

Cray Performance Tools New Scalable Data Format

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Goals



- Quicker processing of raw performance data
- More efficient data navigation
- Scale to handle more data
- Scale to handle larger jobs
- Quicker load time of data into Cray Apprentice2

Overview



- Raw data collected in binary format
- Raw data post-processed to include symbol table information, create summary information, calculate derived metrics, etc.
- Processed data fed into Cray Apprentice2 and pat_report for presentation to user

Design of new format driven by how data will be managed to fit within memory constraints





Using profile of PFLOTRAN run on 65,520 MPI ranks, resulting in 800+ MB file:

.xf -> .ap2 conversion time reduced by almost 12X

OLD

• 402.83 seconds (a little more than 6 minutes)

NEW

• 34.50 seconds (about half a minute)

OLD Apprentice2 load time: couldn't handle it

NEW Apprentice2 initial load time: 17.66 seconds