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Introduction

In computing, an optimizing compiler is a compiler that tries to minimize or maximize some attributes of an executable computer program. The most common requirement is to minimize the time taken to execute a program; a less common one is to minimize the amount of memory occupied.

Optimization Table

option	optimization level	execution time	code size	memory usage	compile time
-O0	optimization for compilation time (default)	+	+	-	-
-O1 or -O	optimization for code size and execution time	-	-	+	+
-O2	optimization more for code size and execution time	—		+	++
-O3	optimization more for code size and execution time	—		+	+++
-Os	optimization for code size		—		++
-Ofast	O3 with fast none accurate math calculations	—		+	+++

note:- +increase, ++increase more, +++increase even more, -reduce, -reduce more, —reduce even more

Methods

These options control various sorts of optimizations:

-O

-O1

Optimize. Optimizing compilation takes somewhat more time, and a lot more memory for a large function.

Without -O, the compiler's goal is to reduce the cost of compilation and to make debugging produce

the expected results. Statements are independent: if you stop the program with a breakpoint between statements, you can then assign a new value to any variable or change the program counter to any other statement in the function and get exactly the results you would expect from the source code.

With `-O`, the compiler tries to reduce code size and execution time, without performing any optimizations that take a great deal of compilation time.

`-O2`

Optimize even more. GCC performs nearly all supported optimizations that do not involve a space-speed tradeoff. The compiler does not perform loop unrolling or function inlining when you specify `-O2`. As compared to `-O`, this option increases both compilation time and the performance of the generated code.

`-O2` turns on all optional optimizations except for loop unrolling, function inlining, and register renaming. It also turns on the `-fforce-mem` option on all machines and frame pointer elimination on machines where doing so does not interfere with debugging.

Please note the warning under `-fgcse` about invoking `-O2` on programs that use computed gotos.

`-O3`

Optimize yet more. `-O3` turns on all optimizations specified by `-O2` and also turns on the `-finline-functions` and `-frename-registers` options.

`-O0`

Do not optimize.

`-Os`

Optimize for size. `-Os` enables all `-O2` optimizations that do not typically increase code size. It also performs further optimizations designed to reduce code size.

If you use multiple `-O` options, with or without level numbers, the last such option is the one that is effective.

Examples

Loop unrolling

Example:

```
// old loop
for(int i=0; i<3; i++) {
    colormap[n+i] = i;
}
// unrolled version
int i = 0;
colormap[n+i] = i;
i++;
colormap[n+i] = i;
i++;
colormap[n+i] = i;
```

*and many more example which we've already given at the time of demo.