

Agenda

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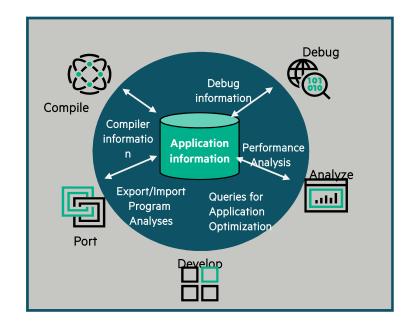
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- Performance analysis with perftools-lite
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Motivation

- Very tempting to skip performance analysis when tests validate and time to solution is smaller after port or algorithm improvement.
- But performance does matter!
 - Might still be inefficient most of the of time.
 - Poor code performance can affect other users as well, for example because of bad I / O access patterns.
 - Want to efficiently use expensive resources and get as much information as possible for the allocated resources.
 - Simulating larger models may only be feasible after optimization.

• Applies to various scenarios

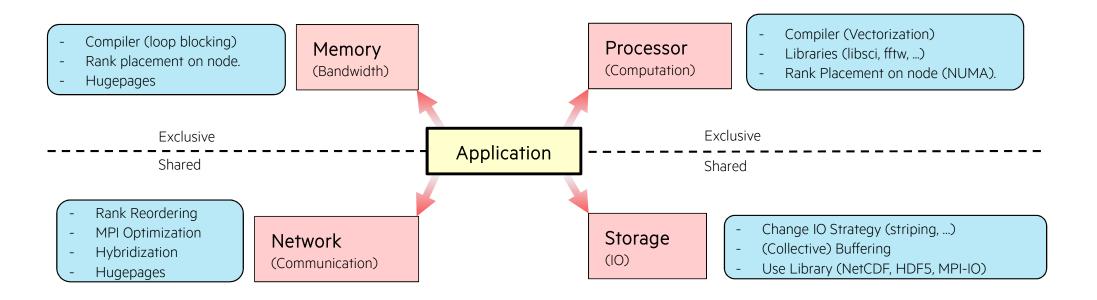
- Code has been ported to a new system or otherwise significantly changed.
- Application is running in production since a while.
- Makes extensive use of third-party libraries (distributed ML, dense LA, ...) or even fully proprietary or it is mostly home-grown code.



General Remarks on Performance Analysis

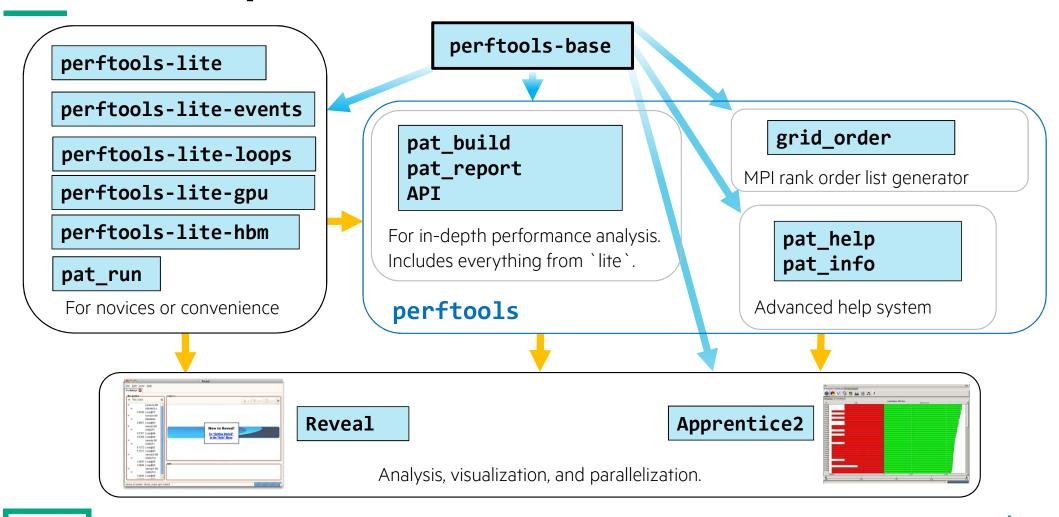
- Performance is usually associated to FLOPs/sec.
 - But what if your code does many scattered memory references like in Graph Analytics and not many FLOPs?
 - Chose the metric which suits your application (like time to solution or updates/sec instead of FLOPs/sec) and keep that metric throughout the optimization process.
- Use examples with different sizes for your experiments.
 - Small, medium, large, where node count differs by an order of magnitude (strong or weak scaling or both).
 - Try the same model with different grid sizes or number of particles
 - Do not use fully artificial examples but rather meaningful representatives of your target (large scale) simulation.
- 1. Start with low hanging fruits, i.e. avoid code modifications first.
 - Compiler flags, manual rank reordering, optimized libraries, huge pages, use hyperthreads, ...
- 2. Use performance analysis tools
 - Identify critical code regions, guided rank reordering, Automatic parallelization (OpenMP), ...
 - A good understanding of the workflow of your application (Communication, Computation, IO, ...) helps to better interpret the profiles.

Bottlenecks and Remedies



- **Good:** One bottleneck which can be easily resolved without creating a new one.
- **Bad:** Several bottlenecks interacting with each other and changing over time.
- Need a profiler to identify bottleneck(s) and a model to estimate optimization potential.

Perftools Landscape



Two fundamental ways of profiling

1. Sampling

- By taking regular snapshots of the applications call stack we can create a statistical profile of where the application spends most time.
- Snapshots can be taken at regular intervals in time or when some other external event occurs, like a hardware counter overflowing

2. Event Tracing

- Alternatively, we can record performance information every time a specific program event occurs, e.g. entering or exiting a function.
- We can get accurate information about specific areas of the code every time the event occurs
- Event tracing code can be added automatically or included manually through API calls.

Advantages

- Only need to instrument main routine
- Low Overhead depends only on sampling frequency
- Smaller volumes of data produced

Disadvantages

- Only statistical averages available
- Limited information from performance counters

Advantages

- More accurate and more detailed information
- Data collected from every traced function call not statistical averages

Disadvantages

- Increased overheads as number of function calls increases
- Huge volumes of data generated

Other Experiments

- Guided Tracing: Combining Sampling and Tracing
 - Trace only functions that are not small (i.e. very few lines of code) and contribute a lot to application's run time.
 - Automatic performance Analysis (APA) is an automated way to do this. (Not intended for perftools-lite)
 - 1. In a first round identify important routines with a sampling experiment.
 - 2. Then do a tracing of only these important routines to reduce overhead.

Loop Work Estimates

- Special flavor of event tracing targeting loops.
- Only for Cray programming environment.
- Useful starting point for porting to multicore or GPUs.
- Can be used as input to Reveal.
- Also available with perftools-lite-loops

Perftools-lite

An easy-to-use version of the Perftools Performance Measurement and Analysis Tool

Test 1: Generate a Sampling Profile

- \$> module load perftools-base
- \$> module load perftools-lite
- Subsequent compiler invocations (cc, CC, ftn) will automatically insert necessary hooks for profiling (not always up-to-date with latest third-party compilers)
- \$> make clean; make
- Resulting executable app.exe is automatically instrumented. Object files needed!
- Not instrumented application stored as app.exe+orig
- \$> srun -n 8 app.exe >& job.out
- The report is printed to stdout.
- Successful execution creates a app.exe+*/ directory for further analysis. Change this directory name with the PAT_RT_EXPDIR_NAME environment variable.

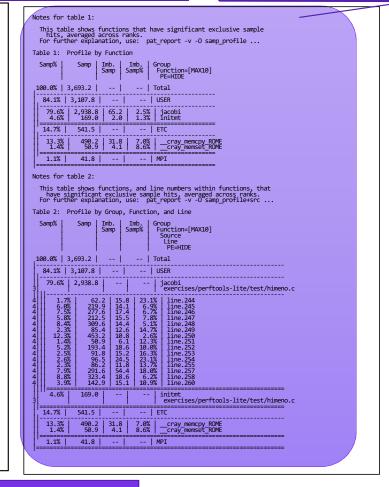
Output: Sampling

CravPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22 Sequential version array size mimax = 513 mjmax = 513 mkmax = 1025Parallel version array size mimax = 259 mjmax = 259 mkmax = 515 imax = 257 jmax = 257 kmax =513 I-decomp = 2 J-decomp = 2 K-decomp = 2Start rehearsal measurement process. Measure the performance in 100 times. MFLOPS: 15638.324504 time(s): 5.779363 2.794488e-04 Now, start the actual measurement process. The loop will be excuted in 50 times This will take about one minute. cpu : 28.858915 sec. Loop executed for 50 times Gosa : 2.763023e-04 MFLOPS measured : 15658.861128 Score based on Pentium III 600MHz : 189.025364 CravPat-lite Performance Statistics CrayPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22 Experiment: lite lite/sample profile Number of PEs (MPI ranks): Numbers of PEs per Node: Numbers of Threads per PE: Number of Cores per Socket: Execution start time: Sat Aug 20 23:43:46 2022 System name and speed: nid005017 2.626 GHz (nominal) CPU Family: 25 Model: 48 Stepping: 1 Core Performance Boost: All 8 PEs have CPB capability Avg Process Time: 36.92 secs 15.544.6 MiBytes 1.943.1 MiBytes per PE High Memory: I/O Write Rate: 10.359011 MiBytes/sec

Regular program output

Sampling summary

Further analysis



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Notes for table 3:
 This table shows energy and power usage for the nodes with the
   maximum, mean, and minimum usage, as well as the sum of usage over
   Energy and power for accelerators is also shown, if applicable.
 For further explanation, use: pat report -v -O program energy ...
Table 3: Program energy and power usage (from Cray PM)
  Node
                      Process | PE=HIDE
 Energy
            Power
                         Time
   (J) |
              (W)
 25,504 | 687.169 | 37.114590 | Total
Notes for table 4:
 This table show the average time and number of bytes written to each
   output file, taking the average over the number of ranks that
   wrote to the file. It also shows the number of write operations,
   and average rates.
 For further explanation, use: pat_report -v -O write_stats ...
Table 4: File Output Stats by Filename
                Avg | Write Rate | Number | Avg | Bytes/ | File Name=!x/^/(proc|sys)/
                                      of | Writes |
                                                      Call | PE=HIDE
   Write
              Write | MiBytes/sec
 Time per
            MiBvtes
                                    Writer
  Writer
                per
                                    Ranks | Writer
             Writer
                                              Rank
 0.000052 | 0.000582 | 11.224027 | 1 | 18.0 | 33.89 | stdout
Program invocation: himeno.exe
For a complete report with expanded tables and notes, run:
 pat report /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/test/himeno.exe+83909-8745598s
For help identifying callers of particular functions:
 pat_report -O callers+src /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-
lite/test/himeno.exe+83909-8745598s
To see the entire call tree:
 pat report -O calltree+src /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-
lite/test/himeno.exe+83909-8745598s
For interactive, graphical performance analysis, run:
 app2 /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/test/himeno.exe+83909-8745598s
            ==== End of CravPat-lite output =======
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Test 2: Generate an Event Profile

\$> module sw perftools-lite perftools-lite-events

• If perftools-lite module not loaded, load subsequently perftools-base and perftools-lite-events.

\$> rm app.exe; make

- Only relink of app.exe necessary if object files and user libraries have been generated with another perftools-lite* module.
- Otherwise do a make clean; make

\$> srun -n 8 app.exe >& job.out

- The report is printed to stdout.
- Successful execution creates a app.exe+*/ directory for further analysis.

Output: Event Tracing

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CrayPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22
02:03:49
Sequential version array size
 mimax= 1025 mjmax= 513 mkmax= 513
Parallel version array size
 mimax= 515 mjmax= 259 mkmax= 259
 imax= 513 jmax= 257 kmax= 257
 I-decomp= 2 J-decomp= 2 K-decomp= 2
 Start rehearsal measurement process.
 Measure the performance in 3 times.
  MFLOPS: 15604.522995096944 time(s): 5.7918816709999987,
4.324619949E-4
Now, start the actual measurement process.
The loop will be excuted in 50 times.
This will take about one minute.
Wait for a while.
 Loop executed for 50 times
 Gosa : 4.21404955E-4
 MFLOPS: 15611.16692542893 time(s): 28.947083569
 Score based on Pentium III 600MHz : 188.449631
CrayPat-lite Performance Statistics
CrayPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22
02:03:49
Experiment:
                         lite lite-events
Number of PEs (MPI ranks):
Numbers of PEs per Node:
Numbers of Threads per PE:
Number of Cores per Socket: 64
Execution start time: Fri Nov 18 16:02:17 2022
System name and speed: nid001050 2.078 GHz (nominal)
AMD Milan
                       CPU Family: 25 Model: 1
Core Performance Boost: All 8 PEs have CPB capability
Avg Process Time: 37.05 secs
High Memory: 15,667.4 MiBytes
                                1,958.4 MiBytes per PE
I/O Write Rate: 3.182425 MiBytes/sec
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Regular program output

Notes for table 1:

This table shows functions that have significant exclusive time, averaged across ranks. For further explanation, use: pat report -v -O profile ...

Table 1: Profile by Function Group and Function

	Time% Time	Imb. Imb. Calls Group Function=[MAX10] PE=HIDE	
Ι,	100.0% 37.007250	1,461.4 Total	
	98.4% 36.410057	3.0 USER	
	76.9% 28.457104 15.4% 5.690022 6.1% 2.262931	0.078645 1.6% 1.0 himenobmtxp_	
	1.6% 0.585681	983.0 MPI	
	1.3% 0.482364	0.614413 64.0% 180.0 MPI_WAITALL	

Observation: MPI utilization

No suggestions were made because all ranks are on one node.

Notes for table 2:

This table shows energy and power usage for the nodes with the maximum, mean, and minimum usage, as well as the sum of usage over

Energy and power for accelerators is also shown, if applicable. For further explanation, use: pat report -v -O program energy ...

Table 2: Program energy and power usage (from Cray PM)

Node	Node	Process	PE=HIDE
Energy	Power	Time	
(3)	(W)		
9,055	244.407	37.048880	Total
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Event tracing summary. Note difference to sampling

Further analysis

Notes for table 3:

This table show the average time and number of bytes written to each output file, taking the average over the number of ranks that wrote to the file. It also shows the number of write operations. and average rates.

For further explanation, use: pat_report -v -O write_stats ...

Table 3: File Output Stats by Filename

Write	(proc sys)/ Write	MiBytes/sec	of	Writes	Call	PE=HIDE
		LITPA CES / SEC		MITTES	carr i	LE-UIDE
Time per	MiBytes	.	Writer	per		
Writer	per		Ranks	Writer		
Rank	Writer	İ	İ	Rank	į	
	Rank	. İ	j	i i	j	
0.000024	l 0.000008	0.321773	l 8	1.0	l 8.00	l stderr
0.000022		27.644603	1 1	18.0	35.72	stdout

Program invocation: himeno.exe

For a complete report with expanded tables and notes, run: pat_report /pfs/lustrep2/projapp1/project_465000297/alfiolaz/work/perftoplslite/test/expfile.lite-events.2046565

For help identifying callers of particular functions:

pat report -O callers+src

/pfs/lustrep2/projapp1/project 465000297/alfiolaz/work/perftools-

lite/test/expfile.lite-events.2046565

To see the entire call tree:

pat report -0 calltree+src

/pfs/lustrep2/projapp1/project_465000297/alfiolaz/work/perftools-lite/test/expfile.lite-events.2046565

For interactive, graphical performance analysis, run: app2 /pfs/lustrep2/projappl/project_465000297/alfiolaz/work/perftools-

lite/test/expfile.lite-events.2046565

====== End of CravPat-lite output =========

Test 3: Generate a Loop Profile (CCE only)

\$> module sw perftools-lite perftools-lite-loops

• If perftools-lite module not loaded, load subsequently perftools-base and perftools-lite-loops. Only for PrgEnv-cray.

\$> make clean; make

- Need to clean everything and rebuild.
- Compiler drivers will use -h profile_generate for Fortran or -finstrument-loops for C implicitly. This flag turns off OpenMP and significant compiler loop restructuring optimizations except for vectorization.

\$> srun -n 8 app.exe >& job.out

- Successful execution creates a app.exe+*/ directory for further analysis.
- The report is printed to stdout.

Output: Loop Profile

```
CrayPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22 02:03:49
                                                                                        Notes for table 1:
Sequential version array size
                                                                                         This table shows a nested view of loops that have significant inclusive time, averaged across ranks. Intervening function calls are not shown (as if all functions were inlined). For each loop, the table shows its inclusive time, the number of times it was executed, and the average number of iterations for each execution. Times in this table include overhead from loop instrumentation. For an alternative view that shows min and max iterations, and exclusive times, use the option: -0 loop_times
mimax = 513 mjmax = 513 mkmax = 1025
Parallel version array size
mimax = 259 mjmax = 259 mkmax = 515
imax = 257 jmax = 257 kmax =513
                                                                                         For further explanation, use: pat_report -v -O loop_nest ...
I-decomp = 2 J-decomp = 2 K-decomp = 2
Start rehearsal measurement process.
                                                                                        Table 1: Nested view of Loop Inclusive Time
Measure the performance in 100 times.
                                                                                                  Incl | Loop Exec |
                                                                                                                      Loop | Calltree=/[.]LOOP[.]
                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Subroutine
                                                                                         Time%
                                                                                                                      Trips
                                                                                                                               PE=HIDE
MFLOPS: 15652.801400 time(s): 5.774017 2.794488e-04
                                                                                                                        Avg
Now, start the actual measurement process.
                                                                                         100.0% | 37.08 |
                                                                                                                 -- | -- | Total
The loop will be excuted in 50 times
This will take about one minute.
                                                                                                                  2 | 30.0 | jacobi.LOOP.1.li.236
Wait for a while
                                                                                            79.0% | 29.31 |
                                                                                                                   60 | 255.0 | jacobi.LOOP.2.li.240
cpu : 28.869171 sec.
                                                                                             79.0% | 29.31 | 15,300 | 255.0 | jacobi.LOOP.3.li.241
                                                                                                                                                                                                                              Line number
Loop executed for 50 times
Gosa : 2.763023e-04
                                                                                             78.2% | 29.00 | 3,901,500 | 511.0 | jacobi.LOOP.4.li.242
MFLOPS measured: 15653.298226
Score based on Pentium III 600MHz : 188.958211
                                                                                            13.5% | 5.02 |
                                                                                                                   60 | 255.0 | jacobi.LOOP.5.li.263
15,300 | 255.0 | jacobi.LOOP.6.li.264
                                                                                              9.6% | 3.54 | 3,901,500 | 511.0 | jacobi.LOOP.7.li.265
              CravPat-lite Performance Statistics
                                                                                            4.3% | 1.61 |
                                                                                                                  1 | 259.0 | initmt.LOOP.4.li.191
259 | 259.0 | initmt.LOOP.5.li.192
                                                                                             4.3% | 1.61 |
CrayPat/X: Version 22.06.0 Revision 4b5ab6256 05/21/22 02:03:49
Experiment:
                               lite lite-loops
                                                                                             4.3% | 1.59 |
                                                                                                                67,081 | 515.0 | initmt.LOOP.6.li.193
Number of PEs (MPI ranks):
Numbers of PEs per Node:
                                                                                            2.2% | 0.82 |
                                                                                                                  1 | 257.0 | initmt.LOOP.1.li.210
Numbers of Threads per PE:
                                                                                             2.2% | 0.82
                                                                                                                  257 | 257.0 | initmt.LOOP.2.li.211
Number of Cores per Socket:
Accelerator Model: AMD MI200 Memory: 32.00 GB Frequency: 1.09 GHz
                                                                                             2.1% | 0.79 | 66,049 | 513.0 | initmt.LOOP.3.li.212
                                                                                        Program invocation: himeno.exe
Execution start time: Sun Aug 21 00:29:19 2022
System name and speed: nid005013 2.361 GHz (nominal)
                                                                                        For a complete report with expanded tables and notes, run:
                           CPU Family: 25 Model: 48 Stepping: 1
                                                                                         pat report /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/C/himeno.exe+44287-8745533t
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    Nested Loops
Core Performance Boost: All 8 PEs have CPB capability
                                                                                        For help identifying callers of particular functions: pat_report -0 callers+src /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/C/himeno.exe+44287-8745533t
                                                                                        To see the entire call tree:
                                                                                         pat report -0 calltree+src /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/C/himeno.exe+44287-8745533t
Avg Process Time: 37.12 secs
High Memory:
                15,593.3 MiBytes 1,949.2 MiBytes per PE
                                                                                        For interactive, graphical performance analysis, run:
                                                                                         app2 /pfs/lustrep3/users/lazzaroa/exercises/perftools-lite/C/himeno.exe+44287-8745533t
                                                                                        ======= End of CrayPat-lite output ===========
```

Regular program output

Loop Statistics by function

Generate an Event Profile for GPU Experiments

\$> module load perftools-lite-gpu

• If perftools-lite module not loaded, load subsequently perftools-base and perftools-lite-gpu.

\$> rm app.exe; make

- Only relink of app.exe necessary if object files and user libraries have been generated with another perftools-lite* module.
- Otherwise do a make clean; make

\$> srun -n 8 app.exe >& job.out

- The report is printed to stdout.
- Successful execution creates a app.exe+*/ directory for further analysis.

Memory Transfer Between Host and Device

From the Himeno benchmark (OpenMP offload)

```
Notes for table 3:
 This table shows functions that have significant exclusive host or
   accelerator time, averaged across ranks, and also data copied in
   and out, and event counts.
 For further explanation, use: pat report -v -O acc fu ...
Table 3: Time and Bytes Transferred for Accelerator Regions
 Time% |
                               Acc | Acc Copy | Acc Copy | Events | Function=[max10]
                                                       Out |
                                                                      PE=HIDE
                                    | (MiBytes) | (MiBytes) |
                                                                      Thread=HIDE
100.0% | 45.464262 | 100.0% | 73.31 |
                                         7,380 |
                                                                120 | hipStreamSynchronize
  87.9% | 39.940594 |
   5.4% | 2.448416 |
                                                                  0 | initmt
   3.1% | 1.425578 |
                                                               0 | MPI Waitall
   2.6% | 1.160629 |
                       0.0% | 0.03 |
                                          3,690
                                                       -- | 74 | hipMemcpyHtoD
                                                              4 | jacobi.ACC COPY@li.236
          0.002311
                       1.6% | 1.16 |
                                          3,690
   0.0% | 0.000496 | 42.6% | 31.20 |
                                                                 60 | hipKernel. omp offloading 54bbb604 f500d049 jacobi 1242
                                                                 60 | hipKernel.__omp_offloading_54bbb604_f500d049_jacobi_1268
           0.000355
                      1.3% | 0.98 |
           0.000058
                                                                 60 | jacobi.ACC KERNEL@li.242
                      43.5% | 31.90 |
                                                                 60 | jacobi.ACC KERNEL@li.268
```

ROCM Profiler with MPI

```
$> module load rocm
```

• No need for an accelerator module for the target GPU

- Put the code above in a script and launch the script with **srun**
- Single ranks can be profiled separately

Observations and Remarks

- No intervention needed for build system and batch scripts.
 - Only make sure to use the compiler driver wrappers CC, cc, and ftn.
- What we did not see with these simple tests:
 - perftools-lite can produce rank reordering files for MPI to optimize the communication. Not visible here because of small portion of time spent in communication or job size.
 - The resulting app+exe*/ directory can be processed with pat_report, Apprentice2, and Reveal for further analysis. From the sample experiment one can retrieve hardware performance counter information.
- Tailored profiling, i.e. for specific routines, trace groups, or specific portions of the code is not possible.
 - Need the regular perftools module for this in-depth analysis.
- CRAYPAT_LITE environment variable can be used to distinct output files.
- Record Subset of PEs during execution: export PAT_RT_EXPFILE_PES=0,4,5,10
- Use CRAYPAT_LITE_WHITELIST for binaries you DO want instrumented (rest ignored).

Further analysis (without re-running)

Generate full report

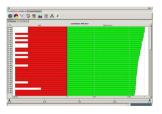
- Generate a preview of data before processing the full report
 - \$> pat_report -Q1
 - Produces report from single (lexically first) '.ap2' file
 - Useful for jobs with large number of processes

\$> pat_report -s th=ALL

Further analysis (without re-running)

- Generate report from specific subset of ranks
 - \$> pat_report -s filter_input='pe==0'
 - Report with only PE O data
 - \$> pat_report -s filter_intput='pe<5'</pre>
 - Report with data from first 5 ranks
 - Use pat_help report filtering for more details
- Don't see an expected function?
 - Use the pat_report -P option to disable pruning.
 - You should be able to see the caller/callee relationship with pat report -P -O callers
 - Use 'pat_report -T' to see functions that didn't take much time
 - Still don't see it? Check the compiler listing to see if the function was inlined.
- Also try the GUI for analyzing performance analysis results.

```
$> app2 app.exe+*/
```



Memory bandwidth sensitivity guidance

Functions Slowed By Memory Bandwidth Utilization

The performance data for the functions shown below suggest that their performance is limited by memory bandwidth. To confirm this, try running with fewer processes placed on each node.

• Example traffic from an MPI+OpenMP run.

Table 3: Memory Bandwidth by	Numanode (limited entries shown)	Available in default report assuming processors supports collecting the data
Memory Local Remote Traffic Memory Memory GBytes Traffic Traffic GBytes GBytes	Thread Memory Memory Numanode Time Traffic Traffic Node Id=[max3 GBytes / PE=HIDE / Sec Nominal Thread=HIDE Peak	
178.08 168.07 10.01	11.578777 15.77 20.5% nid.61 11.563156 15.44 20.1% nid.71 11.562097 15.40 20.1% nid.62	
60.36 14.73 45.62	9.071553 6.60 8.6% nid.62 9.068044 6.56 8.5% nid.68	Notice remote memory traffic by OpenMP threads

• Low vectorization guidance.

Functions with Low Vectorization

The performance data for the functions shown below suggest that their performance could be improved by increased vectorization. Use compiler optimization messages to identify loops in those functions that were not vectorized and try to use directives or restructure the loops to enable them to vectorize.

• Memory latency sensitivity guidance.

Functions Slowed By Memory Latency

The performance data for the functions shown below suggest that their performance is limited by memory latency. It could be beneficial to modify prefetching in loops in those functions, by modifying compiler-generated prefetches or inserting directives into the source code.

```
Samp% | Memory | Stall | Function

| Traffic | PerCent | Numanode=HIDE

| / | PE=HIDE

| Nominal | |

| Peak | |

| 72.8% | 34.8% | 33.9% | dim3_sweep$dim3_sweep_module_
```

Documentation

Module help

- module help perftools-base
- module help perftools
- module help perftools-lite
- module help perftools-lite-*

• Man pages

- man pat_build
- man pat_report

Advanced help system

- pat_help
- pat_info [[.ap2_file] [experiment_data_directory]...]

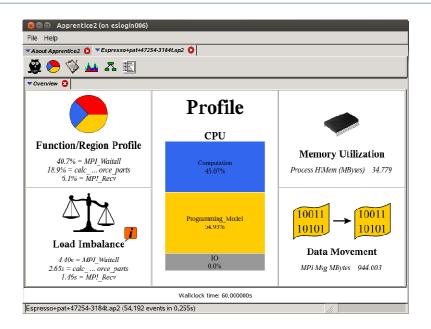
APPRENTICE2

Display your performance analysis results

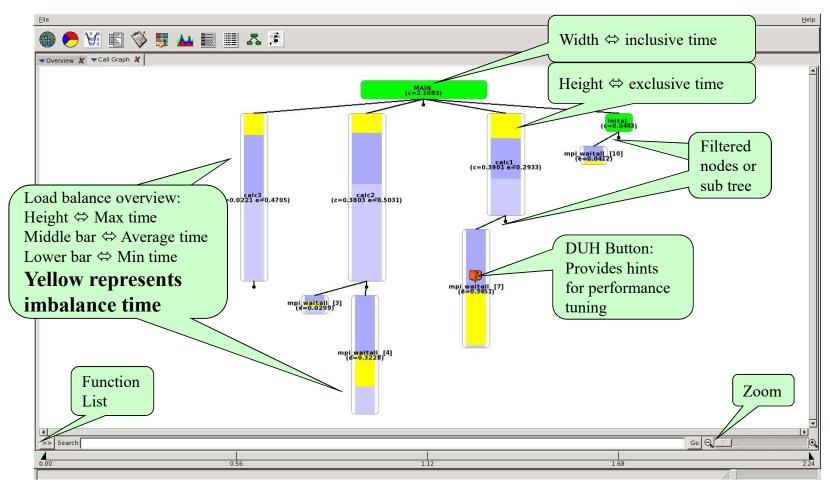
Apprentice2

\$> app2 app.exe+*/ &

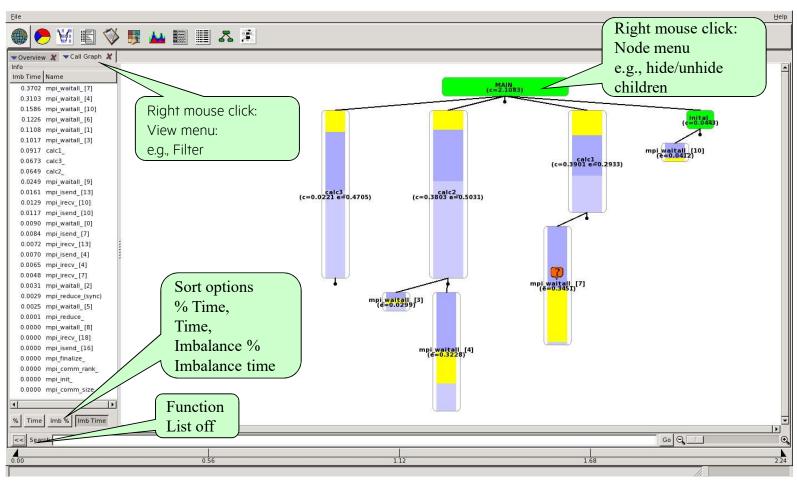
- Use an experiment directory as input. Can be from perftools-lite if pat_report has been used to generate *ap2 files.
- Desktop client installer: /opt/cray/pe/perftools/<version>/share/desktop_installers/



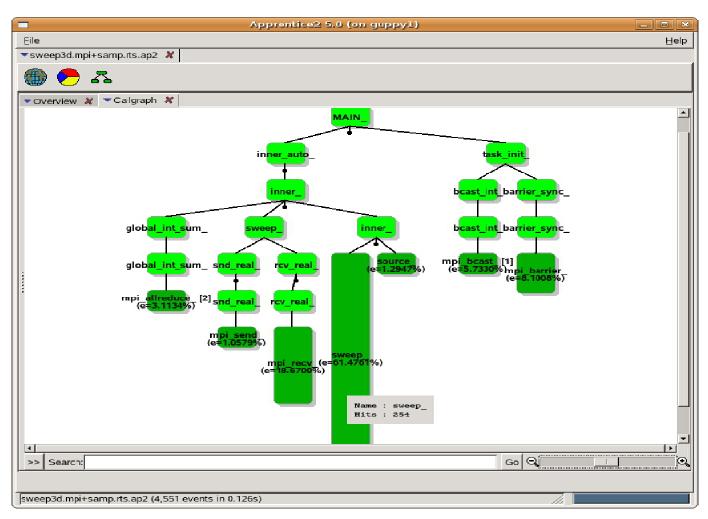
Call tree view



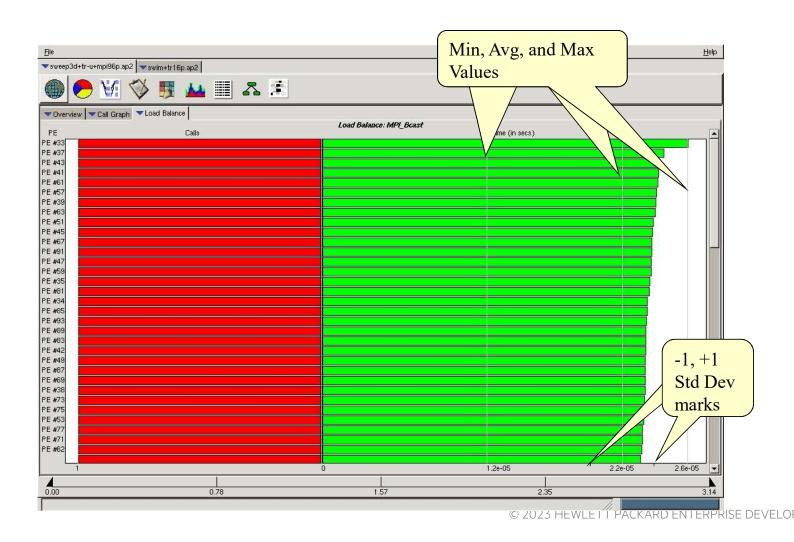
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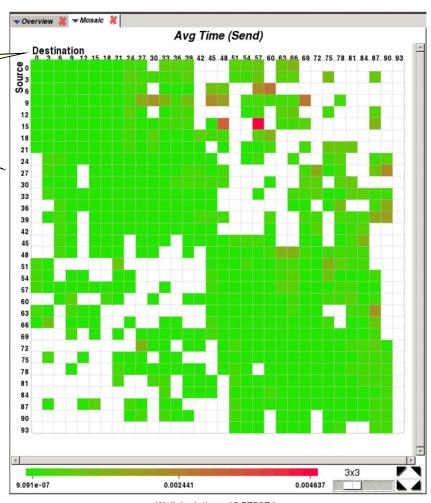


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Mosaic View

Send/receive of data, useful to check communication patterns



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