

Python Web Performance 101: Uncovering the root causes

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Agenda

- CPU tools
- RAM tools

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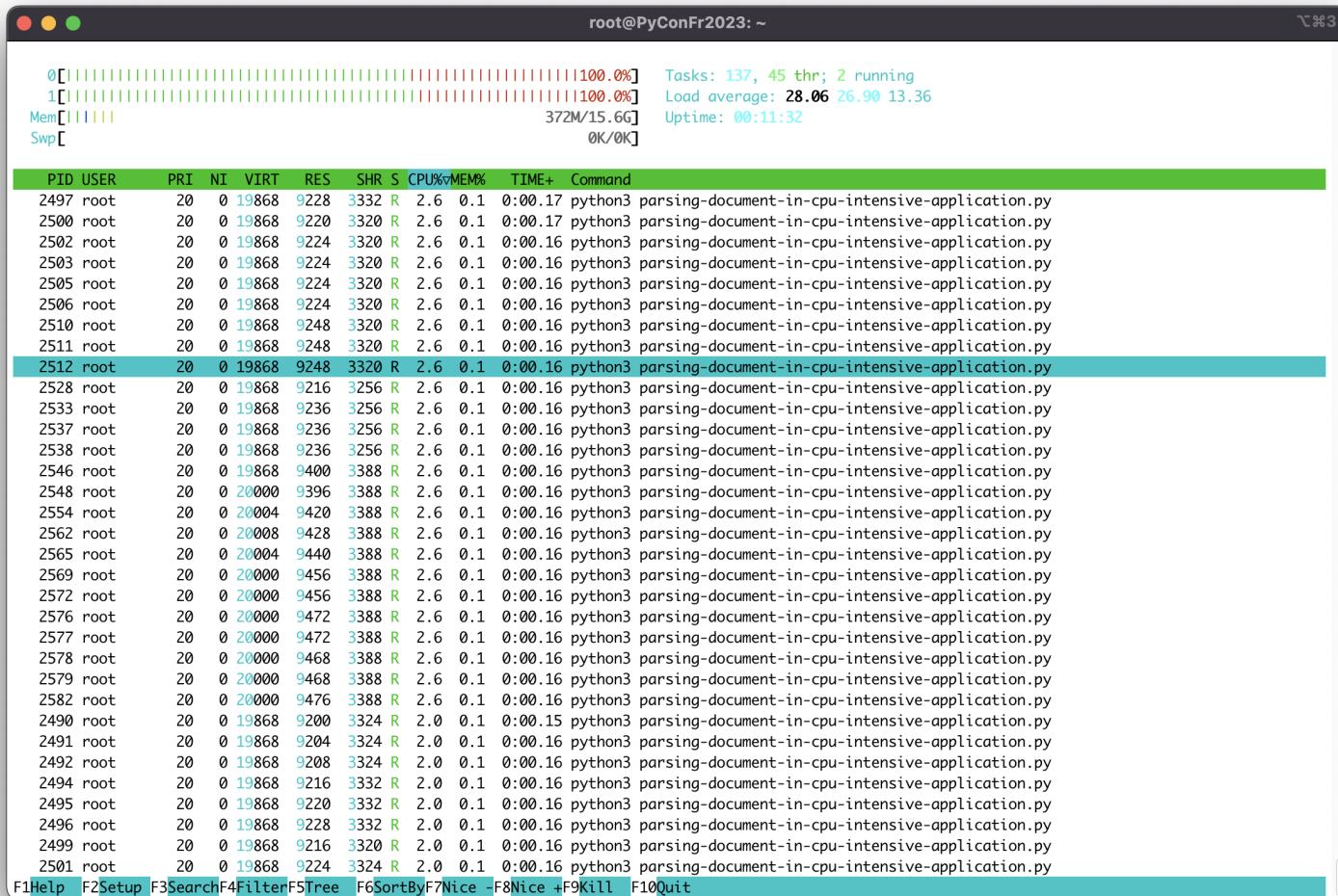
- CPU tools
- RAM tools
- Briefly IO
- Tracing

Who at least once used timeit, time.perf_counter(), CPU or memory usage profilers?



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Temporary solution

Temporary solution

Scale-up: more CPU, more RAM

CPU

time.perf_counter

```
1 import time
2 from calls import cpu_intensive_call
3
4 start = time.perf_counter()
5
6 cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=5000000)
7
8 end = time.perf_counter()
9 print('Elapsed seconds: {:.1f}'.format(end - start))
```

time.perf_counter

- Out of box

time.perf_counter

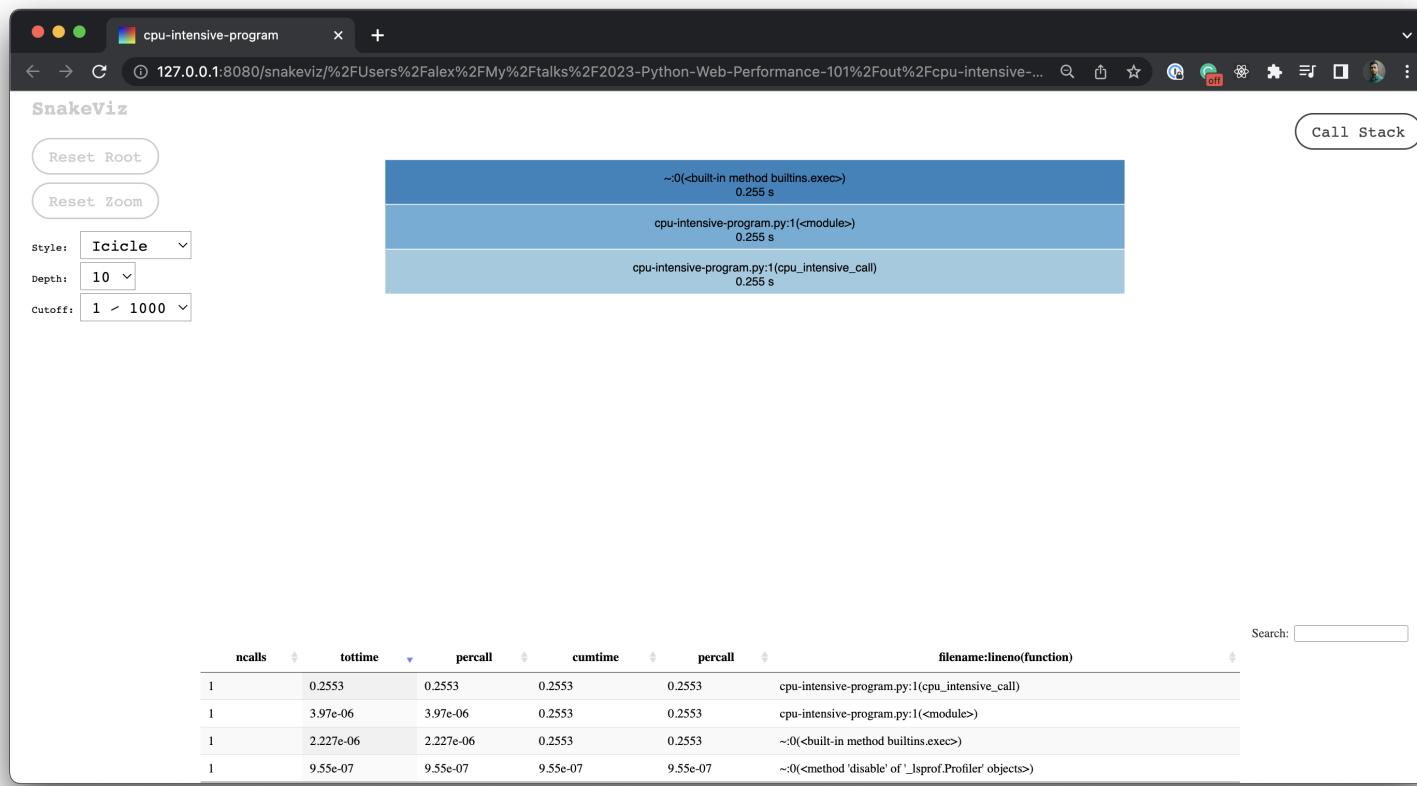
- Out of box
- Need to edit code, no internal details

cProfile

```
1 import cProfile
2 import re
3
4 from calls import cpu_intensive_call
5
6 cProfile.run('cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=5000000)')
```

cProfile

```
$ python -m cProfile \
-o out/cpu-intensive-program.prof \
load/cpu-intensive-program.py
$ snakeviz out/cpu-intensive-program.prof
```



cProfile

- Out of box
- Internal details timings

cProfile

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- Internal details timings
- Have visualize extensions

CPU Profilers

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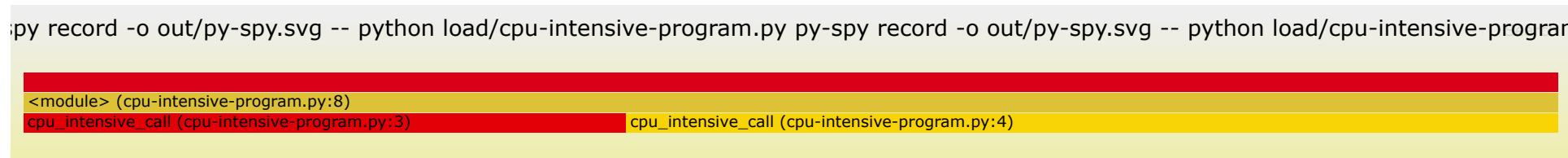
- Perfect! Is this all?
- Not exactly. Measuring something can change a behaviour of the system
- Let's take a look to sampling profilers

py-spy

```
def cpu_intensive_call(*, num_iterations):
    x = 1
    for _ in range(num_iterations):
        x*x

if __name__ == '__main__':
    cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=5000000)
```

```
$ py-spy record -o out/py-spy.svg -- python load/cpu-intensive-program.py
```



py-spy

- Sampling profiler

py-spy

- Sampling profiler
- Requires development environment

Bonus: yappi for asyncio

```
import asyncio
import yappi
from calls import cpu_intensive_call

async def foo():
    await asyncio.sleep(1.0)
    await baz()
    cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=10000000)
    await asyncio.sleep(0.5)

async def baz():
    await asyncio.sleep(1.0)

yappi.set_clock_type('wall')
with yappi.run():
    asyncio.run(foo())
yappi.get_func_stats().print_all()
yappi.get_func_stats()._save_as_PSTAT('out/asyncio_yappi.prof')

$ python load/asyncio_yappi.py
```

```
Clock type: WALL
Ordered by: totaltime, desc
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..4 _UnixSelectorEventLoop._run_once	12	0.000375	3.114111	0.259509
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..ctors.py:554 KqueueSelector.select	12	0.000223	2.502546	0.208545
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..e-101/load/asyncio_yappi.py:11 baz	1	0.000005	1.000425	1.000425
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..yncio/events.py:780 new_event_loop	1	0.000045	0.000425	0.000425
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..63 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.__init__	1	0.000004	0.000330	0.000330
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..py:82 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.close	1	0.000016	0.000157	0.000157
..asyncio/tasks.py:610 ensure_future	3	0.000008	0.000134	0.000045
..syncio/tasks.py:618 _ensure_future	3	0.000021	0.000126	0.000042
..3 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.call_soon	9	0.000030	0.000124	0.000014
..py:696 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.time	18	0.000099	0.000116	0.000006
..SelectorEventLoop._close_self_pipe	1	0.000023	0.000112	0.000112
.._weakrefset.py:63 WeakSet.__iter__	1	0.000033	0.000110	0.000110
.. _UnixSelectorEventLoop.call_later	3	0.000026	0.000096	0.000032
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.._UnixSelectorEventLoop._add_reader	1	0.000018	0.000089	0.000089
.. _UnixSelectorEventLoop._call_soon	9	0.000051	0.000087	0.000010
..y:309 _set_result_unless_cancelled	3	0.000015	0.000086	0.000029
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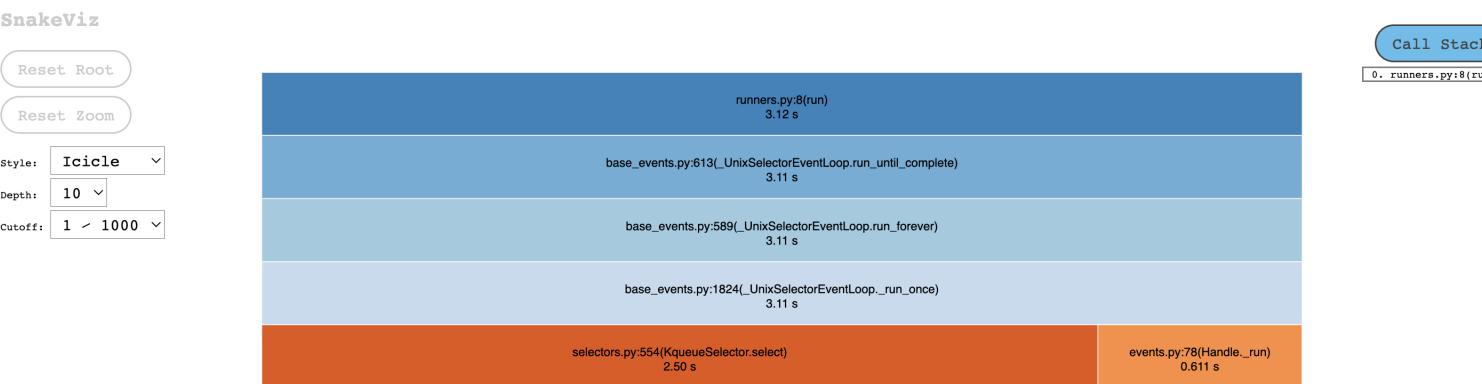
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..ors.py:517 KqueueSelector.register	1	0.000010	0.000034	0.000034
..events.py:103 TimerHandle.__init__	3	0.000015	0.000033	0.000011
..yncio/events.py:775 set_event_loop	2	0.000007	0.000031	0.000016
..tors.py:181 KqueueSelector.get_key	2	0.000010	0.000030	0.000015
..s.py:533 KqueueSelector.unregister	1	0.000010	0.000028	0.000028
..ging/__init__.py:1455 Logger.debug	1	0.000004	0.000027	0.000027
..set.py:27 _IterationGuard.__exit__	1	0.000016	0.000027	0.000027
..io/coroutines.py:18 __is_debug_mode	1	0.000009	0.000026	0.000026
..0/socket.py:494 socket._real_close	2	0.000008	0.000025	0.000012
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..ollections_abc.py:816 __Environ.get	1	0.000007	0.000017	0.000017
..nixSelectorEventLoop.create_future	3	0.000015	0.000017	0.000006
..216 KqueueSelector._fileobj_lookup	4	0.000010	0.000016	0.000004
..y:105 WeakValueDictionary.__init__	1	0.000008	0.000016	0.000016
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...py:290 WeakValueDictionary.update	1	0.000006	0.000008	0.000008
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..10/lib/python3.10/os.py:755 encode	1	0.000004	0.000005	0.000005
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..._bootstrap>:404 ModuleSpec.parent	1	0.000004	0.000005	0.000005
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..0 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.set_debug	1	0.000003	0.000004	0.000004
..set.py:17 _IterationGuard.__init__	1	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003
..ventLoop.shutdown_default_executor	1	0.000002	0.000002	0.000002
.._.py:1710 Logger.getEffectiveLevel	1	0.000002	0.000002	0.000002
..2 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.is_closed	3	0.000002	0.000002	0.000001
..3.10/asyncio/tasks.py:61 1	1	0.000002	0.000002	0.000002
..686 _UnixSelectorEventLoop.__del__	1	0.000000	0.000001	0.000001
..rs.py:64 _SelectorMapping.__init__	1	0.000001	0.000001	0.000001

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..tors.py:273 KqueueSelector.get_map 2      0.000001  0.000001  0.000000
..rEventLoop._timer_handle_cancelled 3      0.000001  0.000001  0.000000
..g/_init__.py:1307 Manager.disable 1      0.000001  0.000001  0.000001
.. _GeneratorContextManager.__exit__ 1      0.000000  0.000000  0.000000
```

Bonus: yappi for asyncio

```
$ python load/asyncio_yappi.py > out/asyncio_yappi.txt  
$ snakeviz out/asyncio_yappi.prof
```



Search:

ncalls	tottime	percall	cumtime	percall	filename:lineno(function)
3	2.502	0.8341	2.503	0.8342	tasks.py:593(sleep)
1	0.6093	0.6093	0.6093	0.6093	calls.py:1(cpu_intensive_call)
1	0.001139	0.001139	0.001147	0.001147	base_events.py:535(_UnixSelectorEventLoop.shutdown_asyncgens)
12	0.000375	3.125e-05	3.114	0.2595	base_events.py:1824(_UnixSelectorEventLoop._run_once)
12	0.000223	1.858e-05	2.503	0.2085	selectors.py:554(KqueueSelector.select)
3	0.000124	4.133e-05	3.115	1.038	base_events.py:613(_UnixSelectorEventLoop.run_until_complete)
18	9.9e-05	5.5e-06	0.000116	6.444e-06	base_events.py:696(_UnixSelectorEventLoop.time)

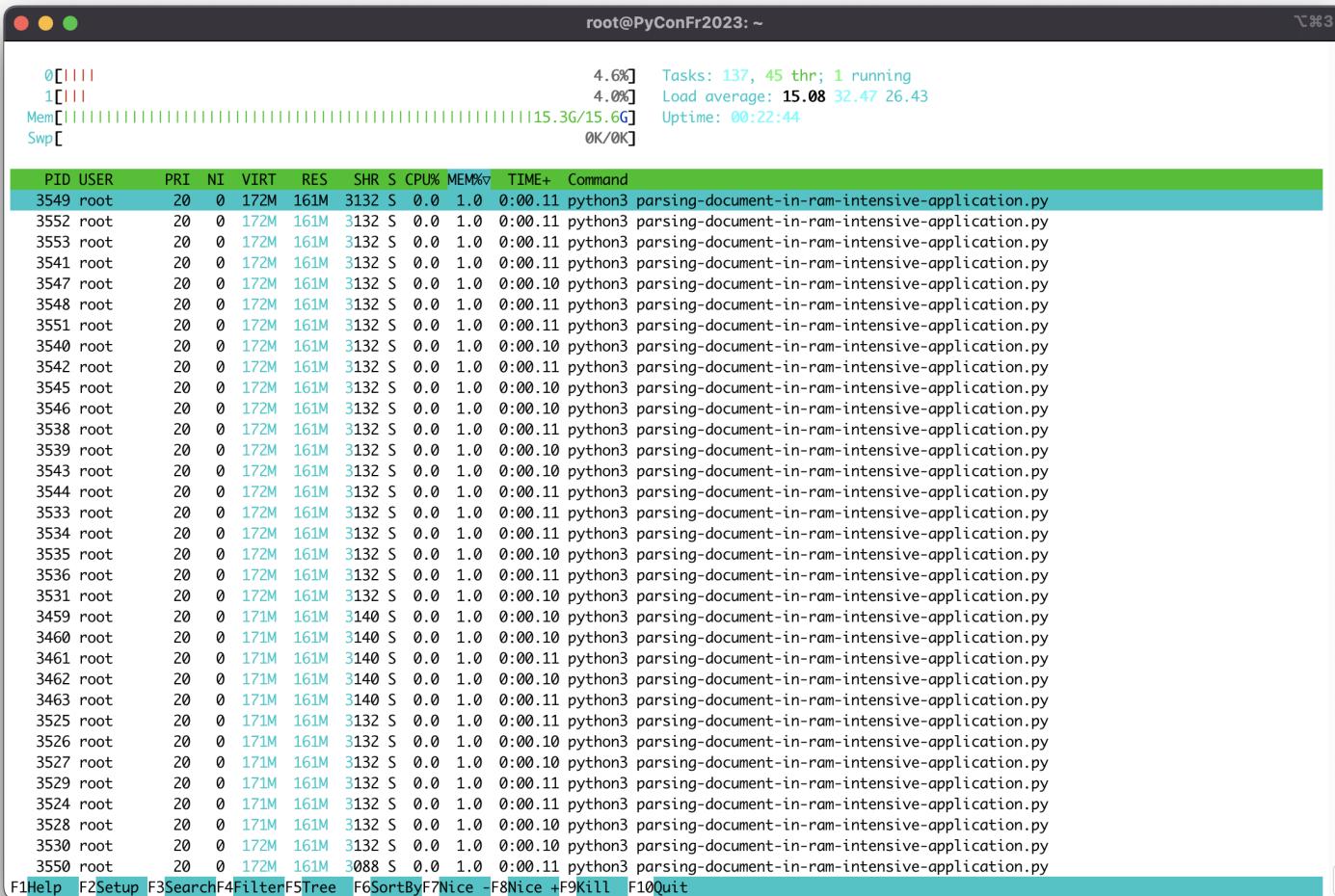
Bonus: yappi for asyncio

- Supports asynchronous execution
- Different clock modes

Problem found

After a few days

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RAM

Temporary solution

Temporary solution

Restart every N requests

sys.getsizeof

```
1 import sys  
2  
3 print(f'Empty dict size: {sys.getsizeof({})}')  
4 print(f'Empty list size: {sys.getsizeof([])}')  
5 print(f'Empty set size: {sys.getsizeof(set())}')
```

tracemalloc

```
1 import tracemalloc
2
3 def ram_intensive_dummy_call() -> None:
4     a = [1] * (10 ** 6)
5     b = [2] * (2 * 10 ** 7)
6     del b
7     return a
8
9 tracemalloc.start()
10
11 snapshot1 = tracemalloc.take_snapshot()
12 ram_intensive_dummy_call()
13 snapshot2 = tracemalloc.take_snapshot()
14
15 top_stats = snapshot2.compare_to(snapshot1, 'lineno')
16 print("[ Top 10 differences ]")
17 for stat in top_stats[:10]:
18     print(stat)
```

memory-profiler

```
@profile  
def dummy_ram_intensive_call():  
    a = [1] * (10 ** 6)  
    b = [2] * (2 * 10 ** 7)  
    del b  
    return a  
  
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    dummy_ram_intensive_call()
```

```
$ poetry add memory_profiler  
$ python -m memory_profiler load/memory_profiler.py
```

Filename: load/memory_profiler.py

Line #	Mem usage	Increment	Occurrences	Line Contents
=====				
1	15.219 MiB	15.219 MiB	1	@profile
2				def dummy_ram_intensive_call():
3	22.852 MiB	7.633 MiB	1	a = [1] * (10 ** 6)
4	175.441 MiB	152.590 MiB	1	b = [2] * (2 * 10 ** 7)
5	22.852 MiB	-152.590 MiB	1	del b
6	22.852 MiB	0.000 MiB	1	return a

memory-profiler

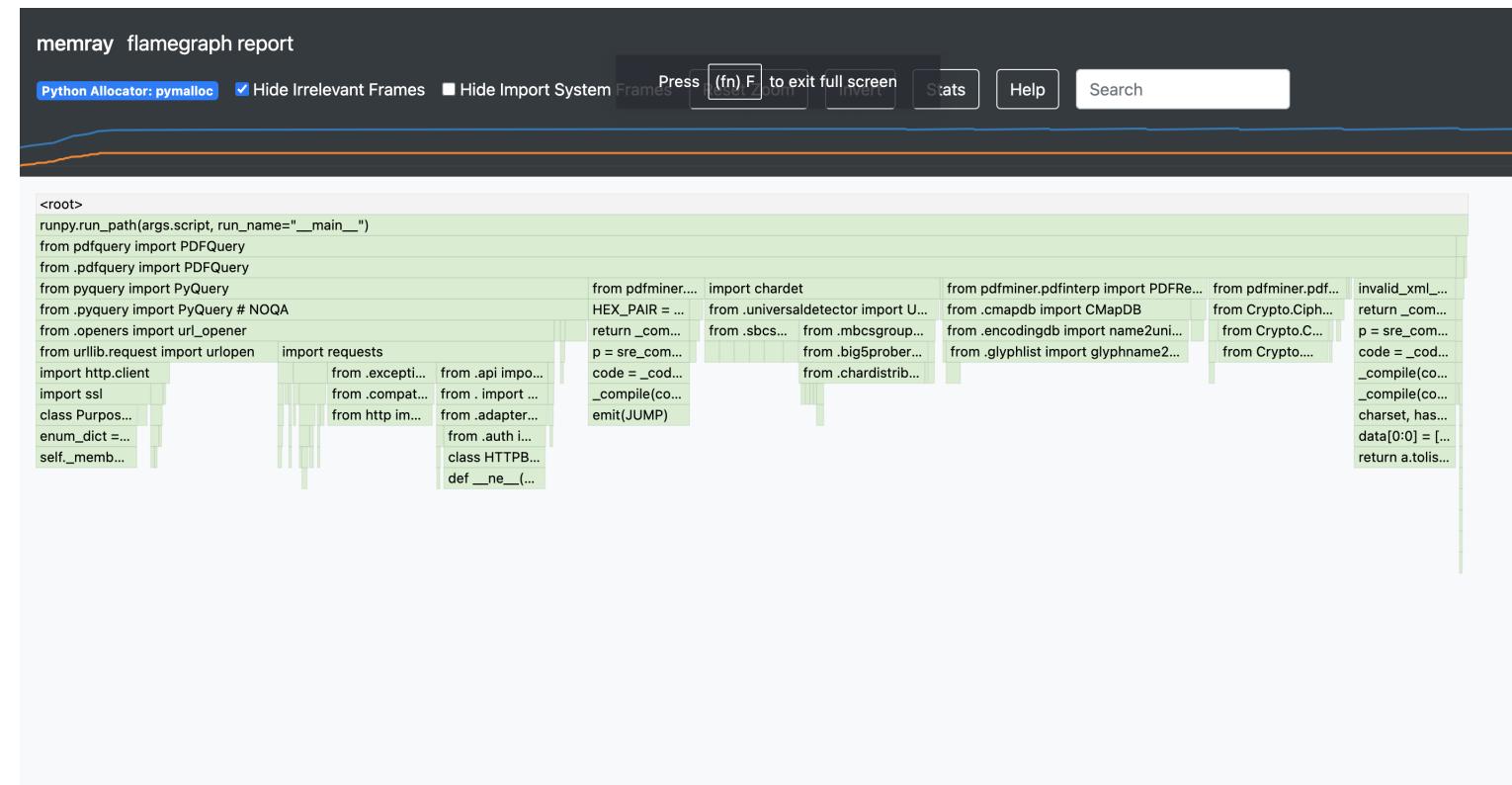
- Requires code changes for the detailed overview

memory-profiler

- Code changes for the detailed overview
- Uses deprecated matplotlib.pyplot
- No longer maintained

memray

```
$ poetry add memray
$ memray run -o out/memray.bin load/ram-intensive-program.py
$ memray flamegraph out/memray.bin
$ # ... out/memray-flamegraph-memray.html
```



memray

- Looks promising

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General advices

General advices

- Scale up
- Scale out
- Network

Tracing

Open Telemetry

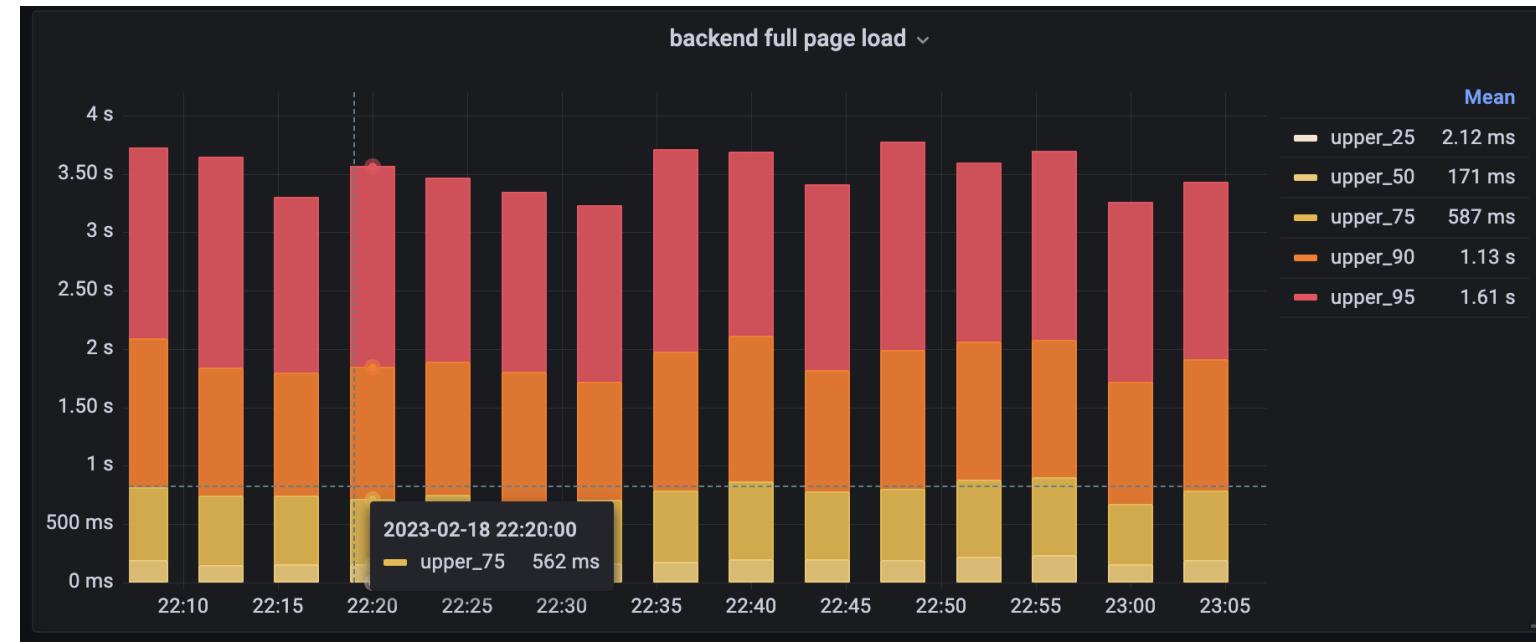
```
1 from calls import cpu_intensive_call
2 from opentelemetry import trace
3
4 tracer = trace.get_tracer(__name__)
5
6 if __name__ == '__main__':
7     with tracer.start_as_current_span("cpu_intensive_call") as child:
8         cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=5000000)
```

Open Telemetry

```
1 from otel_helpers import catchtime, init_otel
2 from opentelemetry import trace, metrics
3
4 from calls import cpu_intensive_call
5
6 init_otel()
7
8 tracer = trace.get_tracer(__name__)
9 meter = metrics.get_meter(__name__)
10 execution_time_hgram = meter.create_histogram('execution_time')
11
12 with tracer.start_as_current_span("cpu_intensive_application") as parent:
13     for x in range(3):
14         with tracer.start_as_current_span("cpu_intensive_call") as child, catchtime() as t:
15             cpu_intensive_call(num_iterations=5000000)
16             execution_time_hgram.record(t())
```

Open Telemetry

Multiply vendors, e.g. Grafana.



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- Monitor application errors

3 4 things to remember

- Worth to have a chance win some time with resources
- Monitor application errors
- Measuring something can change a behaviour of the system
- Tuning is good and remember pure Python is not about the performance

Thank you! Questions?

Gratitudes

- [PyScript](#) for empowering the presentation <py>
- [highlight.js](#) for syntax highlighting
- [playwright](#) for help with PDF slides
- [Prestatech GmbH](#) for support this talk (and we are hiring)

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Secret reference slide

- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/profile.html>
- Yappi clock types:
 - [CPU Time](#)
 - [WALL Time](#)
- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/tracemalloc.html>
- <https://bloomberg.github.io/memray/>
- <https://opentelemetry.io/ecosystem/vendors/>
- init_otel implementantion [python source](#)