

Spack

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Spack is a flexible package manager for HPC

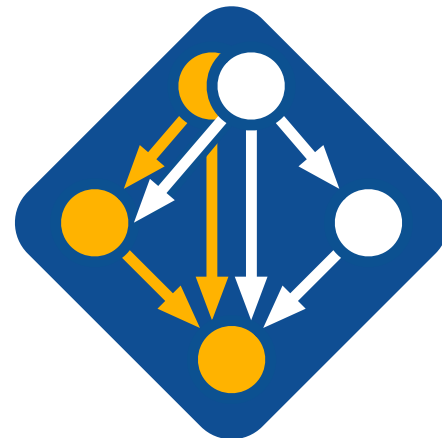
- How to install Spack:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/scalability-llnl/spack.git
```

- How to install a package:

```
$ cd spack/bin  
$ ./spack install hdf5
```

- HDF5 and its dependencies are installed within the Spack directory.
- No additional setup required!



Get Spack!



<https://bit.ly/spack-git>

Spack finds the compilers on your machine.

```
$ spack compilers
==> Available compilers
-- gcc -----
gcc@4.4.7

-- intel -----
intel@16.0.0  intel@14.0.3  intel@13.1.0  intel@12.1.2  intel@10.0
intel@15.0.3  intel@14.0.2  intel@13.0.1  intel@12.1.0  intel@9.1
intel@15.0.1  intel@14.0.1  intel@13.0.0  intel@12.0.4
intel@15.0.0  intel@14.0.0  intel@12.1.5  intel@11.1
intel@14.0.4  intel@13.1.1  intel@12.1.3  intel@10.1

-- clang -----
clang@3.6.2  clang@3.4  clang@3.3  clang@3.2  clang@3.1

-- pgi -----
pgi@15.5-0  pgi@14.3-0  pgi@13.1-1  pgi@11.1-0  pgi@8.0-1
pgi@15.1-0  pgi@13.10-0  pgi@12.8-0  pgi@10.9-0  pgi@7.1-3
pgi@14.10-0  pgi@13.6-0  pgi@12.1-0  pgi@10.2-0  pgi@7.0-6
pgi@14.7-0  pgi@13.2-0  pgi@11.10-0  pgi@9.0-4
```

- Spack searches PATH
 - Can also give it a prefix
 - Searching modules coming soon
- Any package can be built with any compiler.
 - Swapping is easy and automatic.
 - Not guaranteed to work, but exploring the space is easy.
- Spack will also build compilers like gcc and clang for you, but it doesn't *have* to.

Spack can install the same package many different ways

<code>\$ spack install mpileaks</code>	<code>default</code>
<code>\$ spack install mpileaks@3.3</code>	<code>@ custom version</code>
<code>\$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3</code>	<code>% custom compiler</code>
<code>\$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3 +threads</code>	<code>+/- build option</code>
<code>\$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 =bgq</code>	<code>= cross-compile</code>

- These are called *spec expressions*
 - Concise and expressive language for describing builds.
- Specs describe a configuration of a package.
 - Arbitrary configurations are possible and can coexist.
 - Install it your way!

`spack find` shows what is installed

```
$ spack find
==> 103 installed packages.
-- linux-x86_64 / gcc@4.4.7 -----
ImageMagick@6.8.9-10  glib@2.42.1      libtiff@4.0.3      pango@1.36.8      qt@4.8.6
SAMRAI@3.9.1         graphlib@2.0.0      libtool@2.4.2      parmetis@4.0.3    qt@5.4.0
adept-utils@1.0      gtkplus@2.24.25    libxcb@1.11        pixman@0.32.6     ravel@1.0.0
atk@2.14.0           harfbuzz@0.9.37    libxml2@2.9.2      py-dateutil@2.4.0 readline@6.3
boost@1.55.0         hdf5@1.8.13        llvm@3.0           py-ipython@2.3.1  scotch@6.0.3
cairo@1.14.0         icu@54.1          metis@5.1.0        py-nose@1.3.4     starpu@1.1.4
callpath@1.0.2       jpeg@9a            mpich@3.0.4        py-numpy@1.9.1    stat@2.1.0
dyninst@8.1.2        libdwarf@20130729  ncurses@5.9        py-pytz@2014.10   xz@5.2.0
dyninst@8.1.2        libelf@0.8.13      ocr@2015-02-16     py-setuptools@11.3.1 zlib@1.2.8
fontconfig@2.11.1    libffi@3.1         openssl@1.0.1h     py-six@1.9.0      python@2.7.8
freetype@2.5.3       libpng@1.6.16      otf@1.12.5salmon  qhull@1.0
gdk-pixbuf@2.31.2    libpng@1.6.16      otf2@1.4           qhull@1.0

-- linux-x86_64 / gcc@4.8.2 -----
adept-utils@1.0.1    boost@1.55.0    cmake@5.6-special  libdwarf@20130729  mpich@3.0.4
adept-utils@1.0.1    cmake@5.6       dyninst@8.1.2      libelf@0.8.13     openmpi@1.8.2

-- linux-x86_64 / intel@14.0.2 -----
hwloc@1.9            mpich@3.0.4     starpu@1.1.4

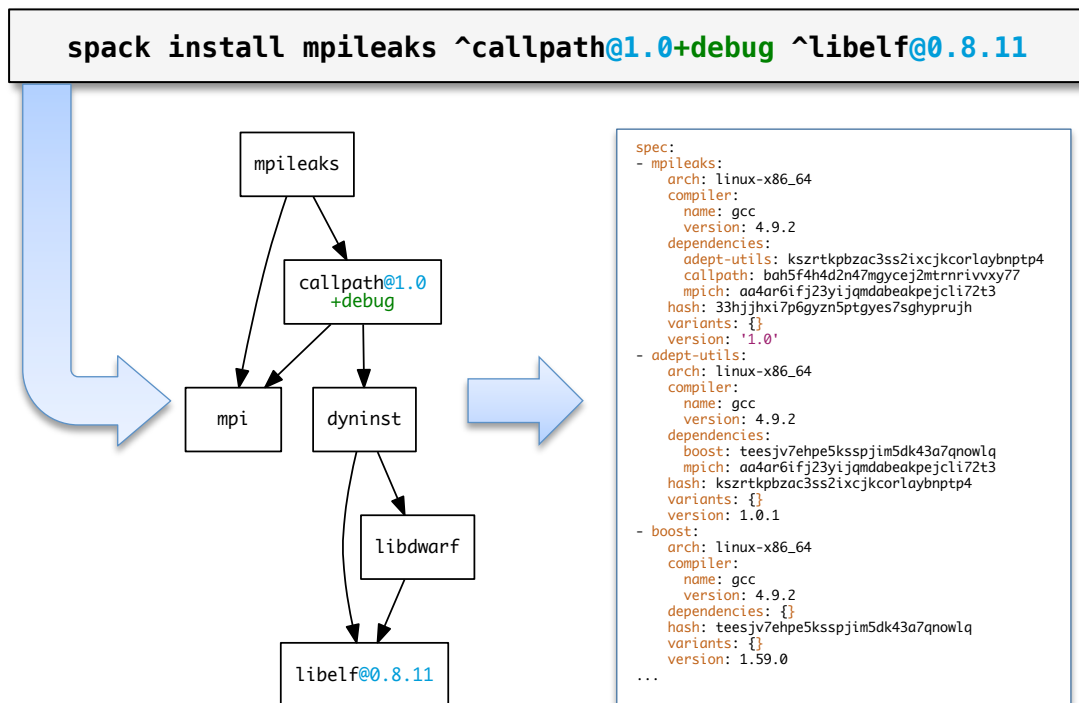
-- linux-x86_64 / intel@15.0.0 -----
adept-utils@1.0.1    boost@1.55.0    libdwarf@20130729  libelf@0.8.13     mpich@3.0.4

-- linux-x86_64 / intel@15.0.1 -----
adept-utils@1.0.1    callpath@1.0.2  libdwarf@20130729  mpich@3.0.4
boost@1.55.0         hwloc@1.9       libelf@0.8.13      starpu@1.1.4
```

- All the versions coexist!
 - Multiple versions of same package are ok.
- Packages are installed to automatically find correct dependencies.
- Binaries work *regardless of user's environment*.
- Spack also generates module files.
 - Don't *have* to use them.

Spack tracks detailed provenance for every build.

- Every configuration is a new dependency graph.
 - Spack hashes the graph to make a version id.
 - Full graph information is stored with each build.
- Spack allows *arbitrary composition* of packages
 - Build Python with different compilers and BLAS implementations.
 - Build your code with different compiler/MPI/dependency versions.



spec.yaml

Spack allows Python extensions to be activated and deactivated on demand

```
$ spack install python@2.7.10
=> Building python.
=> Successfully installed python.
  Fetch: 5.01s. Build: 97.16s. Total: 103.17s.
[+] /home/gamblin2/spack/opt/spack/linux-x86_64/gcc-4.9.2/python-2.7.10-y2zr767

$ spack extensions python@2.7.10
=> python@2.7.10%gcc@4.9.2=linux-x86_64-y2zr767
=> 49 extensions:
geos          py-h5py          py-numpy         py-pypar         py-setuptools
libxml2       py-ipynon        py-pandas        py-pyparsing     py-shiboken
py-basemap    py-libxml2       py-pexpect       py-pyqt          py-sip
py-biopython  py-lockfile      py-pil           py-pyside        py-six
py-cffi       py-mako          py-pmw           py-python-daemon py-sphinx
py-cython     py-matplotlib    py-pychecker     py-pytz          py-sympy
py-dateutil   py-mock          py-pycparser     py-rpy2          py-virtualenv
py-epydoc     py-mpi4py        py-pyelftools    py-scientificpython
py-genders    py-mx            py-pygments      py-scikit-learn  py-yapf
py-gnuplot    py-nose          py-pylint        py-scipy          thrift

=> 3 installed:
-- linux-x86_64 / gcc@4.9.2 -----
py-nose@1.3.6  py-numpy@1.9.2  py-setuptools@18.1

=> None currently activated.

$ spack activate py-numpy
=> Activated extension py-setuptools-18.1-gcc-4.9.2-ru7w3lx
=> Activated extension py-nose-1.3.6-gcc-4.9.2-vudjpw
=> Activated extension py-numpy-1.9.2-gcc@4.9.2-45hjzst

$ spack deactivate -a py-numpy
=> Deactivated extension py-numpy-1.9.2-gcc@4.9.2-45hjzst
=> Deactivated extension py-nose-1.3.6-gcc-4.9.2-vudjpw
=> Deactivated extension py-setuptools-18.1-gcc-4.9.2-ru7w3lx
```

- Many interpreted languages have their own mechanisms for modules, e.g.:
 - Require installation into interpreter prefix
 - Breaks combinatorial versioning
- Spack installs each Python package in its own prefix
- “Activating” links an extension into the interpreter directory on demand
 - Supports .egg, merging .pth files
 - Mechanism is extensible to other languages
 - Similar to virtualenv, but Spack allows much more build customization.

Get Involved with Spack!

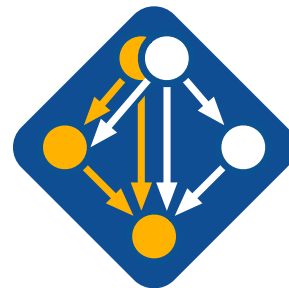
- **Come to our SC15 Talk:**

The Spack Package Manager: Bringing Order to HPC Software Chaos

Wednesday, 11:30am

Hall 18AB

- Spack is starting to be used in production at LLNL
 - Build, test, and deployment by code teams.
 - Tools, libraries, and Python at Livermore Computing.
 - Build research projects for students, postdocs.
- Spack has a rapidly growing external community.
 - NERSC is working with LLNL on Cray support for Cori.
 - Argonne/IIT cluster challenge project.
 - Kitware contributing ParaView builds & features.
 - Users at INRIA, EPFL, U. Oregon, Sandia, LANL, others.



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👤 25 contributors

🏷 8 releases

🌿 25 branches

