

PERFORCE

Reverse Debugging with TotalView Replay Engine

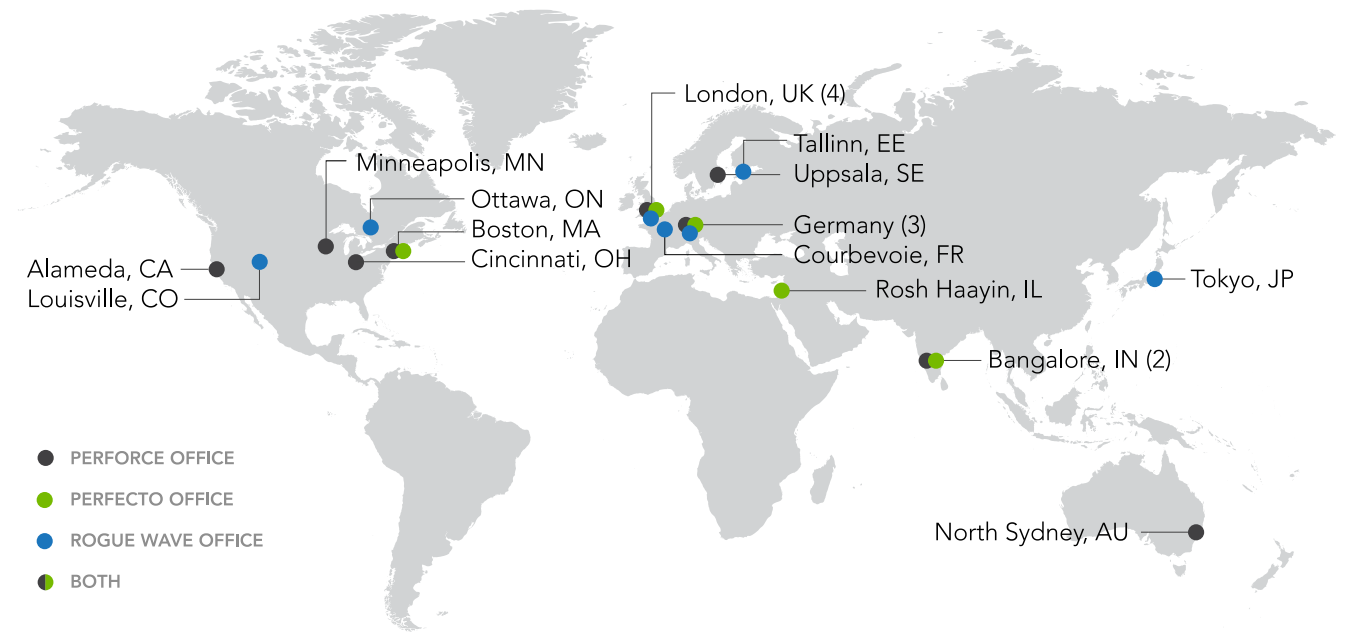
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Agenda

- Introduction to Perforce
- TotalView's Features
- Reverse debugging with ReplayEngine
- Demo
- Resources
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Perforce Global Footprint

- Customers in 80 countries
- 9,000 customers worldwide
- More than 250 of the Fortune 500
- Customers deploying multiple products
- 25+ offices and 4 data centers which give us global reach
- Over 1,400 employees in 25 countries



Perforce Products



Agile Management

Helix ALM

Hansoft

Gliffy



Code Management & Collaboration

Helix Core

Methodics

Helix4Git

JRebel

TotalView



Application Mgmt. & Components

Puppet

Akana

OpenLogic

Zend

Visualization

SourcePro

IMSL



Automated Testing

Helix QAC

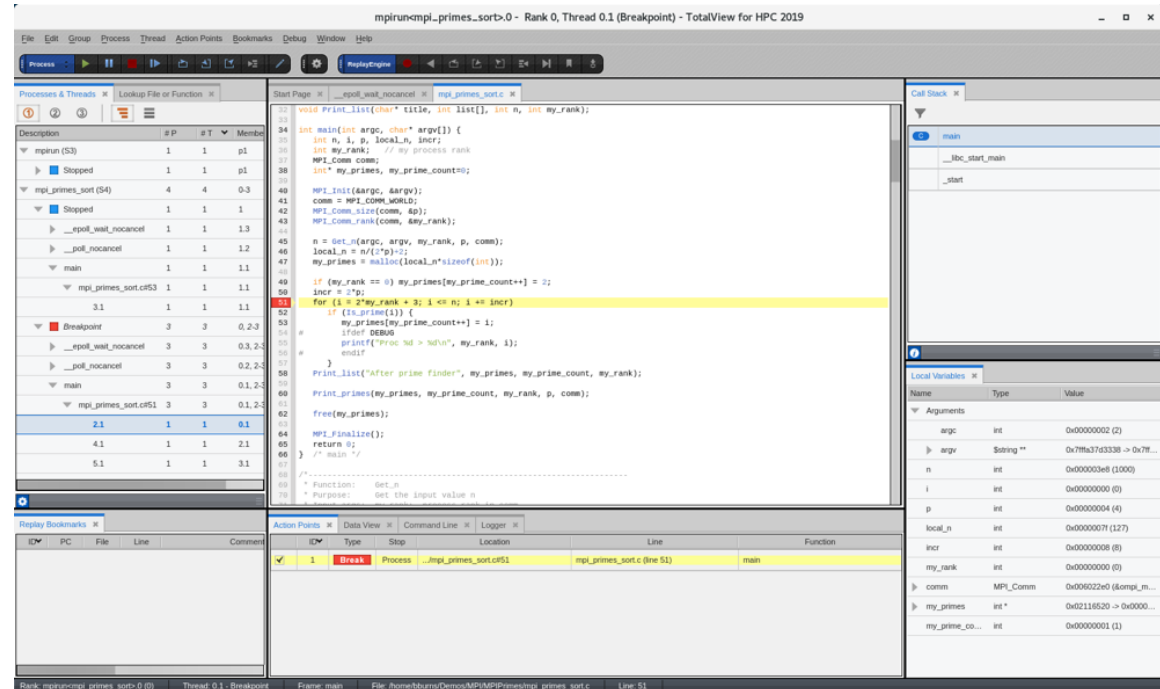
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HPC Debugging With TotalView

- Comprehensive multi-process/thread dynamic analysis and debugging
- Debug hybrid MPI/OpenMP applications
- Advanced C, C++ and Fortran support
- CUDA debugging support
- AMD / ROCm GPU Debugging
- Integrated reverse debugging
- Mixed language C/C++ and Python debugging
- Memory debugging and leak detection
- Batch/unattended debugging



LANGUAGES



OPERATING SYSTEMS



APPLICATIONS



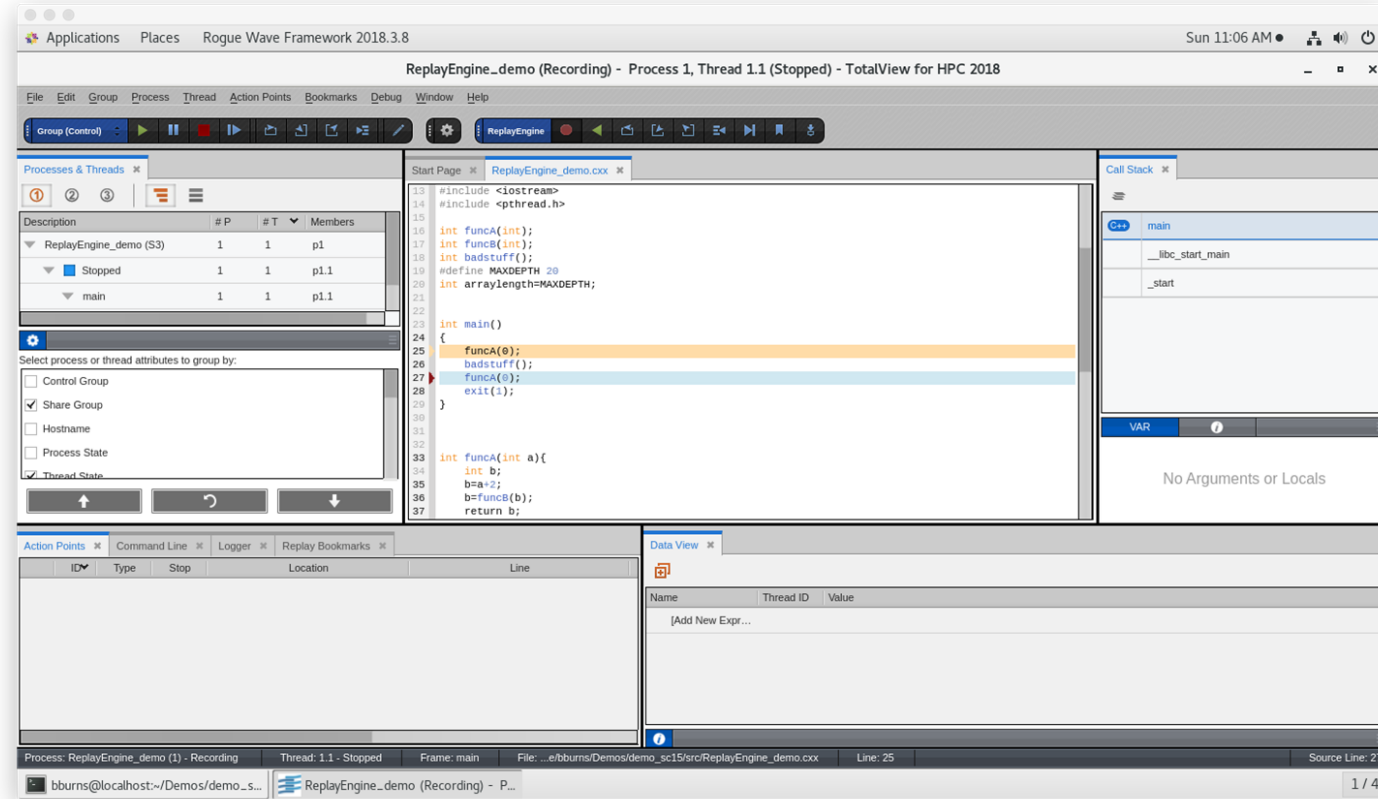
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Reverse Debugging with ReplayEngine

Reverse Debugging with TotalView

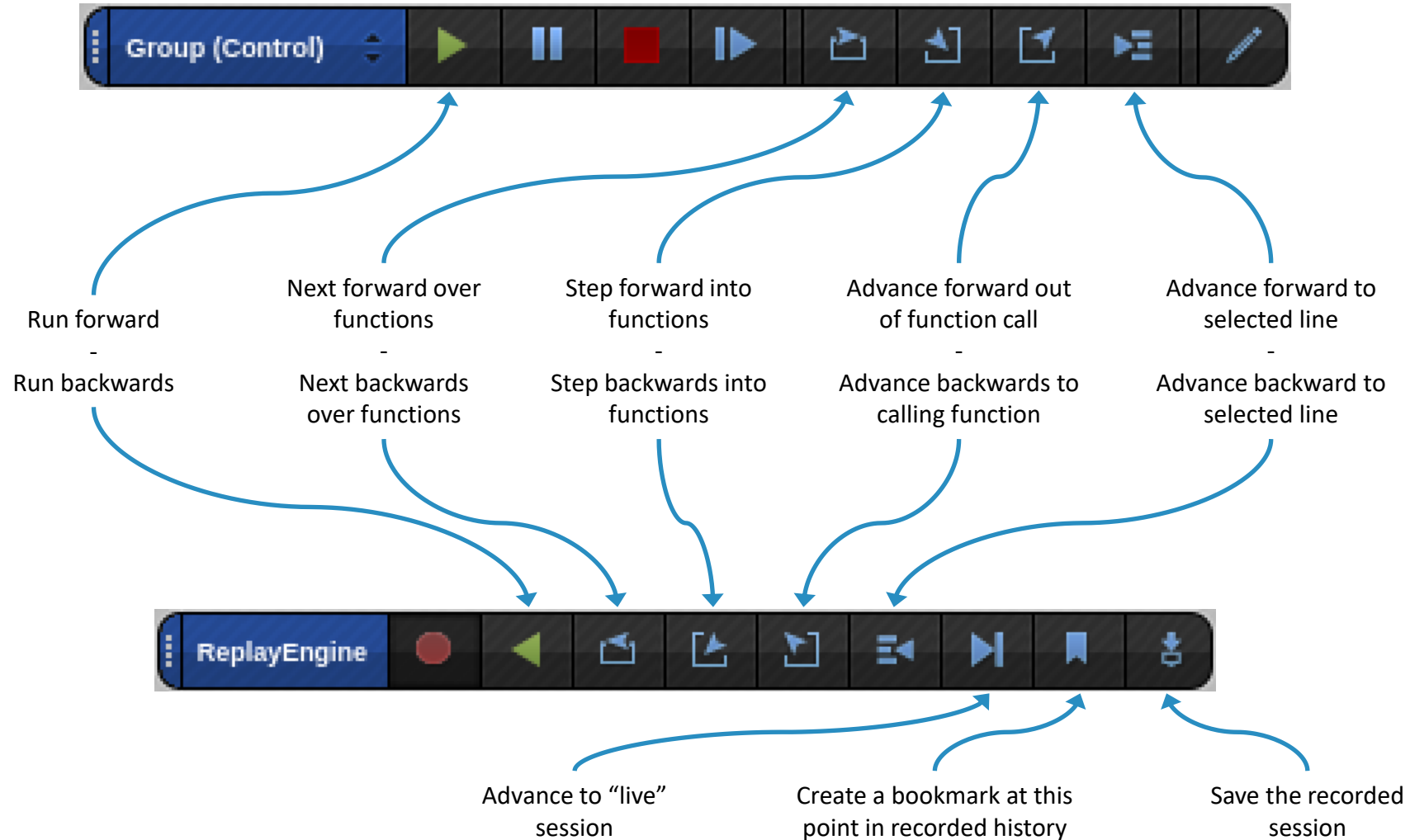
- Reverse debugging provides the ability for developers to go back in execution history
- Activated either before program starts running or at some point after execution begins.
- Capturing and deterministically replay execution.
- Enables stepping backwards and forward by function, line or instruction.
- Run backwards to breakpoints.
- Run backwards and stop when a variable changes value.
- Saving recording files for later analysis or collaboration.



Recording and Playback

- When ReplayEngine is saving state information, it is in **Record Mode**
- The saved state information is the program's execution history
- You can save the execution history at any time and reload the recording when debugging the executable in a subsequent session
- Using a ReplayEngine command, ether from the Toolbar or the CLI, shifts ReplayEngine into **ReplayMode**
- Debugging commands that do not work in ReplayMode include:
 - Changing a variable's value
 - Functions that alter memory
 - Running threads asynchronously

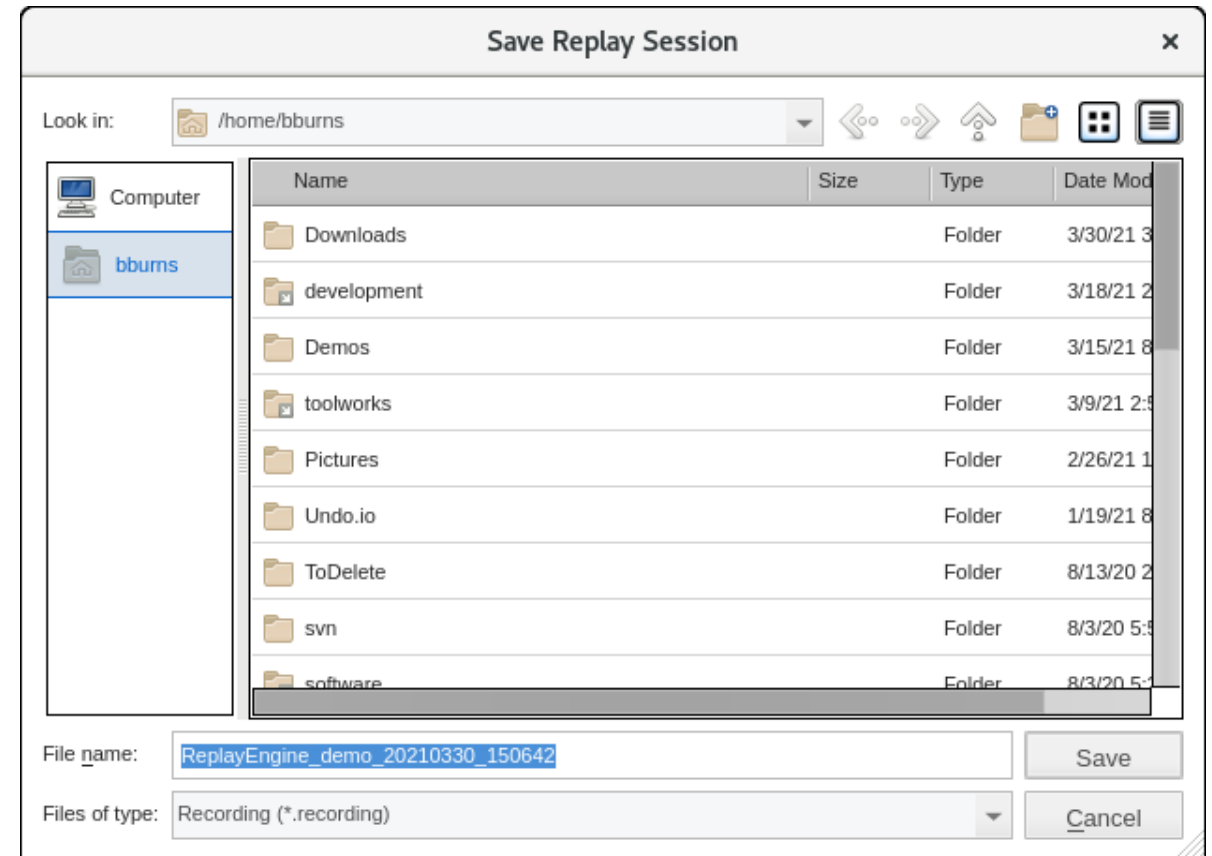
Reverse Debugging Controls



Saving and Loading Execution History

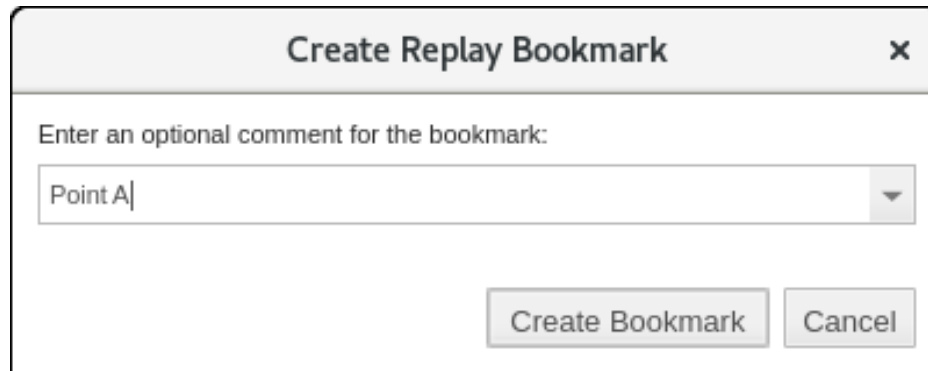
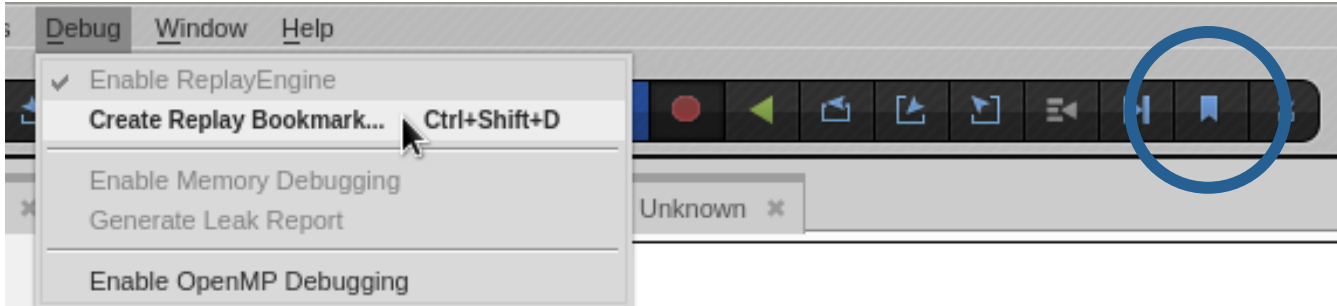
- TotalView can save the current ReplayEngine execution history to file at any time
- The saved recording can be loaded into TotalView using any of the following:
 - At startup, using the same syntax as when opening a core file:

totalview executable recording-file
 - On the Start Page view by selecting Load Core File or Replay Recording File

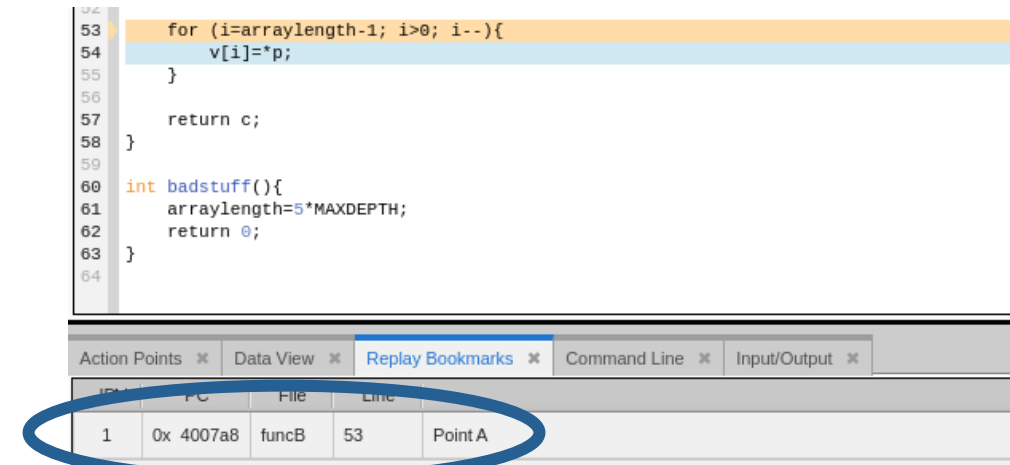


Replay Bookmarks

- Replay bookmarks mark a point in the execution of a program, allowing you to quickly jump back to that point in time



Creating a Replay Bookmark



Activating a Replay Bookmark

Setting Preferences for ReplayEngine

- You can set the following preferences for ReplayEngine
 - the maximum amount of memory to allocate to ReplayEngine
 - The preferred behaviour when the memory limit is reached
- Setting the maximum amount of memory. The default value '0' specifies to limit the maximum size by available memory only.

`dset TV::replay_history_size value`

e.g. `dset TV::replay_history_size 1024M`

- Setting the preferred behaviour. By default, the oldest history is discarded so that recording can continue

`dset TV::replay_history_mode 1` (Discard oldest history and continue recording)

`dset TV::replay_history_mode 2` (Stop the process when the buffer is full)

Benefits of ReplayEngine

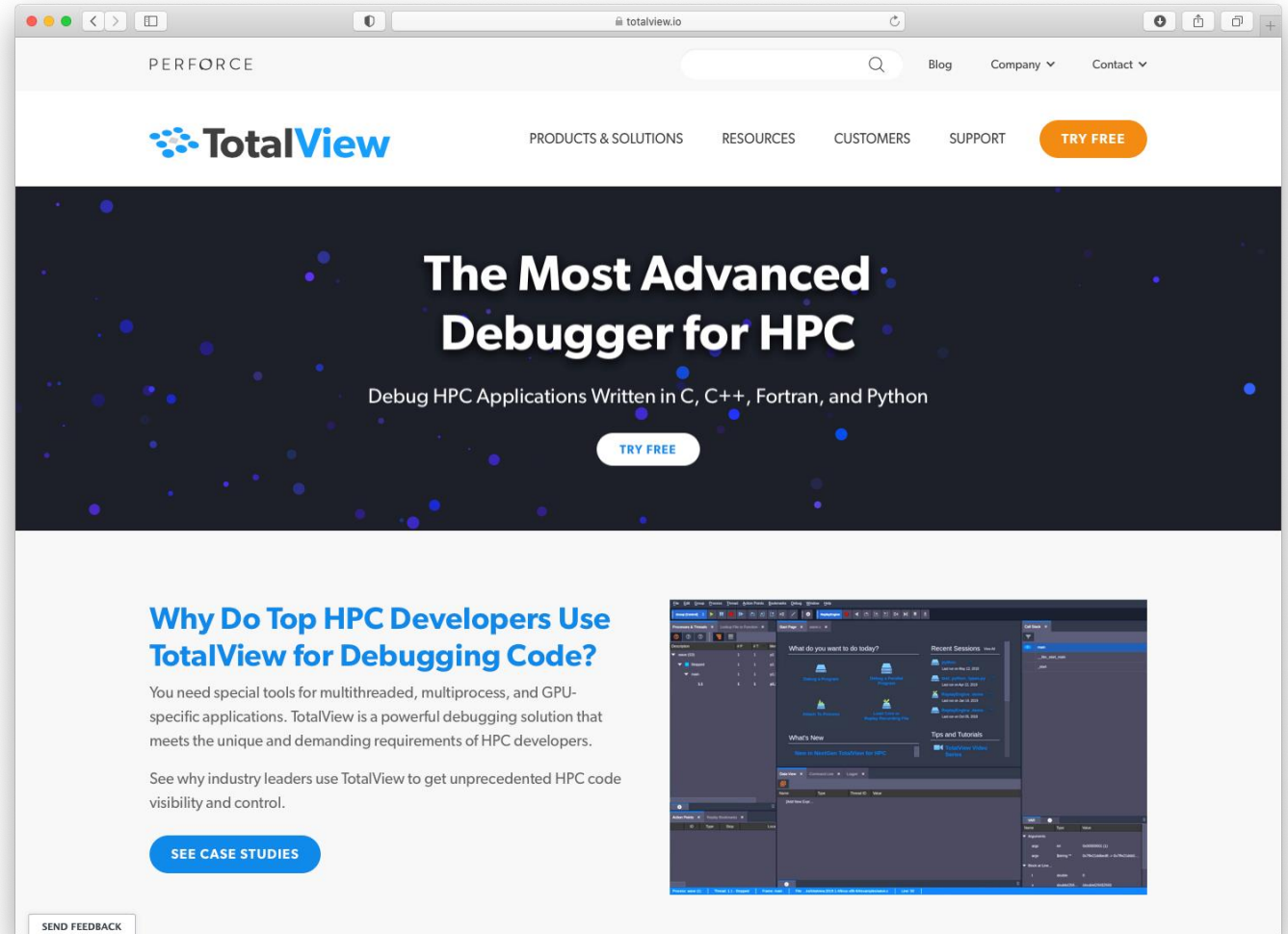
- Time saved during development
- Finding and fixing intermittent bugs
- Helps with learning and understanding new code
- Supports continuous integration and collaboration
- Ease of use

Replay Engine Demo

```
Start Page * common-main.c *
15 static void restore_sigpipe_to_default(void)
16 {
17     sigset_t unblock;
18
19     sigemptyset(&unblock);
20     sigaddset(&unblock, SIGPIPE);
21     sigprocmask(SIG_UNBLOCK, &unblock, NULL);
22     signal(SIGPIPE, SIG_DFL);
23 }
24
25 int main(int argc, const char **argv)
26 {
27     /*
28      * Always open file descriptors 0/1/2 to avoid clobbering files
29      * in die(). It also avoids messing up when the pipes are dup'ed
30      * onto stdin/stdout/stderr in the child processes we spawn.
31      */
32     sanitize_std fds();
33
34     git_setup_gettext();
35
36     git_extract_argv0_path(argv[0]);
37
38     restore_sigpipe_to_default();
39
40     return cmd_main(argc, argv);
41 }
42
```


TotalView Resources and Documentation

- TotalView website:
 - <https://totalview.io>
- TotalView documentation:
 - <https://help.totalview.io>
- TotalView Video Tutorials:
 - <https://totalview.io/support/video-tutorials>
- Other Resources:
 - Blog: <https://totalview.io/blog>



Q&A

Thank You

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