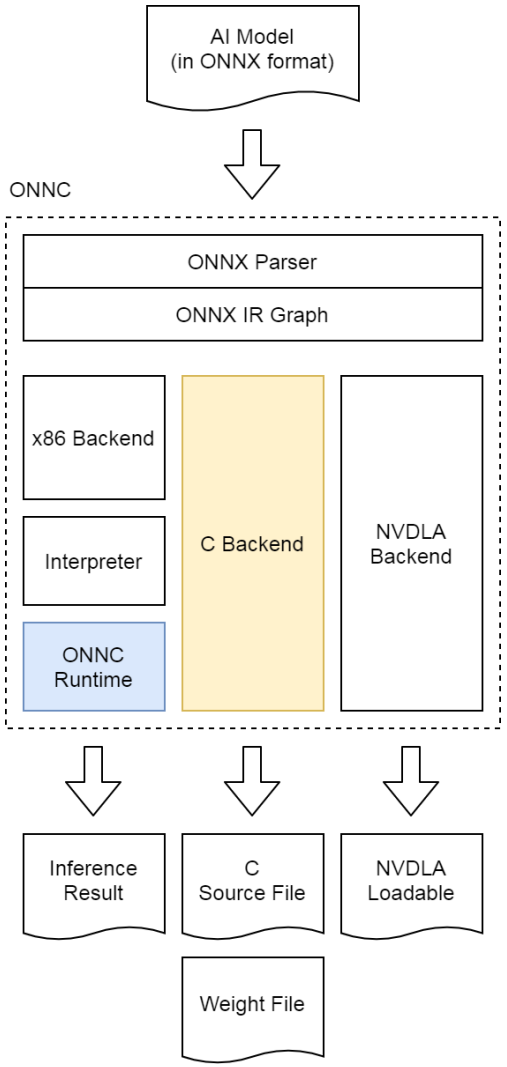
ONNC Framework

- ONNC Runtime is a model-inference library
- C Backend transforms a model into a C source file and a weight file
- Users can run model inference by using several of C functions



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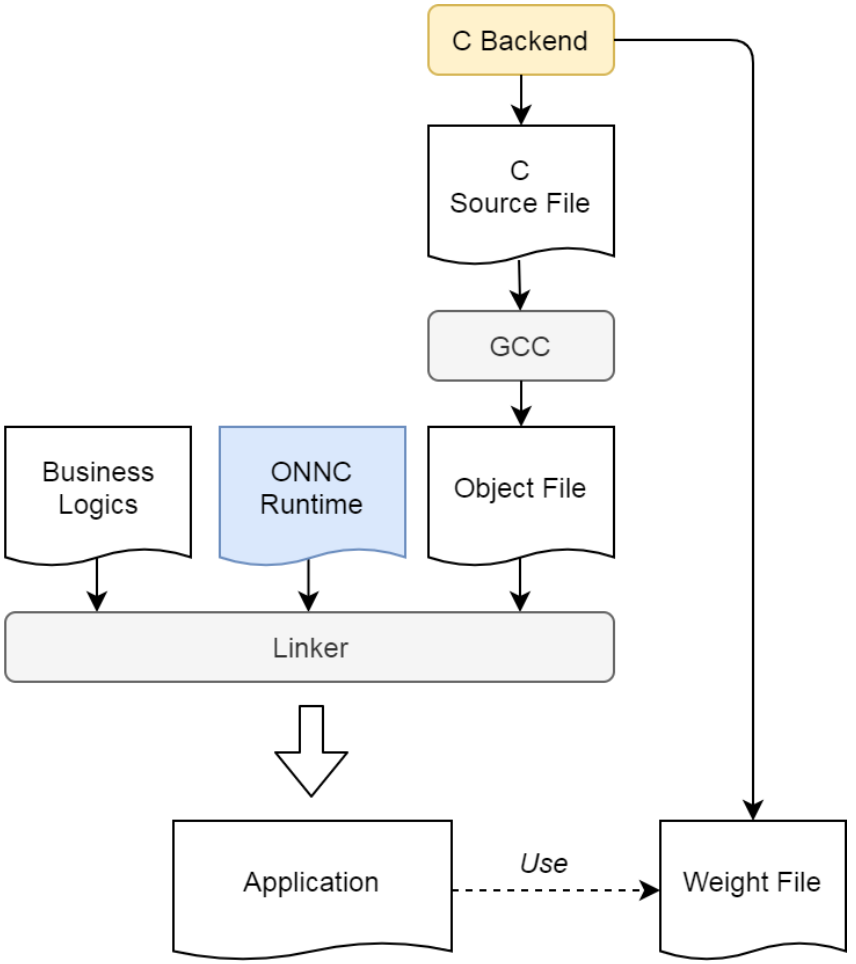
C Backend Workflow

- C Backend creates implementation of a single function: *model_main()*
- *model_main()* is the entry function for input model inference flow
- *model_main()* employ ONNC Runtime to compute results



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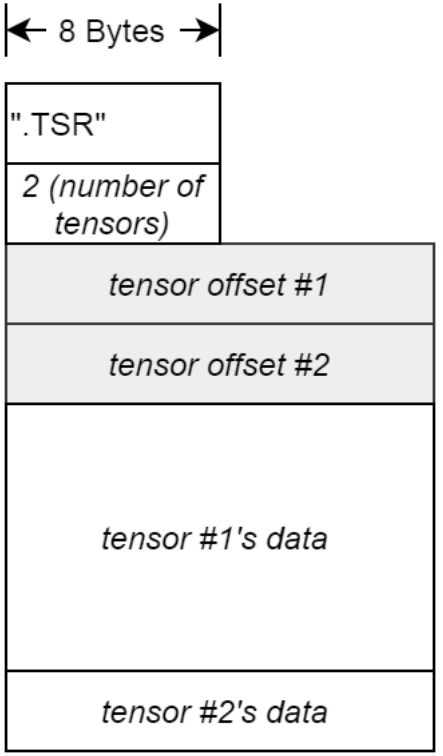
Weight file format

include/onnc/Runtime/onnc-runtime.h:12

```
12  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset {
13    uint64_t offset; /* Tensor offset */
14    uint64_t size;   /* Size of tensor in bytes */
15  };
16
17  #ifndef ONNC_RUNTIME_TENSOR_FILE_MAGIC
18  #  define ONNC_RUNTIME_TENSOR_FILE_MAGIC ".TSR"
19  #endif
20
21  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset_table
22  {
23    char                              magic[8]; /* Tensor File magic number. */
24    uint64_t                          number_of_tensors;
25    struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset tensor_offsets[];
26  };
27
```



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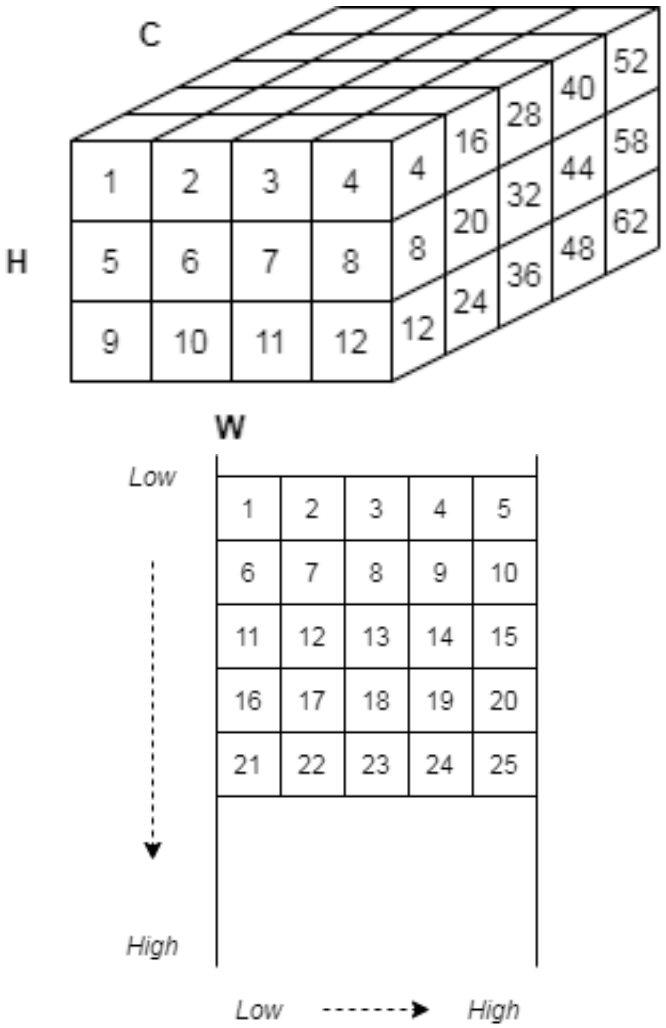
Tensor data format

include/onnc/Runtime/onnc-runtime.h:7

```
7   struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file
8   {
9     void* data; /* Implementation defined data */
10  };
```

include/onnc/Runtime/onnc-runtime.h:28

```
28  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view
29  {
30    void*    data;
31    uint64_t size; /* Size of tensor in bytes */
32  };
```



Tensor access API (user defined)

include/onnc/Runtime/onnc-runtime.h:39

```
39  // Client Library
40  const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset_table*
41                                  ONNC_RUNTIME_read_tensor_offset_table(struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* file);
42  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view ONNC_RUNTIME_read_tensor(struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* file, uint64_t tensor);
```

A possible implementation

example/runtime/src/client-lib.c

```
16  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view ONNC_RUNTIME_read_tensor(struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* file, uint64_t tensor)
17  {
18    if (file == NULL) {
19      const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view tensor_view = {.data = NULL, .size = 0};
20      return tensor_view;
21    }
22
23    const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset_table* const table = ONNC_RUNTIME_read_tensor_offset_table(file);
24    if (!ONNC_RUNTIME_has_tensor(table, tensor)) {
25      const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view tensor_view = {.data = NULL, .size = 0};
26      return tensor_view;
27    }
28
29    const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_offset tensor_offset = ONNC_RUNTIME_get_tensor_offset(table, tensor);
30    const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view   tensor_view   = {.data = (char*)file->data + tensor_offset.offset,
31                                                             .size = tensor_offset.size};
32    return tensor_view;
33  }
```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Context and model_main()

include/onnc/Runtime/onnc-runtime.h:45

```
45  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_inference_context
46  {
47    struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* input;
48    struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* weight;
49    uint64_t                         id;
50    void (*completed)(uint64_t id, struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view output);
51  };
52
53  /**
54   * ONNC generated entry point.
55   * @param context The ONNC Runtime Context.
56   */
57  int model_main(const struct ONNC_RUNTIME_inference_context* context);
```


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User Application Example

example/runtime/src/client-app.c

```c
void finish(uint64_t id, struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_view output)
{
  const float* const values = output.data;
  const size_t       count  = output.size / sizeof(float);
  printf("[");
  for (size_t idx = 0; idx < count; ++idx) {
    printf("%f, ", values[idx]);
  }
  printf("]");
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
  if (argc < 3) {
    fprintf(stderr, "usage: %s foo.input foo.weight\n", argv[0]);
    return EXIT_FAILURE;
  }

  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* const input  = open_tensor_file(argv[1]);
  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_tensor_file* const weight = open_tensor_file(argv[2]);

  struct ONNC_RUNTIME_inference_context context = {.input = input, .weight = weight, .id = 0, .completed = finish};

  model_main(&context);

  close_tensor_file(input);
  close_tensor_file(weight);

  return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

How to build a user application

(Inside onnc-community docker container)

1. Prepare ONNC Runtime library and onnx tensor convertor **pb2t**

```
$ sudo cp /onnc/onnc-umbrella/build-normal/lib/Runtime/libonnc-rt.a /usr/local/lib
# go to build directory and sync source files
$ cd /onnc/onnc-umbrella/build-normal && ssync
# build convertor and install it into PATH
$ make pb2t && make install
```

2. Build example application and run model inference
[example/runtime]

```
# prepare build directory
$ cd /onnc/onnc/example/runtime
$ mkdir build && cd build
# prepare service library
$ onnc -mquadruple clang /models/bvlc_alexnet/model.onnx -o ./test.c
# prepare sample input tensor file
$ pb2t /models/bvlc_alexnet/test_data_set_0/input_0.pb ./test.input
$ cp ./test.c ../src/onnc-runtime-service.c
# configure & build example project
$ cmake .. && make
$ ./example/inference test.input test.weight
[0.000043, 0.000046, 0.000024, 0.000011, 0.000114, 0.000469, …
…
…, 0.000035, 0.000148, 0.000964, 0.000134, 0.001431, 0.000448, ]
```


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