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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!





Spack finds the compilers on your machine.

```
$ spack compilers
==> Available compilers
-- qcc -----
acc@4.4.7
-- intel -----
            intel@14.0.3
                         intel@13.1.0
                                      intel@12.1.2
intel@16.0.0
                                                   intel@10.0
                                      intel@12.1.0
intel@15.0.3
            intel@14.0.2
                         intel@13.0.1
                                                   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 -----
           pai@14.3-0
                                   pgi@11.1-0 pgi@8.0-1
pqi@15.5-0
                       pgi@13.1-1
                                   pgi@10.9-0
            pqi@13.10-0
                       pgi@12.8-0
                                              pai@7.1-3
pgi@15.1-0
pgi@14.10-0
           pgi@13.6-0
                        pqi@12.1-0
                                    pqi@10.2-0
                                              pgi@7.0-6
pqi@14.7-0
                        pai@11.10-0
                                    pai@9.0-4
            pai@13.2-0
```

- 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

```
$ spack install mpileaks
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3 +threads
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 =bgq
$ cross-compile
```

- 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

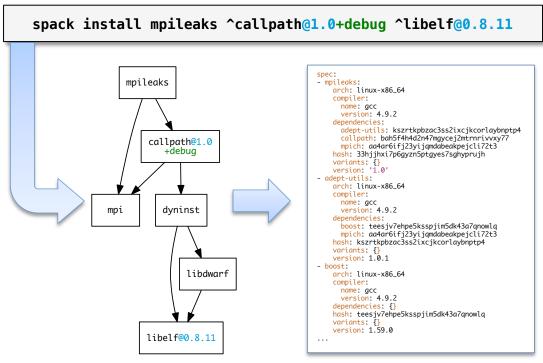
```
$ spack find
==> 103 installed packages.
-- linux-x86_64 / gcc@4.4.7 ------
ImageMagick@6.8.9-10
                    alib@2.42.1
                                      libtiff@4.0.3
                                                       pango@1.36.8
                                                                            at@4.8.6
SAMRAT@3.9.1
                                      libtool@2.4.2
                                                       parmetis@4.0.3
                    araphlib@2.0.0
                                                                            at@5.4.0
adept-utils@1.0
                    atkplus@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
                                      11vm@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
                                      mpich@3.0.4
                    ipea@9a
                                                       py-numpy@1.9.1
                                                                            stat@2.1.0
                    libdwarf@20130729
                                      ncurses@5.9
dyninst@8.1.2
                                                       py-pytz@2014.10
                                                                            xz@5.2.0
                                                       py-setuptools@11.3.1
dyninst@8.1.2
                    libelf@0.8.13
                                      ocr@2015-02-16
                                                                           zlib@1.2.8
fontconfig@2.11.1
                    libffi@3.1
                                                       py-six@1.9.0
                                      openssl@1.0.1h
freetype@2.5.3
                    libmng@2.0.2
                                      otf@1.12.5salmon
                                                       python@2.7.8
qdk-pixbuf@2.31.2
                    libpng@1.6.16
                                      otf2@1.4
                                                       ahull@1.0
-- linux-x86_64 / qcc@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 ------
                 callpath@1.0.2 libdwarf@20130729
adept-utils@1.0.1
                                                  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:
             py-h5py
                                                                 py-setuptools
geos
                            py-numpy
                                            py-pypar
             py-ipython
                                                                 py-shiboken
libxml2
                             py-pandas
                                            py-pyparsing
             py-libxml2
                            py-pexpect
pv-basemap
                                            py-pyqt
                                                                 py-sip
             py-lockfile
py-biopython
                                            py-pyside
                             py-pil
                                                                 py-six
py-cffi
             py-mako
                             py-pmw
                                            py-python-daemon
                                                                 py-sphinx
             py-matplotlib
py-cython
                            py-pychecker
                                           py-pytz
                                                                 py-sympy
             py-mock
                                           py-rpy2
                                                                 py-virtualenv
py-dateutil
                             py-pycparser
             py-mpi4py
                            py-pyelftools
                                           py-scientificpython
                                                                py-yapf
py-epydoc
                                            py-scikit-learn
                                                                 thrift
py-genders
              py-mx
                            py-pygments
                            py-pylint
py-anuplot
                                            py-scipy
             py-nose
==> 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 pv-numpv
==> Activated extension py-setuptools-18.1-qcc-4.9.2-ru7w3lx
==> Activated extension py-nose-1.3.6-gcc-4.9.2-vudjpwc
==> Activated extension py-numpy-1.9.2-acc@4.9.2-45hjazt
$ spack deactivate -a pv-numpv
==> Deactivated extension py-numpy-1.9.2-acc@4.9.2-45hjazt
==> Deactivated extension py-nose-1.3.6-qcc-4.9.2-vudjpwc
==> Deactivated extension py-setuptools-18.1-qcc-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.







