The Titan Tools Experience

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Overview of Titan

- Cray XK7
 - 18,688+ compute nodes
 - 16-core AMD Opteron 6274 @ 2.2GHz
 - 32GB DDR3 RAM
 - NVIDIA Kepler K20 GPU: 14 SM with 6GB RAM
 - Gemini Interconnect: 3-D Torus



http://www.olcf.ornl.gov/titan/



My Roles at ORNL

- "Tools Developer" is my official job title
 - HPC debugging, performance, & system administration tools
 - Matrixed in CSMD & NCCS
 - CSMD: tools research
 - NCCS: evaluate/improve production tool offerings
- Titan (OLCF-3) Acceptance
 - responsible for testing "Programming Environment and Tools"
- OLCF-4 Tools Lead



Tools for Titan

- In production use:
 - Debugging
 - Allinea DDT, gdb, cuda-gdb, STAT, Cray ATP
 - Performance
 - Cray PAT, TAU, Vampirtrace, NVIDIA nvvp, CAPS HMPP wizard
- In testing/evaluation:
 - HPCToolkit, OpenSpeedshop, Score-P, Allinea MAP
- Allinea, CAPS, and TU-Dresden
 - prior/ongoing funding for feature improvements, mostly GPU-related
 - on-site personnel to assist users and scientific computing liaisons



Performance Tools Study

• Three goals

- 1. develop familiarity with tools (as a user, not a developer)
- 2. evaluate scalability and usability on Titan
- 3. identify areas for improvements
- Strategy
 - follow tool use recommendations (per Titan user guide)
 - test functionality on hybrid MPI+OpenMP and MPI+GPU apps
 - evaluate usability/scalability using production science apps
- My science app friends let me down 🛞
 - settled for: dummy MPI (master-worker), Sequoia IRS v1.0



Tool Configurations

- HPCToolkit 5.3.2 (svn head from June 20)
 - Profile: PAPI_L1_TCM:PAPI_TLB_TL, PAPI_TOT_CYC@50,000,000
 - Trace: PAPI_L1_TCM:PAPI_TLB_TL, Process fraction 10%
- OpenSpeedshop 2.0.2-u11
 - Profile: pcsamp
 - Trace: hwctime
- PAT 6.0.1 (perftools)
 - automatic program analysis in two phases (pat, apa)
- TAU 2.22.2-openmp
 - Profile/Trace: PAPI_L1_TCM:PAPI_TLB_TL, MPI communication tracking
- Vampirtrace 5.14.2-nogpu
 - compiler instrumentation (default on Titan), tauinst currently broken
 - 512MB trace limit per process, 128MB trace buffer
 - Profile/Trace: PAPI_L1_TCM:PAPI_TLB_TL

Tool Evaluations - Functionality

- dummy_mpi: simple master-worker MPI
 - C and C++ versions
- CUDA SDK: various GPU apps

	GNU	Intel	PGI	Cray
HPCToolkit	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~
OpenSpeedshop	✓ 🗆	✔ □	✓ □	✓ 🗆
PAT	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~
TAU	✓ 🗆	✔ □	✓ □	×
Vampirtrace (compinst)	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~	~ ~



IRS Results - HPCToolkit

Storage Requirements (MiB)

Execution Overhead

PGI	512	1728	4096	8000
Profile	23	117	359	969
Trace	4	10	32	107



Cray	512	1728	4096	8000
Profile	205	1,232	4,083	11,175
Trace	13	69	240	511



IRS Results – OpenSpeedShop



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IRS Results – TAU



IRS Results - Cray PAT

Storage Requirements (MiB)

Execution Overhead

PGI	512	1728	4096	8000
pat	?	?	?	49
ара	8	27	68	TBD
				script error









IRS Results - Vampirtrace

Execution Overhead



Storage Requirements (MiB)





Cray	512	1728	4096	8000
Profile	2.3	7.5	18	35
Trace	1,200	TBD	TBD	TBD
		> 3hr	> 4hr	> 5hr

IRS Results – Comparing Tools

Normalized Execution Overhead



IRS Results – Comparing Tools

Normalized Execution Overhead



dummy_mpi Results – Some Tools

Normalized Execution Overhead

Baseline time: 2,812 seconds (~3/4 hr)





Next Steps

- Work with production codes
 - LAMMPS : C++, MPI + CUDA
 - NUCCOR-J, CESM: Fortran, MPI + OpenMP
 - S3D : Fortran, MPI + OpenACC
- Compare information collected across tools
 - user/developer feedback on new insights gleaned (if any)
 - tool expert feedback
- Large-scale tests
 - at least half of Titan nodes
 - up until things break or I run out of allocation



Next Steps – Part 2

- Identify areas for tool improvements
- Work with tool developers
 - user guidance
 - scalability, new feature development



Questions & Feedback

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