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Introduction
Perforce Global Footprint

- Customers in 80 countries.
- ~9,000 customers worldwide.
- More than 250 of the Fortune 500.
- Customers deploying multiple products.
- 25+ offices and 4 data centers which give us global reach.
- Over 900 employees in 25 countries.
Perforce Product Portfolio

Agile Management
- Helix ALM
- Hansoft
- Gliffy

Code Management & Collaboration
- Helix Core
- Helix4Git
- JRebel
- TotalView

Application Mgmt. & Components
- Akana
- OpenLogic
- Zend
- Visualization
- SourcePro
- IMSL

Automated Testing
- Helix QAC
- Perfecto
- Klocwork
Overview of TotalView Labs
Overview of TotalView Labs

Nine different labs and accompanying example programs

- Lab 1 - Debugger Basics: Startup, Basic Process Control, and Navigation
- Lab 2 - Viewing, Examining, Watching, and Editing Data
- Lab 3 - Examining and Controlling a Parallel Application
- Lab 4 - Exploring Heap Memory in an MPI Application
- Lab 5 - Debugging Memory Comparisons and Heap Baseline *
- Lab 6 - Memory Corruption discovery using Red Zones *
- Lab 7 - Batch Mode Debugging with TVScript
- Lab 8 - Reverse Debugging with ReplayEngine
- Lab 9 - Asynchronous Control Lab

Notes

- Labs 5 and 6 require use of TotalView’s Classic UI
- Sample program breakpoint files were created with GNU compilers. If a different compiler is used, they may not load and will need to be recreated.
- Several example programs use OpenMPI so you will need to configure your environment beforehand.
- We do not have a lab specific to Python Debugging yet. There are good examples and instructions in the TotalView totalview.2020.3.11/<linux-x86-64>/examples/PythonExamples directory.
TotalView Features
What is TotalView used for?

- Provides interactive Dynamic Analysis capabilities to help:
  - Understand complex code
  - Improve code quality
  - Collaborate with team members to resolve issues faster
  - Shorten development time

- Finds problems and bugs in applications including:
  - Program crash or incorrect behavior
  - Data issues
  - Application memory leaks and errors
  - Communication problems between processes and threads
  - CUDA application analysis and debugging

- Contains batch and Continuous Integration capabilities to:
  - Debug applications in an automated run/test environment
TotalView Features

• Comprehensive C, C++ and Fortran multi-process/thread dynamic analysis and debugging
  • Thread specific breakpoints with individual thread control
  • View thread specific stack and data
  • View complex data types easily
• MPI and OpenMP HPC debugging
• CUDA debugging
• Integrated Reverse debugging
• Mixed Language - Python C/C++ debugging
• Memory leak detection
• Batch/unattended debugging
• Linux, macOS and UNIX
• More than just a tool to find bugs
  • Understand complex code
  • Improve developer efficiency
  • Collaborate with team members
  • Improve code quality
  • Shorten development time
TotalView’s New UI
TotalView’s New UI

- Provides a modern, dockable interface
- Easier to use, better workflows
- An architecture to grow
- To use:
  - Set UI preference
  - Or command line argument `totalview --newUI` or `totalview --oldUI`

- New UI gaps:
  - Missing array viewer, data visualization
  - Memory debugging not integrated
  - No high-scale MPI support
TotalView’s Dark Theme – 2019.1
Remote Debugging
Remote Debugging Sessions

• Debugging on a remote HPC cluster can be a challenge
  • Setting up the secure remote connection
  • Launching/connecting to the target application
  • Interactive debugging UI

• TotalView Remote Debugging Options
  • TotalView Remote Display Client
    • Conveniently setup a remote VNC connection
  • TotalView Reverse Connect
    • Disconnect launching the core debugger within the cluster from the UI on a front-end node
  • TotalView Remote UI
    • Run the TotalView UI on a remote client and connect to the remote TotalView debugger
TotalView Remote Display Client (RDC)

• Offers users the ability to easily set up and operate a TotalView debug session that is running on another system

• Consists of three components
  • Client – runs on local machine
  • Server – runs on any system supported by TotalView and “invisibly” manages the secure connection between host and client
  • Viewer – window that appears on the client system

• Remote Display Client is available for:
  • Linux x86, x86-64
  • Windows
  • Mac OSX
TotalView Remote Display Client

- Free to install on as many clients as needed
- No license required to run the client
- Presents a local window that displays TotalView or MemoryScape running on the remote machine
- Requires SSH and X Windows on Server
TotalView Remote Display Client

- User must provide information necessary to connect to remote host
- Passwords are NOT stored
- Information required includes:
  - User name, public key file, other ssh information
  - Directory where TotalView/MemoryScape is located
  - Path and name of executable to be debugged
  - If using indirect connection with host jump, each host
    - Host name
    - Access type (User name, public key, other ssh information)
    - Access value
- Client also allows for batch submission via PBS Pro or LoadLeveler
TotalView Remote Display Client
Session Profile Management

• Connection information can be saved as a profile, including all host jumping information
• Multiple profiles can be generated
• Profiles can be exported and shared
• Generated profiles can be imported for use by other users
RDC Demo

- Remote Display Client demo (Linux)
TotalView Remote UI (TotalView 2020.3)

- Combine the convenience of establishing a remote connection to a cluster and the ability to run the TotalView GUI locally.
- Front-end GUI architecture does not need to match back-end target architecture (macOS front-end -> Linux back-end)
- Secure communications
- Convenient saved sessions
- Supports reverse connections
Remote UI Architecture

- Remote System
- TotalView UI
- SSH
- Front-end Node
  - TotalView UI Debugger “Client”
- Batch Node
  - tvdsvr
  - srun
  - Compute Nodes
TotalView Reverse Connections

• The organization of modern HPC systems often makes it difficult to deploy tools such as TotalView
• The compute nodes in a cluster may not have access to any X libraries or X forwarding
• Launching a GUI on a compute node may not be possible
• Using the Reverse Connect feature you can start the TotalView UI on a front end node and when a job is run in the cluster it connects back to the waiting UI
Reverse Connect

• Useful in batch environments, where
  • X11 libraries or X forwarding are not available
  • You typically use batch scripts

• TotalView's reverse connect feature
  • Disconnects starting debugger UI from backend job launch
  • Starts a TotalView server on the batch node
Batch Script Submission with Reverse Connect

- Start a debugging session using TotalView Reverse Connect.
- Reverse Connect enables the debugger to be submitted to a cluster and connected to the GUI once run.
- Enables running TotalView UI on the front-end node and remotely debug jobs executing on the compute nodes.
- Very easy to utilize, simply prefix job launch or application start with “tvconnect” command.

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -J hybrid_fib
...
#SBATCH -n 2
#SBATCH -c 4
#SBATCH --mem-per-cpu=4000
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
tvconnect srun -n 2 --cpus-per-task=4 --mpi=pmix ./hybrid_fib
```
Reverse Connection Flow

1. tvconnect writes request
2. TotalView UI reads request
3. TotalView returns response
4. tvconnect reads response
5. exec
6. socket connection opened

TotalView UI reads request

$HOME/.totalview/connect

Batch Node

TVDservlet
srun

Compute Nodes

Rank 0
Reverse Connection Flow

1. `tvconnect` writes request
2. `TotalView UI` reads request
3. `TotalView` returns response
4. `tvconnect` reads response
5. `exec`
6. `socket connection opened`

**FRONT-END NODE**

**BATCH NODE**

- `tvconnect`
- `tvdsrv`
- `srun`

**COMPUTE NODES**

Rank 0

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TotalView UI

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tvdsvr
srun

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Reverse Connection Flow

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2. TotalView UI reads request

3. TotalView returns response

4. *tvconnect* reads response

5. `exec`

6. Socket connection opened

**FRONT-END NODE**

**BATCH NODE**

**COMPUTE NODES**

`$HOME/.totalview/connect`
Remote UI with Reverse Connect Demo

- TotalView Remote UI and Reverse Connect
Startup
What do you want to do today?

- Debug a Program
- Debug a Parallel Program
- Attach To Process
- Load Core or Replay Recording File

Listen For Reverse Connections

What's New

New in TotalView 2020.2  August 2020

CUDA 11 Support
The TotalView 2020.2 release adds support for CUDA 11. This enables debugging support on NVIDIA's latest CUDA 11 release environment.
Debugging a New Program
Debugging a Parallel Program
Attach to a Running Program
Open a Core File or Replay Recording Session

![Session Editor](image-url)
Starting a Previous Debugging Session
UI Navigation and Process Control
TotalView’s Default Views

Processes & Threads View

Lookup File or Function

Documents

Source View

Call Stack View

Local Variables View

Data View, Command Line, Logger, Input/Output

Action Points, Replay Bookmarks
Process and Threads View
Source View

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/wait.h>
#include <errno.h>
#include <limits.h>
#include <signal.h>
#include <pthread.h>
#include <assert.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int fork_count = 0;
    int args_ok = 1;
    int arg_count = 1;
    char *arg;
    pthread_mutexattr_t mutex;

    signal(SIGFPE, sig_fpe_handler);
    signal(SIGAHUP, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr1_handler);
    signal(SIGUSR2, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr2_handler);

    #ifdef __linux
    /* The Linux implementation of pthreads uses these signals, so we'd better not */
    signal(SIGUSR1, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr1_handler);
    signal(SIGUSR2, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr2_handler);
    #endif

    #ifdef __osf90
    /* The OSF/1 implementation of pthreads uses these signals, so we'd better not */
    signal(SIGSEGV, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr1_handler);
    signal(SIGILL, (void(*)(int)) sig_usr2_handler);
    #endif

    /* Fork off %d.

    * Never returns */
}
```
Call Stack View and Local Variables Panel
Action Points and Replay Engine Bookmarks

**Action Points**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Stop</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Line</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Break</td>
<td>Process</td>
<td>..._demo.cxx#25</td>
<td>...o.cxx (line 25)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Watch</td>
<td>Group</td>
<td>...058 (arraylength)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Replay Bookmarks**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ID</th>
<th>PC</th>
<th>File</th>
<th>Line</th>
<th>Comment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0x 4007bb</td>
<td>badstuff</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>error_loc</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Data View, Command Line and Logger

Data View

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Thread ID</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>int</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>0x00000000 (0)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Command Line

Linux x86_64 TotalView 2019.3.14

Thread 1.1 has appeared
Created process 1 (4344), named "ReplayEngine_demo"
Thread 1.1 hit breakpoint 1 at line 25 in "main"
Thread 1.1 received a signal (segmentation violation)
Process 1 has exited
Created process 1 (4344)
Thread 1.1 has appeared
Thread 1.1 hit breakpoint 1

Logger

Indexing 23540 bytes of DWARF "eh_frame" symbols from /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1...
done

Library /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1, with 2 sections, was linked at 0x00000000
, and initially loaded at 0xffffffff00000000

Mapping 2214 bytes of ELF string data from /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1...
done

Indexing 6732 bytes of DWARF "eh_frame" symbols from /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1...
done

WARNING: (instance 1) Setting a breakpoint at an absolute mode address! This is not usually correct.
::temp_bp_1: enable tmp: Operation Failed
Lookup File or Function
Preferences

Display Settings
## TotalView Toolbar

<table>
<thead>
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<th>Command</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Go</strong></td>
<td>Sets the thread to running until it reaches a stopping point. Often this will be a breakpoint that you have set, but the thread could stop for other reasons.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Halt</strong></td>
<td>Stops the thread at its current execution point.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Kill</strong></td>
<td>Stops program execution. Existing breakpoints and other settings remain in effect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Restart</strong></td>
<td>Stops program execution and restarts the program from the beginning. Existing breakpoints and other settings remain in effect. This is the same as clicking Kill followed by Go.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Next</strong></td>
<td>Moves the thread to the next line of execution. If the line the thread was on includes one or more function calls, TotalView does not step into these functions but just executes them and returns.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Step</strong></td>
<td>Like Next, except that TotalView does step into any function calls, so the thread stops at the first line of execution of the first function call.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Out</strong></td>
<td>If the thread is in a block of execution, runs the thread to the first line of execution beyond that block.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Run To</strong></td>
<td>If there is a code line selected in one of the Source views, the thread will stop at this line, assuming of course that it ever makes it there. This operates like a one-time, temporary breakpoint.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Stepping Commands

Select Step 1 in the toolbar. TotalView stops the program just before the first executable statement, the call to set jmp (context);
Stepping Commands

Select Step ▶ again to advance to the while loop on line 31, and then select Step ▶ again to step into the readexpr() function. (Next would step over, or execute it).
Using Set PC

- Resumes execution from an arbitrary point
- Select the line
- Thread->Set PC
Demo

• TotalView UI demo (QT Threads Example)
Action Points
Action Points

- Breakpoint
- Evalpoint
- Watchpoint
- Barrierpoint
Setting Breakpoints

• Setting action points
  - Single-click line number
  - Right clicking on the line number and using the context menu
  - Clicking a line in the source view then selecting the Action Points -> Set breakpoint menu option
Setting Breakpoints

- Breakpoint->At Location...
  - Specify function name or line number
  - If function name, TotalView sets a breakpoint at first executable line in the function
Pending Breakpoints

• Useful when setting a breakpoint on a library that has not yet been loaded into memory
Modifying Breakpoints

- **Enable / Disable / Delete a breakpoint**
- **Adjust the breakpoints width**

- **Group**: Stops all running threads in all processes in the group.
- **Process**: Stops all the running threads in the process containing the thread that hit the breakpoint
- **Thread**: Stops only the thread that first executes to this breakpoint
Evalpoints
Evalpoints

• Use Eval points to:
  – Include instructions that stop a process and its relatives
  – Test potential fixes or patches for your program
  – Include a goto for C or Fortran that transfers control to a line number in your program
  – Execute a TotalView function
  – Set the values of your program’s variables
Evalpoints Examples

- Print the value of a variable to the command line
  
  \[
  \text{printf("The value of result is \%d\n", result);}\\
  \]

- Skip some code
  
  \[
  \text{goto 63;}\\
  \]

- Stop a loop after a certain number of iterations
  
  \[
  \text{if ( (i \% 100) == 0) }\\
  \{\\
  \\quad \text{printf("The value of i is \%d\n", i);}\\
  \\quad \$stop;\\
  \}\]
  \]
Watchpoints

- Watchpoints are set on a specific memory location
- Execution is stopped when the value stored in that memory location changes
- A breakpoint stops \textit{before} an instruction executes. A watchpoint stops \textit{after} an instruction executes
Using Watchpoint Expressions

• TotalView has two variables that are used exclusively with watchpoint expressions:
  • $oldval$: The value of the memory locations before a change is made.
  • $newval$: The value of the memory locations after a change is made.

• Example 1

  if (iValue != 42 && iValue != 44) {
    iNewValue = $newval; iOldValue = $oldval; $stop;
  }

• Example 2

  if ($oldval >= 0 && $newval < 0) $stop
Barrier Breakpoints

- Used to synchronize a group of threads or processes defined in the action point
- Threads or processes are held at barrierpoint until all threads or processes in the group arrive
- When all threads or processes arrive the barrier is satisfied and the threads or processes are released
Saving Breakpoints

From the Action Points menu select Save or Save As to save breakpoints
Turn on option to save action points on exit
Examining and Editing Data
Call Stack and Local Variables

The Call Stack View consists of two panels:

- The Call Stack panel
- The Local Variables panel
The Local Variables Panel

The Local Variables panel displays variables for the thread of interest (TOI)
The Data View Panel

Add data to the Data View using the context menu or by dragging and dropping

[Image of context menu]

[Image of drag and drop]
The Data View Panel

Select the right arrow to display the substructures in a complex variable

Any nested structures are displayed in the data view
The Data View Panel

Dive on a single element to view individual data in the Data View
The Data View Panel

Enter a new expression in the Data View panel to view that data

Type the expression in the [Add New expression] field

A new expression is added

Increment a variable
The Data View Panel

Dereferencing a pointer

When you dive on a variable, it is not dereferenced automatically.

Double click in the Name column to make it editable and dereference the pointer.

The Data View displays the variables value.
The Data View Panel

Casting to another type

Cast a variable into an array by adding the array specifier

TotalView displays the array
Viewing Data in Fortran

The qualified subroutine name appears in the Call Stack view.

The qualified variable names appear in the Local Variable panel.
For each common block defined in the scope of a subroutine or function, TotalView creates an entry in that function’s common block list. The names of common block members have function scope, not global scope. If you select the function in the Call Stack view, the common blocks and their variables appear in the Local Variables panel.
TotalView displays user-defined types in the Local Variables panel, which you can then add to the Data View for more detail.
Advanced C++ and Data Debugging
C++ Container Transformations

- TotalView transforms many of the C++ and STL containers including:
  - array, forward_list, tuple, map, set, vector and others.

See This!

Instead of This
Advanced C++ Support

- TotalView supports debugging the latest C++11/14/17 features including:
  - lambdas, transformations for smart pointers, auto types, R-Value references, range-based loops, strongly-typed enums, initializer lists, user defined literals

```cpp
#include <functional>
#include <vector>
#include <iostream>

double eval(std::function<double(double)> f, double x = 2.0) {
    return f(x);
}

int main() {
    // One-line lambda
    int a = 5;
    auto lambda1 = [](int b) { return a < b; };
    // Two-line lambda
    auto lambda2 = [](int a, float b) {
        if (a < b) return 1;
        if (b > a) return -1;
        return 0;
    };

    bool b = lambda1(3, 3.14);
    int r1 = lambda2(5, 3.14);
    for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i++)
        b = lambda1(i, 3.14+1);

    std::function<double(double)> f0 = [](double x) {
        return x;};
    auto f1 = [](double x) {
        return x;};
    destroy<f0>  // F0
    destroy<f1>  // F1
    destroy<f2>  // F2
    f0[0] = f1,f2}(double x){
```
Array Slicing, Striding and Filtering

- Slicing – reduce display to a portion of the array
  - [lower_bound:upper_bound]
  - [5:10]

- Striding – Skip over elements
  - [:stride]
  - [:5], [5:10:-1]

- Filtering
  - Comparison: ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=
  - Range of values: [>] low-value : [<] high-value
  - IEEE values: $nan, $inf, $denorm
Viewing Array Data

- Easily view 2D array data in table format.

Classic UI Only
Array Statistics

- Easily display a set of statistics for the filtered portion of your array
Visualizing Array Data

- Visualizer creates graphic images of your program’s array data.
- Visualize one or two dimensional arrays
- View data manually through the Window > Visualize command on the Data Window
- Visualize data programmatically using the $visualize function
Dive in All

- Dive in All to easily see each member of a data structure from an array of structures
Break
Python Debugging
Python in HPC

• Python development trends:
  • Increased usage of Python to build applications that call out to C++
  • Provides access to
    • High-performance routines
    • Leverage existing algorithms and libraries
    • Utilize advanced multi-threaded capabilities
  • Calling between languages easily enabled using technologies such as SWIG, ctypes, Pybind, Cython, CFFI, etc
  • Debugging mixed language applications is not easy
Python debugging with TotalView

• Debugging one language is difficult enough
• Understanding the flow of execution across language barriers is hard
• Examining and comparing data in both languages is challenging

• What TotalView provides:
  • Easy python debugging session setup
  • Fully integrated Python and C/C++ call stack
  • ”Glue” layers between the languages removed
  • Easily examine and compare variables in Python and C++
  • Modest system requirements
  • Utilize reverse debugging and memory debugging
  • Support for Python 2.7 and Python 3.0

• What TotalView does not provide (yet):
  • Setting breakpoints and stepping within Python code
Python without Filtering

Glue code
Python with filtering
Demo

- TotalView Python / C++ debugging demo (test_python_types.py)
Reverse Debugging with Replay Engine
Reverse debugging

• How do you isolate an intermittent failure?
  – Without TotalView
    • Set a breakpoint in code
    • Realize you ran past the problem
    • Re-load
    • Set breakpoint earlier
    • Hope it fails
    • Keep repeating
  – With TotalView
    • Set a breakpoint
    • Start recording
    • See failure
    • Run backwards/forwards in context of failing execution
  – Reverse Debugging
    • Re-creates the context when going backwards
    • Focus down to a specific problem area easily
    • Saves days in recreating a failure
Recording and Playback

• When ReplayEngine is saving state information, it is in **Record Mode**

• The saved state information is the program’s execution history

• You can save the execution history at any time and reload the recording when debugging the executable in a subsequent session

• Using a ReplayEngine command, ether from the Toolbar or the CLI, shifts ReplayEngine into **ReplayMode**

• Debugging commands that do not work in ReplayMode include:
  • Changing a variable’s value
  • Functions that alter memory
  • Running threads asynchronously
ReplayEngine Toolbar

Record 🌊 a toggle that enables and disables ReplayEngine.

Go Back ⏪ displays the state that existed at the last action point. If no action point is encountered, ReplayEngine displays the state that existed at the start of its recorded history.

Prev ⏪ displays the state that existed when the previous statement executed. If that line had a function call, Prev skips over the call.

Unstep ⏪ displays the state that existed when the previous statement executed. If that line had a function call, ReplayEngine moves to the last statement in that function.

Caller ✅ displays the state that existed before the current routine was called.

Back To ⏪ displays the program’s state for the line you select. This line must have executed prior to the currently displayed line.

Live 🎬 shifts from replay mode to record mode. It also displays the statement that would have executed had you not moved into ReplayMode.

Bookmark 📖 creates a ReplayEngine bookmark at a selected location.

Save 🔄 saves the current replay recording session to a file.
Saving and Loading Execution History

• TotalView can save the current ReplayEngine execution history to file at any time

• The saved recording can be loaded into TotalView using any of the following:
  • At startup, using the same syntax as when opening a core file:
    
    totalview -newUI executable recording-file
  • On the Start Page view by selecting Load Core File or Replay Recording File
Replay Bookmarks

- Replay bookmarks mark a point in the execution of a program, allowing you to quickly jump back to that point in time.

Creating a Replay Bookmark

Activating a Replay Bookmark
Setting Preferences for ReplayEngine

• You can set the following preferences for ReplayEngine
  • the maximum amount of memory to allocate to ReplayEngine
  • The preferred behaviour when the memory limit is reached

• Setting the maximum amount of memory. The default value ‘0’ specifies to limit the maximum size by available memory only.
  
  \[ \text{dset TV::replay\_history\_size value} \]

  \[ \text{e.g. } \text{dset TV::replay\_history\_size 1024M} \]

• Setting the preferred behaviour. By default, the oldest history is discarded so that recording can continue
  
  \[ \text{dset TV::replay\_history\_mode 1 (Discard oldest history and continue recording)} \]
  \[ \text{dset TV::replay\_history\_mode 2 (Stop the process when the buffer is full)} \]
Demo

• TotalView ReplayEngine Demo
Debugging OpenMP Applications
TotalView support for OpenMP

Some of the features TotalView supports:

- Source-level debugging of the original OpenMP code
- The ability to plant breakpoints throughout the OpenMP code, including lines that are executed in parallel
- Visibility of OpenMP worker threads
- Access to SHARED and PRIVATE variables in OpenMP PARALLEL code
- Access to OMP THREADPRIVATE data in code compiled by supported compilers
About TotalView OpenMP Features

• The compiler can generate multiple outlined routines from a single parallel region. This means that a single line of source code can generate multiple blocks of machine code inside different functions.

• You can’t single step into or out of a parallel region. Instead, set a breakpoint inside the parallel region and let the process run to it. After execution reaches the parallel region, you can single step in it.

• OpenMP programs are multi-threaded programs, so the rules for debugging multi-threaded programs apply.
Demo

- TotalView OpenMP demo (tx_omp_c_threadprivate)
Debugging Parallel Applications
Multi-Thread and Multi-Process Debugging

• TotalView provides the power to
  • Simultaneously debug many threads and processes in a single debugging session
  • Supports MPI, fork/exec, OpenMP, pthreads, std::thread, et al
  • Help locate deadlocks and race conditions
  • Understand complex applications utilizing threads

• By
  • Providing control of entire groups of processes, individual processes or even down to individual threads within a process
  • Enabling thread level breakpoints and barrier controls
  • Showing aggregated thread and process state display
Starting a Parallel Program Session from the UI

- From New Parallel Session page select:
  - MPI preference
  - Number of tasks
  - Number of nodes
  - Starter arguments

- Click Start Session to save and launch
### Starting a Parallel Program Session from the Command Line

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<td>IBM</td>
<td>totalview --args poe myprog -procs 4 -rmpool 0</td>
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<td>QUADRICS Intel Linux under SLURM</td>
<td>totalview --args srun -n 16 -p pdebug myprog</td>
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<td>totalview --args mpirun myprog -np 16</td>
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<td>Sun</td>
<td>totalview --args mprun myprog -np 16</td>
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<td>MPICH</td>
<td>mpirun -np 16 -tv myprog</td>
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<td>MPICH2 Intel MPI</td>
<td>totalview --args python ‘which mpiexec’ -tvsu -np 16 myprog</td>
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The order of arguments and executables differs between platforms.

You can use `totalview --args` instead of `totalview <starter> -a`
Parallel Debugging Group, Process and Thread Control

Select either
• Group
• Process
• Thread
Call Graph

• Quick view of program state
  • Each call stack is a path
  • Functions are nodes
  • Calls are edges
    • Labeled with the MPI rank or thread ID
  • Construct process groups
  • Look for outliers
• Dive on a node in the call graph to create a Call Graph group.
Parallel Preferences

**Attach Behavior** controls if TotalView should attach to all of the processes, none or ask what to do.

**After Attach Behavior** controls if parallel job stops, runs or if TotalView should ask what to do.
Subset Attach - Control Which Processes TotalView Attaches To

- Debug a subset of the processes that make up the job
  - Sometimes the user does not need to control and see every process to understand the behavior or identify the defect
- The subset can be changed at any time
  - Can narrow, expand or shift focus
- Uncouples interactive performance from job size
  - After the subset operation completes
  - Interactive performance depends on subset size
- Supports the use of lightweight tools
  - Such as LLNL’s STAT
View MPI Message Queues

- Information visible whenever MPI rank processes are halted
- Provides information from the MPI layer
  - Unexpected messages
  - Pending Sends
  - Pending Receives
- Use this info to debug
  - Deadlock situations
  - Load balancing
- May need to be enabled in the MPI library
  - --enable-debug

![Classic UI Only](image-url)
Message Queue Graph

- Hangs & Deadlocks
- Pending Messages
  - Receives
  - Sends
  - Unexpected
- Inspect
  - Individual entries
- Patterns
Find Deadlocks and Performance Sinks

- Filtering
  - Choose messages to track
  - Choose MPI Communicators
- Cycle detection
Multi-Thread Debugging Techniques

• Multiple ID’s for threads
  • pthread library ID – Displayed by default in TotalView
  • OS Light Weight Process (LWP) ID
  • TotalView thread ID – ProcessID.ThreadID, e.g. 1.3

• Finding deadlocks due to mutex misuse
  • Utilize ReplayEngine/reverse debugging
  • Leverage watchpoints to find when mutex was acquired
  • Set the “Open process window at breakpoint” preference on the Action Points tab
  • To get LWP id, turn off TotalView user threads (-no_user_threads)
  • TotalView normally just displays the pthread ID
Multi-Thread Debugging Techniques

• Dealing with thread starvation
  • A tough problem to solve...
  • Utilize prior technique for watching when mutex’s are locked/unlocked
  • Leverage Evaluation Points and TotalView’s built-in Statements
    • $countthread expression
    • $holdthread
    • $stopthread
  • Halt the program during execution several times to see where execution is at in the Stack Trace
Multi-Process Debugging Techniques

• For high-scale debugging sessions, use command line launch of the parallel job instead of the Parallel Program Session in UI.
  • UI Parallel Program Session uses a flexible “bootstrap” parallel session mechanism for easy debug session setup but takes longer to launch.

• Enable reverse debugging on a per-process basis
  • Halt a specific process and enable reverse debugging on the fly

• Memory debugging can be enabled on one or more processes
Demo

- TotalView MPI Demo (mpi_array_broken)
Memory Debugging with MemoryScape
MemoryScape – Simple to use, intuitive memory debugging

• What is MemoryScape?
  • Streamlined
  • Lightweight
  • Intuitive
  • Collaborative
  • Memory Debugging

• Features
  • Shows
    • Memory errors
    • Memory status
    • Memory leaks
    • Buffer overflows
  • MPI memory debugging
  • Remote memory debugging
What is a Memory Bug?

- A Memory Bug is a mistake in the management of heap memory
  - Leaking: Failure to free memory
  - Dangling references: Failure to clear pointers
  - Failure to check for error conditions
- Memory Corruption
  - Writing to memory not allocated
  - Overrunning array bounds
Heap Memory

• Heap is managed by the program
  – C: Malloc() and free()
  – C++: New and Delete
  – Fortran90: Allocatable arrays

• Malloc usage is something like:

```c
int * vp;
vp = malloc(sizeof(int)*number);
if (vp == 0){ /*malloc must have failed*/ }
/* use vp */
free(vp);
vp = 0;
```
The Agent and Interposition

Process

User Code and Libraries

Malloc API

TotalView
The Agent and Interposition
TotalView HIA Technology

- Advantages of TotalView HIA Technology
  - Use it with your existing builds
    - No Source Code or Binary Instrumentation
  - Programs run nearly full speed
    - Low performance overhead
  - Low memory overhead
    - Efficient memory usage
Memory Debugger Features

- Automatically detect allocation problems
- Memory Corruption Detection - Guard Blocks & Red Zones
- Leak detection
- Dangling pointer detection
- View the heap
- Memory Hoarding
- Memory Comparisons between processes
Leaks and Dangling Pointers

![Diagram showing normal allocation, leaked memory, and dangling pointer]
Memory Debugging Options

Select your preferred level of debugging below or press Advanced Options for more control.

- **Enable memory debugging**

  **Levels of Debugging**
  - **Low**
    - Provides event notifications and leak detection. It allows the best performance for your process.
  - **Medium**
    - Adds corrupted memory detection by applying guard blocks. Performance may degrade slightly.
  - **High**
    - Provides memory over run alerts by monitoring Red Zone violations. Your memory consumption will increase significantly.
  - **Extreme**
    - Enables all options. There is a risk that performance may suffer and you will use more memory.
Advanced Memory Debugging Options

- Halt execution on memory event or error
- Guard allocated memory
- Use Red Zones to find memory access violations
- Paint memory
- Board deallocated memory

Yellow buttons mean:
- Multiple processes are selected
- The settings can vary among selected processes
- You can modify the settings for all these processes by pressing the yellow buttons
Guard Blocks

Guard allocated memory

When selected, the Memory Debugger writes guard blocks before and after a memory block that your program allocates

- Guard allocated memory

  Pre-Guard Size: 8 bytes
  Pattern: 0x77777777
  Post-Guard Size: 3 bytes
  Pattern: 0x99999999
  Maximum Guard Size: 11 bytes

Pre-Guard and Post-Guard Size:
Sets the size in bytes of the block that the Memory Debugger places immediately before and after the memory block that your program allocates

Pattern:
Indicates the pattern that the Memory Debugger writes into guard blocks.
The default values are 0x77777777 and 0x99999999
Guard Blocks

- Guard Blocks:
  - On: [ ]
  - Pre-Guard Size: 8 bytes
  - Pattern: 0x77777777
  - Post-Guard Size: 8 bytes
  - Pattern: 0x99999999
  - Maximum Guard Size: 0 bytes

- Backtrace:
  - Process: libobjc
  - Function: malloc
  - Line #: 149
  - Source File: /home/barry/fooo/objc_events.c

- Source:
  - line 103: break;
  - line 104: case notify_guard_corrupti
  - line 106: malloc (size)
Red Zones

Red Zones: instant array bounds detection

- **Red Zones provides:**
  - Both read and write memory access violations.
  - Immediate detection of memory overruns.
  - Detection of access violations both before and after the bounds of allocated memory.
  - Detection of deallocated memory accesses.

- **Red Zones events**
  - MemoryScape will stop your programs execution and raise an event alerting you to the illegal access. You will be able to see exactly where your code overstepped the bounds.
Red Zones

Red Zones instant array bounds detection for Linux

- Red Zones allocation size range controls
  - The optional use of Red zones will increase the memory consumption of your program.
  - Controls are provided to allow the full management of Red Zone usage. These controls allow:
    - Restriction of red zones to allocations in several user defined size ranges
    - Easily turning red zones on and off at any time during your programs execution.
Memory Painting

- Paint memory
  - Paint allocations
    - Pattern: 0x8110ca7f
  - Paint deallocations
    - Pattern: 0xdead100f

• Useful to track down when you read uninitialized or undefined memory
  • Before it has been initialized
  • After it has been freed

• Memory Painting allows you to inject known values into memory on memory allocation or on memory free
  • Good values don’t correspond to any valid address
  • Have a distinctive look
    • When cast to different types
Memory Hoarding

- **Memory Hoarding**
  - Stops the memory manager from reusing memory blocks
  - Can detect certain memory errors

- **Hoard Low Memory Controls**
  - Automatically release hoarded memory when available memory gets low, allowing your program to run longer

- **Hoard Low Memory events**
  - MemoryScape can stop execution as notification that the hoard dropped below a particular threshold. This provides an indication that the program is getting close to running out of memory.
Heap Graphical View
Leak Detection

- Leak Detection
  - Based on Conservative Garbage Collection
  - Can be performed at any point in runtime
    - Helps localize leaks in time
  - Multiple Reports
    - Backtrace Report
    - Source Code Structure
    - Graphically Memory Location
Dangling Pointer Detection

Classic UI Only
Memory Comparisons

- “Diff” live processes
  - Compare processes across cluster
- Compare with baseline
  - See changes between point A and point B
- Compare with saved session
  - Provides memory usage change from last run
Memory Usage Statistics
Memory Reports

- Multiple Reports
  - Memory Statistics
  - Interactive Graphical Display
  - Source Code Display
  - Backtrace Display
- Allow the user to
  - Monitor Program Memory Usage
  - Discover Allocation Layout
  - Look for Inefficient Allocation
  - Look for Memory Leaks
TotalView and MemoryScape

- You can use TotalView and MemoryScape together on an application.
- More precise control
  - Breakpoints
  - Stepping
- Visibility into
  - Memory behavior
  - Variable contents
- Advanced features
  - Heap baseline
  - Dangling pointer annotation
  - Memory painting
Strategies for Memory Debugging in Parallel

- Run the application and see if memory events are detected
- View memory usage across the MPI job
  - Compare memory footprint of the processes
    - Are there any outliers? Are they expected?
- Gather heap information in all processes of the MPI job
  - Select and examine individually
    - Look at the allocation pattern. Does it make sense?
    - Look for leaks
  - Compare with the 'diff' mechanism
    - Are there any major differences? Are they expected?
Demo

• MemoryScape Demo
Transformations
C++View

- C++View is a simple way for you to define type transformations
  - Simplify complex data
  - Aggregate and summarize
  - Check validity

- Transforms
  - Type-based
  - Compose-able
  - Automatically visible

- Code
  - C++
  - Easy to write
  - Resides in target
  - Only called by TotalView
C++ View API

```c++
#include "tv_data_display.h"

int TV_ttf_display_type ( const T * );

int TV_ttf_add_row (  
    const char *field_name,  
    const char *type_name,  
    const char *address );
```
C++ View Example

```cpp
class A {
    int i;
    char *s;
};
class B {
    A a;
    double d;
};

int TV_ttf_display_type ( const A *a )
{
    (void) TV_ttf_add_row ( "i", TV_ttf_type_int, &(a->i) );
    (void) TV_ttf_add_row ( "s", TV_ttf_type_ascii_string, a->s );
}

int TV_ttf_display_type ( const B *b )
{
    (void) TV_ttf_add_row ( "a", "A", &(b->a) );
    (void) TV_ttf_add_row ( "d", "double", &(b->d) );
}
```
Type Transformation Facility (TTF)

TTF is a TotalView subsystem that

- Allows you to transform the way information appears
- Doesn’t require changes to your code
- TTF transforms can be stored in a .tvd file for referencing during a debugging session or at TotalView startup

```
QT Qstring
class
transform

::TV::TTF::RTF::build_struct_transform {
  name {^class Qstring$}
  members {
    { ascii { $wstring_u16 cast {* {d -> data} } } }
  }
}
```
#include <stdio.h>
int main () {
    struct stuff {
        int month;
        int day;
        int year;
        char * pName;
        char * pStreet;
        char CityState[30];
    };
}
::TV::TTF::RTF::build_struct_transform {
  name {^struct stuff$}
  members {
    { year { year } }
    { Name { * pName } }
    { Street { * pStreet } }
  }
}
Stack Transformation Facility (STF)

- Hides stack frames
- Transforms stack frames
- Backbone for:
  - Python support
  - OpenMP support
- Useful for any glue code you want to hide
  - Language differences
  - Wrapper code
Stack Transformation Facility (STF)

Thread 1 has appeared
Created process 1 (11617), named "combined"
Thread 1 has appeared
Thread 1 has exited
Thread 1 hit breakpoint 8 at line 514 in "arrays(void)"

d1.<d>dstacktransform enable</d>

<si>enabled</si>

d1.<d>dwhere</d>

> 0 arrays
    PC=0x00462c05, FP=0x7ffdff05d446 [/home/dstewart/Projects/TotalView/DemoVD/abs(combined.cxx)#514]
    1 main
        PC=0x004617db, FP=0x7ffdff05d446 [/home/dstewart/Projects/TotalView/DemoVD/abs(combined.cxx)#533]
    2 __libc_start_main
        PC=0x7f42b17e2b11, FP=0x7ffdff05d5aa [/lib/libc.so.6]
    3 __start
        PC=0x004615d4, FP=0x7ffdff05d588 [/home/dstewart/Projects/TotalView/DemoVD/abs(combined.cxx)#533]

<si>d1.<d>dstacktransform add -transform MY_TRANSFORMS -filter 'function('main')' -operation remove</si>

Rule 4 added.

4
d1.<d>dwhere</d>

> 0 arrays
    PC=0x00462c05, FP=0x7ffdff05d446 [/home/dstewart/Projects/TotalView/DemoVD/abs(combined.cxx)#514]
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    2 __libc_start_main
        PC=0x7f42b17e2b1a, FP=0x7ffdff05d588 [/lib/libc.so.6]

<si>d1.<d></si>
Demo

- TTF Demo (ttfdemo_customer example)
TotalView for CUDA
TotalView for the NVIDIA ® GPU Accelerator

- NVIDIA Tesla, Fermi, Kepler, Pascal, Volta or Turing
- NVIDIA Ampere cards are in testing
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.2, 10.0 and 11.0
  - With support for Unified Memory
- Debugging 64-bit CUDA programs
- Features and capabilities include
  - Support for dynamic parallelism
  - Support for MPI based clusters and multi-card configurations
  - Flexible Display and Navigation on the CUDA device
    - Physical (device, SM, Warp, Lane)
    - Logical (Grid, Block) tuples
  - CUDA device window reveals what is running where
  - Support for types and separate memory address spaces
  - Leverages CUDA memcheck
TotalView CUDA Debugging Model
GPU Memory Hierarchy

• Hierarchical memory
  • Local (thread)
    • Local
    • Register
  • Shared (block)
  • Global (GPU)
    • Global
    • Constant
    • Texture
  • System (host)
## Supported Type Storage Qualifiers

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<td>@generic</td>
<td>An offset within generic storage</td>
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<tr>
<td>@frame</td>
<td>An offset within frame storage</td>
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<tr>
<td>@global</td>
<td>An offset within global storage</td>
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<tr>
<td>@local</td>
<td>An offset within local storage</td>
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<td>@parameter</td>
<td>An offset within parameter storage</td>
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<td>@iparam</td>
<td>Input parameter</td>
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<td>@oparam</td>
<td>Output parameter</td>
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<td>@shared</td>
<td>An offset within shared storage</td>
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<td>@surface</td>
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<td>@texsampler</td>
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<td>@texture</td>
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<td>@rtvar</td>
<td>Built-in runtime variables</td>
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<td>@register</td>
<td>A PTX register name</td>
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<tr>
<td>@sregister</td>
<td>A PTX special register name</td>
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Control of Threads and Warps

- Warps advance synchronously
  - They share a PC
- Single step operation advances all GPU threads in the same warp
- Stepping over a `__syncthreads()` call will advance all relevant threads
- To advance more than one warp
  - Continue, possibly after setting a new breakpoint
  - Select a line and “Run To”
Compiling for CUDA debugging

When compiling an NVIDIA CUDA program for debugging, it is necessary to pass the -g -G options to the nvcc compiler driver. These options disable most compiler optimization and include symbolic debugging information in the driver executable file, making it possible to debug the application.

% /usr/local/bin/nvcc -g -G -c tx_cuda_matmul.cu -o tx_cuda_matmul.o
% /usr/local/bin/nvcc -g -G -Xlinker=-R/usr/local/cuda/lib64 \\tx_cuda_matmul.o -o tx_cuda_matmul
% ./tx_cuda_matmul
A:
[ 0][ 0] 0.000000
...output deleted for brevity...
[ 1][ 1] 131.000000
Compiling for debugging

Compiling for Fermi
-gencode arch=compute_20,code=sm_20

Compiling for Fermi and Tesla
-gencode arch=compute_20,code=sm_20 –gencode arch=compute_10,code=sm_10

Compiling for Kepler
-gencode arch=compute_35,code=sm_35

Compiling for Pascal
-gencode arch=compute_60,code=sm_60

Compiling for Volta
-gencode arch=compute_70,code=sm_70
A TotalView Session with CUDA

A standard TotalView installation supports debugging CUDA applications running on both the host and GPU processors.

TotalView dynamically detects a CUDA install on your system. To start the TotalView GUI or CLI, provide the name of your CUDA host executable to the totalview or totalviewcli command.

For example, to start the TotalView GUI on the sample program, use the following command:

% totalview tx_cuda_matmul
Source View Opened on CUDA host code
CUDA thread IDs and Coordinate Spaces

<table>
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<td>Stopped</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>p1.1:3</td>
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<td>__poll_nocancel</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>p1.3</td>
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<td>accept4</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>p1.2</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>dbreakpoint</td>
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<td>1</td>
<td>p1.-2</td>
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<tr>
<td>MathMulKernel</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>p1.-1</td>
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Host thread IDs have a positive thread ID  (p1.1)
CUDA thread IDs have a negative thread ID  (p1.-1)
GPU Physical and Logical Toolbars

**Logical** toolbar displays the Block and Thread coordinates.

**Physical** toolbar displays the Device number, Streaming Multiprocessor, Warp and Lane.

To view a CUDA host thread, select a thread with a positive thread ID in the Process and Threads view.

To view a CUDA GPU thread, select a thread with a negative thread ID, then use the GPU thread selector on the logical toolbar to focus on a specific GPU thread.
Displaying CUDA Program Elements

- The identifier @local is a TotalView built-in type storage qualifier that tells the debugger the storage kind of "A" is local storage.
- The debugger uses the storage qualifier to determine how to locate A in device memory.
The CUDA Devices Window

We can get an idea of what physical cards are accessible and what threads we can access with the CUDA devices window.
The CUDA Devices Window

- The devices window shows us the type of device, the number of lanes available and the active SM’s, warps and lanes
CUDA Memory Checker Feature

To enable CUDA memory checking in the new UI:

- Pass the `-cuda_memcheck` option to the `totalview` command, for example:
  `totalview -cuda_memcheck`

- Set the TV::cuda_memcheck CLI state variable to true. For example:
  `dset TV::cuda_memcheck true`
Demo
Debugging with TotalView’s CLI
TotalView’s CLI

• TotalView’s CLI is a TCL based command line interface providing full access to the debugger

• Accessible through:
  • Tools | Command Line menu in Classic UI
  • Command Line view in new UI
  • Directly by running totalviewcli

• Using the CLI in the TotalView Reference Guide provides comprehensive documentation on all the CLI commands and options
Using the CLI to examine data

**dgo**
Resumes execution of target process

**dhalt**
Suspends execution of target process

**dhelp**
Lists the available commands

**dlist**
Displays code relevant to current location

**dnext**
Steps source lines, stepping over subroutines
Using the CLI to examine data (2)

**dprint**

Prints the value of a variable or an expression

**dstatus**

Displays an aggregated view of the current processes and threads

**dstep**

Steps lines, stepping into subroutines

**dwhat**

Displays information about a symbol

**dwhere**

Displays locations in the call stack
Demo

- CLI Demo (combined example)
Batch Debugging with TVScript
tvscript

- A straightforward language for unattended and/or batch debugging with TotalView and/or MemoryScape
- Usable whenever jobs need to be submitted or batched
- Can be used for automation
- A more powerful version of printf, no recompilation necessary between runs
- Schedule automated debug runs with *cron* jobs
- Expand its capabilities using TCL
tvscript

tvscript [options] [ filename ] [ -a program_args ]

**options**
TotalView and tvscript command-line options.

**filename**
The program being debugged.

-a **program_args**
Program arguments.
tvscript

- All of the following information is provided by default for each print
  - Process id
  - Thread id
  - Rank
  - Timestamp
  - Event/Action description
- A single output file is written containing all of the information regardless of the number of processes/threads being debugged
## Supported tvscript events

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<td>any_event</td>
<td>A generated event occurred.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Memory debugging event</td>
<td>addr_not_at_start</td>
<td>Program attempted to free a block using an incorrect address.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>alloc_not_in_heap</td>
<td>The memory allocator returned a block not in the heap; the heap may be corrupt.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>alloc_null</td>
<td>An allocation either failed or returned NULL; this usually means that the system is out of memory.</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>alloc_returned_bad_alignment</td>
<td>The memory allocator returned a misaligned block; the heap may be corrupt.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>any_memory_event</td>
<td>A memory event occurred.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>bad_alignment_argument</td>
<td>Program supplied an invalid alignment argument to the heap manager.</td>
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<td>The memory allocator returned a block currently being used; the heap may be corrupt.</td>
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<td>Writes the current stack backtrace into the log file.</td>
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<td><code>-level level-num</code> sets the level at which information starts being logged.</td>
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<td><code>num_levels</code> restricts output to this number of levels in the call stack.</td>
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<td>If you do not set a level, <code>tvscript</code> displays all levels in the call stack.</td>
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<td><code>options</code> is one or more of the following:</td>
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<td>Saves a ReplayEngine recording file. The file-name is of the form <code>&lt;ProcessName&gt;_&lt;PID&gt;_&lt;DATE&gt;_&lt;INDEX&gt;.recording</code>.</td>
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Simple example

tvscript \n-create_actionpoint "method1=>display_backtrace -show_arguments" \n-create_actionpoint "method2#37=>display_backtrace \n  -show_locals -level 1" \n-event_action "error=>display_backtrace -show_arguments \n  -show_locals" \n-display_specifiers "noshow_pid,noshow_tid" \n-maxruntime "00:00:30" \n~/work/filterapp /filterapp -a 20

MPI example

tvscript -mpi "Open MPI" -tasks 4 \n-create_actionpoint \n"hello.c#14=>display_backtrace" \n~/tests/MPI_hello
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Memory Debugging example

tvscript -maxruntime "00:00:30" \\
-event_action "any_event=save_memory_debugging_file" \\
-guard_blocks -hoard_freed_memory -detect_leaks \\
~/work/filterapp -a 20

ReplayEngine example

tvscript \\
-create_actionpoint "main=>enable_reverse_debugging" \\
-event_action "stopped_at_end=>save_replay_recording_file" \\
filterapp
Demo

- TVScript demo (tvscript –script_file file tvscript_example.tvd ex2)
TotalView Roadmap
Recent TotalView Release Features (2020)

- **2020.3 (Nov 2020)**
  - TotalView Remote UI
  - OpenMP Debug API v5.0 support
  - TotalView Student license changes
  - GCC 10, Fedora 32, Ubuntu 20.04

- **2020.2 (Sep 2020)**
  - CUDA 11 support
  - Remote Display Client updated
  - TotalView Solaris platform ported to 64 bits
  - “Dive-in-all” to view a structure member across an array
  - Easily focus on specific data in new data views

- **2020.1 (May 2020)**
  - TotalView FlexNet Publisher License update
  - macOS Catalina support
  - TotalView stepping and local variable view performance updates
  - Array statistics view auto update
  - FlexNet Embedded failover server support

- **2020 (Feb 2020)**
  - Display thread names and lightweight process IDs
  - Array statistics view
  - Rebranding to use “TotalView by Perforce” logo
Common TotalView Usage Hints
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• TotalView can’t find the program source
  • Did you compile with -g ?
  • How to adjust the TotalView search paths? Preferences -> Search Path

• Python Debugging
  • Making sure proper system debug packages are installed for Python

• X11 forwarding performance
  • If users are forwarding X11 displays through ssh TotalView UI performance can be bad

• Understanding different ways to stop program execution with TotalView Action Points
  • Using a watchpoint on a local variable

• Focus
  • Diving on a variable that is no longer in scope. Check the Local Variables window for in scope variables
  • Totalview doesn’t change focus to the thread hitting a breakpoint. Set Action Point Preferences to “Automatically focus on threads/processes at breakpoint”
Common TotalView Usage Hints (cont.)

• MPI Debugging
  • Differences in launching MPI job from within the TotalView UI vs the command line.
  • TotalView runs an MPI program without stopping. Set the Parallel Preferences to “Ask What To Do” in After Attach Behavior
  • Using wrong attributes in processes and threads view

• Reverse Debugging
  • Running out of memory by not setting the maximum memory allocated to ReplayEngine
  • Defer turning on reverse debugging until later in program execution to avoid slow initialization phases
  • Adjust reverse debugging circular buffer size to reduce resources

• Memory Debugging
  • Starting with All memory debugging options enabled rather than Low
  • Not setting a size restriction for Red Zones
  • Issues with getting memory debugging turned on in an MPI job. May have to set LD_PRELOAD environment variable or worst case, prelink HIA
Common TotalView Usage Hints (cont.)

• Differences in functionality between new UI and classic UI
  • How to switch between them. Preferences -> Display or totalview –newUI and totalview -oldUI
  • Where the gaps still are in functionality

• Reverse Connect with tvconnect
  • When I use Reverse Connect I get the following obscure message: myProgram is an invalid or incompatible executable file format for the target platform
  • The message indicates an incompatible file format but most often this occurs if the program provided to tvconnect for TotalView to debug cannot be found. The easiest way to resolve problem is to provide the full path to the target application, e.g., tvconnect /home/usr/myProgram

• How do I get help?
  • How to submit a support ticket? techsupport@roguewave.com
  • Where is TV documentation (locally and on the internet). https://help.totalview.io/
  • Are there videos I can watch to learn how to use TotalView? https://totalview.io/support/video-tutorials
LBL/NERSC - TotalView Usage Hints
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• Remote UI
  • Configure cori.nersc.gov Remote UI:
    • Connection Name: cori.nersc.gov
    • Remote Host(s): username@cori.nersc.gov
    • TotalView Remote Installation Directory: /usr/common/software/toolworks/totalview.default/bin
  • For now, load TotalView modules needed in your .bash_profile.ext
    • module load totalview

• Use Reverse Connect (tvconnect) to easily connect back and launch applications/jobs
  • tvconnect stays active until user detaches from the UI or ctrl-c tvconnect once done
  • Batch Submission with sbatch:
    • !/bin/bash
      #SBATCH --qos=debug
      #SBATCH --time=5
      #SBATCH --nodes=1
      #SBATCH --tasks-per-node=4
      #SBATCH --constraint=haswell
      module load openmpi
tvconnect srun primeCount
  • Pre-allocated node – make sure to use full paths
    • tvconnect `which srun` -n 4 `pwd`/primeCount
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