

Introduction to the Eclipse IDE + PTP

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Eclipse History

- Borland, IBM, MERANT, QNX Software Systems, Rational Software, Red Hat, SuSE, TogetherSoft and Webgain formed eclipse.org board in 2001
- Open-sourced under Eclipse Public License (EPL), based on IBM Common Public License
- 2004 consortium reorganized into not-for-profit corporation, Eclipse foundation
- Four classes of membership - strategic developers, strategic consumers, add-in providers, open source project leaders
- Currently many projects and subprojects

What is Eclipse?

- Vendor neutral open source development platform
- Platform for tool integration
- Plug-in based framework to create, integrate, and use software tools (called “Equinox,” part of the Open Services Gateway initiative, or OSGi):
 - Plug-ins form a “bundle”
 - bundle (un)installation, update
 - bootstrap, launching, and extension registry

Eclipse Platform

- Core framework for all plug-in extensions
- Common facilities:
 - Workbench (user interface)
 - Portable UI libraries
 - Language independent debugging
 - CVS/subversion/git ... support
 - Dynamic update/install service

Plug-ins

There are a lot of eclipse plug-ins available:

- C/C++ development tools (CDT)
- Fortran development tools (Photran, now part of PTP)
- Parallel tools platform (PTP)
- Java development tools (JDT)
- Plug-in development environment (PDE)
- many more ...

Installing eclipse

www.eclipse.org

- Fortran support is through the **Photran** project (now part of Parallel Tools Platform):

www.eclipse.org/photran

- The Parallel Tools Platform (PTP) is an exciting development, but also can be somewhat tricky to integrate, especially with remote resources.
- Latest release of eclipse (Juno) has a package for parallel application developers that incorporates CDT and PTP

A Few More Installation Comments

- Can install multiple versions of eclipse without any difficulty (just watch out for overlapping workspaces)
- Not really intended as a “server” application - more of a locally installed development tool - that is why the remote tools are interesting/useful
- Remote development tools are still under (very) active development - great idea, though

Installing Eclipse & PTP

Steps for installing and configuring Eclipse plus the PTP, best to follow the latest on the PTP Wiki:

<http://wiki.eclipse.org/PTP>

The release notes for the current version generally have the most up-to-date instructions. Follow the instructions for installing Eclipse and PTP, running updates, enabling PTP update site, etc.

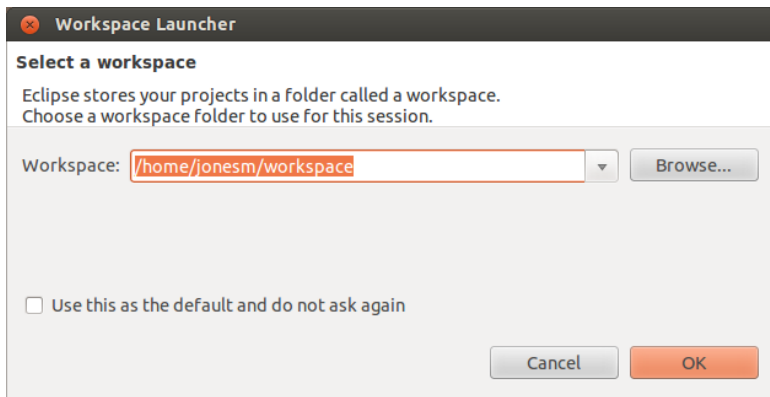
Some Issues

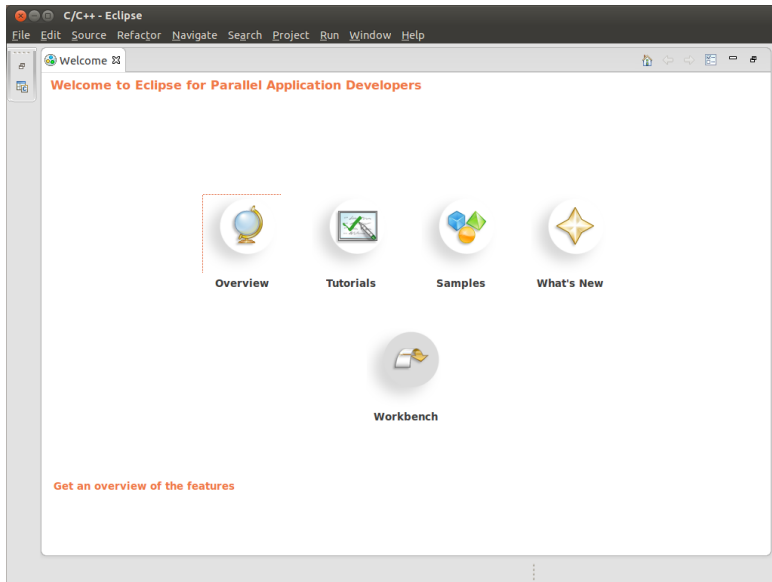
Depending on your operating system and environment, some parts of eclipse and PTP may or may not be available to you - some issues that I have encountered:

- Windows - I can not help you much there, but it is claimed to run under Windows
- Fortran support under Mac OS (and very likely Windows as well) - need to deploy Fortran compiler that you want to use
- MPI support - you need a working MPI to use the MPI features of PTP (depends on your platform)
- Virtual machine installs can be quite handy for dealing with some of these limitations - e.g., use VirtualBox and your favorite Linux distribution inside a VM without messing around with your base machine

Workspace

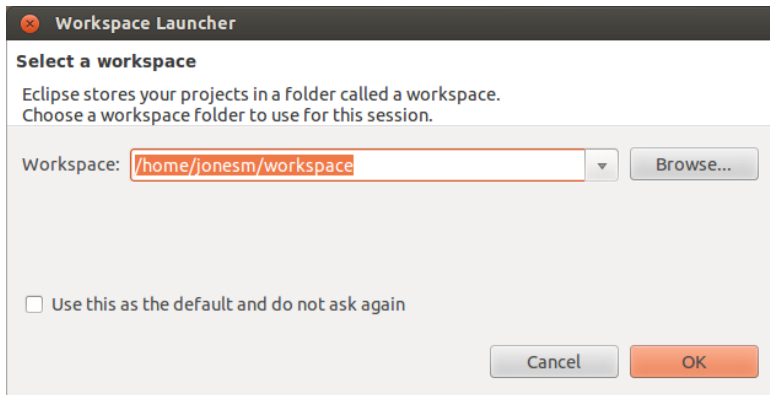
When you start `eclipse` it asks you for a workspace to use - a directory in which it will store working files. I tend to accept the default (the directory is browsable from the command line)



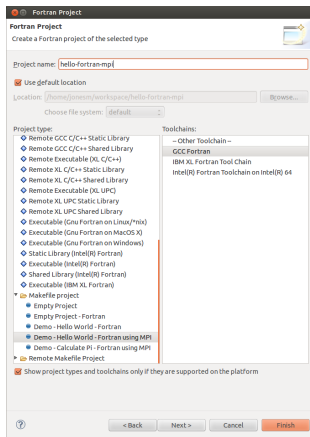


Start New Project

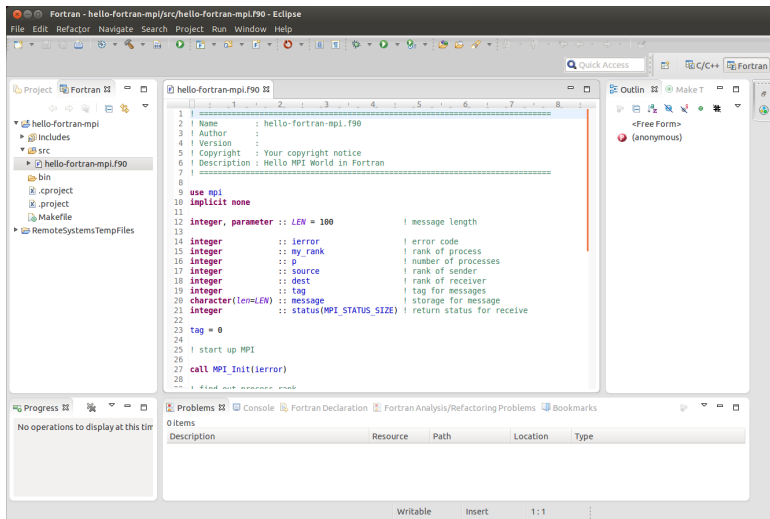
File->New->Project will start a new project in your workspace.



Selecting a project type determines the toolchain (compilers, linker, etc.) and tabs that `eclipse` will use and display. Note that you can first open the perspective (`Window->Open Perspective`) and then start a new project (`File->New->Fortran Project->Makefile Project`):



In this case I will load up a prepared sample MPI code that should look pretty familiar:

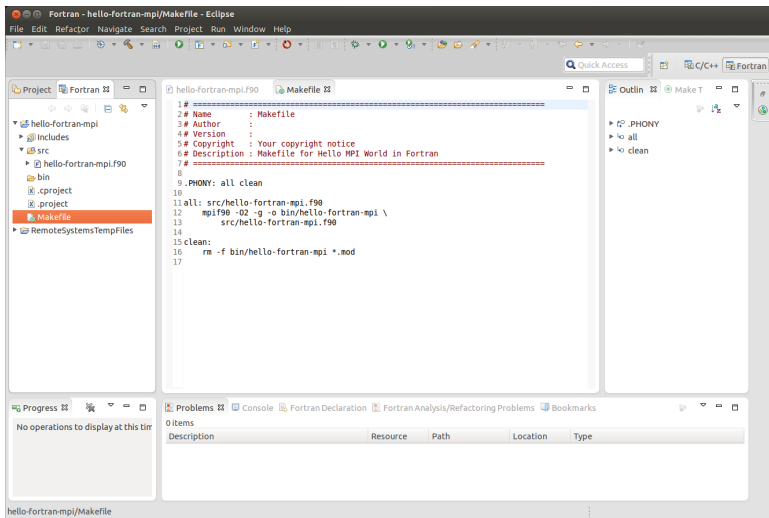


The screenshot shows the Eclipse IDE interface with a Fortran project named 'hello-fortran-mpi'. The main editor displays the source file 'hello-fortran-mpi.f90' with the following code:

```
1  ! Name      : hello-fortran-mpi.f90
2  ! Author    :
3  ! Version   :
4  ! Copyright : Your copyright notice
5  ! Description: Hello MPI World in Fortran
6  !
7  !
8
9  use mpi
10 implicit none
11
12 integer, parameter :: LEW = 100           ! message length
13
14 integer :: ierror                         ! error code
15 integer :: my_rank                       ! rank of process
16 integer :: p                             ! number of processes
17 integer :: source                        ! rank of sender
18 integer :: dest                          ! rank of receiver
19 integer :: tag                            ! tag for messages
20 character(len=LEW) :: message            ! storage for message
21 integer :: status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)       ! return status for receive
22
23 tag = 0
24
25 ! start up MPI
26
27 call MPI_Init(ierror)
28
29 ! find out process rank
```

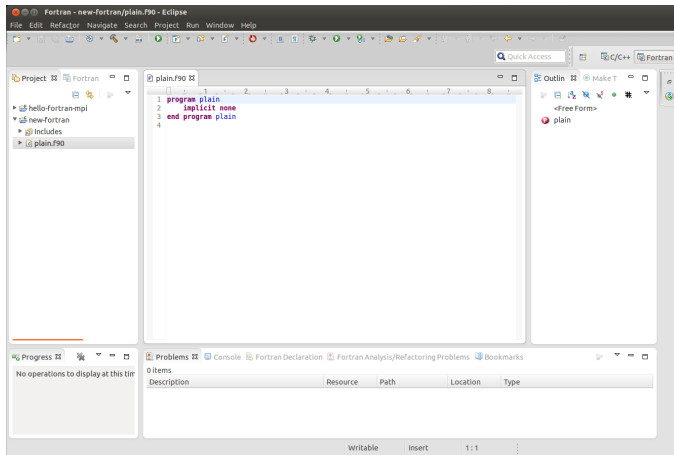
The IDE also shows a Project Explorer on the left with the project structure, an Outline view on the right showing the 'Free Form' structure, and a Problems view at the bottom showing 0 items.

and you can edit the Makefile if you want to tweak the various settings (note the built-in editor with syntax highlighting and other nice features):

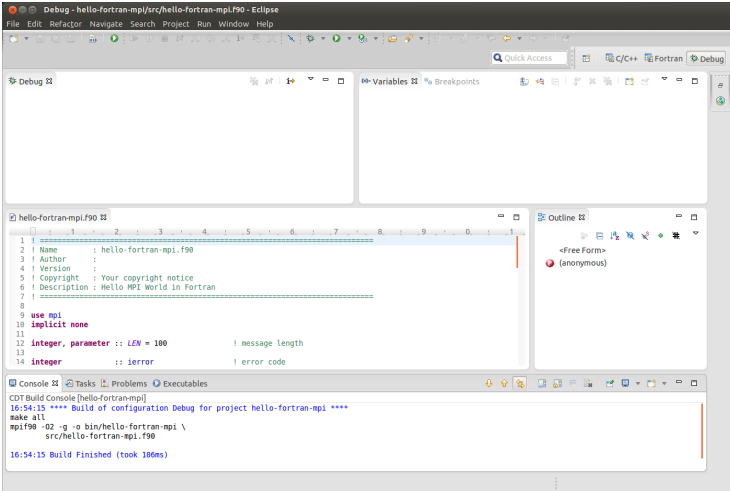


A Brand New Project (cont'd)

... and then you can edit a new file in your project by right-clicking on the project folder and selecting **New->File From Template**. You can then type in some new code:



Selecting the **Project->Build Project** should build a binary, and then you can run it (**Run As ...**) and change to the *Debug Perspective*:



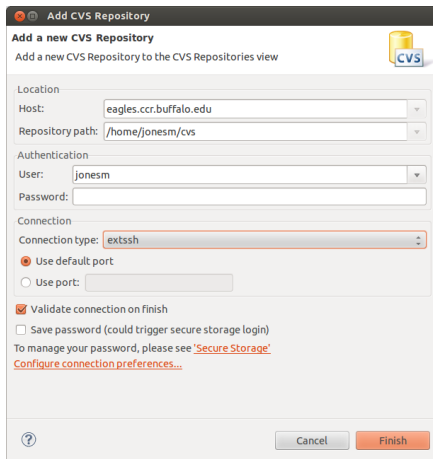
CVS?

If you are not using CVS (or a close relative), you should be:

- Concurrent Version System
- Shared access for multiple developers to develop single code “repository” with version control, branching, etc.
- Popular in open source software development (even “anonymous” read-only access to online CVS repositories)
- Git, subversion close competitors (eclipse has git support, is planning on adding subversion support)

Adding CVS Repo

Window->Open Perspective -> Other -> CVS Repository Exploring
changes to CVS perspective



The screenshot shows the 'Add CVS Repository' dialog box. The title bar says 'Add CVS Repository'. Below the title bar, it says 'Add a new CVS Repository' and 'Add a new CVS Repository to the CVS Repositories view'. There is a CVS logo icon. The dialog is divided into several sections: 'Location' with 'Host' (eagles.ccr.buffalo.edu) and 'Repository path' (/home/jonesm/cvs); 'Authentication' with 'User' (jonesm) and 'Password' (empty); 'Connection' with 'Connection type' (extssh) and radio buttons for 'Use default port' (selected) and 'Use port:'. There are also checkboxes for 'Validate connection on finish' (checked) and 'Save password (could trigger secure storage login)'. At the bottom, there is a question mark icon, a 'Cancel' button, and a 'Finish' button. A link for 'Secure Storage' is also present.

Add CVS Repository

Add a new CVS Repository

Add a new CVS Repository to the CVS Repositories view

Location

Host: eagles.ccr.buffalo.edu

Repository path: /home/jonesm/cvs

Authentication

User: jonesm

Password:

Connection

Connection type: extssh

☒ Use default port

☐ Use port:

☒ Validate connection on finish

☐ Save password (could trigger secure storage login)

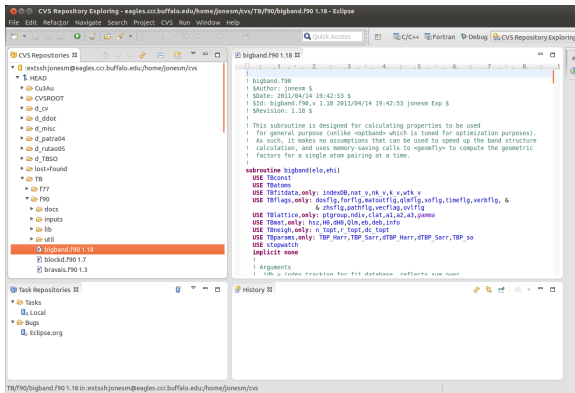
To manage your password, please see ['Secure Storage'](#)

[Configure connection preferences...](#)

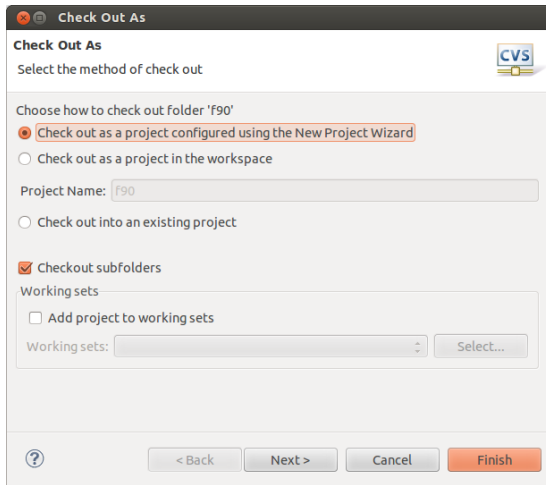
Cancel Finish

Hit the **Add CVS Repository** button ...

Provided that you authenticate properly (I am using ssh), you can then browse the CVS repo:



(note that the above is just browsing the files in the repository). Right-click on the project that you want, and select check out to get a copy ...



and you now have a rich set of CVS functionality within `eclipse` (diffs, commits, patching, etc.)

More CVS Information

CVS is a topic in its own right - some links to more CVS documentation:

- <http://offog.org/cvsintro.html>
- <http://cvsbook.red-bean.com/>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Concurrent_Versions_System

Git, subversion are also integrated with eclipse.

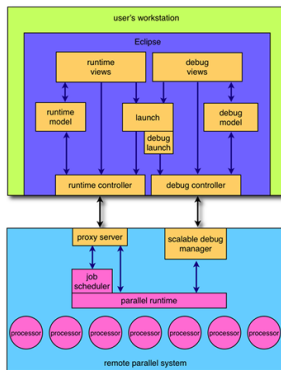
Parallel Tools Platform

Lofty goals:

- Support range of parallel architectures and runtime systems
- Scalable parallel debugger
- Support integration of parallel tools
- Simplify end-user interaction with parallel systems

PTP Architecture

Schematic overview of PTP:



Tricky bit (unsurprisingly) is launching parallel codes (few standards) on remote execution systems (many different job schedulers)...

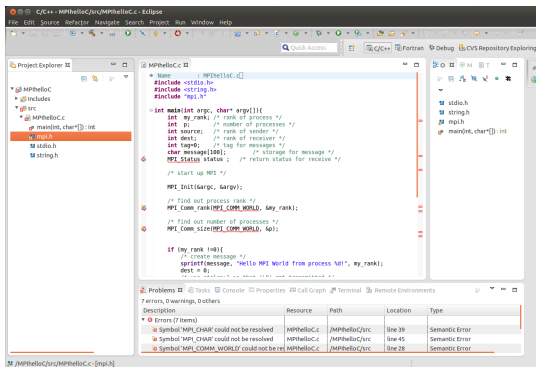
PTP Demonstration

Version 7.0 (officially released mid-2013) is the latest version, and what I will attempt to use for demonstration purposes.

- Best bet - follow carefully the steps outlined in the release notes for the latest PTP release (or pre-release if there is a significant feature that you want that has not yet made it into the released version). There are also frequent tutorials that are worth walking through if you are completely unfamiliar with the interface.

Simple MPI Example

Note that mousing over MPI functions shows calling syntax (also known as “Content Assist” - also can use CTRL-space), but you may need to fix the path settings first ...



MPI Artifacts

Going through the project wizard gives you the instructions for fixing missing include/library paths:

C Project

MPI Project Settings

Select the MPI include path, lib name, library search path, and build command information to be automatically added to the new project.

☒ Add MPI project settings to this project

☒ Use default information

Include path:

Library name:

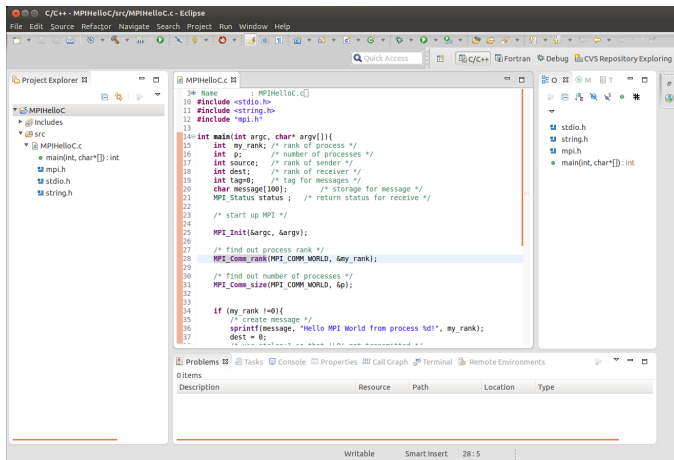
Library search path:

MPI compile command:

MPI link command:

If your project shows errors and can't recognize MPI symbols, make sure your MPI header file is in the include path for the project. Since mpicc may do that for you for the build, Eclipse may not know about it. You may want to add it to Project Properties > C/C++ General > Paths and Symbols so that the editor and indexer can find MPI symbols. On the next page, you can access Project Properties directly with the 'Advanced settings...' button.

Once you have cleaned up the settings:

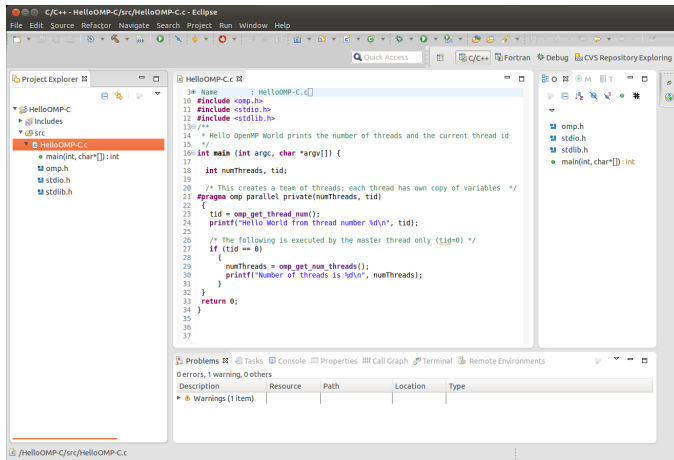


MPI Features

- "Mouse over" feature gives calling syntax
- "Control-space" keys give completion assistance in choosing MPI routines
- Press help key (typically F1) when clicking on a routine and help window should appear
- MPI Templates - e.g. type "mpisr <ctrl-space>" to automatically insert a template of MPI_Send and MPI_Recv ("mpi <ctrl-space> <ctrl-space>" should show all templates)

OpenMP Example

Eclipse PTP has gotten a lot better at automatically detecting the environment, but of course an OpenMP compliant compiler is a necessary prerequisite.



The screenshot displays the Eclipse IDE interface. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Source, Refactor, Navigate, Search, Project, Run, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and development tools. The Project Explorer on the left shows a project named 'HelloOMP-C' with a source folder 'src' containing 'HelloOMP-C.c', 'main(int, char*[]): int', 'omp.h', 'stdio.h', and 'stdlib.h'. The main editor window shows the code for 'HelloOMP-C.c'.

```
10 #include <omp.h>
11 #include <stdio.h>
12 #include <stdlib.h>
13 /**
14  * Hello OpenMP World prints the number of threads and the current thread id
15  */
16 int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
17     int numThreads, tid;
18
19     /* This creates a team of threads; each thread has own copy of variables */
20     #pragma omp parallel private(numThreads, tid)
21     {
22         tid = omp_get_thread_num();
23         printf("Hello World from thread number %d\n", tid);
24
25         /* The following is executed by the master thread only (tid==0) */
26         if (tid == 0)
27         {
28             numThreads = omp_get_num_threads();
29             printf("Number of threads is %d\n", numThreads);
30         }
31     }
32     return 0;
33 }
```

The Problems view at the bottom shows 0 errors and 1 warning. The warning table is as follows:

Description	Resource	Path	Location	Type
Warnings (1 item)				

PTP Runtime and Debugging

- PTP runtime needs an install of MPI in your default environment
- Debugging - typically have to build the debugger (sdm) by hand - see PTP Wiki for steps (usually in the release notes for each version)
- Debug sessions are pretty flexible
- Remote development and debugging also supported through (new) synchronized projects, but setup can be more than a bit tricky (demo?)

More Information on PTP

- PTP Wiki,
wiki.eclipse.org/index.php/Parallel_Tools_Platform
- PTP Home,
www.eclipse.org/ptp/
- PTP XSEDE13 Tutorial,
<http://wiki.eclipse.org/PTP/tutorials/XSEDE13>