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Subject: Re: BufferPainter::Clear() optimization  
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OK, so I could not stop digging and found last important ingredient: alignment matters!

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void FillX(void *p, dword data, int len)
{
    dword *t = (dword *)p;
    if(len < 4) {
        if(len & 2) {
            t[0] = t[1] = t[len - 1] = data;
            return;
        }
        if(len & 1)
            t[0] = data;
        return;
    }

__m128i val4 = _mm_set1_epi32(data);
auto Set4 = [&](int at) { _mm_storeu_si128((__m128i *)t + at), val4); };

Set4(len - 4); // fill tail
if(len >= 16) {
    Set4(0); // align up on 16 bytes boundary
    const dword *e = t + len;
    t = (dword *)(((uintptr_t)t | 15) + 1);
    len = e - t;
    e -= 16;
    if(len >= 1024*1024) { // for really huge data, bypass the cache
        huge_memsetd(t, data, len);
        return;
    }
    while(t <= e) {
        Set4(0); Set4(4); Set4(8); Set4(12);
        t += 16;
    }
}
if(len & 8) {
    Set4(0); Set4(4);
    t += 8;
}
if(len & 4)
    Set4(0);
}
```

This is about twice as fast as Fill7a for len > 60 (up to cache bypass limit).

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