Towards Provenance-Enabling ParaView

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ParaView

- Open source tool for scientific visualization
- Event-driven with a graphical user interface
- Currently supports some history Undo/Redo as well as Lookmarks



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Word Processing



- Plug-in or Add-on Strategy
 - Application (ParaView)
 - Provenance Explorer
 - Communication API



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Process Provenance

- An action a takes model state s1 to model state s2
- Traditional state-based mechanism:
 - Stores: s₁ and s₂
 - Replays: s₂
- Our action-based mechanism:
 - Stores: a
 - Replays: a is applied to s1



For more detail, see [Callahan et al., SciFlow 2006]



Capturing Actions

- Monitor through callbacks:
 - Undo/Redo mechanism
 - Event loop
 - Changes in state
- Granularity of actions is determined by the application
 - Undo/Redo mechanism



Replaying Actions

- Clear the state of application
- Compose a list of stored actions
- Send actions to the same routines where they were captured
 - Undo/Redo mechanism
 - Event loop
 - Changes in state



Demonstration





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