GROMACS - Task #2623

Feature # 2585 (Resolved): Infrastructure supporting external API

Allow extensible MDModules and forceProviders.

08/22/2018 05:01 PM - Eric Irrgang

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**Status:** Closed  
**Priority:** Normal  
**Assignee:**  
**Category:**  
**Target version:**  
**Difficulty:** uncategorized

**Description**

Gmxapi milestone 6 as described in #2585

Provide for runtime extension of MDModules and the initialization of force providers.

This task supports gmxapi milestones 7, 8, and 9, but the accompanying Gerrit change is small and has no dependencies, so it is submitted separately. This change also does not migrate the current lone IForceProvider because the binding protocols can be treated as separate issues. Alternatively, progress in other abstractions currently being developed could remove the need to bundle MDModules together like this, but for the moment it seems like the appropriate container.

**Related issues:**

- Related to GROMACS - Feature #1972: external potential modules for refinement...  
  - New
- Related to GROMACS - Feature #2229: Full Object Oriented Modularization of GROMACS MDRUN Codebase added  
  - New
- Related to GROMACS - Task #2492: implement force calculation via ForceProvider...  
  - New
- Related to GROMACS - Feature #2574: iForceSchedule Abstraction  
  - New
- Related to GROMACS - Task #2590: Essential Dynamics as module providing forces  
  - New
- Related to GROMACS - Task #3040: Refactor Restraint module

**Associated revisions**

Revision 9864b201 - 08/29/2018 02:32 PM - Eric Irrgang

Allow extensible MDModules and forceProviders.

supports gmxapi milestone 6, described at #2585.

MDModules::Impl gets a std::vector for (shared) ownership of objects providing the IMDModule interface. An add() method is added to the MDModules public member functions, but the binding protocols are separated into separate issues to allow minimal changes and varying dependencies on other pending changes.

Relates to #1972, #2229, #2492, #2574, #2590.

Refs #2623

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**History**

#1 - 08/22/2018 05:03 PM - Gerrit Code Review Bot

Gerrit received a related patchset '1' for Issue #2623.
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#2 - 08/22/2018 05:05 PM - Eric Irrgang

- Related to Feature #1972: external potential modules for refinement against experimental data added

#3 - 08/22/2018 05:03 PM - Eric Irrgang

- Related to Feature #2229: Full Object Oriented Modularization of GROMACS MDRUN Codebase added
The gmx::MDModules object created during launch of Mdrunner now owns a list of MDModule objects through their IMDModule handle. Modules in the list may provide an IForceProvider.

In future work, the other IMDModule interfaces should be handled, and we should do whatever we need to to accommodate the initialization requirements such that built-in modules (electric field) can be handled the same way as externally provided modules. This is deferred to a separate issue for GROMACS 2020.