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Product Brief

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Optimize Performance and Scalability

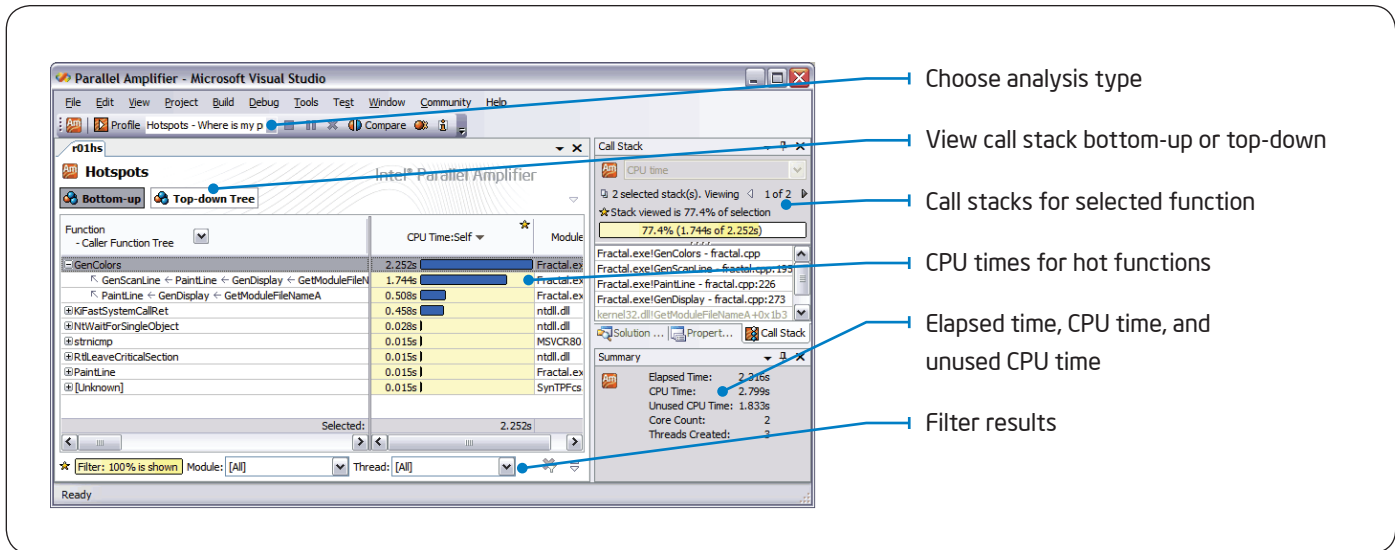
Intel® Parallel Amplifier 2011 makes it simple to quickly find multicore performance bottlenecks—without needing to know the processor architecture or assembly code. Intel Parallel Amplifier eliminates the guesswork and analyzes performance behavior in Windows* applications, providing quick access to scaling information for faster and improved decision making.

Fine-tune for optimal performance, ensuring cores are fully exploited and new capabilities are supported.

- Make significant performance gains that impact customer satisfaction.
- Increase application headroom for richer feature sets and next-gen innovation.
- Find performance problems quickly and easily.
- Scale applications for multicore.

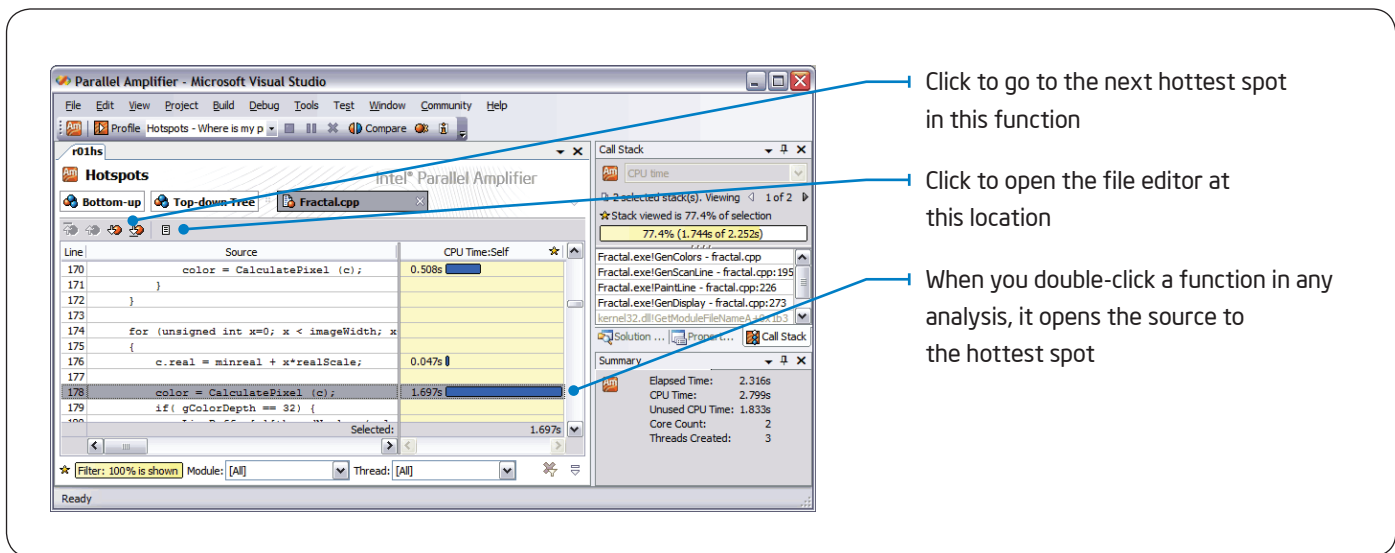
“Thanks Intel, you guys rock! I decided to give Intel® Parallel Amplifier a run. I was delighted when it pointed me to the right source line that was taking much of the time. I made the change, and voilà, our app is now almost 10 times faster. The GUI is very easy to use, in my opinion.”

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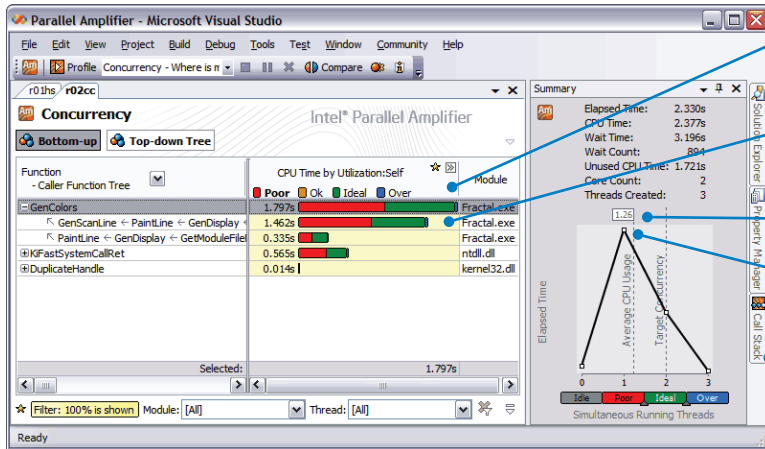
Hotspot analysis: Where is my application spending time?

Find the functions in your application that consume the most time. This is where you'll want to tune or add threading to make your program faster. Intel Parallel Amplifier also shows the stack, so you know how the function is being called. For functions with multiple calling sequences, this lets you see if one of the call stacks is hotter than the others.



Source view: See the results on your source

Source view shows you the exact location on your source. Just double-click on the function names in any of the analysis views to see the source.



Tune core utilization

Green = Ideal Red = Poor

Length of bar is time, color is utilization while the function is running

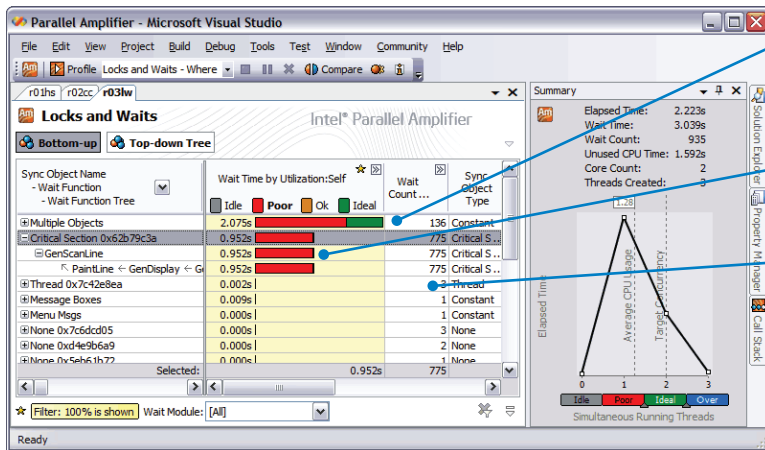
Average CPU utilization

Most of the time this app only uses one core

Call stack information (not shown) is available

Concurrency analysis: When are cores idle?

Like hotspot analysis, concurrency analysis finds the functions where you are spending the most time. But it also shows you how well you are utilizing multiple cores. Color indicates the core utilization while the function is running. A green bar means all the cores are working. A red bar means cores are underutilized. When red, add threading and get all the cores working for you. This helps you ensure application performance scales as more cores are added.



Length of bar is wait time, color is number of cores utilized during the wait

Waiting with underutilized cores hurts performance

Wait count helps identify interesting waits

Locks and waits analysis: Where are the bad waits?

Waiting too long on a lock is a common source of performance problems. It's not bad to wait while all the cores are busy (green), but it is bad to wait when there are unused cores available (red).

The screenshot shows the Intel Parallel Amplifier interface within Microsoft Visual Studio. The main window displays a comparison of two results: 'r0:1hs' and 'r0:4hs'. The 'Hotspots' table lists various functions with their CPU times and differences. The 'Summary' window provides a high-level overview of the comparison, including elapsed time, CPU time, and logical CPU usage.

Function	CPU Time:Self: r0:1hs	CPU Time:Self: r0:4hs	CPU Time:Self: Difference
GenColors	2.043s	1.469s	0.574s
PaintLine	0.047s	0.012s	0.035s
KFastSystemCallRet	0.499s	0.510s	-0.010s
strncmp	0s	0.012s	-0.012s
WaitForMultipleObjects	0s	0.022s	-0.022s
NTWaitForSingleObject	0.019s	0.747s	-0.727s

	r0:1hs	r0:4hs	Diff.
Elapsed Time:	2.423s	2.268s	0.155s
CPU Time:	2.609s	2.771s	-0.161s
Not Used C...	0s	0s	
Logical CPU ...	2	2	
Number of t...	3	3	

Compare two results

See the times and the difference for each function

Use any of your previous results

Summary of the change

Compare results: Quickly see what changed

This gives you a fast way to check progress when tuning and also makes for handy regression analysis.

Features

- It is fully integrated with Microsoft* Visual Studio*.
- It supports Microsoft and Intel® compilers.
- It works with all models for threading offered by Intel® Parallel Studio and Microsoft Visual Studio, Intel® Threading Building Blocks (Intel® TBB), Intel® Cilk Plus, OpenMP*, and WinAPI.
- It is intuitive and was specifically designed for threaded applications.

Use Intel Parallel Amplifier 2011 to:

- Find application hotspots and view them on the source.
- Tune parallel applications for scalable performance using concurrency analysis.
- Use locks and waits analysis to find critical waits that limit parallel performance.
- Compare results to quickly see what changed or find regressions.
- Build applications that automatically scale for manycore.

“The performance profiling capabilities couldn’t be easier to understand and use. Once the analysis is done, it takes 2 seconds to find the problem and identify what can be improved or fixed in my source code.”

David Mercier
Senior Independent Software Developer

System Requirements

- Microsoft Visual Studio 2005*, 2008*, or 2010* (except the Express Edition)
- For the latest system requirements, go to:
www.intel.com/software/products/systemrequirements/

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Intel® Parallel Amplifier 2011: Quickly find bottlenecks and tune threaded applications for scalable multicore performance.

