



Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack

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The most recent version of these slides can be found at:
<https://spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io>





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Tutorial Materials

Find these slides and associated scripts here:

spack-tutorial.rtf.d.io

We also have a chat room on Spack slack.
You can join here:

slack.spack.io

Join the [#tutorial](#) channel!

You can ask questions here after the conference is over.
Over **3,400 people** can help you on Slack!

The screenshot shows the Spack documentation website. At the top is the Spack logo and the word "latest". Below is a search bar labeled "Search docs". A sidebar on the left contains links for "LINKS" (Main Spack Documentation), "TUTORIAL" (Basic Installation Tutorial, Configuration Tutorial, Package Creation Tutorial, Developer Workflows Tutorial), "Read the Docs" (with a dropdown for "v: latest"), "Versions" (listing various versions like latest, sc18, etc.), "Downloads", "HTML", "On Read the Docs", "Project Home", "Builds", "Downloads", "On GitHub", "View", "Edit", and "Search". At the bottom of the sidebar is a "Search docs" input field and a footer with "Hosted by Read the Docs · Privacy Policy". On the right side of the page, there are sections for "Docs » Tutorial: Spack", "Tutorial: S", "This is a full-day intro", "Practice and Exper", "2019.", "You can use these m", "and read the live de", "Slides", a small image, "Practice and Exper", "Chicago, IL, USA.", "Live Demos", "We provide scripts", "sections in the slide", a list of points: "1. We provide t", "tutorial on yo", "the containe", "2. When we ho", "unfamiliar wi", and "You should now be".

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```

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Agenda (approximate)

Morning

Intro	8:30 am
Basics	
Concepts	
Break	10:00 am
Environments	10:30 am
Configuration	
Lunch	12:00 pm

Afternoon

Software Stacks	1:30 pm
Packaging	
Break	3:00 pm
Developer Workflows	3:30 pm
Mirrors & Binary Caches	
Scripting	
End	5:00 pm



We build codes from hundreds of small, complex pieces

Just when we're starting to solve the problem of how to create software using reusable parts, it founders on the nuts-and-bolts problems outside the software itself.

P. DuBois & T. Epperly. **Why Johnny Can't Build**. Scientific Programming. Sep/Oct 2003.

- Component-based software development dates back to the 60's
 - M.D. McIlroy, *Mass Produced Software Components*. NATO SE Conf., 1968
- **Pros are well known:**
 - Teams can and must reuse each others' work
 - Teams write less code, meet deliverables faster
- **Cons:**
 - Teams must ensure that components work together
 - Integration burden increases with each additional library
 - Integration must be repeated with each update to components
 - **Components must be vetted!**
- **Managing changes over time is becoming intractable**

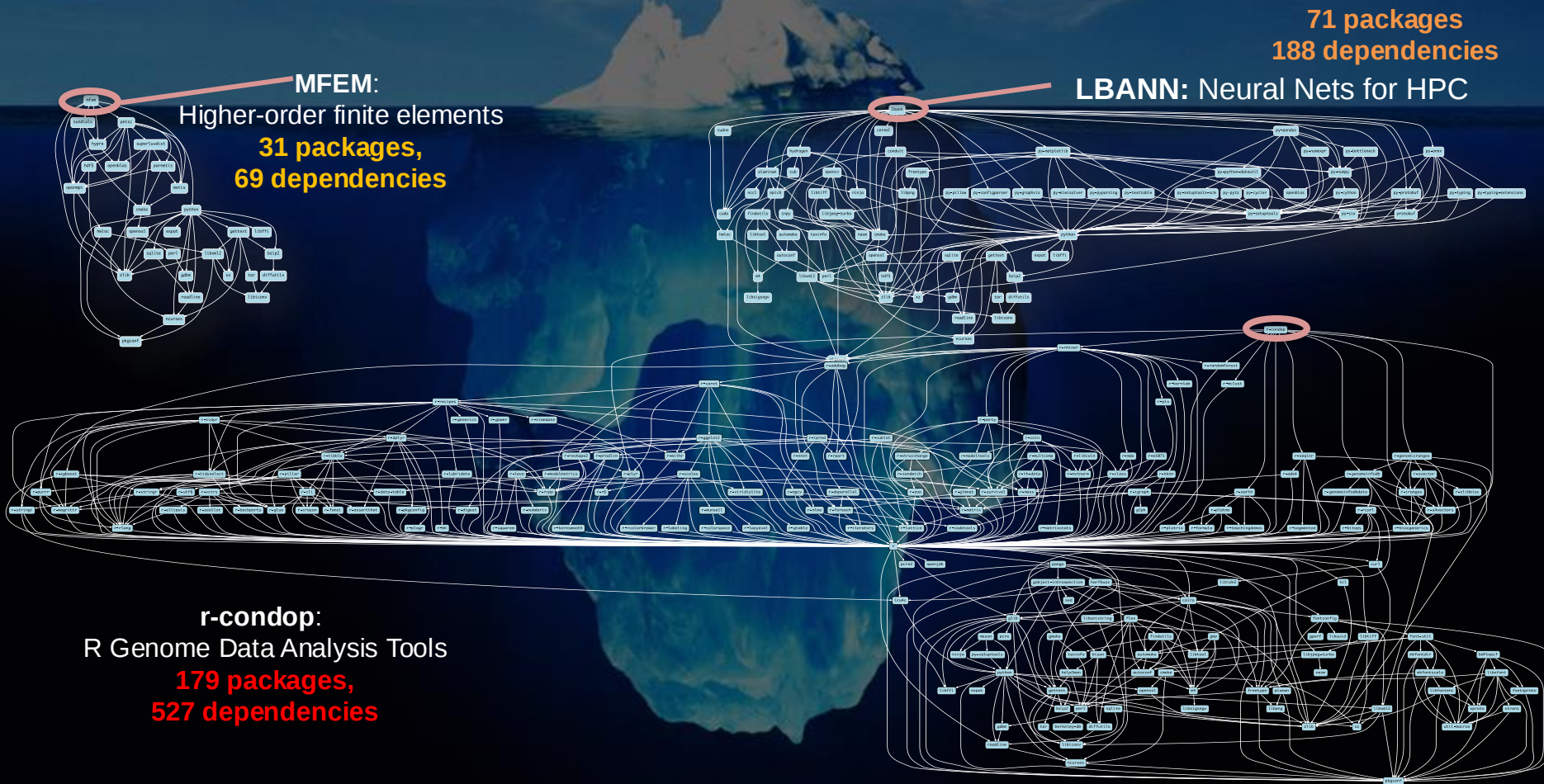


Build-time incompatibility; fail fast

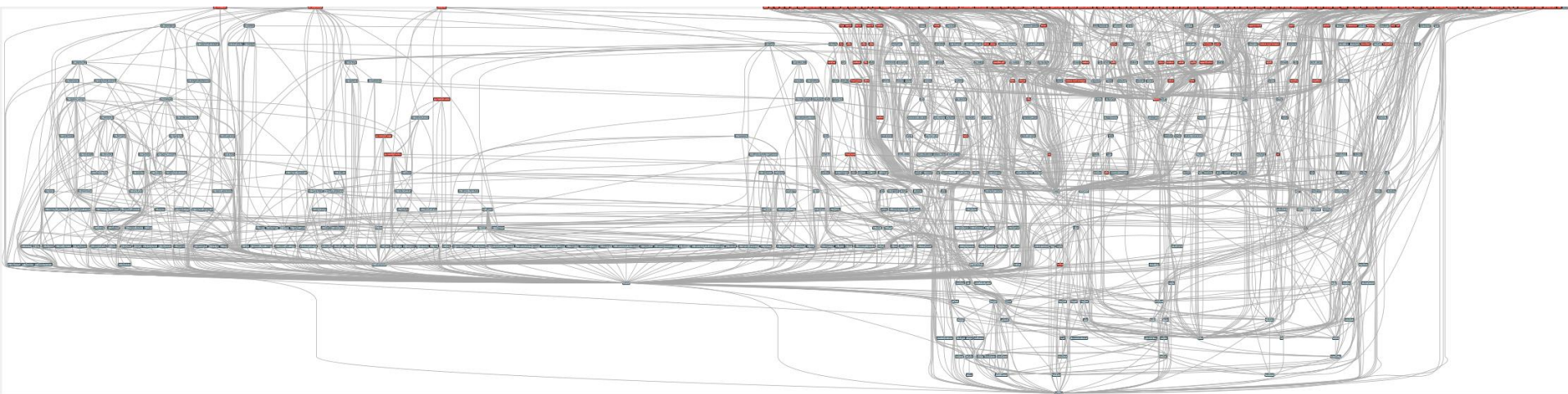


Appears to work; subtle errors later

Modern scientific codes rely on icebergs of dependency libraries



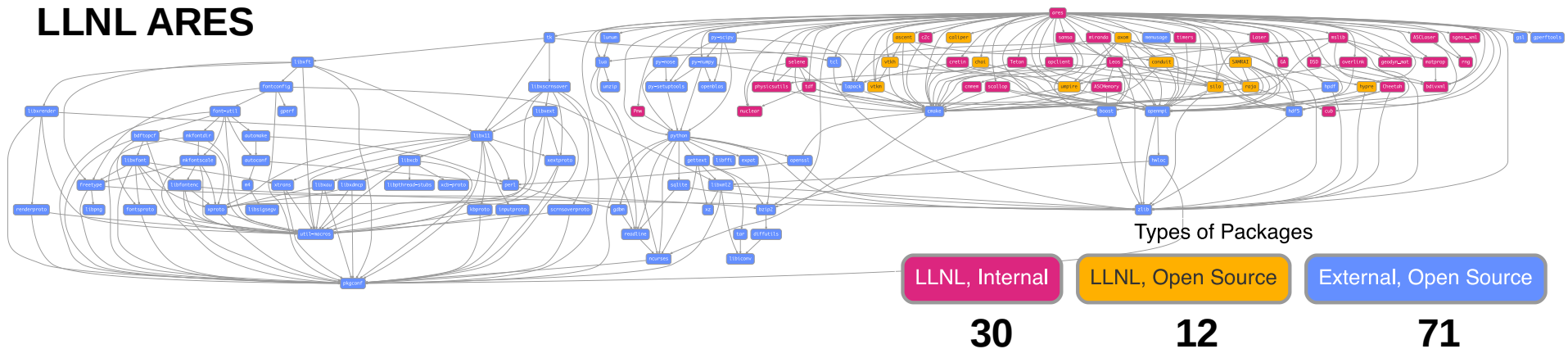
ECP's E4S stack is even larger than these codes



- Red boxes are the packages in it (about 100)
- Blue boxes are what *else* you need to build it (about 600)
- It's infeasible to build and integrate all of this manually

Modern software integrates open source and internal packages

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- Most modern software uses *tons* of open source
- We *cannot* replace all these OSS components with our own
 - How do we put them all together effectively?
 - Do you *have* to integrate this stuff by hand?

Some fairly common (but questionable) assumptions made by package managers (conda, pip, apt, etc.)

- **1:1 relationship between source code and binary (per platform)**
 - Good for reproducibility (e.g., Debian)
 - Bad for performance optimization
- **Binaries should be as portable as possible**
 - What most distributions do
 - Again, bad for performance
- **Toolchain is the same across the ecosystem**
 - One compiler, one set of runtime libraries
 - Or, no compiler (for interpreted languages)

Outside these boundaries, users are typically on their own

High Performance Computing (HPC) violates many of these assumptions

- **Code is typically distributed as source**
 - With exception of vendor libraries, compilers
- **Often build many variants of the same package**
 - Developers' builds may be very different
 - Many first-time builds when machines are new
- **Code is optimized for the processor and GPU**
 - Must make effective use of the hardware
 - Can make 10-100x perf difference
- **Rely heavily on system packages**
 - Need to use optimized libraries that come with machines
 - Need to use host GPU libraries and network
- **Multi-language**
 - C, C++, Fortran, Python, others
all in the same ecosystem

Some Supercomputers



Oak Ridge National Lab
Power9 / NVIDIA



RIKEN
Fujitsu/ARM a64fx



Lawrence Berkeley
National Lab
AMD Zen / NVIDIA



Argonne National Lab
Intel Xeon / Xeon



Oak Ridge National Lab
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What about containers?

- Containers provide a great way to reproduce and distribute an already-built software stack
- Someone needs to build the container!
 - This isn't trivial
 - Containerized applications still have hundreds of dependencies
- Using the OS package manager inside a container is insufficient
 - Most binaries are built unoptimized
 - Generic binaries, not optimized for specific architectures
- HPC containers may need to be *rebuilt* to support many different hosts, anyway.
 - Not clear that we can ever build one container for all facilities
 - Containers likely won't solve the N-platforms problem in HPC



We need something more flexible to **build** the containers

Spack enables Software distribution for HPC

- Spack automates the build and installation of scientific software
- Packages are *parameterized*, so that users can easily tweak and tune configuration

No installation required: clone and go

```
$ git clone https://github.com/spack/spack
$ spack install hdf5
```

Simple syntax enables complex installs

```
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 %clang@6.0
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 +threadssafe
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 cppflags="-O3 -g3"
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 target=haswell
$ spack install hdf5@1.10.5 +mpi ^mpich@3.2
```

- Ease of use of mainstream tools, with flexibility needed for HPC
- In addition to CLI, Spack also:
 - Generates (but does **not** require) *modules*
 - Allows conda/virtualenv-like *environments*
 - Provides many devops features (CI, container generation, more)



github.com/spack/spack



What's a package manager?

- Spack is a ***package manager***
 - **Does not** replace Cmake/Autotools
 - Packages built by Spack can have any build system they want
- Spack manages ***dependencies***
 - Drives package-level build systems
 - Ensures consistent builds
- Determining magic configure lines takes time
 - Spack is a cache of recipes

Package Manager

- Manages package installation
- Manages dependency relationships
- May drive package-level build systems

High Level Build System

- Cmake, Autotools
- Handle library abstractions
- Generate Makefiles, etc.

Low Level Build System

- Make, Ninja
- Handles dependencies among *commands* in a single build

Who can use Spack?

People who want to use or distribute software for HPC!

1. End Users of HPC Software

- Install and run HPC applications and tools

2. HPC Application Teams

- Manage third-party dependency libraries

3. Package Developers

- People who want to package their own software for distribution

4. User support teams at HPC Centers

- People who deploy software for users at large HPC sites

Spack is a Linux Foundation Project!

- What does that mean?
 - Project has a legal 501(c)(6) non-profit company
 - This is a neutral legal entity
 - Can be in legal agreements (e.g. for distributing binaries)
 - Can get discounts on, e.g., Slack!
 - Project will have a Technical Steering Committee (TSC)
 - Plan is to make the main developer meetings more public
 - Also have official steering committee meetings
 - Main charter is written (mostly boilerplate)
 - Working on initial GOVERNANCE.md, initial TSC members
 - Trademark (Spack name, logo) assigned to Linux Foundation
 - Project resources owned by Linux Foundation
 - spack.io website
 - GitHub Organization

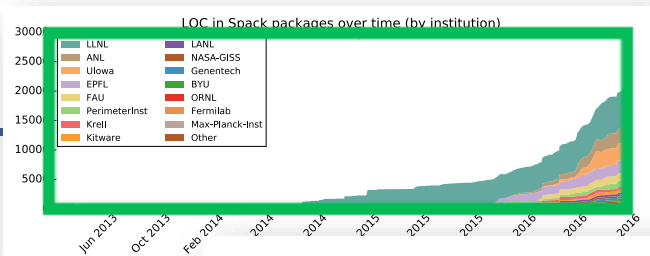


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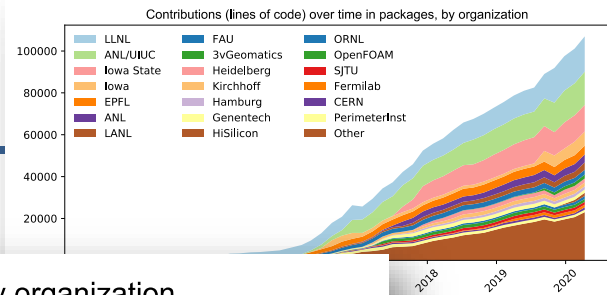
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 - November 19
 - 5:15pm – 6:45pm
 - Room B309



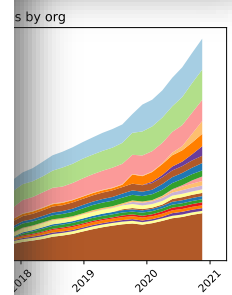
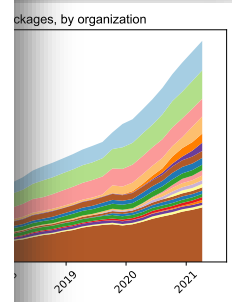
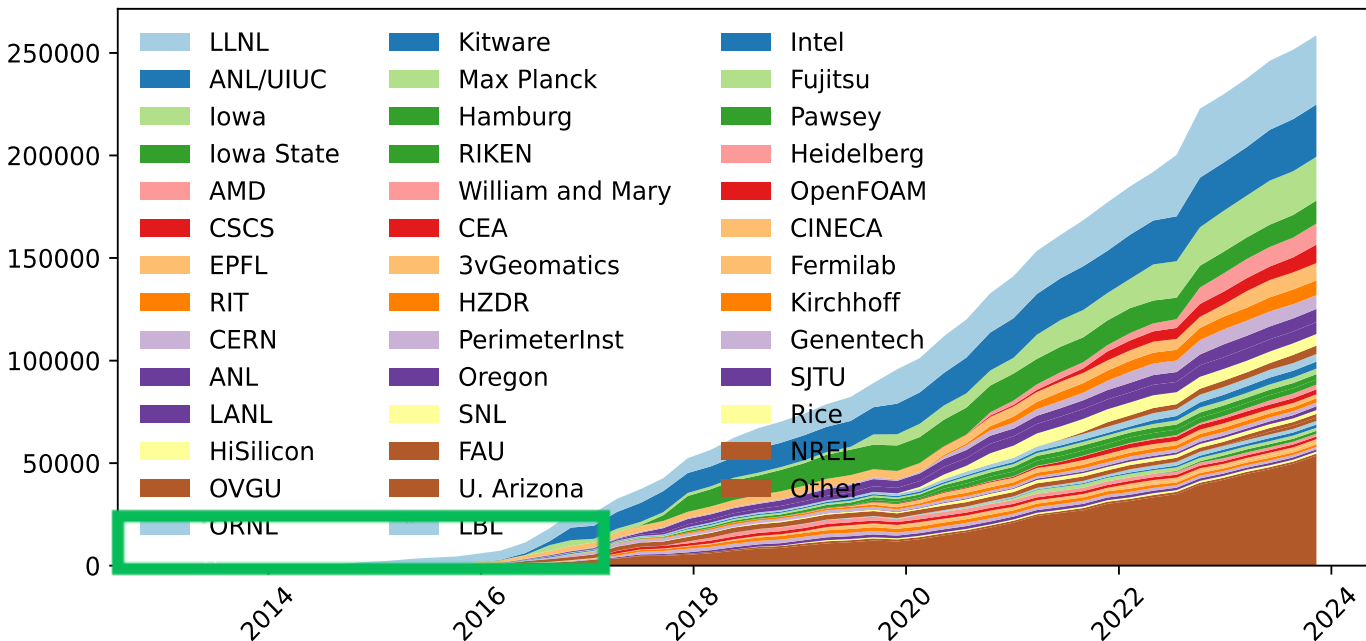
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Fall
2020



2024

Contributions (lines of code) over time in packages, by organization



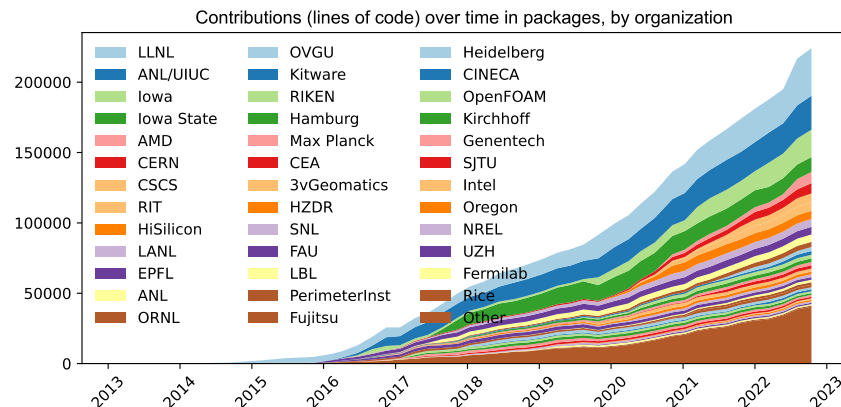
Spack sustains the HPC software ecosystem with the help of many contributors



COUNTRY	USERS
United States	23K
Germany	5.3K
China	4.6K
India	4.5K
United Kingdom	3.3K
France	3K
Japan	2.4K

2023 aggregate documentation user counts from GA4
(note: yearly user counts are almost certainly too large)

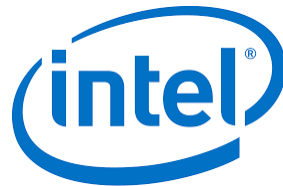
Over 8,400 software packages
Over 1,460 contributors



Contributors continue to grow worldwide!

Spack's widespread adoption has made it a de facto standard, drawing contribution and collaboration from vendors

- **AWS** is investing significantly in cloud credits for Spack
 - Supporting highly scalable cloud CI system with ~250k+/year in credits
 - Integrating Spack with ParallelCluster product
 - Joint Spack tutorial with AWS drew 125+ participants
- **Google** is using Spack in their HPC Toolkit cloud cluster product
 - List packages to deploy; automatically built and cached in cluster deployment
- **AMD** has contributed ROCm packages and compiler support
 - 55+ PRs mostly from AMD, also others
 - ROCm, HIP, aocc packages are all in Spack now
- **HPE/Cray** is allowing us to do CI in the cloud for the Cray PE environment
 - Looking at tighter Spack integration with Cray PE
- **Intel** contributing OneApi support and licenses for our build farm
- **NVIDIA** contributing NVHPC compiler support and other features
- **Fujitsu and RIKEN** have contributed a **huge** number of packages for ARM/a64fx support on Fugaku
- **ARM** and **Linaro** members contributing ARM support
 - 400+ pull requests for ARM support from various companies



One month of Spack development is pretty busy!

October 17, 2024 – November 17, 2024

Period: 1 month ▾

Overview

583 Active pull requests

99 Active issues

457

Merged pull requests

126

Open pull requests

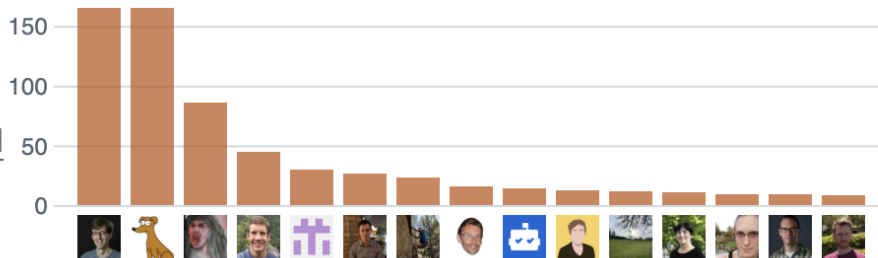
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Closed issues

38

New issues

Excluding merges, **142 authors** have pushed **461 commits** to develop and **793 commits** to all branches. On develop, **1,428 files** have changed and there have been **18,717 additions** and **9,238 deletions**.



Spack v0.23.0 is out!

This is the last major release before Spack v1.0 in June!

Highlights:

1. Language Runtimes: `depends_on("c"|"cxx"|"fortran")`
2. ABI splicing: Build binaries with `mpich`, deploy w/`mvapich2`, etc.
3. Broader variant propagation: `++shared`, `build_system==Release`
4. Query by namespace with `spack find namespace=myrepo`
5. UI Improvements
 - More concise output for `spack spec`
 - Explore concretized environments with `spack find -c`
 - `spack -C <env>` to use *just* an environment's configuration
6. New commands: `spack env track/untrack`
7. ML binary stacks for Grace-Hopper
8. Devtools binary stack for macos



 github.com/spack/spack

Full release notes: <https://github.com/spack/spack/releases/tag/v0.23.0>

Spack is not the only HPC/AI/data science package manager out there



1. “Functional” Package Managers

- Nix
- Guix

<https://nixos.org>
<https://hpc.guix.info>



2. Build-from-source Package Managers

- Homebrew, LinuxBrew
- MacPorts
- Gentoo

<https://brew.sh>
<https://www.macports.org>
<https://gentoo.org>

Other tools in the HPC Space:



▪ Easybuild

- An installation tool for HPC
- Focused on HPC system administrators – different package model from Spack
- Relies on a fixed software stack – harder to tweak recipes for experimentation

<https://easybuild.io>



▪ Conda / Mamba / Pixi

- Very popular binary package ecosystem for data science
- Not targeted at HPC; generally has unoptimized binaries

<https://conda.io>
<https://mamba.readthedocs.io>
<https://prefix.dev>

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Hands-on Time: Spack Basics

Follow script at spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io

Core Spack Concepts



Most existing tools do not support combinatorial versioning

- Traditional binary package managers
 - RPM, yum, APT, yast, etc.
 - Designed to manage a single stack.
 - Install *one* version of each package in a single prefix (/usr).
 - Seamless upgrades to a *stable, well tested* stack
- Port systems
 - BSD Ports, portage, Macports, Homebrew, Gentoo, etc.
 - Minimal support for builds parameterized by compilers, dependency versions.
- Virtual Machines and Linux Containers (Docker)
 - Containers allow users to build environments for different applications.
 - Does not solve the build problem (someone has to build the image)
 - Performance, security, and upgrade issues prevent widespread HPC deployment.

Spack provides a *spec* syntax to describe customized package configurations

```
$ spack install mpileaks                unconstrained
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3            @ custom version
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3 % custom compiler
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 %gcc@4.7.3 +threads +/- build option
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 cppflags="-O3 -g3" set compiler flags
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 target=cascadelake set target microarchitecture
$ spack install mpileaks@3.3 ^mpich@3.2 %gcc@4.9.3 ^ dependency constraints
```

- Each expression is a *spec* for a particular configuration
 - Each clause adds a constraint to the spec
 - Constraints are optional – specify only what you need.
 - Customize install on the command line!
- Spec syntax is recursive
 - Full control over the combinatorial build space

Spack packages are *parameterized* using the spec syntax

Python DSL defines many ways to build

```
from spack import *

class Kripke(CMakePackage):
    """Kripke is a simple, scalable, 3DSn deterministic particle transport mini-app."""

    homepage = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/kripke"
    url      = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/download/kripke-openmp-1.1.tar.gz"

    version('1.2.3', sha256='3f7f2ee0d1ba5825780d626741eb0b3f026a096048d7ec4794d2a7dfbe2b8a6')
    version('1.2.2', sha256='eaf9ddf562416974157b34d00c3a1c880fc5296fce2a2efa039a86e0976f3a3')
    version('1.1', sha256='232d74072fc7b848fa2adc8a1bc839ae8fb5f96d50224186601f55554a25f64a')

    variant('mpi', default=True, description='Build with MPI.')
    variant('openmp', default=True, description='Build with OpenMP enabled.')

    depends_on('mpi', when='+mpi')
    depends_on('cmake@3.0:', type='build')

    def cmake_args(self):
        return [
            '-DENABLE_OPENMP=%s' % ('+openmp' in self.spec),
            '-DENABLE_MPI=%s' % ('+mpi' in self.spec),
        ]

    def install(self, spec, prefix):
        mkdirp(prefix.bin)
        install('..spack-build/kripke', prefix.bin)
```

Base package
(CMake support)

Metadata at the class level

Versions

Variants (build options)

Dependencies
(same spec syntax)

Install logic
in instance methods

Don't typically need `install()` for `CMakePackage`, but we can work around codes that don't have it.

One package.py file per software project!

Conditional variants simplify packages

CudaPackage: a mix-in for packages that use CUDA

```
class CudaPackage(PackageBase):
    variant('cuda', default=False,
            description='Build with CUDA')

    variant('cuda_arch',
            description='CUDA architecture',
            values=any_combination_of(cuda_arch_values),
            when='+cuda')

    depends_on('cuda', when='+cuda')

    depends_on('cuda@9.0:', when='cuda_arch=70')
    depends_on('cuda@9.0:', when='cuda_arch=72')
    depends_on('cuda@10.0:', when='cuda_arch=75')

    conflicts('%gcc@9:', when='+cuda ^cuda@:10.2.89 target=x86_64:')
    conflicts('%gcc@9:', when='+cuda ^cuda@:10.1.243 target=ppc64le:')
```

cuda is a variant (build option)

cuda_arch is only present
if cuda is enabled

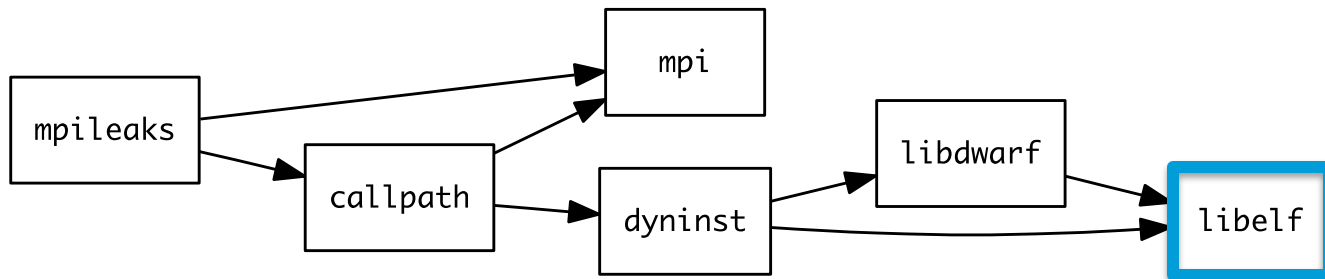
dependency on cuda, but only
if cuda is enabled

constraints on cuda version

compiler support for x86_64
and ppc64le

There is a lot of expressive power in the Spack package DSL.

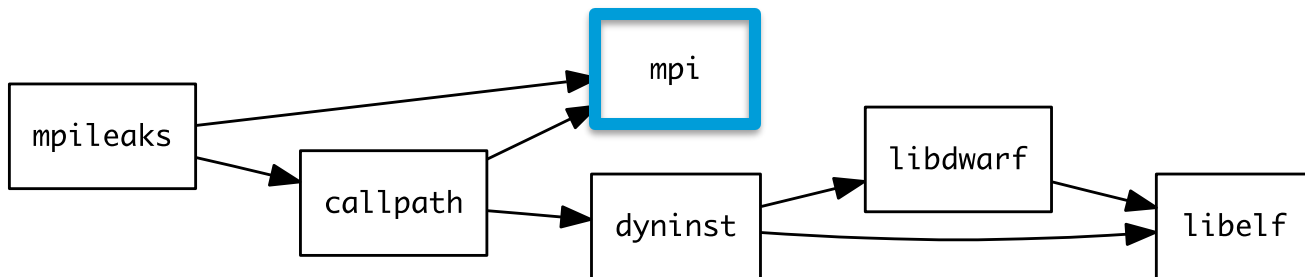
Spack Specs can constrain versions of dependencies



```
$ spack install mpileaks %intel@12.1 ^libelf@0.8.12
```

- Spack ensures *one* configuration of each library per DAG
 - Ensures ABI consistency.
 - User does not need to know DAG structure; only the dependency *names*.
- Spack can ensure that builds use the same compiler, or you can mix
 - Working on ensuring ABI compatibility when compilers are mixed.

Spack handles ABI-incompatible, versioned interfaces like MPI



- `mpi` is a *virtual dependency*
- Install the same package built with two different MPI implementations:

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^mvapich@1.9
```

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^openmpi@1.4:
```

- Let Spack choose MPI implementation, as long as it provides MPI 2 interface:

```
$ spack install mpileaks ^mpi@2
```

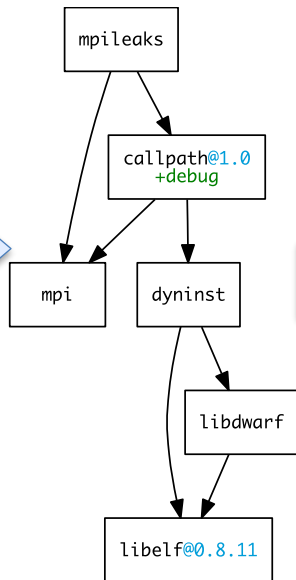
Concretization fills in missing configuration details when the user is not explicit.

mpileaks ^callpath@1.0+debug ^libelf@0.8.11

User input: *abstract* spec with some constraints

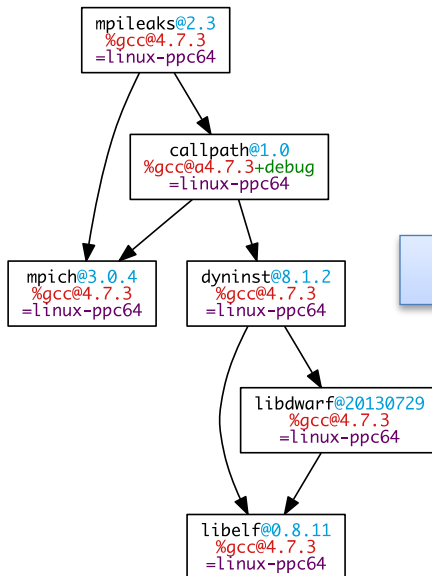
spec.yaml

Normalize



Abstract, normalized spec with some dependencies.

Concretize



Concrete spec is fully constrained and can be passed to install.

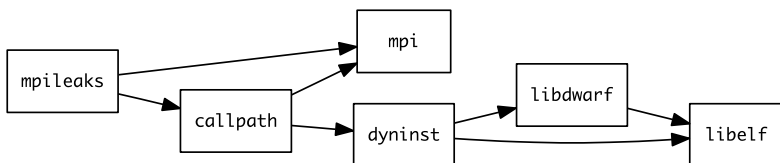
Store

```
spec:
- mpileaks:
  arch: linux-x86_64
  compiler:
    name: gcc
    version: 4.9.2
  dependencies:
    adept-ut-ils: ksztktpbzacs2kxjcoria ybnp4
    callpath: bah5f4h4d2 n47mgycel2mtrnrvxy77
    mpich: aa4ar6fj23yijqmdabeakpej172t3
    sha3: 33hjjhwl7p6gyan5ptgyes7sghyprjh
    variants: {}
    version: '1.0'
- adept-ut-ils:
  arch: linux-x86_64
  compiler:
    name: gcc
    version: 4.9.2
  dependencies:
    boost: tesjv7ehpe5ksspijmsd k43a7qnowlq
    mpich: aa4ar6fj23yijqmdabeakpej172t3
    sha3: ksztktpbzacs2kxjcoria ybnp4
    variants: {}
    version: 1.0.1
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  compiler:
    name: gcc
    version: 4.9.2
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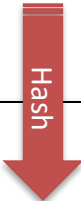
Detailed provenance is stored with the installed package

Hashing allows us to handle combinatorial complexity

Dependency DAG



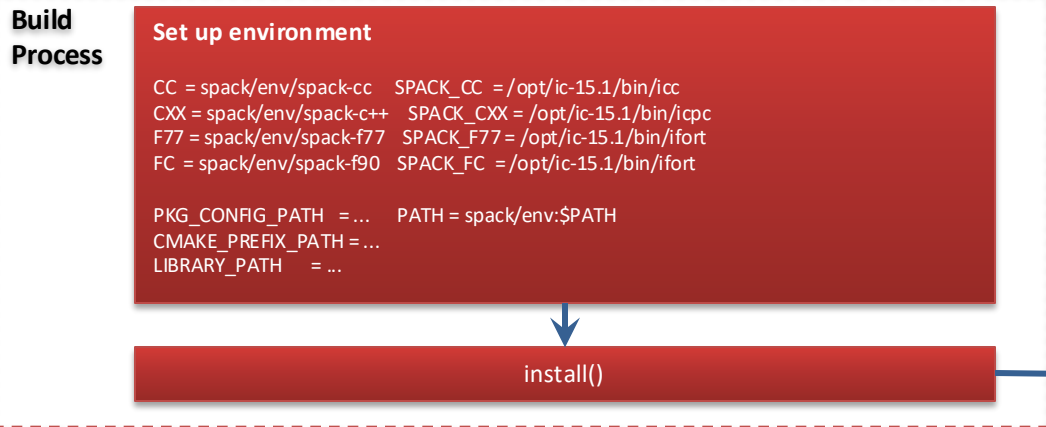
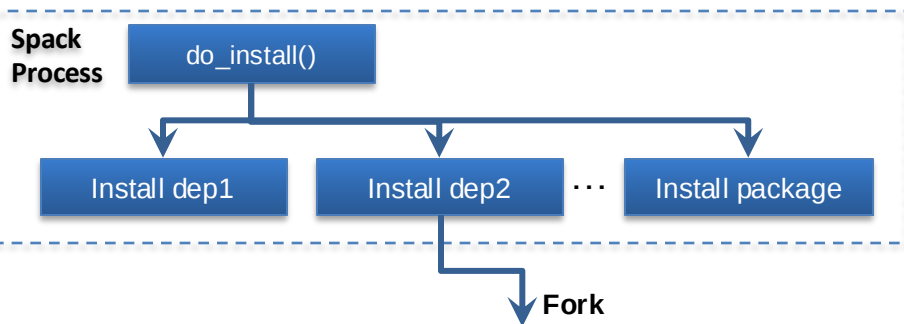
Installation Layout



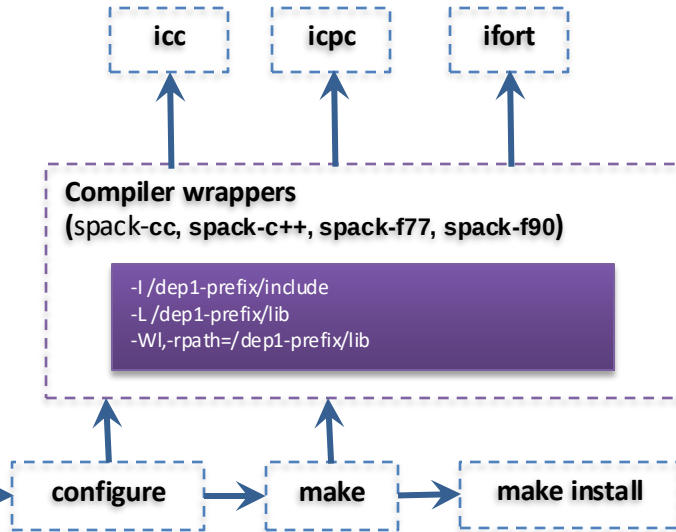
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│   │   ├── clang-10.0.0-apple
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│   │   │   ├── python-3.7.6-daqqpssxb6qbfprtsezkhus3xoflpsy
│   │   │   ├── sqlite-3.30.1-u64v26igxvyn23hysmkdfums6tgjv5r
│   │   │   ├── xz-5.2.4-u5eawkvaoc7vonabe6nndkcfwuv233cj
│   │   │   └── zlib-1.2.11-x46q4wm46ay4pltriijbizxjrhaba6
│   │   └── darwin-mojave-x86_64
│   │       ├── clang-10.0.0-apple
│   │       └── coreutils-8.29-pl2kcytejqcys5dzeqfrtjqxfsdssvnoab
```

- Each unique dependency graph is a unique **configuration**.
- Each configuration in a unique directory.
 - Multiple configurations of the same package can coexist.
- **Hash** of entire directed acyclic graph (DAG) is appended to each prefix.
- Installed packages automatically find dependencies
 - Spack embeds RPATHs in binaries.
 - No need to use modules or set `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`
 - Things work *the way you built them*

An isolated compilation environment allows Spack to easily swap compilers



- **Forked build process isolates environment for each build.**
Uses compiler wrappers to:
 - Add include, lib, and RPATH flags
 - Ensure that dependencies are found automatically
 - Load Cray modules (use right compiler/system deps)



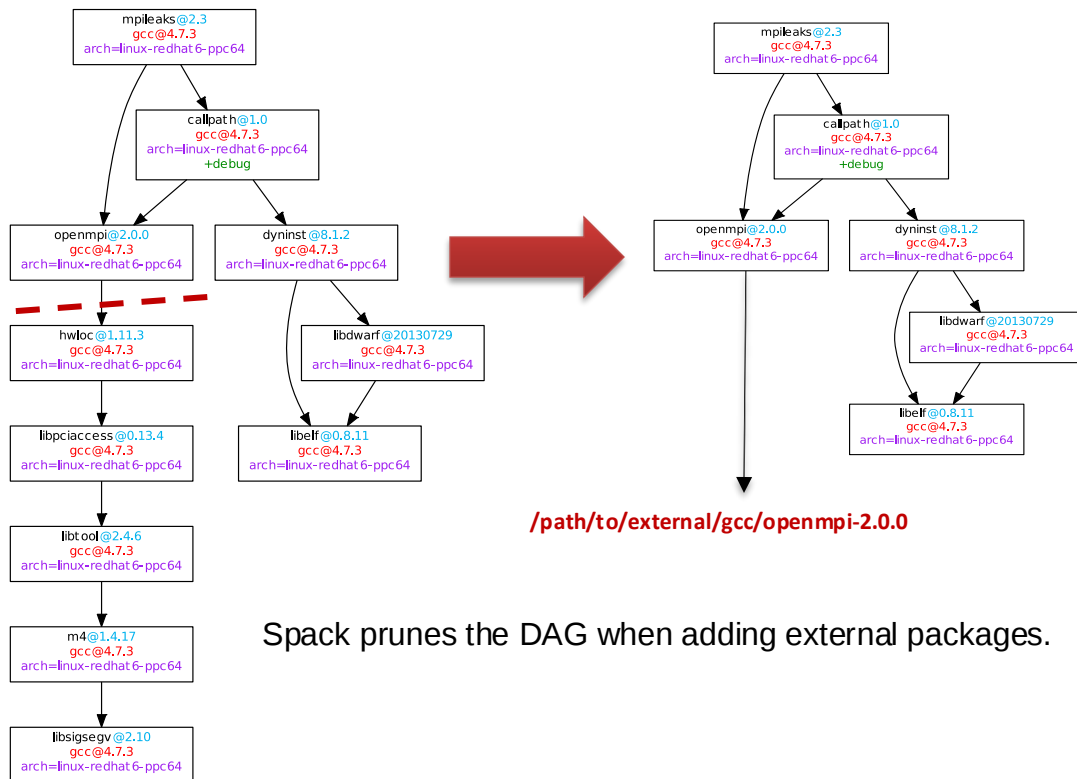
We can configure Spack to build with external software

**mpileaks ^callpath@1.0+debug
^openmpi ^libelf@0.8.11**

packages.yaml

```
packages:  
mpi:  
  buildable: False  
  paths:  
    openmpi@2.0.0 %gcc@4.7.3 arch=linux-rhel6-ppc64:  
      /path/to/external/gcc/openmpi-2.0.0  
    openmpi@1.10.3 %gcc@4.7.3 arch=linux-rhel6-ppc64:  
      /path/to/external/gcc/openmpi-1.10.3  
    ...
```

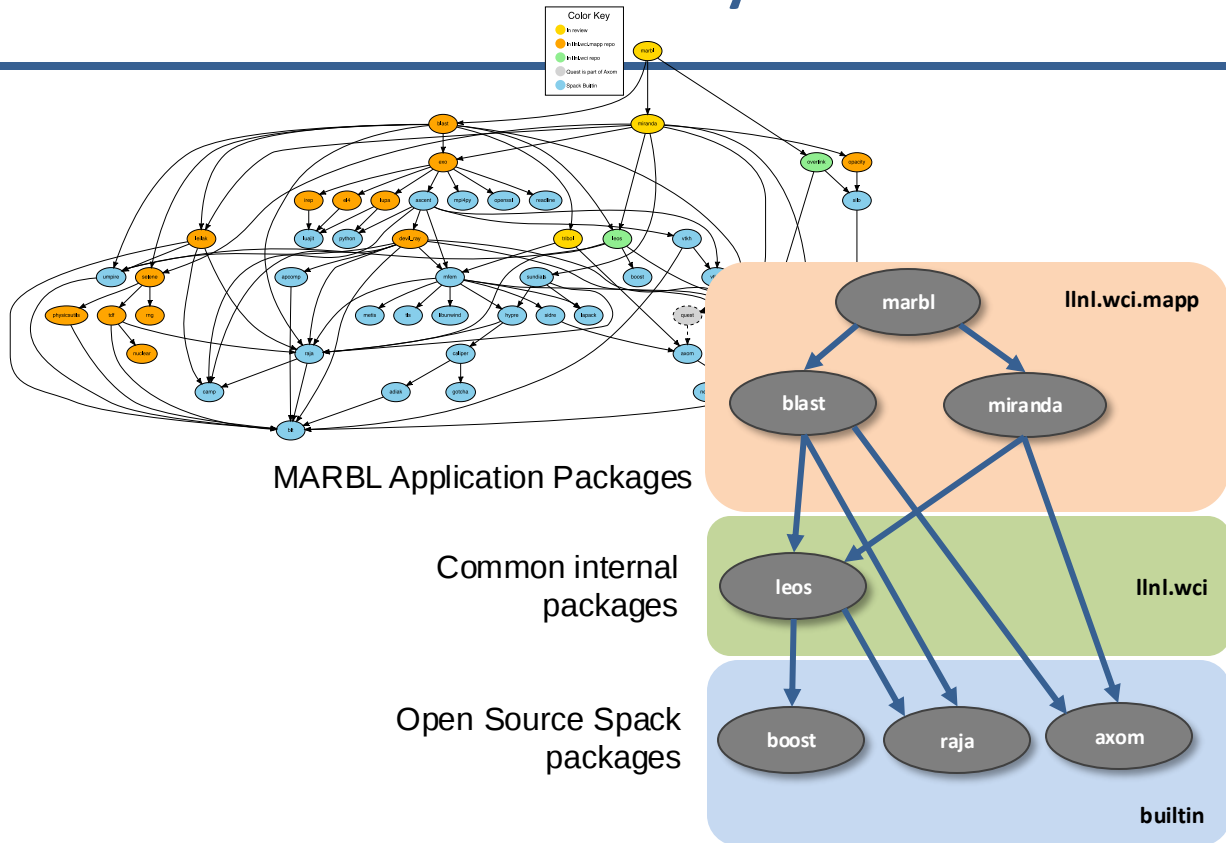
Users register external packages in a configuration file (more on these later).



Spack prunes the DAG when adding external packages.

Spack package repositories allow stacks to be layered

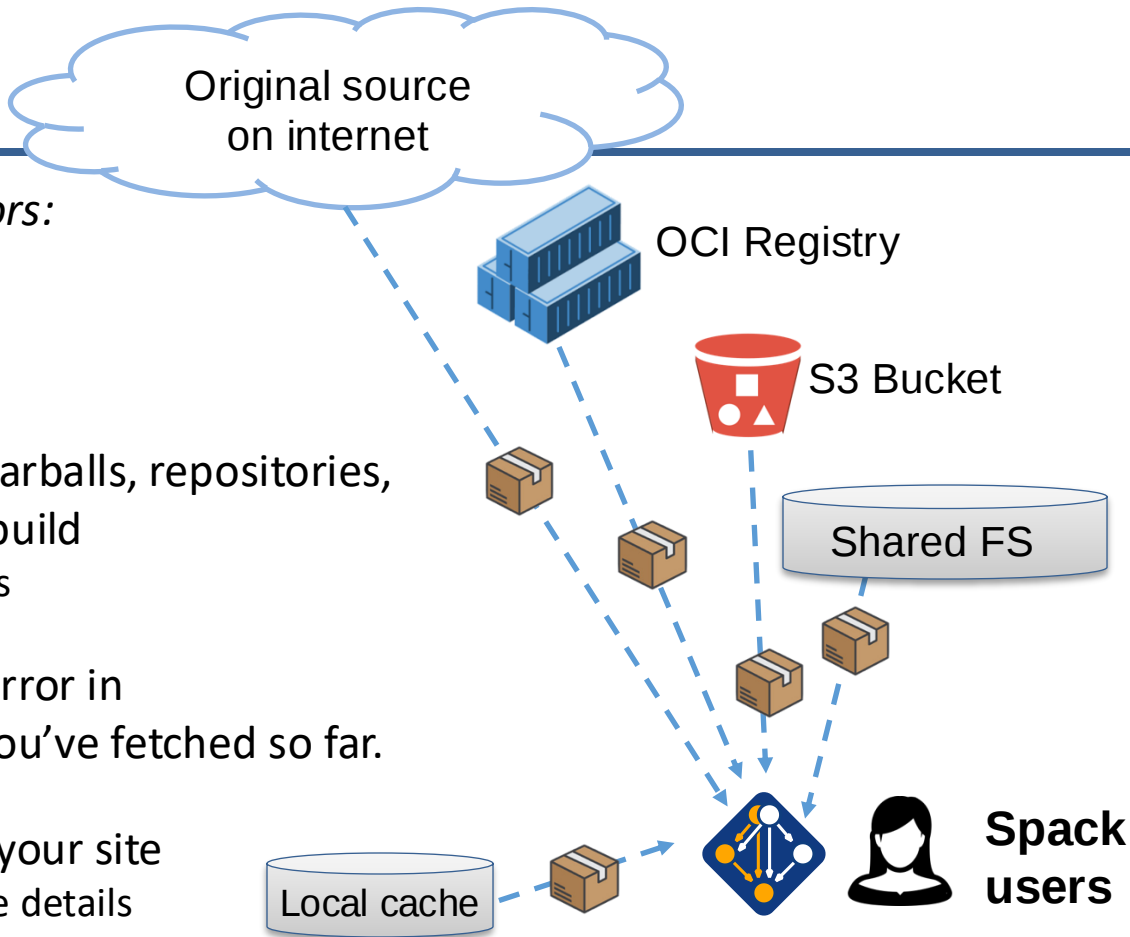
LLNL MARBL multi-physics application



```
$ spack repo create /path/to/my_repo
$ spack repo add my_repo
$ spack repo list
==> 2 package repositories.
my_repo /path/to/my_repo
builtin spack/var/spack/repos/builtin
```

Spack mirrors

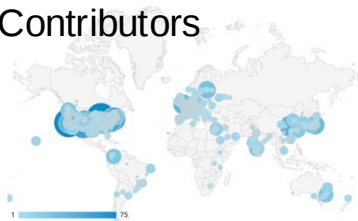
- Spack allows you to define *mirrors*:
 - Directories in the filesystem
 - On a web server
 - In an S3 bucket
- Mirrors are archives of fetched tarballs, repositories, and other resources needed to build
 - Can also contain binary packages
- By default, Spack maintains a mirror in `var/spack/cache` of everything you've fetched so far.
- You can host mirrors internal to your site
 - See the documentation for more details



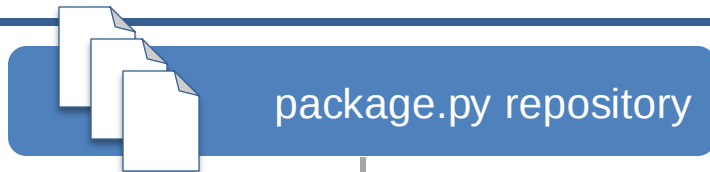
The concretizer includes information from packages, configuration, and CLI

Dependency solving is NP-hard

Contributors



- new versions
- new dependencies
- new constraints



concretizer

spack developers



default config
packages.yaml

admins,
users



local preferences config
packages.yaml

users



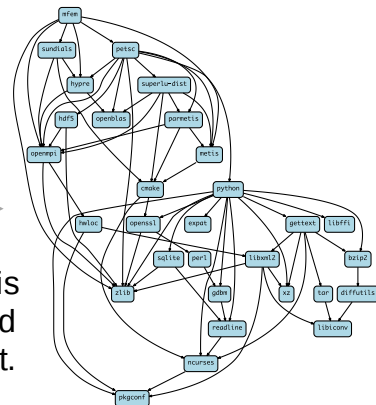
local environment config
spack.yaml

users

Command line constraints

```
spack install hdf5@1.12.0 +debug
```

Concrete spec is fully constrained and can be built.



We use logic programming to simplify package solving

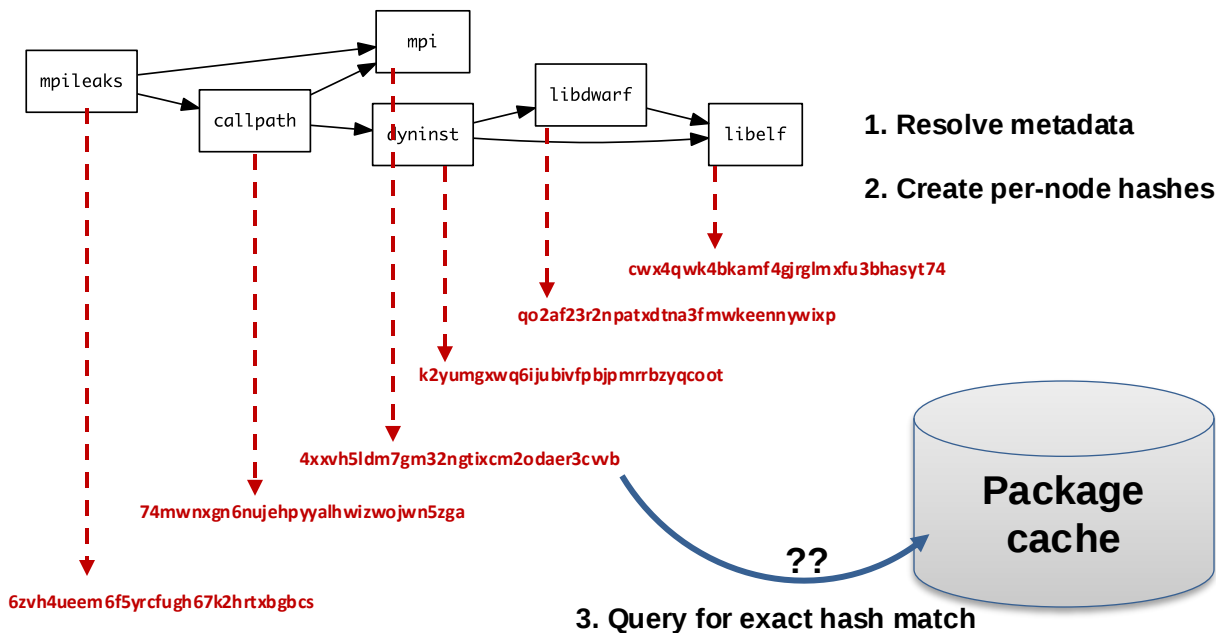
- New concretizer leverages Clingo (see potassco.org)
- Clingo is an Answer Set Programming (ASP) solver
 - ASP looks like Prolog; leverages SAT solvers for speed/correctness
 - ASP program has 2 parts:
 1. Large list of facts generated from our package repositories and config
 2. Small logic program (~800 lines)
 - includes constraints and optimization criteria
- New algorithm on the Spack side is conceptually simpler:
 - Generate facts for all possible dependencies, send to logic program
 - Optimization criteria express preferences more clearly
 - Build a DAG from the results
- New concretizer solves many specs that old concretizer can't
 - Backtracking is a huge win – many issues resolved
 - Conditional logic that was complicated before is now much easier

```
%-----  
% Package: ucx  
%-----  
version_declared("ucx", "1.6.1", 0).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.6.0", 1).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.2", 2).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.1", 3).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.5.0", 4).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.4.0", 5).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.3.1", 6).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.3.0", 7).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.2", 8).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.1", 9).  
version_declared("ucx", "1.2.0", 10).  
  
variant("ucx", "thread_multiple").  
variant_single_value("ucx", "thread_multiple").  
variant_default_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "False").  
variant_possible_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "False").  
variant_possible_value("ucx", "thread_multiple", "True").  
  
declared_dependency("ucx", "numactl", "build").  
declared_dependency("ucx", "numactl", "link").  
node("numactl") :- depends_on("ucx", "numactl"), node("ucx").  
  
declared_dependency("ucx", "rdma-core", "build").  
declared_dependency("ucx", "rdma-core", "link").  
node("rdma-core") :- depends_on("ucx", "rdma-core"), node("ucx").  
  
%-----  
% Package: util-linux  
%-----  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.29.2", 0).  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.29.1", 1).  
version_declared("util-linux", "2.25", 2).  
  
variant("util-linux", "libuuid").  
variant_single_value("util-linux", "libuuid").  
variant_default_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "True").  
variant_possible_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "False").  
variant_possible_value("util-linux", "libuuid", "True").  
  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "pkgconfig", "build").  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "pkgconfig", "link").  
node("pkgconfig") :- depends_on("util-linux", "pkgconfig"), node("util-linux").  
  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "python", "build").  
declared_dependency("util-linux", "python", "link").  
node("python") :- depends_on("util-linux", "python"), node("util-linux").
```

Some facts for the HDF5 package



--fresh only reuses builds if hashes match



- Hash matches are very sensitive to small changes
- In many cases, a satisfying cached or already installed spec can be missed
- Nix, Spack, Guix, Conan, and others reuse this way

--reuse (now the default) is more aggressive

- --reuse tells the solver about all the installed packages!
- Add constraints for all installed packages, with their hash as the associated ID:

```
installed_hash("openssl","lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node","openssl").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","version","openssl","1.1.1g").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node_platform_set","openssl","darwin").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node_os_set","openssl","catalina").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node_target_set","openssl","x86_64").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","variant_set","openssl","systemcerts","True").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node_compiler_set","openssl","apple-clang").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","node_compiler_version_set","openssl","apple-clang","12.0.0").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","concrete","openssl").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","depends_on","openssl","zlib","build").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","depends_on","openssl","zlib","link").
imposed_constraint("lwatuysmwkuahrncywvn77icdhs6mn","hash","zlib","x2anksgssxsxa7pcnhzg5k3dhgacglze").
```

Telling the solver to minimize builds is surprisingly simple in ASP

1. Allow the solver to *choose* a hash for any package:

```
{ hash(Package, Hash) : installed_hash(Package, Hash) } 1 :- node(Package).
```

2. Choosing a hash means we impose its constraints:

```
impose(Hash) :- hash(Package, Hash).
```

3. Define a build as something *without* a hash:

```
build(Package) :- not hash(Package, _), node(Package).
```

4. Minimize builds!

```
#minimize { 1@100,Package : build(Package) }.
```

With and without --reuse optimization

```
(spack):solver> spack solve -Il hdf5
=> Best of 9 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
```

Priority	Criterion	Installed	ToBuild
1	number of packages to build (vs. reuse)	-	20
2	deprecated versions used	0	0
3	version weight	0	0
4	number of non-default variants (roots)	0	0
5	preferred providers for roots	0	0
6	default values of variants not being used (roots)	0	0
7	number of non-default variants (non-roots)	0	0
8	preferred providers (non-roots)	0	0
9	compiler mismatches	0	0
10	OS mismatches	0	0
11	non-preferred OS's	0	0
12	version badness	0	2
13	default values of variants not being used (non-roots)	0	0
14	non-preferred compilers	0	0
15	target mismatches	0	0
16	non-preferred targets	0	0

```
hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@13.0.0-cxx-fortran-hl-ipo-java-mpi+shared-szip-threadsafe+tools api=default t
^Cmake@3.21.4%apple-clang@13.0.0-doc+ncurses+openssl+ownlibs-qt build_type=Release arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^Curses@6.2%apple-clang@13.0.0-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^pkgconf@1.8.0%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openssl@1.1.1l%apple-clang@13.0.0-docs certs=system arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@13.0.0-cpanm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@13.0.0-cxx-docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5c5c3a4814f arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^bz2@1.0.8%apple-clang@13.0.0-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^diffutils@3.8%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@13.0.0 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^gdbm@1.19%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^readline@8.1%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^zlib@1.2.11%apple-clang@13.0.0+optimize+pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openmpi@4.1.1%apple-clang@13.0.0-atomics-cuda-cxx-cxx-exceptions+gpfs-internal-hwloc-java-legacy
^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@13.0.0-cairo-cuda-gl-libudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml-opencl-pci-rocm+shared
^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@13.0.0-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@13.0.0-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libevent@2.1.12%apple-clang@13.0.0+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openssl@8.7p1%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libedit@3.1-20210216%apple-clang@13.0.0 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

Pure hash-based reuse: all misses

```
(spack):spack> spack solve --reuse -Il hdf5
=> Best of 10 considered solutions.
=> Optimization Criteria:
```

Priority	Criterion	Installed	ToBuild
1	number of packages to build (vs. reuse)	-	4
2	deprecated versions used	0	0
3	version weight	0	0
4	number of non-default variants (roots)	0	0
5	preferred providers for roots	0	0
6	default values of variants not being used (roots)	0	0
7	number of non-default variants (non-roots)	2	0
8	preferred providers (non-roots)	0	0
9	compiler mismatches	0	0
10	OS mismatches	0	0
11	non-preferred OS's	0	0
12	version badness	6	0
13	default values of variants not being used (non-roots)	1	0
14	non-preferred compilers	15	4
15	target mismatches	0	0
16	non-preferred targets	0	0

```
hdf5@1.10.7%apple-clang@12.0.5-cxx-fortran-hl-ipo-java-mpi+shared-szip-threadsafe+tools api=default
^Cmake@3.21.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-doc+ncurses+openssl+ownlibs-qt build_type=Release arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^Curses@6.2%apple-clang@12.0.5-symlinks+termlib abi=none arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openssl@1.1.1l%apple-clang@12.0.5-docs+systemcerts arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^zlib@1.2.11%apple-clang@12.0.5+optimize+pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openmpi@4.1.1%apple-clang@12.0.5-atomics-cuda-cxx-cxx-exceptions+gpfs-internal-hwloc-java-legacy
^hwloc@2.6.0%apple-clang@12.0.5-cairo-cuda-gl-libudev+libxml2-netloc-nvml-opencl-pci-rocm+shared
^libxml2@2.9.12%apple-clang@12.0.5-python arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libiconv@1.16%apple-clang@12.0.5 libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^xz@5.2.5%apple-clang@12.0.5-pic libs=shared,static arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^pkgconf@1.8.0%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libevent@2.1.12%apple-clang@12.0.5+openssl arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^openssl@8.6p1%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^libedit@3.1-20210216%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^perl@5.34.0%apple-clang@12.0.5-cpanm+shared+threads arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^berkeley-db@18.1.40%apple-clang@12.0.5+cxx-docs+stl patches=b231fcc4d5c5c3a4814f arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^bz2@1.0.8%apple-clang@12.0.5-debug-pic+shared arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^gdbm@1.19%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
^readline@8.1%apple-clang@12.0.5 arch=darwin-bigsur-skylake
```

With reuse: 16 packages were reusable



Use `spack spec` to see the results of concretization

```
$ spack spec mpileaks
```

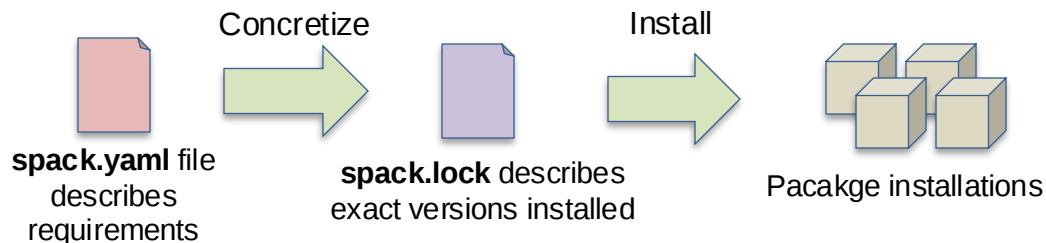
```
Input spec
```

```
-----  
mpileaks
```

```
Concretized
```

```
-----  
mpileaks@1.0%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
  ^adept-utils@1.0.1%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
    ^boost@1.61.0%gcc@5.3.0+atomic+chrono+date_time~debug+filesystem~graph  
      ~icu_support+iostreams+locale+log+math~mpi+multithreaded+program_options  
      ~python+random +regex+serialization+shared+signals+singlethreaded+system  
      +test+thread+timer+wave arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
        ^bzip2@1.0.6%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
        ^zlib@1.2.8%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
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      ^hwloc@1.11.3%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
        ^libpciaccess@0.13.4%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
          ^libtool@2.4.6%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
            ^m4@1.4.17%gcc@5.3.0+sigsegv arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
              ^libsigsegv@2.10%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
    ^callpath@1.0.2%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
    ^dyninst@9.2.0%gcc@5.3.0~stat_dysect arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
      ^libdwarf@20160507%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64  
        ^libelf@0.8.13%gcc@5.3.0 arch=darwin-elcapitan-x86_64
```

Spack environments enable users to build customized stacks from an abstract description



Simple spack.yaml file

```
spack:
  # include external configuration
  include:
    - ../special-config-directory/
    - ./config-file.yaml

  # add package specs to the `specs` list
  specs:
    - hdf5
    - libelf
    - openmpi
```

- spack.yaml describes project requirements
- spack.lock describes exactly what versions/configurations were installed, allows them to be reproduced.
- Can be used to maintain configuration of a software stack.
 - Can easily version an environment in a repository

Concrete spack.lock file (generated)

```
{
  "concrete_specs": {
    "6s63so2kstp3zyvjzglndmavy6l3nul": {
      "hdf5": {
        "version": "1.10.5",
        "arch": {
          "platform": "darwin",
          "platform_os": "mojave",
          "target": "x86_64"
        },
        "compiler": {
          "name": "clang",
          "version": "10.0.0-apple"
        },
        "namespace": "builtin",
        "parameters": {}
      }
    }
  }
```

Environments, spack.yaml and spack.lock

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Hands-on Time: Configuration

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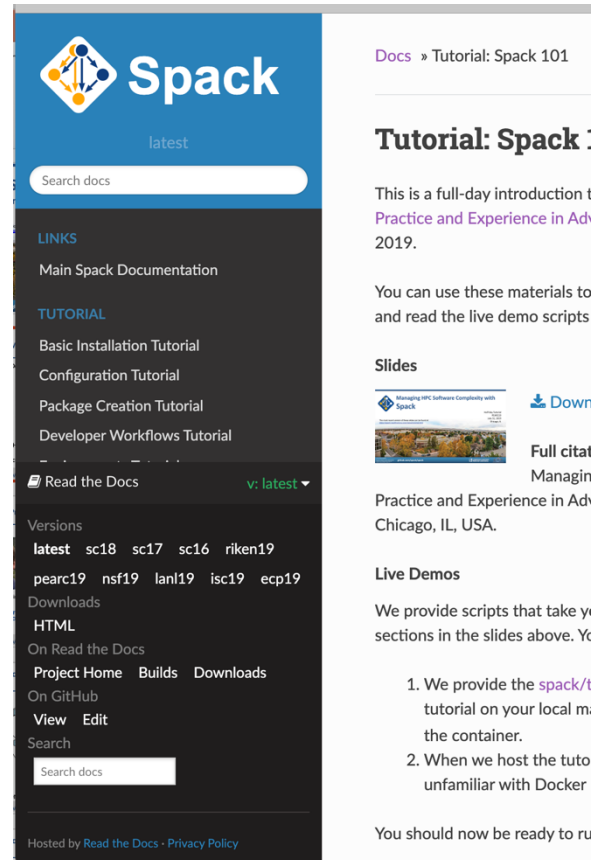
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Hands-on Time: Stacks

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Spack packages are *parameterized* using the spec syntax

Python DSL defines many ways to build

```
from spack import *

class Kripke(CMakePackage):
    """Kripke is a simple, scalable, 3DSn deterministic particle transport mini-app."""

    homepage = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/kripke"
    url      = "https://computation.llnl.gov/projects/co-design/download/kripke-openmp-1.1.tar.gz"

    version('1.2.3', sha256='3f7f2ee0d1ba5825780d626741eb0b3f026a096048d7ec4794d2a7dfbe2b8a6')
    version('1.2.2', sha256='eaf9ddf562416974157b34d00c3a1c880fc5296fce2a2efa039a86e0976f3a3')
    version('1.1', sha256='232d74072fc7b848fa2adc8a1bc839ae8fb5f96d50224186601f55554a25f64a')

    variant('mpi', default=True, description='Build with MPI.')
    variant('openmp', default=True, description='Build with OpenMP enabled.')

    depends_on('mpi', when='+mpi')
    depends_on('cmake@3.0:', type='build')

    def cmake_args(self):
        return [
            '-DENABLE_OPENMP=%s' % ('+openmp' in self.spec),
            '-DENABLE_MPI=%s' % ('+mpi' in self.spec),
        ]

    def install(self, spec, prefix):
        mkdirp(prefix.bin)
        install('../spack-build/kripke', prefix.bin)
```

Base package
(CMake support)

Metadata at the class level

Versions

Variants (build options)

Dependencies
(same spec syntax)

Install logic
in instance methods

Don't typically need install() for CMakePackage, but we can work around codes that don't have it.

One package.py file per software project!

Hands-on Time: Creating Packages

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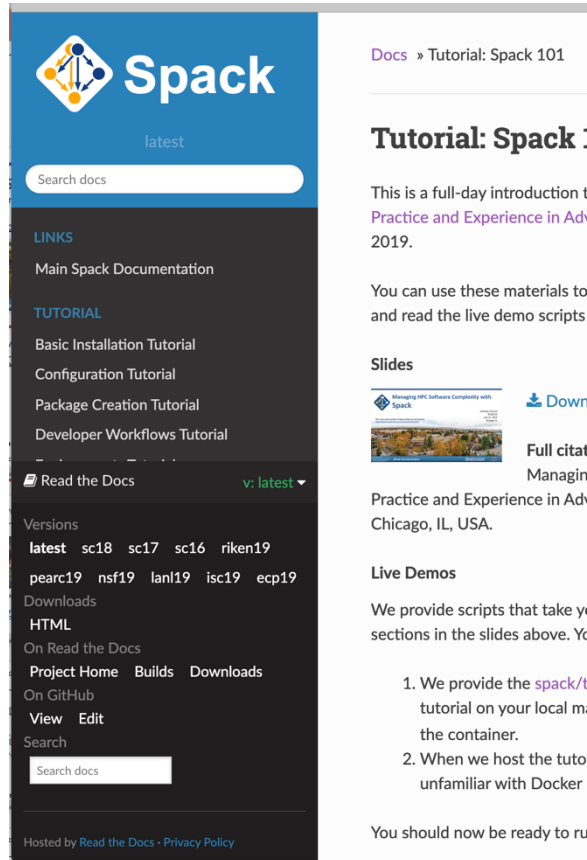
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Tutorial: Spack 101

This is a full-day introduction to Spack. You can use these materials to practice and read the live demo scripts.

Slides

Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack

Full citation: Managing HPC Software Complexity with Spack

Practice and Experience in Advanced Computing, Chicago, IL, USA.

Live Demos

We provide scripts that take you through the sections in the slides above. You should now be ready to run the scripts.

1. We provide the `spack/tutorial` directory on your local machine. This directory contains the tutorial on your local machine.
2. When we host the tutorial on a remote machine, you may be unfamiliar with Docker.

Hands-on Time: Binary Caches and Mirrors

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Hands-on Time: Developer Workflows

Follow script at spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io

Hands-on Time: Scripting

Follow script at spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io

More Features and the Road Ahead



Environments have enabled us to add build many features to support developer workflows

```
class Cmake(Package):
    executables = ['cmake']

    @classmethod
    def determine_spec_details(cls, prefix, exes_in_prefix):
        exe_to_path = dict(
            (os.path.basename(p), p) for p in exes_in_prefix
        )
        if 'cmake' not in exe_to_path:
            return None

        cmake = spack.util.executable.Exeutable(exe_to_path['cmake'])
        output = cmake('-version', output=str)
        if output:
            match = re.search(r'cmake.*version\s+((\S+))', output)
            if match:
                version_str = match.group(1)
                return Spec('cmake@{0}'.format(version_str))
```

```
packages:
  cmake:
    externals:
      - spec: cmake@3.15.1
        prefix: /usr/local
```

spack external find

Automatically find and configure external packages on the system

spack test

Packages know how to run their own test suites

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package.py

```
spaces:
  definitions:
    - pkg1
    - result=org.0
  components:
    - "org.0.S.0"
  users:
    - username=org.0.0
    - username=org.0.7
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.gitlab-ci.yml CI pipeline

spack.yaml

spack ci

Automatically generate parallel build pipelines
(more on this later)

spack containerize

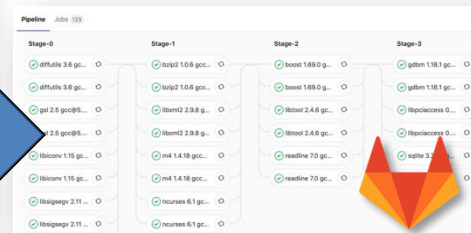
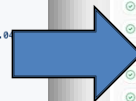
Turn environments into container build recipes

[illegible]

Spack environments are the foundation of Spack CI

- spack ci enables any environment to be turned into a build pipeline
- Pipeline generates a .gitlab-ci.yml file from spack.lock
- Pipelines can be used just to build, or to generate relocatable binary packages
 - Binary packages can be used to keep the same build from running twice
- Same repository used for spack.yaml can generate pipelines for project

```
spack:
  definitions:
    - pkgs:
      - readline7.0
    - compilers:
      - '%gcc@5.5.0'
    - oses:
      - os=ubuntu18.04
      - os=centos7
  specs:
    - matrix:
      - [$pkgs]
      - [$compilers]
      - [$oses]
  mirrors:
    cloud_gitlab: https://mirror.spack.io
  gitlab-ci:
    mappings:
      - spack-cloud-ubuntu:
        match:
          - os=ubuntu18.04
        runner-attributes:
          tags:
            - spack-k8s
          image: spack/spack_builder_ubuntu_18.04
      - spack-cloud-centos:
        match:
          - os=centos7
        runner-attributes:
          tags:
            - spack-k8s
          image: spack/spack_builder_centos_7
  cdash:
    build-group: Release Testing
    url: https://cdash.spack.io
    project: Spack
    site: Spack AWS Gitlab Instance
```



Parallel GitLab build pipeline

spack.yaml

We've made a lot of progress on compiler dependencies

- Compiler *runtime libraries* represented in the graph
 - C++, Fortran runtimes
- libc is now represented in dependency graphs on Linux
 - No more need to rely on OS tag for compatibility information
- Reuse binaries *without* compiler needing to be configured locally
- Improved buildcache hit rate using libraries for compatibility
- Compiler dependency solver is working
 - Needs a bit more performance tuning!



Compilers can now model their own runtimes

- New method, `runtime_constraints`, for injecting runtimes into graphs
- Currently supported for gcc, intel-oneapi
 - still working on others
- Allows solver to take libstdc++, fortran runtime compatibility into account.
- Example:
 - Intel compilers now (correctly) depend on gcc-runtime

```
class Gcc(AutotoolsPackage, GNUMirrorPackage):
    # ...

    @classmethod
    def runtime_constraints(cls, *, spec, pkg):
        """Callback function to inject runtime-related rules into the solver.

        Rule-injection is obtained through method calls of the ``pkg`` argument.

        Documentation for this function is temporary. When the API will be in its final state,
        we'll document the behavior at https://spack.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

        Args:
            spec: spec that will inject runtime dependencies
            pkg: object used to forward information to the solver
        """
        pkg("*").depends_on(
            "gcc-runtime",
            when="%gcc",
            type="link",
            description="If any package uses %gcc, it depends on gcc-runtime",
        )
        pkg("*").depends_on(
            f"gcc-runtime@{str(spec.version)}:",
            when=f"%{str(spec)}",
            type="link",
            description=f"If any package uses %{str(spec)}, "
            f"it depends on gcc-runtime@{str(spec.version)}:",
        )
```

Packages now declare the languages they depend on

- Languages are *almost* virtuals
 - HDF5 package depends on `cxx` and `fortran`
 - Handled specially internally, until compilers are nodes
- Imply a compiler *and* compiler package can specify runtime libraries to inject
- Allows solver to mix compilers *correctly*
 - Runtimes are unified like other nodes
 - *Package authors* can model toolchain properties
 - probably not for most package authors, but very powerful
- TBD:
 - Other runtimes like clang libraries and OpenMP
 - Compilers as nodes in the graph

```
class Hdf5(CMakePackage):
    """HDF5 is a data model, library, and file format for storing and managing
    data. It supports an unlimited variety of datatypes, and is designed for
    flexible and efficient I/O and for high volume and complex data.
    """

    homepage = "https://portal.hdfgroup.org"
    url = "https://support.hdfgroup.org/ftp/HDF5/releases/hdf5-1.14/hdf5-1.14"
    list_url = "https://support.hdfgroup.org/ftp/HDF5/releases"
    list_depth = 3
    git = "https://github.com/HDFGroup/hdf5.git"
    maintainers("lrknox", "brtnfld", "byrnHDF", "gheber", "hyoklee", "lkurz")

    tags = ["e4s", "windows"]
    executables = ["^h5cc$", "^h5pcc$"]

    test_requires_compiler = True

    license("custom")

    depends_on("cxx", type="build", when="+cxx")
    depends_on("fortran", type="build", when="+fortran")
```

We've also added libc as a dependency

- libc is a virtual
 - glibc and musl packages are providers
 - (nearly) every graph has libc in it, via the compiler
 - Can be external or built by Spack
- We are *not* building libc for every stack in Spack
 - Automatically detect system libc version
 - Add a node to the graph to be used for binary compatibility
- No longer using OS tags for buildcaches
 - Now use libc for this
 - *many* more buildcache hits

```
(py311) culpo@nivola:~/PycharmProjects/spack$ spack concretize -f --re
==> Concretized hdf5-mpi
-   tnqdhsh   hdf5@1.14.3%gcc@9.4.0~cxx~fortran~hl~ipo~java~map~mpi+sh
-   gdviueh   ^cmake@3.27.9%gcc@8.5.0~doc+ncurses+ownlibs build_sy
-   i5cd2jj   ^curl@8.6.0%gcc@8.5.0~gssapi~ldap~libidn2~librtm
-   icqajq4   ^nghttp2@1.57.0%gcc@8.5.0 build_system=autot
-   xl7h3wb   ^openssl@3.2.1%gcc@8.5.0~docs+shared build_s
-   rlipoky   ^ca-certificates-mozilla@2023-05-30%gcc@
-   45hdvpf   ^perl@5.38.0%gcc@8.5.0+cpanm+opcode+open
-   qvzagc5   ^berkeley-db@18.1.40%gcc@8.5.0+cxx~d
-   ioufq6d   ^bzip2@1.0.8%gcc@8.5.0~debug~pic+sha
-   enaxy2l   ^diffutils@3.10%gcc@8.5.0 build
-   czvftrb   ^libcconv@1.17%gcc@8.5.0 bui
-   ku6webf   ^gdbm@1.23%gcc@8.5.0 build_system=au
-   3tzxgdp   ^readline@8.2%gcc@8.5.0 build_sy
-   llqwd2j   ^gcc-runtime@8.5.0%gcc@8.5.0 build_system=generi
-   fue5ca2   ^glibc@2.28%gcc@8.5.0 build_system=autotools arch=li
-   [e] sxb2sl6   ^ncurses@6.4%gcc@8.5.0~svmlinks+termli abi=none
-   ucn3h     ^gcc-runtime@9.4.0%gcc@9.4.0 build_system=generic arch=li
-   [e] 372mq4   ^glibc@2.31%gcc@9.4.0 build_system=autotools arch=li
-   vsjxwea   ^cmake@4.1%gcc@8.5.0~gui~qt build_system=generic arch=li
-   o76bf47   ^pkgconf@1.9.5%gcc@8.5.0 build_system=autotools arch=li
-   jkwqkvs   ^zlib-ng@2.1.6%gcc@8.5.0+compat+new_strategies+opt+p
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Libc modeling makes for a much better buildcache experience

- Currently on develop (emacs 100% from binary):

```
(py311) culpo@nivola:~/PycharmProjects/spack$ spack install emacs
[+] /usr (external glibc-2.17-2hhcy7kzv3wlfqcaschwvup4uysp4hoy)
[+] /home/culpo/PycharmProjects/spack/opt/spack/linux-centos7-x86_64_v3/gcc-10.2.1/gcc-runtime-10.2.1-4gmidu73vvtvhlun564olcopuill2i
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=> Extracting nasm-2.15.05-e2kvtqiaava2osr3jbyptdufjgov4dgc from binary cache
=> nasm: Successfully installed nasm-2.15.05-e2kvtqiaava2osr3jbyptdufjgov4dgc
  Search: 0.00s. Fetch: 2.61s. Install: 0.17s. Extract: 0.11s. Relocate: 0.04s. Total: 2.78s
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=> Installing pcre-8.45-xi42ks7asbq2sqmdc7bdsbmhzzhlie6m4 [7/39]
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We've made a lot of progress on compiler dependencies

- Compiler *runtime libraries* represented in the graph
 - C++, Fortran runtimes
- libc is now represented in dependency graphs on Linux
 - No more need to rely on OS tag for compatibility information
- Reuse binaries *without* compiler needing to be configured locally
- Improved buildcache hit rate using libraries for compatibility
- Compiler dependency solver is working
 - Needs a bit more performance tuning!



What's needed for Spack v1.0?

Big things we've wanted for 1.0 are:

- New concretizer
- production CI
- production public build cache
- Compiler dependencies
- Buildcache hardening
- Separate package repository
 - Needs a stable package API

Done!

Try v1.0.0-alpha1!

June 2025!

We are looking forward to a 1.0 release in June!

Join us during SC24



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Tuesday

HPSF BOF

5:15pm – 6:45pm

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Thursday

Spack BOF

12:15pm – 1:15pm

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Join us after SC24

- Join us and 3,400+ others on Spack slack
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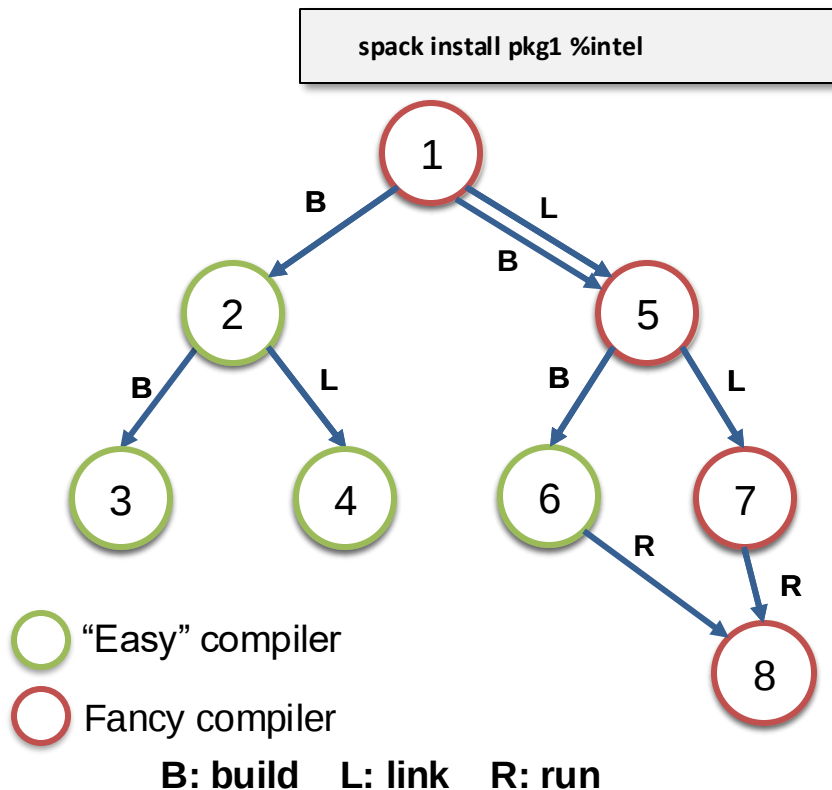
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Roadmap:

Separate concretization of build dependencies

- We want to:
 - Build build dependencies with the "easy" compilers
 - Build rest of DAG (the link/run dependencies) with the fancy compiler
- 2 approaches to modify concretization:
 1. **Separate solves**
 - Solve run and link dependencies first
 - Solve for build dependencies separately
 - May restrict possible solutions (build $\leftrightarrow$ run env constraints)
 2. **Separate models**
 - Allow a bigger space of packages in the solve
 - Solve *all* runtime environments together
 - May explode (even more) combinatorially



Roadmap:

Compilers as dependencies

- **Need separate concretization of build dependencies to make this work**

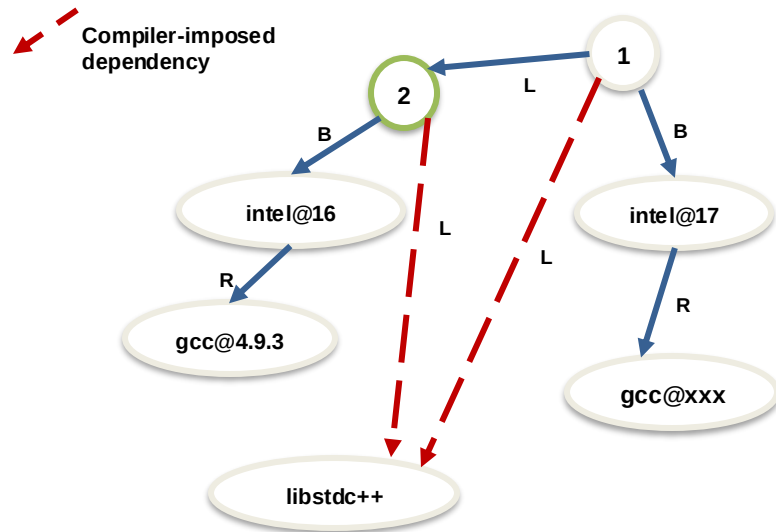
- Model compiler as build dep (not unified)
- Runtimes as link deps (unified)
- Ensure compatibility between runtimes when using multiple compilers together

- **We need deeper modeling of compilers to handle compiler interoperability**

- libstdc++, libc++ compatibility
- Compilers that depend on compilers
- Linking executables with multiple compilers

- **Packages that depend on languages**

- Depend on **cxx@2011**, **cxx@2017**, **fortran@1995**, etc
- Depend on **openmp@4.5**, other compiler features
- Model languages, openmp, cuda, etc. as virtuals



Compilers and runtime libs fully modeled as dependencies

Hands-on Time: Modules

Follow script at spack-tutorial.readthedocs.io