Profile-guided heterogeneous-aware scheduling for cloud workloads

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Premises

The proposed scheme, Hurry-Up, is based on the following premises:

- Heavy vs Light requests: There is significant difference in computing demands in the user requests (heavy and light ones).
- Hot functions: The application has functions showing high computing demands (hot functions), accounting for the increase of the tail latency.

Empirical Observations

Empirical observations noticed in the algorithm design:

- Threshold: To minimize unnecessary up and down migrations, a threshold should be defined when monitoring hot function execution. This is used to better distinguish between heavy and light loads.
- Priority: When multiple requests compete for a limited number of cores, there's a need to manage in the task mapping decisions.

Profiling phase - How to identify a hot function?

- Hot functions are determined empirically via standard software profiling.
- The chosen function should not have a very large number of calls because it may lead to many unnecessary migrations.
- The chosen function should be related to the tail latency experienced by the application because the algorithm is designed to improve the service time and efficiency.

Elasticsearch's Flame Graph (perf tool)



Elasticsearch's call tree (YourKit profiler)



Overview of the Scheduler Design

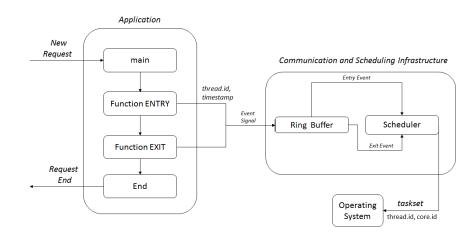
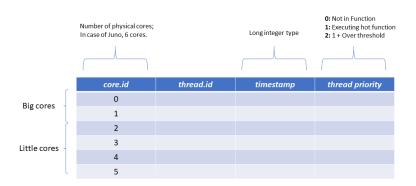


Illustration of the algorithm design



EVENT TIMELINE

Start

core.id	thread.id	timestamp	thread priority
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1			
2			
3			
4			
5			



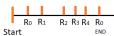
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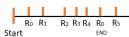
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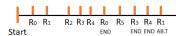
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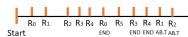
Notes

- In the initialization, the threads are allocated in a round-robin fashion.
- Up migration to a big core in the initialization is not performed, even when the big core is available, so as to reduce the number of unnecessary migrations.
- If the thread is not above the threshold in a little core (priority = 2 and core id between 2 and 5), a migration is not performed (the request was light and little core was already able to handle it).

core.id	thread.id	timestamp	thread priority
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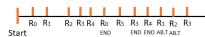
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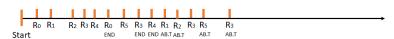
Notes

- If the request is already on big core and goes to priority 2, we can't do anything about it - already on fastest core.
- In case a heavy request (above threshold) is on a little core and there's a slot available on a big core (priority = 0 or 1), swap it.

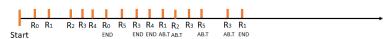
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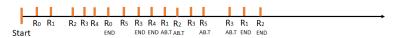
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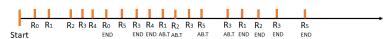
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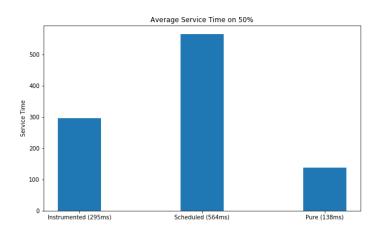
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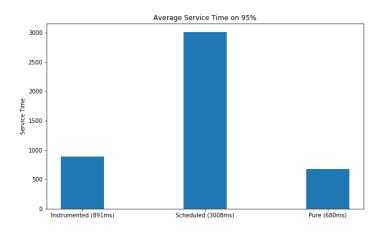
Notes

- Scheduler runs every t milliseconds in order to check for new events and perform thread management.
- Threshold should be determined empirically
- Every time a new request arrives, the timestamp on matrix is updated.
- In case there are more requests with priority = 2 than big cores, the oldest ones has priority of execution (based on the timestamp information)

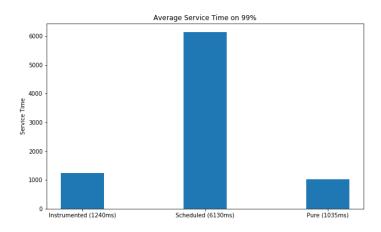
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Future steps

Challenges ahead:

- Algorithm is designed for the situation where the number of cores is equal or less to number of threads.
- Code instrumentation can lead to excessive overhead.
- Initial results show that further refining is necessary in the algorithm implementation.
- Apply the algorithm to other cloud workloads, such as Cassandra.

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