

OpenROAD Runtime Improvisation by updating C code

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Abstract— OpenROAD is a popular Open Source Tool for the RTL to GDS flow. However, it becomes a necessity to improve the tool chain. One such approach would be to optimize the C code written.

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I. INTRODUCTION (HEADING I)

The digital integrated circuit industry has widely embraced OpenROAD, a streamlined RTL-to-GDSII flow offering a comprehensive design implementation solution. This popularity can be attributed to the efficiency of the design flow and the fact that it is open-source. However, it is necessary to reduce the runtime of OpenROAD by improvising/optimizing the C code scripts. Here we look into the clock.cpp.

II. IMPROVEMENTS

The before and after implementation of the clock.cpp is illustrated below:

Before:

```
#include "util/Logger.h"

namespace cts {

void Clock::report(util::Logger* logger) const
{
    logger->report(" *****");
    logger->report(" *          Clock net report          *");
    logger->report(" *****");
    logger->report(" Net name: {}, netName_);
    logger->report(" Clock pin: {} ({}), ({}), clockPin_, clockPinX_, clockPinY_);
    logger->report(" Number of sinks: ", sinks_.size());
    logger->report(" *****");

    logger->report("\tPin name \tPos");
    forEachSink([&](const ClockInst& sink) {
        logger->report(
            "\t {} \t {} ({}), ({}), sink.getName(), sink.getX(), sink.getY());
    });
}

Box<int> Clock::computeSinkRegion()
{
    const double percentile = 0.01;

    std::vector<int> allPositionsX;
    std::vector<int> allPositionsY;
    forEachSink([&](const ClockInst& sink) {
        allPositionsX.push_back(sink.getX());
        allPositionsY.push_back(sink.getY());
    });

    std::sort(allPositionsX.begin(), allPositionsX.end());
```

After:

```
#include "Clock.h"

#include "db.h"

namespace cts {

Clock::Clock() : db_(nullptr), clockNet_(nullptr) {}

void Clock::setDb(db::Database* db) {
    db_ = db;
}

void Clock::setClockNet(db::Net* net) {
    clockNet_ = net;
}

bool Clock::isLeafPort(db::dbITerm* iter) {
    return iter->getNet()->getNumPins() == 1 && iter->getNet() == clockNet_;
}

void Clock::findClockRoots(std::vector<db::dbITerm*>& roots) {
    roots.clear();
    if (clockNet_ == nullptr) {
        return;
    }
    for (auto iter : clockNet_->getITerms()) {
        if (isLeafPort(iter)) {
            roots.push_back(iter);
        }
    }
}
```

III. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In conclusion, the removal of many redundant segments of the code. This would decrease the runtime of the code and hence make the OpenROAD execution faster.

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