
Subject: Optimized memcmp for x86

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Well, this code seems to run 20% faster than intrinsic GCC memcmp on x86-64:

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#ifdef COMPILER_GCC
inline dword _byteswap_ulong(dword x)
{
    asm("bswap %0" : "=r" (x) : "0" (x));
    return x;
}

inline uint64 _byteswap_uint64(uint64 x)
{
    asm("bswap %0" : "=r" (x) : "0" (x));
    return x;
}

inline word _byteswap_ushort(word x)
{
    __asm__("xchgb %b0,%h0" : "=q" (x) : "0" (x));
    return x;
}
#endif

int MemCmp(const char *a, const char *b, size_t len)
{
    if(((size_t)a & 3) | ((size_t)b & 3))
        return memcmp(a, b, len);
    const dword *x = (dword *)a;
    const dword *y = (dword *)b;
    const dword *e = x + (len >> 2);
    while(x < e) {
        if(*x != *y)
            return int(_byteswap_ulong(*x) - _byteswap_ulong(*y));
        x++;
        y++;
    }
    if(len & 2)
        if(*(word *)x != *(word *)y)
            return int(_byteswap_ushort(*(word *)x) - _byteswap_ushort(*(word *)y));
    if(len & 1)
        return int(*((byte *)x + 2)) - int(*((byte *)y + 2));
    return 0;
}
```

(Obviously, when both areas are dword aligned, but that happens a lot...).

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