Subject: Use of Temporary() vs an Optimised Compiler Posted by Martin Downing on Mon, 26 Nov 2001 15:38:10 GMT

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Here's a thought for the day:

we have all had to get used to using the temporary function to enable memory efficient code. Some of us less effectively than others!

ie: instead of a = 2*a + b/a write

a = 2*a + b/TEMPORARY(a)

Personally although good practice I find it makes code hard to read. Who agrees that this could and should be dealt with at the compilation stage, obviously if A is being reassigned then the previous contents are lost so the compiler could reuse A when processing the last copy of A on the right hand side. Would that be so hard for RSI to implement?

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