**Oracle® Solaris Studio Overview** 



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#### **Preface**

This manual describes the components of the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 software, and indicates how you can use them together in your application development work flow.

#### Who Should Use This Book

This manual is for C, C++, and Fortran application developers who are new to Oracle Solaris Studio and want to get an understanding of the many tools, compilers, and programming libraries available in the product. The manual does not provide detailed information about using the tools, but does show how a developer might use them together to edit, build, and analyze their application projects.

### **Supported Platforms**

This Oracle Solaris Studio release supports systems that use the SPARC and x86 families of processor architectures: UltraSPARC, SPARC64, AMD64, Pentium, and Xeon EM64T. The supported systems for the version of the Solaris operating system you are running are available in the hardware compatibility lists at http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/hcl. These documents cite any implementation differences between the platform types.

In this document, these x86 related terms mean the following:

- "x86" refers to the larger family of 64-bit and 32-bit x86 compatible products.
- "x64" points out specific 64-bit information about AMD64 or EM64T systems.
- "32-bit x86" points out specific 32-bit information about x86 based systems.

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### **Accessing Oracle Solaris Studio Documentation**

You can access the documentation at the following locations:

- The documentation is available from the documentation index page at http://www.oracle.com/ technetwork/server-storage/solarisstudio/documentation/index.html.
- Online help for the IDE is available through the Help menu as well as through the F1 key and through Help buttons on many windows and dialog boxes, in the IDE.
- Online help for the Performance Analyzer and the Thread Analyzer is available through the Help menu as well as through the F1 key and through Help buttons on many windows and dialog boxes in these tools.
- Online help for dbxtool and DLight is available through the Help menu as well as through the F1 key and through Help buttons on many dialog boxes in these tools.

#### **Documentation in Accessible Formats**

The documentation is provided in accessible formats that are readable by assistive technologies for users with disabilities. The following table provides the location of accessible versions of the documentation.

Type of Documentation	Format and Location of Accessible Version
Manuals	HTML from the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 collection on docs.sun.com
What's New in the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release (Information that was included in the component Readme files in previous releases)	HTML from the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 collection on docs.sun.com

Type of Documentation	entation Format and Location of Accessible Version	
Man pages	In the installed product through the man command	
Online help	HTML through the Help menu, Help buttons, and the F1 key in the IDE, dbxtool, DLight, and the Performance Analyzer	
Release notes	HTML at Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release Notes	

### **Documentation, Support, and Training**

See the following web sites for additional resources:

- Documentation(http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/indexes/documentation/index.html)
- Support for Development Tools (http://www.oracle.com/us/support/development-tools-080025.html)
- Training (http://education.oracle.com) Click the Sun link in the left navigation bar.

#### **Oracle Software Resources**

Oracle Technology Network (http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/index.html) offers a range of resources related to Oracle software:

- Discuss technical problems and solutions on the Discussion Forums (http://forums.oracle.com).
- Get hands-on step-by-step tutorials with Oracle By Example (http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/tutorials/index.html).
- Download Sample Code (http://www.oracle.com/technology/sample\_code/index.html).

### **Typographic Conventions**

The following table describes the typographic conventions that are used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123 The names of commands, files, and directorie and onscreen computer output	The names of commands, files, and directories,	Edit your . login file.
	Use ls -a to list all files.	
		<pre>machine_name% you have mail.</pre>

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions (Continued)		
Typeface	Meaning	Example
	What you type, contrasted with onscreen	machine_name% <b>su</b>
	computer output	Password:
aabbcc123	Placeholder: replace with a real name or value	The command to remove a file is rm <i>filename</i> .
	Book titles, new terms, and terms to be emphasized	Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> .
		A <i>cache</i> is a copy that is stored locally.
		Do <i>not</i> save the file.
		<b>Note:</b> Some emphasized items appear bold online.

### **Shell Prompts in Command Examples**

The following table shows the default UNIX system prompt and superuser prompt for shells that are included in the Oracle Solaris OS. Note that the default system prompt that is displayed in command examples varies, depending on the Oracle Solaris release.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell	\$
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell for superuser	#
C shell	machine_name%
C shell for superuser	machine_name#

### Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Overview

Oracle Solaris Studio software is a set of software development tools for C, C++, and Fortran development on Solaris and Linux platforms, with support of multicore systems with SPARC\* processors and x86 processors.

#### Introduction to Oracle Solaris Studio Software

Oracle Solaris Studio provides everything you need to develop *C*, *C*++, and Fortran applications to run in Oracle Solaris 10 on SPARC or x86 and x64 platforms, or in Oracle Linux on x86 and x64 platforms. The compilers and tools are engineered to make your applications run optimally on Oracle Sun systems.

In particular, Oracle Solaris Studio tools are designed to leverage the capabilities of multicore CPUs including the Sun SPARC T3, UltraSPARC T2, and UltraSPARC T2 Plus processors, and the Intel® Xeon® and AMD Opteron processors. The tools allow you to more easily create parallel and concurrent software applications for these platforms.

The components of Oracle Solaris Studio include:

- IDE for application development in a graphical environment. The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE integrates several other Oracle Solaris Studio tools and uses Oracle Solaris technologies such as DTrace.
- C, C++, and Fortran compilers for compiling your code at the command line or through the IDE. The compilers are engineered to work well with the Oracle Solaris Studio debugger (dbx), and include the ability to optimize your code by specifying compiler options.
- Libraries to add advanced performance and multithreading capabilities to your applications.
- Make utility (dmake) for building your code in distributed computing environments at the command line or through the IDE.
- Debugger (dbx) for finding bugs in your code at the command line, or through the IDE, or through an independent graphical interface (dbxtool).

 Performance tools that employ Oracle Solaris technologies such as DTrace can be used at the command line or through independent graphical interfaces to find trouble spots in your code that you cannot detect through debugging.

These tools together enable you to build, debug, and tune your applications for high performance on Oracle Solaris running on Oracle Sun systems. Each component is described in greater detail later in this document.

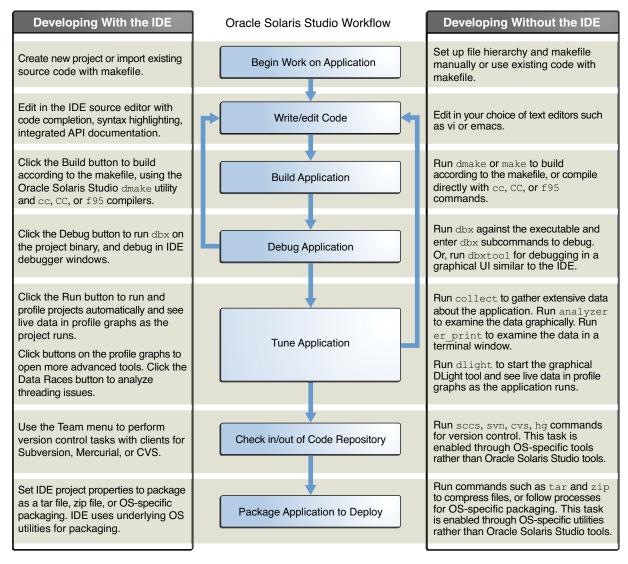
### **Developer Workflow for Oracle Solaris Studio**

Oracle Solaris Studio provides tools to help developers create applications that run on Oracle Solaris. The tools can support developers who want a graphical IDE to manage many development tasks for them, and developers who want to control all aspects of their software development using their own methods.

You do not need to make a commitment to using the IDE or the command line because the tools are designed to be used in any combination. You can create a project in the IDE and still build the source of the project with dmake or make from the command line if you want. You can use the Performance Analyzer or DLight on the binary of a project you created in the IDE. The IDE keeps its project files separate from the source files so there is no dependency.

If you are a devoted Emacs or vi user, you can continue to use your accustomed environment and ignore the IDE, but adopt the Oracle Solaris Studio compilers and performance tools to make your application run optimally in Oracle Solaris on Oracle Sun hardware.

The following diagram shows the developer workflow for the Oracle Solaris Studio tools when developing with or without the graphical IDE.



The rest of this document describes the components of the Oracle Solaris Studio software, explains the ways that the components are integrated, and briefly shows how to use them.

#### **Oracle Solaris Studio IDE**

The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE is based on the NetBeans IDE, an open-source integrated development environment. The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE includes the core NetBeans IDE, the NetBeans C/C++ plugin module, and additional integrated Oracle Solaris Studio components that are not available in the open-source NetBeans IDE.

The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE uses the Oracle Solaris Studio C, C++, and Fortran compilers, the dmake build utility, and the dbx debugger. In addition, the IDE provides graphical profiling tools that use Oracle Solaris DTrace and Oracle Solaris Studio performance utilities invisibly to collect data on your running project.

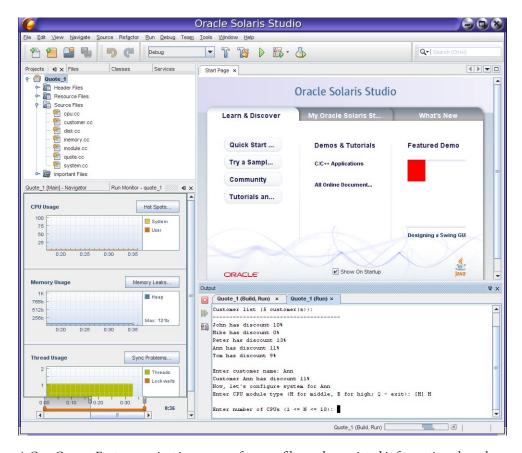
Using the Oracle Solaris Studio IDE offers some advantages over development using text editors and the command line:

- Code editing. Working with code can be more efficient with syntax highlighting, code completion, navigation between code elements, and integrated API documentation and man pages.
- Code investigation. When you are trying to become familiar with some code or looking for a root cause of a bug, you might find useful such IDE features as Go to Symbol, Find Usages, the Classes window, the Include hierarchy, and the Call Graph.
- Refactoring. You can find all usages of a variable or operation within a project, and rename all occurrences of the variable or operation and refactor throughout the product. Before performing the refactoring, you can preview the changes in a split-screen UI and approve them individually or all at once.

To start the IDE, type the following command:

#### % solstudio

The following figure shows the IDE with the Quote sample project running.



A C or C++ or Fortran project is a group of source files and associated information about how to compile and link the source files and run the resulting program. In the IDE, you always work inside a project even if your program is contained in a single source file. The IDE stores project information in a project folder that includes a makefile and metadata files. Your source directories do not need to be physically located in the project folder.

Each project must have a makefile so the IDE can build the project. A project's makefile can be generated by the IDE or you can use a makefile that was previously created outside the IDE. You can create projects from existing sources that already include a makefile, or that build a makefile when you run configure scripts.

You can build, run, and debug projects by clicking toolbar buttons, or by selecting menu commands. The IDE is preconfigured to use the Studio C, C++, and Fortran compilers, dmake, and dbx by default. However, if you have GNU compilers on your system, the IDE can usually find them if they are on your PATH. You can use the GNU tool collection by setting the Tool Collection in your project's properties.

You can learn about using the Oracle Solaris Studio IDE by reading the IDE's integrated help, which you can access through the IDE's Help menu or by pressing the F1 key. Many dialog boxes also have a Help button for information about how to use the dialog box.

The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 IDE Quick Start Tutorial shows how to get started using the IDE. In addition, the tutorials on the NetBeans IDE C/C++ Learning Trail can also be helpful for learning how to use the Oracle Solaris Studio IDE, although there are some differences between the user interfaces and features. In particular, NetBeans documentation about debugging does not apply to Oracle Solaris Studio IDE.

### **Oracle Solaris Studio Compilers**

Oracle Solaris Studio software includes C, C++, and Fortran compilers, which have the following features:

- Comply with modern standards for C, C++, and Fortran programming languages.
- Produce code that is targeted for specific operating systems, processors, architectures, memory models (32-bit and 64-bit), floating-point arithmetic, and more, according to command-line options you specify.
- Perform automatic parallelization on serial source code to produce binaries that exhibit enhanced performance on multicore systems.
- Produce code that is optimized in ways that you can specify through command-line options to suit your application and deployment environment.
- Prepare binaries for enhanced debugging or analysis by other Oracle Solaris Studio tools.
- Use the same command-line options across all the compilers to specify these features.

Some of the Oracle Solaris Studio compiler options you can use to optimize your compiled code for speed and take the best advantage of processor instruction sets and features are as follows:

- -0*n* Specifies a level of optimization indicated by *n*, which can be a number from 1 to 5. A higher optimization level creates a binary with better runtime performance.
- -fast Selects the optimum combination of compilation options for speed of executable code. -fast can be used effectively as a starting point for tuning an executable for maximum runtime performance.
- -g Produces additional information in the binary for debugging with dbx and analysis with Performance Analyzer. Compiling with the -g option enables you to use the full capabilities of the Performance Analyzer, such as viewing annotated source, function information, and compiler commentary messages that describe the optimizations and transformations that the compiler made while compiling your program.

The Oracle Solaris Studio compilers provide significantly more information to help you understand your code than other compilers. With optimization, the compilers insert

commentary describing the transformations performed on the code, any obstacles to parallelization, operation counts for loop iterations, and so forth.

### **C** Compiler

The Oracle Solaris Studio C compiler conforms to the *ISO/IEC* 9899:1999, *Programming Language - C* and *ISO/IEC* 9899:1990, *Programming Languages-C* standards. The C compiler also supports the latest OpenMP 3.0 shared-memory parallelism API.

The C compilation system consists of a compiler, an assembler, and a linker. The cc command invokes each of these components automatically unless you use command-line options to perform the steps separately.

#### cc Command Syntax

The syntax of the cc command is:

```
cc [compiler-options] source-files [-llibrary]...
```

The compiler options precede the source file names. You can type cc -flags to see short descriptions of all the possible compiler options.

The source file names can end in .c, .s, .S, or .i. Files whose names do not end in one of these suffixes are passed to the link editor.

Following the source file names, you can optionally specify the -\library option to add object libraries to the linker's list of search libraries.

The link editor produces a dynamically linked executable named a . out by default. You can use the -o *filename* option to specify a different executable name. You can use the -c option to compile a source file and produce an object (.o) file but suppress linking.

To compile a source file named test. c and produce an executable file named a . out:

```
% cc test.c
```

To compile source files test1.c and test2.c and link them into an executable file called test:

```
% cc -o test test1.c test2.c
```

To compile the two source files separately and then link them into an executable:

```
% cc -c test1.c
% cc -c test2.c
% cc test1.o test2.o
```

#### **C** Documentation

For complete information about using the C compiler, and the cc command and its options, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: C User's Guide* and the cc(1) man page. For information about the new and changed features, software corrections, problems and workarounds, and limitations and incompatibilities of the compiler, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

#### C++ Compiler

The Oracle Solaris Studio C++ compiler (CC) supports the *ISO International Standard for C*++, *ISO IS 14822:2003, Programming Language* — C++. The CC compiler also supports the latest OpenMP 3.0 shared-memory parallelism API. The OpenMP 3.0 API is included with Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2.

The C++ compiler consists of a front end, optimizer, code generator, assembler, template prelinker, and link editor. The CC command invokes each of these components automatically unless you use command-line options to specify otherwise.

#### **CC Command Syntax**

The syntax of the CC command is:

CC [compiler-options] source-files [-llibrary]...

The compiler options precede the source file names. You can type CC -flags to see short descriptions of all the possible CC compiler options.

The source file names can end in .c, .C, .cxx, .c++, .cpp, or .i. Files whose names do not end with one of these suffixes are treated as object files or libraries and are handed over to the link editor.

Following the source file names, you can optionally specify the - \(\bar{library}\) option to add object libraries to the linker's list of search libraries.

By default, the files are compiled and linked in the order given to produce an output file named a .out. You can use the -o *filename* option to specify a different executable name. You can use the -c option to compile a source file and produce an object (.o) file, but suppress linking.

To compile a source file named test. C and produce an executable file named a.out:

#### % CC test.c

To compile the two source files test1.c and test2.C separately and then link them into an executable file called test:

```
% CC -c test1.c
% CC -c test2.C
% CC -o test test1.o test2.o
```

#### C++ Documentation

For complete information about using the C++ compiler, and the CC command and its options, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2:* C++ *User's Guide* and the CC(1) man page. For information about the new and changed features, software corrections, problems and workarounds, and limitations and incompatibilities of the compiler, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

### **Fortran 95 Compiler**

The Fortran compiler in Oracle Solaris Studio is optimized for Oracle Solaris on multiprocessor systems. The compiler can perform both automatic and explicit loop parallelization to enable your programs to run efficiently on multiprocessor systems.

The Fortran compiler offers compatibility with Fortran77, Fortran90, and Fortran95 standards. and support of OpenMP 3.0.

The f95 command invokes the Oracle Solaris Studio Fortran compiler.

#### **f95 Command Syntax**

The syntax of the f95 command is:

```
f95 [compiler-options] source-files... [-\library]
```

The compiler options precede the source file names. You can type f95 - flags to see short descriptions of all the possible compiler options.

The source file names must be one or more Fortran source file names ending in .f, .F, .f90, .f95, .F90, .F95, or .for.

Following the source file names, you can optionally specify the -\library option to add object libraries to the linker's list of search libraries.

A sample command to compile a Fortran program from two source files:

```
% f95 -o hello_1 foo.f bar.f
```

To compile the same program with separate compile and link steps:

```
% f95 -c -o bar.o bar.f
% f95 -c -o foo.o foo.f
% f95 -o hello 1 bar.o foo.o
```

To compile the same program and link in a library called libexample:

```
% f95 -o hello_1 foo.f bar.f -lexample
```

#### **Fortran Documentation**

For complete information about using the Fortran 95 compiler, and a description of the f95 command and its options, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Fortran User's Guide* and the f95(1) man page. For information about the new and changed features, software corrections, problems and workarounds, and limitations and incompatibilities of the compiler, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

#### **C/C++/Fortran Libraries**

Oracle Solaris Studio compilers make use of the operating system's native libraries. The Oracle Solaris operating system provides many system libraries installed in /usr/lib, including the C runtime libc and C++ runtime libCrun libraries. The intro(3) man page describes each library and refers to additional man pages for detailed information about each library. Type man intro.3 to view the page.

Most /usr/lib libraries have a C interface. The libc and libm libraries are linked by the cc and CC compiling systems by default, so you do not need to link to them explicitly. To link any other /usr/lib system library, use the appropriate -l option with the compiler. For example, to link the libmalloc library, specify -lmalloc on the cc and CC command line at link time.

Fortran runtime libraries are provided with Oracle Solaris Studio, not with the operating systems.

Fortran programs can also use the Oracle Solaris /usr/lib libraries that have a C interface. See the *Fortran Programming Guide* for information about the C-Fortran interface.

See the *Linker and Libraries Guide* in the Oracle Solaris documentation for more information about linking libraries.

### **OpenMP 3.0 for Parallel Programming**

The Oracle Solaris Studio compilers conform to the OpenMP 3.0 shared memory parallelization API specification. OpenMP consists of a set of compiler directives, library routines, and environment variables that you can use to develop multithreaded applications.

To take advantage of the compiler OpenMP support, use OpenMP directives and functions to parallelize sections of your code, and use the -xopenmp option when compiling. To run a parallelized program in a multithreaded environment, you must set the OMP\_NUM\_THREADS environment variable prior to execution to specify the number of threads the program can use. See the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: OpenMP API User's Guide* for details.

# Sun Performance Library for Programs With Intensive Computation

Sun Performance Library is a set of optimized, high-speed mathematical subroutines for solving linear algebra and other numerically intensive problems. Sun Performance Library is based on a collection of public domain subroutines available from Netlib at http://www.netlib.org. Sun enhanced these public domain subroutines and bundled them as the Sun Performance Library.

Sun Performance Library routines can increase application performance on both serial and multiprocessor (MP) platforms, because the serial speed of many Sun Performance Library routines has been increased, and many routines have been parallelized. Sun Performance Library routines also have SPARC and AMD specific optimizations that are not present in the base Netlib libraries, including extension that support Fortran 95 and C language interfaces.

The Sun Performance Library is linked into an application with the -library switch instead of the -l switch that is used to link other libraries.

To compile Fortran source that uses Performance Library routines:

```
% f95 -dalign filename.f -library=sunperf
```

The -dalign option is required because this option was used to compile the Performance Library to control the alignment of data.

To compile C or C++ source that uses Performance Library routines:

```
% cc filename.c -library=sunperf
% CC filename.cpp -library=sunperf
```

To compile and link statically so that you can deploy the application to a system that does not have the Sun Performance Library, you must use the options -library=sunperf and -staticlib=sunperf.

For complete information about using the Sun Performance Library, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Sun Performance Library User's Guide*. For man pages for each function and subroutine in the library, see section 3p of the Oracle Solaris Studio man pages. For new and changed features, software corrections, known problems, limitations, and incompatibilities of the current release of the Sun Performance Library, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

### dmake Utility for Building Applications

The dmake utility is a command-line tool, compatible with make(1), for building software project targets that are defined in makefiles. dmake can build targets in grid, distributed, parallel, or serial mode. If you use the standard make(1) utility, the transition to dmake requires little if any alteration to your makefiles. dmake is a superset of the make utility.

dmake parses your makefiles to determine which targets can be built concurrently, and distributes the build of those targets over a number of hosts that you specify in a .dmakerc file.

The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE uses dmake by default when you build and run your project in the IDE, using the targets in the makefile for the project. You can also execute individual makefile targets with dmake through the IDE. If you prefer you can configure the IDE to use make instead.

For information about how to use dmake from the command line and how to create your .dmakerc file, see the dmake(1) man page. For a list of the new and changed features, software corrections, known problems, limitations, and incompatibilities in the current release of dmake, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

### **Tools for Detecting Errors**

Oracle Solaris Studio includes several tools to help you detect errors in your applications:

- **dbx debugger**. An interactive debugger that has three different user interfaces.
- Discover. A command-line utility that helps detect memory access errors in your code.
- Uncover. A command-line utility that shows you which areas of your application code are not covered by testing.

### dbx Debugger and dbxtool

dbx is an interactive, source-level, command-line debugging tool. You can use it to run a C, C++, or Fortran program in a controlled manner and to inspect the state of a stopped program.

dbx gives you complete control of the dynamic execution of a program, including collecting performance and memory usage data, monitoring memory access, and detecting memory leaks.

dbx enables you to perform the following tasks:

- Examine a core file from a program that has crashed
- Set breakpoints
- Step through your program
- Examine the call stack
- Evaluate variables and expressions
- Use runtime checking to find memory access problems and memory leaks
- Use fix-and-continue to modify and recompile a source file and continue executing without rebuilding the entire program

You can use the dbx debugger on the command line, graphically through the Oracle Solaris Studio IDE, or through a separate graphical interface called dbxtool.

#### dbx on the Command Line

The basic syntax of the dbx command to start dbx is:

```
dbx [options] [program-name|-] [process-ID]
```

To start a dbx session and load the program test to be debugged:

#### % dbx test

To start a dbx session and attach it to a program that is already running with the process ID 832:

```
% dbx - 832
```

When your dbx session starts, dbx loads the program information for the program you are debugging. Then dbx waits in a ready state visiting the main block of the program such as the main() function in a C or C++ program. The (dbx) command prompt is displayed.

You can type commands at the (dbx) prompt. Typically, you first set a breakpoint by typing a command such as stop in main and then type a run command to run your program:

```
(dbx) stop in main
(4) stop in main
(dbx) run
Running: quote_1
(process id 5685)
(dbx)
```

When execution stops at the breakpoint, you can type commands such as step and next to single-step through your code, and print and display to evaluate expressions and variables.

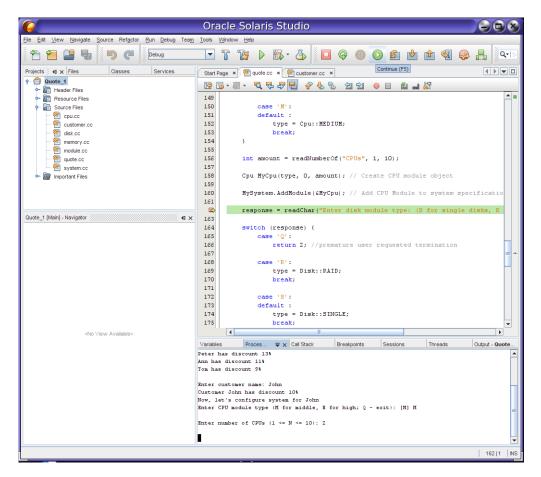
For information about the command-line options for the dbx utility, see the dbx(1) man page.

For complete information about using dbx including a command reference section, see *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Debugging a Program With dbx*. You can also learn about the dbx commands and other topics by typing help at the (dbx) command line. For a list of the new and changed features, software corrections, known problems, limitations, and incompatibilities in the current release of dbx, see *What's New In The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release*.

#### dbx in the IDE

You can use dbx in the Oracle Solaris Studio IDE by opening your project, creating breakpoints in the source, and clicking the Debug button. The IDE enables you to use menu options and buttons to step through your program, and provides a complete set of debugging windows.

As with building your application, the IDE debugs your application as a project. In the following screen capture, one of the IDE sample projects is running in dbx. You can use commands in the Debug menu or the buttons at the top right in the IDE window to control the debugger. As you use the Debug commands and buttons, the IDE issues commands to dbx and displays output in the various debugging windows.



In the figure, the debugger is stopped at a breakpoint and the Process I/O window shows the program interaction. Some debugger windows such as Variables, Call Stack, and Breakpoints are also shown but not selected. You can open more debugging windows by selecting from the Window  $\rightarrow$  Debugging menu. One of the debugging windows is the Dbx Console window, which displays the interaction with dbx. You can also type commands at the (dbx) prompt in the Dbx Console window.

For more information about using dbx in the IDE, see the integrated help in the IDE and Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 IDE Quick Start Tutorial.

#### dbx in dbxtool

You can also use dbx through dbxtool, a graphical user interface that is separate from the IDE, but includes similar debugging windows and an editor. Unlike the IDE, dbxtool does not use projects, and you can use it to debug any C, C++, or Fortran executable or core file.

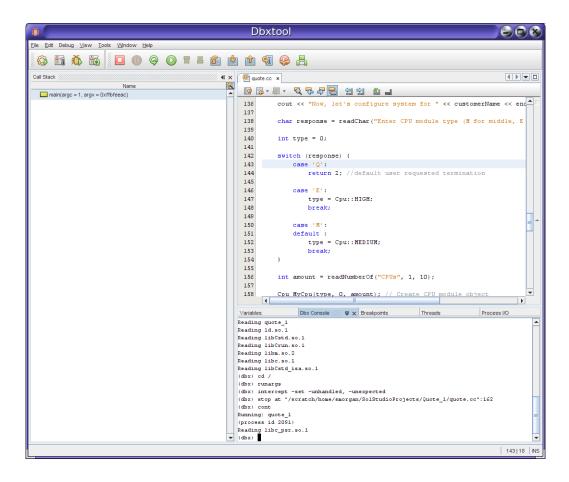
To start dbxtool, type:

#### % dbxtool executable-name

You can also omit the executable name and specify it from within dbxtool instead.

As with the IDE, you can issue commands to dbx by clicking toolbar buttons or using Debug menu options in dbxtool. You can also type commands at the (dbx) prompt in the Dbx Console window.

In the following figure, dbx is running in dbxtool on the quote\_1 program. The Dbx Console window is selected and you can see the (dbx) prompt and commands that have been entered by dbxtool in response to the user's selections.



For information about using dbxtool, see the dbxtool(1) man page and the integrated help in dbxtool. The Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 dbxtool Tutorial shows how to use dbxtool.

### **Discover Tool for Detecting Memory Errors**

The Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover) is an advanced development tool for detecting memory access errors in your programs. Discover works on binaries that are compiled with optimization, so one of the -0*n* options such as -02 must be used when compiling. Compiling a binary with -g enables Discover to display source code and line number information while reporting errors and warnings.

Discover is simple to use. After compiling the binary with optimization and -g, you run the discover command against the optimized binary to create an instrumented binary. Then you run the instrumented binary to create a Discover report. You can request the Discover report in HTML format, text format, or both. The report shows memory errors, warnings, and memory leaks, and you can display the source code and stack trace for each error or warning.

The following example from the discover(1) man page shows how to prepare, instrument, and run an executable to generate a Discover report for detecting memory access errors. The -w option on the discover command line indicates the report should be written as text and the -option indicates that the output should go to the screen.

```
% cc -g -02 test.c -o test.prep
% discover -w - -o test.disc test.prep
% ./test.disc
ERROR (UMR): accessing uninitialized data from address 0x5000c (4 bytes) at:
    foo() + 0xdc <ui.c:6>
        3: int *t;
        4: foo() {
        5:
             t = malloc(5*sizeof(int));
        6:=> printf("%d0, t[1]);
        7:
        8:
        9:
              main()
    main() + 0x1c
     start() + 0x108
   block at 0x50008 (20 bytes long) was allocated at:
    malloc() + 0x260
    foo() + 0x24 < ui.c:5>
        2:
             int *t;
        3:
        4:
             foo() {
        5:=> t = malloc(5*sizeof(int));
              printf("%d0, t[1]);
        7:
        8:
    main() + 0x1c
    start() + 0x108
```

1 block at 1 location left allocated on heap with a total size of 20 bytes

```
1 block with total size of 20 bytes
malloc() + 0x260
foo() + 0x24 <ui.c:5>
2:
3:    int *t;
4:    foo() {
5:=>    t = malloc(5*sizeof(int));
6:        printf("%d0, t[1]);
7:    }
8:
main() + 0x1c
start() + 0x108
```

For more information, see the discover(1) man page and the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2* Discover and Uncover User's Guide.

### **Uncover Tool for Measuring Code Coverage**

Uncover is a command-line tool for measuring code coverage. The tool shows you which areas of your application code are exercised when the application is run, and which are not exercised and not covered by testing. Uncover produces a report with statistics and metrics to help you determine which functions should be added to the test suite to ensure that more of the code is covered during testing.

Uncover works on binaries that are compiled with optimization, which means one of the -0n options such as -02 must be used when compiling. Compiling a binary with -g enables Uncover to display source code and line-number information while reporting on code coverage.

After compiling the binary, you run the uncover command on the binary. Uncover creates a new binary with added instrumentation code and also creates a directory named *binary*. uc that will contain the code coverage data for your program in the form of Performance Analyzer experiments. Each time you run the instrumented binary, code coverage data is collected and stored in the *binary*. uc directory.

You can display the experiment data in the Performance Analyzer, or generate the Uncover report as HTML and display it in your web browser.

The following example shows how to prepare, instrument, and run an executable to generate an Uncover report for examining code coverage. The optimized binary is test and is replaced by the instrumented binary also named test.

```
% cc -g -02 test.c -o test
% uncover test
% test
```

The experiment directory is test.uc and contains the data that is generated when the instrumented test runs. The test.uc directory also contains a copy of the uninstrumented test binary.

To view the experiment in Performance Analyzer:

% uncover test.uc

To view the experiment in an HTML page in a browser:

% uncover -H test.html test.uc

For more information, see the uncover(1) man page and the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Discover* and *Uncover User's Guide*.

### **Tuning Application Performance**

Oracle Solaris Studio software features several tools you can use to examine your application's behavior, enabling you to tune its performance.

The performance tools include the following:

- Performance Analyzer and associated tools. A set of advanced performance tools and utilities to help you identify locations in your code where problems affect performance.
- Simple Performance Optimization Tool (SPOT). A command-line tool that works with the Performance Analyzer tools and produces web pages to report the data gathered by the tools.
- **Profiling Tools in DLight.** A set of graphical tools that run simultaneously, enabling you to analyze data about a running application from multiple sources in a synchronized fashion.
- **Profiling Tools in the IDE.** Profiling tools similar to those in DLight, enabling you to examine the performance of your projects from within the IDE.

### **Performance Analyzer Tools**

The Oracle Solaris Studio software provides a set of advanced performance tools and utilities that work together. The Collector, the Performance Analyzer, the Thread Analyzer, and the er\_print utility help you assess the performance of your code, identify potential performance problems, and locate the part of the code where the problems occur. These tools together are referred to as the Performance Analyzer tools.

You can use options for the Oracle Solaris Studio C, C++, and Fortran compilers to target hardware and advanced optimization techniques that will improve your program's

performance. The Performance Analyzer tools also are engineered for use on Sun hardware together with the compilers, and can help you improve your program's performance when running on Oracle Sun machines.

Compared to the DLight profiling tools, the Performance Analyzer tools allow you to have greater control over the data that is collected, inspect the data more deeply, and examine your program's interaction with the hardware. The Performance Analyzer tools are designed for and tested with complex compute-intensive applications running on current Sun hardware.

The Performance Analyzer tools also feature profiling of OpenMP parallel applications and MPI-based distributed applications, to help you to determine if you are using these technologies effectively in your application.

To use the Performance Analyzer tools, you must perform two steps:

- 1. Collect performance data with the Collector.
- 2. Examine the data with the Performance Analyzer graphical tool, the er\_print command line utility, or the Thread Analyzer to detect data races and deadlocks on multithreaded applications.

#### Collect Performance Data With the Collector

The Collector collects performance data using profiling and by tracing function calls. The data can include call stacks, microstate accounting information (on Oracle Solaris platforms only), thread synchronization delay data, hardware counter overflow data, Message Passing Interface (MPI) function call data, memory allocation data, and summary information for the operating system and the process. The Collector can collect all types of data for C, C++, and Fortran programs, and profiling data for applications written in the Java programming language. You can run the Collector using the collect command, or from the Performance Analyzer, or by using the dbx debugger's collect subcommand.

The Oracle Solaris Studio IDE profiling tools also use the Collector to gather information.

To collect data with the collect command:

% collect [collect-options] executable executable-options

You can include options to the collect command to specify the type of data you want to collect. For example, the -c on option causes the Collector to record instruction counts. You can pass arguments to the target executable by specifying the arguments after the executable.

The Collector creates a data directory with the name test.1.er by default, but you can specify a different name on the command line. The test.1.er directory is known as an experiment, and the name must always end in .er in order for the tools to recognize it as an experiment.

The following command shows how to use collect on the synprog example application that is provided with Oracle Solaris Studio:

```
% collect symprog
Creating experiment database test.1.er ...
00:00:00.000 ===== (15909) synprog run
00:00:00.002 ===== (15909) Thu 02 Dec 10 15:12:18 Stopwatch calibration
 OS release 5.10 -- enabling microstate accounting 5.10.
       0.001498 s. (32.8 % of 0.004568 s.) -- inner
       N = 1000, avg = 1.498 us., min = 0.721, max = 596.665
       0.003482 s. (72.9 % of 0.004776 s.) -- outer
       N = 1000, avg = 3.482 us., min = 2.883, max = 599.007
00:00:00.007 ===== (15909) Begin commandline
       icpu.md.cpu.rec.recd.dousl.gpf.fitos.uf.ec.tco.b.nap.sig.sys.so.sx.so
00:00:00.008 ===== (15909) start of icputime
   3.019055 wall-secs., 2.328491 CPU-secs., in icputime
00:00:03.027 ===== (15909) start of muldiv
   3.012635 wall-secs., 2.675769 CPU-secs., in muldiv
00:00:06.040 ===== (15909) start of cputime
   3.000567 wall-secs., 2.591964 CPU-secs., in cputime
00:00:09.041 ===== (15909) start of recurse
    (output edited to conserve space)
```

The data is stored in the test.1.er directory, which can be viewed using Performance Analyzer or er print.

For information about using the Collector, see the Help menu in the Performance Analyzer, the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Performance Analyzer* manual, and the collect(1) man page.

#### **Examine Performance Data With the Performance Analyzer**

The Performance Analyzer is a graphical user interface (GUI) that displays metrics for the data recorded by the Collector. These metrics are:

- Clock profiling metrics, which tell you where your program spent time in several categories.
- Hardware counter metrics, which show information about CPU-specific events experienced by your program.
- Synchronization delay metrics, which show delays in the synchronization of tasks performed by different threads of a multithreaded program.
- Memory allocation metrics, which shows memory leaks in your program.
- MPI tracing metrics, which can help you identify places where your MPI program has a performance problem due to MPI calls.

You can run the Performance Analyzer with the analyzer command. The basic syntax of the analyzer command to start the Performance Analyzer is:

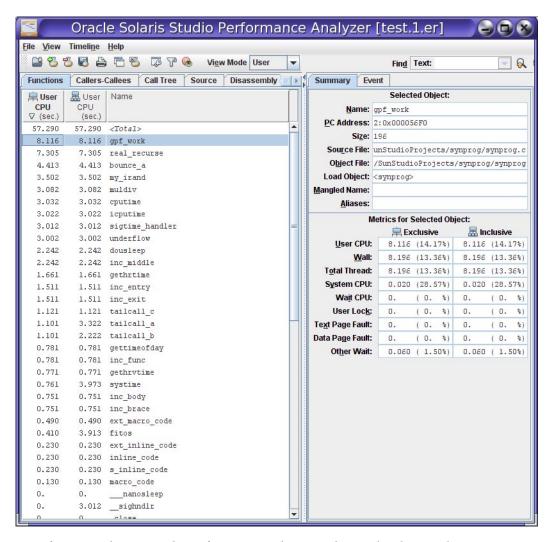
#### % analyzer [experiment-list]

The *experiment-list* is one or more file names of experiments that were collected with the Collector. If you want to load more than one experiment, specify the names separated by spaces. When invoked on more than one experiment, the Analyzer aggregates the experiment data by default, but can also be used to compare the experiments.

To open the experiment test.1.er in Performance Analyzer:

#### % analyzer test.1.er

The following figure shows the Performance Analyzer's Functions tab for a test.1.er experiment that was made on the synprog example. The Functions tab shows the CPU time used by each function of the synprog program. When you click the function gpf\_work the Summary tab on the left side shows details about the gpf\_work function's resource usage.



For information about using the Performance Analyzer, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Performance Analyzer* manual, the Performance Analyzer integrated help, and the analyzer(1) man page.

#### Examine Performance Data With the er\_print Utility

The er\_print utility presents in plain text most of the displays that are presented in the Performance Analyzer except the Timeline display, the MPI Timeline display, and the MPI Chart display.

You can use the er\_print utility to display the performance metrics for functions, callers and callees, the call tree, source code listing, disassembly listing, sampling information, data-space data, thread analysis data, and execution statistics.

The general syntax of the er\_print command is:

#### % er\_print -command experiment-list

You can specify one or more commands to indicate the type of data you want to display. The *experiment-list* is one or more file names of experiments that were collected with the Collector. When invoked on more than one experiment, er\_print aggregates the experiment data by default, but can also be used to compare the experiments.

The following example shows the command for displaying function information for a program. The output shown is for the same experiment that was used in the screen capture of Performance Analyzer in the previous section of this document.

```
% er_print -functions test.1.er
```

/opt/solstudio12.2/bin/../prod/bin/sparcv9/er\_print: Processed /home/user/.er.rc for default settings test.1.er: Functions sorted by metric: Exclusive User CPU Time

Excl.	Incl.	Name
User CPU	User CPU	
sec.	sec.	
57.290	57.290	<total></total>
8.116	8.116	gpf_work
7.305	7.305	real_recurse
4.413	4.413	bounce_a
3.502	3.502	${\sf my\_irand}$
3.082	3.082	muldiv
3.032	3.032	cputime
3.022	3.022	icputime
3.012	3.012	sigtime_handler
3.002	3.002	underflow
2.242	2.242	dousleep
2.242	2.242	inc_middle
1.661	1.661	gethrtime
1.511	1.511	inc_entry
1.511	1.511	inc_exit
1.121	1.121	tailcall_c
1.101	3.322	tailcall_a
1.101	2.222	tailcall_b
0.781	0.781	gettimeofday
0.781	0.781	inc_func
0.771	0.771	gethrvtime
0.761	3.973	systime
0.751	0.751	inc_body
0.751	0.751	inc_brace
0.490	0.490	ext_macro_code

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You can also use er\_print interactively if you specify the experiment name and omit the command when starting er print. You can type commands at an (er print) prompt.

For information about the er\_print utility, see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Performance Analyzer* manual and the er\_print(1) man page.

# Analyze Multithreaded Application Performance With the Thread Analyzer

The Thread Analyzer is a specialized version of the Performance Analyzer for examining multithreaded programs. The Thread Analyzer can detect multithreaded programming errors that cause data races and deadlocks in code that is written using the POSIX thread API, the Solaris thread API, OpenMP directives, or a mix of these.

The Thread Analyzer detects two common threading issues in multithreaded programs:

- Data races, which occur when two threads in a single process access the same shared memory location concurrently and without holding any exclusive locks, and at least one of the accesses is a write.
- Deadlocks, which occur when two or more threads are blocked because they are waiting for each other to complete a task.

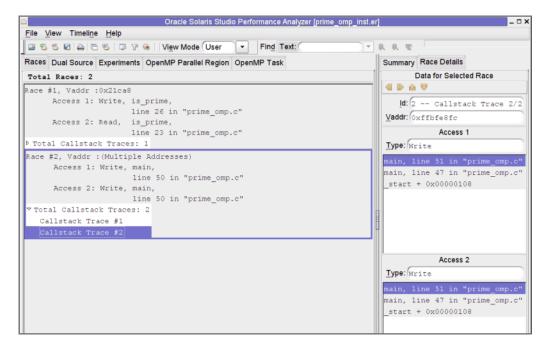
The Thread Analyzer is streamlined for multithreaded program analysis and shows only the Races, Deadlocks, Dual Source, Race Details, and Deadlock Details tabs of the Performance Analyzer. For OpenMP programs, the OpenMP Parallel Region and OpenMP Task tabs are also shown.

You can detect data races on source code or binary code. In both cases, you have to instrument the code to enable the necessary data to be collected.

#### To use the Thread Analyzer:

- 1. Instrument your code for analysis of data races. For source code, use the -xinstrument=datarace compiler option when compiling. For binary code, use the discover -i datarace command to create instrumented binaries.
  - Deadlock detection does not require instrumentation.
- 2. Run the executable with the collect command with the -r race option to collect data-race data, the -r deadlock option to collect deadlock data, or the -r all option to collect both types of data.
- 3. Start the Thread Analyzer with the tha command or use the er\_print command to display the resulting experiment.

The following figure shows the Thread Analyzer window with data races that were detected in an OpenMP program, and the call stacks that lead to the data races.



For information about using the Thread Analyzer, see the tha(1) man page and the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Thread Analyzer User's Guide*.

### Simple Performance Optimization Tool (SPOT)

The Simple Performance Optimization Tool (SPOT) can help you diagnose performance problems in an application. SPOT runs a set of performance tools on an application and produces web pages to report the data gathered by the tools. The tools can also be run independently of SPOT.

SPOT is complementary to the Oracle Solaris Studio Performance Analyzer. The Performance Analyzer tells you where the time was spent in running your application. In certain situations, however, you may need more information to help diagnose your application's problems. SPOT can assist you in these situations.

SPOT uses the Performance Analyzer's collect utility as one of its tools. SPOT uses the er\_print utility and an additional utility called er\_html to display the profiling data as a web page.

Before you use SPOT, the application binary should be compiled with some level of optimization with the -0 option and debugging information with the -g option to enable the SPOT tools to map performance information to lines of code.

SPOT can be used to gather performance data by launching an application or attaching to an already running application.

To run SPOT and launch your application:

% spot executable

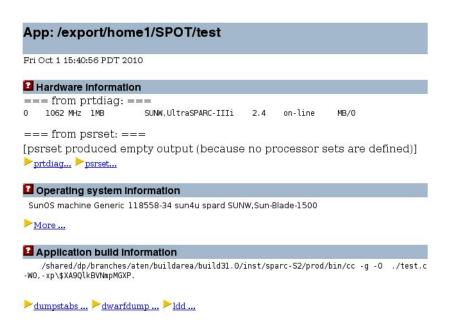
To run SPOT on an already running application:

% spot -P process-id

SPOT produces a report for each run of your application, as well as a report that compares SPOT data from different runs.

When SPOT is used on a PID, multiple tools are attached to the PID in sequence to generate the report.

The following figure shows part of the SPOT run report, which shows information about the system on which SPOT was run, and about how the application was compiled. The report includes links to other pages with more information.



The SPOT report web pages are linked together to make it easy for you to examine all the data complied.

For more information, see the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Simple Performance Optimization Tool (SPOT) User's Guide.

### **Profiling Tools in DLight**

DLight is an interactive graphical tool that uses the Oracle Solaris Dynamic Tracing (DTrace) technology to observe the behavior of running programs. DLight launches multiple tools simultaneously, enabling you to analyze data about a running application from multiple sources in a synchronized fashion. The tools can help you determine the root cause of a runtime problem in an application. The tools are low impact, which enables the profiling to be done without negatively affecting the program or the system.

The profiling tools in DLight require privileges that control user access to DTrace features. For this reason, you should run DLight on a system where you either have administrative privileges or can have the dtrace\_user, dtrace\_proc, and dtrace\_kernel privileges granted to you by an administrator.

To start DLight:

#### % dlight

You choose a target C, C++, or Fortran application that you want to monitor, and the profiling tools that you want DLight to run. The target application can run on the local system, or on a remote networked system where you have login access and DTrace privileges.

You can run DLight on a C, C++, or Fortran executable that is not yet running, or attach it to a running process. DLight graphically displays the data it collects as the program runs.

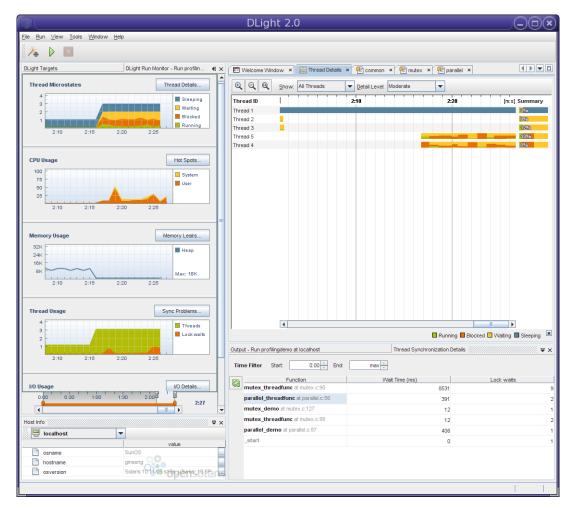
DLight includes the following profiling tools for C, C++, and Fortran programs:

- Thread Microstates Shows summary data about the states of the threads running in your program as it runs.
- CPU Usage Shows the percentage of CPU time used by your program during its run. The CPU time is divided between user CPU time and system CPU time.
- Memory Usage Shows how your program's memory heap changes over time.
- Thread Usage Shows the number of threads running in your program and indicates when the threads are waiting.
- I/O Usage Shows number of bytes read and written by your program.

Each of the tools provides a button that opens a related tool that shows more detailed information:

- Thread Details Click the Thread Details button in the Thread Microstates graph
- CPU Time Per Function Click the Hot Spots button in the CPU Usage graph.
- Memory Leaks Click the Memory Leaks button in the Memory Usage graph
- Thread Synchronization Details Click the Sync Problems button in the Thread Usage graph
- I/O Details Click the I/O Details button in the I/O Usage graph

The following screen capture shows the DLight profiling tools running on the ProfilingDemo sample application that is used in the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 DLight Tutorial. The Thread Details window is open after the user clicked the Thread Details button in the Thread Microstates tool. The Thread Synchronization Details window, shown at the lower right, is open after the user clicked the Sync Problems button in the Thread Usage tool.



DLight also includes three profiling tools for processes in the AMP (Apache, MySQL, PHP) stack for web applications:

- Apache Monitor Shows the number of HTTP requests per second on the Apache server.
- MySQL Monitor Shows the load per second on the MySQL server.
- PHP Monitor Shows the CPU time spent on PHP script executions per second on the PHP interpreter.

You can most easily launch the AMP tools from the Welcome page, which opens by default when you start DLight. If the Welcome page is not open, you can open it by choosing Help  $\rightarrow$  Welcome in the DLight menu bar. Then click Profile AMP Stack, and select from a list of web stack processes to profile.

For information about using DLight, see the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 DLight Tutorial or DLight's integrated help.

### **Profiling Tools in the IDE**

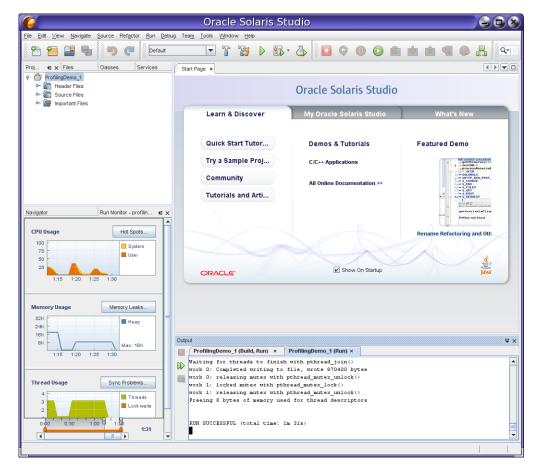
The IDE provides many of the same profiling tools as DLight to enable you to examine the performance of your projects from within the IDE. The tools run automatically whenever you run your *C*, *C*++, or Fortran projects. The tools are low impact, which enables the profiling to be done without negatively affecting the program or the system.

The data is presented graphically so you can easily see a summary of resource usage of your program. When you run your project, the Run Monitor window automatically opens to display the output of the low-impact tools. You can disable the profiling tools if you like, or specify which tools you want to run automatically.

The default profiling tools do not use DTrace as the underlying technology. Instead, they use Studio utilities and operating system utilities to collect the data. This approach enables all users to use the tools whether they are running on Oracle Solaris or Linux. However, you can also select tools that use DTrace and provide much more detailed information if you are running the IDE on Oracle Solaris.

As in DLight, the IDE tools that use DTrace require privileges that control a user's access to DTrace features. See the instructions "Enabling DTrace for Profiling C/C++/Fortran Applications" in the IDE help for information about how to assign the privileges.

The following figure shows the IDE with the default Run Monitor tools.

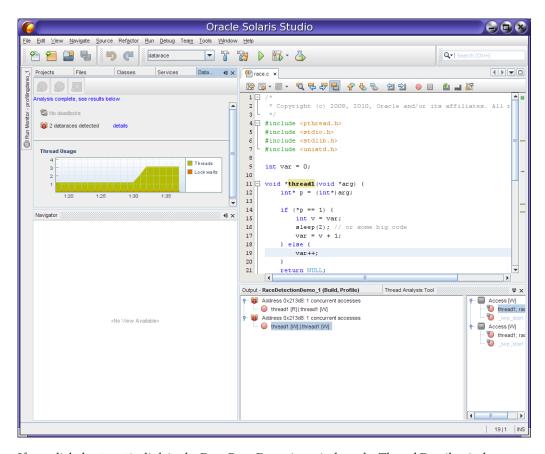


Additional tools for more detailed profiling have a greater performance impact on the system and the application, so those tools do not run automatically. The advanced tools are linked to the automatic profiling tools and can be launched easily by clicking a button.

The IDE features an additional tool called Data Races and Deadlocks Detection, which is not available in DLight. The Data Races and Deadlocks Detection tool uses the same underlying technology as the Thread Analyzer, described later in this document. The tool adds instrumentation to your threaded program and then analyzes the program as it runs to detect actual and potential data races and deadlocks among the threads. To start the tool, click the Data Races and Deadlocks Detection button in the toolbar:



The following figure shows the Data Races and Deadlocks Detection tool after it has detected data races.



If you click the details link in the Data Race Detection window, the Thread Details window opens to show where the data races occur. You can double-click the threads in the Thread Details window to open the source file where the problem occurs and go to the affected line of code.

For information about using the profiling tools, see the IDE integrated help, which you can access by pressing the F1 key or through the Help menu in the IDE. See "Profiling C/C++/Fortran Applications" and "Detecting Data Races and Deadlocks" in the help Contents tab. In addition, the tutorials on the NetBeans IDE C/C++ Learning Trail can also be helpful for learning how to use the IDE profiling tools, although there might be small differences between the user interfaces.

#### **For More Information**

See the Oracle Solaris Studio product pages on the Oracle Technology Network for more information. You can find white papers, technical articles, training and support information, and community forums and blogs to help you get more out of Oracle Solaris Studio.