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Project Objective

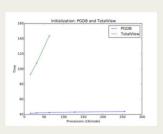
Improving the scalability and portability of PGDB, a GDB-based debugger for MPI applications.

Approach

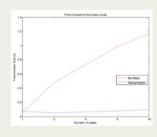
- Scalable debug symbol deployment via treebased overlay networks
- Scalable data deduplication
- Improving underlying support for different platforms and environments
- Better understanding of system differences to facilitate deployments

Status

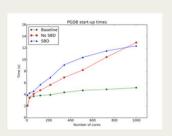
Currently outperforming TotalView in scalability and performance. This serves as a baseline for future progress.



Data deduplication is implemented and showing good improvements in scalability and performance, while also enabling future work.



Implemented a scalable binary deployment interface, which reduces start-up times at large scales, and has low overhead at small scales.



Questions

- Can we dynamically and portably detect the creation of MPI communicators?
- What is the optimal ratio of total nodes to number of nodes loading debug symbols?
- Does it scale to full supercomputers in practice?