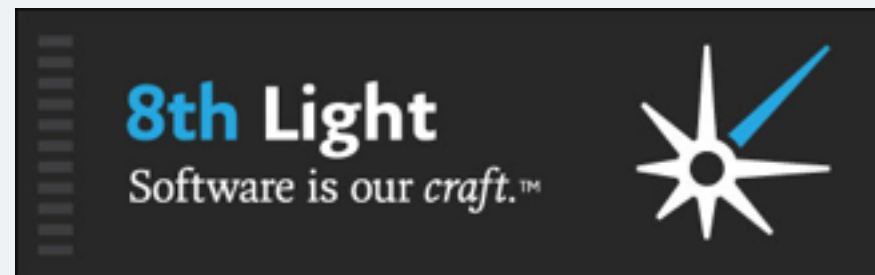


Finding out what's **really** going on, with DTrace!

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What even is DTrace?

system-wide!

```
$ sudo dtrace -qn '  
syscall:::entry {  
    @[probefunc, execname] = count();  
}  
dtrace:::END {  
    trunc(@, 10); printa(@);  
}'
```

system-wide!

```
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dtrace:::END { trunc(@, 10); printa(@); }'
```

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read_nocancel	dbfseventsd	145
workq_kernreturn	mds	164
kevent_qos	Google Chrome He	170
psynch_cvwait	java	197
gettimeofday	java	199
psynch_cvsignal	Box Sync	264
psynch_cvwait	Box Sync	265
select	Box Sync	521
kevent_qos	hidd	765
stat64	java	1386

known events!

```
$ sudo dtrace -qn 'mysql*::: { @[probename] = count(); }  
                  dtrace::END { trunc(@, 10); printa(@); }'
```

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query-exec-start	3
query-parse-done	3
query-parse-start	3
query-start	3
select-done	3
select-start	3
net-read-done	18
net-read-start	18
net-write-done	18
net-write-start	18

arbitrary functions! (aka **D**ynamic tracing)

```
$ sudo dtrace -n 'fbt:mach_kernel::entry { self->in = timestamp; }  
                  fbt:mach_kernel::return /self->in/  
                  { @ = quantize(timestamp - self->in) }'
```

```
dtrace: description 'fbt:mach_kernel::entry ' matched 24482 probes  
^C
```

value	----- Distribution -----	count
256		0
512	@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@	5591792
1024	@@@@@@@@@@	2013056
2048	@@@@@@	1461593
4096	@	321681
8192		31373
16384		3764
32768		2129
65536		1331
131072		749
262144		485
524288		394
1048576		445
2097152		438
4194304		395
8388608		104
16777216		2
33554432		0

Weird slowness...
it happens

Sloooooooooow tests
(...sometimes)

Multiple tests,
multiple machines

Affects some teammates
worse than others

annoying
productivity-sapping
stressful

Hypotheses?

Use DTrace!

Rule out the usual suspect(s)

```
#!/usr/sbin/dtrace -s

#pragma D option quiet
#pragma D option switchrate=10hz

dtrace::BEGIN
{
    printf("%-8s %s\n", "PID", "GC (ms)");
    self->start = 0;
}

hotspot*:::gc-begin
{
    self->start = timestamp;
}

hotspot*:::gc-end
/self->start/
{
    this->time = (timestamp - self->start) / 1000000;
    printf("%-8d %-8d\n", pid, this->time);
}
```

~~Garbage Collection~~

```
$ sudo gc_time.d
```

PID	GC (ms)
-----	---------

40320	9
-------	---

40320	9
-------	---

73113	1
-------	---

73113	1
-------	---

73113	1
-------	---

40320	36
-------	----

73184	1
-------	---

73184	1
-------	---

73184	1
-------	---

40320	9
-------	---

40320	160
-------	-----

72735	7
-------	---

CPU?

```
$ sudo dtrace -qn 'profile-997 { @[execname] = count(); }'
```

```
^C
```

Alfred 2	1
UserEventAgent	1
mDNSResponder	1
tmux	1
CrashPlanService	2
launchd	2
symptomsd	2
Box Sync	3
Google Drive	3
java	3
Google Chrome	9
systemstatsd	11
iTerm	14
Google Chrome He	24
WindowServer	25
hidd	26
Box Sync Monitor	47
kernel_task	9527

CPU?

```
$ sudo dtrace -qn 'profile-997 /execname=="kernel_task"/  
                  { @[stack()] = count(); }'
```

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[...]

kernel`0xffffffff80010f3d30+0x358

kernel`0xffffffff800158d890+0x793

kernel`kevent+0x44

kernel`unix_syscall64+0x251

kernel`hndl_unix_syscall64+0x16
116

kernel`processor_idle+0x107
121

kernel`machine_idle+0x2e0

kernel`call_continuation+0x17
82967

CPU

```
$ sudo dtrace -qn 'profile-997 { @[execname] = count(); }'
```

```
^C
```

Alfred 2	1
UserEventAgent	1
mDNSResponder	1
tmux	1
CrashPlanService	2
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High-level resources

~~CPU~~

~~Memory~~

~~Disk~~

Network

Network connections

https://github.com/brendangregg/DTrace-book-scripts/blob/master/Chap6/soconnect_mac.d

```
$ sudo soconnect_mac.d
```

PID	PROCESS	FAM	ADDRESS	PORT	LAT(us)	RESULT
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	144	Success
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	171	Success
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	150	Success
114	AirPlayXPCHelper	2	192.168.1.27	7000	1762	In progress
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	141	Success
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	179	Success
88161	java	2	127.0.0.1	5432	137	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	29977	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	42121	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	29471	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	29360	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	34731	Success
88161	java	2	72.52.4.119	80	28824	Success


DNS

```
dtrace::BEGIN
{
    printf("%-8s %-8s %s\n", "TICK", "ms", "HOST");
    timezero = timestamp;
}

pid$target::getaddrinfo:entry
{
    self->host = copyinstr(arg0);
    self->start = timestamp;
}

pid$target::getaddrinfo:return
/self->start/
{
    this->now = (timestamp - timezero) / 1000000;
    this->time = (timestamp - self->start) / 1000000;
    printf("%-8d %-8d %s\n", this->now, this->time, self->host);
    self->start = 0; self->host = 0;
}
```

```
$ sudo dns_latency.d -p 41161
Password:
TICK      ms      HOST
74450     274     redclay.local
74734      0     redclay.local
105006    30075   someplace.com
145171    30075   someplace.com
145191      1     redclay.local
145192      0     redclay.local
177055      0     example.com
252314      2     redclay.local
252315      0     redclay.local
284392      0     example.com
```



Now we know what to fix!

What did we learn?

DTrace gets you
answers

You can do it!

Where can we learn more?

Read

Brendan Gregg's blog:

<http://www.brendangregg.com/dtrace.html>

The DTrace guide

<http://dtrace.org/guide>

Examples

Scripts that ship with OS X

```
find /usr/bin -name "*.d"
```

more DTrace scripts

<https://github.com/brendangregg/DTrace-book-scripts>

Extrapolate

Try it out!

Thanks!

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