LBL/NERSC Agenda – May 2024

- Introduction
- Latest TotalView Features
- TotalView Roadmap
- Remote Debugging Techniques
- Review of General Debugging Features
- TotalView Debugging at NERSC Best Practices
- GPU Debugging with TotalView on Perlmutter (10:00am)

- MPI and OpenMP debugging
- Reverse Debugging
- Memory Debugging
- Common TotalView Usage Questions
- Q&A
Introductions

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Solving the Hardest Challenges in DevOps
Perforce Products

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Automated Testing
- Helix QAC
- Klocwork
- Perfecto
- BlazeMeter
Overview of TotalView Labs
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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.<version>/linux-x86-64/examples/PythonExamples directory.
• Use this slide deck for GPU specific debugging information
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

- Multi-process/thread dynamic analysis and debugging
- Comprehensive C, C++ and Fortran Support
- Thread specific breakpoints with individual thread control
  - View thread specific stack and data
- View complex data types easily
- MPI, OpenMP, Hybrid support
- NVIDIA (CUDA) and AMD (HIP) GPU support
- Convenient remote debugging
- Integrated Reverse debugging
- Mixed Language - Python C/C++ debugging
- Memory debugging
- Script 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
Recent TotalView Features
TotalView Remote Client for Windows

- TotalView 2024.1 adds native Windows remote client support
- 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
- Once connected, debug as normal with access to all TotalView features
- Windows, macOS and Linux native front-ends
TotalView 2024.1 Platform Updates

Platform / Compiler Updates

• macOS Sonoma
• AMD GPU ROCm 6.0 and MI300

Other Updates

• Various bug fixes and other minor enhancements
• Third-party open-source package updates — security
Other Recent TotalView Updates

- Assembly and Register View
- C++ Type Transformations
  - Iterator support
  - Additional container classes
- Array Debugging
  - Array View
  - Array Visualization
- Apple ARM M1/2/3 support
- Memory Debugging Additions
  - Hoarding and Painting
  - Buffer overwrite detection

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TotalView 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
TotalView Heap Interposition Agent (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
The Agent and Interposition

```
TotalView

User Code and Libraries

Malloc API
```

Process
The Agent and Interposition

TotalView

Process

User Code and Libraries

Heap Interposition

Agent (HIA)

Allocation Table

Deallocation Table

Malloc API
Memory Debugging in TotalView’s New UI

TotalView 2024.1 Features

• Leak detection
• Dangling pointer detection
• Heap allocation overview
• Automatically detect allocation problems
• Memory Corruption Detection - Guard Blocks
• Memory Block Painting
• Memory Hoarding

Coming Features

• Graphical heap view
• Memory Corruption Detection - Red Zones
• Memory Comparisons between processes
Memory Debugging Demo
Demo

• Memory Debugging Demo
Debugging OpenMP Applications
TotalView Support for OpenMP

• Source-level debugging of the original OpenMP code (C, C++, and Fortran)

• Debug code inside of OMP **parallel** and **task** regions
  • Set stop-thread breakpoints, single-step, etc.
  • View OMP **shared**, **private**, and **threadprivate** variables

• Debug code inside OMP **target** regions
  • On NVIDIA GPUs, similar to debugging CUDA code
  • On AMD GPUs, similar to debugging HIP code

• CORAL-2 OMP/OMPD support (scheduled for TotalView 2024.2 release)
  • Focuses on Clang, AMD Clang/Flang, and HPE CCE compilers
  • Evaluates quality DWARF debug information produced by the compiler
  • Adds TotalView OpenMP views to display the runtime state of regions, threads, control variables, and ICVs
  • OpenMP thread-stack transformations: filter-out OMP runtime frames, annotate parallel/task regions, and insert parent links
  • Demangles OpenMP outlined function names
Debugging OpenMP Applications

- OpenMP programs are multi-threaded programs
  - Use normal debugging techniques for multi-threaded programs
  - Use stop-thread breakpoints inside parallel regions
  - Use thread-level execution controls: hold/unhold thread, single-step threads / thread groups

- OpenMP **parallel** and **task** regions are in outlined functions
  - A single line of source code can generate multiple block of machine code
  - Outlined function names are mangled by the compiler, but TV 2024.2 will support OMP name demangling
  - TV 2024.2 will support step into and out of OMP parallel region, if the compiler supports OMPD properly
  - Otherwise, set a breakpoint inside the parallel region and let the process run to it

- OpenMP **target** regions are offloaded to the GPU
  - Use normal debugging techniques for CUDA / HIP
  - Unfortunately, OMPD information is not available for target regions
Enabling OMPD Support (TV 2024.2)

• TotalView OMPD support requires compiler support
  • Clang 15+, HPE CCE 17+, AMD Clang/Flang 17+
  • OMPD support is still maturing
  • Special linking rules might apply (check the doc)

• Set OMPD environment variable
  • `OMP_DEBUG=enabled`
  • MPI + OpenMP codes require setting the environment variable in the MPI processes
  • Use to propagate `OMP_DEBUG` setting

• Select “Enable OpenMP Debugging”
  • Good for non-MPI codes launched by the debugger
  • Does not work for processes that are attached to
Example OpenMP Debugging Session (TV 2024.2)

- Example using AMD Clang 17
  - LLVM Clang works but has some issues
  - HPE CCE works but has some issues
  - gcc / gfortran works but OMPD support not tested

- Set stop-thread breakpoints inside parallel / task region

- Make sure the whole process is stopped so that the OpenMP runtime is in a consistent state
OpenMP > Regions (TV 2024.2)

- Displays **parallel** and **task** regions
  - Aggregated view of all OpenMP threads
- “Regions” tab shows
  - Source-code line-number of OMP region
  - OMP implicit or explicit task function name
  - OpenMP threads that are in the region
OpenMP Threads (TV 2024.2)

- Thread-oriented view of OMP threads
  - For the focus process
  - Current state plus nest of OMP generating task regions

- “Threads” tab shows
  - Debugger process/thread ID and OMP thread-num
  - Current state of OMP thread / region #
  - Wait ID / Parent (encountering thread) ID
  - Region flags
    - “i” implicit vs. explicit task
    - “p” active parallel region
    - “f” final task
  - Task function and source-code line-number
  - Runtime frame information (not shown)
OpenMP > ICVs (TV 2024.2)

- Hierarchical view of OpenMP internal control variables
  - For the focus process
- Organized by OpenMP scope
  - Global / address space scope
  - Thread scope
  - Parallel region scope
- Task / implicit task scope
OpenMP Stack Transformations

- Select the filter icon to filter
- OpenMP thread-stack transformations
  - Filters-out OMP runtime frames
  - Annotates parallel/task regions
  - Inserts parent thread links (click to focus on parent thread)
OpenMP Debugging Caveats

- OpenMP support prior to TotalView 2024.2 is a *prototype*
  - Not fully supported w/ limited compiler support
  - Has bugs and other problems with OpenMP displays

- LLVM/Clang-based compilers do **not** do a good at generating DWARF debug information
  - Program variables inside regions are all marked artificial, so TotalView does not display them
  - Use TotalView **"-compiler_vars"** option to display program variables, but compiler-generated variables are also displayed
    - Parallel “for” loop variables do not have correct values
    - Many other DWARF debug information problems exist

- GNU compilers seem to do a much better job in general

- Linking applications with OMPD support varies by compiler
  - Check the documentation
Debugging NVIDIA GPUs and CUDA with TotalView
TotalView for the NVIDIA ® GPU Accelerator

- NVIDIA Tesla, Fermi, Kepler, Pascal, Volta, Turing, Ampere, Hopper
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.2, 10, 11 and 12
  - With support for Unified Memory
- NVIDIA and Cray OpenACC support
- 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
  - Support for types and separate memory address spaces
  - GPU Status view reveals what is running where
TotalView CUDA Debugging Model

Unified CPU and GPU Share Group
Host and CUDA BPs
GPU Memory Hierarchy

- Hierarchical memory
  - Local (thread)
    - Local
    - Register
  - Shared (block)
  - Global (GPU)
    - Global
    - Constant
    - Texture
  - System (host)
Supported Type Storage (aka, Address Space) Qualifiers

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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”

NVIDIA GPU and CUDA Parallelization

- CUDA uses the single instruction multiple thread (SIMT) model of parallelization.
- CUDA GPUs made up of many computing units called cores
  - Cores includes an arithmetic logic unit (ALU) and a floating-point unit (FPU).
- Cores collected into groups called streaming multiprocessors (SMs).
- Computing tasks are parallelized by breaking them into numerous subtasks called threads.
- Threads are organized into blocks.
- Blocks are divided into warps whose size matches the number of cores in an SM.
- Each warp gets assigned to a particular SM for execution. GPUs have one or more SMs.
- SM control unit directs each of its cores to execute the same instructions simultaneously for each thread in the assigned warp.
Compiling for CUDA debugging

When compiling an NVIDIA CUDA program for debugging, it is necessary to pass the \texttt{-g -G} options to the \texttt{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.

\begin{verbatim}
% /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
\end{verbatim}
Compiling for a specific GPU architecture (avoids JIT’ing from PTX)

**Compiling for Ampere**
-gencode arch=compute_80,code=sm_80

**Compiling for Volta**
-gencode arch=compute_70,code=sm_70

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

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

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

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

```bash
% totalview tx_cuda_matmul
```

* This example is just a single node, no MPI application
Matrix A;
A.Width = width;
A.Height = height;
A.stride = width;
A.elements = (float*) malloc(sizeof(*A.elements) * width_ * height_);
for (int row = 0; row < height_; row++)
    for (int col = 0; col < width_; col++)
        A.elements[row * width_ + col] = row * 10.0 + col;
return A;

static void
print_Matrix (Matrix A, const char *name)
{
    printf("%s:\n", name);
    for (int row = 0; row < A.height; row++)
        for (int col = 0; col < A.width; col++)
            printf ("[%%5d][%%5d] %%\n", row, col, A.elements[row * A.stride + col]);
}

// Multiply an m*n matrix with an n*p matrix results in an m*p matrix.
// Usage: tx_cuda_matmul [ m [ n [ p ] ] ]
// m, n, and p default to 1, and are multiplied by BLOCK_SIZE.
int main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    int m = BLOCK_SIZE * (argc > 1 ? atoi(argv[1]) : 1);
    int n = BLOCK_SIZE * (argc > 2 ? atoi(argv[2]) : 1);
    int p = BLOCK_SIZE * (argc > 3 ? atoi(argv[3]) : 1);
    Matrix A = cons_Matrix(m, n);
    Matrix B = cons_Matrix(n, p);
    Matrix C = cons_Matrix(m, p);
    Matmul(A, B, C);
    print_Matrix(A, "A");
    print_Matrix(B, "B");
    print_Matrix(C, "C");
    return 0;

    /* Update log
    */
    /* Feb 25 2015 NYT: Removed __forceinline ..., it is making cli too fast. */
Set Breakpoints in CUDA Kernel Code Before Launch

Set breakpoints in the CUDA or OpenMP TARGET region code before you start the process.

Hollow breakpoint indicates a breakpoint will be set when the code is loaded onto the GPU.
Stopped at a Breakpoint in CUDA Kernel Code

- Bold line numbers indicate source code lines where the compiler generated code, which are good places to set breakpoints.
CUDA thread IDs and Coordinate Spaces

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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 Focus 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 focus controls in the logical or physical toolbar to focus on a specific GPU thread or lane.
Displaying CUDA Program Variables

• 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.

@local type qualifier indicates that variable A is in local storage.

“elements” is a pointer to a float in @generic storage.
Stepping GPU Code

- Single-step operations advance all the GPU hardware lanes in the same warp.
- Note that stepping operations Step and Next are slow in GPU code; the following is faster...
- To advance the execution of more than one warp, you may either:
  - Set a breakpoint and continue the process, or
  - Select a line number in the source pane and select “Run To”.

![Run To](image)

Select the line to run to and then click “Run To” in the toolbar.
GPU Status View

Displays the state of all the GPUs being debugged.

Fully configurable to allow aggregating, sorting and filtering based on physical or logical attributes.
Enabling CUDA Memory Checker Feature

From the Program Session Dialog

From the Debug Menu
Debugging on Perlmutter
Debugging on Perlmutter (Things to Know)

- If you bind processes to GPUs using `srun`, the debugger cannot determine which GPUs the processes are using
  - SLURM’s use of Linux control groups make it impossible
  - Workaround – Do not use the “--gpu-bind” option when debugging

- Watchpoints in GPU memory are not supported on NVIDIA GPUs, but CPU watchpoints are supported

- On Perlmutter, the environment variable “TVD_DISABLE_CRAY=1” must be set to disable using Cray CTI
  - “module load totalview” sets TVD_DISABLE_CRAY=1 on Perlmutter
  - SSH is used to instantiate the TV/MRNet tree
  - Requires passwordless SSH between nodes
Debugging on Perlmutter (Things to Know)

- Using SSH to between NERSC nodes can generate a lot of terminal output
  - Each SSH generates a long “NOTICE TO USERS” message
- The messages can be suppressed by adding the following lines to your “$HOST/.ssh/config” file:

```bash
# The "LogLevel quiet" option stops the "NOTICE TO USERS" messages
Host *
  LogLevel quiet
```

- The above is not necessary, but it does reduce terminal output
Debugging on Perlmutter (Supported Start-ups)

- TotalView supports **interactive** and **batch** debugging sessions

  **Interactive debugging sessions**
  - Use `salloc` to allocate interactive nodes
  - Start TotalView on `srun` within the allocation
  - Allows restarting `srun` multiple times within the same allocation

  **Batch debugging sessions**
  - Use `sbatch` to submit a batch job
  - Batch script uses `tvconnect srun` ... to request a “reverse connect” to TotalView
  - Start TotalView on a login node and accept the “reverse connect” request
  - To restart `srun` multiple times, invoke `tvconnect srun` in a loop in the script
Debugging on Perlmutter (Interactive Start-up)

• Load the “totalview” module
  • module load totalview

• Allocate some nodes, for example
  • `salloc -A ntrain7 -C gpu -N 2 -G 8 -t 60 -q interactive_ss11`

• An interactive shell (bash, csh, etc.) will start inside the allocation

• Start `totalview` on `srun`, for example
  • `totalview --args srun -n 8 -G 8 -c 32 --cpu-bind=cores ./b.out`
    • Remember, “--gpu-bind” does not work, so do **not** use it while debugging
Debugging on Perlmutter (Batch Start-up)

• **Example batch script using tvconnect**

```bash
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH -x
#SBATCH -A nvendor
#SBATCH -C gpu
#SBATCH -N 2
#SBATCH -G 8
#SBATCH -t 30
#SBATCH --qos=debug

module load totalview
tvconnect srun b.out
```

• **When the batch script starts, tvconnect blocks until a totalview accepts the reverse connect request**

• **On the login node, load the “totalview” module and start totalview**

```bash
module load totalview
totalview
```
Debugging on Perlmutter (Batch Start-up)

- TotalView will “Listen For Reverse Connections” by default, but make sure the option is enabled.

- When the batch script executes the `tvconnect` command, TotalView will post a dialog.

- Select “Yes” to connect TotalView to the batch job.
Debugging on Perlmutter (Common to Interactive/Batch)

• Once TotalView starts-up on **srun**, the following steps are common to interactive / batch debugging

• Typically
  • Select “**Go**” to start **srun**
  • **srun** will launch the parallel program
  • TotalView detects the parallel program launch and attaches to the MPI processes

• When the jobs goes parallel, TotalView will post a dialog
Stop the job when it goes parallel?

• Click “Yes” to stop the parallel job, which is useful if you want to
  • Navigate to source files / functions
  • Set breakpoints
• Click “No” to allow the job to run, which is useful if you
  • Have saved breakpoints from a previous session
  • Know the program is going to crash (SEGV, etc.)
TotalView will focus on main() in rank 0

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
#include <unlist.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

//void vecAdd_wrapper(void);
void vecAdd_wrapper(int, int);

volatile int spinner = 0;

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    int rank, nprocs;
    MPI_Initترت (argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(TRTIPICOMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(TRTIPICOMM_WORLD, &nprocs);
    vecAdd_wrapper(rank, nprocs);
    if (argc > 1)
        spinner = atoi (argv[1]);
    if (spinner > 0)
    {
        printf("Sleeping %d seconds...
", spinner);
        fflush(0);
        while (spinner--)
        {
            sleep(1);
        }
    }
    MPI_Finalize();
    return 0;
}
```
Navigate to a file or function you want to debug

```c
#include <stdlib.h>

void vecAdd_wrapper(void);
void vecAdd_wrapper(int, int);

volatile int spinner = 0;

int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    int rank, nprocs;
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
    MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
    MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &nprocs);
    vecAdd_wrapper(rank, nprocs);
    if (argc > 0) {
        spinner = 0;
        printf("Sleeping \%d seconds...\n", spinner);
        fflush(0);
        while (spinner--)
            sleep(1);
    }
    MPI_Finalize();
```
Find the CUDA kernel and select a line number to plant a breakpoint

- Line numbers indicate if there’s code at that line
  - Pale line numbers indicate no code (yet)
  - Bold line numbers indicate code

- CUDA code is *dynamically* loaded at runtime, so TotalView does not have any debug information *until* the CUDA kernel is launched

- Select a line number in the CUDA kernel that will have CUDA code loaded
  - Hollow breakpoint markers indicate no code *yet*
  - Solid breakpoint markers indicate code

- Source line information for a source file is *unified* for both GPU and CPU code
Click the “Go” button to run the application and launch the kernel
Stopped at a breakpoint in the CUDA kernel
Source view stopped in a CUDA kernel

- Line number information for the GPU code is unified with the CPU code
- The hollow breakpoint marker turns solid, indicating that there is now code at that line
- The PC arrow and highlighted source line indicates where the warp is stopped
GPU thread focus and navigation controls

- “GPU (Logical)” control displays and allows focusing on a specific Block and Thread

- “GPU (Physical)” control displays and allows focusing on a specific Device, SM, Warp, and Lane
CUDA stack backtrace and local variables

- Call Stack
- Open the drawer for details
- Local Variables
GPU Status view

• The “GPU Status” view displays an aggregated overview of one or more of the GPUs in the whole job, in a single process, or on a single GPU

• The “GPU Status” view controls allow
  • Selecting the set of properties to display
  • Aggregation by the selected properties
  • Sorting by the selected properties
  • Creating compound filters to include/exclude properties that are equal, not equal, greater, etc.

• Allows you to get a “big picture” of the state of one or more of the GPUs in your job
Demo
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.
• 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
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<td>The memory allocator returned a block not in the heap; the heap may be corrupt.</td>
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<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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<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>any_memory_event</td>
<td>A memory event occurred.</td>
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<td>Program supplied an invalid alignment argument to the heap manager.</td>
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<td>double_alloc</td>
<td>The memory allocator returned a block currently being used; the heap may be corrupt.</td>
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<td>Program attempted to free an already freed block.</td>
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<td>Writes a list of all memory allocations into the log file.</td>
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<td>Writes a list of all memory leaks into the log file.</td>
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<td>Generates and saves a memory debugging file.</td>
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<td>save_text_heap_status_source_view</td>
<td>Generates and saves a text version of the Heap Status Source View Report.</td>
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<td>Source code debugging actions</td>
<td>display_backtrace [level=num]</td>
<td>Writes the current stack backtrace into the log file.</td>
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<td>-level level=num sets the level at which information starts being logged.</td>
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<td>num restricts output to this number of levels in the call stack.</td>
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<td>If you do not set a level, tvscript displays all levels in the call stack.</td>
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<td><code>print [ -slice {slice_exp}]</code></td>
<td>Writes the value of a variable or an expression into the log file. If the variable is an array, the <code>slice</code> option limits the amount of data defined by slice_exp. A slice expression is a way to define the slice, such as <code>var[100:130]</code> in C and C++. (This displays all values from <code>var[100]</code> to <code>var[130].</code>) To display every fourth value, add an additional argument; for example, <code>var[100:130:4]</code>. For additional information, see “Examining Arrays” in the TotalView for HPC User Guide.</td>
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<td>Reverse debugging actions</td>
<td><code>enable_reverse_debugging</code></td>
<td>Turns on ReplayEngine reverse debugging and begins recording the execution of the program.</td>
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<td><code>save_replay_recording_file</code></td>
<td>Saves a ReplayEngine recording file. The filename is of the form <code>&lt;ProcessName&gt;-&lt;PID&gt;_&lt;DATE&gt;.&lt;INDEX&gt;.recording</code>.</td>
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tvscript examples

Simple example

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

MPI example

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

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)
Common TotalView Usage Hints
Common TotalView Usage Hints

• 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
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  • User Guides:  Debugging, Memory Debugging and Reverse Debugging  
  • Reference Guides:  Using the CLI, Transformations, Running TotalView

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