

Computer Systems and Networks

ECPE 170 – University of the Pacific



Performance Measurement

Lab Schedule

Activities

- **Today**
 - Background discussion
 - **Lab 5 – Performance Measurement**
- **Thursday**
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- **Tuesday**
 - **Lab 6 – Performance Optimization**

Assignments Due

- **Last Sunday**
 - **Lab 3 due by 11:59pm**
- **Next Sunday, Sept 29th**
 - **Lab 4 due by 11:59pm (programming project, no report)**

Person of the Day: Bill Joy



- Co-founder of **Sun Microsystems**
- Author of **vi text editor**
- Key contributor to original BSD Unix while a Berkeley grad student
 - First open-source OS with TCP/IP

Performance Measurement



Lab 5 Goals

1. Measure program **execution time**
2. Break down program execution time by **specific subroutines / lines** of code
3. Monitor program for **memory leaks**
 - Not really “performance”, but uses same tool

Performance Measurement

- **Why is it important to measure application performance *in detail*?**
- Optimize the parts of your program which
 - Are slowest
 - Are most frequently executed
- What are the bottlenecks?

Valgrind



<http://valgrind.org/>

Valgrind Features

- **Memcheck** module – Memory error detector
 - Access 1 beyond the beginning / end of your array?
 - Access un-initialized memory?
 - Reading/writing memory after calling free()?
 - Memory leak? (Lost pointer to a malloc() block)

- **Valgrind produces a report that identifies these errors**

Valgrind Features

- **Callgrind** module – Program profiler
- Callgraph shows you what function called what other functions
- How much CPU time does each function / code line consume?
- **Valgrind produces a report that summarizes CPU usage of your program**

Valgrind Features

- **Massif** module – Heap profiler
 - Optimize your program to use less memory (by identifying where memory is being used)
- **Helgrind** module – Threading profiler
 - Bugs in multi-threaded programs are especially difficult to find!
- ... and more modules ...

Valgrind Common Uses

- **Your program runs and suddenly segfaults**
 - Recall a segfault means a memory address was accessed that doesn't exist for your program
- How do I find where this error is?
 - Valgrind can monitor your program and detect accesses outside of static variables and dynamic memory regions

Valgrind Common Uses

- **Your program gets slower and slower the longer it runs**
 - Memory leak? (Slowing running out of heap memory because you malloc() without ever calling free())
- **How do I find where this error is?**
 - Valgrind can monitor your program. It can't tell you where you *should* free it, but it will tell you where you originally called malloc(), or where the pointer was lost

Valgrind Behind-the-Scenes

- **Just-in time compiler**
 - Your program is re-compiled onto a virtual (simulated) processor
 - Another example of a virtual machine!
- Benefit – Valgrind can observe your program running at the (machine) instruction level
- Drawback – Slow! (5x slower than normal)
 - *But it's still better than fixing bugs without a tool...*

Profiling Basics



Profiling Basics

- The next labs (5-8) ask you to **measure application performance** by conducting experiments
 - Execution time
 - Processor usage
 - Memory usage

- **Which of these system configuration do you think would be best in terms of producing the cleanest, most accurate, most reproducible results?**

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jshafer@ecpe170:~\$

Program to Benchmark



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Terminal

jshafer@ecpe170: ~

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jshafer@ecpe170:~$
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Program to Benchmark

9:39 PM Jeff Shafer

The image shows a Mac OS X desktop environment. A terminal window is open in the center, displaying the prompt 'jshafer@ecpe170:~\$' and the text 'Program to Benchmark' overlaid in a large white font on a dark purple background. The terminal window title is 'Terminal'. The desktop background is a dark brown image of a person's legs in orange pants. The dock on the left contains various application icons. The top of the screen shows the menu bar with 'Grab File Edit Capture Window Help' and system tray icons on the right.

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- Good CV - Applic...le.pdf
- Trends Disk CPU N...k.xlsx
- Compile FreeBSD
- mount_nas
- Festival of Light_2008.ppt
- backup_mac_contacts



Terminal window showing a shell prompt:

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jshafer@ecpe170:~$
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Program to Benchmark

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Profiling Basics

- **The best approach (directly booting Linux) may not be convenient to achieve for this class**
- **But you can DEFINITELY avoid the worst configuration!**
- **Keep your system simple when benchmarking**