



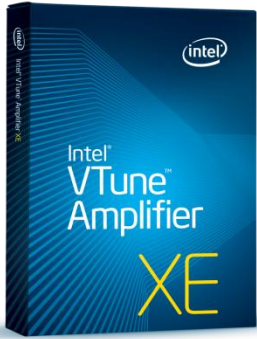
OPTIMIZE PERFORMANCE
AND MULTICORE SCALABILITY
ON WINDOWS* AND LINUX*



Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE

Product Brief

Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE
Performance Profiler
For Windows* and Linux*



“The new VTune™ Amplifier XE brings even more capability to an already indispensable tool. The sampling based call stack hotspots is excellent and alone is worthy of the upgrade. We have also been impressed by how the concurrency and Locks and Waits analysis can even provide useful data on complex applications such as Premiere Pro.”

Rich Gerber - Engineering Manager,
MediaCore, Adobe Systems Inc.

“Using Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE makes my work easier and speeds up the development process...it has helped us achieve performance gains from 20% to 360%”

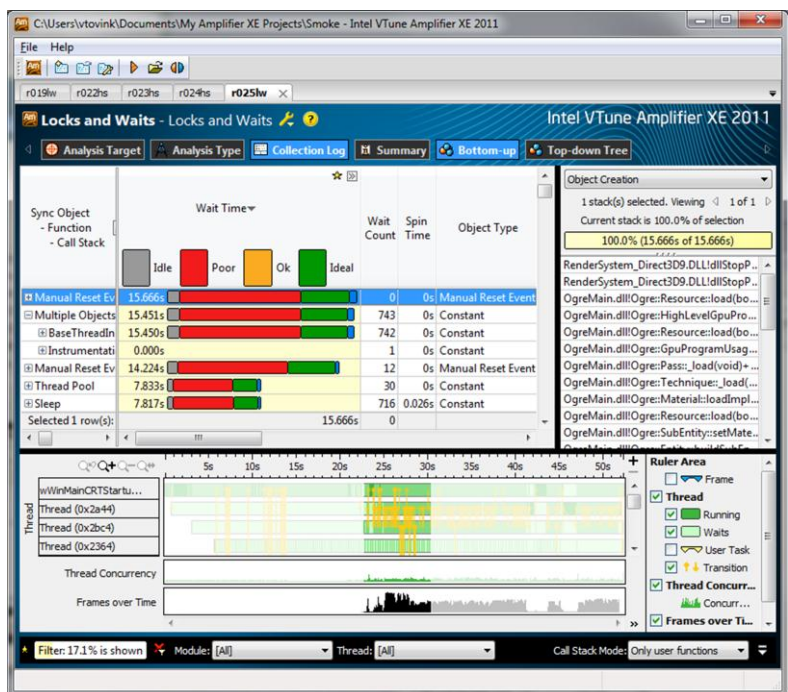
Sergey Zaritchny - Open Cascade SAS

Is your software sluggish? Does your performance scale on multicore processors?

- Easy preset performance profiles - choose a standard profile or create your own
- Visualize thread interactions on the timeline and balance workloads
- Filter data using the timeline and regroup it for easier analysis
- Optimize for the latest processor -new processor updates available fast

Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE is our newest performance profiler that builds on the success of Intel® VTune™ Performance Analyzer. It includes all the capabilities of Intel® Parallel Amplifier plus a number of advanced capabilities for developers needing to dig deeper.

- **Tune threaded and non-threaded code**—Identify the threads and synchronization objects that impact performance.
- **Low overhead**—Intel VTune Amplifier XE keeps data collection overhead low, making it faster and the results more accurate.
- **Normal production build**—Use a production build with symbols from your normal compiler or assembler. No special builds are required.
- **Source view**—See profile data on your source and assembly.
- **Analyze MPI applications**—Easy install on clusters. Results sorted by rank.
- **Linux:** No root privileges required—Root privileges are not required for basic performance analysis. Installation of the driver for event-based sampling (EBS) requires root access, but it can be done later if needed.



Use Intel VTune Amplifier XE to fine-tune for optimal performance, ensuring cores are fully exploited and new processor capabilities are supported to the fullest.

Features

Feature	Benefit
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/Function /Call Stack	CPU Time
initialize_2D_buffer	11.768s
grid_intersect	5.916s
intersect_objects	5.431s
grid_intersect ← intersect_objects	0.485s
sphere_intersect	5.044s

Fast, Accurate Performance Profiles

Hotspot analysis finds functions using the most time. Click [+] for the call stacks. Double click to see the source.

Line	Source	CPU Time
579	cur = g->cells[voxindex];	0.204s
580	while (cur != NULL) {	0.048s
581	if (ry->mbox[cur->obj->id] !=	1.611s
582	ry->mbox[cur->obj->id] = ry->	1.025s
583	cur->obj->methods->intersect	1.098s

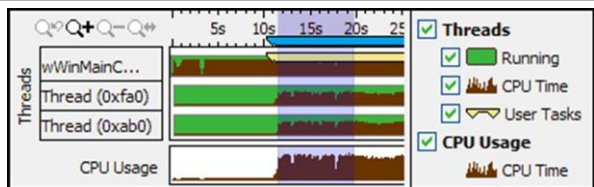
See the Results on Your Source

A double click from the function list takes you to the hottest spot in the function.

/Sync Object /Function /Call Stack	Wait Time	Wait Count
Manual Reset Event 0xbe5a38e	36.070s	2
GdipCreateSolidFill	36.070s	1
video::~video	0.000s	1
Multiple Objects	20.966s	515

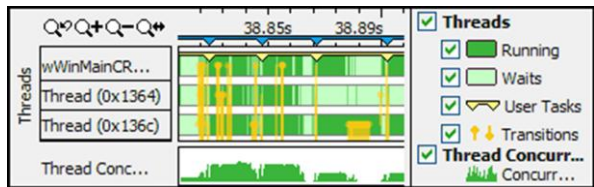
Locks and Waits

Quickly find a common cause of slow performance in parallel programs: waiting too long on a lock while the cores are underutilized during the wait.



Timeline Filters Results

Select a time range in the timeline and filter out data (e.g., application startup) that masks the information you need.



Timeline Visualizes Thread Behavior

See when threads are running and waiting, and when transitions occur.

Launch Application

Attach to Process

Profile System

Specify process you want to analyze. Performance data will be collected after attaching to the process.

Process name:

PID:

Profile a Running Application

There is no need to stop and re-launch the application when profiling

- Attach to Process
- Profile the whole system with EBS, filter out what you need later

Every Intel® Processor has an on chip Performance Monitoring Unit (PMU)

System-Wide Event-Based Sampling (EBS)

The Intel® VTune Amplifier XE performance profiling tool uses the on-chip PMU to count performance events like cache misses, clock ticks, and instructions retired.

Advanced Intel(R) Core(TM) 2 Processor Family Analysis

- Bandwidth
- Bandwidth Breakdown
- Cycles and uOps
- General Exploration
- Memory Access

Predefined EBS Profiles

Enjoy easy EBS setup for newer processors, and no memorizing complex event names. Profiles vary by microarchitecture.

/Function	PMU Event Count		CPI	Branch Mispredict
	CPU_CLK...	INST_RETIRE...		
initialize_2D_buffer	22,566,000,000	51,210,000,000	0.441	0.040
grid_intersect	11,304,000,000	10,778,000,000	1.049	0.205
sphere_intersect	11,030,000,000			
grid_bounds_intersec	1,580,000,000			

The CPI may be too high. This could be instruction starvation, branch mispredic the other hardware-related metrics to ir

Opportunities Highlighted

General Exploration turns the cell pink when it suspects a tuning opportunity is present. Hover to get suggestions.

Purchase Options: Language Specific Suites

Several suites are available combining the tools to build, verify and tune your application. The products covered in this product brief are highlighted in green. Single or multi-user licenses and volume, academic, and student discounts are available.

Suites >>		Intel® Parallel Studio XE	Intel® C++ Studio XE	Intel® Fortran Studio XE	Intel® Composer XE	Intel® C++ Composer XE	Intel® Fortran Composer XE	Intel® Cluster Studio XE	Intel® Cluster Studio
Components	Intel® C / C++ Compiler	●	●		●	●		●	●
	Intel® Fortran Compiler	●		●	●		●	●	●
	Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives ³	●	●		●	●		●	●
	Intel® Math Kernel Library ³	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
	Intel® Cilk™ Plus	●	●		●	●		●	●
	Intel® Threading Building Blocks	●	●		●	●		●	●
	Intel® Inspector XE	●	●	●				●	
	Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE	●	●	●				●	
	Static Security Analysis	●	●	●				●	
	Intel® MPI Library							●	●
	Intel® Trace Analyzer & Collector							●	●
Rogue Wave IMSL* Library ²						●			
Operating System ¹	W, L	W, L	W, L	W, L	W, L, M	W, L, M	W, L	W, L	

Note: (1)¹ Operating System: W=Windows, L= Linux, M= Mac OS* X. (2)² Available in Intel® Visual Fortran Composer XE for Windows with IMSL* (3)³ Not available individually on Mac OS X, it is included in Intel® C++ & Fortran Composer XE suites for Mac OS X

Technical Specifications	
Processor Support	Many profiling features work on both genuine Intel® processors and compatible processors. Features using the on-chip performance monitoring unit require a genuine Intel® processor for data collection.
Operating Systems	Windows & Linux
Programming Languages	C++, Fortran, .NET, assembly.
System Requirements	See http://www.intel.com/software/products/systemrequirements for details
Support	All product updates, Intel® Premier Support services and Intel® Support Forums are included for one year. Intel Premier Support provides confidential support, technical notes and application notes.
Community	Join the Intel® Support Forums community to learn, contribute, or just browse! http://software.intel.com/en-us/forums

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