Chromium on Android Web Performance

How we **doubled Chromium's Speedometer** scores & developed the **LoadLine** page load benchmark

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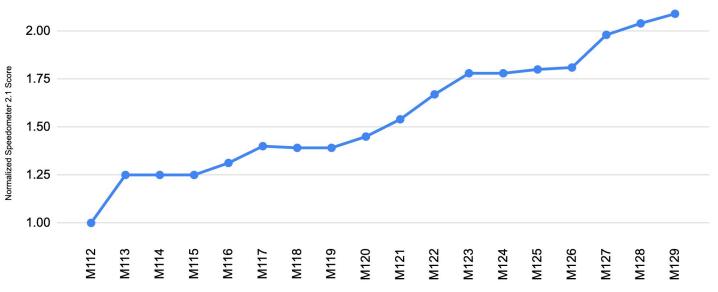






Speedometer 2.1 scores on Android Chrome increased 109% (e.g. Pixel Tablet: 97 in 2023 to 203 today).

Speedometer uplift on Android



Chrome Release

Faster Speedometer => Faster page load

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Thank you for your contributions!

- Chrome/V8
- Android
- Pixel

- ARM
- Qualcomm

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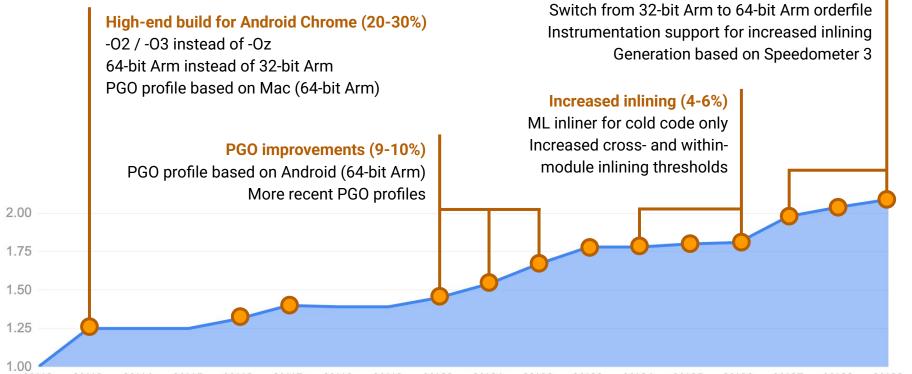
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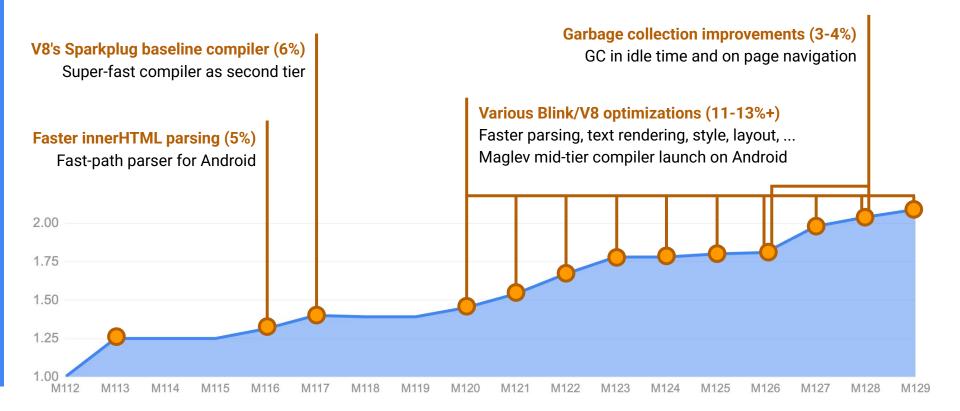
Build improvements



Orderfile improvements (4-7%)

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V8 and Blink improvements



Scheduling & OS

Higher prioritization of CrRendererMain (4%)

Flagging CrRendererMain as high-priority thread via Android Dynamic Performance Framework (ADPF)



Insights: Build improvements Profiling to understand Chrome's CPU bottlenecks

PMU data: high stalls & frontend-bound workload

Suite	Frontend stalls	Backend stalls
Angular2-TypeScript-TodoMVC	45.92%	18.32%
AngularJS-TodoMVC	43.12%	17.47%
BackboneJS-TodoMVC	55.49%	14.97%
Elm-TodoMVC	28.91%	19.35%
EmberJS-Debug-TodoMVC	28.72%	24.77%
EmberJS-TodoMVC	40.41%	20.01%
Flight-TodoMVC	52.32%	17.76%
Inferno-TodoMVC	44.32%	14.69%
Preact-TodoMVC	44.24%	19.10%
React-Redux-TodoMVC	28.03%	16.74%
React-TodoMVC	40.68%	16.36%
Vanilla-ES2015-Babel-Webpack-TodoMVC	38.50%	17.24%
Vanilla-ES2015-TodoMVC	38.42%	17.99%
VanillaJS-TodoMVC	40.66%	17.52%
VueJS-TodoMVC	44.08%	17.19%
jQuery-TodoMVC	28.41%	20.79%
Overall	36.22%	19.27%

Speedometer has **many branches** (~20% of instructions)

Branch mispredicts are costly in many ARM CPUs (instruction cache prefetch)

Optimizing code/branch layout for branch target buffer, caches, and CPU frontend parallelism is critical

CPUs with larger branch predictors and instruction caches are beneficial

Optimized PGO (& CPU) -- bottleneck moves to backend

Subtest	IPC	Frontend stall rate	Backend stall rate
Charts-chartjs	3.19	16.70%	36.16%
Charts-observable-plot	3.01	15.28%	40.54%
Editor-CodeMirror	2.86	23.91%	28.93%
Editor-TipTap	3.36	11.77%	35.44%
NewsSite-Next	2.15	28.81%	35.70%
NewsSite-Nuxt	2.18	28.54%	35.41%
Perf-Dashboard	2.23	29.63%	35.55%
React-Stockcharts-SVG	2.68	20.55%	38.79%
TodoMVC-Angular-Complex-DOM	2.38	24.72%	37.73%
TodoMVC-Backbone	2.10	31.98%	33.02%
TodoMVC-JavaScript-ES5	3.11	15.26%	42.27%
TodoMVC-JavaScript-ES6-[]	2.96	13.74%	47.57%
TodoMVC-jQuery	3.09	14.26%	42.62%
TodoMVC-Lit-Complex-DOM	2.16	22.96%	43.60%
TodoMVC-Preact-Complex-DOM	1.88	22.73%	47.52%
TodoMVC-React-Complex-DOM	2.62	22.74%	37.56%
TodoMVC-React-Redux	2.91	24.52%	32.13%
TodoMVC-Svelte-Complex-DOM	1.91	24.24%	46.19%
TodoMVC-Vue	2.30	23.91%	39.81%
TodoMVC-WebComponents	2.14	23.08%	43.89%
Overall	2.69	20.78%	38.50%

PGO increases portion of **not-taken** branches by placing hot blocks into fall-through paths

Not-taken branches **consume no BTB space** and enable more efficient utilization of caches and frontend width

Orderfile (function ordering) improves on top of this by **reducing iTLB misses**

Backend bottlenecks are now focus of our investigations

Pixel 9 Pro (Cortex X4), Chrome M128, Speedometer 3.0, CrRendererMain only

Stalls remain high overall -- high mem-boundedness

Subtest	Frontend stalls	FE L3+ stalls	Backend stalls	BE L3+ stalls
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Charts-observable-plot	15.28%	6.83%	40.54%	18.94%
Editor-CodeMirror	23.91%	10.78%	28.93%	15.93%
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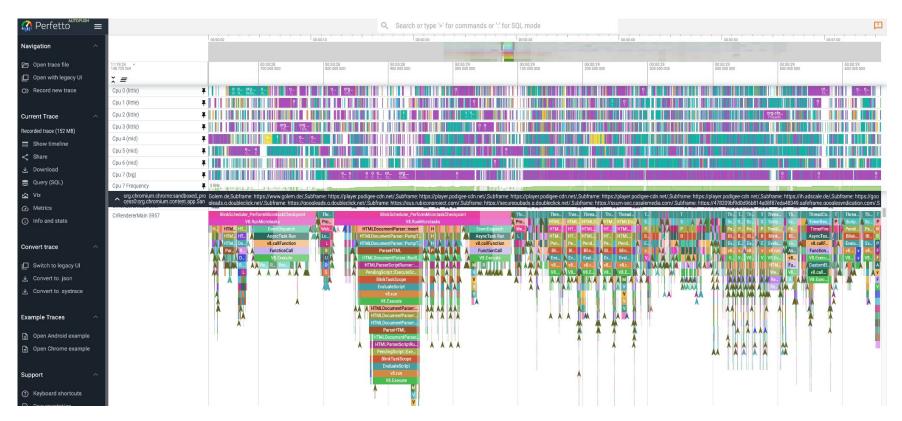
Just under half of the stalls on Cortex X4 stem from **L2 misses**

Plan to attribute L2 misses to code and data via profiling

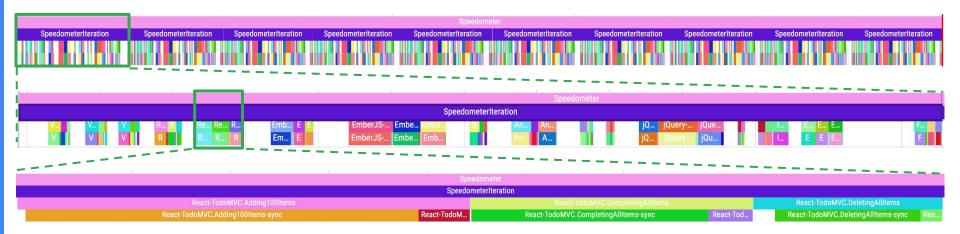
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Tooling to enable further analysis

Perfetto with Chrome and system data sources



Breaking down Speedometer execution in traces



Annotate Perfetto traces with Speedometer phases + perf/simpleperf integration + C++/V8 symbolization

Allows breakdowns of callstacks, PMU counters, etc. by subtest

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Beyond Speedometer

CUJs exercise browser components differently

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Degree of component usage (CPU-time-based)

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Difficulties developing a page load benchmark

Relevance

Select ~5 representative sites based on **product needs** and **performance characteristics**

Analyzed ~50 popular sites in 20+ dimensions via traces; clustering similar ones.

Strive for maximum coverage

Metrics

General-purpose loading metrics (LCP, FCP, ..) don't work well for low # sites

Custom instrumentation to enable **site-specific** metrics tracking readiness to interact

Strive for normal distribution

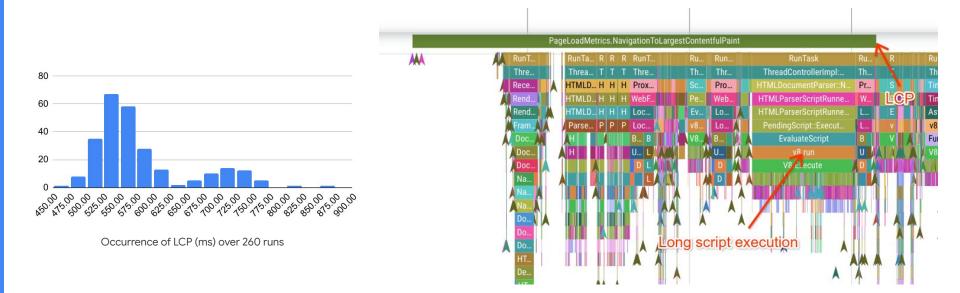
Noise

Sites evolve over time and behave differently in different geographies

Record and replay resource loads via **WPR on device**; avoid incompatible sites

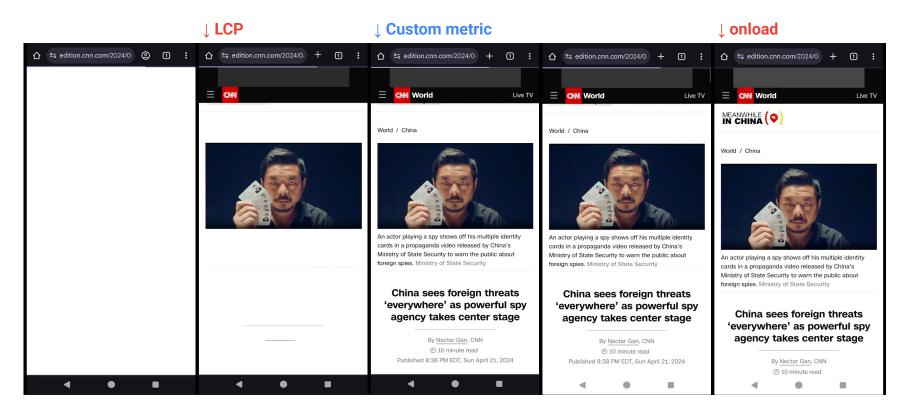
Detect 1% change in 1hr

Example: Metric bimodality



Bimodality caused by LCP-related paint running before or after a long unrelated script execution

Example: Tracking a UX-relevant moment



Custom metrics aim to track the earliest moment that the main content is loaded and ready for interaction

LoadLine stories: Phone (mobile) configuration

Page (mobile)	CUJ type / Product narrative	Performance characteristics	Metric
<u>amazon.co.uk</u> product page	Shopping: high usage	 average page load, large workload, large DOM/JS (but heavier on DOM) high on OOPIFs, input, http(s) resources, frame production 	JS ready
<u>cnn.com</u> article	News: high usage	 slow page load, large workload, large DOM/JS (but heavier on JS) high on iframes, main frame, local storage, cookies, http(s) resources 	Main content created
google.com search results	Search: largest single CUJ	 fast page load, average workload, average DOM + JS high on main frame, local storage, video 	LCP
<u>globo.com</u> homepage	News / web portal: high usage	 slow page load, large workload, small DOM, large JS high on iframes, OOPIFs, http(s) resources, frame production, cookies 	Cookie banner closed
wikipedia.org article	Reference work: simple/fast site	 fast page load, small workload, large DOM, small JS low on iframes, http(s) resources, frame production 	Last important event

LoadLine stories: Tablet (desktop) configuration

Page (desktop)	CUJ type / Product narrative	Performance characteristics	Metric
amazon.co.uk product page	Shopping: high usage	 average page load, large workload, large DOM, average JS high on OOPIFs, http(s) resources, frame production 	JS ready
<u>cnn.com</u> article	News: high usage	 slow page load, large workload, large DOM/JS (but heavier on JS) high on iframes, local storage, video, frame production, cookies 	Main content created
google.com search results	Search: largest single CUJ	 fast page load, low workload, low DOM + JS high on main frame, local storage, low on video 	LCP
<u>youtube.com</u> video page	Media: high usage	 slow page load, very high workload, large DOM, small/average JS high on video 	Cookie banner closed
docs.google.com document	Productivity: expect increased relevance, challenging workload	 slow page load, large workload, large DOM + JS (heavier on JS) high on main frame, font resources 	LCP

Larger focus on productivity & challenging stories for the tablet configuration

Caveats

Today, LoadLine is an internal Chromium optimization target – not (yet) capable of comparing browsers or platforms.

- Built for Android site selection primarily based on mobile browsing (and Chromium only)
 - We provide phone (mobile) and tablet (desktop) workloads
- Covers fundamental CPU/GPU browser performance, but doesn't cover many networking intrinsics
 - May be extended with e.g. a traffic-shaping proxy to approximate some networking effects
- Not a micro-benchmark: Workload can change depending on device characteristics (e.g. frame rate)
 - Reflects the adaptable nature of the web and end-to-end page load performance
- Limited number of stories, some browser features are not captured
- Custom metrics are rudimentary today, so caution needed when evaluating browser behavior changes



Based on crossbench

- Setup <u>crossben.ch</u>
- ./cb.py loadline-phone

Available as v1.1 now

- Docs: <u>bit.ly/loadline</u>
- Feedback encouraged





Thank you



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