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Open MPI: 10¹⁵ Flops Can't Be Wrong

Open Source High Performance Computing



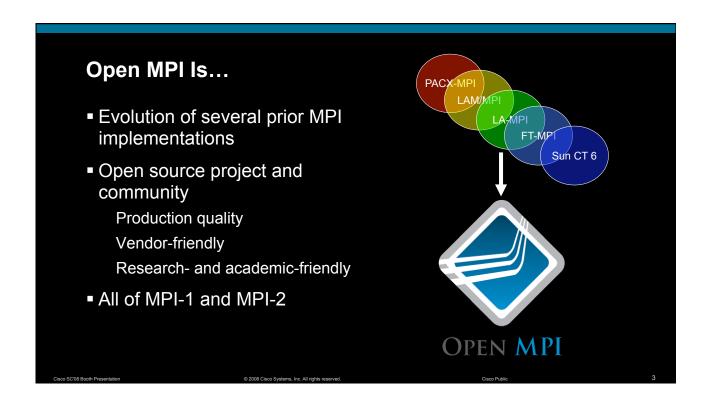
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Petaflop!! - Los Alamos Road Runner - #1 on Nov. 2008 Top500 1.1 petaflops - Powered by Open MPI Significant community achievement PETAFLOP Community





Why Does Open MPI Exist?

■ Maximize all MPI expertise

Research / academia

Vendors

Customers, enterprise

...elsewhere

- Capitalize on years of MPI research and implementation experience
- The sum is greater than the parts

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"Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of many minds."

Alexander Graham Bell, 1877

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Cisco: Why Open MPI?

- It seems obvious to us!
 Why re-invent the wheel?
 Who would want "Cisco MPI"?
 Combined community resources
- Meshes with Cisco values

Standards-based

Open architectures

Consensus driven

Collaborate to innovate



Cisco votes "yes" for community MPI

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Cisco's Community Role

- Active development Design, code
- [Very] Extensive testing
 300-500k regression tests/night
 Data fed back to community
- Logistics support
 Face-to-face engineering meetings
- Member, MPI Forum

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Cisco's Open MPI Goals

Technical

- Promote standards
 Ethernet-based technologies
 Commodity clusters
- Integrate with tools
 Make parallel programming [a little] easier
- applications

 RAB and DAL two (pseudo-HPC)
 examples

Understand and accelerate

Non technical

- Promote community
 Conferences, tradeshows
 Contribute on open mailing lists
- Partner with academics and researchers

Foster cutting-edge research

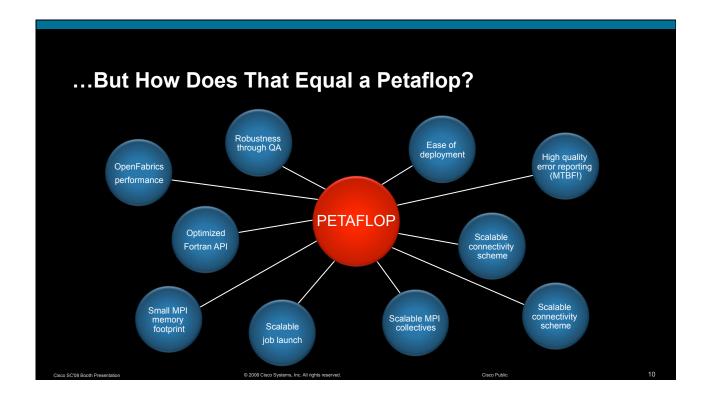
Perform "community service"
Example: Fortran API maintenance

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"Open source is decided by those who show up."

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