Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Discover and Uncover User's Guide



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Preface

The *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Discover and Uncover User's Guide* gives instructions on how to use the Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover) to find memory-related errors in binaries compiled on SPARC*-based platforms, and the Code Coverage Tool (Uncover) to measure code coverage of applications.

Note – This Oracle Solaris Studio release supports systems that use the SPARC and x86 families of processor architectures: UltraSPARC, SPARC64, AMD64, Pentium, and Xeon EM64T. The supported systems for the version of the Solaris operating system you are running are available in the hardware compatibility lists at http://www.sun.com/bigadmin/hcl. These documents cite any implementation differences between the platform types.

In this document, these x86 related terms mean the following:

- "x86" refers to the larger family of 64-bit and 32-bit x86 compatible products.
- "x64" points out specific 64-bit information about AMD64 or EM64T systems.
- "32-bit x86" points out specific 32-bit information about x86 based systems.

For supported systems, see the hardware compatibility lists.

Who Should Use This Book

This book is designed for programmers who want to use Discover to find memory access errors in their programs, and Uncover to measure code coverage. Users of Discover and Uncover need a working knowledge of Fortran, C, or C++, and some understanding of the Oracle Solaris operating system (Solaris OS) or the Linux operating system, and UNIX commands.

Accessing Oracle Solaris Studio Documentation

You can access the documentation at the following locations:

- The documentation is available from the documentation index page at http://www.oracle.com/ technetwork/server-storage/solarisstudio/documentation/index.html.
- Online help for all components of the IDE is available through the Help menu, as well as through the F1 key, and through Help buttons on many windows and dialog boxes, in the IDE.
- Online help for the Performance Analyzer is available through the Help menu, as well as through the F1 key, and through Help buttons on many windows and dialog boxes, in the Performance Analyzer.
- Online help for dbxtool and DLight is available through the Help menus, as well as through the F1 key, and through Help buttons on many windows and dialog boxes in the tools.
- Online help for dbxtool is available through the Help menu in dbxtool.

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Type of Documentation	Format and Location of Accessible Version
Manuals and tutorials	HTML from the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.1 collection on http://docs.sun.com
What's New in the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Release (Information that was included in the component Readme files in previous releases)	HTML from the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 collection on http://docs.sun.com
Man pages	In the installed product through the man command
Online help	HTML available through the Help menu, Help buttons, and F1 key in the IDE, Performance Analyzer, DLight, and dbxtool.
Release notes	HTML from the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 collection on http://docs.sun.com

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Typographic Conventions

The following table describes the typographic conventions that are used in this book.

TABLE P-1 Typographic Conventions

Typeface	Meaning	Example
AaBbCc123	The names of commands, files, and directories,	Edit your . login file.
	and onscreen computer output	Use ls -a to list all files.
		machine_name% you have mail.
AaBbCc123	What you type, contrasted with onscreen	machine_name% su
	computer output	Password:
aabbcc123	Placeholder: replace with a real name or value	The command to remove a file is rm <i>filename</i> .
AaBbCc123	Book titles, new terms, and terms to be	Read Chapter 6 in the <i>User's Guide</i> .
emphasized	emphasized	A <i>cache</i> is a copy that is stored locally.
		Do <i>not</i> save the file.
		Note: Some emphasized items appear bold online.

Shell Prompts in Command Examples

The following table shows the default UNIX system prompt and superuser prompt for shells that are included in the Oracle Solaris OS. Note that the default system prompt that is displayed in command examples varies, depending on the Oracle Solaris release.

TABLE P-2 Shell Prompts

Shell	Prompt
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell	\$
Bash shell, Korn shell, and Bourne shell for superuser	#
C shell	machine_name%
C shell for superuser	machine_name#

Documentation, Support, and Training

See the following web sites for additional resources:

- Documentation (http://docs.sun.com)
- Support(http://www.oracle.com/us/support/systems/index.html)
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Introduction

The *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Discover and Uncover User's Guide* gives instructions on how to use the following tools:

- "Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover)" on page 9
- "Code Coverage Tool (Uncover)" on page 10

Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover)

The Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover) software is an advanced development tool for detecting memory access errors. Discover works on binaries compiled with the Sun Studio 12, Sun Studio 12 Update 1, Oracle Solaris Express 6/10, or Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 compilers, or the GCC for Sun Systems compilers starting with version 4.2.0, on systems running the Solaris 10 5/08 operating system or a later Solaris 10 update.

Memory-related errors in programs are notoriously difficult to find. Discover allows you to find such errors easily by pointing out the exact place where the problem exists in the source code. For example, if your program allocates an array and does not initialize it, then tries to read from one of the array locations, the program will probably behave erratically. Discover can catch this problem when you run the program in the normal way.

Other errors detected by Discover include:

- Reading from and writing to unallocated memory
- Accessing memory beyond allocated array bounds
- Incorrect use of freed memory
- Freeing the wrong memory blocks
- Memory leaks

Since Discover catches and reports memory access errors dynamically during program execution, if a portion of user code is not executed at run time, errors in that portion are not reported.

Discover is simple to use. Any binary (even a fully optimized binary) that has been prepared by the compiler can be instrumented with a single command, then run in the normal way. During the run, Discover produces a report of the memory anomalies, which you can view as a text file, or as HTML in a web browser.

Code Coverage Tool (Uncover)

Uncover is a simple and easy to use command-line tool for measuring code coverage of applications. Code coverage is an important part of software testing. It gives you information on which areas of your code are exercised in testing and which are not, enabling you to improve your test suites to test more of your code. The coverage information reported by Uncover can be at a function, statement, basic block, or instruction level.

Uncover provides a unique feature called uncoverage, which allows you to quickly find major functional areas that are not being tested. Other advantages of Uncover code coverage over other types of instrumentation are:

- The slowdown relative to uninstrumented code is fairly small.
- Since Uncover operates on binaries, it can work with any optimized binary.
- Measurements can be done by instrumenting the shipping binary. The application does not have to be built differently for coverage testing.
- Uncover provides a simple procedure for instrumenting the binary, running tests, and displaying the results.
- Uncover is multithread safe and multiprocess safe.



Sun Memory Error Discovery Tool (Discover)

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This chapter includes information about the following:

- "Requirements for Using Discover" on page 11
- "Quick Start" on page 13
- "Instrumenting a Prepared Binary" on page 14
- "Running an Instrumented Binary" on page 18
- "Analyzing Discover Reports" on page 18
- "Memory Access Errors and Warnings" on page 29
- "Interpreting Discover Error Messages" on page 33
- "Limitations When Using Discover" on page 36

Requirements for Using Discover

Binaries Must Be Prepared Correctly

Discover works on binaries compiled with the Sun Studio 12, Sun Studio 12 Update 1, or Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 compilers, or the GCC for Sun Systems compilers starting with version 4.2.0, on a SPARC-based or x86-based system running the Solaris 10 5/08 operating system or a later Solaris 10 update.

When using a Sun Studio or Oracle Solaris Studio compiler, you must compile with optimizations by using the -0 option or the -x0[n] option. When using a GCC compiler, no particular optimization level is required.

Discover issues an error and does not instrument a binary if it does not meet these requirements. However, you can instrument a binary that does not meet these requirements and run it to detect a limited number of errors by using the -1 option (see "Instrumentation Options" on page 16).

A binary compiled as described includes information called annotations to help Discover instrument it correctly. The addition of this small amount of information does not affect the performance of the binary or its runtime memory usage.

Using the -g option to generate debug information when compiling the binary allows Discover to display source code and line number information while reporting errors and warnings, and to produce more accurate results. If your binary is not compiled with the -g option, Discover displays only the program counters of the corresponding machine level instructions. Also, compiling with the -g option helps Discover produce more accurate reports (see "Interpreting Discover Error Messages" on page 33.

Binaries That Use Preloading or Auditing Cannot Be Used

Because Discover uses some special features of the runtime linker, you cannot use it with binaries that use preloading or auditing.

If a program requires the setting of the LD_PRELOAD environment variable, it probably won't work correctly with Discover, because Discover needs to interpose on certain system functions, and it cannot do so if the function has been preloaded.

Similarly, if a program uses runtime auditing (either the binary was linked with the -p option or the -P option, or it requires the LD_AUDIT environment variable to be set), this auditing will conflict with Discover's use of auditing. If the binary was linked with auditing, Discover fails at instrumentation time. If you set the LD_AUDIT environment variable at runtime, the results are undefined.

Binaries That Redefine Standard Memory Allocation Functions Can Be Used

Discover supports binaries that redefine the standard memory allocation functions: malloc(), calloc(), memalign(), valloc(), and free().

Quick Start

The following is an example of preparing a program, instrumenting it with Discover, and then running it and producing a report on the detected memory access errors. This example uses a simple program that accesses uninitialized data.

```
% cat test UMR.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
  // UMR: accessing uninitialized data
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 printf("*p = %d\n", *p);
  free(p);
}
% cc -g -02 test_UMR.c
% a.out
*p = 131464
% discover -w - a.out
% a.out
ERROR (UMR): accessing uninitialized data from address 0x50010 (4 bytes) at:
       main() + 0x54 < test UMR.c:7>
                4:
                 5:
                        // UMR: accessing uninitialized data
                        int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
                7:=>
                        printf(**p = %d\n", *p);
                8:
                        free(p);
                9:
        start() + 0x108
   block at 0x50010 (4 bytes long) was allocated at:
       malloc() + 0x220
       main() + 0x1c <test UMR.c:6>
               3:
                     int main()
               4:
                       // UMR: accessing uninitialized data
                       int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
               7:
                       printf(**p = %d\n", *p);
                       free(p);
               9:
        start() + 0x108
*p = 327704
****** Discover Memory Report ***********
No allocated memory left on program exit.
DISCOVER SUMMARY:
       unique errors : 1 (1 total, 0 filtered)
       unique warnings : 0 (0 total, 0 filtered)
FILTERS: type=ML:func= rt boot:depth=*; type=*:func f90 esfw:depth=*;
type=ML:func= f90 ssfw:depth=*;
```

The Discover output shows where the uninitialized memory was used and where it was allocated, along with summary of results.

Instrumenting a Prepared Binary

Once you have prepared the target binary, the next step is to instrument it. Instrumentation adds code in strategic places so that Discover can keep track of memory operations while the binary is running.

You instrument a binary using the discover command. For example, the following command instruments the binary a . out and overwrites the input a . out with the instrumented a . out:

discover a.out

When you run the instrumented binary, Discover monitors the program's use of memory. During the run, Discover writes a report detailing any memory access errors to an HTML file (in this case, by default, a.out.html) that you can view in your web browser. You can use the -w option when you instrument the binary to request that the report be written to an ASCII file or to stderr.

When Discover instruments a binary, if it finds any code that it cannot instrument because it is not annotated, it displays a warning like the following:

```
discover: (warning): a.out: 80% of code instrumented (16 out of 20 functions)
```

Non-annotated code could come from assembly language code linked into the binary, or from modules compiled with compilers or on operating systems older than those listed in "Binaries Must Be Prepared Correctly" on page 11.

Caching Shared Libraries

When Discover instruments a binary, it adds code to it that works with the runtime linker to instrument dependent shared libraries when they are loaded at runtime. The instrumented libraries are stored in a cache where they can be reused if the original has not changed since it was last instrumented. By default, the cache directory is \$HOME/SUNW_Bit_Cache. You can change the directory with the -D option.

Instrumenting Shared Libraries

Discover produces the most accurate results if the entire program, including all shared libraries, is instrumented. By default, when you instrument the main executable, Discover inserts code such that when you run the program, Discover automatically instruments all shared libraries as they are opened, whether they are statically linked in the program or dynamically opened by dlopen().

All shared libraries used by the program should be prepared as described in "Binaries Must Be Prepared Correctly" on page 11. By default, if the runtime linker encounters an unprepared library, a fatal error occurs. You can, however, tell Discover to ignore one or more libraries.

Ignoring Libraries

Some libraries might not be possible to prepare, or they might not be instrumentable for some other reason. To provide for this case, with some loss of accuracy, you can tell Discover to ignore these libraries with the -s, -T, or -N option (see "Instrumentation Options" on page 16, or with specifications in bit.rc files (see "bit.rc Initialization Files" on page 17

If a library cannot be instrumented and is not designated as ignorable, then either Discover fails at instrumentation time or your program fails at runtime with an error message.

By default, Discover uses specifications in the system bit.rc file to set certain system and compiler-supplied libraries as ignorable because they are not prepared. The effect on accuracy is minimal because Discover knows the memory characteristics of the most commonly used libraries.

Command Line Options

You can use the following options with the discover command to instrument a binary.

Output Options

-o *file* Write the instrumented binary to *file*. By default, the instrumented binary overwrites the input binary.

-w text_file

Write Discover's report on the binary to <code>text_file</code> . The file is created when you run the instrumented binary. If <code>text_file</code> is a relative pathname, the file is placed relative to the working directory where you run the instrumented binary. To make the filename unique for each time you run the binary, add the string %p to the filename to ask the Discover runtime to include the process id. For example, the option <code>-w</code> report <code>.process_id</code>. <code>txt</code> generates a report file with the filename <code>report.process_id</code>. <code>txt</code>. If you include %p in the filename more than once, only the first instance is replaced with the process id.

If you do not specify this option or the -H option, the report is written in HTML format to <code>output_file</code>.html, where <code>output_file</code> is the basename of the instrumented binary. The file is placed in the working directory where you run the instrumented binary.

You can specify both this option and the -H option to write the report in both text and HTML formats.

-H html_file

Write Discover's report on the binary in HTML format to *html_file*. This file is created when you run the instrumented binary. If *html_file* is a relative pathname, it is placed relative to the working directory where you run the instrumented binary. To make the filename unique for each time you run the

binary, add the string %p to the filename to ask the Discover runtime to include the process id. For example, the option -H report.%p.html generates a report file with the filename report.process_id.html. If you include %p in the filename more than once, only the first instance is replaced with the process id.

If you do not specify this option or the -w option, the report is written in HTML format to *output_file*.html, where *output_file* is the basename of the instrumented binary. The file is placed in the working directory where you run the instrumented binary.

You can specify both this option and the -w option to write the report in both text and HTML formats.

- -e *n* Show only *n* memory errors in the report (default is show all errors).
- -E n Show only n memory leaks in the report (default is 100).
- f Show offsets in the report (default is to hide them).
- -m Show mangled names in the report (default is to show de-mangled names).
- -S *n* Show only *n* stack frames in the report (default is 8).

Instrumentation Options

- -1 Run Discover in light mode. This option provides faster execution of your program and the program does not have to be specially prepared as described in "Binaries Must Be Prepared Correctly" on page 11, but the number of errors detected is limited.
- -i Instrument for data race detection using the Thread Analyzer. When you use this option, only data race detection is done at runtime; no other memory checking is done. The instrumented binary must be run with the collect command to generate an experiment that you can view in the Performance Analyzer (see the Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2: Thread Analyzer User's Guide).
- -s Issue a warning, but do not flag an error, if an attempt is made to instrument an uninstrumentable binary.
- -T Instrument the named binary only. Do not instrument any dependent shared libraries at runtime.
- -N *library* Do not instrument any dependent shared library matching the prefix *library*. If the initial characters of a library name match *library*, the library is ignored. If *library* begins with a /, matching is done on the full absolute pathname of the library. Otherwise, matching is done on the basename of the library.
- -K Do not read the bit.rc initialization files (see "bit.rc Initialization Files" on page 17).

Caching Options

-D cache_directory Use cache_directory as the root directory for storing cached

instrumented binaries. By default, the cache directory is

\$HOME/SUNW Bit Cache.

-k Force reinstrumentation of any libraries found in the cache.

Other Options

-h or -? Help. Print a short usage message and exit.

 Verbose. Print a log of what Discover is doing. Repeat the option for more information.

-V Print Discover version information and exit.

bit.rc Initialization Files

Discover initializes its state by reading a series of bit.rc files at startup. A system file, Oracle_Solaris_Studio_installation_directory/prod/lib/postopt/bit.rc, provides default values for certain variables. Discover reads this file first, followed by \$HOME/.bit.rc if it exists, and current_directory/.bit.rc if it exists.

The bit.rc files contain commands to set, append to, and remove from certain variables. When Discover reads a set command, it discards the previous value, if any, of the variable. When it reads an append command, it appends the argument (after a colon separator) to the existing value of the variable. When it reads a remove command, it removes the argument and its colon separator from the existing value of the variable.

The variables set in the bit.rc files include the list of libraries to ignore when instrumenting, and lists of functions or function prefixes to ignore when computing the percentage of nonannotated (not prepared) code in a binary.

For more information, refer to the comments in the header of the system bit.rc file.

SUNW_DISCOVER_OPTIONS Environment Variable

You can change the runtime behavior of an instrumented binary by setting the SUNW_DISCOVER_OPTIONS environment variable to a list of the command-line options -b, -e, -E, -f, -H, -l, -m, -S, and -w. For example, if you want to change the number of errors reported to 50 and limit the stack depth in the report to 3, you would set the environment variable to -e 50 -s 3.

SUNW_DISCOVER_FOLLOW_FORK_MODE Environment Variable

By default, if a binary you have instrumented with Discover forks while you are running it, Discover continues to collect memory access error data from the parent process. If you want Discover to follow the fork and collect memory access data from the child process, set the SUNW_DISCOVER_FOLLOW_FORK_MODE environment variable.

Running an Instrumented Binary

After you have instrumented your binary with Discover, you run it the same way you would ordinarily. Typically, if a particular combination of input causes your program to behave strangely, you would instrument it with Discover and run it with the same input to investigate potential memory problems. While the instrumented program is running, Discover writes information about any memory problems it finds to the specified output files in the selected formats (text, HTML, or both). For information on interpreting the reports, see "Analyzing Discover Reports" on page 18.

Because of the overhead of the instrumentation, your program runs significantly slower after you instrument it. Depending on the frequency of memory access, it might run as much as 50 times slower.

Analyzing Discover Reports

The Discover report provides you with information to effectively pinpoint and fix the problems in your source code.

By default, the report is written in HTML format to *output_file*.html, where *output_file* is the basename of the instrumented binary. The file is placed in the working directory where you run the instrumented binary.

When you instrument your binary, you can use the -H option to request that the HTML output be written to a specified file, or the -w option to request that it be written to a text file (see "Command Line Options" on page 15).

After your binary is instrumented, you can change the settings of the -H and -w options for the report in the "SUNW_DISCOVER_OPTIONS Environment Variable" on page 17 if, for example, you want to write the report to a different file for a subsequent run of the program.

Analyzing the HTML Report

The HTML report format allows interactive analysis of your program. The data in HTML format can easily be shared between developers using email or placement on a web page. Combined with JavaScript interactive features, it provides a convenient way to navigate through the Discover messages.

The Errors tab (see "Using the Errors Tab" on page 19), Warnings tab (see "Using the Warnings Tab" on page 22, and Memory Leaks tab (see "Using the Memory Leaks Tab" on page 23) let you navigate through error messages, warning messages, and the memory leak report, respectively.

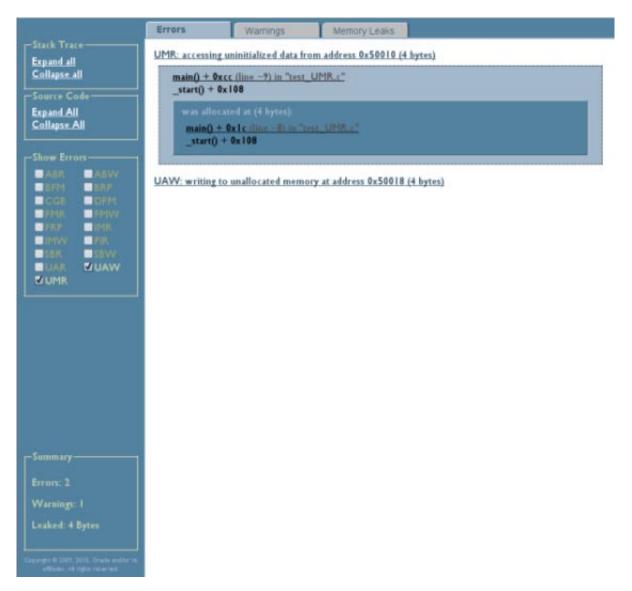
The control panel on the left (see "Using the Control Panel" on page 25) lets you change the contents of the tab that is currently displayed on the right.

Using the Errors Tab

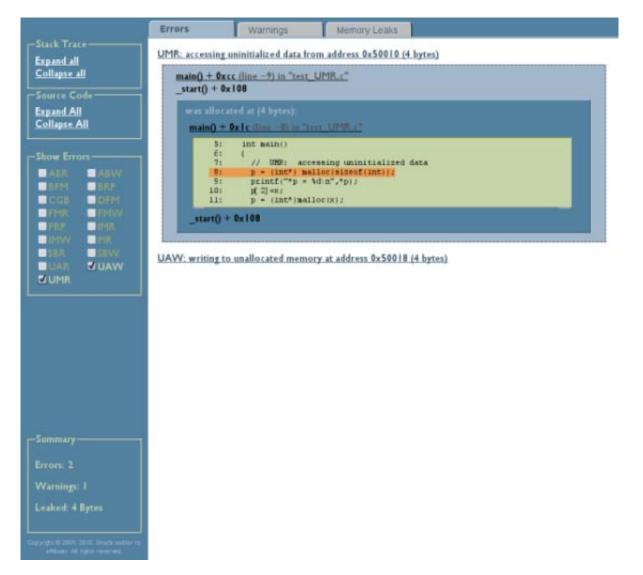
When you first open an HTML report in your browser, the Errors tab is selected and displays the list of memory access errors that occurred during execution of your instrumented binary.



When you click on an error, the stack trace at the time of the error is displayed:

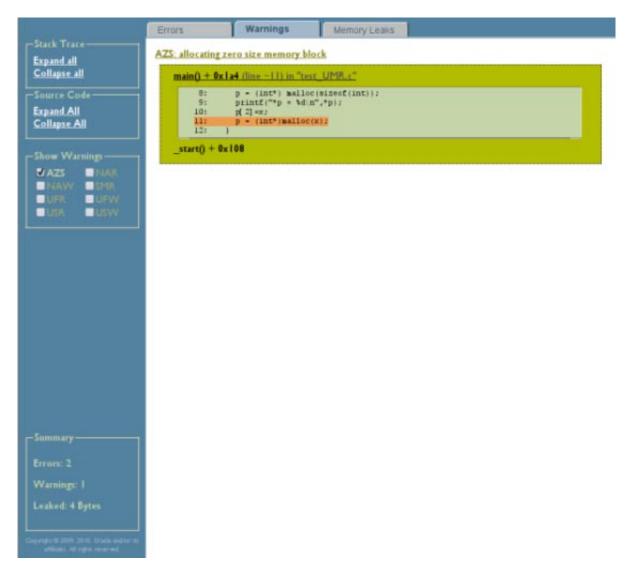


If you compiled your code with the -g option, you can see the source code for each function in the stack trace by clicking the function:



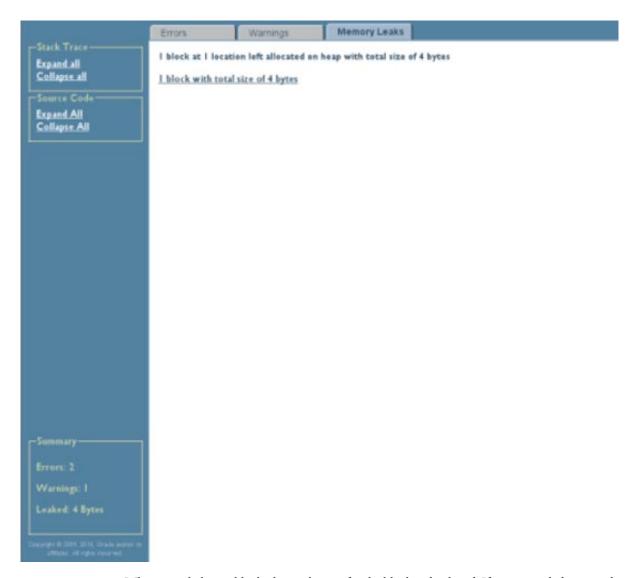
Using the Warnings Tab

The Warnings tab displays all of the warning messages for possible access errors. When you click on a warning, the stack trace at the time of the warning is displayed. If you compiled your code with the -g option, you can see the source code for each function in the stack trace by clicking the function.

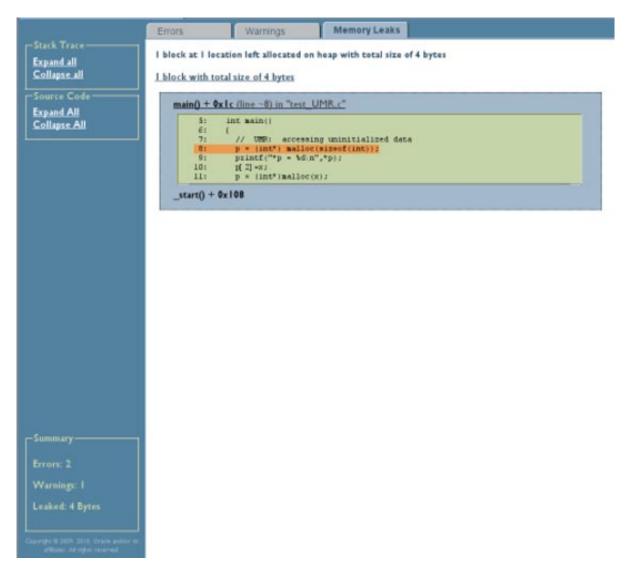


Using the Memory Leaks Tab

The Memory Leaks tab displays the total number of blocks remaining allocated at the end of the program's run at the top, with the blocks listed below.



When you click on a block, the stack trace for the block is displayed. If you compiled your code with the -g option, you can see the source code for each function in the stack trace by clicking the function.



Using the Control Panel

To see the stack traces for all of the errors, warnings, and memory leaks, click Expand All in the Stack Traces section of the control panel. To see the source code for all of the functions, click Expand All in the Source Code section of the control panel.

To hide the stack traces or source code for all of the errors, warnings, and memory leaks, click the corresponding Collapse All.

The Show Errors section of the control panel is displayed when the Errors tab is selected and lets you control which types of errors are displayed. By default, the checkboxes for all of the detected errors are checked. To hide a type of error, click its checkbox to remove the checkmark.

The Show Warnings section of the control panel is displayed when the Warnings tab is selected and lets you control which types of warnings are displayed. By default, the checkboxes for all of the detected warnings are checked. To hide a type of warning, click its checkbox to remove the checkmark.

A summary of the report listing the total numbers of errors and warnings, and the amount of leaked memory, is displayed at the bottom of the control panel.

Analyzing the ASCII Report

The ASCII (text) format of the Discover report is suitable for processing by scripts or when you don't have access to a web browser. The following is an example of an ASCII report.

\$ a.out

```
ERROR 1 (UAW): writing to unallocated memory at address 0x50088 (4 bytes) at:
   main() + 0x2a0 <ui.c:20>
      17:
            t = malloc(32);
              printf("hello\n");
       18:
       19:
              for (int i=0; i<100;i++)
       20:=>
              t[32] = 234; // UAW
              printf("%d\n", t[2]);
       21:
                                     //UMR
       22:
              foo();
      23:
              bar();
   start() + 0x108
ERROR 2 (UMR): accessing uninitialized data from address 0x50010 (4 bytes) at:
  main() + 0x16c <ui.c:21>$
      18: printf("hello\n");
             for (int i=0; i<100;i++)
              t[32] = 234; // UAW
      21:=>
              printf("%d\n", t[2]);
                                    //UMR
      22:
              foo();
      23:
              bar();
      24:
             }
   start() + 0x108
      was allocated at (32 bytes):
   main() + 0x24 < ui.c:17>
      14:
             x = (int*)malloc(size); // AZS warning
      15:
       16:
            int main() {
       17:=> t = malloc(32):
      18:
              printf("hello\n");
              for (int i=0; i<100; i++)
               t[32] = 234; // UAW
      20:
   start() + 0x108
WARNING 1 (AZS): allocating zero size memory block at:
```

```
foo() + 0xf4 <ui.c:14>
     11: void foo() {
      12:
           x = malloc(128);
      13:
            free(x);
      14:=> x = (int*)malloc(size); // AZS warning
      15: }
      16:
            int main() {
      17:
            t = malloc(32);
  main() + 0x18c <ui.c:22>
            for (int i=0; i<100;i++)
      19:
      20:
             t[32] = 234; // UAW
      21:
             printf("%d\n", t[2]); //UMR
            foo();
      22:=>
      23:
             bar();
      24:
  _start() + 0x108
1 block at 1 location left allocated on heap with a total size of 128 bytes
  1 block with total size of 128 bytes
  bar() + 0x24 < ui.c:9>
      6:
                 7:
                       void bar() {
            int *y;
       9:=> y = malloc(128); // Memory leak
      10:
            }
      11:
            void foo() {
            x = malloc(128);
      12:
  main() + 0x194 < ui.c:23>
            t[32] = 234; // UAW
             printf("%d\n", t[2]); //UMR
      21:
      22:
            foo();
     23:=> bar();
      24:
           }
  start() + 0x108
ERROR 1: repeats 100 times
DISCOVER SUMMARY:
  unique errors
                : 2 (101 total, 0 filtered)
  unique warnings : 1 (1 total, 0 filtered)
```

The report consists of error and warning messages followed by a summary.

The error message starts with the word ERROR and contains a three-letter code, an id number, and an error description (writing to unallocated memory in the example). Other details include the memory address that was accessed and the number or bytes read or written. Following the description is a stack trace at the time of the error that pinpoints the location of the error in the process life cycle.

If the program was compiled with the -g option, the stack trace includes the source file name and line number. If the source file is accessible, the source code in the vicinity of the error is printed. The target source line in each frame is indicated by the => symbol.

When the same kind of error at the same memory location with the same number of bytes repeats, the complete message including the stack trace is printed only once. Subsequent occurrences of the error are counted and a repetition count, as shown in the following example, is listed at the end of the report for each identical error that occurs multiple times.

```
ERROR 1: repeats 100 times
```

If the address of the faulty memory access is on the heap, then information on the corresponding heap block is printed after the stack trace. The information includes the block starting address and size, and a stack trace at the time the block was allocated. If the block was freed, a stack trace of the deallocation point is also included.

Warning messages are printed in the same format as error messages except that they start with the word WARNING. In general, these messages alert you to conditions that do not affect application correctness, but provide useful information that you can use to improve the program. For example, allocating memory of zero size is not harmful, but if it happens too often, it can potentially degrade performance.

The memory leak report contains information about memory blocks allocated on the heap but not released at program exit. The following is an example of a memory leak report.

```
$ DISCOVER MEMORY LEAKS=1 ./a.out
************** Discover Memory Report **********
2 blocks left allocated on heap with total size of 44 bytes
   block at 0x50008 (40 bytes long) was allocated at:
       malloc() + 0x168 [libdiscover.so:0xea54]
       f() + 0x1c [a.out:0x3001c]
         <discover example.c:9>:
                8:
                9:=>
                        int *a = (int *)malloc( n * sizeof(int) );
               10:
                       int i, j, k;
       main() + 0x1c [a.out:0x304a8]
         <discover example.c:33>:
               32: /* Print first N=10 Fibonacci numbers */
                      a = f(N);
                      printf("First %d Fibonacci numbers:\n", N);
       start() + 0x5c [a.out:0x105a8]
```

The first line following the header summarizes the number of heap blocks left allocated on the heap and their total size. The reported size is from the developer's perspective, that is, it does not include the bookkeeping overhead of the memory allocator.

After the memory leak summary, detailed information is printed on each unfreed heap block with a stack trace of its allocation point. The stack trace report is similar to the one described for error and warning messages.

The Discover report is concluded with an overall summary. It reports the number of unique warnings and errors and in parentheses, the total numbers of errors and warnings, including repeated ones. For example:

```
DISCOVER SUMMARY:

unique errors : 3 (3 total)

unique warnings : 1 (5 total)
```

Memory Access Errors and Warnings

Discover detects and reports many memory access errors, as well as warning you about accesses that might be errors.

Memory Access Errors

Discover detects the following memory access errors:

- ABR: beyond array bounds read
- ABW: beyond array bounds write
- BFM: freeing the wrong memory block
- BRP: bad realloc address parameter
- CGB: corrupted array guard block
- DFM: double freeing memory
- FMR: freed memory read
- FMW: freed memory write
- FRP: freed realloc parameter
- IMR: invalid memory read
- IMW: invalid memory write
- PIR: partially initialized read
- SBR: beyond stack frame bounds read
- SBW: beyond stack frame bounds write
- UAR: unallocated memory read
- UAW: unallocated memory write
- UMR: unitialized memory read
- The following sections list some simple sample programs that will produce some of these errors.

ABR

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
    // ABR: reading memory beyond array bounds at address 0x%1x (%d byte%s)"
```

```
int *a = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int[5]));
 printf("a[5] = %d\n", a[5]);
ABW
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // ABW: writing to memory beyond array bounds
 int *a = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int[5]));
 a[5] = 5;
}
BFM
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // BFM: freeing wrong memory block
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 free(p+1);
}
BRP
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // BRP is "bad address parameter for realloc 0x%1x"
 int *p = (int*) realloc(0,sizeof(int));
 int *q = (int*) realloc(p+20,sizeof(int[2]));
}
DFM
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // DFM is "double freeing memory"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 free(p);
  free(p);'
}
FMR
#includ <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // FMR is "reading from freed memory at address 0x%1x (%d byte%s)"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
```

```
free(p);
  printf("p = 0x%h\n",p);
FMW
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // FMW is "writing to freed memory at address 0x%1x (%d byte%s)"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 free(p);
 *p = 1;
}
FRP
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // FRP: freed pointer passed to realloc
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 free(0);
 int *q = (int*) realloc(p,sizeof(int[2]));
}
IMR
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // IMR: read from invalid memory address
 int *p = 0;
  int i = *p; // generates Signal 11...
}
IMW
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // IMW: write to invalide memory address
 int *p = 0;
  *p = 1;
               // generates Signal 11...
}
PIR
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // PIR: accessing partially initialized data
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
```

```
*((char*)p) = 'c';
  printf("*(p = %d\n", *(p+1));
UAR
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib>
int main()
 // UAR is "reading from unallocated memory"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 printf("*(p+1) = %d\n", *(p+1));
UAW
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // UAW is "writing to unallocated memory"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
  *(p+1) = 1;
UMR
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
 // UMR is "accessing uninitialized data from address 0x%1x (A%d byte%s)"
 int *p = (int*) malloc(sizeof(int));
 printf("*p = %d\n", *p);
```

Memory Access Warnings

Discover reports the following memory access warnings:

- AZS: allocating zero size
- NAR: non-annotated read
- NAW: non-annotated write
- SMR: speculative memory read
- SMW: speculative memory write
- UFR: unknown stack frame read
- UFW: unknown stack frame write
- USR: unknown status while reading
- USW: unknown status while writing

The following section lists a simple example program that will produce an AZS warning.

AZS

```
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
    // AZS: allocating zero size memory block
    int *p = malloc();
}
```

Interpreting Discover Error Messages

In some cases, Discover can report an error that is not actually an error. Such cases are called false positives. Discover analyzes code at instrumentation time to reduce the occurrence of false positives compared to similar tools, but there are cases where they still occur. The following sections provide a few tips that might help you to identify and possibly avoid false positives in Discover reports.

Partially Initialized Memory

Bit fields in C and C++ allow you to create compact data types. For example:

In the example, the structure member my_struct.valid takes only one bit in memory. However, on SPARC platforms, the CPU can modify memory only in bytes, so the whole byte containing struct.valid must be loaded in order to access or modify the structure member. Moreover, sometimes the compiler might find it more efficient to load several bytes (for example, a machine word of four bytes) at once. When Discover detects such a load, without additional information it assumes that all four bytes are used. And if, for example, the field my_struct.valid was initialized, but the field my_struct.c was not, and the machine word containing both fields was loaded, Discover would flag a partially initialized memory read (PIR).

Another source of false positives is initialization of a bit field. To write a part of a byte, the compiler must first generate code that loads the byte. If the byte was not written prior to a read, the result is an uninitialized memory read error (UMR).

To avoid false positives for bit fields, use the -g option or the -g0 option when compiling. These options provide extra debugging information to Discover to help it identify bit field loads and

initialization, which will eliminate most false positives. If you cannot compile with the -g option for some reason, then initialize structures with a function such as memset(). For example:

```
...
struct my_struct s;
/* Initialize structure prio to use */
memset(&sm 0, sizeof(struct my_struct));
```

Speculative Loads

Sometimes the compiler generates a load from a known memory address under conditions where the result of the load is not valid on all program paths. This situation often occurs on SPARC platforms because such a load instruction can be placed in the delay slot of a branch instruction. For example, here is a C code fragment:

```
int i'
if (foo(&i) != 0) { /* foo returns nonzero if it has initialized i */
  printf("5d\n", i);
}
```

From this code, the compiler could generate code equivalent to:

```
int i;
int t1, t2'
t1 = foo(&i);
t2 = i; /* value in i is loaded */
if (t1 != 0) {
   printf("%d\n", t2);
}
```

Assume that in the example, the function foo() returns 0 and does not initialize i. The load from i is still generated, though not used. But the load will be seen by Discover, which will report a load of an uninitialized variable (UMR).

Discover uses dataflow analysis to identify such cases whenever possible, but sometimes they are impossible to detect.

You can reduce the occurrence of these types of false positives by compiling with a lower optimization level.

Uninstrumented Code

Sometimes it is not possible for Discover to instrument 100% of your program. Perhaps some of your code comes from an assembly language source file or a third-party library that cannot be

recompiled and so cannot be instrumented. Discover has no knowledge of the memory blocks the non-instrumented code is accessing and modifying. Assume for example that a function from a third-party shared library initializes a block of memory that is later read by the main (instrumented) program. Since Discover does not know that the memory has been initialized by the library, the subsequent read generates an uninitialized memory error (UMR).

To provide a solution for such cases, the Discover API includes the following functions:

```
void __ped_memory_write(unsigned long addr, long size, unsigned long pc);
void __ped_memory_read(unsigned long addr, long size, unsigned long pc);
void __ped_memory_copy(unsigned long src, unsigned lond dst, long size, unsigned long pc);
```

You can call the API functions from your program to inform Discover of specific events such as a write to a memory area (__ped_memory_write()) or a read from a memory area (__ped_memory read()). In both cases, the starting address of the memory area is passed in the addr parameter and its size is passed in the size parameter. Set the pc parameter to 0.

Use the __ped_memory_copy function to inform Discover of memory that is being copied from one location to another. The starting address of the source memory is passed in the src parameter, the starting address of the destination area is passed in the dst parameter, and the size is passed in the size parameter. Set the pc parameter to 0.

To use the API, declare these functions in your program as weak. For example, include the following code fragment in your source code.

```
#ifdef __cplusplus
extern "C" {
#endif

extern void __ped_memory_write(unsigned long addr, long size, unsigned long pc);
extern void __ped_memory_read(unsigned long addr, long size, unsigned long pc);
extern void __ped_memory_copy(unsigned long src, unsigned long dst, long size, unsigned long pc);
#prgama weak __ped_memory_write
#pragma weak __ped_memory_read
#pragma weak __ped_memory_copy

#ifdef __cplusplus
}
#endif
```

The API functions are defined in the internal Discover library, which is linked with your program at instrumentation time. However, when your program is not instrumented, this library is not linked and thus all calls to the API functions will result in application hang-up. So you must disable these functions when you are not running your program under Discover. Alternatively, you can create a dynamic library with empty definitions of the API functions and link it with your program. In this case, when you run your program without Discover, your library will be used, but when you run it under Discover, the real API functions will be called automatically.

Limitations When Using Discover

Only Annotated Code is Instrumented

Discover can instrument only code that has been prepared as described in "Binaries Must Be Prepared Correctly" on page 11. Non-annotated code might come from assembly language code linked into the binary, or from modules compiled with older compilers or operating systems than those listed in that section.

Specifically excluded from preparation are assembly language modules and functions that contain asm statements or .il templates.

Machine Instruction Might Differ From Source Code

Discover operates on machine code. The tool detects errors on machine instructions such as loads and stores, and correlates the errors with the source code. Some source code statements do not have associated machine instructions, so it may appear that Discover did not detect an obvious user error. For example, consider the following C code fragment:

```
int *p = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int));
int i;

i = *p; /* compiler may not generate code for this statement */
printf("Hello World!\n");
return:
```

Reading a value stored at the address pointed to by p is a potential user error since the memory was not initialized. However, an optimizing compiler will detect that the variable i is not used, so the code for the statement reading from memory and assigning to i will not be generated. In this case, Discover will not report uninitialized memory usage (UMR).

Compiler Options Affect the Generated Code

Compiler-generated code is not always as you expect it to be. Because the code the compiler generates varies depending on the compiler options you use, including the -0*n* optimization options, the errors reported by Discover might also vary. For example, errors reported in code generated at the -01 optimization level could disappear for code generated at the -04 optimization level.

System Libraries Can Affect the Errors Reported

System libraries are preinstalled with the operating system and cannot be recompiled for instrumentation. Discover provides support for the common function from the standard C library (libc.so); that is, Discover knows what memory is accessed or modified by these functions. However, if your application uses other system libraries, you might see false positives in the Discover report. If false positives are reported, you can call the Discover API from your code to eliminate them.

Custom Memory Management Can Affect the Accuracy of the Data

Discover can track heap memory when it is allocated by standard programming language mechanisms like malloc(), calloc(), free(), operator new(), and operator delete().

If your application uses a custom memory management system working on top of the standard functions (for example, pool allocation management implemented with malloc()), then Discover works, but is not guaranteed to correctly report leaks or access to freed memory.

Discover does not support the following memory allocators:

- Custom heap allocators that use brk(2)() or sbrk(2)() system calls directly
- Standard heap management function linked statically into a binary
- Memory allocated from the user code using mmap(2)() and shmget(2)() system calls

The sigaltstack(2)() function is not supported.

Out of Bounds Errors for Static and Automatic Arrays Cannot Be Detected

Because of the algorithms that Discover uses to detect array bounds, it is not possible to detect out of bounds access errors for static and automatic (local) arrays. Errors can be detected only for dynamically allocated arrays.



Code Coverage Tool (Uncover)

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Requirements for Using Uncover

Uncover works on binaries compiled with the Sun Studio 12 Update 1, Oracle Solaris Studio Express 6/10, or Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 compilers, or the GCC for Sun Systems 4.2.0 or later compilers, with at least the -01 optimization option, on a SPARC-based or x86-based system running the Solaris 10 5/08 operating system or a later Solaris 10 update.

A binary compiled as described includes information that Uncover uses to reliably disassemble the binary to instrument it for coverage data collection.

Using the -g option to generate debug information when compiling the binary allows Uncover to use source code level coverage information. If your binary is not compiled with the -g option, Uncover uses only program counter (PC) based coverage information.

Using Uncover

Generating coverage information using Uncover is a three-step process:

- 1. Instrumenting the binary
- 2. Running the instrumented binary
- 3. Generating and viewing coverage reports

Instrumenting the Binary

The input binary can be an executable or a shared library. You must instrument each binary you want to analyze separately.

You instrument the binary with the uncover command. For example, the following command instruments the binary a.out and overwrites the input a.out with the instrumented a.out. It also creates a directory with the suffix .uc (a.out.uc in this case) in which the coverage data will be collected. A copy of the input binary is saved in this directory.

uncover a.out

You can use the -d *directory* option to tell Uncover to create the coverage data directory in *directory*. This option is useful when you are collecting coverage data for multiple binaries, so that all of the coverage data directories are created in the same directory. Also, if you run different instances of the same instrumented binary from different locations, using this option ensures that the coverage data from all of these runs is accumulated in the same coverage data directory.

If you do not use the -d option, the coverage data directory is created in the current run directory.

If you run the uncover command on a input binary that is already instrumented, Uncover issues an error message telling you that the binary cannot be instrumented because it is already instrumented, and that you can run it to generate coverage data.

Running the Instrumented Binary

After you have instrumented your binary, you can run it normally. Every time you run the instrumented binary, code coverage data is collected in the coverage data directory with the .uc suffix that Uncover created during the instrumentation. Since Uncover data collection is multi-thread safe and multi-process safe, there is no restriction on the number of simultaneous runs or threads in the process. The coverage data is accumulated over all of the runs and threads.

Generating and Viewing the Coverage Report

To generate a coverage report, run the uncover command on the coverage data directory. For example:

uncover a.out.uc

This command generates an Oracle Solaris Studio Performance Analyzer experiment directory called *binary_name*.er from the coverage data in the a.out.uc directory, starts the

Performance Analyzer GUI, and displays the experiment. If you have an .er.rc file (see the *Oracle Solaris Studio 12.2 Performance Analyzer* manual) in the current directory or your home directory, it might affect the way the Analyzer displays the experiment.

You can also use uncover command options to generate the report as HTML and view it in your web browser, or as ASCII to view in a terminal window:

-e on off	Generate experiment directory for the coverage report and display the experiment in the Performance Analyzer GUI. On by default.
-H html_directory	Save the coverage data as HTML in the specified directory and automatically display it in your web browser. Off by default.
-h or -?	Help.
- n	Generate coverage reports but do not start viewers like the Performance Analyzer or web browser.
-t ascii_file	Generate an ASCII coverage report in the specified file. Off by default.
- V	Print Uncover version and exit.
- V	Verbose. Print a log of what Uncover is doing.

Only one output format is enabled, so if you specify multiple output options, Discover uses the last option in the command.

Examples

uncover a.out

This command instruments the binary a.out, overwrites the input a.out, creates an a.out.uc coverage data directory in the current directory, and saves a copy of the input a.out in the a.out.uc directory. If a.out is already instrumented, a warning message is displayed and no instrumentation is done.

uncover -d coverage a.out

This command does everything that the first example does, except it creates the a.out.uc coverage directory in the directory coverage.

uncover a.out.uc

This command uses the data in the a.out.uc coverage directory to create a code coverage experiment (a.out.er) in your working directory, and starts the Performance Analyzer GUI to display the experiment.

uncover -H a.out.html a.out.uc

This command uses the data in the a.out.uc coverage directory to create an HTML code coverage report in the directory a.out.html and displays the report in your web browser.

uncover -t a.out.txt a.out.uc

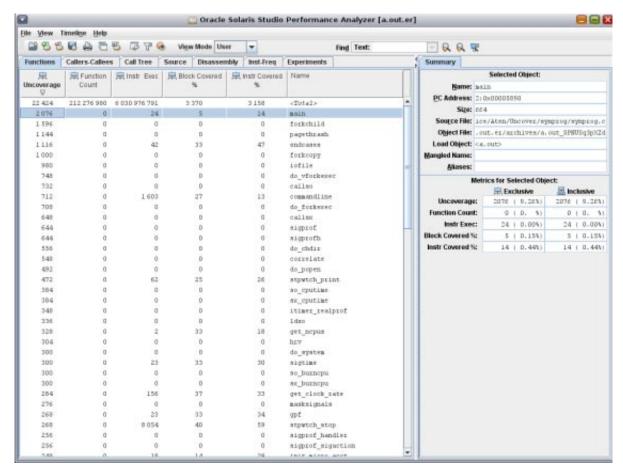
This command uses the data in the a.out.uc coverage directory to create an ASCII code coverage report in the file a.out.txt.

Understanding the Coverage Report in the Performance Analyzer

By default, when you run the uncover command on the coverage directory, the coverage report is opened as an experiment in the Oracle Solaris Studio Performance Analyzer. The Analyzer uses the Functions, Source, Disassembly, and Inst-Freq tabs to display the coverage data.

The Functions Tab

When you open the coverage report in the Analyzer, the Functions tab is selected. The tab displays columns listing the Uncoverage, Function Count, Instr Exec, Block Covered %, and Instr Covered % counters for each function. You can make any column the sort key for the data by clicking on the column header. Clicking the arrow on the column header reverses the sort order.



The Uncoverage Counter

The Uncoverage metric is a very powerful feature of Uncover. If you use this column as the sort key, in decreasing order, the top functions in the display are the functions that offer the greatest potential to increase coverage. In the example, the main() function is at the top of the list because it has the largest number in the Uncoverage column. (The sigprof() and sigprofh() functions all have the same number, so they are listed in alphabetical order.)

The Uncoverage number for the main() function is number of bytes of code that could potentially be covered if a test is added to the suite that causes the function to be called. The amount that coverage would actually increase varies according to the structure of the function. If there are no branches in the function, and all the functions it calls are also straight line functions, then coverage will indeed increase by the stated number of bytes. But in general, the coverage increase is less than the potential, perhaps much less.

The uncovered functions with non-zero values in the Uncoverage column are called root uncovered functions, meaning that they are all called by covered functions. Functions that are called only by non-root uncovered functions do not have their own uncoverage numbers. It is presumed that these functions will be either covered, or revealed as uncovered, in subsequent runs, as the test suite is improved to cover the high-potential uncovered functions.

The coverage numbers are non-exclusive.

The Function Count Counter

The Function Count is the number of times a function was called, but in the context of coverage analysis, the actual count is irrelevant. All that matters is whether the count is zero or non-zero. If the count is zero, the function is not covered. If the count is non-zero, the function is covered. If any instruction in the function is executed, the function is considered to be covered.

You can detect non-top-level uncovered functions in this column. If the Function Count for a function is zero and the Uncoverage number is also zero, the function is not a top-level covered function.

The Instr Exec Counter

The Instr Exec counter displays the dynamic instruction count. In the Functions tab, it shows the total number of instructions executed for each function. This counter also appears in the Source tab (see "The Source Tab" on page 45) and the Disassembly tab (see "The Disassembly Tab" on page 46).

The Block Covered % Counter

For each function, the Block Covered % counter displays the percentage of basic blocks in the function that are covered. This number gives you an idea of how well the function is covered. Disregard this number in the <Total> row; it is the sum of percentages in the column and is meaningless.

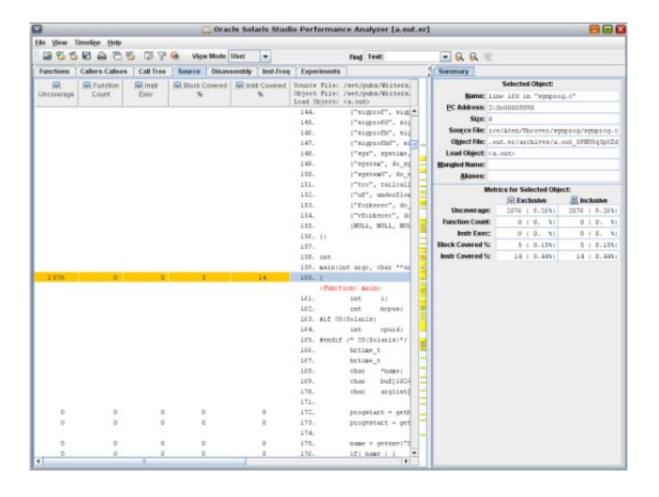
The Instr Covered % Counter

For each function, the Instr Covered % counter displays the percentage of instructions in the function that are covered. This number also gives you an idea of how well the function is covered. Disregard this number in the <Total> row; it is the sum of percentages in the column and is meaningless.

The Source Tab

If you compiled your binary with the -g option, the Source tab displays the source code of your program. Because Uncover instruments your program at the binary level, and you have compiled the program with optimization, the coverage information in this tab can be puzzling to interpret.

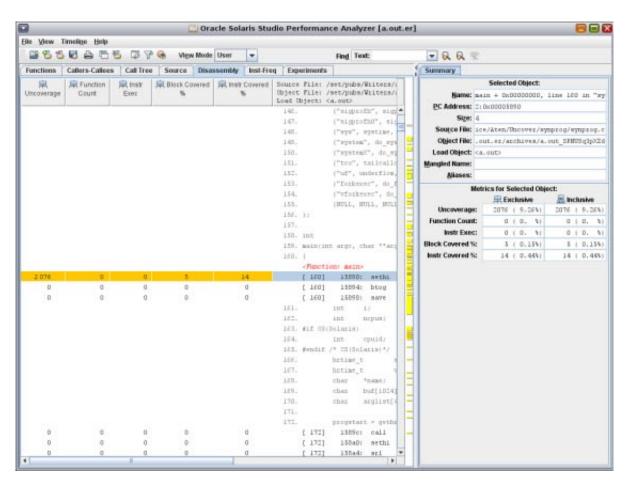
The Instr Exec counter in the Source tab shows the total number of instructions executed for each source line, which is essentially the statement level code coverage information. A non-zero value implies that the statement is covered; a zero value means that the statement is not covered. Variable declarations and comments have no Instr Exec counts.



The Disassembly Tab

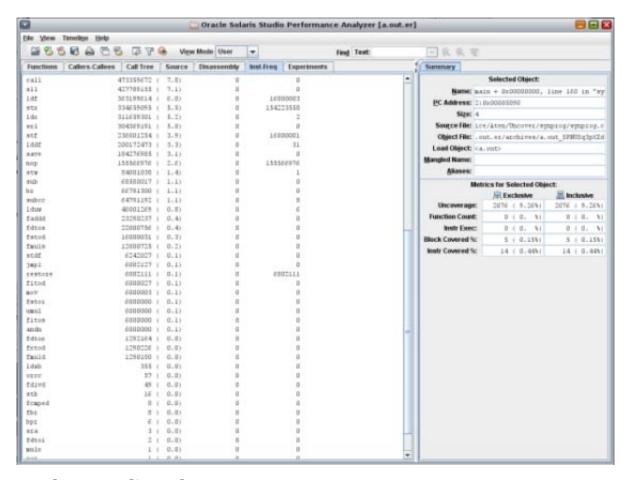
If you select a line in the Source tab, and then select the Disassembly tab, the Analyzer tries to find the selected line in the binary and display its disassembly.

The Instr Exec counter in this tab shows the number of times each instruction was executed.



The Inst-Freq Tab

The Inst-Freq tab displays the overall coverage summary.



Understanding the ASCII Coverage Report

If you specify the -t option when you generate the coverage report from the coverage data directory, Uncover writes a coverage report to the specified ASCII (text file).

UNCOVER Code Coverage Total Functions: 95 Covered Functions: 58 Function Coverage: 61.1% Total Basic Blocks: 568 Covered Basic Blocks: 258 Basic Block Coverage: 45.4%

Total Basic Block Executions: 564,812,760 Average Executions per Basic Block: 994,388.66

Total Instructions: 6,201 Covered Instructions: 3,006 Instruction Coverage: 48.5%

Total Instruction Executions: 4,760,934,518 Average Executions per Instruction: 767,768.83 Number of times this program was executed: unavailable Functions sorted by metric: Exclusive Uncoverage

Excl. Uncoverage	Excl. Function	Excl. Block	Excl. Instr	Name
oncoverage	Count	Covered %	Covered %	
13404	6004876	5464	5384	<total></total>
1036	0	0	0	main
980	0	0	0	iofile
748	0	0	0	do_vforkexec
732	0	0	0	callso
708	0	0	0	do_forkexec
648	0	0	0	callsx
644	0	0	0	sigprof
644	0	0	0	sigprofh
556	0	0	0	do_chdir
548	0	0	0	correlate
492	0	0	0	do_popen
404	0	0	0	pagethrash
384	0	0	0	so_cputime
384	0	0	0	sx_cputime
348	0	0	0	itimer_realprof
336	0	0	0	ldso
304	0	0	0	hrv
300	0	0	0	do_system
300	0	0	0	do_burncpu
300	0	0	0	sx_burncpu
288	0	0	0	forkcopy
276	0	0	0	masksignals
256	0	0	0	sigprof_handler
256	0	0	0	${\sf sigprof_sigaction}$
216	0	0	0	do_exec
196	0	0	0	iotest
176	0	0	0	closeso
156	0	0	0	gethrustime
144	0	0	0	forkchild
144	0	0	0	gethrpxtime
136	0	0	0	whrlog
112	0	0	0	masksig
92	0	0	0	closesx
84	0	0	0	reapchildren
36	0	0	0	reapchild
32	0	0	0	doabort
8	0 1	0	0	csig_handler
0		66	72	acct_init
0	1 63	100	100	bounce
0	60	100 100	96 100	bounce_a
0	16	71	58	bounce-b check_sigmask
0	10	83	77	commandline
0	1	100	98	
0	1	100	98	cputime dousleep
0	1	100	100	endcases
0	1	100	95	ext_inline_code
0	1	100	96	ext_macro_code
0	1	100	99	fitos
v	1	100	99	1103

0	2	81	80	get clock rate
0	1	100	100	get ncpus
0	1	100	100	gpf
0	1	100	100	gpf_a
0	1	100	100	gpf_b
0	10	100	93	gpf_work
0	1	100	97	icputime
0	1	100	96	inc body
0	1	100	96	inc brace
0	1	100	95	inc_entry
0	1	100	95	inc_exit
0	1	100	96	inc func
0	1	100	94	inc middle
0	1	57	72	init micro acct
0	1	50	43	initcksig
0	1	100	95	inline code
0	1	100	95	macro code
0	1	100	98	muldiv
0	6000000	100	100	my_irand
0	1	100	98	naptime
0	19	50	83	prdelta
0	21	100	100	prhrdelta
0	21	100	100	prhrvdelta
0	1	100	100	prtime
0	552	100	98	real_recurse
0	1	100	100	recurse
0	1	100	100	recursedeep
0	1	100	95	s inline code
0	1	100	100	sigtime
0	1	100	95	sigtime_handler
0	19	100	100	snaptod
0	19	100	100	so init
0	2	66	75	stpwtch alloc
0	1	100	100	
0	2	75	66	<pre>stpwtch_calibrate stpwtch_print</pre>
0	2002	100		stpwtch_print stpwtch_start
0			100	
0	2000 1	90	91	stpwtch_stop
		100	100	sx_init
0	1	100	99	systime
0	3	100	95	tailcall_a
0	3	100	95	tailcall_b
0	3	100	95	tailcall_c
0	1	100	100	tailcallopt
0	1	100	97	underflow
0	21	75	71	whrvlog
0	19	100	100	wlog

Instruction frequency data from experiment a.out.er

```
Instruction frequencies of /export/homel/synprog/a.out.uc
Instruction Executed ()
TOTAL 4760934518 (100.0)
float ops 2383657378 ( 50.1)
float ld st 1149983523 ( 24.2)
load store 1542440573 ( 32.4)
load 882693735 ( 18.5)
store 659746838 ( 13.9)
```

Instruction	Executed	()	Annulled	In Delay Slot
TOTAL	4760934518	. ,	Aimaccca	in becay stor
add	713013787	. ,	16	1501335
subcc	558774858		0	6002
br	558769261	(11.7)	0	0
stf	432500661	(9.1)	726	36299281
ldf	408226488	(8.6)	40	103000396
faddd	391230847	(8.2)	0	0
fdtos	366200726	(7.7)	0	0
fstod	360200000	(7.6)	0	0
lddf	288250336	(6.1)	500	282200229
stw	138028738	(2.9)	26002	25974065
lduw	118004305	(2.5)	71	94000270
ldx	68212446	(1.4)	0	2000
stx	68211370	,	7	23532716
fitod	36026002	(0.8)	0	0
sethi	36002986	(0.8)	0	228
fdtoi	30000001	(0.6)	0	0
fdivd	26000088	(0.5)	0	0
call	22250348	(0.5)	0	0
srl		(05)	0	21
stdf		(0.4)	0	0
or	19464766	(0.4)	0	10981277
fmuls	6004907	(0.3)	0	0
jmpl	6004853	(0.1)	0	0
save	6004852	(0.1)	0	0
restore	6002294	(0.1)	0	6004852
sub	6000019	(0.1)	0	0
xor	6000000	(0.1)	0	0
fitos		(0.1)	0	0
fstoi	6000000	. ,	0	0
and		(0.1)	0	0
andn		(0.1)	0	0
sll	3505225	(0.1)	0	0
nop	3505219	(0.1)	0	3505219
fxtod	7763	(0.0)	0	0
bpr	6000	(0.0)	0	0
fcmped	4837	(0.0)	0	0
fbr fmuld	4837 2850	(0.0)	0	0
orcc	383	1	0	0
sra	241	(0.0)	0	0
ldsb	160	(0.0)	0	0
mulx	87	(0.0)	0	0
stb	31	(0.0)	0	0
MOV	21	(0.0)	0	0
fdtox	15	(0.0)	0	0
		, 0.0)		

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Understanding the HTML Coverage Report

The HTML report is similar to the report displayed in the Performance Analyzer.

a.out.er					
Punctions s	orted by s	etric: Exclu	wive Uncove	rage	
hcoverage	Panetion Count	Instr Exec	Block Covered 6	Eccl. Instr Covered *	Rose
20340		6398402003		5430	*Total*
1690	0	0		a	[trisced] icfile arc Caller-callee
1316	D.	0	0	a	(trimond) de forbence are Caller-calles
1300	0	0 0 0 0	0	a	[trimped] do vforkeser are Caller-calles
1056	0	0	0	a	[trismed] caller are Caller-calles
956	p	0	0	a	(triseed) do nomen are Caller-calles
940	0	0	0	0	[trimond] simpof are Caller calles
940	0	0	0	a	(triamed) signorals are Caller-calles
932	0	o	0	a	(trissed) correlate are Caller-calles
032	0	0	0	a	[trismed] do chdir are Caller-calles
800	0	0	0	a	(trismed) pagethrash arc Caller-callee
684	D.	0	0	o o	(trimead) so enutine are Caller-calles
604	0			a	[trimmed] as coutine are Caller-callee
612	0	0	0	a	(trimmed) do avates arc Caller-calles
596	0	0	0	0	[trisead] itimar realmref are Callar-calles
572	0	0	0	a	[trimmed] Ideo arc Caller-calles
540	0		0	a	(trismed) makeignals are Caller-calles
552	0		0	0	[trissed] bry are Caller-calles
529	D	0	0	0	[trismed] forkcopy are Caller-calles
528	0	0	0	a	(trismed) so burneou are Caller-callee
528	0	0		o o	(trimond) as burneou are Caller-calles
512	0		D	a	sigprof_signation
496	D		D	a	a ligger of _hersiller
484	0	0	0	a .	do_exec
440	0			a	iotest
312	0		0	a	whirlog
260	0		0	a	closeso
244	0		0	a	forkehild
220	0		0	a	gethrystime
212	0		0	0	gethrustise
164	0		0	a	makaig
140	0		0	0	closess
92 90	0	0		o o	respehildren doebort
	0	0		a	
46 20	0	0			respective
20	1	56		73	csig_handler ecct_init
D	1	131	100	100	[triweed] bounce are Caller-calles
0	21	256000457	100	23	[trimmed] bounce a arc Caller-calles
D	20	260	100	100	(trimed) become b are Caller-calles
D	1	79	33	33	collec
0	16	563	71	40	check signask
D	1	8926	98	73	eswendline
D	1	240000623	100	90	[trismed] couting are Caller-calles
Ď	1	238000744	100	99	[trimmed] doublesp arc Caller-calles
D	i	159	100	100	[triweed] endesses are Caller-calles
Ď	î	80000022	100	26	[triwed] est inline code are Caller-calles
Ď.	î	98000022	100	97	[triwed] set macro code arc Caller-calles
D	1				
		142011931	100	948	(trismed) fitte ere Caller-callee

If you click the function name link or the trimmed link for a function, the disassembly data for that function is displayed.

```
current filename for subsequent output: a.out.btd/file.50.dis
Current matrics: a.bit_WCV-a.bit_forum:a.bit_K-a.bit_KCV_-a.bit_ICV_-mame
Current Sort Metric: Brolumive Ontoverope ( a.bit_SOCV )
Source file. image.c
Chiect file: a.out.er/erchives/a.out_13809p5hs02
Load Chject: a.out.er/archives/a.out_13809p5hs02
      Seci. Seci. Seci. Seci. Seci. Seci. Oncoverage Function Instr Block Instr Count Sec. Coverage & Coverage &
                                                                                                                           1. /* Copyright 03/13/06 Sun Microsystems. Inc. All Rights Reserved */
                                                                                                                        2. Sinclude <atdio.h>
4. Sinclude <atdio.h>
5. Sinclude <arron.h>
6. Sinclude <arron.h>
7. Sinclude <arron.h>
8. Sinclude <aryoftypes.h>
9. Sinclude <aryoftypes.h>
9. Sinclude <aryoftypes.h>
9. Sinclude <aryoftypes.h>
10. Sinclude <arron.h>
10. Sinclude <arron.h>
11.
                                                                                                                        12. /* persectors defining various tasks */
13. #define BURSIZE 1634
14. #define HBLES 1024
                                                                                                                         15. /*
16. /*
17. /* iofile - do scen file io operations */
                                                                                                                         15. int
19. iofile()
                                                                                                                         20.
                                                                                                                                  Function: isfile>
                                                                                                                                 [ 7] 14s40, save
intest + DH00000000
        440
                                                                                                                                                                                          %hi(0x1d800), %l1
%hi(0x1de00), %l6
%l1, 1020, %l2
                                                                                                                                      3]
                                                                                                                                                   14m44: sethi
14m40: sethi
                                                                                  subtotals for skipped section ... *loaf;
                                                                                                                                                 hrtime_t start:
hrtime_t vatart;
char "finame = "/usr/tmp/symprogliffit";
                                                                                                                         27.
                                                                                                                                                 start = gethrtime();
vstart = gethrvtime();
                                                                                                                         ID.
                                                                                                                                                 /* Log the event */
wlog("start of iofile -- stdio", NULL);
                                                                                                                         33.
                                                                                                                                                ret = mkstemp(fnome):
                                                                                                                                                                buf. NULL);
                                                                                                                                                /* now reopes the file, and read it */
start = gethrtime();
vetart = gethrvtime();
```

If you click the Caller-callee link for a function, the Caller-Callee data is displayed.

Aunctions a	ename for	ab: subsequent o etric: Exclu orted by set	sive Uncov	erage	
tta.	Attr.	Attr.	Attr.	Attr.	Name
Incoverage	Function	Instr Esser		Instr	
	Count		Covered %	Covered 6	
0.340	6004793	6398402003	5424	5430	* <total></total>
1680	0	0	0	D	iofile
1316	0	0	0	D	do European
1300		0	a	0	do visitmen
1056		0	o o	D	called
956		0	o o	0	do popes
940		0	a	0	signess.
940		D	o o	D	signisth
912	ö	Ď	ä	Ď	correlate
812	- i	0	a	0	do chair
800		0	ō	D	person through
604	ö	Ď	ő	Ď	so crootine
694	ő	0	a	Ď.	EX. CONT. Me
672		0	ä	0	do portem
596	ö	Ď	ő	Ď	itimer realized
572	i i	0	a	0	lidae
540		0	ä	0	makimale
552	· ·	0	ő	ö	Marie attacks
528	· ·	0	a	0	Lockeany
528		0	o o	0	so burness
520	š	0	ő	ö	se burnesu
512		0	a	0	signed signetion
496			o o		
		0		0	giorard handler
404		0	0	0	do exec
440	0	0	a	0	intest
31.2		0	0	0	whrlos
260		0	0	0	clareso
244	0	0	a	0	<u>forbobild</u>
220		0	o o	0	out harost and
212	0	0	0	0	gethrustine
164	0	0	a	0	makaiq
140		0	0	0	closus:
92	0	0	0	0	respekt lidren
80	0	0	a	0	doshort
46		0	0	0	remochild
20		0	0		cete bandler
D	1	58	66	73	acct init
0	1	131	100	100	bounce .
D	21	256000457	100	93	bounce a
D	20	260	100	100	bounce b
D	1	79	33	33	calles
D	16	563	71	40	check aigmais
D	1	8926	88	73	commending
D	1	240000623	100	98	enut ins
D	1	230000744	100	90	douglesp
D		159	100	100	enicaene

Limitations When Using Uncover

Only Annotated Code Can Be Instrumented

Uncover can instrument only code that has been prepared as described in "Requirements for Using Uncover" on page 39. Non-annotated code might come from assembly language code linked into the binary, or from modules compiled with older compilers or operating systems than those listed in that section.

Specifically excluded from preparation are assembly language modules and functions that contain asm statements or .il templates.

Machine Instructions Might Differ From Source Code

Uncover operates on machine code. It finds coverage of machine instructions and then correlates this coverage with source code. Some source code statements do not have associated machine instructions, so Uncover might appear to not report coverage for such statements. For example, consider the following code fragment:

```
#define A 100
#define B 200
...
    if (A>B) {
        ...
}
```

You might expect Uncover to report a non-zero execution count for the if statement, but the compiler is likely to remove this code, so Uncover will not see it during instrumentation. So no coverage will be reported for these instructions.

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