

# How to Reduce an LLVM Bug

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# Demo Plugin

<https://github.com/arsenm/llvm-reduce-tutorial>

LLVM built with `-DLLVM_BUILD_LLVM_DYLIB=ON -DLLVM_LINK_LLVM_DYLIB=ON`

```
$ mkdir build; cd build
```

```
$ cmake llvm-reduce-tutorial -G Ninja -DCMAKE_PREFIX_PATH=/path/to/llvm-project/build  
-DLLVM_PROJECT_SRC=/path/to/llvm-project
```

```
$ ninja
```

# Demo Plugin Usage

```
$ opt --load-pass-plugin=/path/to/llvm-reduce-tutorial/build/buggy_plugin.so \
    -passes='buggy< crash-on-i1-select;crash-on-aggregate-phis>' example.ll
```

```
$ BUGGY_PLUGIN_OPTS="crash-on-i1-select;crash-on-aggregate-phis" clang++ \
    -fpass-plugin=/path/to/llvm-reduce-tutorial/build/buggy_plugin.so \
    example.cpp
```

# X86ISelLowering Example

```
$ touch  
llvm/lib/Target/X86/X86ISelLowering.cpp  
$ ninja -v -j1 llc  
$ export BUGGY_PLUGIN_OPTS=crash-load-  
of-inttoptr  
$ # Add -fpass-plugin=/path/to/build.so  
argument to clang invocation
```

# Generated Reproducer Script

```
clang++: error: clang frontend command failed with exit code 70 (use -v to see invocation)
clang version 21.0.0git (https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project.git faefb70c7a771ae646df3d5defe122cfff2aac7c)
Target: x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/build/bin
Build config: +assertions
clang++: note: diagnostic msg:
*****
```

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING FILES TO THE BUG REPORT:

Preprocessed source(s) and associated run script(s) are located at:

```
clang++: note: diagnostic msg: /tmp/X86ISelLowering-5a21d8.cpp
clang++: note: diagnostic msg: /tmp/X86ISelLowering-5a21d8.sh
clang++: note: diagnostic msg:
```

```
*****
```

# Where did the crash occur?

- Step 1 is getting your failure into a self-contained command
- Best results if you can get it down to a single pass invocation
- Usually works out alright for IR passes to just take the failing pass, extract the IR before it, and run
- Repeat the process as you refine your testcase
- Some failures (i.e., register allocation) are very sensitive to any perturbations

```

fatal error: error in backend: load of inttoptr is broken
PLEASE submit a bug report to https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/issues/ and include the crash backtrace, preprocessed source, and associated run script.
Stack dump:
0. Program arguments: /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/build/bin/clang++ -fpass-plugin=/home/marsenau/src/llvm-reduce-tutorial/build/buggy_plugin.so -DGTEST_HAS_RTTI=0 -
DLLVM_EXPORTS ... -o lib/Target/X86/CMakeFiles/LLVMX86CodeGen.dir/X86ISelLowering.cpp.o -c /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Target/X86/X86ISelLowering.cpp
1. <eof> parser at end of file
2. Optimizer
3. Running pass "function<eager-inv>(float2int,lower-constant-intrinsics,buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>;>,loop(loop-rotate<header-duplication;no-prepare-for-lto>,loop-
deletion),loop-distribute,inject-tli-mappings,loop-vectorize<no-interleave-forced-only;no-vectorize-forced-only>;>,infer-alignment,loop-load-elim,instcombine<max-
iterations=1;no-verify-fixpoint>,simplifycfg<bonus-inst-threshold=1;forward-switch-cond;switch-range-to-icmp;switch-to-lookup;no-keep-loops;hoist-common-insts;no-hoist-
loads-stores-with-cond-faulting;sink-common-insts;speculate-blocks;simplify-cond-branch;no-speculate-unpredictables>,slp-vectorizer,vector-combine,instcombine<max-
iterations=1;no-verify-fixpoint>,loop-unroll<O2>,transform-warning,sroa<preserve-cfg>,infer-alignment,instcombine<max-iterations=1;no-verify-fixp`oint>,loop-
mssa(licm<allowspeculation>),alignment-from-assumptions,loop-sink,instsimplify,div-rem-pairs,tailcallelim,simplifycfg<bonus-inst-threshold=1;no-forward-switch-cond;switch-
range-to-icmp;no-switch-to-lookup;keep-loops;no-hoist-common-insts;hoist-loads-stores-with-cond-faulting;no-sink-common-insts;speculate-blocks;simplify-cond-
branch;speculate-unpredictables>)" on module "/home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Target/X86/X86ISelLowering.cpp"
4. Running pass "buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>;>" on function "_ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE"
#0 0x00007096a6a87928 llvm::sys::PrintStackTrace(llvm::raw_ostream&, int) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Support/Unix/Signals.inc:804:13
#1 0x00007096a6a857f0 llvm::sys::RunSignalHandlers() /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Support/Signals.cpp:106:18
#2 0x00007096a69befb7 (anonymous namespace)::CrashRecoveryContextImpl::HandleCrash(int, unsigned long) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-
project/llvm/lib/Support/CrashRecoveryContext.cpp:73:5
#3 0x00007096a69bef4f llvm::CrashRecoveryContext::HandleExit(int) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Support/CrashRecoveryContext.cpp:446:3
#4 0x00007096a6a826d7 llvm::sys::Process::Exit(int, bool) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Support/Process.cpp:117:5
#5 0x00005be361edba56 (/home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/build/bin/clang+++0x16a56)
#6 0x00007096a69d2689 std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::_M_data() const /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-
gnu/14/../../../../include/c++/14/bits/basic_string.h:228:28
#7 0x00007096a69d2689 std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::_M_is_local() const /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-
gnu/14/../../../../include/c++/14/bits/basic_string.h:269:6
#8 0x00007096a69d2689 std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::_M_dispose() /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-
gnu/14/../../../../include/c++/14/bits/basic_string.h:287:7
#9 0x00007096a69d2689 std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<char>, std::allocator<char>>::~~basic_string() /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-linux-
gnu/14/../../../../include/c++/14/bits/basic_string.h:809:9
#10 0x00007096a69d2689 llvm::report_fatal_error(llvm::Twine const&, bool) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/lib/Support/ErrorHandling.cpp:105:5
#11 0x00007096a69d2576 (/home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/build/bin/./lib/libLLVM.so.21.0git+0x4dd2576)
#12 0x000070969f1ce9fb (anonymous namespace)::BuggyPass::run(llvm::Function&, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>&) buggy_plugin.cpp:0:0
#13 0x000070969f1d208f llvm::detail::PassModel<llvm::Function, (anonymous namespace)::BuggyPass, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>>::run(llvm::Function&,
llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>&) buggy_plugin.cpp:0:0
#14 0x00007096a6c6a9c7 llvm::PassManager<llvm::Function, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>>::run(llvm::Function&, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>&)
/home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/llvm/include/llvm/IR/PassManagerImpl.h:85:8
#15 0x00007096a9531f6d llvm::detail::PassModel<llvm::Function, llvm::PassManager<llvm::Function, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>>,
llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>>::run(llvm::Function&, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Function>&) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-
project/llvm/include/llvm/IR/PassManagerInternal.h:91:5
#16 0x00007096a6c6f181 llvm::ModuleToFunctionPassAdaptor::run(llvm::Module&, llvm::AnalysisManager<llvm::Module>&) /home/marsenau/src/llvm-
project/llvm/lib/IR/PassManager.cpp:129:23
#
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```

# Two Debugging Paths

- Go direct to the IR at the point of failure
- Happy path which works most of the time
- Run the singular failing pass with opt
- Reproduce the invocation as closely as possible from the start
- Global options set by frontend
- Most sensitive bugs, and usually encountering infrastructure issues



# Obtain Original clang Output

- `-emit-llvm -Xclang -disable-llvm-passes`
- `clang -Xclang -disable-llvm-passes != clang -O0`
- `clang -O0` produces different IR
- `clang -O0 -disable-llvm-passes != clang -O0`

# Reproduce with opt

- `$ buggy_opt -O2 -disable-output X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc`

# Extract the IR before the failure

## Brute force approach

```
$ buggy_clang++ -mllvm -print-before-all 2>
debug_log.txt
```

```
; *** IR Dump Before SROAPass on
_ZN4llvm2cl3optIiLb0ENS0_6parserIiEEEC1IJA47_cNS0_11initializ
erIiEENS0_4descENS0_12OptionHiddenEEEEdpRKT_ ***
; Function Attrs: mustprogress nounwind ssp uwtable(sync)
define linkonce_odr hidden noundef ptr
@_ZN4llvm2cl3optIiLb0ENS0_6parserIiEEEC1IJA47_cNS0_11initializ
erIiEENS0_4descENS0_12OptionHiddenEEEEdpRKT_(ptr noundef
nonnull returned align 8 dereferenceable(192) %this, ptr
noundef nonnull align 1 dereferenceable(47) %Ms, ptr noundef
nonnull align 8 dereferenceable(8) %Ms1, ptr noundef nonnull
align 8 dereferenceable(16) %Ms3, ptr noundef nonnull align 4
dereferenceable(4) %Ms5) unnamed_addr #2 !dbg !212411 {
entry:
    %this.addr = alloca ptr, align 8
    %Ms.addr = alloca ptr, align 8
    %Ms.addr2 = alloca ptr, align 8
    %Ms.addr4 = alloca ptr, align 8
    %Ms.addr6 = alloca ptr, align 8
    ...
```

# Printing All the IRs

- `$ buggy_opt -O2 -print-before-all -print-module-scope 2> debug_log.txt`
- `$ buggy_opt -O2 -print-on-crash -print-module-scope 2> debug_log.txt`

# Refined Printed Context

`-print-before=buggy`

Running pass "buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr;>" on function ...

`-print-after=other-pass-name`

Running pass "function<eager-inv>(float2int,lower-constant-intrinsics,buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr;>,loop(loop-rotate<header-duplication;no-prepare-for-lto>,loop-deletion),loop-distribute

`-print-after=lower-constant-intrinsics`

`-print-module-scope -filter-print-funcs=_ZNK411vm17X86TargetLowering23LowerINTRINSIC_...`

# Refined Printed Context

- print-before-pass-number is the best way to get precise output before the failure point
- Use --print-pass-numbers to get the pass number at the failure point

```
Running pass 466737 SimplifyCFGPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466738 SLPVectorizerPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466739 VectorCombinePass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466740 InstCombinePass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466741 LoopUnrollPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466742 WarnMissedTransformationsPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466743 SROAPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466744 InferAlignmentPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466745 InstCombinePass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466746 LoopSimplifyPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466747 LCSSAPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466748 AlignmentFromAssumptionsPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466749 LoopSinkPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466750 InstSimplifyPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466751 DivRemPairsPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466752 TailCallElimPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466753 SimplifyCFGPass on _ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering30shouldExpandLogicAtomicRMWInIREPNS_13AtomicRMWInstE
Running pass 466754 Float2IntPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466755 LowerConstantIntrinsicsPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466756 buggy on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466757 LoopSimplifyPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466758 LCSSAPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466759 LoopDistributePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466760 InjectTLIMappings on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466761 LoopVectorizePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466762 InferAlignmentPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466763 LoopLoadEliminationPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466764 InstCombinePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466765 SimplifyCFGPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466766 SLPVectorizerPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466767 VectorCombinePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466768 InstCombinePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466769 LoopUnrollPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466770 WarnMissedTransformationsPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466771 SROAPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466772 InferAlignmentPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466773 InstCombinePass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466774 LoopSimplifyPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466775 LCSSAPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466776 AlignmentFromAssumptionsPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466777 LoopSinkPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466778 InstSimplifyPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466779 DivRemPairsPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466780 TailCallElimPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466781 SimplifyCFGPass on _ZN4llvm11Instruction9user_backEv
Running pass 466782 Float2IntPass on _ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE
Running pass 466783 LowerConstantIntrinsicsPass on _ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE
Running pass 466784 buggy on _ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE
LLVM ERROR: load of inttoptr is broken
PLEASE submit a bug report to https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/issues/ and include the crash backtrace.
Stack dump:
0. Program arguments: /home/marsenau/src/llvm-project/build_reldebinfo/bin/opt --load-pass-plugin=/home/marsenau/src/llvm-reduce-tutorial/build/buggy_plugin.so --disable-output -O2 X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc
--print-pass-numbers
1. Running pass "function-cgaggr-invs(float2int, lower-constant-intrinsics, buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>: loop[loop-rotate-header-duplication;no-prepare-for-lto> loop-distribute, inject-tli-mappings, loop-vectorize<no-interleave-forced-only;no-vectorize-forced-only>], infer-alignment, loop-load-elim, instcombine<max-iterations=1;no-verify-fixpoint>, simplify-cfgbonus-inst-threshold=1;forward-switch-cond;switch-range-to-icmp;switch-to-lookup;no-keep-l-ops>;hoist-common-insts;no-hoist-loads-stores-with-cond-faulting;sink-common-insts;speculate-blocks;simplify-cond-branch;no-speculate-unpredictables>, slp-vectorizer, vector-combine, instcombine<max-iterations=1;no-verify-fixpoint>, loop-unroll<O2>, transform-warning, sroa<preserve-cfg>, infer-alignment, instcombine<max-iterations=1;no-verify-fixpoint>, loop-ssa<licm<allowspeculation>, alignment-from-assumptions, loop-sink, instsimplify, div-rem-pairs, tailcallem, simplify-cfgbonus-inst-threshold=1;no-forward-switch-cond;switch-range-to-icmp;no-switch-to-lookup;keep-loops;no-hoist-common-insts;hoist-loads-stores-with-cond-faulting;no-sink-common-insts;speculate-blocks;simplify-cond-branch;speculate-unpredictables>)" on module "X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc"
2. Running pass "buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>:" on function "_ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE"
```

Running pass 466784 buggy on \_ZL19FindSingleBitChangePN4llvm5ValueE  
LLVM ERROR: load of inttoptr is broken

## -print-before-pass-number

```
opt -disable-output -O2 -print-before-pass-number=466784 \
  X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc 2> before-466784.ll
```

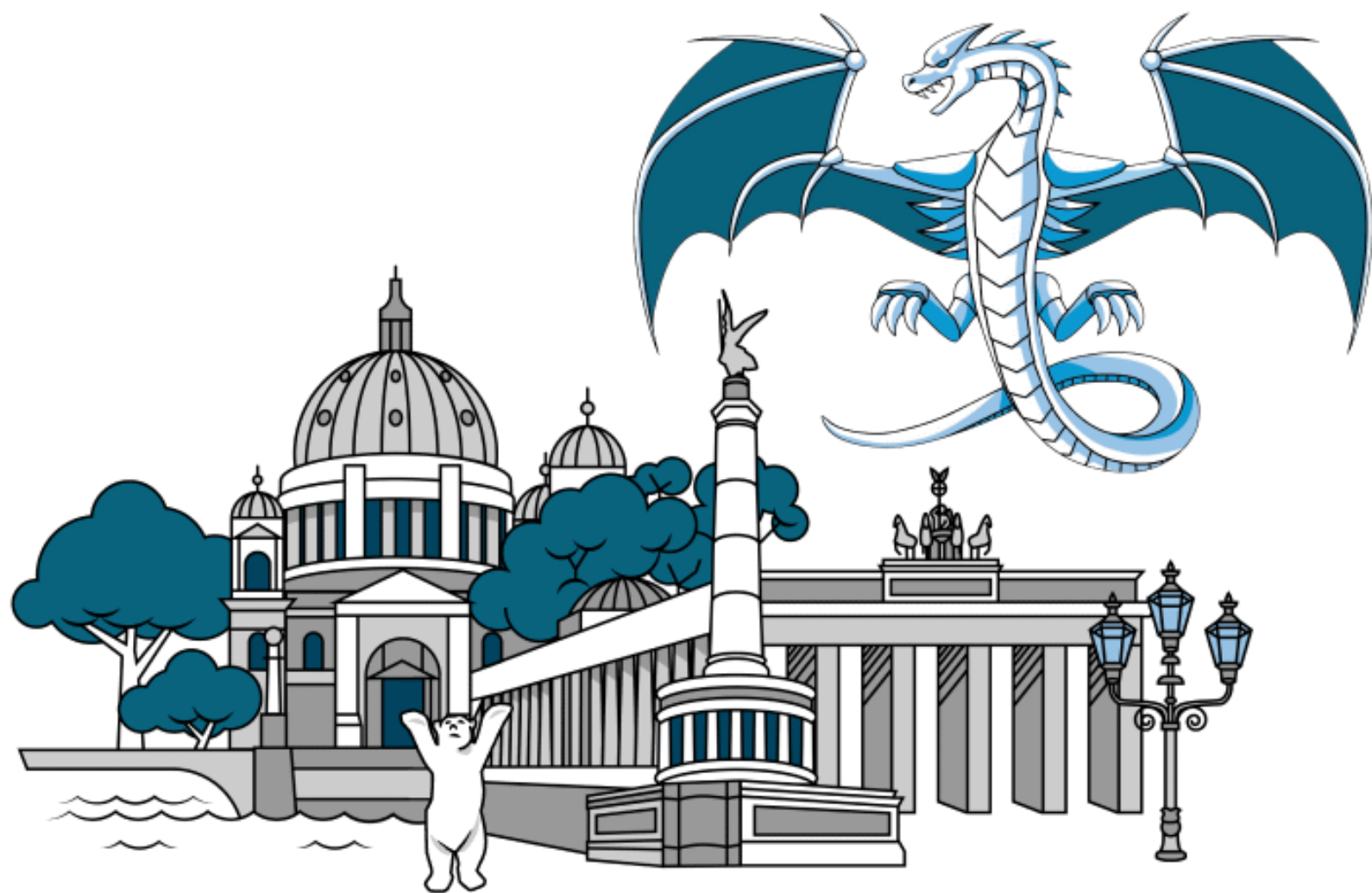
- Raw stderr output includes the backtrace and errors at the end
- You can manually trim it off to get a parsable input

## -ir-dump-directory

```
$ opt -disable-output -O2 -print-before-pass-number=466784 \  
  -print-module-scope \  
  -ir-dump-directory=/tmp/my_debug_output \  
  X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc  
$ ls /tmp/my_debug_output  
466784-153b4460d50ce649-function-a71200593fa6b29a-buggy-before.ll
```

- New since 2023
- Works with all of the `-print-*` flags
- No more backtrace to trim out, directly usable files
- Did not work correctly with `-print-before-pass-number` when I made the slides
- <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/pull/130983> fixes it





# llvm-reduce

- Now you are ready to handle the reduction
- Reduces any binary bitcode or text IR input
- Create an “interestingness” script with the IR based reproduction command

# Interestingness Script

- An exit value of 0 is considered interesting
- This is backwards from what you would hope for a crash, but it matches FileCheck / grep
- Don't forget shebang line
- Don't forget to chmod +x
- Write to be multiprocess safe

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
! /path/to/opt -disable-output --load-pass-plugin=/path/to/buggy_plugin.so \  
-passes='buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>' $@ 2> /dev/null
```

# llvm-reduce

```
$ llvm-reduce -test=interestingness.sh before-466784.ll
```

```
marsenau@marsenau:~/src/llvm-reduce-tutorial$
```

```

define fastcc i1
@ "_ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering17LowerBUILD_VECTORENS_7SDValueERNS_12Selection
DAGEENK3$_0clES1_jNS_8ArrayRefIS1_EE"() {
entry:
    %0 = inttoptr i64 0 to ptr
    ret i1 false

_ZNK4llvm8ArrayRefINS_7SDValueEEixEm.exit.peel: ; No predecessors!
    %1 = load ptr, ptr %0, align 8
    br label %for.body

for.body: ; preds = %for.body, %_ZNK4llvm8ArrayRefINS_7SDValueEEixEm.exit.peel
    br label %for.body
}

```

# -O2 vs. Single Pass Reproducer

```
define i32
@_ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering17getConstraintTypeENS_9StringRefE(i64
%Constraint.coerce.fca.0.extract, ptr %Constraint11) {
entry:
    store i64 %Constraint.coerce.fca.0.extract, ptr %Constraint11, align 8
    %call12 = call i8 @_ZNK4llvm9StringRefixEm(ptr %Constraint11)
    switch i8 %call12, label %return [
        i8 65, label %sw.bb3
        i8 68, label %sw.bb3
        i8 83, label %sw.bb3
        i8 100, label %sw.bb3
        i8 1, label %sw.bb3
        i8 98, label %sw.bb3
        i8 0, label %sw.bb3
    ]
sw.bb3:
    br label %return
return:
    %retval.0 = phi i32 [ 0, %sw.bb3 ], [ 1, %entry ]
    ret i32 %retval.0
}

define i8 @_ZNK4llvm9StringRefixEm(ptr %this) {
    %call12 = call ptr @_ZNK4llvm9StringRef4dataEv(ptr %this)
    %0 = load i8, ptr %call12, align 1
    ret i8 %0
}

define ptr @_ZNK4llvm9StringRef4dataEv(ptr %this) {
    %0 = load ptr, ptr %this, align 8
    ret ptr %0
}
```

```
define fastcc i1
@"_ZZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering17LowerBUILD_VECTORENS_7SDValueERNS_12SelectionDAGEENK3$_0c1ES1_jNS_8ArrayRefIS1_EE"() {
entry:
    %0 = inttoptr i64 0 to ptr
    ret i1 false

; No predecessors!
_ZNK4llvm8ArrayRefINS_7SDValueEEixEm.exit.peel:
    %1 = load ptr, ptr %0, align 8
    br label %for.body

for.body:
    br label %for.body
}
```

# Adjusted Interestingness Script

```
! opt -disable-output --load-pass-plugin=buggy_plugin.so \
-passes='instsimplify,simplifcfg,buggy<crash-load-of-inttoptr>' $@ \
2> /dev/null
```

```
define fastcc i1
@ "_ZZNK411vm17X86TargetLowering17LowerBUILD_VECTORENS_7SDValueERNS_12SelectionDAGEENK3$_0
c1ES1_jNS_8ArrayRefIS1_EE"(i64 %Ops.coerce.fca.0.extract) {
entry:
  %0 = inttoptr i64 %Ops.coerce.fca.0.extract to ptr
  %1 = load ptr, ptr %0, align 8
  %cmp.i.i.peel = icmp eq ptr %1, null
  ret i1 %cmp.i.i.peel
}
```

```
! cp /dev/null /tmp/but disable load paths - plugin_buggy_plugin.so \
-papasses /usr/bin/gdb /tmp/but buggyall $@ -z /dev/null call> '$@' 2> /dev/null
```

**AMD**  
together we advance\_



# Multiple Bugs

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
! opt -disable-output --load-pass-plugin=buggy_plugin.so \  
  -passes='instsimplify,simplifcfg,buggy<crash-on-i1-select;crash-on-repeated-phi-  
predecessor;bug-only-if-internal-func>' $@
```

```
$ interestingness-multi-crash.sh before-466784.ll
```

LLVM ERROR: i1 typed select is broken

PLEASE submit a bug report to <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/issues/> and include the crash backtrace.

Stack dump:

# Multiple Bugs

```
$ llvm-reduce -o reduced.ll --test=interestingness-multi-crash.sh before-466784.ll
```

```
$ interestingness-multi-crash.sh reduced.ll
```

```
LLVM ERROR: phi with repeated predecessor is broken
```

```
PLEASE submit a bug report to https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/issues/ and include  
the crash backtrace.
```

# Filtering Error Messages

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
opt -disable-output --load-pass-plugin=buggy_plugin.so \
  -passes='instsimplify,simplifycfg,buggy<crash-on-i1-select;crash-on-repeated-phi-
predecessor;bug-only-if-internal-func>,%@ %dev/null
repeated-phi-predecessor;bug-only-if-internal-func>' $@ \
  2>&1 | grep -q "i1 typed select is broken"
  2>&1 | FileCheck --allow-empty --dump-input=never $0
```

```
# CHECK: i1 typed select is broken
@_ZL19LowerPOHorizontalOpPKN4llvm17BuildVectorSDNodeERKNS_5SDLocERKNS_12X86SubtargetERNS_
12SelectionDAGE(i1 %cond, i1 %cmp.i91) {
entry:
  %or.cond311 = select i1 %cond, i1 %cmp.i91, i1 false
  br i1 %or.cond311, label %if.then39, label %common.ret

common.ret: ; preds = %if.then39, %entry
  ret [2 x i64] zeroinitializer

if.then39: ; preds = %entry
  call void @llvm.lifetime.start.p0(i64 0, ptr null)
  br label %common.ret
}
```

# Controlling specific reduction techniques

- Sometimes you need additional controls to reduce successfully
- Some reduction strategies may be counterproductive to your bug
- Work around `llvm-reduce` bugs
- `llvm-reduce --print-delta-passes` shows the set of reduction passes
- Not useful to run `llvm-reduce` repeatedly
  - `--max-pass-iterations=<int>`

# Controlling specific reductions

- `--delta-passes=functions,instructions`
- `--skip-delta-passes=reduction-name` for opt-out
  - `--skip-delta-passes=attributes`
  - `--skip-delta-passes=ir-passes`
- `llvm-reduce --delta-passes=ir-passes --ir-passes='function(sroa)'`

# llvm-reduce options

- `-j=1`
- `--write-tmp-files-as-bitcode`
- `--skip-verify-interesting-after-counting-chunks`
- `--abort-on-invalid-reduction`
- `--preserve-debug-environment`

# Debugging Compiler Invocation

```
$ clang "-###" -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c  
clang -cc1 "-emit-obj" /* many arguments */ a.c -o a-f0d8ae.o  
clang -cc1 "-emit-obj" /* many arguments */ b.c -o b-a12565.o  
ld.lld /* many arguments */ -o a.out a-f0d8ae.o b-a12565.o -l ...
```

```
$ clang "-###" -flto -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c  
clang -cc1 "-emit-llvm-bc" /* many arguments */ a.c -o a-f0d8ae.o  
clang -cc1 "-emit-llvm-bc" /* many arguments */ b.c -o b-a12565.o  
ld.lld /* many arguments */ -o a.out a-f0d8ae.o b-a12565.o -l ...
```

# Debugging Compiler Invocation

```
$ clang -save-temps -flto -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c
```

```
$ ls
```

```
a.bc a.i a.o a.out b.bc b.i b.o
```

```
$ clang -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c -mllvm -print-before=prologepilog
```

```
$ clang -flto -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c -Wl,-mllvm -Wl,print-before=prologepilog
```

```
$ clang -flto -fuse-ld=lld -O2 a.c b.c -Wl,-plugin-opt=save-temps
```

```
$ ls
```

```
a.bc  a.o      a.out.0.0.preopt.bc      a.out.0.4.opt.bc      a.out.lto.o
b.bc  b.o
a.i   a.out    a.out.0.2.internalize.bc  a.out.0.5.precodegen.bc  a.out.resolution.txt
b.i
```



# Debugging Compiler Invocation

```
$ clang -### -save-temps -fPIE -pie -fPIC -march=x86_64 -mtune=generic -O2 inputs/a.c
```

```
c:\program files\gcc\bin\gcc.exe -x86_64-w64-mingw32 -fcommon -fPIE -pie -D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=1 -Wl,-Bsymbolic-functions -Wl,-rpath=C:\Program Files\GCC\libexec\..\bin -Wl,-O1 -Wl,-export-dynamic -o a.out a.c
```

# Debugging Offload Invocations

```
$ clang++ "f#p#nmpf#p#nmpload#f#l#b#g#f#x#0#4#n#g#0#8#9#4#2#t#0#3#p#p#e#t#.cpp"
```

```
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-llvm-bc" "-fopenmp" "-disable-llvm-passes" \
    "-fopenmp-targets=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-x" "c++" "test.cpp" -o "../test-f66534.bc"
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-aux-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-llvm-bc" "-mlink-builtin-bitcode" "..." "\
    -target-cpu" "gfx942" "-include" "__clang_openmp_device_functions.h" "-O3" "-o" "...test-gfx942-f0a302.bc" "-x" "c++" \
    "test.cpp"
"clang-offload-packager" "-o" "test-5145b4.out" "--image=file=test-gfx942-f0a302.bc,triple=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa,arch=gfx942,kind=openmp"
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-obj" "-target-cpu" "x86-64" "-fopenmp" "-fgnuc-version=4.2.1" \
    "-fembed-offload-object=test-5145b4.out" "-fopenmp-targets=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-o" "test-a2836a.o" "-x" "ir" "test-
f66534.bc" \
"clang-linker-wrapper" "--device-compiler=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa=-O3" "--host-triple=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-o" "a.out" "-lm"
    "-lomp" "-lomptarget" "-lomptarget.devicertl"
```

# Debugging Offload Invocations

```
clang++ "-###" -save-temps -fopenmp --offload-arch=gfx942 -O3 test.cpp
```

```
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-E" "-dumpdir" "a-" "-save-temps=cwd" "-O3" "-fopenmp-targets=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-o"
"test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.ii" "-x" "c++" "test.cpp"
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-llvm-bc" "-dumpdir" "a-" "-save-temps=cwd" "-fopenmp" "-disable-llvm-passes" "-
fopenmp-targets=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-o" "test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.bc" "-x" "c++-cpp-output" "test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.ii"
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-aux-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-E" "-dumpdir" "a-" "-save-temps=cwd" "-mlink-
builtin-bitcode" "example.bc" "-target-cpu" "gfx942" "-include" "__clang_openmp_device_functions.h" "-O3" "-fvisibility=protected" "-
fopenmp" "-fopenmp-is-target-device" "-o" "test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-gfx942.ii" "-x" "c++" "test.cpp"
```

```
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-aux-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-llvm-bc" "-dumpdir" "a-" "-save-temps=cwd" "-
mlink-builtin-bitcode" "example.bc" "-target-cpu" "gfx942" "-O3" "-fopenmp" "-disable-llvm-passes" "-fopenmp-is-target-device" "-
fopenmp-host-ir-file-path" "test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.bc" "-o" "test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-gfx942.tmp.bc" "-x" "c++-cpp-output"
"test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-gfx942.ii"
```

```
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-aux-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-emit-llvm-bc" "-emit-llvm-uselists" "-dumpdir" "a-"
"-save-temps=cwd" "-mlink-builtin-bitcode" "example.bc" "-target-cpu" "gfx942" "-O3" "-fvisibility=protected" "-fopenmp" "-fopenmp-is-
target-device" "-o" "test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-gfx942.bc" "-x" "ir" "test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-gfx942.tmp.bc"
```

```
"/usr/local/bin/clang-offload-packager" "-o" "test-openmp-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.out" "--image=file=test-openmp-amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa-
gfx942.bc,triple=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa,arch=gfx942,kind=openmp"
```

```
"clang" "-cc1" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-S" "-dumpdir" "a-" "-save-temps=cwd" "-O3" "-fopenmp" "-fembed-offload-object=test-
openmp-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.out" "-fopenmp-targets=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa" "-o" "test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.s" "-x" "ir" "test-host-
x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.bc"
```

```
"clang" "-cc1as" "-triple" "x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "-filetype" "obj" "-main-file-name" "test.cpp" "-target-cpu" "x86-64" "-o" "test-host-
x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.o" "test-host-x86_64-pc-linux-gnu.s"
```

```
"clang-linker-wrapper" "--device-compiler=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa=-O3" "--device-compiler=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa=-save-temps=cwd" "--host-
triple=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu" "--save-temps" "--linker-path=/opt/local/bin/ld" "--hash-style=gnu" "--eh-frame-hdr" "-m" "elf_x86_64" "-
pie" "-dynamic-linker" "/lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2" "-o" "a.out" "Scrt1.o" "crti.o" "crtbeginS.o" "-L/usr/lib" "test-host-x86_64-pc-
linux-gnu.o" "-lstdc++" "-lm" "-lomp" "-lomptarget" "-lomptarget.devicertl" "-L/usr/local/lib" "-lgcc_s" "-lgcc" "-lpthread" "-lc" "-
lgcc_s" "-lgcc" "crtendS.o" "crtn.o"
```

# Pass pipeline reduction

```
static bool BuggyGlobalFlag = false;
```

```
PreservedAnalyses
```

```
BuggyAttrPass::run(Module &M, ModuleAnalysisManager &) {
```

```
    BuggyGlobalFlag = true;
```

```
    for (Function &F : M) {
```

```
        if (!F.isDeclaration())
```

```
            F.addFnAttr("buggy-attr");
```

```
    }
```

```
    return PreservedAnalyses::all();
```

```
}
```

```
$ export BUGGY_PLUGIN_OPTS=crash-on-buggy-global-state
```

```
$ buggy_opt X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc
```

# Pass pipeline reduction

```
export BUGGY_PLUGIN_OPTS=crash-on-buggy-global-state
```

```
llvm-project/llvm/utils/reduce_pipeline.py \  
--opt-binary ~/llvm-project/build_reldebinfo/bin/opt \  
--passes='default<O2>' \  
--input X86ISelLowering.cpp.clang-disable-llvm-passes.bc \  
--output reduced-pipeline.out.ll \  
--load-pass-plugin=buggy_plugin.so
```

# Pass pipeline reduction

The following extra args will be passed to opt: `'-load-pass-plugin=/home/marsenau/src/llvm-reduce-tutorial/build/buggy.plugin.so'`

```
$ LLVM-reduce -o reduced-pipeline.ll -test=interestingness-multi-pass.sh \
  reduced-pipeline-output.ll
```

Expanded pass sequence: annotation2metadata,forceattrs,inferattrs,coro-early,function<eager-inv>(...

---Starting step #0---

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
-passes="annotation2metadata,forceattrs,inferattrs,coro-early,function<eager-inv>(...
```

```
!-buggy_opt #1-disable-output \
```

```
-passes="buggy-attr,function<eager-inv>(float2int,lower-constant-intrinsics,buggy<crash-on-buggy-global-state;>) loop($@
```

---Starting step #2---

```
-passes="buggy-attr,function<eager-inv>(float2int,lower-constant-intrinsics,buggy<crash-on-buggy-global-state;>)"
```

```
defining @Z14_llvm17X86TargetLoweringC2ERKNS_16X86TargetMachineERKNS_12X86SubtargetE() {
```

```
-passes="buggy-attr,function<eager-inv>(buggy<crash-on-buggy-global-state;>)"
```

```
}--FINISHED---
```

Wrote output to 'reduced-pipeline-output.ll'.

```
-passes="buggy-attr,function<eager-inv>(buggy<crash-on-buggy-global-state;>)"
```

# Reducing Backend Issues

- Start debugging the same way as any middle end problem.
- Machine pass issues are a second phase
- Cannot do better than an IR reproducer for SelectionDAG issues
- Ideally get to reproducer command using llc
- Everything is generally worse in the backend
- Modularity breakdown and fixed pass orders
- CodeGen still using legacy pass manager

# Reducing Backend Issues

```
$ clang -c -O3 -emit-llvm -o test.bc test.c  
$ llc test.bc
```



# Reducing Backend Issues

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
! llc -filetype=obj -verify-machineinstrs $@
```

# Reducing Backend Issues

- There are IR passes that run in the codegen pipeline
- These extra cleanups sometimes complicate reductions
- Can use `-start-after=passname` to skip extra passes
- Note not all passes should be skipped, and you will run into different problems if you skip the wrong ones
- Try using `-verify-machineinstrs`, though often prohibitively expensive inside the interestingness test

# Reducing Backend Issues

```
$ llc -mtriple=x86_64-pc-linux-gnu -debug-pass=Structure test.bc
```

```
Pass Arguments: -targetlibinfo -targetpassconfig -machinmoduleinfo -tti ...
```

```
Target Pass Configuration
```

```
Machine Module Information
```

```
Target Transform Information
```

```
Type-Based Alias Analysis
```

```
Scoped NoAlias Alias Analysis
```

```
Assumption Cache Tracker
```

```
Profile summary info
```

```
Create Garbage Collector Module Metadata
```

```
Machine Branch Probability Analysis
```

```
Default Regalloc Eviction Advisor
```

```
Default Regalloc Priority Advisor
```

```
ModulePass Manager
```

```
Pre-ISel Intrinsic Lowering
```

```
FunctionPass Manager
```

```
Expand large div/rem
```

```
Expand fp
```

```
...
```

```
Prologue/Epilogue Insertion & Frame Finalization # Pass name is PrologEpilogInserter, usable name is prologepilog
```

# Reducing Backend Issues

- `llvm-reduce` supports MIR, but still rough
- MIR infrastructure could use improvement
- Routinely difficult to reproduce problems in machine passes
- `llc -stop-after=finalize-isel -o test.mir; llc -start-after=finalize-isel -filetype=null test.mir`
- `-stop-before=phi-node-elimination`, `-stop-before=register-coalescer`, `-stop-before=machine-scheduler`, `-stop-before=greedy`

Can go straight from source to MIR if you really need to with `-mllvm -stop-before`

# Reducing Backend Issues

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
! llc -x mir -mtriple=amdgc-n-amd-amdhsa -start-before=machine-scheduler \  
    -stop-after=virtregrewriter -verify-regalloc $@ 2> /dev/null
```

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
! llc -run-pass=peephole-opt $@ 2> /dev/null
```

# Debugging Miscompiles

- Good luck
- Mostly a function of debugging your program, not the compiler
- Sanitizers first if possible
- `opt -passes=lint` can report on some obvious undefined behavior in the IR
- Finding any kind of pass/fail diff is very helpful
- Executing misbehaving code in `llvm-reduce` script probably not that useful
- `llvm-reduce interestingness` script which compiles good/bad and runs `llvm-diff`
- `--opt-bisect` flag

# Opt Bisect

- Just add `-opt-bisect-limit=<integer>` to any tool running passes
- Selectively disables optional passes

# Opt Bisect

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {  
    return argc < 2;  
}
```

```
#!/usr/bin/env sh
```

```
export BUGGY_PLUGIN_OPTS="miscompile-icmp-slt-to-sle"  
clang -O3 -fpass-plugin=buggy_plugin.so test.c -o test $@  
./test 1  
echo $?  
1
```



# Opt Bisect

```
$ ./miscompile_and_run.sh -opt-bisect-limit=-1
```

```
BISECT: running pass (1) Annotation2MetadataPass on [module]
```

```
BISECT: running pass (2) ForceFunctionAttrsPass on [module]
```

```
BISECT: running pass (3) AssignmentTrackingPass on [module]
```

```
BISECT: running pass (4) InferFunctionAttrsPass on [module]
```

```
BISECT: running pass (5) LowerExpectIntrinsicPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (6) SimplifyCFGPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (7) SROAPass on main
```

```
...
```

```
BISECT: running pass (67) Float2IntPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (68) LowerConstantIntrinsicsPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (69) ControlHeightReductionPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (70) buggy on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (71) LoopSimplifyPass on main
```

```
BISECT: running pass (72) LCSSAPass on main
```

```
...
```

```
BISECT: running pass (142) X86 LEA Fixup on function (main)
```

# Opt Bisect

```
$ ./miscompile_and_run.sh -mllvm -opt-bisect-limit=00
```

0

```
...  
BISECT: running pass (66) RecomputeGlobalsAAPass on [module]  
BISECT: running pass (67) Float2IntPass on main  
BISECT: running pass (68) LowerConstantIntrinsicsPass on main  
BISECT: running pass (69) ControlHeightReductionPass on main  
BISECT: NOT running pass (70) buggy on main  
BISECT: NOT running pass (71) LoopSimplifyPass on main  
BISECT: NOT running pass (72) LCSSAPass on main  
BISECT: NOT running pass (73) LoopDistributePass on main  
...
```

# Miscellaneous Tools for Interestingness Scripts

- Shortcut with `llvm-extract -recursive --func=name`
- `llvm-extract -bb=func:bb1,bb2`
- `llvm-diff` to find minimal example for what a pass does
- `opt -passes=normalize` to reorder and rename instructions to shrink diffs

# Cleaning Up Results for Tests

- `$ opt -S -passes=strip,instnamer`
- `$ opt -S -passes=strip,metarenamer`
- Prefer to avoid undefined behavior in test if not relevant to reproducer
  - e.g. replace load from ptr null

# Useful options

## clang

-save-temps -Wl,-plugin-opt=-save-temps  
-mllvm -print-module-scope  
-Xclang  
-###  
-save-temps -###

## opt

-disable-output  
-passes='lint<abort-on-error>'  
-passes='strip,metarenamer'

## General LLVM

-ir-dump-directory  
-print-on-crash  
-print-module-scope  
-print-before, -print-before-pass-number=N

## lbc

-filetype=null, -filetype=obj  
-O0 (-O2 is default)  
-verify-machineinstrs -verify-regalloc, -verify-misched  
-start-before=name --stop-after=name

## llvm-extract

--recursive  
-func=some-func  
--bb=func:some-bb;bb2

## llvm-diff

Globals to compare

# llvm-reduce bugs

- uselistorder errors when using text IR
  - <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/issues/58629>
- “input module no longer interesting after counting chunks”
  - Can be symptomatic of a flaky test but could be a bug in a delta pass
- Errors with `-abort-on-invalid-reduction`
- Many in MIR reduction
  - Does multi threaded work correctly?
  - Missing block reduction
- If you do hit a bug in llvm-reduce, you know what to do

```

[Public] #!/usr/bin/env sh
INPUT=$1

# Must have at least one function in the module.
if ! grep -q "^define" $INPUT; then
    exit 1
fi
# Ignore cases that have dead code in the input
if grep -q "No predecessors" $INPUT; then
    exit 1
fi

TMPFILE=`mktemp` || exit 1

llvm-reduce --abort-on-invalid-reduction \
    --skip-delta-passes=unreachable-basic-blocks -o $TMPFILE \
    --test=interestingness.sh $@

reduce_status=$?
if [ $reduce_status -eq 2 ]; then
    # Exit code 2 indicates the input was not interesting.
    exit 1
fi

# Looking for case that introduced unreachable code.
grep -q "No predecessors" $TMPFILE
$ llvm-reduce -o meta-reduced.ll -v \
    --abort-on-invalid-reduction \
    --test="yo_dawg.sh" before-466784.ll

```

# llvm-reduce llvm-reduce

```
define fastcc i1
@ "_ZNK4llvm17X86TargetLowering17LowerBUILD_VECTORENS_7SDValueERNS_12SelectionDAGEENK3$_0c
1ES1_jNS_8ArrayRefIS1_EE"() {
entry:
    %0 = inttoptr i64 0 to ptr
    br i1 false, label %cond.true.i, label %_ZNK4llvm8ArrayRefINS_7SDValueEEixEm.exit.peel

_ZNK4llvm8ArrayRefINS_7SDValueEEixEm.exit.peel: ; preds = %entry
    %1 = load ptr, ptr %0, align 8
    ret i1 false

cond.true.i: ; preds = %entry
    unreachable
}
```

<https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/pull/133842>

**llvm-reduce: Fix introducing unreachable code in simplify conditionals**



# Reduction Suggestions

- llvm-reduce label on github

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