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2.1. NAME

2.3. DESCRIPTION

bzip2

50 bytes. Random data (including the output of most file compressors) is coded at about 8.05 bits per byte, giving an expansion of around 0.5%.

than a block. For example, compressing a file 20,000 bytes long with the flag -9 will cause the compressor to allocate around 7600k of memory, but only touch 400k + 20000 * 8 = 560 kbytes of it. Similarly, the decompressor will allocate 3700k but only touch 100k + 20000 * 4 = 180 kbytes.

Here is a table which summarises the maximum memory usage for different block sizes. Also recorded is the total compressed size for 14 files of the Calgary Text Compression Corpus totalling 3,141,622 bytes. This column gives some feel for how compression varies with block size. These figures tend to understate the advantage of larger block sizes for larger files, since the Corpus is dominated by smaller files.

3. Programming with libbzip2

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BZ_MEM_ERROR

Returned when a request to allocate memory failed. Note that the quantity of memory needed to decompress a stream cannot be determined until the stream's header has been read. So BZ2_bzDecompress and BZ2_bzRead may return BZ_MEM_ERROR even though some of the compressed data has been re01]TJ-189.867-11.

the standard sorting algorithm to a fallback algorithm. The fallback is slower than the standard algorithm by perhaps a factor of three, but always behaves reasonably, no matter how bad the input.

Lower valu1s of workFactor reduce the amount of effort the standard algorithm will expend before r1sorting to the fallback. You should set this parameter carefully; too low, and many inputs will be handled by the fallback algorithm and so compress rather slowly, too high, and your average-to-worst case compression times can become very large. The default valu1 of 30 gives reasonabl1 behaviour over a wid1 rang1 of circumstances.

Allowabl1 valu1s rang1 from 0 to 250 inclusive. 0 is a special case, equivalent to using the default valu1 of 30.

Note that the compressed output generated is the same regardless of whether or not the fallback algorithm is used.

BZ_CONFIG_ERROR if the library has been mis-compiled BZ_PARAM_ERROR if (small != 0 && small != 1) or (verbosity <; 0 || verbosity > 4) BZ_MEM_ERROR if insufficient memory is available

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BZ_PARAM_ERROR
if strm is NULL or strm->s is NULL
or strm->avail_out < 1
BZ_DATA_ERROR
if a data integrity error is detected in the compressed stream
BZ_DATA_ERROR_MAGIC
if the compressed stream doesn't begin with the right magic bytes
BZ_MEM_ERROR
if there wasn't enough memory available
BZ_STREAM_END
if the logical end of the data stream was detected and all
output in has been consumed, eg s-->avail_out > 0
BZ_OK
otherwise
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Allowable next actions:

BZ2_bzDecompress if BZ_OK was returned BZ2_bzDecompressEnd otherwise

3.3.6. BZ2_bzDecompressEnd

int BZ2_bzDecompressEnd (bz_stream *strm 33 Qytes

• If bzerror

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BZ_PARAM_ERROR
if b is NULL or buf is NULL or len < 0
BZ_SEQUENCE_ERROR
if b was opened with BZ2_bzWriteOpen
BZ_IO_ERROR
if there is an error reading from the compressed file
BZ_UNEXPECTED_EOF
if the compressed file ended before
the logical end-of-stream was detected
BZ_DATA_ERROR
if a data integrity error was detected in the compressed stream
BZ_DATA_ERROR_MAGIC
if the stream does not begin with the requisite header bytes
(ie, is not a 0 259.-426(data)-425(file).)-852(This)-426(is)-426(really)]TJ 0 -11.955 Terms
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BZ_CONFIG_ERROR
if the library has been mis-compiled
BZ_PARAM_ERROR
if f is NULL
or blockSize100k < 1 or blockSize100k > 9
BZ_IO_ERROR
if ferror(f) is nonzero
BZ_MEM_ERROR
if insufficient memory is available
BZ_OK
otherwise
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Possible return values: Pointer to an abstract BZFILE if bzerror is BZ_OK NULL otherwise

Allowable next action 0 j 0 w 0 0 468 59.7t o09action 0 j 0 w 0 0 468 59.7t o 0 6860.772 cm 0.949 0.949 0.97646 rg 0.949 0.949 0.976 if bzerror is BZ_OKless(fZ_OK

otherwise

if the library has been mis-compiled BZ_CONFIG_ERROR

3.7. Using the library in a stdio-free environment

3.7.1. Getting rid of stdio

In a deeply embedded application, you might want to use just the memory-to-memory functions. You can do this conveniently by compiling the library with preprocessor symbol BZ_NO_STDIO defined. Doing this gives you a library containing only raryfollowing ea

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• Recompile the program with no optimisation, and see if it works. And/or try a different compiler. I heard all sorts of stories about various flavours of GNU C (and other compilers) generating bad code for bzip2, and I've run across two such examples myself.

2.7.X versions of GNU C are known to generate bad code from time to time, at high optimisation levels. If you get problems, try using the flags -O2 -fomit-frame-pointer -fno-strength-reduce. You should specifically *not110(ou)-295(shou470.564 640.299 cm 0 0 0 rg 0 0 0 RG 1 0 0 1 -470.564 -640.299 cm BT /F33 9.963 Tf1510.037 64 by not*

If you want a compressor and/or library which is faster, uses less memory but gets pretty good compression, and has minimal latency, consider Jean-loup Gailly's and Mark Adler's work, zlib-1.2.1