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Note on Using C Compiler Package for R32C/100 Series

When using the C compiler package for the R32C/100 series of MCUs, take note of the following problem:

• With using array-type variable as divisor of remainder expression

1. Product and Versions Concerned

C Compiler Package for R32C/100 Series V.1.01 Release 00 through V.1.02 Release 01A

2. Description

If you use a variable of type array as the divisor of a remainder expression, incorrect code is generated.

2.1 Conditions

This problem arises if the following conditions are all satisfied:

- (1) The dividend of a remainder expression is a variable. (NOTE 1.)
- (2) The divisor of a remainder expression is a variable of type array. (NOTE 1.)
- (3) The subscript of the array in (2) is an auto variable.(Notes 1 and 2.)
- (4) The variables in (1) and (2) are not declared with #pragma EXTMEM.
- (5) The type of each variable in (1), (2), and (3) above is any of the following:
 - unsigned char
 - signed char
 - unsigned short
 - signed short
 - unsigned int (NOTE 3.)
 - signed int (NOTE 3.)
- (6) The bit widths of the variables in (1), (2), and (3) above are the same.

- 1. Excluded is the case where a variable is replaced with a constant as a result of the compiler's constant propagation.
- 2. If the array is represented by a pointer, the offset is an auto variable.
- 3. Compile option -fint_16(-fI16) is selected at the same time.

2.2 Example

```
Command line: nc100 -S sample.c
Problem-arising source code:
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int i;
unsigned char Dividend; // Conditions (1), (5), and (6)
unsigned char Divisor[]; // Conditions (2), (5), and (6)
void func(void)
{
 unsigned char Index = i; // Conditions (3), (5), and (6)
 i = Dividend % Divisor[Index]; // Conditions (1), (2), and (3)
}
_____
Symptom: The subscript takes the same value as of the dividend.
Generated code:
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func:
   . line 7
;## # C_SRC : unsigned char Index = i;
   mov.b _i:16,R0L ; Index
   . line 9
;## # C_SRC : i = Dividend % Divisor[Index];
   extz.bw _Dividend:16,R0
   inxlb R0L
                 <--- Subscript takes same value
                 as of dividend.
   edivu.b _Divisor:16,R0
   extz.bl R0H, i:16
   . line 10
;## # C_SRC : }
   rts
_____
```

3. Workaround

To avoid this problem, assign the divisor to a temp variable; then use the temp variable as the divisor. Example:

```
int i;
unsigned char Dividend;
unsigned char Divisor[6];
void func(void)
{
    unsigned char Index = i;
    unsigned char temp = Divisor[Index]; // Divisor assigned to temp.
    i = Dividend % temp; // temp used as divisor.
}
```

4. Schedule of Fixing Problem

Sorry we have no plan to fix this problem.

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