

THAPI: iprof

Keep it simple

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Why yet another tool?

- Different Tool, different usage, different overhead
- iprof want to be dead-simple¹
- iprof is more defined by what it doesn't do
- No call-stack, no 3d visualization, no binary instrumentation, etc
- We just Trace Heterogeneous API

¹Because I'm not that smart, I want simple too

- *<https://github.com/argonne-lcf/THAPI>*
- We focus on tracing API Layer.
- Main goal: Do not change the application: we trace, THEN we analysis.
- We give you a summary, and some high-level analysis
- Second goal: We dump all the argument

That it, and it's already a lot...

- Need to keep up with the standard, new version, fancy usage, etc

What do we trace

- At the API layer: Cuda, OpenCL, Level Zero, Hip, MPI
- When programming model give us callback: ITT, OpenMP

- “module load thapi”²

- If not available on spack

<https://github.com/argonne-lcf/THAPI-spack/pulls>

²And don't tell our sysadmin, but in my \$HOME too for the latest and greatest,
thapi_devel_clean/build/ici/bin/iprof

Simple Example

- `'ipprof ./a.out'` -> Summary
- `'ipprof -l ./a.out'` -> Perfeto view
- `'ipprof -t ./a.out'` -> Pretty printing



Some technicality for the people who like this

- We use EfficiOS Technology (used to trace Linux kernel)
- LTTng for tracepoint generation
- Trace in a CTF Format
- Babeltrace2 For reading the trace

- Because we dump all argument into disk
- We have many people using the trace for multiple purpose
- Validation Layer, simulation layer, etc etc

Some technicality for the people who like this

- Most of the the code is auto-generated
- We take the “official header” we parse them into some Intermediate Representation
- From this we generate all the tracing code

Conclusion: As simple as possible

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