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TotalView Debugger



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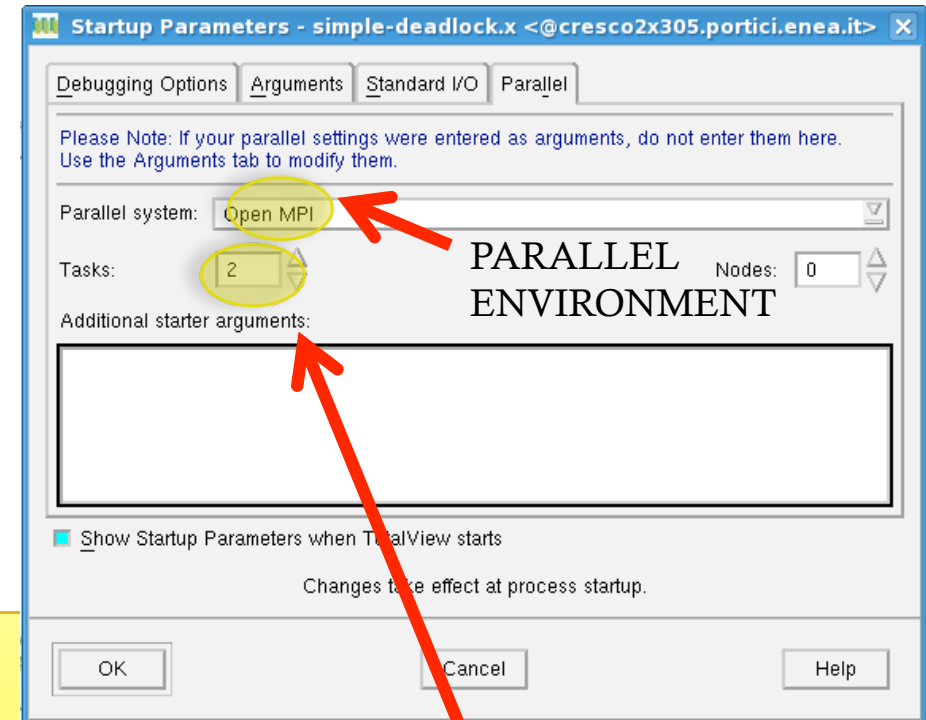
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Starting TotalView on CRESCO

- 1) Open a terminal through **FARO**
- 2) Compile the code to debug
- 3) Load the **TotalView** module
- 4) Submit the job

- 1) <http://www.cresco.enea.it/nx.html>
- 2) `mpicc -g -O0 -o myprogram.x myprogram.c`
- 3) `~/> module load totalview`
- 4) `bsub -n #procs -I -a tv -q #queue totalview #exe`

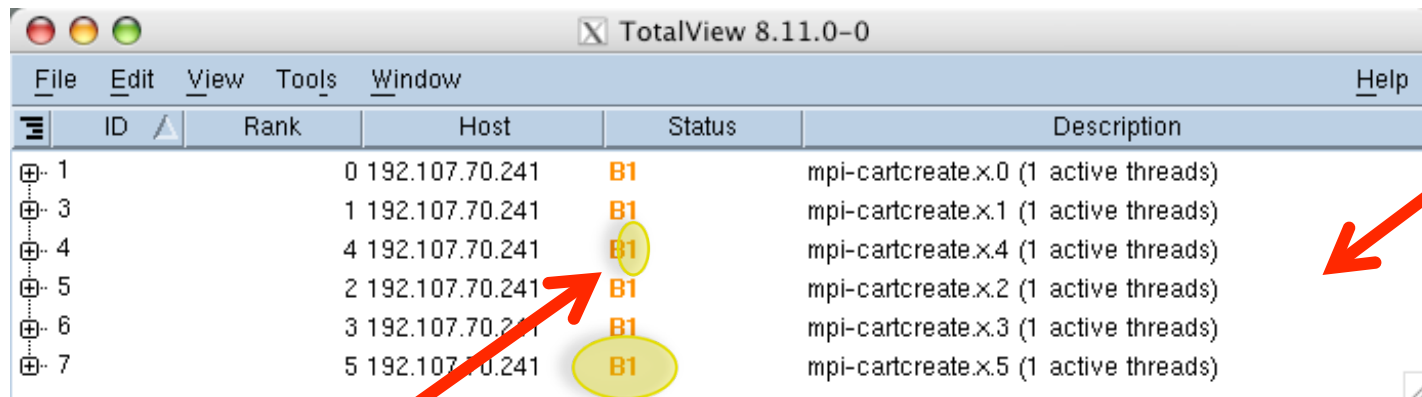


MPI TASK
NUMBER



Root Window

The **Root Window** contains a list of all the processes and threads you are currently debugging.



The screenshot shows the TotalView 8.11.0-0 interface. The 'Root Window' is active, displaying a table of processes and threads. The table has columns for ID, Rank, Host, Status, and Description. The status column shows 'B1' for all entries, which are highlighted in yellow. Red arrows point from the text labels to specific parts of the table: one to the ID column, one to the Status column, and one to the window title bar.

ID	Rank	Host	Status	Description
1	0	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.0 (1 active threads)
3	1	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.1 (1 active threads)
4	4	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.4 (1 active threads)
5	2	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.2 (1 active threads)
6	3	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.3 (1 active threads)
7	5	192.107.70.241	B1	mpi-cartcreate.x.5 (1 active threads)

ROOT
WINDOW

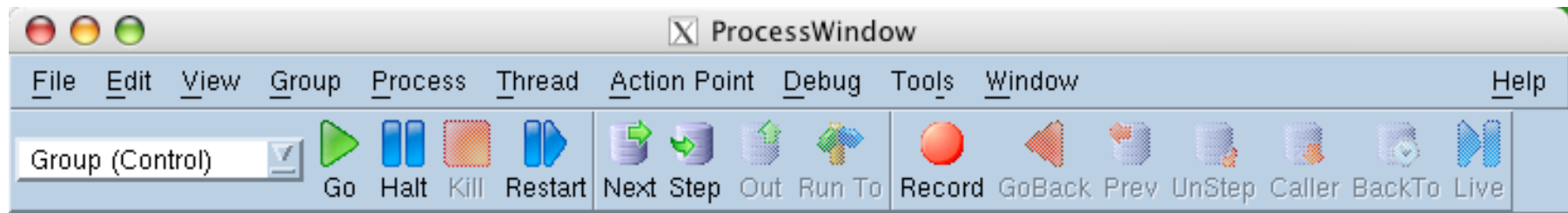
ACTION POINT
ID NUMBER

STATUS INFO :

- T = sTopped
- B = Breakpoint
- E = Error
- W = Watchpoint
- R = Running
- M = Mixed



Stepping Toolbar

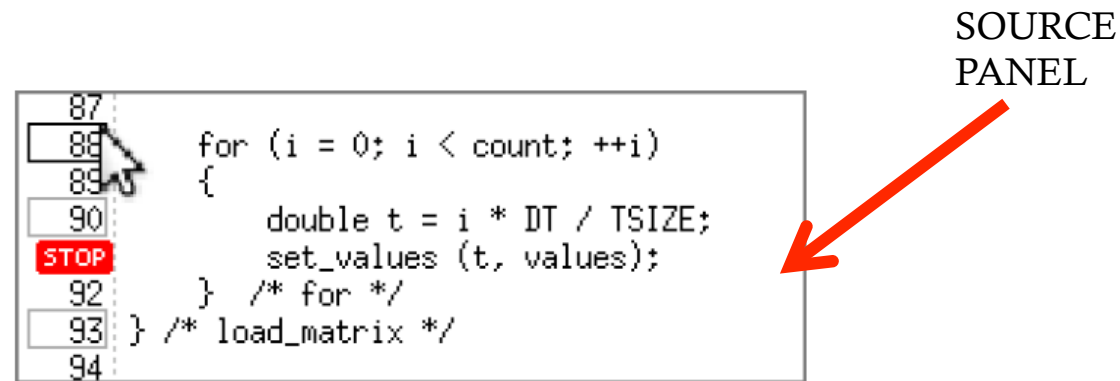


- Go : run the program
- Halt : pause the execution
- Kill : ends the process
- Restart : equal to Kill plus Go
- Next : executes all code on a line (i.e. a subroutine call)
- Step : executes the line
- Out : run up to return of a subroutine
- Run to : runs to a selected line



Action Points

To set an **action point**, click on the line number in the **source panel** and then choose what kind of action you need.



The basic **action points** are:

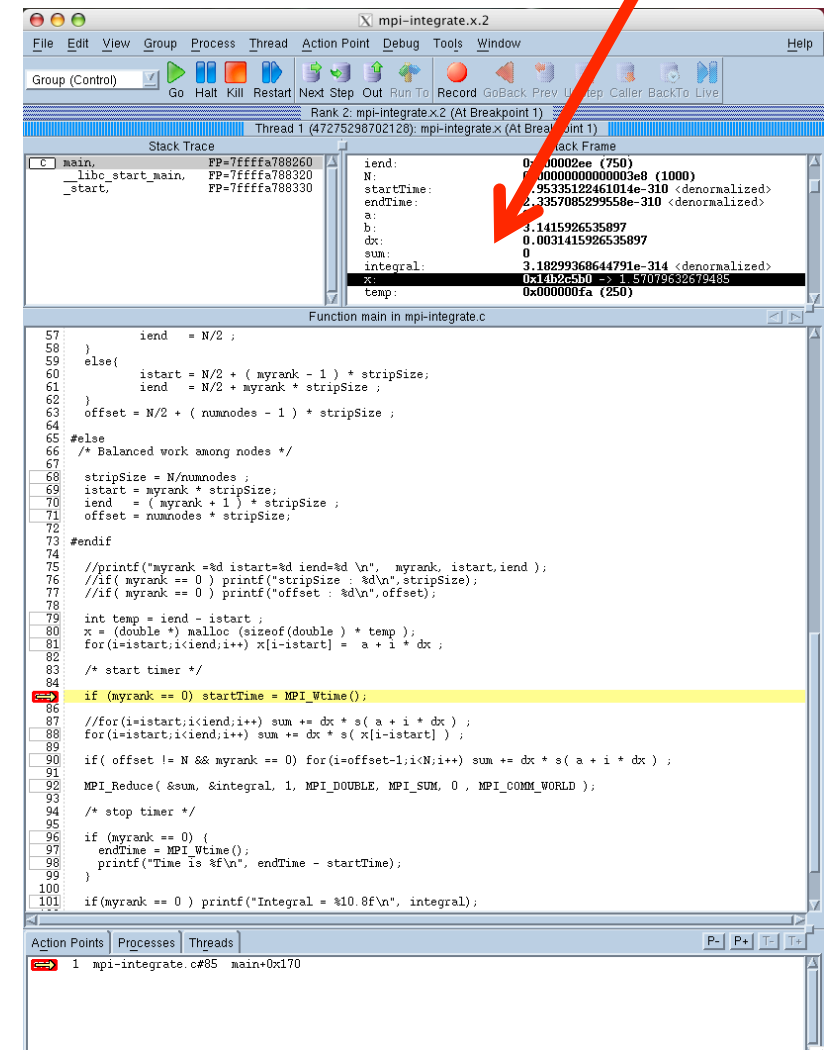
- **Breakpoint** : stops execution of the processes of threads that reach it,
- **Evaluation point** : executes a code fragment when it is reached,
- **Process Barrier Point** : hold each process when it reaches the barrier point until all process in the group have reached the barrir point



STACK FRAME PANEL

This can be useful if one wants to explore a variable among different threads.

The screenshot shows the x64dbg debugger interface. The title bar indicates the current process is 'x - main - 1.1'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Tools', 'Window', and 'Help'. The toolbar contains icons for file operations and navigation. The 'Registers' pane is active, showing the 'EAX' register with a value of '0x00000000'. The 'Disassembly' pane shows the instruction 'mov eax, 0'. The 'Comments' pane is empty. The 'Registers' pane has a red arrow pointing to the 'EAX' register.



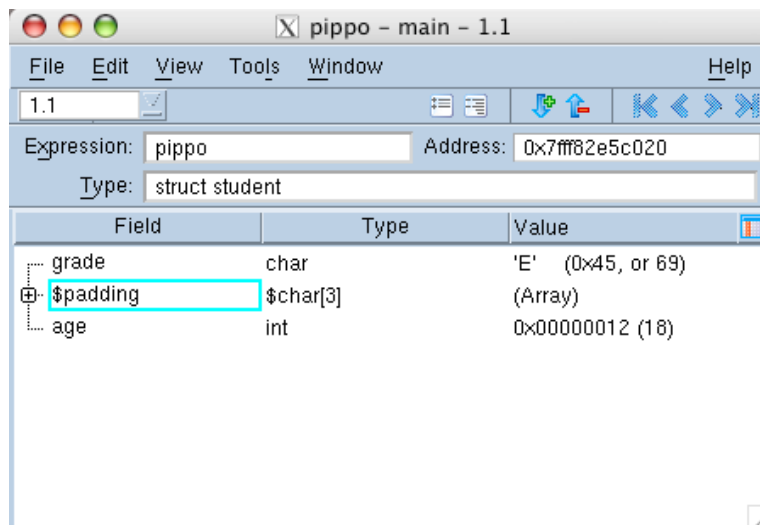


Visualizing C++ Structures

To calculate the size of any **object type**, the compiler must take into account any address alignment that may be needed to meet efficiency or architectural constraints.

The compiler accomplishes this task by inserting unused **padding bytes** between members as needed to satisfy the alignment requirements. There may also be padding at the end of a structure to ensure proper alignment in case the structure is ever used as an element of an array.

Selecting **View > Padding** gives:



```
#include <iostream>

using namespace std;

struct student{
    char grade; /* char is 1 byte long */
    int age; /* int is 4 bytes long */
};

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    student pippo;

    pippo.grade = 'E';
    pippo.age = 18 ;

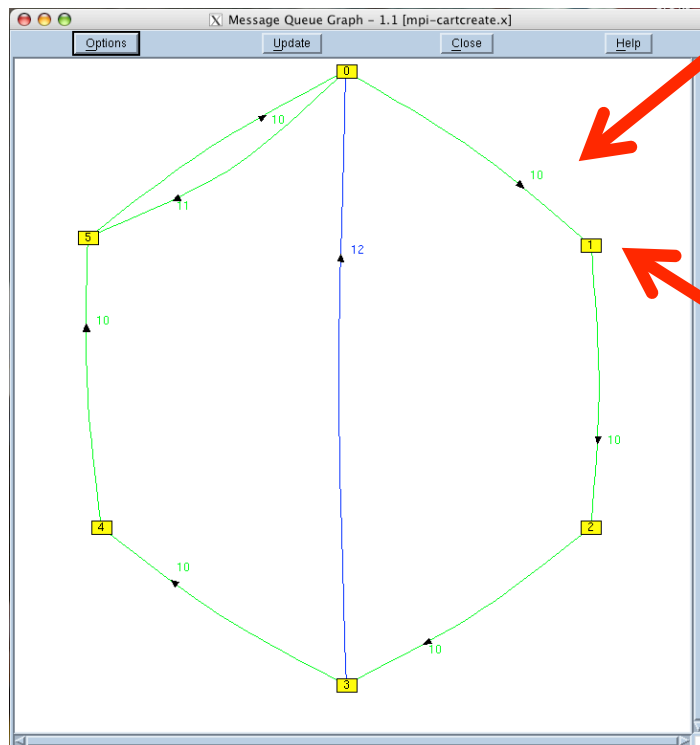
    printf("%c \n", pippo.grade);
    printf("%d \n", pippo.age);
    printf("Struct Size: %zu\n", sizeof (pippo)); /* Here the code prints 8 instead of 4 */

    return 0 ;
}
```




Message Queue Graph (1)

Tools > Message Queue Graph displays a window that shows a graphic representation of the state of message queue information. This graph shows you the state of your program at a particular instant.



MPI MESSAGE
TAG

PROC ID

STATUS INFO :

- GREEN Pending Sends
- BLUE Pending Receives
- RED Unspected Msgs

WARNING:
WORKS only ON CRESCO 1 or 2

```
if(myrank == 0 ) MPI_Isend(&b, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, (numnodes-1) , 11, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD,&request);
if(myrank == 0 ) MPI_Irecv(&c, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, numnodes/2 , 12, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD, &request);

MPI_Send(&a, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, rank_right, 10, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD);
BARR MPI_Recv(&b, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, rank_left , 10, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);

for(i=0;i<numnodes;i++) if( i == mycoord ) printf("%d %f %f\n",myrank, a,b);

if(myrank == numnodes/2 ) MPI_Isend(&c, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0 , 12, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD,&request);
if(myrank == numnodes-1 ) MPI_Irecv(&b, 1, MPI_DOUBLE, 0 , 11, MPI_NEW_COMM_WORLD, &request);
```

PSEUDO
CODE



Message Queue Graph (2)

- Pending messages often indicate that a process can't keep up with the amount of work it is expected to perform. These messages indicate places where you may be able to improve your program's efficiency.
- Unexpected messages can indicate that something is wrong with your program because the receiving process doesn't know how to process the message.
- Loops in the graph may indicate **deadlocks**. (Cycles can be highlighted by **Options > Cycle Detection**)

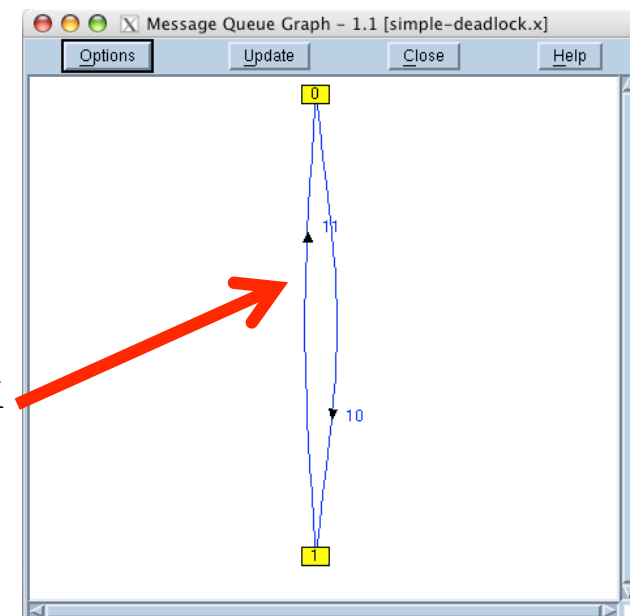
```
if(myrank == 0) {  
    a[0] = 2.0 ;  
    a[1] = 4.0 ;  
  
    MPI_Recv(b, 2, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, 11, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);  
    MPI_Send(a, 2, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD);  
  
}  
else {  
    a[0] = 3.0 ;  
    a[1] = 5.0 ;  
  
    MPI_Recv(b, 2, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 10, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);  
    MPI_Send(a, 2, MPI_DOUBLE, 0, 11, MPI_COMM_WORLD);  
  
}
```

BARR

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DEADLOCK
EXAMPLE

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Memory Debugging (1)

Select the **Debug > Enable Memory Debugging** command before starting the program.

When the program makes a memory request, **MemoryScape** records the stack frames that existed when the action occurred.

MemoryScape stops the program execution when one of the following events occurs:

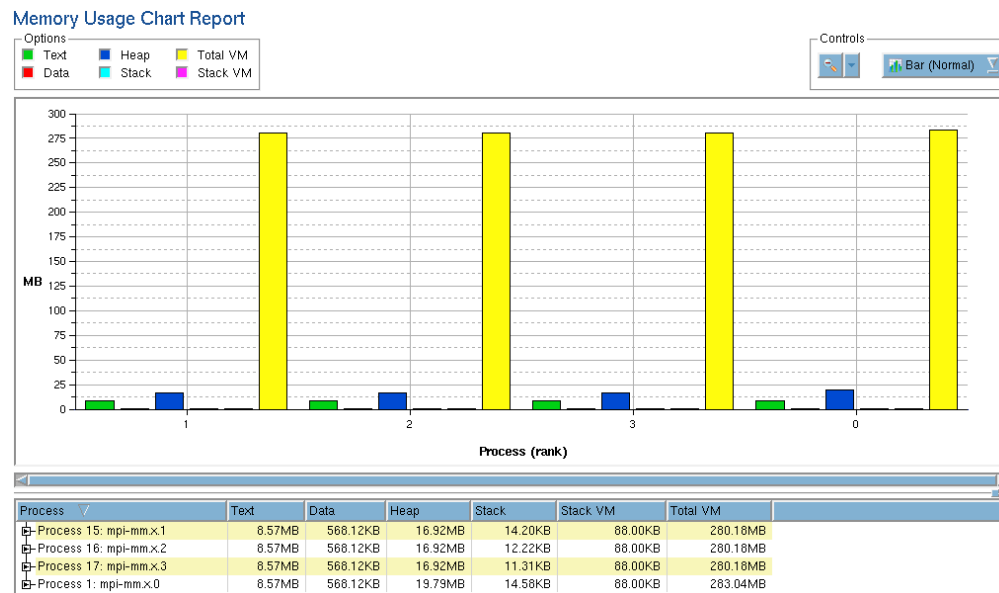
- Freeing memory that is already freed,
- Freeing the wrong address
- Freeing an interior pointer,
- Misaligning blocks

WARNING:
NOT WORKING correctly with OpenMPI compiled with intel



Memory Debugging (2)

Memory Usage Chart Report displays the memory occupied by each process:



TEXT: The amount of memory used for storing the program's machine code instructions.

DATA: The amount of memory used for storing uninitialized and initialized data.

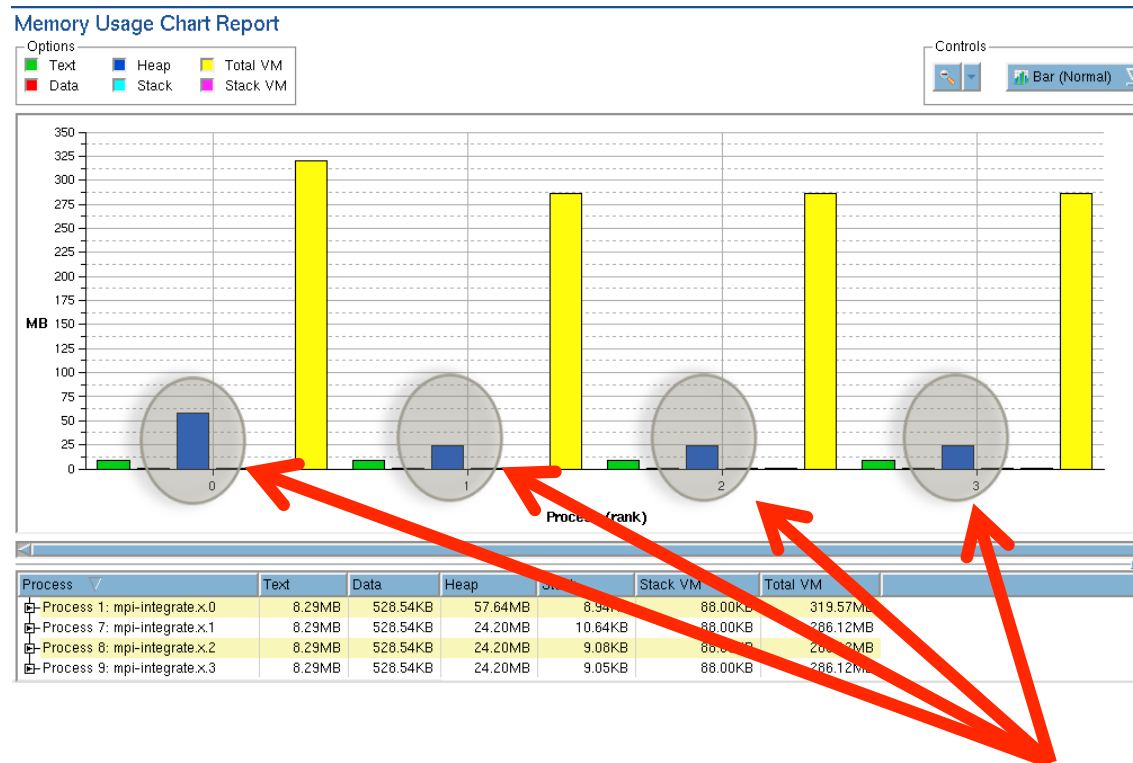
HEAP: The amount of memory currently being used for data created at runtime (i.e. allocated pointers).

STACK: The amount of memory used by the currently executing routine and all the routines in its backtrace.



Memory Debugging (3)

Looking at how the program is using memory may help in understanding where parallelization can be improved.

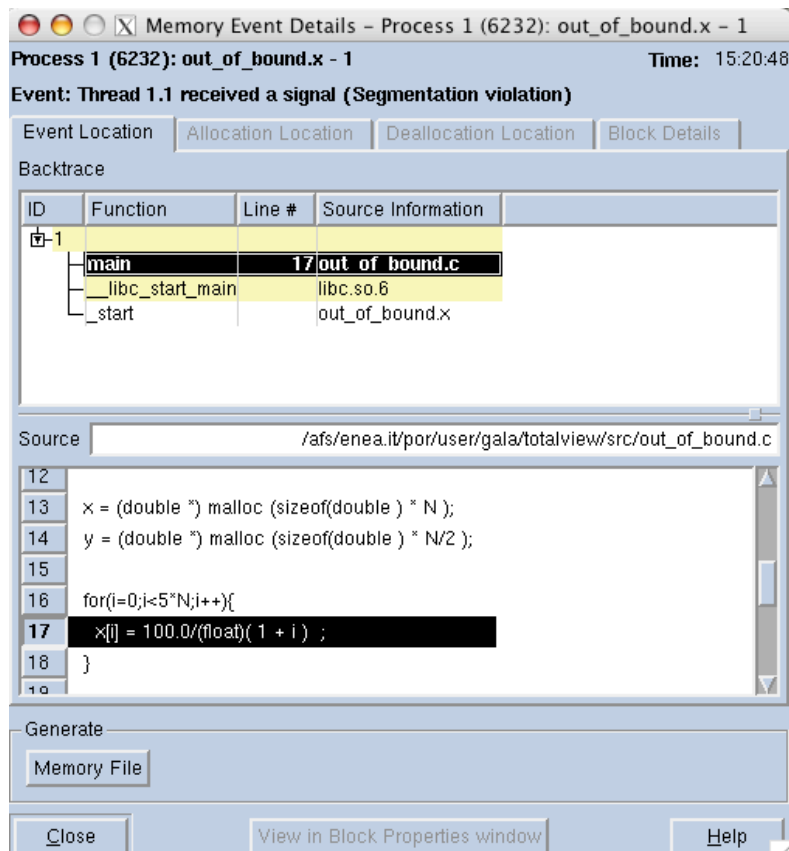


UNBALANCED MEMORY OCCUPANCY
AMONG PROCESSES



Segmentation Faults

When a **Segmentation Fault** occurs, **MemoryScape** keeps track of the event, you can have a look at it in **Debug > Memory Event Details**)



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <math.h>
#include <malloc.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {

    const int N = 10000 ;
    int i ;

    double    *x, *y;

    x = (double *) malloc (sizeof(double) * N );
    y = (double *) malloc (sizeof(double) * N/2 );

    for(i=0;i<5*N;i++){
        x[i] = 100.0/(float)( 1 + i ) ;
    }

    for(i=0;i<N/2;i++) y[i] = ( x[i] + x[N-i] ) / (float)2 ;

    for(i=0;i<N/2;i++) printf("%d %lf \n", i,y[i]);

    free(x);
    free(y);

    return 0;
}
```



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Memory Leaks (1)

A **memory leak** occurs when the program incorrectly manages memory allocations.

As a consequence, a memory leak can diminish the performance by reducing the amount of available memory. Eventually, in the worst case, too much of the available memory may become allocated and all or part of the system stops working correctly, the application fails, or the system slows down unacceptably.

```
tmp = (double *) malloc (sizeof(double) * N * N);
A = (double **) malloc (sizeof(double *) * N);
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    A[i] = &tmp[i * N];
```

.....
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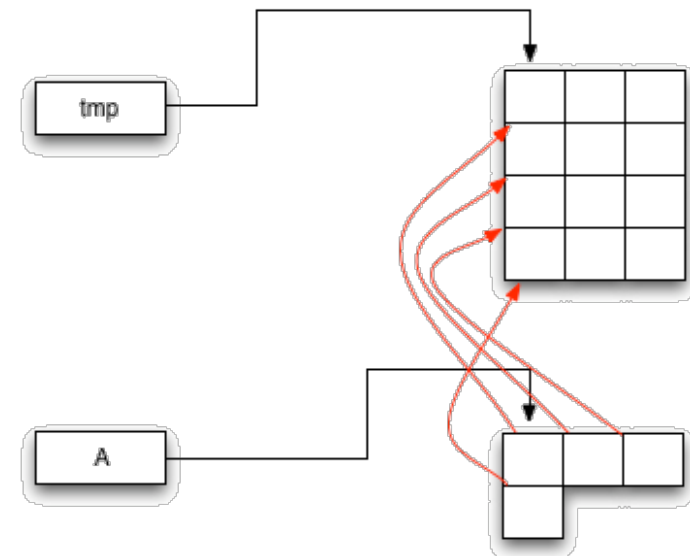
free(A) ;

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The instruction here frees only A, not tmp
MEMORY LEAK

POINTERS
ALLOCATION

MEMORY





Memory Leaks (2)

In Leak Detection Reports > Source Report in fact tells us :

Leak Detection Source Report

Process	Bytes	Count	Begin Address	End Address	Backtrace ID	Allocator	Owner
Process 1: mpi-mm.x.0	14.66MB	174					
└─ mpi-mm.x	14.65MB	3					
└─ mpi-mm.c	14.65MB	3					
└─ main	14.65MB	3					
└─ Line 48	4.88MB	1					
└─ Line 42	4.88MB	1					
└─ Line 28	4.88MB	1					
└─ libopen-rte.so.0	10.15KB	82					
└─ libmpi.so.0	4.17KB	48					
└─ libopen-pal.so.0	785	41					
Process 9: mpi-mm.x.5	6.13MB	173					
└─ mpi-mm.x	6.10MB	3					

Backtrace

ID	Function	Line #	Source Information
5568			

Source

```
/afs/enea.it/por/user/gala/totalview/src/mpi-mm.c
24
25 /* allocate A, B, and C --- what you want these to be config
26
27 if (myrank == 0) {
28     tmp = (double *) malloc (sizeof(double) * N * N);
29     A = (double *) malloc (sizeof(double) * N);
30     for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
31         A[i] = &tmp[i * N];
32 }
33 else {
```

$N = 800$

$\text{sizeof}(\text{tmp}) \approx 8N^2 \sim 5 \text{ Mb}$

$\text{sizeof}(\text{double})$



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Online Information

TotalView documentation can be found here:

<http://www.roguewave.com/support/product-documentation/totalview.aspx>

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