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1. Introduction

This application guide describes methods of programming for efficiency in terms of code size, speed of execution, and data size for users developing programs with the CC-RH compiler for RH850 devices.

1.1 Overview

The methods of programming which are efficient in terms of code size, execution speed, and data size are classified under the following three headings.

- Options
- Extended Language
- Methods of Coding

CC-RH V2.02 was used in making the measurements and to obtain the compiled assembly language code listings in this application note.

Note that descriptions of items such as examples of generated code may be changed due to upgrading of the CC-RH compiler.

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2. Options

This chapter describes the effects on code size, speed of execution, and data size when options for CC-RH are specified.

The degrees of the effects depend on the details of the source code.

2.1 Compiler Options

✓: Improved, x: Worsened, Δ: Depends on the situation, —: No effect

Option	Code Size	Speed of Execution	Data Size	Remarks
-Xenum_type=auto	Δ	Δ	✓	In the case of variables of small types, this may lead to the generation of sign-extended or zero-extended operands in instructions. In this way, the effects on code size and speed depend on the situation.
-Xvolatile	x	x	—	
-Xuse_fp16=on	x	x	✓	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.
-Onothing	x	x	x	Since static variables that are only referred to by unused functions are not deleted, this option may also have an adverse effect on data size.
-Odefault	—	—	—	
-Osize	✓	Δ	✓	The deletion of static variables that are only referred to by unused functions has a positive effect on data size.
-Ospeed	Δ	✓	✓	The deletion of static variables that are only referred to by unused functions has a positive effect on data size.
-Ounroll=small value	✓	x	—	
-Ounroll=large value	x	✓	—	
-Oinline=0	✓	x	—	
-Oinline=1	—	—	—	
-Oinline=2	x	✓	—	
-Oinline=3	✓	✓	—	
-Oinline_size=small value	✓	x	—	
-Oinline_size=large value	x	✓	—	
-Oinline_init	Δ	✓	✓	
-Odelete_static_func=on	✓	—	✓	The deletion of static variables that are only referred to by unused functions has a positive effect on data size.
-Opipeline=on	—	✓	—	
-Otайл_call=on	✓	✓	—	
-Omap	✓	✓	—	
-Osmap	✓	✓	—	
-Xintermodule	✓	✓	—	
-Xinline_memcpy	x	✓	—	
-Xmerge_string	—	—	✓	
-Xalias=ansi	✓	✓	—	

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-Xmerge_files	✓	✓	—	
-Xwhole_program	✓	✓	—	
-library=intrinsic	x	✓	—	
-goptimize	✓	—	✓	
-Xpack=1,2	x	x	✓	
-Xbit_order	—	—	—	
-Xswitch;ifelse	Δ	Δ	—	This improves efficiency if there are few labels in switch statements.
-Xswitch=binary	x	Δ	—	This improves efficiency if there are many labels in switch statements.
-Xswitch=table	Δ	Δ	—	This improves efficiency if there are few labels in switch statements.
-Xreg_mode=22,common	Δ	Δ	—	If functions take up many registers, this will worsen both the code size and speed.
-Xreserve_r2	Δ	Δ	—	If functions take up many registers, this will worsen both the code size and speed.
-r4=none	Δ	Δ	—	Since the GP-relative sections cannot be used, this will worsen both the code size and speed.
-Xep=fix	x	x	—	If functions take up many registers, this will worsen both the code size and speed. When the -Omap option is specified, the -Xep=fix option must also be specified.
-Xfloat=soft	x	x	—	
-Xfxu=on	x	x	—	
-Xcall_jump=32	x	x	—	
-Xfar_jump	x	x	—	
-Xdiv	—	x	—	If this option is omitted, divq or divqu instructions will be generated to handle division. Although these instructions run at high speed, the number of cycles for execution differs with the values of the operands.
-Xcheck_div_ov	x	x	—	
-relaxed_math	✓	✓	—	This option may change the results of executing programs that include floating-point calculations.
-Xuse_fmaf	✓	✓	—	This option may change the results of executing programs that include floating-point calculations.
-use_recipf	✓	✓	—	This option may change the results of executing programs that include floating-point calculations.
-approximate	Δ	✓	—	This option may change the results of executing programs that include floating-point calculations.
-Xunordered_cmpf	x	x	—	
-Xmulti_level	—	—	—	
-Xpatch=dw_access	x	x	—	Usage notes on the MCU may become applicable if this option is not specified.
-Xpatch=switch	x	x	—	Usage notes on the MCU may become applicable if this option is not specified.
-Xpatch=syncp	x	x	—	Usage notes on the MCU may become applicable if this option is not specified.

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-Xdbl_size=4	✓	✓	✓	This option may change the result of executing the program.
-Xround=zero	—	—	—	This option may change the result of executing the program.
-Xalign4	x	✓	—	
-Xstack_protector	x	x	—	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.
-Xsection	✓	✓	—	
-store_reg	x	x	—	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.
-control_flow_integrity	x	x	—	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.

2.2 Assembler Option

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Option	Code Size	Speed of Execution	Data Size	Remarks
-Xasm_far_jump	x	x	—	

2.3 Link options

✓: Improved, x: Worsened, Δ: Depends on the situation, —: No effect

Option	Code Size	Speed of Execution	Data Size	Remarks
-padding	x	—	x	
-overrun_fetch	x	—	x	
-optimize	✓	—	✓	
-aligned_section	x	✓	x	

3. Extended Language

This chapter describes the effects on code size, speed of execution, and data size of #pragma directives among the extended language.

3.1 #pragma Directives

✓: Improved, x: Worsened, Δ: Depends on the situation, —: No effect

Directive	Code Size	Speed of Execution	Data Size	Remarks
#pragma section	✓	✓	Δ	Specifying the following attributes improves efficiency in terms of code size and speed of execution. r0_disp16, r0_disp23, ep_disp4, ep_disp5, ep_disp7, ep_disp8, ep_disp16, ep_disp23, gp_disp16, gp_disp23, zconst, zconst23 In the case of many small sections, empty spaces are generated between the sections and this may increase the data size.
#pragma inline	x	✓	—	
#pragma noinline	✓	x	—	
#pragma interrupt	—	—	—	When some registers need not be saved and restored and the interrupt specifications are changed (enable, fpu, and callt and so on), this improves the code size and speed of execution.
#pragma block_interrupt	x	x	—	
#pragma pack	x	x	✓	
#pragma align4	x	✓	—	
#pragma stack_protector	x	x	—	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.
#pragma register_group	x	x	—	This option can only be specified if the compiler is covered by a registered license for the professional edition.

4. Methods of Coding

This chapter describes the effects on code size, speed of execution, and data size through particular methods for the coding of user programs.

4.1 Reducing the Code Size

The following shows examples before and after modification when the -Osize option is specified.

4.1.1 Using if-else Statements Instead of switch Statements

A switch statement uses a table jump for the branch code, so the generated branch code consists of two-stage branches, which increases the code size. Branch code for values which are not among the case labels may also be included.

Altering switch statements for which the case labels are few to take the form of if statements may reduce the code size. The recommended number of case labels for this approach is fewer than five.

Notes: 1. Similar efficiency may be obtained by the -Xswitch=ifelse option.

2. This may increase the code size for cores other than the G3M.

As a Switch Statement	As if-else Statements
<pre>int fw(int x) { switch(x) { case 0: sub0(); break; case 1: sub1(); break; case 2: sub2(); break; case 3: sub3(); break; } return 0; }</pre>	<pre>int fb(int x) { if (x == 0) { sub0(); } else if (x == 1) { sub1(); } else if (x == 2) { sub2(); } else if (x == 3) { sub3(); } return 0; }</pre>

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<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 4 prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 cmp 0x00000003, r6 b9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry shl 0x00000001, r6 jmp #.SWITCH.LABEL.1_7[r6] .SWITCH.LABEL.1_7: br9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .SWITCH.LABEL.1_7.END: .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; switch_clause_bb jarl _sub0, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; switch_clause_bb2 jarl _sub1, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_clause_bb3 jarl _sub2, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb4 jarl _sub3, r31 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; switch_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001, [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 4 prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 cmp 0x00000000, r6 b9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb jarl _sub0, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_else_bb cmp 0x00000001, r6 b9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; if_then_bb8 jarl _sub1, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; if_else_bb9 cmp 0x00000002, r6 b9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; if_then_bb14 jarl _sub2, r31 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; if_else_bb15 cmp 0x00000003, r6 b9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; if_then_bb20 jarl _sub3, r31 .BB.LABEL.1_8: ; if_break_bb23 mov 0x00000000, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001, [r31]</pre>
52 bytes	48 bytes

4.1.2 Unifying Multiple Exit Points for Functions

If a switch statement or if-else statement contains the exit points of a function, multiple segments of code for exit from the function will be generated. Adding a return statement to the end of the function leads to a single code segment for exit from the function, and this may reduce the code size.

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Multiple Exit Points	Single Exit Point
<pre> extern int s; void fw (int x) { switch (x) { case 0: s = 0; break; case 1000: s = 0x5555; break; case 2000: s = 0xAAAA; break; case 3000: s = 0xFFFF; break; default: break; } } </pre>	<pre> extern int s; int fb (int x) { switch (x) { case 0: s = 0; break; case 1000: s = 0x5555; break; case 2000: s = 0xAAAA; break; case 3000: s = 0xFFFF; break; default: break; } return 0; } </pre>
<pre> _fw: .stack _fw = 0 cmp 0x00000000, r6 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r6, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r0 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; return jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb st.w r0, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; switch_clause_bb1 movea 0x00005555, r0, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; switch_clause_bb2 ori 0x0000AAAA, r0, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_8: ; switch_clause_bb3 ori 0x0000FFFF, r0, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31] </pre>	<pre> _fb: .stack _fb = 0 cmp 0x00000000, r6 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r6, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r0 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_9 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb st.w r0, LOWW(#_s)[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; switch_clause_bb1 movea 0x00005555, r0, r5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; switch_clause_bb2 ori 0x0000AAAA, r0, r5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_8: ; switch_clause_bb2 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_9: ; switch_clause_bb3 ori 0x0000FFFF, r0, r5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 </pre>

64 bytes

58 bytes

4.1.3 Using Temporary Variables to Reduce Multiple Lines of Code for Access to an External Variable into a Single Line for This Purpose

Accessing to temporary variables is more likely to generate register transfer code than accessing to an external variable. When code for accessing to an external variable is decreased by using temporary variables, the code size may be reduced.

Multiple Access to an External Variable	Single Access to an External Variable
<pre>extern int s; int fw(int x) { switch (x) { case 0: s = 0; break; case 1000: s = 0x5555; break; case 2000: s = 0xAAAA; break; case 3000: s = 0xFFFF; } return 0; }</pre>	<pre>extern int s; int fb(int x) { int tmp; if (x == 0) { tmp = 0; } else if (x == 1000) { tmp = 0x5555; } else if (x == 2000) { tmp = 0xAAAA; } else if (x == 3000) { tmp = 0xFFFF; } else { goto label; } s = tmp; label: return 0; }</pre>

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<pre> _fw: .stack _fw = 0 cmp 0x00000000, r6 movhi HIGHW1({_s}), r0, r2 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r6, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; entry addi 0xFFFFFC18, r5, r0 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_9 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb st.w r0, LOWW({_s})[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; switch_clause_bb1 movea 0x00005555, r0, r5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; switch_clause_bb2 ori 0x0000AAAA, r0, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_8: ; switch_clause_bb2 st.w r5, LOWW({_s})[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_9: ; switch_clause_bb3 ori 0x0000FFFF, r0, r5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_8 </pre>	<pre> _fb: .stack _fb = 0 cmp 0x00000000, r6 mov 0x00000000, r2 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_else_bb addi 0xFFFFFC18, r6, r0 movea 0x00005555, r0, r2 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_else_bb9 addi 0xFFFFF830, r6, r0 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; if_else_bb9.if_break_bb24_crit_edge ori 0x0000AAAA, r0, r2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; if_else_bb15 addi 0xFFFFF448, r6, r0 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; if_else_bb15.if_break_bb24_crit_edge ori 0x0000FFFF, r0, r2 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; if_break_bb24 movhi HIGHW1({_s}), r0, r5 st.w r2, LOWW({_s})[r5] .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; label mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] </pre>
58 bytes	50 bytes

4.1.4 Moving Identical Expressions in More than One Conditional Branch Destination before the Conditional Branch

When there are identical expressions in more than one conditional branch destination, move and unify them into one section before the conditional branch.

Identical Expressions Following a Branch	Expression before the Branch
<pre>extern int s; int fw(int x) { if (x >= 0) { if (x > func(0, 1, 2)) { s++; } } else { if (x < -func(0, 1, 2)) { s--; } } return 0; }</pre>	<pre>extern int s; int fb(int x) { int tmp; tmp = func(0, 1, 2); if (x >= 0) { if (x > tmp) { s++; } } else { if (x < -tmp) { s--; } } return 0; }</pre>

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<pre> _fw: .stack _fw = 12 prepare 0x00000061, 0x00000000 mov 0x00000002, r8 mov 0x00000001, r7 addi 0x00000000, r6, r20 movhi HIGHW1({_s}), r0, r21 mov 0x00000000, r6 bn9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb jarl _func, r31 cmp r20, r10 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_then_bb8 ld.w LOWW({_s})[r21], r20 add 0x00000001, r20 st.w r20, LOWW({_s})[r21] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; if_else_bb jarl _func, r31 subr r0, r10 cmp r10, r20 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; if_then_bb17 ld.w LOWW({_s})[r21], r2 add 0xFFFFFFFF, r2 st.w r2, LOWW({_s})[r21] .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; if_break_bb21 mov 0x00000000, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000061, [r31] </pre>	<pre> _fb: .stack _fb = 8 prepare 0x00000041, 0x00000000 mov r6, r20 mov 0x00000002, r8 mov 0x00000001, r7 mov 0x00000000, r6 jarl _func, r31 cmp 0x00000000, r20 movhi HIGHW1({_s}), r0, r2 bn9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb cmp r20, r10 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_then_bb10 ld.w LOWW({_s})[r2], r20 add 0x00000001, r20 st.w r20, LOWW({_s})[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; if_else_bb subr r0, r10 cmp r10, r20 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; if_then_bb19 ld.w LOWW({_s})[r2], r5 add 0xFFFFFFFF, r5 st.w r5, LOWW({_s})[r2] .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; if_break_bb23 mov 0x00000000, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000041, [r31] </pre>
66 bytes	62 bytes

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4.1.5 Replacing a Sequence of Complicated if Statement with a Simple Statement Having the Same Logical Meaning

When a sequence of if statements and conditional expressions is complicated, replace them with a simple expression which has the same meaning.

Complicated Sequence	Single if Statement
<pre>extern int x; int fw (int s, int t) { s &= 1; t &= 1; if (!s) { if (t) { x = 1; } } else { if (!t) { x = 1; } } return 0; }</pre> <pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 andi 0x00000001, r7, r2 andi 0x00000001, r6, r0 movhi HIGHW1(#_x), r0, r5 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb8.thread cmp 0x00000000, r2 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_else_bb cmp 0x00000000, r2 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; if_then_bb26 mov 0x00000001, r2 st.w r2, LOWW(#_x)[r5] .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; if_break_bb28 mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>extern int x; int fb (int s, int t) { s &= 1; t &= 1; if (!(s ^ t)) { x = 1; } return 0; }</pre> <pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 xor r6, r7 andi 0x00000001, r7, r0 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_x), r0, r2 mov 0x00000001, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_x)[r2] .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>
34 bytes	22 bytes

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4.1.6 Converting short- or char-Type Variables into the int Type

In accord with the ANSI-C specification, the CC-RH compiler converts short- or char-type operations into the int type before generating code for the operations. Type conversion is also produced when an int-type value is substituted for a short- or char-type variable. Defining variables as the int type in the first place can reduce additional type conversion.

Note: When the type of a variable is converted into the int type, the range of variables or values obtained by the operation will be changed. If you change the type, take care that this does not affect the operation of the program.

char-Type Variables	int-Type Variables
<pre>unsigned char fw(unsigned char a, unsigned char b, unsigned char c) { unsigned char t = a + b; return t >> c; } /fw: .stack _fw = 0 add r6, r7 zxb r7 shr r8, r7 mov r7, r10 zxb r10 jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>unsigned int fb(unsigned int a, unsigned int b, unsigned int c) { unsigned int t = a + b; return t >> c; } /_fb: .stack _fb = 0 add r6, r7 mov r7, r10 shr r8, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>
14 bytes	10 bytes

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4.1.7 Unifying Common case Processing in switch Statements

When the branch destinations of multiple case labels have the same processing, move the case labels and unify the processing.

Same Processing at Multiple Destinations	Unified Processing
<pre> extern int x; int fw (void) { switch(x) { case 0: dummy1(); break; case 1: dummy1(); break; case 2: dummy1(); break; case 3: dummy2(); break; case 4: dummy2(); break; default: break; } } </pre>	<pre> extern int x; int fb (void) { switch(x) { case 0: case 1: case 2: dummy1(); break; case 3: case 4: dummy2(); break; default: break; } } </pre>
<pre> _fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_x), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_x)[r2], r2 cmp 0x00000004, r2 bh9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry shl 0x00000001, r2 jmp #.SWITCH.LABEL.1_6[r2] .SWITCH.LABEL.1_6: br9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .SWITCH.LABEL.1_6.END: .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; switch_clause_bb jr _dummy1 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; return jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_clause_bb2 jr _dummy1 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb4 jr _dummy2 </pre>	<pre> _fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_x), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_x)[r2], r2 cmp 0x00000003, r2 b19 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry add 0xFFFFFFF0, r2 cmp 0x00000002, r2 b19 .BB.LABEL.1_4 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; return jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; switch_clause_bb jr _dummy1 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_clause_bb1 jr _dummy2 </pre>
44 bytes	28 bytes

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4.1.8 Changing Inline-Expanded Functions to Static Functions

When other source files do not refer to an inline-expanded function, change the function to a static function. Some code in the function will be removed and the code size may be reduced.

Inline-Expanded Function	Static Function
<pre>extern int s, t; #pragma inline fwsub void fwsub() { int tmp; tmp = s; s = t; t = tmp; } void fw() { if(s == 1){ fwsub(); } } _fwsub: .stack _fwsub = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_t), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_t)[r2], r5 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r6 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r6], r7 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r6] st.w r7, LOWW(#_t)[r2] jmp [r31] _fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r5 cmp 0x00000001, r5 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.2_2 .BB.LABEL.2_1: ; if_then_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_t), r0, r6 ld.w LOWW(#_t)[r6], r7 st.w r7, LOWW(#_s)[r2] st.w r5, LOWW(#_t)[r6] .BB.LABEL.2_2: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>extern int s, t; #pragma inline fwsub static void fwsub() { int tmp; tmp = s; s = t; t = tmp; } void fb() { if(s == 1){ fwsub(); } } _fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r5 cmp 0x00000001, r5 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_t), r0, r6 ld.w LOWW(#_t)[r6], r7 st.w r7, LOWW(#_s)[r2] st.w r5, LOWW(#_t)[r6] .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>
56 bytes	30 bytes

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4.1.9 Replacing for Loops with do-while Loops

Replaced a for statement with a do-while statement if it is clear that the loop is executed at least once may reduce the code size.

for Loop	do-while Loop
<pre>extern int array[10][10]; void fw(int nSize, int mSize) { int i; int *p; int s; p = &array[0][0]; s = nSize * mSize; for(i = 0; i < s; i++){ *p++ = 0; } }</pre>	<pre>extern int array[10][10]; void fb(int nSize, int mSize) { int i; int *p; int s; p = &array[0][0]; s = nSize * mSize; i = 0; do { *p++ = 0; i++; } while (i < s); }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 mul r6, r7, r0 mov 0x00000000, r2 mov #_array, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb cmp r7, r2 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; bb st.w r0, 0x00000000[r5] add 0x00000004, r5 add 0x00000001, r2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_1 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 mul r6, r7, r0 mov 0x00000000, r2 mov #_array, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb st.w r0, 0x00000000[r5] add 0x00000004, r5 add 0x00000001, r2 cmp r7, r2 blt9 .BB.LABEL.1_1 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>
28 bytes	26 bytes

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Replacing another kind of conditional expression with an equality or inequality operator may also reduce the code size.

Comparison	Inequality
<pre>extern int array[10][10]; void fw(int nSize, int mSize) { int i; int *p; int s; p = &array[0][0]; s = nSize * mSize; for(i = 0; i < s; i++){ *p++ = 0; } }</pre>	<pre>extern int array[10][10]; void fb2(int nSize, int mSize) { int i; int *p; int s; p = &array[0][0]; s = nSize * mSize; i = 0; do { *p++ = 0; i++; } while (i != s); }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 mul r6, r7, r0 mov 0x00000000, r2 mov #_array, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb8 cmp r7, r2 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; bb st.w r0, 0x00000000[r5] add 0x00000004, r5 add 0x00000001, r2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_1 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb2: .stack _fb2 = 0 mul r6, r7, r0 mov #_array, r2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb st.w r0, 0x00000000[r2] add 0x00000004, r2 loop r7, .BB.LABEL.1_1 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>
28 bytes	22 bytes

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4.1.10 Direct Assignment from a Conditional Expression when 0 or 1 is Assigned According to the Result of a Conditional Comparison

When 0 or 1 is assigned in the conditional branch destinations of an if statement, directly assign the result of the conditional expression.

Assignment at Branches	Assignment from the Conditional Expression
<pre>extern int flag, s; int fw(void) { if(s > 100){ flag = 1; } else{ flag = 0; } return 0; }</pre>	<pre>extern int flag, s; int fb(void) { flag = (s > 100); return 0; }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r2 addi 0xFFFFF9B, r2, r0 mov 0x00000001, r2 bge9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_else_bb mov 0x00000000, r2 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_break_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_flag), r0, r5 st.w r2, LOWW(#_flag)[r5] mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r2 addi 0xFFFFF9C, r2, r0 setf 0x0000000F, r2 movhi HIGHW1(#_flag), r0, r5 st.w r2, LOWW(#_flag)[r5] mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>
30 bytes	28 bytes

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4.1.11 Replacing Division by Powers of Two with Shift Operations

If it is cleared that the divisor in division is a power of two and the dividend is a positive value, replace the division with a shift operation.

Note: Changing the type of the dividend to unsigned int may similarly increase efficiency.

Division by a Power of Two	Shift Operation
<pre>extern int s; void fw(void) { s = s / 2; }</pre>	<pre>extern int s; void fb(void) { s = s >> 1; }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r5 mov 0x00000002, r6 divh r6, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_s), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_s)[r2], r5 sar 0x00000001, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_s)[r2] jmp [r31]</pre>
18 bytes	16 bytes

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4.1.12 Giving a Sign to External and Static Variables

If an expression includes an external or static variable which make relative reference to ep and the type of which can be signed or unsigned, declaring the variable as signed may reduce the code size.

Unsigned	Signed
<pre>/* -Osmap */ unsigned char cw[256]; int fw() { return cw[0] + cw[16]; } _fw: .stack _fw = 4 prepare 0x00000800, 0x00000000 mov #_cw+0x00000010, r30 sld.bu 0x00000000[r30], r10 ld.bu 0xFFFFFFF0[r30], r2 add r2, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000800, [r31]</pre>	<pre>/* -Osmap */ signed char cb[256]; int fb() { return cb[0] + cb[16]; } _fb: .stack _fb = 4 prepare 0x00000800, 0x00000000 mov #_cb, r30 sld.b 0x00000010[r30], r10 sld.b 0x00000000[r30], r2 add r2, r10 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000800, [r31]</pre>
22 bytes	20 bytes

4.1.13 Using Structures

In cases of repeated reference to related data in the same function, using a structure makes it easy for the compiler to generate code using relative access and this can be expected to improve efficiency. Passing the data as an argument also improves the efficiency. Since relative access places a limit on the range of access, it is effective when the data which are frequently accessed are placed at the top of the structure.

Note: Similar efficiency may be obtained with the `-Omap` or `-Osmap` option.

Without a Structure	With a Structure
<pre>int a, b, c; void fw() { a = 1; b = 2; c = 3; }</pre>	<pre>struct s{ int a; int b; int c; } st; void fb() { register struct s *p=&st; p->a = 1; p->b = 2; p->c = 3; }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_a), r0, r2 mov 0x00000001, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_a)[r2] movhi HIGHW1(#_b), r0, r2 mov 0x00000002, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_b)[r2] movhi HIGHW1(#_c), r0, r2 mov 0x00000003, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_c)[r2] jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 mov #_st, r2 mov 0x00000001, r5 st.w r5, 0x00000000[r2] mov 0x00000002, r5 st.w r5, 0x00000004[r2] mov 0x00000003, r5 st.w r5, 0x00000008[r2] jmp [r31]</pre>
32 bytes	26 bytes

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4.1.14 Changing Bit Fields with Two or More Bits to the char Type

When a bit field has two or more bits, change the bit field to the char type. Since the values must be extracted from the required bits, this may increase the code size.

Note: This will increase the amount of RAM in use.

Bit Fields	char
<pre>struct { unsigned char b0:1; unsigned char b1:2; } dw; unsigned char dummy; int fw(void) { if(dw.b1){ dummy++; } return 0; }</pre>	<pre>struct { unsigned char b0:1; unsigned char b1; } db; unsigned char dummy; int fb(void) { if(db.b1){ dummy++; } return 0; }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_dw), r0, r2 ld.bu LOWW(#_dw)[r2], r2 andi 0x00000006, r2, r0 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_then_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_dummy), r0, r2 ld.b LOWW(#_dummy)[r2], r5 add 0x00000001, r5 st.b r5, LOWW(#_dummy)[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_1</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_db+0x00000001), r0, r2 ld.bu LOWW(#_db+0x00000001)[r2], r2 cmp 0x00000000, r2 bnz9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_break_bb mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; if_then_bb movhi HIGHW1(#_dummy), r0, r2 ld.b LOWW(#_dummy)[r2], r5 add 0x00000001, r5 st.b r5, LOWW(#_dummy)[r2] br9 .BB.LABEL.1_1</pre>
34 bytes	32 bytes

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4.1.15 Declaring Global Variables as Automatic Variables Where Possible

If a variable can be used as an automatic variable, declare it as such, rather than as an external variable. Since the value of an external variable may be changed by calling a function or operations affecting a pointer, optimization will be less efficient if an external variable is used.

External Variable	Automatic Variable
<pre>int tmp; void fw(int* a, int* b) { tmp = *a; *a = *b; *b = tmp; }</pre>	<pre>void fb(int* a, int* b) { int tmp; tmp = *a; *a = *b; *b = tmp; }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 ld.w 0x00000000[r6], r2 movhi HIGHW1(#_tmp), r0, r5 st.w r2, LOWW(#_tmp)[r5] ld.w 0x00000000[r7], r2 st.w r2, 0x00000000[r6] ld.w LOWW(#_tmp)[r5], r2 st.w r2, 0x00000000[r7] jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 ld.w 0x00000000[r7], r2 ld.w 0x00000000[r6], r5 st.w r2, 0x00000000[r6] st.w r5, 0x00000000[r7] jmp [r31]</pre>
30 bytes	18 bytes

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4.1.16 Assigning Small Absolute Values when Referring to Constants

When a constant value is used for a macro definition or an enumerated type, assigning a small absolute value may reduce the code size may be reduced.

Larger Value	Smaller Value
#define CODEW (567) extern int data; void fw() { data= CODEW; } _fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_data), r0, r2 movea 0x00000237, r0, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_data) [r2] jmp [r31]	#define CODEB (15) extern int data; void fb() { data= CODEB; } _fb: .stack _fb = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_data), r0, r2 mov 0x0000000F, r5 st.w r5, LOWW(#_data) [r2] jmp [r31]
14 bytes	12 bytes

4.1.17 Modularizing Functions

Defining calling and called functions in the same file may reduce the code size.

Separate Files	Same File
extern void fwsub(); void fw() { fwsub(); } _fw: .stack _fw = 0 jr _fwsub	void fbsub() { ... } void fb() { fbsub(); } _fb: .stack _fb = 0 br9 _fbsub
4 bytes	2 bytes

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4.1.18 Using Tables Instead of switch Statements

Using tables instead of switch statements may reduce the code size.

switch Statement	Equivalent Table-Based Code
<pre> int fw(int i) { char ch; switch (i) { case 0: ch = 'a'; break; case 1: ch = 'x'; break; case 2: ch = 'b'; break; default: ch = 0; break; } return (ch); } _fw: .stack _fw = 0 cmp 0x00000002, r6 bh9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry shl 0x00000001, r6 jmp #.SWITCH.LABEL.1_7[r6] .SWITCH.LABEL.1_7: br9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_4 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .SWITCH.LABEL.1_7.END: .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; entry.switch movea 0x00000061, r0, r10 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; switch_clause_bb3 mov 0x00000000, r10 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; switch_clause_bb1 movea 0x00000078, r0, r10 br9 .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; switch_clause_bb2 movea 0x00000062, r0, r10 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; switch_break_bb jmp [r31] </pre>	<pre> const char chbuf[] = { 'a', 'x', 'b' }; int fb(int i) { if ((unsigned int)i < 3) { return (chbuf[i]); } return (0); } _fb: .stack _fb = 0 cmp 0x00000002, r6 bh9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; if_then_bb mov #chbuf, r2 add r6, r2 ld.b 0x00000000[r2], r10 jmp [r31] .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; bb9 mov 0x00000000, r10 jmp [r31] .section .const, const _chbuf: .db 0x61,0x78,0x62 </pre>
40 bytes	25 bytes

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4.1.19 Reviewing the Specifications of Interrupt Functions

Specifying -Xreg_mode=22 and -Xreserve_r2 decreases the number of registers to be saved and restored in interrupt functions and thus may reduce the code size.

Specifying -Xreg_mode=32	Specifying -Xreg_mode=22 and -Xreserve_r2
<pre>/* -Xreg_mode=32 */ #pragma interrupt fw void fw() { sub(); } _fw: .stack _fw = 88 movea 0xFFFFFFFAC, r3, r3 st.w r1, 0x00000010[r3] st.w r2, 0x00000014[r3] st.w r5, 0x00000018[r3] st23.dw r6, 0x0000001C[r3] st23.dw r8, 0x00000024[r3] st23.dw r10, 0x0000002C[r3] st23.dw r12, 0x00000034[r3] st23.dw r14, 0x0000003C[r3] st23.dw r16, 0x00000044[r3] st23.dw r18, 0x0000004C[r3] stsr 0x00000010, r8, 0x00000000 stsr 0x00000011, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000000[r3] stsr 0x00000007, r8, 0x00000000 stsr 0x00000006, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000008[r3] prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 jarl _sub, r31 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001 ld23.dw 0x00000008[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 6 ldsr r8, 0x00000007, 0x00000000 ld23.dw 0x00000000[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 0x00000011, 0x00000000 ldsr r8, 0x00000010, 0x00000000 ld23.dw 0x0000004C[r3], r18 ld23.dw 0x00000044[r3], r16 ld23.dw 0x0000003C[r3], r14 ld23.dw 0x00000034[r3], r12 ld23.dw 0x0000002C[r3], r10 ld23.dw 0x00000024[r3], r8 ld23.dw 0x0000001C[r3], r6 ld.w 0x00000018[r3], r5 ld.w 0x00000014[r3], r2 ld.w 0x00000010[r3], r1 movea 0x00000054, r3, r3 eiret</pre>	<pre>/* -Xreg_mode=22, -Xreserve_r2 */ #pragma interrupt fb void fb() { sub(); } _fb: .stack _fb20 = 64 movea 0xFFFFFFF4, r3, r3 st.w r1, 0x00000010[r3] st.w r5, 0x00000014[r3] st23.dw r6, 0x00000018[r3] st23.dw r8, 0x00000020[r3] st23.dw r10, 0x00000028[r3] st23.dw r12, 0x00000030[r3] st.w r14, 0x00000038[r3] stsrsr 0x00000010, r8, 0x00000000 stsrsr 0x00000011, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000000[r3] stsrsr 0x00000007, r8, 0x00000000 stsrsr 0x00000006, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000008[r3] prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 jarl _sub, r31 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001 ld23.dw 0x00000008[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 6 ldsr r8, 0x00000007, 0x00000000 ld23.dw 0x00000000[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 0x00000011, 0x00000000 ldsr r8, 0x00000010, 0x00000000 ld.w 0x00000038[r3], r14 ld23.dw 0x00000030[r3], r12 ld23.dw 0x00000028[r3], r10 ld23.dw 0x00000020[r3], r8 ld23.dw 0x00000018[r3], r6 ld.w 0x00000014[r3], r5 ld.w 0x00000010[r3], r1 movea 0x0000003C, r3, r3 eiret</pre>
188 bytes	152 bytes

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In addition, reviewing the interrupt specifications of #pragma interrupt may enable decreasing the number of registers to be saved and restored and thus reduce the code size.

#pragma Interrupt without Options	#pragma Interrupt with Suitable Options
<pre>#pragma interrupt fw void fw() { sub(); } _fw: .stack _fw = 88 movea 0xFFFFFFFAC, r3, r3 st.w r1, 0x00000010[r3] st.w r2, 0x00000014[r3] st.w r5, 0x00000018[r3] st23.dw r6, 0x0000001C[r3] st23.dw r8, 0x00000024[r3] st23.dw r10, 0x0000002C[r3] st23.dw r12, 0x00000034[r3] st23.dw r14, 0x0000003C[r3] st23.dw r16, 0x00000044[r3] st23.dw r18, 0x0000004C[r3] stsr 0x00000010, r8, 0x00000000 stsr 0x00000011, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000000[r3] stsr 0x00000007, r8, 0x00000000 stsr 0x00000006, r9, 0x00000000 st23.dw r8, 0x00000008[r3] prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 jarl _sub, r31 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001 ld23.dw 0x00000008[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 6 ldsr r8, 0x00000007, 0x00000000 ld23.dw 0x00000000[r3], r8 ldsr r9, 0x00000011, 0x00000000 ldsr r8, 0x00000010, 0x00000000 ld23.dw 0x00000004C[r3], r18 ld23.dw 0x00000044[r3], r16 ld23.dw 0x0000003C[r3], r14 ld23.dw 0x00000034[r3], r12 ld23.dw 0x0000002C[r3], r10 ld23.dw 0x00000024[r3], r8 ld23.dw 0x00000001C[r3], r6 ld.w 0x00000018[r3], r5 ld.w 0x00000014[r3], r2 ld.w 0x00000010[r3], r1 movea 0x00000054, r3, r3 eiret</pre>	<pre>#pragma interrupt fb (enable=false, callt=false, fpu=false) void fb() { sub(); } _fb: .stack _fb20 = 72 movea 0xFFFFFFFBC, r3, r3 st.w r1, 0x00000000[r3] st.w r2, 0x00000004[r3] st.w r5, 0x00000008[r3] st23.dw r6, 0x00000000C[r3] st23.dw r8, 0x00000014[r3] st23.dw r10, 0x00000001C[r3] st23.dw r12, 0x000000024[r3] st23.dw r14, 0x00000002C[r3] st23.dw r16, 0x000000034[r3] st23.dw r18, 0x00000003C[r3] prepare 0x00000001, 0x00000000 jarl _sub, r31 dispose 0x00000000, 0x00000001 ld23.dw 0x0000003C[r3], r18 ld23.dw 0x00000034[r3], r16 ld23.dw 0x0000002C[r3], r14 ld23.dw 0x00000024[r3], r12 ld23.dw 0x00000001C[r3], r10 ld23.dw 0x00000014[r3], r8 ld23.dw 0x00000000C[r3], r6 ld.w 0x00000008[r3], r5 ld.w 0x00000004[r3], r2 ld.w 0x00000000[r3], r1 movea 0x00000044, r3, r3 eiret</pre>
188 bytes	132 bytes

4.1.20 Placing Functions and Variables in Libraries

For processing used by multiple projects, **finely separating the functions or variables in libraries** means that only the functions and variables required for each project are linked, which reduces the code size.

4.2 Speeding Execution up

The following shows examples before and after modification when the `-Ospeed` option is specified.

4.2.1 Expanding Loops

Reducing the number of loops decreases the overhead of branch instructions.

Note: Although the compiler also performs similar optimization, the effect depends on the statements in the source code and on whether or not the `-Ounroll` option is specified.

Loop for a Single Case	Separate Loops for Two Cases
<pre>extern int array[]; void fw(void) { int i; int *p; p = array; for(i = 16; i > 0; i--) { *p++ = 0; } }</pre>	<pre>extern int array[]; void fb(void) { int i; int *p; p = array; for(i = 16 >> 2; i > 0; i--) { /* N/4 */ *p++ = 0; *p++ = 0; *p++ = 0; *p++ = 0; } for(i = 16 & 3; i > 0; i--) { /* N mod 4 */ *p++ = 0; } }</pre>
<pre>_fw: .stack _fw = 0 mov #_array, r2 mov 0x00000004, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb.split.clone st.w r0, 0x00000000[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000004[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000008[r2] st.w r0, 0x0000000C[r2] movea 0x00000010, r2, r2 loop r5, .BB.LABEL.1_1 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; return jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>_fb: .stack _fb = 0 mov #_array, r2 st.w r0, 0x00000000[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000004[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000008[r2] st.w r0, 0x0000000C[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000010[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000014[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000018[r2] st.w r0, 0x0000001C[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000020[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000024[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000028[r2] st.w r0, 0x0000002C[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000030[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000034[r2] st.w r0, 0x00000038[r2] st.w r0, 0x0000003C[r2] jmp [r31]</pre>
34 bytes and 36 clock cycles	72 bytes and 27 clock cycles

4.2.2 Using Constants as Divisors

In terms of optimization, division by constants extends to operations other than division. Thus, use division of constants where possible.

Note: Smaller differences between the number of valid bits in the divisor and dividend speed up the divq instruction of the RH850.

Division by a Variable	Division by a Constant
<pre>int fw(int x, int y) { return x/y; } .fw: .stack _fw = 0 mov r6, r10 divq r7, r10, r0 jmp [r31]</pre>	<pre>int fb(int x) { return x/3; } .fb: .stack _fb = 0 mov 0x55555556, r2 mul r2, r6, r6 mov r6, r2 shr 0x0000001F, r2 mov r6, r10 add r2, r10 jmp [r31]</pre>
8 bytes and 15 to 30 clock cycles	20 bytes and 17 clock cycles

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4.2.3 Changing the Type of the Loop Control Variable

Changing a loop control variable to a signed 4-byte integer type (signed int or signed long) raises the likelihood of optimization in the form of loop unrolling, which increases the speed of execution.

Loop Control Variable Not Changed	Signed Loop Control Variable
<pre> extern int ub; extern char a[16]; void fw() { unsigned char i; for(i=0;i<ub;i++) { a[i]=0; } } _fw: .stack _fw = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_ub), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_ub)[r2], r2 cmp 0x00000000, r2 ble9 .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; entry.bb_crit_edge mov 0x00000000, r5 mov #_a, r6 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; bb andi 0x000000FF, r5, r7 add 0x00000001, r5 add r6, r7 st.b r0, 0x00000000[r7] andi 0x000000FF, r5, r7 cmp r2, r7 blt9 .BB.LABEL.1_2 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; return jmp [r31] </pre>	<pre> extern int ub; extern char a[16]; void fb() { int i; for(i=0;i<ub;i++) { a[i]=0; } } _fb: .stack _fb24 = 0 movhi HIGHW1(#_ub), r0, r2 ld.w LOWW(#_ub)[r2], r2 cmp 0x00000000, r2 ble9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_1: ; bb.nph cmp 0x00000003, r2 mov 0x00000000, r5 ble9 .BB.LABEL.1_5 .BB.LABEL.1_2: ; preheader.ul mov 0xFFFFFFFFFC, r5 mov r2, r6 and r2, r5 sar 0x00000002, r6 mov #_a, r7 .BB.LABEL.1_3: ; bb.split.clone st.b r0, 0x00000000[r7] st.b r0, 0x00000001[r7] st.b r0, 0x00000002[r7] st.b r0, 0x00000003[r7] add 0x00000004, r7 loop r6, .BB.LABEL.1_3 .BB.LABEL.1_4: ; exit.ul cmp r2, r5 bz9 .BB.LABEL.1_7 .BB.LABEL.1_5: ; bb.split.preheader sub r5, r2 mov #_a, r6 add r6, r5 .BB.LABEL.1_6: ; bb.split st.b r0, 0x00000000[r5] add 0x00000001, r5 loop r2, .BB.LABEL.1_6 .BB.LABEL.1_7: ; return jmp [r31] </pre>

42 bytes and 24 to 159 clock cycles

80 bytes and 23 to 62 clock cycles

4.3 Reducing Amounts of Data

Reducing amounts of data is not only effective in reducing the size of the data area (*.data.R, etc.) for the initial values generated in mapping from ROM to RAM, but also shortens the times taken for processing to transfer the initial values and for clearing to zero.

4.3.1 Aligning Data

Addresses to be accessed must usually be aligned to specific boundaries for the memory access instructions of the RH850. The compiler thus aligns (inserting padding areas without changing the order) and locates variables.

As alignment conditions, the char type, short type, and int type are aligned with 1-byte, 2-byte, and 4-byte boundaries, respectively. Declare the variables in order from longer to shorter.

Mixed Lengths	Longer to Shorter
<pre>char aw; int bw; char cw; int dw; char ew; _aw: .ds (1) .align 4 _bw: .ds (4) _cw: .ds (1) .align 4 _dw: .ds (4) _ew: .ds (1)</pre>	<pre>int bb; int db; char ab; char cb; char eb; _bb: .ds (4) .align 4 _db: .ds (4) _ab: .ds (1) _cb: .ds (1) _eb: .ds (1)</pre>
17 bytes	11 bytes

4.3.2 Aligning Structure Members

As in the case of variables, structure members generally must also be aligned when allocated. Allocating members in order from longer to shorter decreases the amount of memory taken up by variables.

Note: When the structure packing function is used, members are not aligned but padded for allocation. This decreases the amount of space taken up by the member variables but increases the size of the code required for access to the member variables.

Mixed Lengths	Longer to Shorter
<pre>struct { char aw; int bw; char cw; int dw; char ew; } fw;</pre>	<pre>struct { int bb; int db; char ab; char cb; char eb; } fb;</pre>
_fw: .ds (20)	_fb: .ds (12)
20 bytes	12 bytes

4.3.3 Changing Variables with Initial Values to const Variables or Moving them to the Section with the bss Attribute

When external and static variables have initial values, the initial values are copied from ROM to RAM when the program is started. Accordingly, an area of memory twice the original size is occupied in memory as a whole and copying takes time.

Variables with values that do not change must be changed to const variables and allocated to ROM.

The bss attribute section is initialized to 0 in the startup routine. **When external and static variables with the initial value 0 are allocated to the bss attribute section, the initial values need not be specified**, reducing the amount of data for the initial values of variables.

4.3.4 Reducing Holes Due to Alignment

The first addresses of each data section must be aligned with 4-byte boundaries. If variable definitions are separated in multiple files, holes due to alignment will be generated between variables from different files at the time of linkage. Consolidating definitions in a single file reduces the incidence of such holes.

Two Files	One File
<pre>==w1.c== int v; char w; ==w2.c== char y; char z;</pre>	<pre>int v; char w; char y; char z;</pre>
10 bytes	7 bytes

Separating sections for the allocation of variables by the #pragma section directive even in a single file also leads to holes due to alignment. Consolidating multiple sections as one also reduces the incidence of holes due to alignment.

Separated Sections	Consolidated Sections
<pre>#pragma section fw1 char fw; #pragma section fw2 char fw2;</pre>	<pre>#pragma section fb char fb1; char fb2;</pre>
5 bytes	4 bytes

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