

Lmod Debugging & Module evaluation

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Debugging Modulefiles & How are Modulefiles evaluated?



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Debugging Modulefiles Tricks

- ▶ https://lmod.readthedocs.io/en/latest/160_debugging_module-files.html
- ▶ Trick 1: Printing: `$LMOD_CMD bash load module`
- ▶ Trick 2: Tracing: `ml -T module`

How many ways are Modules evaluated?

- ▶ There are 3 main ways: load, unload, show
- ▶ There are 10 total ways (src/MC_*)
- ▶ How does Lmod handle this mess?

The simple goals of an Env. Module System

- ▶ Change User's environment
- ▶ One text file that's independent of shell (bash, zsh, csh, ...)
- ▶ Instead of separate shell scripts for each shell (like intel scripts)
- ▶ Great Feature: Unloading a module restores User's env. (kinda?!)

Example Modulefile: phdf5

```
setenv("TACC_HDF5_DIR", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1")
setenv("TACC_HDF5_INC", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1/inc")
setenv("TACC_HDF5_INC", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1/inc")
setenv("TACC_HDF5_LIB", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1/lib")
prepend_path("PATH", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.10.4/bin")
prepend_path("LD_LIB_PATH", "/apps/.../phdf5/1.10.4/lib")
help([[Help Message for Parallel HDF5 ...]])
```

Bash: Module load phdf5

```
export TACC_HDF5_DIR=/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1
export TACC_HDF5_INC=/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1/inc
export TACC_HDF5_LIB=/apps/.../phdf5/1.12.1/lib
export PATH=/apps/.../phdf5/1.10.4/bin:/usr/bin:/bin
export LD_LIB_PATH=/apps/.../phdf5/1.10.4/lib:...
```

Bash: Module unload phdf5

```
unset TACC_HDF5_DIR  
unset TACC_HDF5_INC  
unset TACC_HDF5_LIB  
export PATH=/usr/bin:/bin  
export LD_LIB_PATH=...
```


Lua Object Oriented Programing

- ▶ Lua's OOP model is OOP lite
- ▶ It is simpler than Python's
- ▶ There is very little Magic
- ▶ It is an extension of Lua's Hash Tables (AKA Dictionaries)
- ▶ Functions are First Class Object
- ▶ They can be assigned to variables

How does Lmod evaluate modulefile functions etc

- ▶ Note that TCL modules are converted to Lua automatically
- ▶ Each module function calls Lua functions (like `setenv()`)
- ▶ Inside each function dynamically calls the correct operation for load, unload, etc.

Lmod finds and reads phdf5/1.12.1.lua

- ▶ `loadModuleFile.lua` reads `modulefile` into a string *whole*
- ▶ `status, msg = sandbox_run(whole)`
- ▶ Each line in `sandbox` is evaluated by the lua interpreter

How does Lmod handle setenv()?

- ▶ Lmod could have check the mode() in each function
- ▶ Instead Lmod builds MasterControl object (mcp) based on mode()
- ▶ There is a derived class for Load, Unload, Show etc.

How does Lmod handle setenv()?

```
--src/modfunc.lua
function setenv(...)
    -- check args
    mcp:setenv(...)
end

--src/MasterControl.lua
function M.setenv(self, name, value)
    local frameStk = FrameStk:singleton()
    local varT      = frameStk:varT()
    if (varT[name] == nil) then
        varT[name] = Var:new(name)
    end
    varT[name]:set(tostring(value))
end

function M.unsetenv(self, name, value)
    local frameStk = FrameStk:singleton()
    local varT      = frameStk:varT()
    if (varT[name] == nil) then
        varT[name] = Var:new(name)
    end
    varT[name]:unset()
end
```

What is mcp? How does load work?

```
--src/lmod.in.lua
MCP = MasterControl.build("load")
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--src/cmdfuncs.lua
function Load_Usr(...)
    local mcp_old = mcp
    mcp = MCP
    mcp:load_usr(...)
    mcp = mcp_old
end

--src/MC_Load.lua
...
M.setenv                = MasterControl.setenv
```

How does unload work?

```
--src/cmdfuncs.lua
function UnLoad(...)
    MCP:unload(...)
end

--src/MC_Unload.lua
...
M.setenv                = MasterControl.unsetenv
```

Other internal Lmod Topics

- ▶ Rules for finding modulefiles for load?
- ▶ The MName object?
- ▶ The ModuleTable stored in the Environment
- ▶ sandbox() ?
- ▶ FrameStk?
- ▶ tcl to lua translation?