

Accelerating Axom Refining the Software Pyramid

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Motivation



Improve efficiency of Axom's ImplicitGrid class via RAJA

Axom

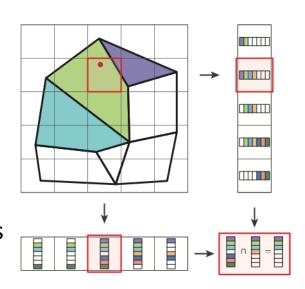
 A collection of classes and abstractions which serve as a foundation for physics applications and computational tools

ImplicitGrid

- A class for efficient spatial indexing
- Often used with 1000s of queries at a time

RAJA

A collection of abstractions to enable easier
 portability of code with regards to accelerators





Process



Documentation

 Reading user and developer documentation, both to understand the proper code style, and how to employ existing code

Code

- Tracing dependencies, in order to select targets for modification (or, in some cases, stop using a dependency)
- Determined important loops to target
- Reviewing compilation error logs, for bug fixing and easier dependency tracing

Interpersonal

 Collaboration and communication enabled a better understanding and faster modification of various code

Accomplishments



- Implemented bitwise operators as reduction policies in RAJA
 - Bitwise operators were an unknown foundational component of future work
- Bugfix in ImplicitGrid
 - Constructor referred to uninitialized data
- Task was larger in scope than originally thought, foundation for future work was laid
 - Documented necessary targets for task completion



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