
Subject: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 11:56:26 GMT

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I have made some substantial changes to Core memory allocator and index, improving performance of some synthetic benchmarks.

Allocator now much better handles big blocks, which improves e.g. performance of adding ~20000 elements to Vector<int> 3 times. Also, memory pages of most categories can be now reused in another category. We have now 3 categories of blocks <1KB, <64KB and <32MB/220MB (32 bit cpu/64 bit cpu). MemoryTryRealloc is now properly implemented and used in library. mingw performance is improved with TLS workaround.

sizeof(Index) is now 40 (was ~90). Adding elements to Index is now faster.

Frankly, in retrospective it was all mostly a lot of work for really small gains as all low-hanging fruits were already picked years ago. But large blocks handling in allocator is quite nice improvement...

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 15:51:40 GMT

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Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 07 Jun 2019 16:01:39 GMT

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I'm using old-fashioned top (a Linux tool). I was looking at %MEM and at RES.

To be precise, the difference is ~2.75 times and not 4 or 6 times as I mentioned before.

I measured the same app compiled against git:40cd0fd5e (svn://ultimatepp.org/upp/trunk@13354) and git: 8e0f32d6262 (svn://ultimatepp.org/upp/trunk@13368)

With the old allocator I was getting 0.8% RAM max (~260Mb). The app was running for 292 s.

With the new one I got 2.2% RAM max (~714Mb). Now it takes 230 s. to run it. This is one minute less, and that is cool.

A singly-threaded version of the same app has improved a little bit as well: 2428.33 s. vs 2491.37 s.

The difference is ~2.5%

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 16:30:29 GMT
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I couldn't compile code with the flag `.USEMALLOC` defined. I'm getting this:

error: use of undeclared identifier 'MemoryTryRealloc'
I just wanted to compare the new U++ allocator with the standard one ...

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 16:31:04 GMT
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This is definitely something to investigate...

The working hypothesis is that you are allocating some really large blocks (>10MB) and in previous allocator, these were immediately unmapped back (and it was fast peak, so unnoticed while watching top), while the new allocator keeps them for reuse and system has not swapped them out yet. My experience is that the culprit is usually a big `StringStream`.

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Mirek

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 16:40:45 GMT
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`USEMALLOC` fixed

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 17:44:30 GMT
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mirek wrote on Sat, 08 June 2019 12:40 `USEMALLOC` fixed
For some weird reason I'm getting a linker error (full rebuild)

in function ``Upp::sProfile(Upp::MemoryProfile const&)'`:
`/home/ssg/dvlp/cpp/upp/git/uppsrc/CtrlLib/CtrlUtil.cpp:368: undefined reference to`
``Upp::AsString(Upp::MemoryProfile const&)'`
Configuration: Debug (Release is fine)
Flags: GUI `.USEMALLOC`

I'm not getting any problems with linking when flags are "MT .USEMALLOC".
BLITZ is used in all cases.
This is weird.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 18:38:58 GMT
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Hopefully fixed.

Mirek

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 19:42:43 GMT
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Novo wrote on Sat, 08 June 2019 12:30
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So, StdAlloc-based MT version runs for 233 s. and it is using 1.6% RAM max (~541Mb).
It is somewhere in-between the new and the old U++ allocator.

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Mirek
Everything is fine now.

Thank you!

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 08 Jun 2019 20:06:49 GMT

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Novo wrote on Sat, 08 June 2019 15:54

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In case of HPAGE = 8192 it is using 2.0% RAM max (~646Mb) one one (some data is read from disc into memory) run

and 2.2% RAM max (~714Mb) on another run (all data is cashed in memory).

Well, "top" is not the best tool to check memory usage.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 09 Jun 2019 08:03:29 GMT

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sun, 09 Jun 2019 13:20:26 GMT

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Basically, you call PeakMemoryProfile at the start to activate it, then
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mem: 680 Mb, time: 232 s.

HPAGE = 8192
mem: 777 Mb, time: 232 s.

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sun, 09 Jun 2019 15:15:19 GMT
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I hacked your TIMING macro and made a similar RMEMUSE one:

```

namespace Upp {

struct MemInspector {
protected:
    static bool active;

    const char *name;
    int      call_count;
    int      min_mem;
    int      max_mem;
    int      max_nesting;
    int      all_count;
    StaticMutex mutex;

public:
    MemInspector(const char *name = NULL); // Not String !!!
    ~MemInspector();

    void Add(int mem, int nesting);

    String Dump();

    class Routine {
    public:
        Routine(MemInspector& stat, int& nesting)
        : nesting(nesting), stat(stat) {
            ++nesting;
        }

        ~Routine() {
            --nesting;
            int mem = MemoryUsedKb();
            stat.Add(mem, nesting);
        }

    protected:
        int& nesting;
        MemInspector& stat;
    };

    static void Activate(bool b) { active = b; }
};

bool MemInspector::active = true;

MemInspector::MemInspector(const char *_name) {
    name = _name ? _name : "";
}

```



```

all_count = call_count = max_nesting = min_mem = max_mem = 0;
}

```

```

MemInspector::~MemInspector() {
    Mutex::Lock ____(mutex);
    StdLog() << Dump() << "\r\n";
}

```

```

void MemInspector::Add(int mem, int nesting)
{
    // mem = MemoryUsedKb() - mem;
    Mutex::Lock ____(mutex);
    if(!active) return;
    all_count++;
    if(nesting > max_nesting)
        max_nesting = nesting;
    if(nesting == 0) {
        if(call_count++ == 0)
            min_mem = max_mem = mem;
        else {
            if(mem < min_mem)
                min_mem = mem;
            if(mem > max_mem)
                max_mem = mem;
        }
    }
}

```

```

String MemInspector::Dump() {
    Mutex::Lock ____(mutex);
    String s = Sprintf("MEMUSE %-15s: ", name);
    if(call_count == 0)
        return s + "No active hit";
    return s
        << "min: " << min_mem
        << ", max: " << max_mem
        << Sprintf(", nesting: %d - %d", max_nesting, all_count);
}

```

```

}

```

```

#define RMEMUSE(x) \
static UPP::MemInspector COMBINE(sMemStat, __LINE__)(x); \
static thread_local int COMBINE(sMemStatNesting, __LINE__); \
UPP::MemInspector::Routine COMBINE(sMemStatR, __LINE__)(COMBINE(sMemStat, \
__LINE__), COMBINE(sMemStatNesting, __LINE__))

```

What I'm getting in case of HPAGE = 7 * 8192 is

TIMING Chunk : 4108.80 s - 22.66 ms (4108.80 s / 181363), min: 1.00 ms, max: 1.24 s ,
nesting: 0 - 181363

MEMUSE Chunk : min: 30844, max: 341052, nesting: 0 - 181363

TIMING Read Data : 228.28 s - 228.28 s (228.28 s / 1), min: 228.28 s , max: 228.28 s ,
nesting: 0 - 1

top is saying max used memory (RES) is ~771 Mb.

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Mirek

I'm calling PeakMemoryProfile(); before CoWork is created and RDUMP(*PeakMemoryProfile());
after it is destroyed.

*PeakMemoryProfile() = Memory peak 328920

32 B,	13 allocated (0 KB),	113 fragments (3 KB)
64 B,	8 allocated (0 KB),	55 fragments (3 KB)
96 B,	6 allocated (0 KB),	36 fragments (3 KB)
128 B,	3 allocated (0 KB),	28 fragments (3 KB)
160 B,	3 allocated (0 KB),	22 fragments (3 KB)
192 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	19 fragments (3 KB)
224 B,	3 allocated (0 KB),	15 fragments (3 KB)
256 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	13 fragments (3 KB)
288 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	12 fragments (3 KB)
320 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	10 fragments (3 KB)
352 B,	1 allocated (0 KB),	10 fragments (3 KB)
384 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	8 fragments (3 KB)
448 B,	2 allocated (0 KB),	7 fragments (3 KB)
576 B,	4 allocated (2 KB),	3 fragments (1 KB)
672 B,	3 allocated (1 KB),	3 fragments (1 KB)
800 B,	2 allocated (1 KB),	3 fragments (2 KB)
992 B,	3 allocated (2 KB),	1 fragments (0 KB)
TOTAL,	61 allocated (15 KB),	358 fragments (50 KB)

Empty 4KB pages 0 (0 KB)

Large block count 9, total size 119 KB

Large fragments count 5, total size 71 KB

Huge block count 80, total size 1779376 KB

Sys block count 0, total size 0 KB

224MB master blocks 4

Large fragments:

1 KB: 1
8 KB: 1
17.25 KB: 1
22 KB: 1
23.5 KB: 1

Huge fragments:

8 KB: 1
16 KB: 1
20 KB: 3
32 KB: 5
36 KB: 2
40 KB: 1
44 KB: 1
52 KB: 1
64 KB: 20
68 KB: 1
80 KB: 6
92 KB: 2
120 KB: 1
128 KB: 1
144 KB: 1
156 KB: 1
164 KB: 1
180 KB: 2
188 KB: 2
192 KB: 3
196 KB: 1
204 KB: 1
248 KB: 1
252 KB: 1
272 KB: 2
276 KB: 1
284 KB: 1
288 KB: 1
296 KB: 2
304 KB: 1
320 KB: 1
328 KB: 1
348 KB: 1
364 KB: 1
384 KB: 1
396 KB: 2
412 KB: 1
440 KB: 1
464 KB: 1
468 KB: 1

484 KB: 1
500 KB: 1
504 KB: 1
512 KB: 1
520 KB: 1
560 KB: 2
564 KB: 1
568 KB: 1
576 KB: 1
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612 KB: 1
616 KB: 1
620 KB: 1
640 KB: 1
652 KB: 2
696 KB: 1
700 KB: 1
708 KB: 1
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14304 KB: 1
14988 KB: 1
15168 KB: 1
15576 KB: 1
15924 KB: 1
16040 KB: 1
18012 KB: 1
19204 KB: 1

20108 KB: 1
20396 KB: 1
55160 KB: 1

top is saying that app is using 855 Mb max ...

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 09 Jun 2019 16:51:22 GMT
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They can delay that to the moment the page is allocated in physical memory.

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There is also

```
int MemoryUsedKbMax();
```

anyway, both MemoryUsedKb and this one have one disadvantage - they only count active blocks, so if fragmentation is high, it is not accounted for.

That said, it looks like the fragmentation is the real culprit here. It looks like we have 300MB of active memory and 500MB in memory fragments. Looks like stdalloc fights with that too, with little bit better success.

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Unfortunately, I cannot control memory allocation with `XmlParser`. I have to relay on the default allocator.

Ideally, I'd love to see U++ allocator designed like this.

Related papers:

<https://people.cs.umass.edu/~emery/pubs/berger-pldi2001.pdf>

<https://erdani.com/publications/cuj-2005-12.pdf>

<https://accu.org/content/conf2008/Alexandrescu-memory-allocation.screen.pdf>

It doesn't have to be a complete implementation of everything. I just would like to be able plug into U++'s allocator in a similar fashion and extend/tune it.

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Why would you want to? Peak is really peak, it is profile at the moment when there is maximum memory use.

One caveat about profile is that it is only profile of current thread for small and large blocks. But our problem is with huge blocks anyway.

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Well, maybe there can also be an interference with `MemoryTryRealloc` (as those Vectors grow). Perhaps you can test what happens if

```
bool MemoryTryRealloc(void *ptr, size_t& newsize) {  
    return false; // (((dword)(uintptr_t)ptr) & 16) && MemoryTryRealloc__(ptr, newsize);  
}
```


Quote:

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There are not many... BTW, are you parsing memory - XmlParser(const char *), or streams - XmlParser(Stream& in) ?

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 09 Jun 2019 21:25:20 GMT

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Here is the code for logging all huge allocations (replace in Core/hheap.cpp):

```
void *Heap::HugeAlloc(size_t count) // count in 4kb pages
{
    ASSERT(count);

#ifdef LSTAT
    if(count < 65536)
        hstat[count]++;
#endif

    huge_4KB_count += count;

    if(huge_4KB_count > huge_4KB_count_max) {
        huge_4KB_count_max = huge_4KB_count;
        if(MemoryUsedKb() > sKBLimit)
            Panic("MemoryLimitKb breached!");
        if(sPeak)
            Make(*sPeak);
    }

    if(!D::freelist[0]->next) { // initialization
        for(int i = 0; i < 2; i++)
            Dbl_Self(D::freelist[i]);
    }

    if(count > HPAGE) { // we are wasting 4KB to store just 4 bytes here, but this is >32MB after all..
        LTIMING("SysAlloc");
        byte *sysblk = (byte *)SysAllocRaw((count + 1) * 4096, 0);
```

```

BlkHeader *h = (BlkHeader *)(sysblk + 4096);
h->size = 0;
*((size_t *)sysblk) = count;
sys_count++;
sys_size += 4096 * count;
return h;
}

```

```

LTIMING("Huge Alloc");

```

```

word wcount = (word)count;

```

```

if(16 * free_4KB > huge_4KB_count) // keep number of free 4KB blocks in check
    FreeSmallEmpty(INT_MAX, int(free_4KB - huge_4KB_count / 32));

```

```

for(int pass = 0; pass < 2; pass++) {
    for(int i = count >= 16; i < 2; i++) {
        BlkHeader *l = D::freelist[i];
        BlkHeader *h = l->next;
        while(h != l) {
            word sz = h->GetSize();
            if(sz >= count) {
                void *ptr = MakeAlloc(h, wcount);
                if(count > 16)
                    RLOG("HugeAlloc " << asString(ptr) << ", size: " << asString(count));
                return ptr;
            }
            h = h->next;
        }
    }
}

```

```

if(!FreeSmallEmpty(wcount, INT_MAX)) { // try to coalesce 4KB small free blocks back to huge
storage
    void *ptr = SysAllocRaw(HPAGE * 4096, 0);
    HugePage *pg = (HugePage *)MemoryAllocPermanent(sizeof(HugePage));
    pg->page = ptr;
    pg->next = huge_pages;
    huge_pages = pg;
    AddChunk((BlkHeader *)ptr, HPAGE); // failed, add 32MB from the system
    huge_chunks++;
}
}
Panic("Out of memory");
return NULL;
}

```

```

int Heap::HugeFree(void *ptr)
{

```

```

BlkHeader *h = (BlkHeader *)ptr;
if(h->size == 0) {
    LTIMING("Sys Free");
    byte *sysblk = (byte *)h - 4096;
    size_t count = *((size_t *)sysblk);
    SysFreeRaw(sysblk, (count + 1) * 4096);
    huge_4KB_count -= count;
    sys_count--;
    sys_size -= 4096 * count;
    return 0;
}
LTIMING("Huge Free");
if(h->GetSize() > 16)
    RLOG("HugeFree " << asString(ptr) << ", size: " << asString(h->GetSize()));
huge_4KB_count -= h->GetSize();
return BlkHeap::Free(h->GetSize());
}

```

```

bool Heap::HugeTryRealloc(void *ptr, size_t count)
{
    bool b = count <= HPAGE && BlkHeap::TryRealloc(ptr, count, huge_4KB_count);
    if(b)
        RLOG("HugeRealloc " << asString(ptr) << ", size: " << asString(count));
    return b;
}

```

(please test with active MemoryTryRealloc)

Subject: Re: Core 2019
 Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 15:27:57 GMT
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 Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 16:01:33 GMT
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Thanks!

mem: 400 Mb, time: 230 s.

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Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 16:18:02 GMT

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mirek wrote on Sun, 09 June 2019 17:11BTW, are you parsing memory - XmlParser(const char *), or streams - XmlParser(Stream& in) ?

Stream. bz2::DecompressStream.

I guess that XmlParser is responsible for fragmentation.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 16:21:44 GMT

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mirek wrote on Mon, 10 June 2019 12:17

Cool. So I guess issue solved and we do not need to worry about other tests?

I'll try to run other tests and see what happens ...

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 16:34:58 GMT

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mirek wrote on Sun, 09 June 2019 17:11

Well, maybe there can also be an interference with MemoryTryRealloc (as those Vectors grow).

Perhaps you can test what happens if

```
bool MemoryTryRealloc(void *ptr, size_t& newsize) {  
    return false; // (((dword)(uintptr_t)ptr) & 16) && MemoryTryRealloc__(ptr, newsize);  
}
```

This doesn't affect anything.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 10 Jun 2019 16:45:35 GMT
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mirek wrote on Sun, 09 June 2019 17:25 Here is the code for logging all huge allocations (replace in Core/hheap.cpp):

This code is crashing with the latest trunk.
I guess we can stop at this point.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 03:43:00 GMT
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Update.

I changed my app. Now it is doing a bunch of string manipulations (mostly concatenations)

Results:

U++:

time: 234s, mem is growing to 4.4Gb and it is not going down till the very end.

glibc:

Default settings (8-core CPU, CoWork pool has 18 threads):

time: 239s, mem max is 6.5Gb down to 3.6Gb

export MALLOC_ARENA_MAX=16

time: 239s, mem max is 4.2Gb down to 2.8Gb

export MALLOC_ARENA_MAX=8

time: 244s, mem max is 4.0Gb down to 1.3Gb

Conclusion:

glibc allocator is more efficient with a little bit of manual tuning. Difference in performance is not that significant. Cannot tell anything about Windows.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 04:14:59 GMT
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It looks like performance of the glibc allocator depends on a state of the system. Got new interesting results:

```
export MALLOC_ARENA_MAX=20  
time: 239s, mem max is 3.9Gb down to 0.7Gb
```

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 07:16:15 GMT
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I think you cannot deduce too much about efficiency looking at "down" number. That will depend a lot on overall load of system, more the load, less this number as system will page out unused pages from your apps address space. So the current philosophy of U++ allocator is that this does not matter.

Further explanation. The function that any allocator is using to obtain address space from system is mmap and there is munmap that returns address space to system. Normally there is a threshold - if block is too big, it allocation is simply handled by mmap / munmap calls, meaning it is returned to the system at MemoryFree. If it is less than threshold, bigger chunk is mmaped from the system and then divided to smaller chunks (somehow).

Now what is different is that standard GCC allocator has threshold at 4MB. U++ allocator at 224MB. In practice, this means that if you alloc / free 5MB block in std, it gets released back to system immediately. With U++, blocks up to 224 MB are not returned to the system immediately. If they are really unused, this just means that system will retrieve them when there is a need for more physical memory.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 07:23:53 GMT
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Anyway, peak and final memory profiles would be nice to know... :)

(Although one problem is that only calling thread's memory is in the profile).

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 15:59:14 GMT

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Mirek

This info doesn't match what I'm reading in the docs I posted above.

The lower limit for this parameter is 0. The upper limit is
DEFAULT_MMAP_THRESHOLD_MAX: 512*1024 on 32-bit systems or
4*1024*1024*sizeof(long) on 64-bit systems.

Note: Nowadays, glibc uses a dynamic mmap threshold by default. The initial value of the threshold is 128*1024, but when blocks larger than the current threshold and less than or equal to DEFAULT_MMAP_THRESHOLD_MAX are freed, the threshold is adjusted upward to the size of the freed block. When dynamic mmap thresholding is in effect, the threshold for trimming the heap is also dynamically adjusted to be twice the dynamic mmap threshold. Dynamic adjustment of the mmap threshold is disabled if any of the M_TRIM_THRESHOLD, M_TOP_PAD, M_MMAP_THRESHOLD, or M_MMAP_MAX parameters is set.

So, the old allocator on 64-bit systems had threshold 32Mb (4*1024*1024*sizeof(long)). In the new one it is determined dynamically. Initial value is 128Kb.

I traced my app with a tool which intercepts all malloc/free calls. I know exactly what is stressing the allocator :roll:

Memory block sizes:

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1) [Screenshot_2019-06-21_11-51-00.png](#), downloaded 431 times

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 16:01:35 GMT

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Memory consumption (actual, total of all malloc/free):

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Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 16:10:34 GMT

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Unfortunately, I couldn't find a decent tool to track real amount of system memory (mmaped) used by an app.

A chart similar to one above would be very helpful, otherwise I can just compare most notable values.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 17:58:55 GMT

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(Although one problem is that only calling thread's memory is in the profile).

I've attached a profile ...

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1) [wiki_infobox_mt.log](#), downloaded 184 times

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Fri, 21 Jun 2019 18:28:14 GMT

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My version of libc:

```
$ /lib/x86_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6
```

GNU C Library (Ubuntu GLIBC 2.29-0ubuntu2) stable release version 2.29.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 00:51:03 GMT

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U++, RSS, collected as "top -d 0.5".

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Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 00:53:47 GMT

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glibc, RSS, collected the same way.

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1) [glibc.png](#), downloaded 528 times

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 08:23:59 GMT

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Maybe you can strace both allocators and grep for mmap / munmap?

Also, profile after the CoWork would be nice to know.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 15:49:55 GMT

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Attached.

Just mmap and munmap do not tell much.

glibc calls brk a lot as well.
Profile after the CoWork was posted in this message.

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1) [strace.01.zip](#), downloaded 177 times

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 20:22:11 GMT
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Novo wrote on Sat, 22 June 2019 17:49
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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sat, 22 Jun 2019 21:44:33 GMT
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New logs are attached.

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 23 Jun 2019 06:21:13 GMT
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"MemoryProfile()" :)

The difference is that PeakMemoryProfile returns snapshot at point where maximum memory is allocated, while "MemoryProfile" returns current status.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 23 Jun 2019 07:55:55 GMT
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Novo wrote on Sat, 22 June 2019 23:44
My bad. I didn't follow the threads ...
New logs are attached.

Well, GCC definitely unmaps regions before mapping them back again, so the original hypothesis holds.

Now the interesting question is "are we doing something wrong?". Perhaps we do... Maybe 224MB is too big chunk and it is true that it will waste swap space....

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 23 Jun 2019 08:19:53 GMT
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Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Novo](#) on Sun, 23 Jun 2019 19:26:26 GMT

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mirek wrote on Sun, 23 June 2019 02:21
"MemoryProfile()" :)

Attached :blush:

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1) [wiki_infobox_mt.log](#), downloaded 153 times

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 04:13:11 GMT

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I'm afraid I cannot afford to spend time on U++'s allocator anymore.

I'm switching to the glibc's one for the time being.

It would be great to see jemalloc and tcmalloc integrated into U++ because they are supposed to be better at avoiding fragmentation.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 07:22:47 GMT

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Novo wrote on Sun, 23 June 2019 21:26 mirek wrote on Sun, 23 June 2019 02:21
"MemoryProfile()" :)

Attached :blush:

Huge block count 4, total size 1951 KB

Huge fragments count 424, total size 4810724 KB

Basically means that all the memory is really freed, as expected. Fragments list also reveals that fragmentation is not really too bad (a lot of big blocks).

Based on this, I do not see any defect or deficiency, except the choosen one (keep the memory).

Mirek

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 15:36:02 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 16:42:23 GMT

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So it is really a question of priorities. Do we want to unmap that memory or keep it for the future use as mmap/munmap are quite expensive calls? This was the question I have asked and at that time the answer was: "we want to keep it". Now I am not so sure... :)

Looks like we need MemoryOptions and/or MemoryShrink...

Anyway, back to drawing board...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 17:36:24 GMT

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mirek wrote on Mon, 24 June 2019 12:42

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Mon, 24 Jun 2019 18:15:46 GMT

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Of course, as it is MT and allocation/deallocation order is not fixed...

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Wed, 26 Jun 2019 06:52:36 GMT

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Redesign finished. Address space is now returned to OS when possible.

There is now MemorySetOptions to finetune behaviour. There are 4 parameters, low values should in general result in slower allocator with less memory consumption...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 27 Jun 2019 07:44:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 07:09:57 GMT

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I have got another idea. In order to reproduce allocation pattern, there is now

HEAPLOG

flag. If in main config, heap will produce a log of allocation (to heap.log file at exe dir) so that it can be reproduced and optimized.

heap.log is long, but should be highly compressible.

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Tom1](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 14:56:41 GMT

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I added some RLOGs and found that it might crash even somewhere in BufferPainter during Stroke... (did not track it all the way down though). Debugger does not help as it does not crash when compiled in debug mode.

Best regards,

Tom

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 15:30:24 GMT

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Tom

Probably allocator, thanks for reporting. It is under active development. It would be worth quoting the revision tested - even today I have fixed / changed some things...

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 15:31:52 GMT
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Tom1 wrote on Fri, 28 June 2019 16:56though). Debugger does not help as it does not crash when compiled in debug mode.

You can activate debug info for release mode. Sometimes it is very useful.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 15:40:40 GMT
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For what is worth, I have quickly checked PainterExamples and all is working...

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Fri, 28 Jun 2019 16:38:38 GMT
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Hi Mirek,

Thanks for your reply. I will update from SVN again on Monday morning in the office. Then I will check again. I will also try enabling debug info for release mode.

Thanks and best regards,

Tom

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Sun, 30 Jun 2019 17:02:08 GMT

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I'm getting a crash with a stack trace below when using MemoryAllocPermanent:

```
Upp::Heap::RemoteFlushRaw (this=<optimized out>) at HeapImp.h:481
Upp::Heap::RemoteFree (this=<optimized out>, ptr=<optimized out>, size=<optimized out>) at
HeapImp.h:498
Upp::Heap::Free (this=<optimized out>, ptr=<optimized out>, page=<optimized out>,
k=<optimized out>) at sheap.cpp:216
Upp::Heap::Free (this=0x7fff7a15a10, ptr=<optimized out>) at sheap.cpp:237
Upp::MemoryFree (ptr=<optimized out>) at sheap.cpp:420
judy_close (judy=<optimized out>) at lib/judy.c:147
judy::Map<long long, long long>::~~Map (this=<optimized out>) at
/home/ssg/dvlp/cpp/sergey/upp/dvlp/plugin/judy/judy.h:48
ConsoleMainFn_ () at test_ht_perf.cpp:98
Upp::AppExecute__ (app=0xffffffffffffd) at App.cpp:343
main (argc=-3, argv=0x7ff0b0b5b000, envptr=0x7fff7a167e8) at test_ht_perf.cpp:8
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MemoryAllocPermanent seems to be a replacement for malloc.

The same code using MemoryAlloc works fine.

svn@13460, git@cb77bd58b76a15

Am I doing something wrong or is this a bug?

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 30 Jun 2019 17:11:43 GMT

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judy_close (judy=<optimized out>) at lib/judy.c:147
judy::Map<long long, long long>::~~Map (this=<optimized out>) at
/home/ssg/dvlp/cpp/sergey/upp/dvlp/plugin/judy/judy.h:48
ConsoleMainFn_ () at test_ht_perf.cpp:98
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Mirek

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Sun, 30 Jun 2019 18:12:49 GMT
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Mirek
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 30 Jun 2019 22:03:00 GMT
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You are right. Done.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [Tom1](#) on Mon, 01 Jul 2019 07:14:01 GMT
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Hi Mirek,

I just downloaded SVN 13462 and now it all works OK again... No crashes.

Thanks and best regards,

Tom

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 11 Jul 2019 17:55:45 GMT

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mirek wrote on Thu, 27 June 2019 03:44In addition to USEMALLOC there is now HEAPOVERRIDE flag that kicks out all Memory* definitions, allowing you to replace the whole allocator with something else than malloc.

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Must be blind, do not see it....

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 11 Jul 2019 18:53:00 GMT

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Thanks a lot!

P.S. Documentation for MemoryLimitKb has a typo ...

Must be blind, do not see it....

"default values"

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 12 Jul 2019 08:09:42 GMT
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Yes, I can do that, but that will take me a few weeks. My apps are currently in broken state.

Could you please add info about HEAPOVERRIDE and MemoryOptions (it is just briefly mentioned in docs) to documentation?

Also linking to / embedding of Resolving memory leaks into Heap docs would be great because otherwise this info is distributed among multiple topics and is hard to find. I personally didn't know about the --memory-breakpoint__ trick.

And, I guess, it is possible to add new allocators to U++ via plugins now ...

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Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 19:47:17 GMT
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Knowing min alignment is critical. Info about block sizes is also important.

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 20:47:23 GMT

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The problem is that the minimal block size is different in debug, as it adds fences everywhere.

In release, 32 holds true.

Mirek

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 20:53:30 GMT
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PS.: Guaranteed alignment is 16.

Subject: Re: Core 2019
Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 20:59:09 GMT
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Committed:

```
enum {
  UPP_HEAP_ALIGNMENT = 16,
  UPP_HEAP_MINBLOCK = 32,
};
```

Subject: Re: Core 2019

Posted by [Novo](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 21:30:05 GMT

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mirek wrote on Thu, 08 August 2019 16:59Committed:

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I guess, UPP_HEAP_MINBLOCK should be defined separately for Release and Debug. I initially assumed that it is 32 bytes. I'm glad that I checked that this isn't true ...

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 08 Aug 2019 22:05:32 GMT

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True, but really this should only be tuning parameter for optimization, thus only relevant in release... (Alignment on the other hand might be important elsewhere, but that is stable).
