



Language and Compiler Improvements

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- Task Intent Improvements
- Improved Const Checking
- Standalone Parallel Iterators
- Compilation Time Improvements
- Other Major Language Compiler Changes
- Language/Compiler Priorities and Next Steps



Task Intent Improvements





Task Intents: Background

- task intents (since v1.8) control how outer variables are passed into task functions
- default task intent prevents certain common data races
 - e.g. snapshot i when **begin** task is created, rather than reading later

```
var i = 0;
while i < 10 {
    begin f(i);  // guaranteed to see each of f(0), f(1), ..., f(9)
    i += 1;
}
```

- **ref** intent allows sharing variables between tasks
 - e.g. producer-consumer

```
cobegin with (ref data) {
    while ... { lock$=1; produce(data); lock$; }
    while ... { lock$=1; consume(data); lock$; }
}
```





Task Intents: Summary of This Effort

- additional task intents are now available
- task intents are now supported on `forall` loops
 - providing the same protection from data races
- reduce intents are introduced for `forall` loops



Task Intents: Additional Intents

- these intents are now available as task intents:
 - `in`, `const`, `const in`, `const ref`, `ref`
- e.g. `in` intent introduces a task-private variable

```

proc divide_and_conquer(low, high, ...) {
  cobegin with (in low, in high) {
    { // task 1
      high = (high + low) / 2;
      divide_and_conquer(low, high, ...);
    }
    { // task 2
      low = (high + low) / 2 + 1;
      divide_and_conquer(low, high, ...);
    }
  }
}

```

*low and high:
start with incoming values,
task can adjust as needed*

Task Intents: Support for forall Loops

- task intents are now supported on forall loops
 - applied to task constructs in the underlying parallel iterator

```

var A: [1..10] real;
var p, q: real;
forall a in A with (ref q) {
    p += a;
    ...
    q += 1;
    ...
}
    
```

parallel iteration
creates tasks

*unintentional race on **p**
is a compile-time error*

*allowed, as requested by user
via **ref q** intent*



Task Intents: Introducing `reduce` Intents

- **variables marked with `reduce` intent:**

- inside loop: task-private "shadow" variable, initialized to identity value
- at task completion: accumulated into "outer" variable

```
var total = 0;
forall a in myIter() with (+ reduce total) {
    total += a;
}
writeln("total = ", total);
```

task-private "shadow" variable
sequential access from iterations of given task
no need for sync or atomic guards

"outer" variable
accumulates per-task values atomically

- **prototype implementation is completed**

- supported reduction ops: + * && || & | ^



Task/Reduce Intents Discussion: Keep Initial Value?

- currently: outer variable's initial value is discarded
- need to keep it to support nested parallelism naturally
 - example: nested loops

*when starting inner loop,
need to retain values
accumulated into total so far*

```
var total: real;
forall x1 in iter_dim1() with (+ reduce total) {
  forall x2 in iter_dim2() with (+ reduce total) {
    total += x1
  }
}
writeln("total = ", total);
```

Task/Reduce Intents Discussion: Types

- what if: type of reduction result differs from type of individual values ?

- example: min-k reduction
compute k smallest values
 - values: real
 - result: k*real

*what is the type of result
in these three places?
proposal: 10*real*

```
var result: ??;
forall a in myIter() with (min10 reduce result) {
  result ?? a;
}
writeln("result = ", result);
```

- even more interesting when input, state, and output types all differ
 - e.g., given a list of coordinates, produce ID of most populated octant



Task/Reduce Intents Discussion: Shadow Variable

- **shadow variable – task-private or iteration-private?**

- example: min-k reduction
compute k smallest values seen

- if task-private:
 - **result** accumulates partial results for each *task*
 - pro: consistent with other task intents
 - cons: within the loop user has to accumulate explicitly

- if iteration-private:
 - **result** contains the value to accumulate for each *iteration*
 - pro: accumulation is taken care of by reduction author
 - cons: different behavior than other task intents

```
forall a in myIter() with (min10 reduce result) {  
    min10_accumulate(result, a);  
    result = a;  
}
```

- the choice is not expected to affect performance





Task/Reduce Intents Current Limitations

Initial implementation of reduce intents in 1.11

- **only the standard operator reductions are supported**
 - supported: + * && || & | ^
 - need to support: user-defined reductions; min, max, minloc, maxloc
- **only forall loops are supported**
 - need to support: reduce intents with `begin`, `cobegin`, `coforall`
- **iterators that yield outside of task-parallel constructs are not yet supported**
 - this includes iterators that invoke other iterators via `for` or `forall`
 - which in turn includes our standard domain, array iterators
- **reduction result and individual values must be of same type**
 - need to relax this restriction





Task Intents: Status and Next Steps

Status:

- task intents are implemented
- ... and supported in **forall** loops
- ... with initial implementation of some reduce intents

Next Steps:

- finalize semantics of reduce intents
- syntax for reduce intents with user-defined reductions
- finalize implementation of reduce intents
- implement standard reductions using reduce intents and **forall**
- optimize performance of reductions
- design language support for partial reductions



Improved Const checking



Improved Const Checking

Background: `const` variables and formals prevent unintentional modification, enable optimizations

This Effort: Add compile-time errors for these cases:

- a field that is a tuple or an array

```
record R { var tupleField: 3*int;
          const arrayField: [1..n] real; }
var varR: R;      varR.arrayField[5] = 3.14;
const constR: R;  constR.tupleField = (1,2,3);
```

modifications are not allowed

- a `var` alias of a `const` array or domain

```
const A: [1..n] real; var Aalias => A;
```

cannot var-alias a const array

Impact: Alert users to new task- and forall intents

```
var r: R;
forall i in 1..n do
  r.tupleField += (1,1,1);
```

*forall intents: r is passed by default intent
r's fields are const, cannot modify them*

Standalone Parallel Iterators



Standalone Par Iters: Background

- **Zippered forall loops use leader-follower iterators**
 - **leader iterators:** create parallelism, assign iterations to tasks
 - **follower iterators:** serially execute work generated by leader

- **Given...**

```
forall (a,b,c) in zip(A,B,C) do
```

```
    a = b + alpha * c;
```

... A is defined to be the leader

... A, B, and C are all defined to be followers

- **Leaders/followers need to be general for zippered iteration**
 - Leader normalizes the index space via 0-shifting and densifying
 - Yields a tuple of ranges, even in 1D case
 - Followers translate normalized indices back to their index sets

Standalone Par Iters: Background

Historically, all forall loops implemented as leader-follower:

Leader iterator

```
iter myiter(param tag: iterKind)
  where tag == iterKind.leader {
    coforall i in 0..#ntasks {
      yield densify(zeroShift(getBlock(i)));
    }
  }
}
```

Follower iterator

```
iter myiter(followThis, param tag: iterKind)
  where tag == iterKind.follower {
    for i in unZeroShift(undensify(followThis)) {
      yield i;
    }
  }
}
```

Compiler rewrites as:

User code

```
forall i in myiter() {
  body(i);
}
```



```
for block in myiter(iterKind.leader) {
  for i in myiter(block,
                    iterKind.follower) {
    body(i);
  }
}
```

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    }
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}
```

Follower iterator

```
iter myiter(followThis, param tag: iterKind)
  where tag == iterKind.follower {
    for i in unZeroShift(undensify(followThis)) {
      yield i;
    }
  }
}
```

After iterator inlining:

User code

```
forall i in myiter() {
  body(i);
}
```



```
coforall i in 0..#ntasks {
  const followThis = densify(zeroShift(getBlock(i)));
  const myBlock = unZeroShift(undensify(followThis));
  for i in myBlock {
    body(i);
  }
}
```



Standalone Par Iters: Background

- **For non-zippered loops would like to...**
 - Simplify iterator implementation
 - Avoid overheads due to normalizing in leader and follower
 - it's pointless to pay these costs when you are your only follower
- **A standalone parallel iterator should:**
 - Create the appropriate amount of parallelism
 - Walk indices serially within each parallel task
 - Yield each index individually





Standalone Par Iters: This Effort

- **Modify forall loop implementation**
 - If appropriate standalone iterator is defined, call it in a single loop
 - If not, fall back to the traditional leader/follower idiom
- **Define standalone parallel iterators for built-in types**
 - Ranges
 - Rectangular Domains/Arrays
 - Associative Domains/Arrays
 - Sparse Domains/Arrays





Standalone Par Iters: This effort

Standalone iterator

```
iter myiter(param tag: iterKind)
  where tag == iterKind.standalone {
    coforall i in 0..#ntasks { // create parallelism
      for j in getBlock(i) { // walk indices for this task
        yield j; // yield individual indices
      }
    }
  }
}
```

User code

```
forall i in myiter() {
  body(i);
}
```



Compiler rewrites as:

```
for i in myiter(iterKind.standalone) {
  body(i);
}
```



Standalone Par Iters: This effort

Standalone iterator

```
iter myiter(param tag: iterKind)
  where tag == iterKind.standalone {
    coforall i in 0..#ntasks { // create parallelism
      for j in getBlock(i) { // walk indices for this task
        yield j; // yield individual indices
      }
    }
  }
}
```

User code

```
forall i in myiter() {
  body(i);
}
```



After iterator inlining:

```
coforall i in 0..#ntasks {
  const myBlock = getBlock(i);
  for j in myBlock do
    body(j);
}
```


Standalone Par Iterers: Impact

forall loop generated code size reduced

forall i in 1..10 **do** writeln(i);

Leader-follower

Standalone

```
chpl build_bounded_range(INT64(1)
  INT64(10),
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl;
  chpl_ref1 = call_tmp_chpl2;
  ic_F0_this_chpl =
    call_tmp_chpl2;
    autoCopy_tmp_chpl =
    chpl_r_buildLocal(chpl_nodeID,
    local_c_subindex_arg_chpl);
    call_tmp_chpl3 =
    call_tmpCopy_chpl_r_localID_L;
    autoCopy_tmp_chpl;
    call_tmp_chpl4 =
    call_tmpCopy_chpl_r_localID_L;
    call_tmp_chpl5 =
    chpl_localID_to_local(call_tmp_chpl4);
    virtual_method_tmp_chpl =
    (object)(call_tmp_chpl5);
    <chpl_cst>

    (int64 *) (local)(chpl_vmainstare[]
    INT64(1))
    virtual_method_tmp_chpl =
    INT64(1)) (call_tmp_chpl5);
    this_chpl = &ic_F0_this_chpl;
    call_tmp_chpl6 =
    lengththis_chpl;
    v_chpl = call_tmp_chpl6;
    call_tmp_chpl7 =
    chpl_taskSerial();
    if (call_tmp_chpl7) {
      tmp_chpl = INT64(1);
    } else {
      call_tmp_chpl8 =
      computeNumChunks(chpl2)(call_1
      tmp_chpl);
      call_tmp_chpl9 = call_tmp_chpl8;
    }
    numChunks_chpl = tmp_chpl ==
    INT64(1);
    if (call_tmp_chpl9) {
      call_tmp_chpl10 =
      (call_tmp_chpl9 - INT64(1));
      ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl2 =
      &call_tmp_chpl11;
    }

    chpl_bounded_range(INT64(0)
    ) call_tmp_chpl10;
    ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl2;
    ic_F0_this_chpl2 =
    call_tmp_chpl2;
    myFollowThis_chpl =
    call_tmp_chpl11;
    ret_chpl =
    (&ic_F0_this_chpl2) > low;
    ret_chpl2 =
    (&ic_F0_this_chpl2) > high;
    call_tmp_chpl12 = ret_chpl >
    ret_chpl2;
    if (call_tmp_chpl12) {
      tmp_chpl2 = false;
    } else {
      tmp_chpl2 = true;
    }
    call_tmp_chpl13 = tmp_chpl2;
    if (call_tmp_chpl13) {
      ret_chpl =
      (&ic_F0_this_chpl2) > low;
      ret_chpl4 =
      (&ic_F0_this_chpl2) > high;
      call_tmp_chpl14 = ret_chpl3 >
      ret_chpl4;
      if (call_tmp_chpl14) {
        ret_chpl5 =
        (&myFollowThis_chpl) > low;
        ret_chpl6 =
        (&myFollowThis_chpl) > high;
        call_tmp_chpl15 = (ret_chpl5
        > ret_chpl6);
        call_tmp_chpl16 = (!
        call_tmp_chpl15);
        halfSpinnedIteration over a
        range has non-equal lengths",
        INT64(2), "forallRange.chpl");
      }
    }
    else {
      halfSpinnedIteration over a range
      with no first index", INT64(2),
      "forallRange.chpl");
    }
  }

  ret_chpl7 =
  (&myFollowThis_chpl) > low;
  ret_chpl8 =
  (&myFollowThis_chpl) > high;
```

```
call_tmp_chpl17 = (ret_chpl7 >
  ret_chpl8);
  if (call_tmp_chpl17) {
    tmp_chpl5 = false;
  } else {
    tmp_chpl5 = true;
  }
  call_tmp_chpl18 = (tmp_chpl3;
  if (call_tmp_chpl18) {
    ret_chpl9 =
    (&myFollowThis_chpl) > low;
    ret_chpl10 =
    (&myFollowThis_chpl) > high;
    call_tmp_chpl19 = (ret_chpl9 >
    ret_chpl10);
    call_tmp_chpl20 = (!
    call_tmp_chpl19);
    if (call_tmp_chpl20) {
      halfSpinnedIteration over a
      range with no first index", INT64(2),
      "forallRange.chpl");
    }
  }
  }
  ret_tmp_chpl =
  virtual_method_tmp_chpl =
  INT64(1)) (call_tmp_chpl2);
  lengththis_chpl =
  this_chpl = &ic_F0_this_chpl;
  call_tmp_chpl3 =
  lengththis_chpl;
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl3 =
  &ic_chpl;
  chpl_build_bounded_range2(INT64(1),
  INT64(10),
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl3;
  call_tmp_chpl17 =
  (&ic_F0_this_chpl4) > low;
  if (call_tmp_chpl22) {
    ret_chpl11 =
    (&myFollowThis_chpl) > low;
    this_chpl2 =
    (&ic_F0_this_chpl2);
    call_tmp_chpl23 =
    orderToIndex(this_chpl2,
    ret_chpl11);
    call_tmp_chpl24 =
    (call_tmp_chpl23 - INT64(1));
    call_tmp_chpl25 =
    (call_tmp_chpl23 +
    call_tmp_chpl24);
    ret_chpl12 =
    (&myFollowThis_chpl) > high;
    this_chpl3 =
    (&ic_F0_this_chpl2);
    call_tmp_chpl26 =
    orderToIndex(this_chpl3,
    ret_chpl12);
    call_tmp_chpl27 =
    (call_tmp_chpl26 ==
    call_tmp_chpl25);
    assert(chpl2)(call_tmp_chpl27);
    ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl4 =
    &call_tmp_chpl28;
  }

  chpl_build_bounded_range3(call_1m
  p_chpl25, call_tmp_chpl25;
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl4 =
  L_chpl = call_tmp_chpl28;
  )
  ic_F0_this_chpl3 = r_chpl;
  ret_chpl13 =
  (&ic_F0_this_chpl3) > low;
  ret_chpl14 =
  (&ic_F0_this_chpl3) > high;
  end_chpl = ret_chpl14;
  CHPL_PRAGMA_IVDEP
  for (l_chpl = ret_chpl13; l_chpl
  == end_chpl; l_chpl += INT64(1))
  {
    writeln(chpl4)(chpl);
  }
  }
  }
  delete_tmp_chpl =
  (call_tmp_chpl29 =
  sizeOf(chpl_chpl_EndCount_obje
  ct);
  cast_tmp_chpl =
  chpl_here_alloc(call_tmp_chpl29,
  INT64(17));
  this_chpl4 =
  (chpl_EndCount)(cast_tmp_chpl
  );
  ((object)(this_chpl4)) < chpl_cst_id
  chpl_cst_id_chpl_EndCount;
  atomic_destroy_int_least64(&call_1m
  p_chpl32);
  (this_chpl4) <= taskCrt =
  NULL;
  INT64(0);
  (this_chpl4) <= taskCrt =
  NULL;
  ret_chpl15 = type_tmp_chpl;
  ret_chpl16 =
  ret_tmp_chpl <= &ret_chpl15;
```

```
atomic_int_least64_L_ref_tmp_
  chpl2, INT64(0));
  (&this_chpl6) > > = ret_chpl15;
  this_chpl = &ic_F0_this_chpl;
  construct_atomic_int64(ret_chpl15
  &this_chpl6);
  (this_chpl4) <=
  wrap_call_tmp_chpl =
  INT64(0);
  ret_chpl16 = NULL;
  (this_chpl4) <= taskCrt =
  INT64(0);
  ret_chpl16 = NULL;
  (this_chpl4) <= taskCrt =
  INT64(0);
  wrap_call_tmp_chpl =
  construct_EndCount(&wrap_call_1m
  p_chpl, INT64(0), ret_chpl4,
  this_chpl4);
  .confocalCount_chpl =
  wrap_call_tmp_chpl2 =
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl5 =
  &ic_F0_this_chpl2;
  chpl_build_partially_bounded_range
  (INT64(0),
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl5;
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl6 =
  &call_tmp_chpl31;
  chpl_POUND(&call_tmp_chpl30
  tmp_chpl,
  ret_to_arg_ref_tmp_chpl6;
  ic_F0_this_chpl4 =
  call_tmp_chpl31;
  call_tmp_chpl17 =
  (&ic_F0_this_chpl4) > low;
  ret_chpl18 =
  (&ic_F0_this_chpl4) > high;
  end_chpl2 = ret_chpl18;
  for (l_chpl2 = ret_chpl17;
  (l_chpl2 == end_chpl2); l_chpl2
  += INT64(1)) {
    .confocalCount_chpl;
    nDerefTmp_chpl =
    .confocalCount_chpl;
    chpl_here_alloc_size =
    sizeOf(chpl_class_localscoreal_in
    _chpl_obje);
    chpl_here_alloc_tmp =
    chpl_here_alloc(chpl_here_alloc_si
    ze, INT64(2));
    args_forforall_in_chpl =
    (l_class_localscoreal_in_chpl(chpl
    _here_alloc_tmp);
    (args_forforall_in_chpl) >
    0; v_chpl = v_chpl;
    (args_forforall_in_chpl)
    > 1; numChunks_chpl =
    numChunks_chpl;
    (args_forforall_in_chpl)
    > 2; yieldIndex_chpl = l_chpl2;
    (args_forforall_in_chpl)
    > 3; nDerefTmp_chpl =
    nDerefTmp_chpl;
    nDerefTmp_chpl;
    (args_forforall_in_chpl)
    > 4; nDerefTmp_chpl;
    chpl_letL;
    "" wrapconfocal_in_chpl ""
    (void)(l_args_forforall_in_chpl);
    &((l_args_forforall_in_chpl)
    > 3; nDerefTmp_chpl) <= taskList;
    chpl_nodeID, INT64(2),
    "forallRange.chpl");
  }

  chpl_taskListProcess(.confocalCou
  nt_chpl) <= taskList, INT64(2),
  "forallRange.chpl");
  .waitEndCount(.confocalCount_chpl
  );
  delete_tmp_chpl =
  (.confocalCount_chpl;
  field_destructor_tmp_chpl =
  &((delete_tmp_chpl) >);
  call_tmp_chpl32 =
  &((field_destructor_tmp_chpl) >);
  < v;
  atomic_destroy_int_least64(&call_1m
  p_chpl32);
  (void)(delete_tmp_chpl);
  (void)(delete_tmp_chpl);
```



About 50% reduction in
generated code size





Standalone Par Iters: Status

Status:

- Standalone parallel iterators are supported by the compiler
 - yet, not currently used when loops access outer vars with non-ref intents
 - compiler limitation to be addressed as future work
- Several built-in types now support standalone parallel iterators
 - Associative domains/arrays
 - Ranges
 - Rectangular domains/arrays
 - Sparse domains/arrays
- Some iterator functions now support standalone variants:
 - e.g., glob() iterator
- Also used in other cases where zippering is inappropriate/expensive
 - e.g., walkdirs(), and findfiles() iterators
 - e.g., diamond-tiling iterators used in Colorado State's ICS 2015 paper*

* I. Bertolacci, C. Olschanowsky, B. Harshbarger, D. Wannacott, B. Chamberlain, and M. Strout. *Parameterized Diamond Tiling for Stencil Computations with Chapel Iterators*. To appear in *ACM International Conference on Supercomputing (ICS)*, 2015.



Standalone Par Iters: Next Steps

Next Steps:

- Implement standalone parallel iterators for more cases
 - AdvancedIters module
 - RandomStream class
 - Distributed domains and arrays
- Ensure standalone iterators are always utilized when available
- Look for optimization opportunities in standalone iterators
- Tackle other aspects of Leader-Follower 2.0 design
- Tighten up “try token” capability which is a big hammer
 - either using constrained generics
 - or more precise “can resolve call” queries

Compilation Time Improvements





Compilation Time Improvements

Background: Chapel compile-times are slower than we'd like

#1 issue: generated code size, which is overly verbose due to...

...overly normalized IR resulting in too many unnecessary temps

...heavy use of generics for core features and lack of related optimizations

- e.g., if a generic class's method does not use generic aspects, don't specialize it

...“on by default” features that may not be used in the typical case

This Effort: Remove some low-hanging fruit

- By default, Chapel compilations use a runtime “task table”
 - Used to track tasks for deadlock detection, Ctrl-C task reporting
 - Implemented using a Chapel associative array
 - Not a frequently used feature
- So, why not turn off by default and require a compiler flag to enable?
 - Tradeoff: Speeds most compiles, but requires recompile when desired
 - `--[no-]task-tracking` flag controls behavior



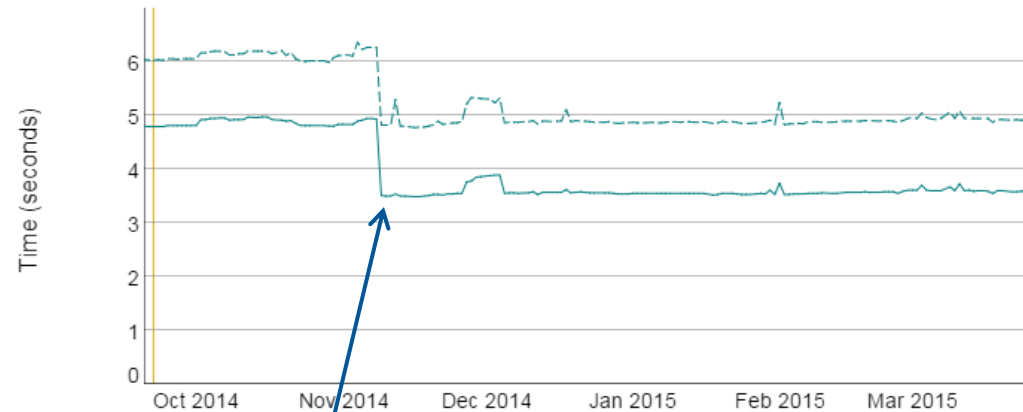


Compilation Time Improvements: Impact

Impact: Compilation time and code size improved

Average Total Compilation Time

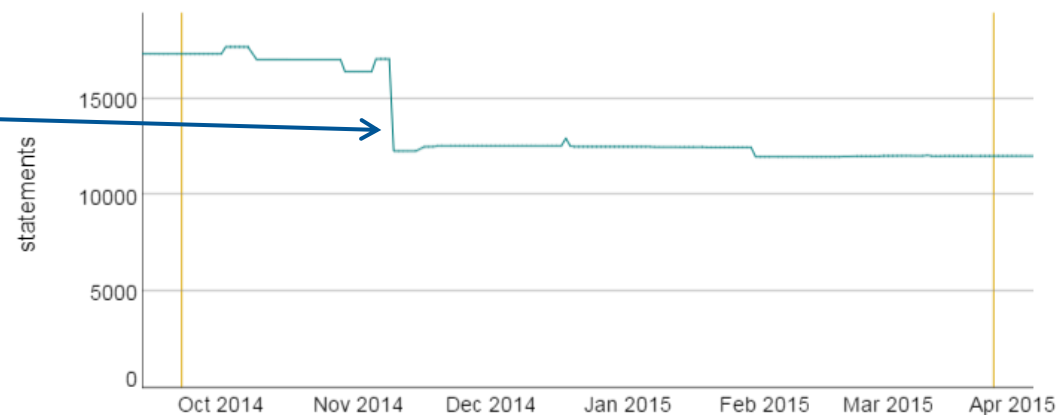
-- total time (examples)
— total time (all)



Task table eliminated by default on this day

Jacobi Emitted Code Size

— Statements emitted



COMPUTE | STORE | ANALYZE



Compilation Time Improvements: Next Steps

Next Steps:

- Look for other similarly low-hanging cases
- Eliminate unnecessary temporaries
 - Move away from current normalization strategy?
 - Collapse unnecessary temporaries prior to codegen?
- Optimize methods that are unnecessarily generic





Other Major Language/Compiler Changes



Other Language/Compiler Changes

- **Deprecated placeholder ‘refvar’ syntax**

- use ‘ref’ instead, e.g.:

```
var a: int;
ref b = a;
```

- **Deprecated use of ‘var’ return intent**

- use ‘ref’ instead, e.g.:

```
proc foo() ref { ... }    // was: proc foo() var { ... }
```

- **Deprecated ‘type select’ statement**

- use ‘select x.type’ instead, e.g.:

```
select x.type { ... }    // was: type select x { ... }
```

- **read (sync-variable) now generates an error**

- symmetric with `write (sync-variable)` as of 1.10



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- **Improve Reductions:**
 - complete support for reduce intents
 - re-implement global-view reductions using reduce intents
 - optimize performance
 - support partial reductions
- **Improve Parallel Iterators:**
 - Use standalone iterators in all applicable cases
 - Continue adoption of standalone iterators in standard modules
 - Design Leader-follower 2.0 and a “try token” replacement
- **Address remaining cases of missing const checking**
- **Create story for type selecting unions/dynamic types**
- **Look for additional compile-time improvements**
 - while continuing to focus primarily on performance of executables





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