

Tracing and Monitoring Framework

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Summary



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Background



Open-Source IDE initiative

- Full-fledged, C/C++ development environment
- State-of-the-art tool suite
- Open-source
- Eclipse integration

Tracing and Monitoring component

- Facilitate the integration of tracing tools
- Provide out-of-the-box "common" functionalities
- Hosted by Eclipse Technology / Linux Tools

Project Scope



Extendable support for:

- Tools discovery
- Tools control
- Trace/data retrieval and storage
- Trace/data visualization
- Analysis/correlation/comparison/... modules integration

• Additional features:

- Local and remote tools
- Live and concurrent trace streams
- Asynchronous events
- Traces/logs that exceed available memory
- External, host-based, libraries and analysis tools
- Custom trace/log parsers

Tool Discovery



Purpose

- Identify the available trace providers and their capabilities
- This information is used to generically control the tools

- Discovery of available log providers
- Discovery of log provider capabilities
- Integration scheme for existing monitoring tools
- Support for local and remote tools

Tool Control



Purpose

- Control the tool operation
- Manage the resources allocated to tracing

- Basic tool control (conf/start/stop/pause/resume/...)
- Generic trace triggering, filtering
- Tracing rate regulation (throttling)
 - To avoid congestion on the target, host, transport link, ...
- Budget policy (per trace, trace type, ...)
 - To constrain target resource usage (CPU, memory, bandwidth)
- Control settings persistence

Data Retrieval and Storage



Purpose

- Collect and store tracing/monitoring data
- Generic trace/log data interface (for the analysis tools)

- Collect monitoring data from the tool
 - File transfer
 - Continuous stream
 - Multiple, heterogeneous streams
- Provide a generic log file interface
 - Support for log-specific parsers
 - Support for sequential, random access, checkpoints, DB, ...
 - Support for large files (bigger than available memory)

Data Visualization



Purpose

- Provide a set of standard data visualization tools
- Toolbox of widgets (trace agnostic)

- Provide generic monitoring views
 - Event logs (raw, tabular)
 - * Time Line, Sequence Diagram, Logic Analyser, Gantt Chart
 - CPU/Memory/Heap/Network usage
 - Search filters, pattern matching, saved search queries, ...
- Provide generic graphical widgets
 - Charts, Histograms, ...
- Extendable for application-specific contents

Analysis Tools Integration

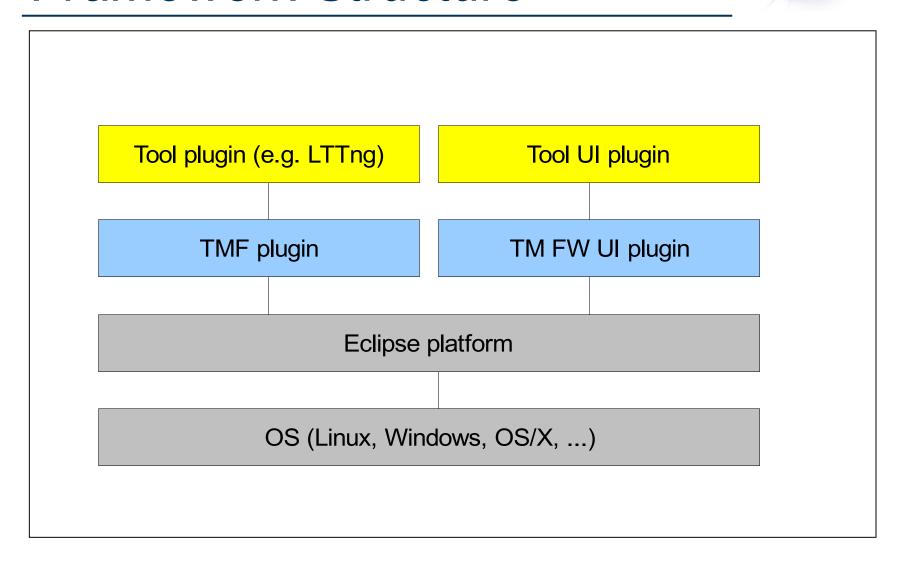


Purpose

- Provide basic analysis functions
- Support host-based, external analysis tools and libraries

- Log comparison (regression testing, health monitoring, performance analysis,...)
- Causal dependency analysis
 - Event Dependency Tree
 - Critical Path
 - Correlation of event data
 - Reconstruction of event sequences from related traces
 - Execution replay
- External tools integration
 - Scheme to access the tracing data generically
 - Scheme to send the analysis results to UI views/widgets





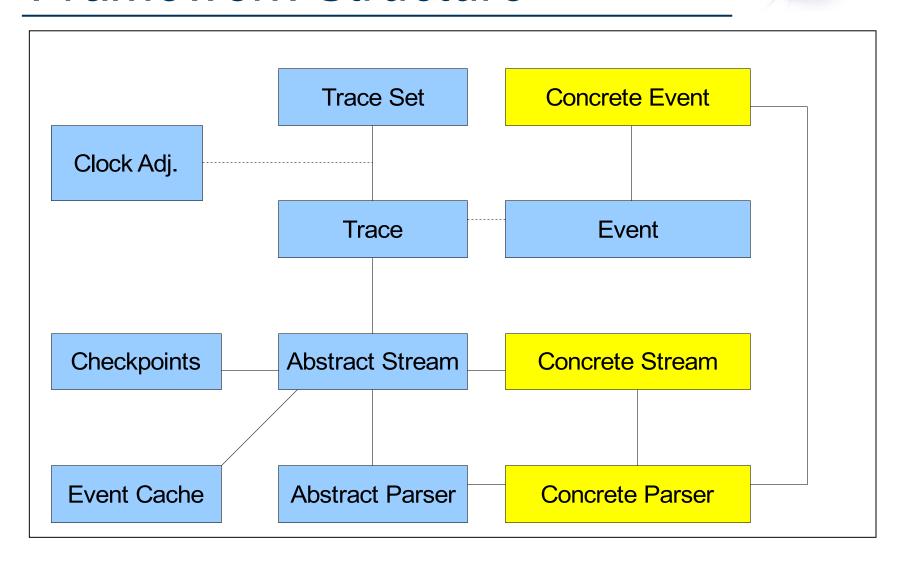


- Key Concept: The Event
 - Basic Event
 - Timestamp
 - Source
 - Extended for application-specific events
 - Possibility to handle derived/synthetic events

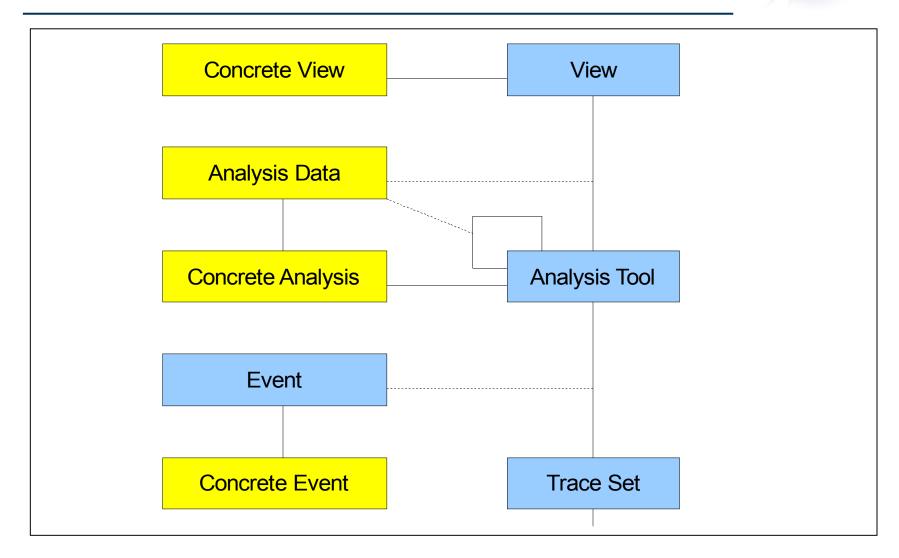
Benefit:

Allows the handling of events using the framework generic components and APIs

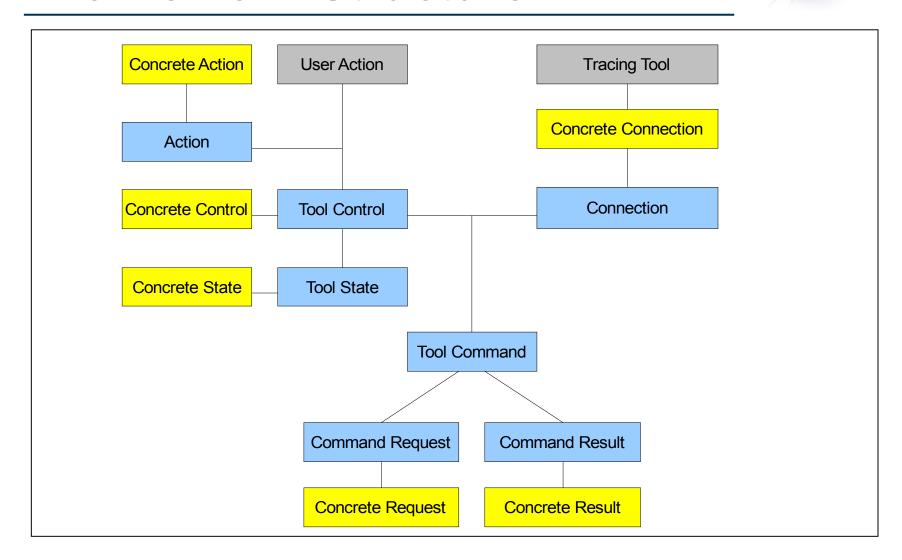












LTTng Integration

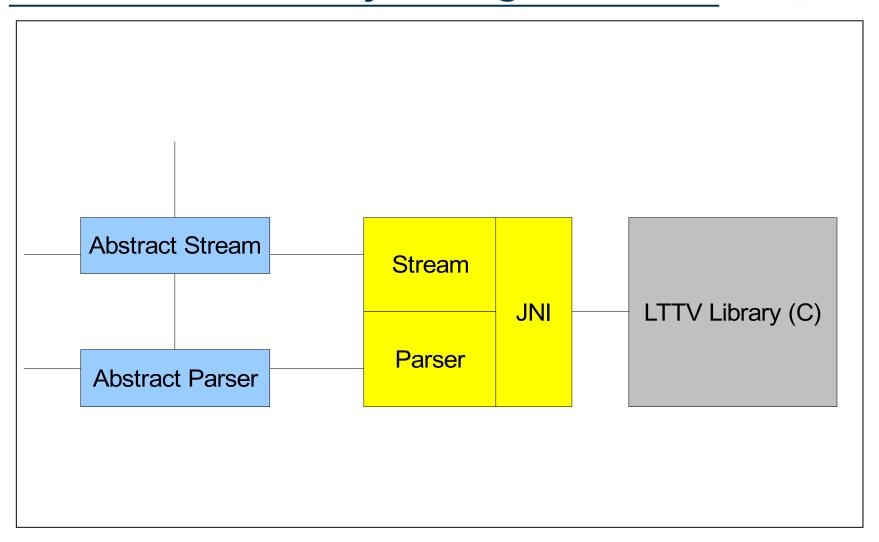


- LTTng Perspective
 - ▶Project View
 - **≻**Control View
 - >Time Frame View
 - >Statistics View
 - >Events Table View
 - **≻Control Flow View**
 - ▶ Resources View
 - >Histogram View
- LTTng Control (remote and local)
 - >Probe configuration
 - >Start, stop, pause, resume
 - >Trace retrieval

- Framework Models
 - >Event Model
 - >Event Log (Trace) Model
 - Request Model
 - View Model
 - Control Model
- Framework Components
 - >Generic Events Table View
 - ➤Widgets Toolbox
 - Support for very large trace files
 - >Support for non-java parsers
 - >Support for analysis components

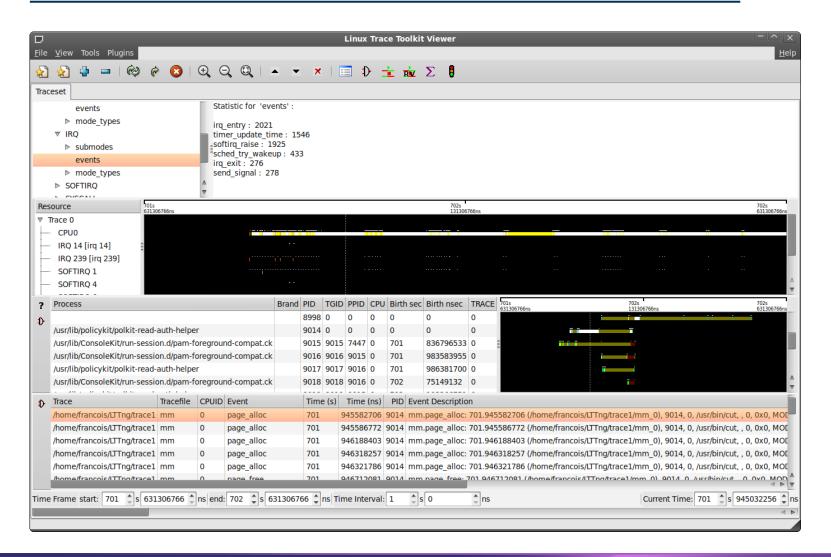
External Library Integration





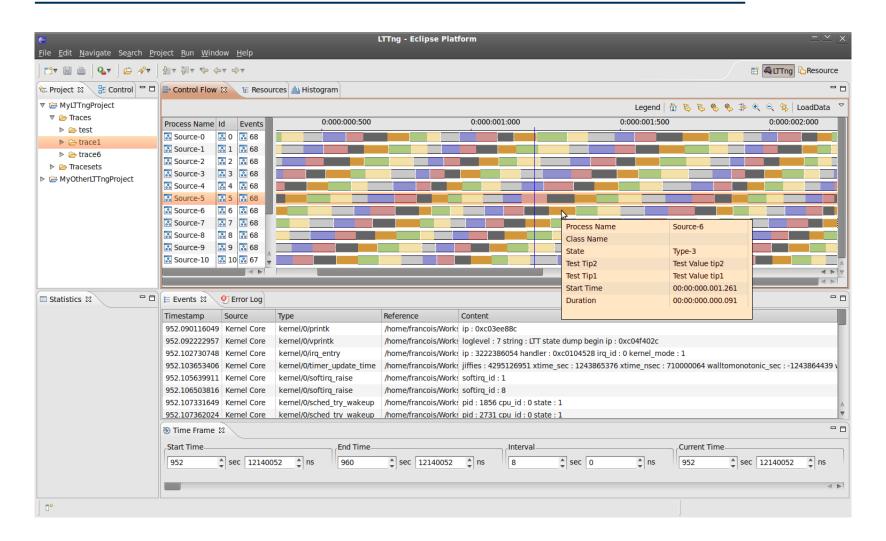
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Screenshots: LTTng Perspective





Demo!



References



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Questions?



