

Getting Started Tutorial: Analyzing Memory Errors

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Overview

Discover how to find and fix memory errors using the Intel® Inspector XE and the nqueens_fortran Fortran sample application.

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About This Tutorial	This tutorial demonstrates an end-to-end workflow you can ultimately apply to your own applications: 1. Build an application to produce an optimal inspection result. 2. Inspect an application to find memory errors. 3. Edit application code to fix the memory errors. 4. Investigate memory errors using interactive debugging. 5. Rebuild and reinspect the application.
Estimated Duration	10-15 minutes.
Learning Objectives	 After you complete this tutorial, you should be able to: List the steps to find and fix memory errors using the Intel Inspector XE. Define key Intel Inspector XE terms. Identify compiler/linker options that produce the most accurate and complete analysis results. Run memory error analyses. Influence analysis scope and running time. Navigate among windows in the Intel Inspector XE results. Display a prioritized to-do list for fixing errors. Access help for fixing specific errors. Access source code to fix errors. Launch an interactive debugging session to investigate problems more deeply.
More Resources	The concepts and procedures in this tutorial apply regardless of programming language; however, a similar tutorial using a sample application in another programming language may be available at http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-software-product-tutorials/. This site also offers tutorials for other Intel® products and a printable version (PDF) of tutorials. In addition, you can find more resources at http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-parallel-studio-xe/.

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Navigation Quick Start

Intel® Inspector XE is a dynamic memory and threading error checking tool for users developing serial and multithreaded applications on Windows* and Linux* operating systems. You can also use the Intel Inspector XE to visualize and manage static analysis results created by Intel® compilers in various suite products.

Intel Inspector XE Access

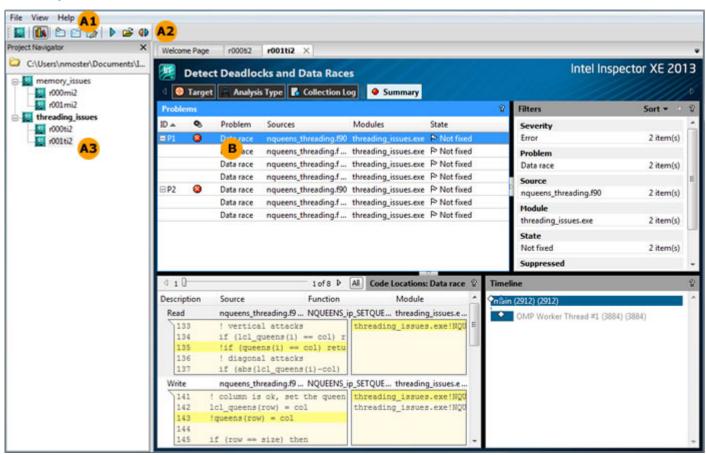
- **1.** Do one of the following:
 - Type one of the following source commands to set up your environment:
 - source <install-dir>/inspxe-vars.sh
 - source <install-dir>/inspxe-vars.csh
 - Add <install-dir>/bin32 or <install-dir>/bin64 to your path.



NOTE The default installation directory is /opt/intel/inspector_xe_2013/.

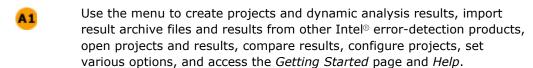
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Intel Inspector XE GUI





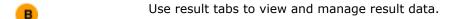
The menu, toolbar, and **Project Navigator** offer different ways to perform many of the same functions.



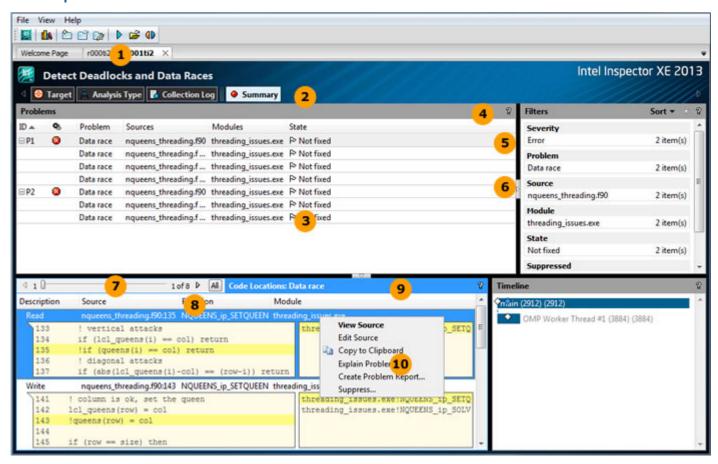
Use the toolbar to open the *Getting Started* page; create, configure, and open projects; create dynamic analysis results; and open and compare results.

Use the Project Navigator:

- **Tree** to see a hierarchical view of your projects and results based on the directory where the opened project resides.
- Context menus (right-click to open) to perform functions available
 from the menu and toolbar plus delete or rename a selected project or
 result, close all opened results, and copy various directory paths to the
 system clipboard.



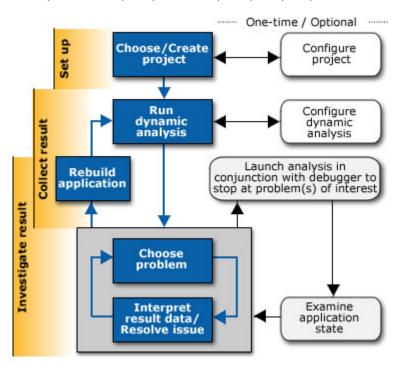
Intel Inspector XE Result Tabs



Use result tab names to distinguish among results.

- Click buttons on the navigation toolbar to change window views.
- Use window panes to view and manage result data.
- Click To buttons to display help pages that describe how to use window panes.
- **6** Drag window pane borders to resize window panes.
- Click , , and controls to show/hide window panes.
- Click window pane data controls to adjust result data within the pane (and possibly in adjacent panes).
- Data column headers Drag to reposition the data column; drag the left or right border to resize the data column; click to sort results in ascending or descending order by column data.
- Use title bars to identify window panes.
- Right-click data in window panes to display context menus that provide access to key capabilities.

There are many ways to take advantage of the power and flexibility of the Intel Inspector XE. The following workflow, which shows how to find and fix memory errors in serial or parallel programs, is one way to help maximize your productivity as quickly as possible.



Step 1: Unpack and set up sample for analysis	Build an application to inspect for memory errors and create a new project.
Step 2: Collect result	Configure a memory error analysis.Run the memory error analysis on the application.
Step 3: Investigate result	 Choose a problem set in the analysis result. Interpret the result data. Resolve the issue. Investigate another problem using interactive debugging.
Step 4: Check your work	Rebuild the application and rerun the memory error analysis.

Build Application and Create New Project

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To create an application the Intel Inspector XE can inspect for memory errors:

- · Get software tools.
- Verify optimal compiler/linker settings.
- Build the application.
- Verify the application runs outside the Intel Inspector XE.
- Open the Intel Inspector XE GUI.
- Create a new project.

Get Software Tools

You need the following tools to try tutorial steps yourself using the nqueens fortran sample application:

- Intel Inspector XE installation package (.tgz file and license information)
- .tgz file extraction utility
- Supported compiler (see *Release Notes* for more information)
- Editor

Acquire the Intel Inspector XE

If you do not already have access to the Intel Inspector XE, you can download an evaluation copy from http://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-software-evaluation-center/.

Install and Set Up the Intel Inspector XE Sample Applications

- 1. Copy the nqueens_fortran.tgz file from the <install-dir>/samples/<locale>/Fortran/ directory to a writable directory or share on your system. The default <install-dir> is /opt/intel/ inspector xe 2013/.
- 2. Extract the sample from the .tgz file to create the nqueens fortran directory.
- 3. Ensure you have set the EDITOR or VISUAL environment variable to your text editor.



- Samples are non-deterministic. Your screens may vary from the screen captures shown throughout this tutorial.
- Samples are designed only to illustrate the Intel Inspector XE features; they do not represent best practices for creating code.

Verify Optimal Compiler/Linker Settings

You can use the Intel® Inspector XE on both debug and release modes of C++ and Fortran binaries containing native code; however, applications compiled/linked in debug mode using the following settings produce the most accurate and complete analysis results.

Compiler/Linker Property	Correct C/C++ Setting	Correct Fortran Setting	Impact If Not Set Correctly
Debug information	Enabled (-g)	Enabled (-debug or -g)	Missing file/line information
Optimization	Disabled (-00)	Disabled (-00)	Incorrect file/line information
Dynamic runtime library	Selected (-shared- intel for Intel(R) compilers; default or - Bdynamic for GNU compilers)	Selected (-shared-intel)	False positives or missing code locations

Compiler/Linker	Correct C/C++	Correct Fortran	Impact If Not Set
Property	Setting	Setting	Correctly
Basic runtime error checks	Disabled (do not use - fmudflap)	None (-check:none)	False positives

Build the Application

- 1. In a terminal session, change directory to the nqueens fortran/ directory.
- 2. Type make nqueens_memory_debug to build a debug version of the nqueens_memory sample application.

Verify the Application Runs Outside the Intel Inspector XE

- 1. In the same terminal session, type ./nqueens memory debug to execute the sample application.
- **2.** Check for non-deterministic application output similar to the following:

```
Usages: nqueens memory[_debug] boardSize
Using default size of 10
Starting nqueens solver for size 10 with 8 thread(s)
Number of solutions: 724
correct result!
Calculations took 116 ms.
```

Open the Intel Inspector XE GUI

- **1.** In another terminal session, do one of the following:
 - Type one of the following source commands to set up your environment:
 - source <install-dir>/inspxe-vars.sh
 - source <install-dir>/inspxe-vars.csh
 - Add <install-dir>/bin32 or <install-dir>/bin64 to your path.

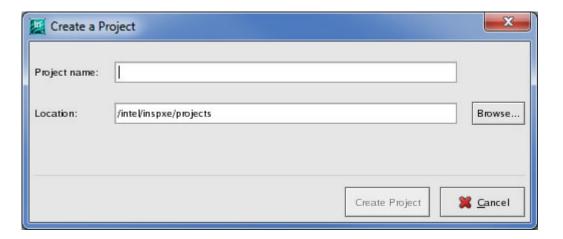


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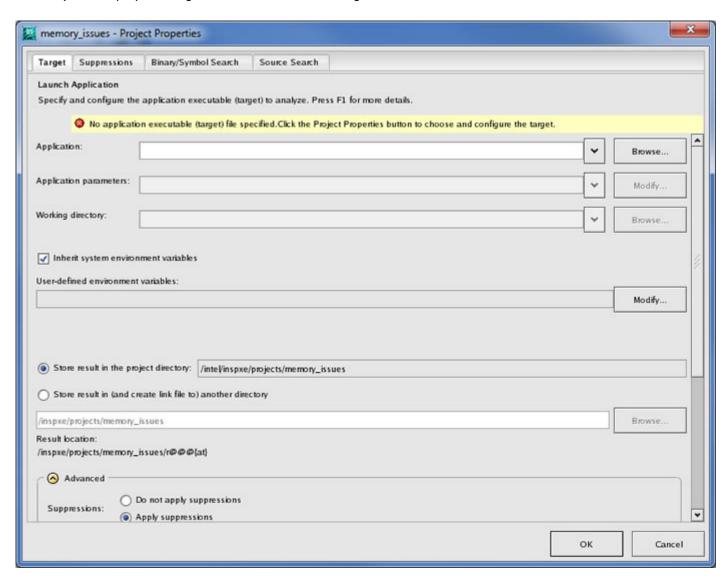
2. Type inspxe-gui.

Create a New Project

1. Choose **File** > **New** > **Project...** to display a dialog box similar to the following:



2. In the **Project name** field, type memory_issues. Then click the **Create project** button to create a config.inspxeproj file in the ~/intel/inspxe/projects/memory_issues/ directory (default location) and display a dialog box similar to the following:



3. Click the Browse... button next to the Application field and select the nqueens_fortran/nqueens_memory_debug application. Notice the Intel Inspector XE autofills the project Working directory field for you. Then click the OK button to return to the Welcome page, where the name of the opened project displays in the title bar and in the Project Navigator pane. (If necessary, choose View > Project Navigator to display the Project Navigator.)

Key Terms

False positive

Configure Analysis

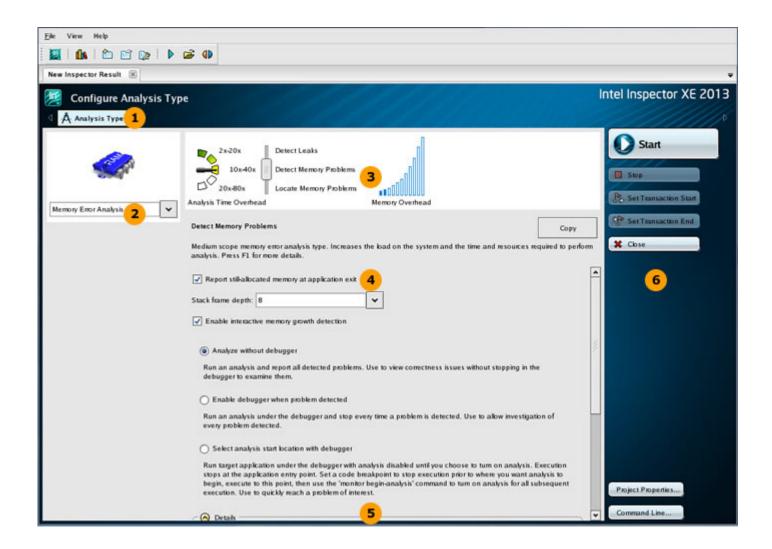
Intel Inspector XE offers a range of preset memory analysis types to help you control analysis scope and cost. The analysis type with the narrowest scope minimizes the load on the system and the time and resources required to perform the analysis; however, it detects the narrowest set of errors and provides

minimal details. The analysis type with the widest scope maximizes the load on the system and the time and resources required to perform the analysis; however, it detects the widest set of errors and provides context and the maximum amount of detail for those errors.

To configure a memory error analysis, choose a memory analysis type.

Choose a Memory Error Analysis Type

To display an Analysis Type window similar to the following: Choose File > New > Analysis...



- Use the **Navigation** toolbar to navigate among the Intel Inspector XE windows. The buttons on the toolbar vary depending on the displayed window.
- Use the Analysis Type drop-down list to choose an analysis type category: **Memory Error Analysis, Threading Error Analysis**, or **Custom Analysis Types**.

Choose the **Memory Error Analysis** type category.



NOTE This tutorial covers memory error analysis types, which you can use to search for resource leak, incorrect memcpy call, invalid deallocation, invalid memory access, invalid partial memory access, memory growth, memory leak, memory not deallocated, mismatched allocation/deallocation, missing allocation, uninitialized memory access, and uninitialized partial memory access errors. Use threading error analysis types to search for data race, deadlock, lock hierarchy violation, and cross-thread stack access errors.



Use the configuration slider to choose a preset analysis type and the corresponding gauges to assess the *cost* of that choice. The preset analysis type at the top of the slider has the narrowest scope; the preset analysis type at the bottom has the widest.

Choose the **Detect Memory Problems** preset analysis type.

The **Analysis Time Overhead** gauge helps you quickly estimate the time it may take to collect a result using this preset analysis type. Time is expressed in relation to normal application execution time. For example, 2x - 20x is 2 to 20 times longer than normal application execution time. If normal application execution time is 5 seconds, estimated collection time is 10 to 100 seconds.

The **Memory Overhead** gauge helps you quickly estimate the memory the Intel Inspector XE may consume to detect errors using this preset analysis type. Memory is expressed in blue-filled bars.



NOTE The gauge does not show memory used by the running application during analysis.



Use the checkbox(es), radio button(s), and drop-down list(s) to fine-tune some, but not all, preset analysis type settings.



NOTE If you need to fine-tune more analysis type settings, you can choose another analysis type or create a custom analysis type.

- Use the **Details** region to view all current settings for this analysis type.
- Use the **Command** toolbar to control analysis runs and perform other functions. For example, use the **Project Properties** button to display the **Project Properties** dialog box, where you can change the default result directory location, set parameters to potentially speed up analysis, and perform other project configuration functions.

If you experimented with various settings, make sure you choose the **Detect Memory Problems** preset analysis type (and ensure your settings match the image above) before proceeding.

Key Terms

Analysis

Run Analysis



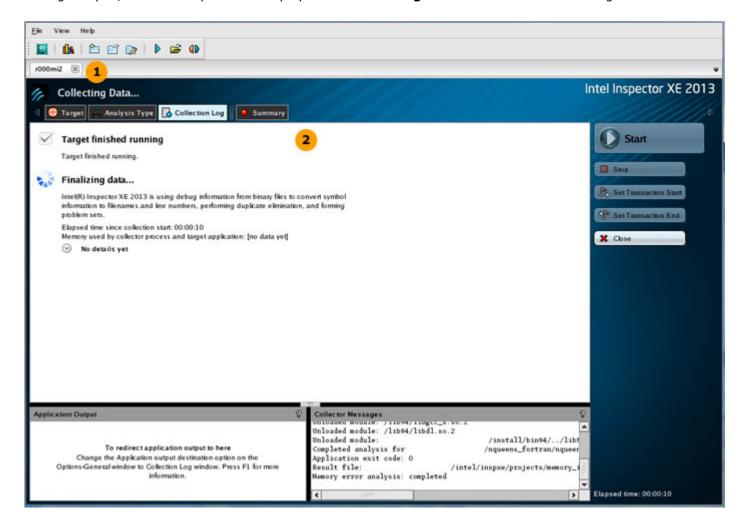
To find memory errors that may need fixing, run a memory error analysis.

Run Memory Error Analysis

Click the **Start** button on the **Analysis Type** window and the Intel Inspector XE:

- Executes the nqueens_memory_debug application.
- · Identifies memory errors that may need handling.
- Collects the result in a directory in the intel/inspxe/projects/memory issues/ directory.
- Finalizes the result.

During analysis, the Intel Inspector XE displays a **Collection Log** window similar to the following:



1

The result name appears in the tab. Here, the name of the result is **r000mi2**, where

- r = constant
- 000 = next available number
- mi = memory error analysis type
- 2 = preset analysis type of medium scope



NOTE Intel Inspector XE also offers a pointer to the result in the **Project Navigator**.

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The **Collection Log** pane shows analysis progress and milestones.

Notice you can start to manage results before analysis (collection and finalization) is complete by clicking the **Summary** button; however, this tutorial does not cover handling issues before analysis is complete.



NOTE This tutorial explains how to run an analysis from the Intel Inspector XE GUI. You can also use the Intel Inspector XE command-line interface (inspxe-cl command) to run an analysis.

The **Summary** window automatically displays after analysis completes successfully.

Key Terms

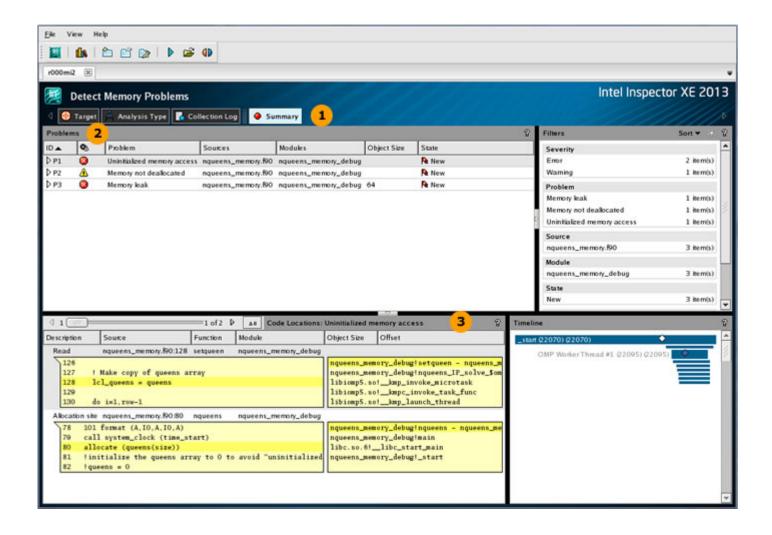
- Analysis
- Collection
- Finalization

Choose Problem

To start exploring a detected memory error:

- Understand Summary window panes.
- Choose a problem.

Understand Summary Window Panes



- The **Summary** window is the starting point for managing result data. It groups problems into problem sets and then prioritizes the problem sets by severity and size.
- Think of the **Problems** pane as a *to-do* list. Start at the top and work your way down. Try viewing the problems in various problem sets by clicking the corresponding \triangleright icon.
- The **Code Locations** pane shows the code location summary, surrounding source code snippet, call stack, and thread and timeline information for all code locations in one or all occurrences of the problem(s) highlighted in the **Problems** pane.

Choose a Problem

When you are finished experimenting, double-click the data row for the **Memory leak** problem set to display the **Sources** window, which provides more visibility into the cause of the error.

Key Terms

- Code location
- Problem
- Problem set
- Result

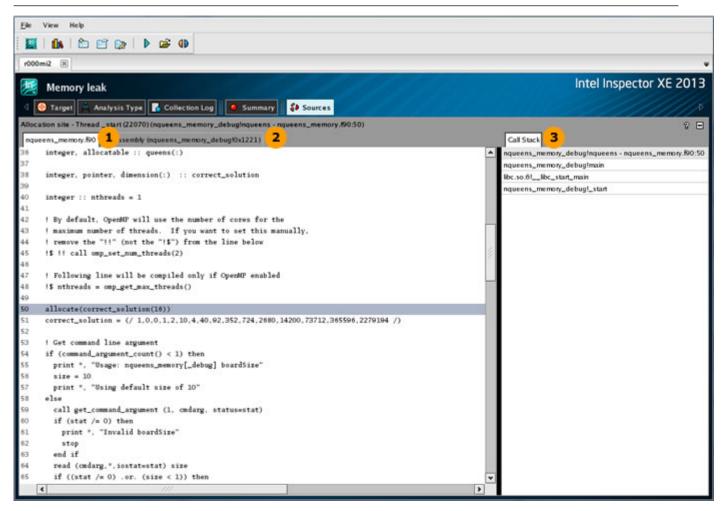
Interpret Result Data



To determine the cause of the detected memory error:

- Interpret Sources window pane tabs.
- Access more information on interpreting and resolving problems.

Interpret Sources Window Pane Tabs



The **Source** tab shows the complete source surrounding one code location in the **Memory leak** problem: **Allocation site**.

The **Allocation site** code location represents the location from which the memory block was allocated. Notice the source code corresponding to the **Allocation site** code location is highlighted.

- The **Disassembly** tab shows low-level operations for the **Allocation site** code location in the **Memory leak** problem.
- The **Call Stack** tab shows the complete call stack for the **Allocation site** code location in the **Memory leak** problem.

Use the \oplus / \bigcirc icons to expand/collapse source, disassembly, and call stack information for each code location region in a problem.

Access More Information on Interpreting and Resolving Problems

- 1. Right-click anywhere in the **Source** or **Disassembly** tab.
- 2. Choose **Explain Problem** to display the Intel Inspector XE Help information for the **Memory leak** problem type.

Key Terms

- Code location
- Problem

Resolve Issue



To fix the detected memory error:

- Investigate the issue.
- Access an editor directly from the Intel Inspector XE.
- · Change the source code.

Investigate the Issue

Scroll to near line 94. The embedded commenting in the nqueens_memory.f90 sample file reveals the cause of the **Memory leak** error: The deallocate call near line 95 that releases the memory is commented out.

Access an Editor

Double-click near line 94 in the **Source** tab to open the nqueens memory.f90 source file in an editor:

```
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₩ vi
  call system_clock (time_end, count_rate)
  print 101, "Number of solutions: ", nrOfSolutions
  if (nrOfSolutions == correct_solution(size+1)) then
    print 101, "Correct Result!"
  else
   print 101, "Incorrect Result!"
  end if
  print 101, "Calculations took ", (time_end-time_start) / (count_rate/1000), "ms.
  deallocate (queens)
  Modeallocate the pointer to avoid a memory leak
  !deallocate (correct_solution)
  contains
  ! Routine to print the board
  subroutine print (queens)
    implicit none
    integer, intent(in) :: queens(:)
    integer :: row, col
    do row=1,size
```

Change the Source Code

- 1. Uncomment !deallocate (correct_solution).
- 2. Save your edits.
- **3.** Click the result tab to return to the **Sources** window.



NOTE The **Sources** window data is unchanged because it is a snapshot of the source code at the time of analysis.

4. Click the **Summary** button to display the **Summary** window.

Key Terms

Code location

Investigate Problem Using Interactive Debugging



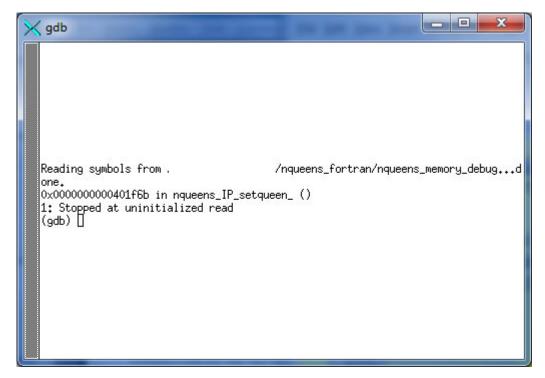
Investigate a problem more deeply with an interactive debugging session during analysis.

- Launch an interactive debugging session.
- Display extended debugging commands.
- Stop the analysis and interactive debugging session.

Launch an Interactive Debugging Session

In the **Problems** pane on the **Summary** window, right-click the data row for the **Uninitialized memory access** problem set to display a context menu, then choose **Debug this problem** to:

- Launch a new analysis, **r001mi2**, with the same configuration settings used to create the **r000mi2** result, except the analysis is optimized to detect only the **Uninitialized memory access** problem.
- Halt application execution and open a debugging session when the Intel Inspector XE detects the first occurrence of the **Uninitialized memory access** problem.



The debugger displays problem breakpoint information in a prob-brk-id: prob_brk_desc format, where:

- prob-brk-id is a debugger-assigned integer value that identifies the problem breakpoint.
- prob-brk-desc is a short problem description.

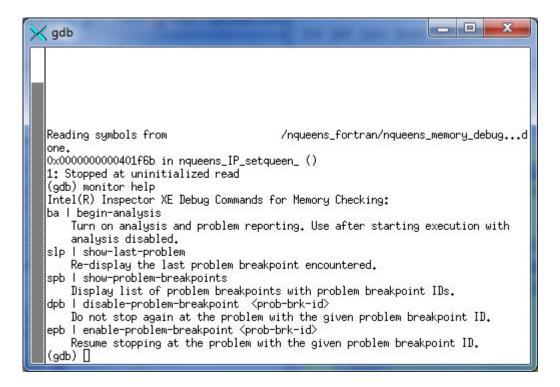


NOTE Do not confuse the *prob-brk-id* values assigned by the debugger with problem IDs prefaced with the letter P in the Intel Inspector XE result data.

Display Extended Debugging Commands

During the interactive debugging session, use the normal debugger actions to examine memory and other state information, set code breakpoints, and continue execution. Only the use of data breakpoints is not supported.

Intel Inspector XE also offers a set of command extensions to use within an interactive debugging session during analysis. Type monitor help to view a list applicable to memory error analyses:



Stop the Analysis and Interactive Debugging Session

When you are finished experimenting in the debugger workspace, stop both the interactive debugging session and the analysis:

- 1. Return to the Intel Inspector XE window. Notice the new, still-running, r001mi2 result.
- 2. Click the **Stop** button on the Intel Inspector XE **Command** toolbar.

When finalization is complete, the Intel Inspector XE displays a **Summary** window for the new **r001mi2** result that contains only the **Uninitialized memory access** problem.



TIP Intel Inspector XE automatically adjusts the debugging session analysis to return to the **Uninitialized memory access** problem more quickly; however the analysis adjustments do not correspond to individual problem types. Consequently, the Intel Inspector XE may detect and report additional problems, but it will break only for the **Uninitialized memory access** problem.

Key Terms

- Problem
- Problem breakpoint
- Problem set

Rebuild and Rerun Analysis



To check if your edits resolved the Memory leak problem:

- Rebuild the application with your edited source code.
- Rerun the analysis.

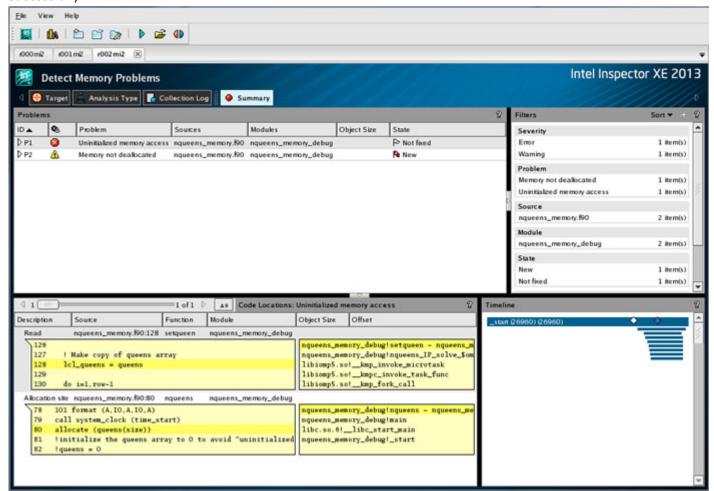
Rebuild the Application

In another terminal session, type make <code>nqueens_memory_debug</code> in the <code>nqueens_fortran/directory.</code>

Rerun the Analysis

To run another analysis of the same analysis type: In the Intel Inspector XE GUI, choose **File** > **New** > **Memory Error Analysis** / **Detect Memory Problems**.

The **Summary** window automatically displays after analysis (both collection and finalization) completes successfully:



Notice the Intel Inspector XE:

- Created a new result tab: r002mi2.
- No longer detects the Memory leak problem.

Key Terms

Analysis

Summary

This tutorial demonstrated an end-to-end workflow you can ultimately apply to your own applications.			
Step	Tutorial Recap	Key Tutorial Take-aways	
1. Set up	You built and ensured the application runs on your system outside the Intel Inspector XE, and created a project to hold analysis results.	Applications compiled and linked in debug mode using the following options produce the most accurate and complete analysis results: -debug, -00, -shared-intel, and - check:none.	
2. Collect result	You chose an analysis type and ran an analysis. During analysis, the Intel Inspector XE: Ran the application, identified errors that may need handling, collected a result, and displayed the result in a result tab. Added a pointer to the result in the Project Navigator .	 Intel Inspector XE offers preset analysis types to help you control analysis scope and cost. Widening analysis scope maximizes the load on the system, and the time and resources required to perform the analysis. Run error analyses from the File menu, toolbar, or command line using the inspxe-cl command. 	
3. Investigate result	You explored detected problems, interpreted the result data, accessed an editor directly from the Intel Inspector XE, and changed source code. You also investigated a problem using interactive debugging.	 Key terms: A code location is a fact the Intel Inspector XE observes at a source code location. A problem is one or more occurrences of a detected issue. A problem set is a group of problems with a common problem type and a shared code location that might share a common solution. Think of the Problems pane on the Summary window as a to-do list: Start at the top and work your way down. Double-click a code location or problem on the Summary window to navigate to the Sources window. Click the Summary button on the Sources window to return to the Summary window. Right-click various places on the Summary or Sources window to display a context menu, then choose Explain Problem to access more information on interpreting and resolving the problem. Double-click a code location on the Sources window to open an editor. Right-click a problem, then choose Debug This Problem to launch an interactive debugging session. 	
4. Check your work	You recompiled, relinked, and reinspected the application.		

Next step: Prepare your own application(s) for analysis. Then use the Intel Inspector XE to find and fix errors.

Key Terms

III.

The following terms are used throughout this tutorial.

analysis: A process during which the Intel Inspector XE performs collection and finalization.

code location: A fact the Intel Inspector XE observes at a source code location, such as a *write* code location. Previously called an *observation*.

collection: A process during which the Intel Inspector XE executes an application, identifies issues that may need handling, and collects those issues in a result.

false positive: A reported error that is not an error.

finalization: A process during which the Intel Inspector XE uses debug information from binary files to convert symbol information into filenames and line numbers, performs duplicate elimination (if requested), and forms problem sets.

problem: One or more occurrences of a detected issue, such as an uninitialized memory access. Multiple occurrences have the same call stack but a different thread or timestamp. You can view information for a problem as well as for each occurrence.

problem breakpoint: A breakpoint that halts execution when a memory or threading analysis detects a problem. In a Linux* debugger, a problem breakpoint is indicated by display of source line information, a unique problem breakpoint ID, and a short problem description.

problem set: A group of problems with a common problem type and a shared code location that might share a common solution, such as a problem set resulting from deallocating an object too early during program execution. You can view problem sets only after analysis is complete.

project: A compiled application; a collection of configurable attributes, including suppression rules and search directories; and a container for analysis results.

result: A collection of issues that may need handling.

target: An application the Intel Inspector XE inspects for errors.