Performance Tools Documentation and Tips

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Cray PE Documentation Available

- **Release Notes**
  - `> module help product/product_version`
- **User Guides**
  - http://docs.cray.com
- **Man pages, for example:**
  - cc
  - crayftn
  - intro_directives
  - Intro_openacc

Perftools Documentation Available

- Release Notes
  - `> module help perftools/version_number`
- User manual “Using the Cray Performance Measurement and Analysis Tools” available at http://docs.cray.com
- pat_help – interactive help utility on the Cray Performance toolset
- Man pages

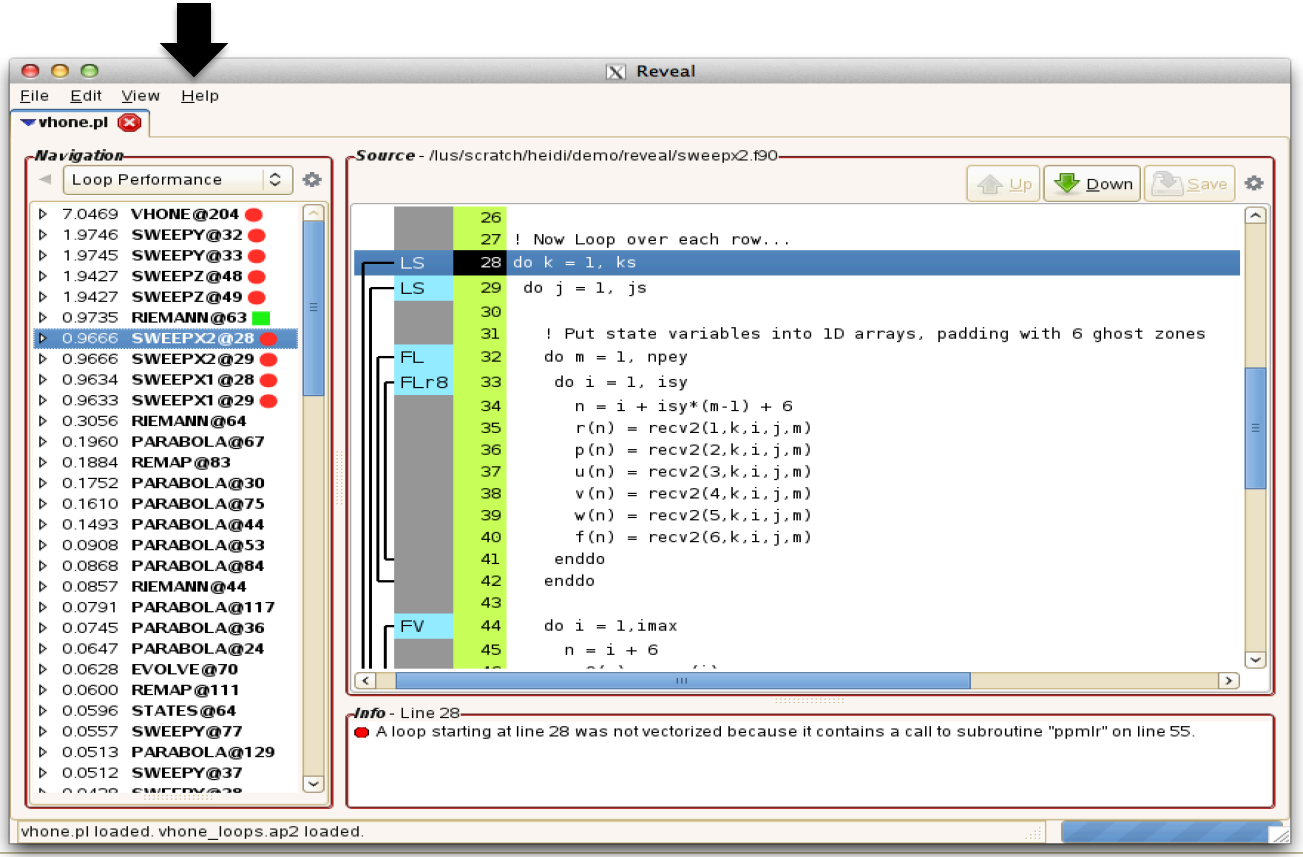
Man pages

- **intro_craypat(1)**
  - Introduces the craypat performance tool
  - Runtime environment variables (enable full trace, etc.)
- **pat_build(1)**
  - Instrument a program for performance analysis
- **pat_help(1)**
  - Interactive online help utility
- **pat_report(1)**
  - Generate performance report in both text and for use with GUI
- **app2 (1)**
  - Describes how to launch Cray Apprentice2 to visualize performance data

Man pages (2)

- **hwpc(5)**
  - describes predefined hardware performance counter groups
- **nwpc(5)**
  - Describes predefined network performance counter groups
- **accpc(5) / accpc_k20(5), etc.**
  - Describes predefined GPU performance counter groups
- **intro_papi(3)**
  - Lists PAPI event counters
  - Use papi_avail or papi_native_avail utilities to get list of events when running on a specific architecture

Reveal Help



Reveal Usage Recipe

- **Access Cray compiler**
  - > module load PrgEnv-cray
- **Access perftools**
  - > module load perftools-base
- **Enable loop work estimates program instrumentation**
  - > module load perftools-lite-loops
- **Build program (make)**
- **Run program to get loop work estimates in file with .ap2 suffix**

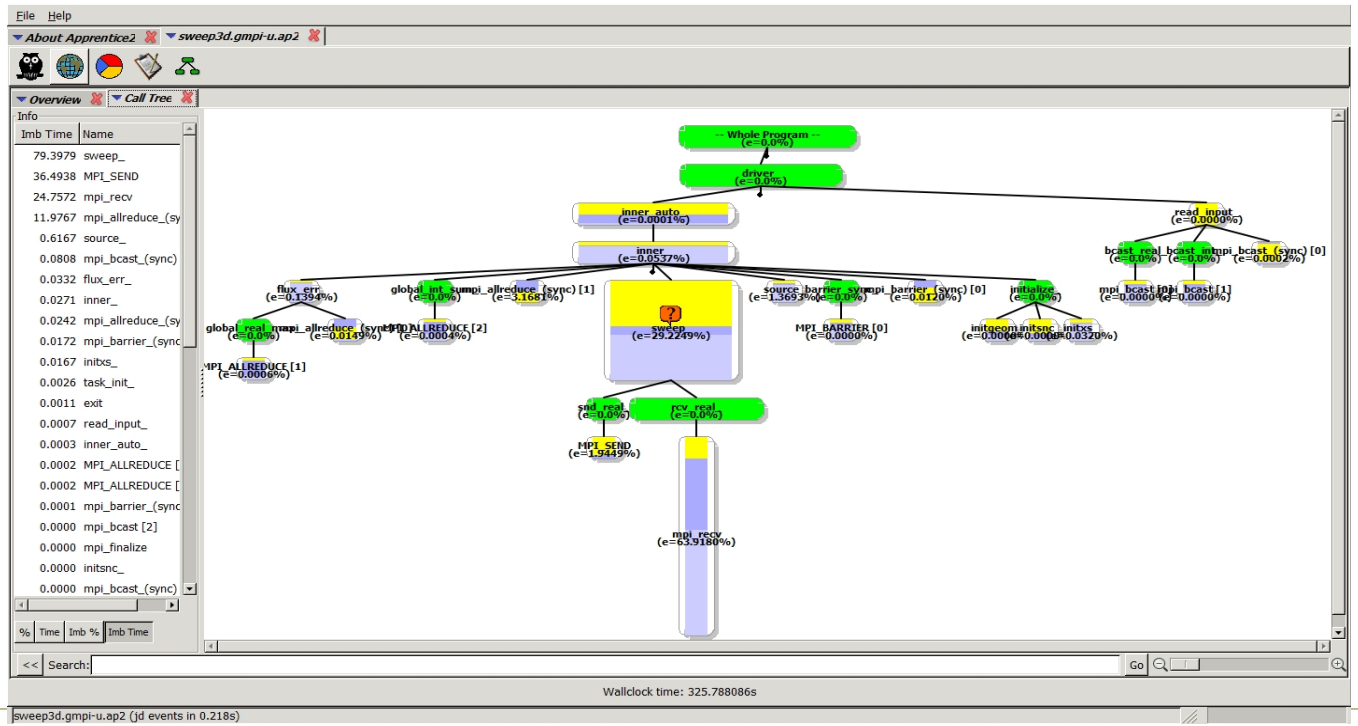
Reveal Usage Recipe (2)

- **Disable loop work estimates program instrumentation so we can get fully optimized program now**
  - > module unload perftools-lite-loops
- **Create program library with CCE:**
  - Add –h pl=/*full_path*/my_program.pl to program's Makefile
- **Rebuild application with full optimization**
  - > make clean
  - > make
- **Launch Reveal**
  - > reveal /*full_path*/my_program.pl loop_work_estimates.ap2

How to Install Apprentice2 on Your Laptop

- > module load perftools
- Go to:
  - $CRAYPAT_ROOT/share/desktop_installers/
- Download .dmg or .exe installer
- Double click on installer and follow directions to install

Apprentice2 Help



Why Should I generate a ".ap2" file?

- The ".ap2" file is a self contained compressed performance file
- Normally it is about 5 times smaller than the ".xf" file
- Contains the information needed from the application binary
  - Can be reused, even if the application binary is no longer available or if it was rebuilt
- It is the only input format accepted by Cray Apprentice^2

Files Generated and the Naming Convention

File Suffix	Description
a.out+pat	Program instrumented for data collection
a.out…s.xf	Raw data for sampling experiment, available after application execution
a.out…t.xf	Raw data for trace (summarized or full) experiment, available after application execution
a.out…st.ap2	Processed data, generated by pat_report, contains application symbol information
a.out…s.apa	Automatic profiling pnalysis template, generated by pat_report (based on pat_build –O apa experiment)
a.out+apa	Program instrumented using .apa file
MPICH_RANK_ORDER.Custom	Rank reorder file generated by pat_report from automatic grid detection an reorder suggestions

More on pat_report Data

Data from pat_report

- Default reports are intended to be useful for most applications
- Don't need to rerun program to get more detailed data
- Different aggregations, or levels of information available
  - Get fined-grained thread-imbalance information for OpenMP program
- Get list of tables available:
  - > pat_report –O –h
- Other formats available (txt, html, csv, xml)

A Useful Tip. . .

If you don't see the function you are looking for in a report:

- Disable pruning: "pat_report –P . . ."
- Disable thresholding: "pat_report –T . . ."

Notes Section

- Check the Notes before each table in the text report

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Notes for table 5:

  The Total value for Process HiMem (MBytes), Process Time is the avg
  for the PE values.

  The value shown for Process HiMem is calculated from information in
  the /proc/self/numa_maps files captured near the end of the program.
  It is the total size of all pages, including huge pages, that were
  actually mapped into physical memory from both private and shared
  memory segments.

  This table shows only the maximum, median, minimum PE entries,
    sorted by Process Time.
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Questions About the Data?

- See Job summary information at top of report
- See Details section at bottom of report (may include warnings from CrayPat)
- Check pat_help
- Check man pages

Pat_help

- > pat_help environment . . .

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pat_help environment (.=quit ,=back ^=up /=top ~=search)
=> PAT_RT_SAMPLING_DATA

    Specifies additional data to collect during a sampling
    experiment. The valid values are shown below.

    The value may be followed by '@ratio' which indicates the
    frequency at which the data is sampled. By default the data is
    sampled once for every 100 sampled program counter addresses. For
    example, if 'ratio' is '1', the additional data requested would
    be collected each time the program counter is sampled.
    If the 'ratio' is '1000', the additional data requested would
    be collected once every 1000 program counter samples.

    Collecting additional data during sampling is only supported in
    full-trace mode (see PAT_RT_SUMMARY).

  Additional topics that may follow "PAT_RT_SAMPLING_DATA":

    cray_pm      perfctr
    cray_rapl    rusage
    heap         sheap
    memory
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Pat_help (2)

- > pat_help environment PAT_RT_SAMPLING_DATA memory

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pat_help environment PAT_RT_SAMPLING_DATA
(.=quit ,=back ^=up /=top ~=search) => memory

    memory    collect data about the current state of memory

      himem         -  memory high water mark
      rss           -  resident set size
      peak          -  maximum virtual memory used
      priv          -  private resident memory
      shared        -  shared resident memory
      proportional  -  proportional resident memory
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