Allinea Unified Environment

Allinea’s unified tools for debugging and profiling HPC Codes

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Today’s Challenge

Q: What is the impact of current trends in HPC on your application?

Q: How can you make your science run well on the available system?

A: Development.

Development implies both fixing problems and optimizing the computation.
Machine Size Growth

Machine sizes are exploding as machines grow.

Software scale grows as machines grow.

No. 1  No. 100  No. 500
Compilers Can’t do it All, ...
Debugging in practice…

1. Compile
2. Run
3. Crash
4. Hypothesis
5. Insert print statements
Optimization in practice…

1. Insert timers
2. Run code
3. Analyse result
4. Change code

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### Some Bug Types

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<th>Bug Type</th>
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<td>Bohrbug</td>
<td>Steady, dependable bug</td>
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<td>Heisenbug</td>
<td>Vanishes when you try to debug (observe)</td>
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<td>Mandelbug</td>
<td>Complexity and obscurity of the cause is so great that it appears chaotic</td>
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<td>Schroedinbug</td>
<td>First occurs after someone reads the source file and deduces that it never worked, after which the program ceases to work</td>
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Allinea Unified Environment

• A modern integrated environment for HPC developers

• Supporting the lifecycle of application development and improvement
  – Allinea DDT: Productively debug code
  – Allinea MAP: Enhance application performance
  – Allinea Performance Reports: Characterize Application performance

• Designed for productivity
  – Consistent easy to use tools
  – Enables effective HPC development

• Improve system usage
  – Fewer failed jobs
  – Higher application performance
An Integrated Environment

- Share GUI, Shared Scalable Architecture
- Use Allinea MAP to find a bottleneck
- Flick to Allinea DDT to understand it
- Compare variables, expressions, call paths
- High memory usage? Use DDT to find out why
- Common interface and settings files
Allinea DDT
Fix software problems - fast

- **Graphical debugger designed for:**
  - C/C++, Fortran, UPC, CUDA, CUDA Fortran, OpenACC
  - Multi-threaded code
  - Multi-process code
  - Accelerated codes
    - GPUs, Intel Xeon Phi
  - Debugging 1 to 700k processes

- **Slash your time to debug:**
  - Reproduces and triggers your bugs instantly
  - Helps you to fix them as swiftly as possible
  - Helps you easily understand where issues come from quickly
Allinea DDT: Debugging that Scales

Where?
- Leaps to source automatically
- Powerful instantaneous memory debugging

How?
- Real-time data comparison and consolidation
- Identify outliers and unusual threads

Why?
- “Smart Highlighting” of differences and changes
- Sparklines comparing data across processes
Top Features for HPC Debugging

- Parallel stack view
- Automated data comparison: sparklines
- Numerical and graphical data visualization
- Step, play, and breakpoints
- Offline debugging
- Tracepoints

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Allinea MAP
Increase Application Performance

- **Parallel profiler designed for:**
  - C/C++, Fortran
  - Multi-process code
    - Interdependent or independent processes
  - Multi-threaded code
    - Monitor the main threads for each process
  - Accelerated codes
    - GPUs, Intel Xeon Phi

- **Improve productivity:**
  - Helps you detect performance issues quickly and easily
  - Tells you immediately where your time is spent in your source code
  - Helps you to optimize your application efficiently
Find Performance Issues Quickly

• **Look at the entire application on real data sets**
  – Visualize the entire run at full scale, not just reduced sets
  – Zoom in to explore iterations, functions and loops

• **Non-Destructive Profiling**
  – Less than 5% overhead
  – No need to instrument your code
  – Small output files (10-20Mb is typical)

• **Understand the nature of bottlenecks**
  – Source code viewer pinpoints bottleneck locations
  – CPU, MPI, I/Os and memory metrics identify the cause
Providing Visual Scalability

- Common horizontal axis
- Aggregate across all processes
- Highlight imbalance visually
- Always refer to source code
Allinea Performance Reports

- Effortless one-touch reports
  - Add **one command** to your run script
  - A **one-page report** is generated **automatically**
- Characterize and understand application performance
  - With < 5% application slowdown
Top Features for HPC Code Optimization

• Allinea’s tools provide extensive performance metrics, with low overhead
• Allinea’s tools provide a graphical, easy-to-use presentation that is easily understood by scientists, engineers, and software developers
• Allinea MAP shows exactly which lines of source code are slow and why without modifications or instrumentation
• Allinea Performance Reports offers application level performance characterization and advice
Remote Access Clients for Mac, Windows and Linux

- Easier access to distant clusters
  - Scalable debugging tree already cuts down network traffic
  - Secure low-latency debugging and profiling clients
- Extends existing remote cluster support to cover
  - No shared filesystem
  - Remote/local source-viewing
  - Support for multi-hop SSH and OTP systems
- Allinea DDT feature set available remotely
  - Linux, Windows and OS/X clients
  - Real native GUI – no ‘VNC’ or ‘X-forwarding’ lag
What Our Users are Saying

“My group routinely debugs code at over 100,000 processes using Allinea DDT. No other debugger comes close – obviously it’s a hit with users,” Oak Ridge National Laboratory

“Allinea’s experience and tools will make a big impact in the speed at which scientists can complete their research,” NCSA Blue Waters

“Previous experiences with other profilers had left us more confused than informed. Allinea MAP is the opposite.”
Thank You

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