

PMIx: A Tutorial

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Agenda

- Day 1: Server & Scheduler
 - Overview of PMIx
 - Detailed look at Launch
- Day 2: Client, Tools, & Events Oh My!
 - Event notification
 - PMIx Client functions
 - PMIx Tool support

Terminology

Session

- Allocation to a specific user
- Job
 - What was submitted to the scheduler for allocation and execution
 - Can span multiple sessions
- Task
 - Workflow to be executed within an application
 - Multiple jobs can coexist within a given session
 - In MPI terms, a "task" is synonymous with MPI_COMM_WORLD
- Application
 - One or more processes executing the same executable
 - Can be a script, typically a binary
 - A single task can be comprised of multiple apps

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Origin: Changing Landscape

Programming model & Launch time limiting scale runtime proliferation Legion 2000 enMP docker Model-specific tools Hybrid applications Container technologies

Start Someplace!





Resolve launch scaling

- Pre-load information known to RM/scheduler
- Pre-assign communication endpoints
- Eliminate data exchange during init
- Orchestrate launch procedure

Traditional Launch Sequence



Newer Launch Sequence



PMIx Launch Sequence



*RM daemon, mpirun-daemon, etc.

Three Distinct Entities

- PMIx Standard
 - Defined set of APIs, attribute strings
 - Nothing about implementation
- PMIx Reference Library
 - A full-featured implementation of the Standard
 - Intended to ease adoption
- PMIx Reference RTE
 - Full-featured "shim" to a non-PMIx RM
 - Provides development environment

v3.1 released!

Where Is It Used?

- Libraries
 - OMPI, MPICH, Intel MPI, HPE-MPI, Spectrum MPI, Fujitsu MPI
 - OSHMEM, SOS, OpenSHMEM, ...
- RMs
 - Slurm, Fujitsu, IBM's JSM, PBSPro (2019), Kubernetes(?)
 - Slurm enhancement (LANL/ECP)



- New use-cases
 - Spark, TensorFlow
 - Debuggers (TotalView, DDT)
 - MPI
 - Re-ordering for load balance (UTK/ECP)
 - Fault management (UTK)
 - On-the-fly session formation/teardown (MPIF)
 - Logging information
 - Containers
 - Singularity, Docker, Amazon

Build Upon It



- Async event notification
- Cross-model notification
 - Announce model type, characteristics
 - Coordinate resource utilization, programming blocks
- Generalized tool support
 - Co-launch daemons with job
 - Forward stdio channels
 - Query job, system info, network traffic, process counters, etc.
 - Standardized attachment, launch methods



OpenMP

Sprinkle Some Magic Dust

Allocation support

- Dynamically add/remove/loan nodes
- Register pre-emption acceptance, handshake
- Dynamic process groups
 - Async group construct/destruct
 - Notification of process departure/failure
- File system integration
 - Pre-cache files, specify storage strategies



Legion

Soork

PMIx-SMS Interactions



PMIx-SMS Interactions



Philosophy

- Generalized APIs
 - Few hard parameters
 - "Info" arrays to pass information, specify directives
- Easily extended
 - Add "keys" instead of modifying API
- Async operations
- Thread safe

Guiding Principles

- Messenger, not a Doer
 - There are some (very limited) exceptions
- No internal inter-node messaging support
 - Per RM request, all inter-node messaging provided by host environment
 - Minimizes connections and avoids yet another wireup procedure
 - Host environment required to know where things are
 - Where to send requests based on PMIx server type, info on a given proc
- "Not Supported"
 - Critical to RM adoption
 - Let the market drive support

"Doer" Exceptions

- Interactions with non-PMIx systems
 - Fabric manager, credential subsystems, storage systems
- Aggregate local collective operations
 - Fence, connect/disconnect
- Environment "support"
 - Inventory collection, process monitoring, logging

PMIx Scope

- Wireup
 - Fence, put, get, commit
- Publication
 - Publish, lookup, unpublish
- Dynamics
 - Spawn, connect, disconnect, group construct/destruct
- Storage
 - Estimate retrieval times, set hot/warm/cold policy, data movement

• WLM

- Inventory, comm costs, subsystem app resource allocations, allocation mgmt
- Fabric
 - QoS control, async updates
- Tools
 - Query, attach/detach, IO fwd
- Events (Async notification)
- lnfo
 - Query, logging



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Reference Implementation

https://github.com/pmix/pmix

- Ease adoption, validate proposed standard modifications/additions
- Written in C with some C++ like extensions (object classes)
- Plugin architecture

Objective

- Internal APIs defined as "frameworks" with individual "component" implementations
- Components loaded as dll's to allow for proprietary add-ons
- Python bindings
 - Utilize public PMIx APIs (not internal)
- Debugging fundamentals Verbosity is your friend
 - Framework level spans components (e.g., ptl_base_verbose)
 - No separation between client and server
 - Functional level (pmix_iof_xxx_verbose), where xxx is either "client" or "server"

Releases



version

https://github.com/pmix/pmix/releases

Cross-Version Support

PMIx v1.1.5	
PMIx v1.2.5+	Server >= Client
PMIx v2.0.3+	
PMIx v2.1.x	Any client/server combination
PMIx v3.0.x	
PMIx v3.1.x	
PMIx v4.x	ļ

- Auto-negotiate messaging protocol
- Client starts
 - Envar indicates server capabilities
 - Select highest support in common
 - Convey selection in connection handshake
 - Server follows client's lead
 - Per-client messaging protocol
 - Support mix of client versions



Process Types

- Client
 - Application process connected to local server
- Server
 - Client + server APIs + host function module
 - Subtypes: gateway, scheduler, default
- Tool
 - Client APIs with rendezvous
- Launcher
 - Tool + server APIs

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Server Initialization

- Declare server type
 - Gateway: acts as a gateway for PMIx requests that cannot be serviced on backend nodes (e.g., logging to email)
 - Scheduler: supports inventory and application resource allocations
 - Default: supports local PMIx clients and possibly tools
- Setup internal structures
- Create rendezvous file(s) for tool support
- Note: servers have access to all client, tool functions

Rendezvous File Locations



Server: Initialization Options

PMIx_server_init(pmix_server_module_t *module, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo)

- Process ID, system and server tmpdir
- Accept tool connections?
- Act as "system server" on that node?
- Server backend function module
 - Can be NULL or empty

Server Function Pointer Module

- Struct of function pointers (currently 26)
 - Provide access to host environment operations, info
 - Request support for inter-node ops
 - NULL or omitted => no support for that function
- Return rules
 - PMIX_SUCCESS: request accepted, cbfunc executed when complete
 - Cbfunc cannot be called prior to return from function
 - PMIX_OPERATION_SUCCEEDED: operation completed and successful, cbfunc will not be called
 - PMIx error code: problem with request, cbfunc will not be called

- Client_connected
 const pmix_proc_t *proc, void* server_object, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata)
 - Client has connected to server, passing all internal security screenings
 - Matches expected uid/gid, psec plugin checks
 - Server response: indicate if connection is okay, host support ready
- Client_finalized
 const pmix_proc_t *proc, void* server_object, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata)
 - Client has called PMIx_Finalize
 - Server response: allow client to leave PMIx

- Abort const pmix_proc_t *proc, void *server_object, int status, const char msg[], pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Client requests that specified procs be terminated and provided status/msg be reported to user
 - NULL proc array => all members of requestor's nspace
 - Request does not automatically include requestor
- Fence_nb
 const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, char *data, size_t ndata, pmix_modex_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Execute inter-node barrier collecting any provided data
 - Array of participating procs indicates which nodes will participate
 - Host required to translate proc to node location
 - Forms op signature: multiple simultaneous ops allowed, only one per sig
 - Return all collected data to each participating server

- Direct_modex const pmix_proc_t *proc, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_modex_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Provide job-level data for nspace if rank=wildcard
 - Request any info "put" by the specified proc
 - Host required to:
 - Identify node where proc located
 - Pass request to PMIx server on that node
 - Return data response back to requesting PMIx server

- Publish
 const pmix_proc_t *source, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Publish information from source

- Info array contains info + directives (range, persistence, etc.)
- Duplicate keys in same range = error
- LOOKUP const pmix_proc_t *proc, char **keys, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_lookup_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Retrieve info published by publisher for provided keys (NULL -> all)
 - Info array contains directives (range)
- Unpublish const pmix_proc_t *proc, char **keys, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Delete data published by source for provided keys (NULL -> all)
 - Info array contains directives (range)

- Connect const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Record specified procs as "connected"
 - Treat failure of any proc as reportable event
 - Collective operation
 - Array of procs => operation signature
 - Multiple simultaneous ops allowed, only one per signature
- Disconnect const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Separate specified procs
 - Collective operation
 - Array of procs => operation signature
 - Multiple simultaneous ops allowed, only one per signature

Register_events

pmix_status_t *codes, size_t ncodes, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Request host provide notification of specified event codes using PMIx_Notify_event API
 - NULL => all
- Deregister_events

pmix_status_t *codes, size_t ncodes, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Stop notifications for specified events
 - NULL => all

pmix_status_t code, const pmix_proc_t *source,

- **Notify event** pmix_data_range_t range, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Request host notify all procs (within specified range) of given event code using PMIx_Notify_event
Spawn

const pmix_proc_t *proc, const pmix_info_t job_info[], size_t ninfo, const pmix_app_t apps[], size_t napps, pmix_spawn_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Launch one or more applications on behalf of specified proc
- Job-level directives apply to all apps, info provided to all procs
- App-specific directives included in app object, info provided solely to app's procs
- Can include allocation directivces
- Listener int listening_sd, pmix_connection_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Host shall monitor provided socket for connection requests, harvest/validate them, and call cbfunc for PMIx server to init client setup

• Query

pmix_proc_t *proct, pmix_query_t *queries, size_t nqueries, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Request information from the host environment (e.g., queue status, active nspaces, proc table, time remaining in allocation)
- Tool_connected
 pmix_info_t *info, size_t ninfo, pmix_tool_connection_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Tool has requested connection to server
 - Info contains uid/gid of tool plus optional service requests
 - Host can validate request, return proc ID for tool

- LOG
 const pmix_proc_t *client, const pmix_info_t data[], size_t ndata, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Push the specified data to a persistent datastore or channel per directives
 - Syslog, email, text, system job log
 - const pmix_proc_t *client, pmix_alloc_directive_t directive,
 - const pmix_info_t data[], size_t ndata, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Request modification to existing allocation
 - Extension (both time and resource), resource release, resource "lend"/"callback"
 - Request new allocation

Allocate

- Job_control const pmix_proc_t *requestor, const pmix_proc_t targets[], size_t ntargets, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Signal specified procs (pause, resume, kill, terminate, etc.)
 - Register files/directories for cleanup upon termination
 - Provision specified nodes with given image
 - Direct checkpoint of specified procs
- Monitor const pmix_proc_t *requestor, const pmix_info_t *monitor, pmix_status_t error, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Monitor this process for "signs of life"
 - File (size, access, modify), heartbeat, etc.
 - Failures reported as PMIx events

Get_credential

const pmix_proc_t *proc, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_credential_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Request a credential
- Validate_credential
 - Validate a credential

const pmix_proc_t *proc, const pmix_byte_object_t *cred, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_validation_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Group
 pmix_group_operation_t op, char grp[], const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Perform a barrier op across specified procs
 - Perform any host tracking/cleanup operations
 - Return result of any special requests in directives
 - Assign unique context ID to group

- IOF_pull const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_iof_channel_t channels, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Request the specified IO channels be forwarded from the given array of procs to this server for local distribution
 - Stdin is *not* supported in this call
- Push_stdin

const pmix_proc_t *source, const pmix_proc_t targets[], size_t ntargets, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, const pmix_byte_object_t *bo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Request the host transmit and deliver the provided data to stdin of the specified targets
 - Wildcard rank => all procs in that nspace
- Source identifies the process whose stdin is being forwarded

Exercise 1: Create a Server

- Python or C your choice
- Initialize a server
 - Start with an empty server module
 - Specify a "safe" tmpdir location
 - Indicate it should be a "system" server
- Have it hang around
- Use "pattrs" to find out what it supports
- Add job_control function to server module
 - Have it cause your server to exit
 - Use PRRTE's "prun --terminate" to trigger it

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Stage 0: Inventory Collection

- Objective
 - Gather a complete picture of all relevant hardware in the system
 - Utilizes HWLOC to obtain information
 - Allow each plugin to extract what is relevant to it
 - Fabric NICs/HFIs plus distance matrix; topology, connectivity, and per-plane communication costs
 - Memory available memory and hierarchy
- Two collection modes

Relevant Functions

• PMIx_server_collect_inventory

pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_info_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Collect inventory of local resources
- Pass opaque blob back to host for transmission to WLM-based server
- Info keys can specify types/level of detail of inventory to collect
- PMIx_server_deliver_inventory

pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Pass inventory blobs into PMIx server library for processing
- Construct internal resource trackers

Mode 1: Rollup





Mode 2: Central



Only collects inventory accessible via centralized source (e.g., FM)

Option: WLM can request remote daemons respond with their local inventory

Stage 1: Scheduling

- Storage timing
 - Identify dependencies
 - Estimate caching/retrieval times
- Fabric considerations
 - Access relative communication costs
 - Asynchronously updated by FM events
 - Capabilities of each plane
 - Map user requests vs available planes



Baseline Storage Vision

- Tiered storage
 - Parallel file system
 - Caches at IO server, switches, cabinets, …
 - Caches hold images, files, executables, libraries, checkpoints
- Bits flow in all directions
 - Stage locations prior to launch
 - Movement in response to faults, dynamic workflow, computational stages

Estimate Retrieval Times



Relevant Storage Functions

(signatures TBD)

Dependencies

- Support multiple methods via plugins
- Typical Idd-like checks, others are active area of research
- Accessibility
 - List of files and uid/gid or credential, return accessibility status for each file
 - Include temperature/location (e.g., hot/cached, warm/on disk), other metadata
- Scheduling data
 - Time/cost to move specified files to given target locations (nodes, caches, temp)
- Info queries
 - Available storage, unit of reservation (block size)
 - Storage strategies (striping patterns)
 - Capabilities (QoS levels, bandwidth, topology, co-located processes)

Relevant Fabric Functions

PMIx_server_register_fabric

pmix_fabric_t *fabric, const pmix_info_t directives[], size_t ndirs

- Obtain a handle to a specific fabric plane
- Can specify plane by characteristics or name
 - Obtain available names via PMIx_Query
- Pmix_server_deregister_fabric __pmix_fabric_t *fabric
 - Release the fabric handle
- Terminology
 - Vertex: NIC or switch interface, can include metadata
 - Index: column or row in the cost matrix

Correspondence changes as interfaces fail, go offline, return as entire cost matrix is updated by FM!

Dealing With Updates

- Fabric plane handle tracks revision
- Matrix updates
 - Occur in thread-safe event
 - Increment matrix revision
- Functions that access cost data
 - Execute in thread-safe event
 - Check handle version against matrix version
 - Return PMIX_FABRIC_UPDATED if mismatch
- PMIx_server_update_fabric __pmix_fabric_t *fabric
 - Syncs version level of handle to matrix

Relevant Fabric Functions

- PMIx_server_get_num_vertices pmix_fabric_t *fabric, uint32_t *nverts
 - Get number of vertices in the provided fabric plane
- PMIx_server_get_comm_cost uint32 t src, uint32 t dest, uint16 t *cost
 - Obtain relative communication cost for sending message from src to dest across provided plane
- PMIx_server_get_vertex_info

pmix_fabric_t *fabric, uint32_t i,

pmix_value_t *vertex, char **nodename

- Given index, get interface metadata and name of node/switch hosting it
- PMIx_server_get_index
 pmix_fabric_t *fabric, pmix_value_t *vertex, uint32 t *i, char **nodename
 - Given vertex, get matrix index and name of node/switch hosting it

Open issue: query/return blocks of results – e.g., "give me 100 nodes with minimum relative comm cost"? May prove too complex a query due to number of constraint options.

Exercise 2: Scheduler Support

- Extend your previous server using the "test" fabric component
 - PMIX_MCA_pnet=test
 - PMIX_MCA_pnet_test_nverts=nodes:5;plane:d:3
- Collect the inventory
- How many NICs are in the system?
- Print the communication costs between them
- What vertex info is available for index 3?
- What is the index of the 1st NIC on node "test001"?

Stage 2: Launch Prep

- Storage requests
 - Request pre-position/cache data
 - Allocate storage resources
- Fabric requests
 - Obtain fabric info for application
 - Endpoints, network coordinates, etc.
 - Set fabric configuration
 - Software-defined topologies, QoS, etc.
 - Obtain security credentials
- Collect envars to forward



Storage Directives

(signatures TBD)

Shift data

- Move cache to parallel file system to clear room
- Pre-position data from file system to cache
 - Gateway, network-near target nodes, on-node bulk memory
- Async operation callback upon completion
- Allocate storage resources
 - Manage cache allotments
 - Set storage strategy for job

Data Mover



Setup Application

- PMIx_server_setup_application
 PMIx_server_setup_application
 const pmix_nspace_t nspace, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_setup_application_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Process mapping: What procs are on which nodes and where they are bound
 - Any directives regarding fabric settings (e.g., planes to be used, QoS), others

Cycle across active components

- Fabric plugins
 - Assign endpoints: info directives indicate how many per plane to assign to each proc, assignments
 provided in order of closest NIC to proc
 - Generate fabric credential(s) for job
 - Collect fabric-specific envars and settings for client libraries/drivers
- Storage plugins
 - Alert job starting, retrieve storage settings for client libraries/drivers
- Pickup PMIx-specific envars
- Return info array for delivery to compute nodes

What About mpiexec?

- Launch its daemons on all nodes
 - Collect inventory from each
 - Proceed as before
- If inventory not available
 - PMIx_server_setup_application automatically requests info from scheduler
 - Provide URI for scheduler PMIx server
 - "Upcall" to RM for transmission

Exercise 3: Launch Prep

- Extend your previous server
 - PMIX_MCA_pnet=test
 - PMIX_MCA_pnet_test_nverts=nodes:5;plane:d:3
- Define an application (keep it simple)
 - Hosts: "test000,test001,test002"
 - Ppn: "0,1,2;3,4,5;6,7"
 - Remember to use the regex generators!
- Setup the application
 - Allocate network resources and security key
 - Pickup all related envars
 - Use the PNET verbosity parameter to see what it is doing
- Print out the result

Stage 3: Local Spawn Prep

- Extract setup array from launch msg
 - Check for job-level directives
 - Modify paths, set/unset envars
 - PMIx_server_setup_local_support pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo,
 - Pass input to all active components pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Fabric plugins
 - Setup local drivers, prep address tables, ...
 - Storage plugins
 - Setup local drivers, configure memory, …
- PMIx_server_register_nspace
 - Pass in job- and proc-level info for clients
 - Include setup array info, process map

const pmix_nspace_t nspace, int nlocalprocs, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

Create shared

memory storage

for job info &

topology

RM*

Fabric

NIC

PMIx Server

Launch

Cmd

Configure local

fabric interfaces

SM

Stage 4: Fork/Exec

- PMIx_server_register_client const pmix_proc_t *proc, uid_t uid, gid_t gid, void *server_object, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata
 - Register each *local* proc for this nspace
 - Informs server of expected uid/gid of connecting client for security check
 - Server preps client support infrastructure
- PMIx_server_setup_fork const pmix_proc_t *proc, char ***env
 - Add PMIx server connection and support info to env
 - Add subsystem-specific envars for client libraries (e.g., fabric, storage)

Stage 5: Process Startup

- Handshake with server
 - Sets compatibility plugins
 - Server function module
 - Given chance to validate or reject connecting client
 - Transfer data to client
 - Setup SM datastore
 - Send copy to client



Exercise 4: Fork/Exec Prep

- Extend your previous server
- Setup the local support
 - Pass in the data returned by setup application
 - Use the GDS and PNET verbosity parameters to see what it is doing
- Register the nspace
 - For now, just pass universe size and 3 local procs
- Register the local clients
- Setup the fork environment for each client
- Print out the results

Stage 6: Process Termination

PMIx_server_deregister_client

const pmix_nspace_t nspace,
pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

- Called when local client terminates
 - Often called from within function module client_terminated entry
 - Both normal and abnormal termination
- Provides server library with chance to cleanup

Generate event

- Abnormal termination only to avoid floods
 - Typically only upon request included with spawn directives
- Notify anyone listening for PMIX_PROC_ABORTED event
 - Provide ID of affected proc, any provided text message and/or info
 - Target only nspace of affected proc unless otherwise directed
 - Target non-default handlers

Stage 7: Job Termination

- PMIx_server_deregister_nspace
 - Called when job completes
 - Note: PMIx cannot provide function module entry as it doesn't see multinode job status
 - Provides server library with chance to cleanup
- Generate event
 - Notify anyone listening for PMIX_JOB_TERMINATED event
 - Optional to perform by default
 - Target non-default handlers
 - Provide exit status, any associated text message and/or info

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Exercise: Scheduler

- Extend your server to support a scheduler
- Collect local inventory
- Poke around the comm cost matrix
 - Perhaps with "pquery" tool?
- Define an application and set it up
 - Set pnet_base_verbose=100 to see what it does

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Events

Async notification

Proc failures, system issues, coordination requests, workflow orchestration

Types of events

- Job-specific: directly relate to executing job
 - Debugger attachment, proc failure, app-generated event
 - Always delivered to the PMIx server by host
- Environment: indirectly relate to a job but not specifically targeting it
 - ECC errors, temperature excursions, ...
 - Delivered only upon request to host

Event codes

- Any integer value
- Host-specific values must be either positive or lie beyond PMIX_EXTERNAL_ERR_BASE

Registration

- Anyone can register
 - Host subsystem elements, apps, tools
- PMIx_Register_event_handler
 - Specify any number of codes (3 categories)
 - NULL => default handler for all codes
 - Single code, Multiple codes
 - Can provide string name for this handler
 - Used for ordering and debugging
 - Callback returns handler registration ID (deregister, returned in notifications)
 - Handlers not required to be unique (can register same function multiple times)
- Event caching
 - Job-specific events *required* to be cached and delivered in order
 - Environment events are *requested* to be cached

pmix_status_t codes[], size_t ncodes, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_notification_fn_t evhdlr, pmix_hdlr_reg_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

Handler Directives

- Specify ordering at time of registration
 - First => execute this handler before any others*
 - Last => execute this handler after all others have completed*
 - First in category => execute this handler before any others for the event category*
 - Last in category => execute after all handlers for the event category have completed*
 - Before insert immediately before the named handler
 - After insert immediately after the named handler
 - Prepend add to the front of the list for this category
 - Append add to the end of the list for this category
- Restrict interest
 - Pass array of specific affected procs we want to hear about
 - Events impacting all other procs will be ignored for that handler

*only one of each

Handler Signature



Generation

- Anyone can generate an event
 - Application procs, tools, host
- PMIx_Notify_event
 - Report a single event code plus source that generated the event
 - Specify a delivery range
 - RM: solely to the host
 - Local: available to procs on local node only
 - Namespace: available to procs in same nspace only
 - Session: available to procs in same session only
 - Global: available to all procs
 - Proc_local: available only internally to the generating proc
 - Custom: array of specific target procs
 - Provide additional info
 - Affected proc(s), do not deliver to default event handlers

pmix_status_t status, const pmix_proc_t *source, pmix_data_range_t range, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_op_cbfunc_t cbfunc, void *cbdata

Event Handling

Precedence order

- First
- Single code -> Multi-code -> Default handlers
 - First/last called in each category
- Last
- Results "chained"
 - Results returned by each handler are added to end of results array passed to next handler
- Each handler <u>must</u> call event handler completion function
 - All processing stops upon return of PMIX_EVENT_ACTION_COMPLETE
 - Not allowed to perform any blocking operation during handler

Event Notes

- Last handler is called after all registered default handlers matching specified range
 - Ensure no default handler aborts process before it
- Events cannot be delivered back to the process that generated them
 - Host cannot pass event back to its PMIx server library
 - Server library cannot pass event back to generating client
- Keep event handlers short
 - PMIx server library is "blocked" until completion

Event Processing



Example Uses

- Hybrid applications
 - Notify programming libraries of each others existence, operations
 - OpenMP + MPI: coordinate programming blocks
 - Notification strictly within the individual proc
- Fault tolerance: ULFM
 - Notification of process failure
- Tools
 - Notification of job completion
 - Debugger attachment handshake

Query App Info



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PMIx Scope: Client

- Wireup
 - Fence, put, get, commit
- Publication
 - Publish, lookup, unpublish
- Dynamics
 - Spawn, connect, disconnect, group construct/destruct
- Storage
 - Estimate retrieval times, set hot/warm/cold policy, data movement

- WLM
 - Inventory, comm costs, subsystem app resource allocations, allocation mgmt
- Fabric
 - QoS control, async updates
- Tools
 - Query, attach/detach, IO fwd
- Events (async notification)
- Info
 - Query, logging

Wireup

pmix_scope_t scope,

- PMIx_Put const pmix_key_t key, pmix_value_t *val
 - Adds provided key-value pair to internal cache
 - Duplicate keys are overwritten
- PMIx_Commit
 - Sends all added/modified keyvalue pairs since last commit to local PMIx server
 - Server required to store keys on per-proc basis – i.e., procs can post the identical key without overwrite

- Fence const pmix_proc_t procs[], size_t nprocs, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo
 - Barrier operation
 - Data collection optional const pmix proc t *proc, const char key[],
- Get const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo, pmix_value_t **val
 - Retrieve key for a given proc
 - PMIX_RANK_UNDEF: retrieve globally unique key (legacy support)
 - Check internal/shmem first
 - Request from server
 - Obtain from remote server hosting specified proc if data not exchanged

Key-Value "Scope"

Who can "Get" this key-value pair?

- Specified by source process at time of "put"
- Controls access by other procs
 - "internal": only available to the source proc
 - "local": only accessible by other procs on same node
 - "remote": only available to procs on other nodes
 - "global": available to everyone
- Only remote and global scope included in data exchanges during "fence"

Publication

- PMIx_Publish const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo
 - Publish data in info array to specified range (default: session)
 - Keys must be unique within given range
 - Not indexed by source proc!
 - First published "wins" followers return error
 - Persistence instructs server as to how long data is retained (default: app)
- PMIx_Unpublish ^{char **keys,} const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo
 - Delete data for specified keys
 - NULL => delete all data published by this process

- PMIx_Lookup pmix_pdata_t data[], size_t ndata, const pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo
 - Retrieve published data
 - Constrained to data published by current uid/gid
 - Returns error if not found
 - Optional: wait for first found data, wait for all data, timeout
 - "non-found" data will have PMIX_UNDEF datatype

Range & Persistence

Range: who has access to data

- "proc_local": only within the proc itself (e.g., across threads)
- "local": only procs on local node
- "namespace": only procs within same nspace (job) as publisher
- "session": only procs within same session (allocation) as publisher
- "global": any process
- "custom": only specified processes
- "rm": only the host environment

Persistence: when data shall automatically be deleted

- "first_read": delete after first access
- "proc": retain until publisher terminates
- "app": delete when publisher's application terminates
- "namespace": delete when publisher's nspace (job) terminates
- "session": delete when publisher's session (allocation) terminates
- "indef": retain until specifically deleted

Dynamics: Basic

- Spawn
 - Spawn new job
 - Job_info specifies directives and info for all apps
 - Apps array contains info for each individual app
 - Namespace returned upon spawn complete
 - Variety of notification options
 - Job launched, job terminated, app terminated, proc terminated

- Connect
 - Mark the specified procs as "connected"
 - All procs to receive
 - Job-level info for nspaces of all participants
 - "put" info from participants, filtered by scope
- Disconnect
 - Remove "connected" specification for given procs
 - Return error if not connected

Dynamics: Groups vs Basic

Relation to RM

- Connect: passed to RM, no new ID assigned
- Group: handled by PMIx server, each proc assigned new "group rank", translate group IDs to global IDs for RM operations

Construction

- Connect: bulk synchronous only
- Group: can be dynamic, invite/join as well as nonblocking

Destruction

- Disconnect: bulk synchronous only
- Group: can be dynamic, members notified as procs leave

Allocation Management

• PMIx_Allocation_request

pmix_alloc_directive_t directive, pmix_info_t *info, size_t ninfo

- Request allocation of new resources
- Extend current reservation on specified resources
- Release current specified resources
- "Lend" resources back, mark for return on request or after specified time
 - Return requested by passing PMIX_ALLOC_REAQUIRE directive
- RM can notify of resource changes
 - Registration for event required

Job Control & Monitoring

PMIx_Job_control

- Include string ID with request
 - Allows later query for status, cancellation of request
- Signal, kill, politely terminate
- Direct targets to checkpoint
 - PMIx event, signal, etc
- Provision specified nodes with indicated image
- Register files and directories for cleanup after termination
- Register willingness to be preempted
- PMIx_Process_monitor
 - Monitor file changes(access, mod, size)
 - Heartbeat

Information

- PMIx_Resolve_nodes
 - Given nspace, return comma-delimited list of nodes hosting procs within it
- PMIx_Resolve_peers
 - Given node, return array of procs within given nspace on it (NULL => all)
- Query
 - Request supported APIs, attributes
 - Executing jobs, process tables, queue status
 - Psets, groups, available resources
- Log
 - Deliver provided message to one or more logging channels
 - Syslog (local, global), email, text, global data store, job record

Security & Storage

- Get/validate credential
 - Some built-in support for credential services
 - Munge, Cray DRC
 - Others passed to host for servicing
- Storage
 - Data movement, storage strategies, availability and location

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Tool Support Examples

- Query
 - Network topology
 - Array of proc network-relative locations
 - Overall topology (e.g., "dragonfly")
 - Running jobs
 - Currently executing job namespaces
 - Array of proc location, status, PID
 - Resources
 - Available system resources
 - Array of proc location, resource utilization (ala "top")
 - Queue status
 - Current scheduler queue backlog

- Event injection
 - Async directives to running jobs
- Storage directives
 - Move/delete files between storage locations
- Job submission
- Debuggers
 - Portable attach, query mechanism

Tool Basics

Two types

- Client
 - Launched by a PMIx server has identifier
- Launcher
 - Will be spawning processes e.g., "mpiexec"
 - May or may not also be client
- Servers must "opt in" for tool connection support
 - PMIX_SERVER_TOOL_SUPPORT allow support
 - PMIX_SERVER_REMOTE_CONNECTIONS allow remote connections
 - PMIX_SERVER_SYSTEM_SUPPORT system server (max one/node)
 - Job-specific server (default)

Tool Connections



Rendezvous File Locations



Tool Initialization

- PMIx_tool_init pmix_proc_t *proc, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo
 - Type of tool
 - Connection options
 - Do not connect
 - Connect via precedence rules
- PMIx_tool_connect_to_server

pmix_proc_t *proc, pmix_info_t info[], size_t ninfo

- If connected, disconnect from current server
- Connect to new server per precedence rules

Connection Precedence

- Given specific URI or filename
 - Special names found in configuration file (MCA param)
 - PMIX_CONNECT_TO_SCHED
- System server
 - If system-server-only, then return error if not found
- Scan server tmpdir's
 - Given server PID or nspace
 - Returns error if not found or not allowed to access
 - First generic tool uid/gid allowed to access

Tool Connections: Remote

- Query local server for URI
 - Reconnect to returned URI
 - System and job-level servers



- Compute from configuration, given target node
 - MCA param for static socket of system servers
- Spawn proxy to scan
 - Assumes permissions and mechanism for spawn

General Capabilities

- Query RM or launcher for support
 - Mechanisms for "hold" and "release"
 - Daemon co-launch capabilities
 - IO forwarding support
- Specify app release mechanism
 - PMIx event, signal, …
- Register for events
 - Termination of debugger job and/or daemons
 - Termination of app job and/or procs
 - Request debugger start on event from app

Debugger/Tool Features

- Co-launch/co-location of daemons
 - At initial app spawn
 - Co-launch
 - Upon attach
 - Spawn w/co-location
- Launch control
 - Stop-on-exec, stop-in-init, stop-in-app
 - Release method to be used
- Forwarding of IO
 - To/from debugger daemons
 - To/from app being debugged

- Query app info
 - Global and local proctable
 - Application internal metadata
- Direct/indirect launch support
 - Forward, set/unset/modify envars (e.g., LD_PRELOAD)
 - Launcher directives
 - Modify local fork/exec agent
 - Replace launcher daemons
- Local launcher fork/exec option
 - If PMIx_Spawn not available or if desired

Direct Launch







Indirect Launch


Attach to Running Job



Attach to Running Job



Assigning Procs->Daemons



Assigning Procs->Daemons



Assigning Procs->Daemons



Forwarding of Output



Forwarding Stdin



Forwarding Stdin



Wrap-Up

- Covered a lot of ground
 - Primary focus on scheduler
- Implementation status
 - Client & basic server: in production
 - Scheduler & fabric: alpha
 - Storage: in definition
- Expected completion
 - Release v4.0 in 2Q2020



