

INTERMITTENT MULTI-THREADING BUGS: FIND AND SQUASH RACES, DEADLOCKS, AND MEMORY BUGS

Memory & Thread Debugger
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Here is What Will Be Covered

Overview

Memory/Thread analysis

New Features

Deep dive into debugger integrations

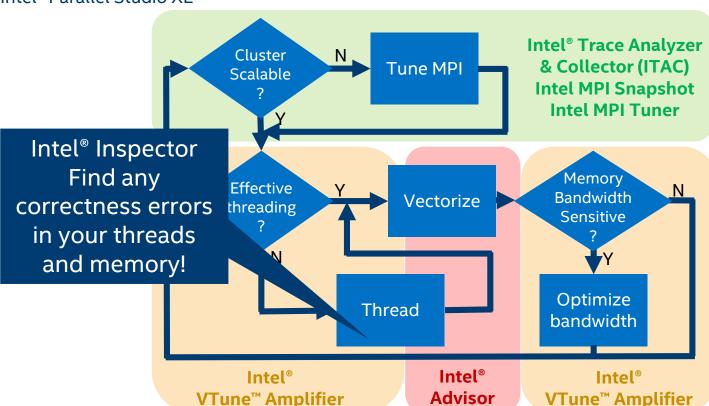
Demo

Call to action



Analysis Tools for Diagnosis

Intel® Parallel Studio XE



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Correctness Tools Increase ROI By 12%-21%

Cost Factors – Square Project Analysis

CERT: U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team, and Carnegie Mellon CyLab

NIST: National Institute of Standards & Technology : Square Project Results

Size and complexity of applications is growing

Reworking defects is 40%-50% of total project effort



Correctness tools find defects during development prior to shipment

Reduce time, effort, and cost to repair

Find errors earlier when they are less expensive to fix

Find & Debug Memory & Threading Errors

Intel® Inspector – Memory & Thread Debugger

Correctness Tools Increase ROI By 12%-21%¹

- Errors found earlier are less expensive to fix
- Several studies, ROI% varies, but earlier is cheaper

Diagnosing Some Errors Can Take Months

- Races & deadlocks not easily reproduced
- Memory errors can be hard to find without a tool

Debugger Integration Speeds Diagnosis

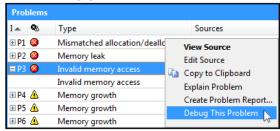
- Breakpoint set just before the problem
- Examine variables & threads with the debugger

Diagnose in hours instead of months

¹ Cost Factors - Square Project Analysis

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Debugger Breakpoints



Part of Intel® Parallel Studio For Windows* and Linux*

Intel® Inspector dramatically sped up our ability to track down difficult to isolate threading errors before our packages are released to the field.

Peter von Kaenel, Director, Software Development, **Harmonic Inc.**

http://intel.ly/inspector-xe



Debug Memory & Threading Errors

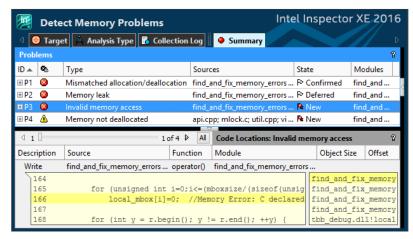
Intel® Inspector

Find and eliminate errors

- Memory leaks, invalid access...
- Races & deadlocks
- C, C++, C#, F# and Fortran (or a mix)

Simple, Reliable, Accurate

- No special recompiles
 Use any build, any compiler¹
- Analyzes dynamically generated or linked code
- Inspects 3rd party libraries without source
- Productive user interface + debugger integration
- Command line for automated regression analysis



Clicking an error instantly displays source code snippets and the call stack

Fits your existing process



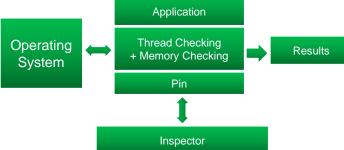
Intel® Inspector dynamic analysis

Data Collection Techniques

Inspector tracks all memory allocations and threading APIs using a binary instrumentation tool called Pin

- Dynamic instrumentation system provided by Intel (http://www.pintool.org)
- Injected code used for observing the behaviour of the program

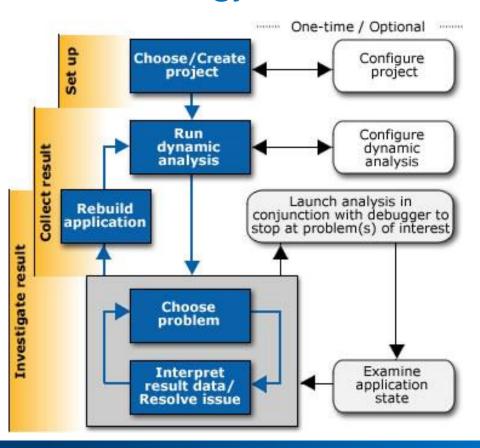
Source modification/recompilation is not needed



- OS has to be in the support list
- One process is analysed at a time



Recommended Methodology





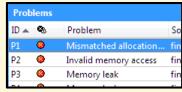
Deliver More Reliable Applications

Intel® Inspector and Intel® Compiler

Intel® Inspector

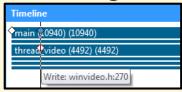
- Dynamic instrumentation
- No special builds
- Any compiler¹
- Source not required

Memory Errors



- Invalid Accesses
- Memory Leaks
- Uninit. Memory Accesses

Threading Errors

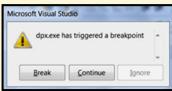


- Races
- Deadlocks
- Cross Stack References

Intel[®] Compiler

- Pointer checker
- Run time checks
- C, C++

Pointer Errors



- Out of bounds accesses
- Dangling pointers

Find errors earlier with less effort

¹That follows common OS standards.



Race Conditions Are Difficult to Diagnose

They only occur occasionally and are difficult to reproduce

Correct

Incorrect

Thread 1	Thread 2		Shared Counter	
			0	
Read count		←	0	
Increment			0	
Write count		→	1	
	Read count	←	1	
	Increment		1	
	Write count	→	2	

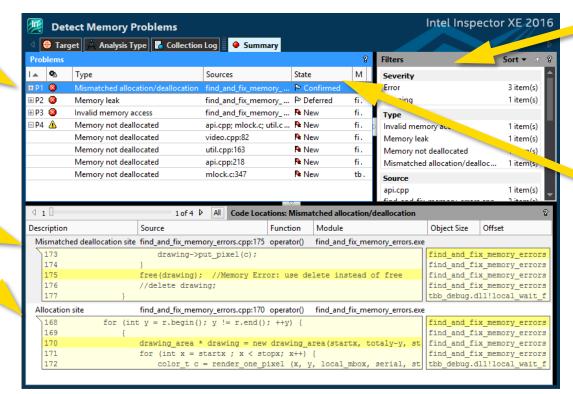
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Productive User Interface Saves Time

Intel® Inspector



Code snippets displayed for selected problem



Filters let you focus on a module, or error type, or just the new errors or...

Problem States: New, Not Fixed, Fixed, Confirmed, Not a problem, Deferred, Regression



Double Click for Source & Call Stack

Intel® Inspector

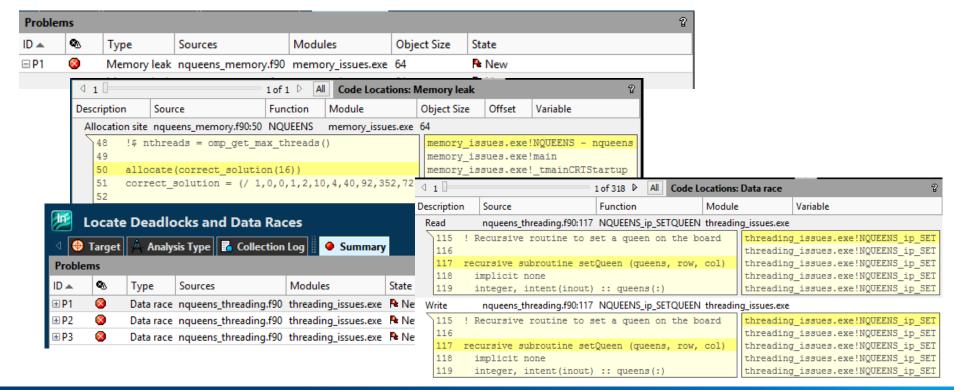
Source code locations displayed for selected problem

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Intel Inspector XE 2016
      Mismatched allocation/deallocation
                  Analysis Type Collection Log
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                                                                  Sources
Mismatched deallocation site - Thread thread video (4596) (find and fix memory errors.exe!operator() - find and fix memory errors.cp... 💡 🗖
find_and_fix_memory_errors.cpp    Disassembly (find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!0x46d6)
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                                                                                              find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!operator() - fi
165
               for (unsigned int i=0:i<=(mboxsize/(sizeof(unsigned int))):i++)
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!run_body - p
166
                    local mbox[i]=0; //Memory Error: C declared arrays go from
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!execute<class
                                                                                               find and fix memory errors, exelexecute -
168
               for (int y = r.begin(); y != r.end(); ++y) {
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!local_wait_for_all - custom_sc
169
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!local_spawn_root_and_wait - scr
                        drawing area * drawing = new drawing area(startx, totaly
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!spawn_root_and_wait - schedule
171
                        for (int x = startx ; x < stopx; x++) {
                                                                                               find_and_fix_memory_errors.exe!spawn_root_a
                             color t c = render one pixel (x, y, local mbox, serie
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174
                                                                                               tbb_debug.dll!local_wait_for_all - custom_sche
175
                         free(drawing); //Memory Error: use delete instead of fre
                                                                                               tbb debug.dll!local spawn root and wait - sc
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                        //delete drawing;
                                                                                               tbb debug.dll!spawn root and wait - schedul-
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Call Stack



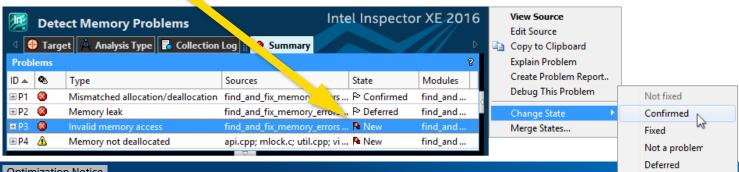
Quickly track down your Fortran issues!



Easy Problem Management

Quickly see new problems and regressions

State	Description
New	Detected by this run
Not Fixed	Previously seen error detected by this run
Not a Problem	Set by user (tool will <u>not</u> change)
Confirmed	Set by user (tool will <u>not</u> change)
Fixed	Set by user (tool <u>will</u> change)
Regression	Error detected with previous state of "Fixed"

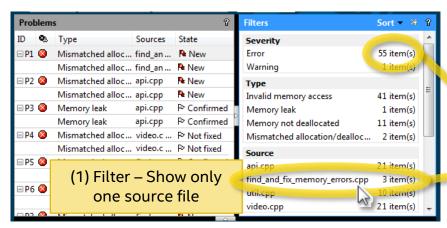


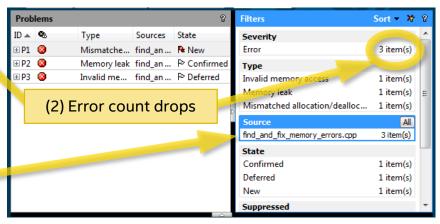
Filtering - Focus on What's Important

Example: See only the errors in one source file

Before – All Errors

After – Only errors from one source file





Tip: Set the "Investigated" filter to "Not investigated" while investigating problems.

This removes from view the problems you are done with, leaving only the ones left to investigate.

Incrementally Diagnose Memory Growth

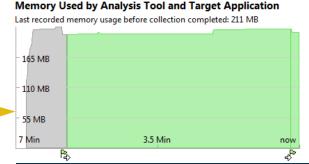
Intel® Inspector

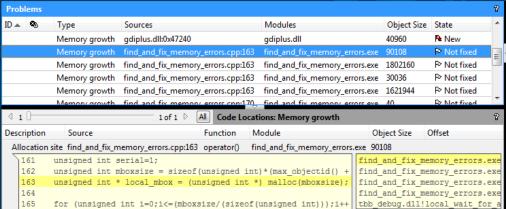
As your app is running...

Memory usage graph plots memory growth

Select a cause of memory growth

See the code snippet & call stack





Speed diagnosis of difficult to find heap errors



Automate Regression Analysis

Command Line Interface

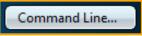
inspxe-cl is the command line:

- Windows: C:\Program Files\Intel\Inspector XE \bin[32|64]\inspxe-cl.exe
- Linux: /opt/intel/inspector_xe/bin[32|64]/inspxe-cl

Help:

inspxe-cl -help

Set up command line with GUI



Command examples:

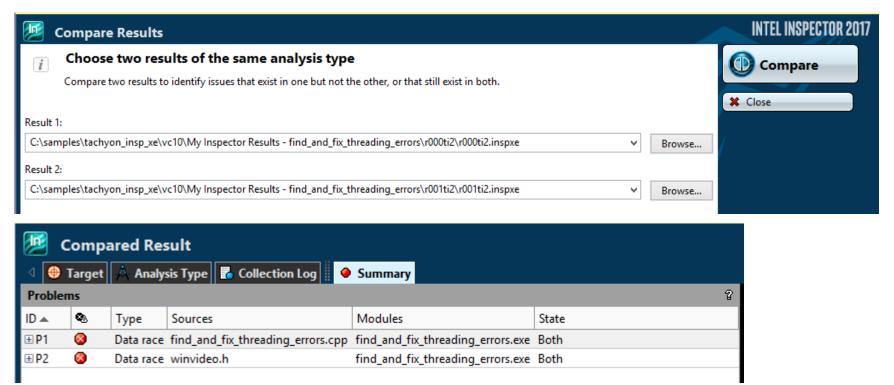
- 1.inspxe-cl -collect-list
- 2. inspxe-cl -collect ti2 -- MyApp.exe
- 3. inspxe-cl -report problems

Intel Inspector XE 2016 Configure Analysis Type A Analysis Type Start 2x-20x Detect Leaks ■ Stop **≭** Close Locate Memory Problems Memory Error Analysis Reset Growth Tracking Analysis Time Overhead Memory Overhead Measure Growth Detect Memory Problems Medium scope memory error analysis type, Increases the load on the system Reset Leak Tracking and the time and resources required to perform analysis. Press F1 for more Find Leaks Detect uninitialized memory reads Project Properties. Revert to previous uninitialized memory algorithm (not recommended) Command Line. ✓ Detect memory leaks upon application exit

Send results file to developer to analyze with the UI

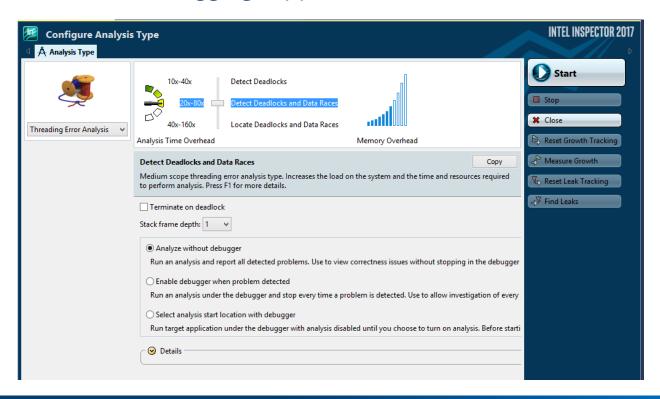
Compare results and see what has changed

Ideal for regression testing



Find problems quicker!

Interactive debugging support



- 3 debugging modes supported
- 1. Analyze without debugger
- 2. Enable debugger when problem detected
- 3. Start analysis when a debug breakpoint is hit.

Intuitive problem solving using debugger integrations

```
Microsoft Visual Studio*
 //! Refresh screen picture
□bool video::next frame()
                                                                                     and GNU gdb* or Intel®
                                                                                      Debugger (on Linux*)
     if(!running) return false:
     g updates++; // Fast but inaccurate counter. The data race here is beni
     if(!threaded) while(loop once(this));
     else if(g_handles[1]) {
                                             Problem Details
         SetEvent(g handles[1]);
                                              🛜 Source 🗶 Intel Inspector 🛇 Disable Breakpoint 🗟 Re-enable Breakpoints
          YIELD TO THREAD();
                                              Data race at data location 0x135dc for threads 16208 and TBB Worker Thread
     return true;
                                              Description A
                                                                          Function
                                                                                    Module
                                                          Source

    Read

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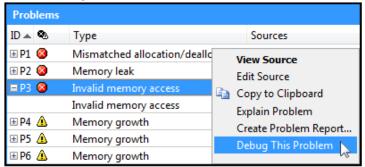
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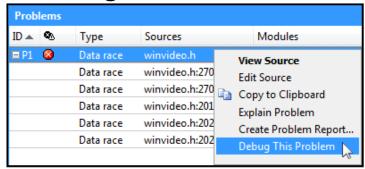
Break At Just The Right Time

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Memory Errors



Threading Errors



Break into the debugger just before the error occurs.

Examine the variables and threads.

Diagnose the problem.

Save time. Find and diagnose errors with less effort.

Work Smarter & Faster

Intel® Inspector - Memory & Thread Debugger

Precise Error Suppression

Precise, easy to edit, team shareable.

Choose which stack frame to suppress.

Eliminate the false, not the real errors.

Pause/Resume Collection

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__itt_suppress_push(__itt_suppress_threading_errors);

/* Any threading errors here are ignored */

__itt_suppress_pop();

/* Any threading errors here are seen */
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Productive Memory & Threading Debugger

Intel [®] Inspector	Memory Analysis	Threading Analysis
View Context of Problem Stack Multiple Contributing Source Locations	✓	✓
Collapse multiple "sightings" to one error (e.g., memory allocated in a loop, then leaked is 1 error)	✓	✓
Suppression, Filtering, and Workflow Management	✓	✓
Visual Studio* Integration (Windows*)	\checkmark	✓
Command line for automated tests	✓	✓
Time Line visualization	\checkmark	✓
Memory Growth during a transaction	\checkmark	
Trigger Debugger Breakpoint	\checkmark	✓

Easier & Faster Debugging of Memory & Threading Errors





WHAT'S NEW Intel® Inspector 2017 Beta

New Features

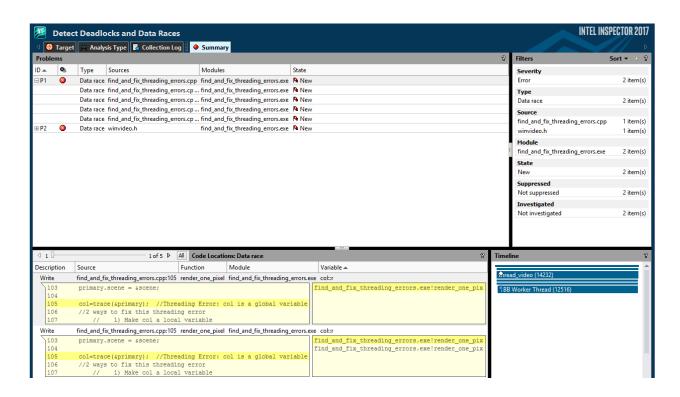
Support for Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor (codename: Knights Landing)

Support for C++11 synchronization primitives during threading analysis

Variable name detection for threading analysis



Variable name detection for threading analysis



Memory & Threading Debugger Saves Time Intel® Inspector

"We struggled for a week with a crash situation, the corruption was identified but the source was really hard to find. Then we ran **Intel® Inspector** and immediately found the array out of bounds that occurred long before the actual crash. We could have saved a week!"

Mikael Le Guerroué, Senior Codec Architecture Engineer, **Envivio**

Intel® Inspector has dramatically sped up our ability to find/fix memory problems and track down difficult to isolate threading errors before our packages are released to the field.

"Intel® Inspector is quite fast and intuitive compared to products we have used in the past. We can now run our entire batch of test cases (~750) which was not feasible previously. Intel® Inspector easily completed tests that failed due to lack of virtual memory on another product."

Gerald Mattauch
Senior Software Developer
Siemens AG, Healthcare Sector

Peter von Kaenel, Director, Software Development, **Harmonic Inc.**

More Case Studies







Call to Action

Modernize your Code

- To get the most out of your hardware, you need to modernize your code with vectorization and threading.
- Taking a methodical approach such as the one outlined in this presentation, and taking advantage of the powerful tools in Intel® Parallel Studio XE, can make the modernization task dramatically easier.
- Join the Intel®Parallel Studio 2017 Beta at ntel® Parallel Studio XE 2017 Beta



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Pick and choose what you need for your audience.

BACKUP

Intel[®] Inspector XE benchmark

Configuration information

7zip benchmark configuration info – Configuration Info – SW Versions: 7zip 9.22beta (Windows), 9.20(Linux); Microsoft Visual Studio* 10.0 (Windows), GCC 4.4.6 (Linux 64-bit), GCC 4.3.4 (Linux 32-bit); Hardware: Intel® Core™ i7 CPU 965 @ 3.20GHz, 6GB Memory; OS: SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP2, x86, kernel 3.0.13-0.27-pae; Red Hat Enterprise Linux Server 6.3, x86_64, kernel 2.6.32-279.el6.x86_64; Windows 7, x86; Windows 8, x86_64;

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