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Profiling C programs

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Profiling C programs – gprof

1. Add the `-pg` flag to the compiler flags in the corresponding `Makefile`
2. Rebuild the application by typing `make`
3. Run the application. You should get an output file called `gmon.out`
4. Run the post-processing step by typing
`gprof MyApplication (full output)`
`gprof -p MyApplication (flat profile)`
`gprof -q MyApplication (call graph)`
`gprof MyApp | gprof2dot | dot -Tpng -o
MyApp_gprof.png (graphical hotspots call graph)`

Profiling C programs line-by-line – gprof

1. Add the `-pg -g` flags to the compiler flags in the corresponding `Makefile`
2. Rebuild the application by typing `make`
3. Run the application. You should get an output file called `gmon.out`
4. Run the post-processing step by typing
`gprof -l MyApplication (full output)`
`gprof -pl MyApplication (flat profile)`

Profiling C programs – valgrind

1. Add the `-pg` flag to the compiler flags in the corresponding `Makefile`
2. Rebuild the application by typing `make`
3. Run the application
`valgrind --tool=callgrind ./MyApp`
You should get an output file called `callgrind.out.<pid>`
4. Run the post-processing step by typing
`kcachegrind &`

Profiling C programs – GPerfTools

1. Run the application

```
LD_PRELOAD=/usr/lib/x86_64-linux-  
gnu/libprofiler.so  
CPUPROFILE=sort_gperf.prof ./sort_gperf
```

1. Analyse profiling output

```
google-pprof --web ./sort_gperf  
./sort_gperf.prof &
```

Pre-requisites

- `pip install graphviz`
- `pip install gprof2dot`
- `sudo apt-get install graphviz`
- `sudo apt-get install valgrind kcachegrind`
- `sudo apt-get install google-perftools`
- `sudo apt-get install libgoogle-perftools-dev`

Not required, but nice to have it installed:

- `sudo apt-get install vorbis-tools`