Introduction to Standard OpenMP 3.1

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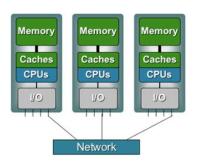


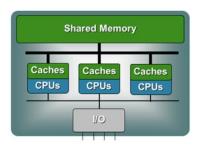
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Shared memory systems

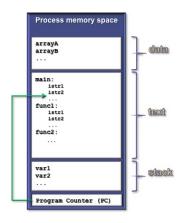


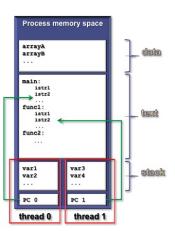


- Memory is shared among a pool of threads
- 2 Distinction between UMA / NUMA systems



Multi-threaded processes

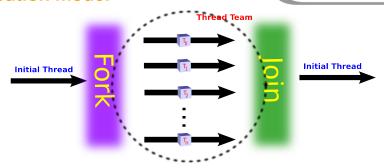




1 Each thread may be regarded as a concurrent execution flow



Execution model



- 1 Fork-join model of parallel execution
- Work may be shared in the parallel regions of execution
- 3 Constructs to manage data-sharing and synchronization



Why should I use OpenMP?

- Standardized
 - enhance portability
- A Lean and mean
 - limited set of directives
 - fast code parallelization
- Ease of use
 - parallelization is incremental
 - coarse / fine parallelism
- Portability
 - C, C++ and Fortran API
 - part of many compilers

- Performance
 - may be non-portable
 - increase memory traffic
- 2 Limitations
 - shared memory systems
 - mainly used for loops



Structure of an OpenMP program

Execution model

- · fork-join parallel execution
- the program starts with an initial thread
- when a parallel construct is encountered a team is created
- parallel regions may be nested arbitrarily
- worksharing constructs permit to divide work among threads

Shared-memory model

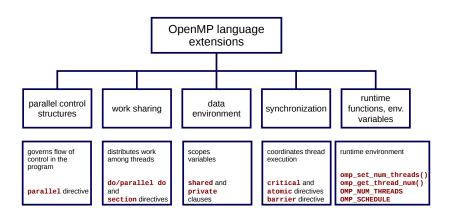
- all threads have access to the memory
- each thread is allowed to have a temporary view of the memory
- each thread has access to a thread-private memory
- two kinds of data-sharing attributes: private and shared
- data-races trigger undefined behavior

Programming model

compiler directives + environment variables + run-time library



OpenMP core elements





OpenMP releases

```
October 1997 Fortran 1.0
October 1998 C and C++ 1.0
November 2000 Fortran 2.0
March 2002 C and C++ 2.0
May 2005 Fortran, C and C++ 2.5
May 2008 Fortran, C and C++ 3.0
July 2011 Fortran, C and C++ 3.1
July 2013 Fortran, C and C++ 4.0
```



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Conditional compilation

```
C/C++
#ifdef _OPENMP
printf("OpenMP support:%d",_OPENMP);
#else
printf("Serial execution.");
#endif
```

Fortran

```
!$ print *,"OpenMP support"
```

- 1 The macro _OPENMP has the value yyyymm
- 2 Fortran 77 supports !\$, *\$ and c\$ as sentinels
- 3 Fortran 90 supports ! \$ only



Directive format

C/C++

```
#pragma omp directive-name [clause...]
```

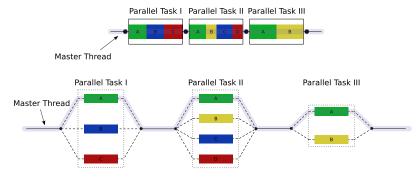
Fortran

```
!$omp directive-name [clause...]
```

- Follows conventions of C and C++ compiler directives
- 2 From here on free-form directives will be considered



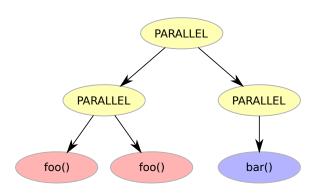
parallel construct



- 1 The encountering thread becomes the master of the new team
- 2 All threads execute the parallel region
- 3 There is an implied barrier at the end of the parallel region



Nested parallelism



- 1 Nested parallelism is allowed in OpenMP 3.1
- 2 Most constructs bind to the innermost parallel region



```
C/C++
int main () {
    printf("Hello world\n");
  return 0;
```

```
C/C++
int main () {
  /* Serial part */
#pragma omp parallel
   printf("Hello world\n");
  /* Serial part */
  return 0;
```

Fortran

PROGRAM HELLO

Print *, "Hello World!!!"

END PROGRAM HELLO



END PROGRAM HELLO

Fortran

```
PROGRAM HELLO
! Serial code

!$OMP PARALLEL
    Print *, "Hello World!!!"
!$OMP END PARALLEL
! Resume serial code
```



```
What's wrong?
int main() {
  int ii;
#pragma omp parallel
    for (ii = 0; ii < 10; ++ii)
      printf("iteration %d\n", i);
  return 0;
```

Worksharing constructs

- Distribute the execution of the associated region
- A worksharing region has no barrier on entry
- 3 An implied barrier exists at the end, unless nowait is present
- A nowait clause may omit the implied barrier
- 6 Each region must be encountered by all threads or none at all
- 6 Every thread must encounter the same sequence of:
 - worksharing regions

- barrier regions
- The OpenMP API defines four worksharing constructs:
 - loop construct
 - sections construct

- single construct
- workshare contruct



Loop construct: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp for [clause[[,] clause] ... ]
  for-loops
```

Fortran

```
!$omp do [clause[[,] clause] ... ]
  do-loops
[!$omp end do [nowait] ]
```



Loop construct: restrictions

C/C++

```
for (init-expr; test-expr; incr-expr)
  st.ruct.ured-block
init-expr: var = lb
            integer-type var = lb
test-expr: relational expr.
incr-expr: addition or subtraction expr.
```

Loop construct: the rules

- 1 The iteration variable in the for loop
 - if shared, is implicitly made private
 - must not be modified during the execution of the loop
 - has an unspecified value after the loop
- 2 The schedule clause:
 - may be used to specify how iterations are divided into chunks
- 3 The collapse clause:
 - may be used to specify how many loops are parallelized
 - valid values are constant positive integer expressions



Loop construct: fast quiz

Right or wrong?

Loop construct: scheduling

C/C++

```
#pragma omp for schedule(kind[, chunk_size])
  for-loops
```

Fortran

```
!$omp do schedule(kind[, chunk_size])
  do-loops
[!$omp end do [nowait] ]
```



Loop construct: schedule kind

- Static
 - iterations are divided into chunks of size chunk size
 - the chunks are assigned to the threads in a round-robin fashion
 - must be reproducible within the same parallel region
- 2 Dynamic
 - iterations are divided into chunks of size chunk_size
 - the chunks are assigned to the threads as they request them
 - the default chunk_size is 1
- Guided
 - iterations are divided into chunks of decreasing size
 - the chunks are assigned to the threads as they request them
 - chunk size controls the minimum size of the chunks
- 4 Run-time
 - controlled by environment variables



Loop construct: schedule kind

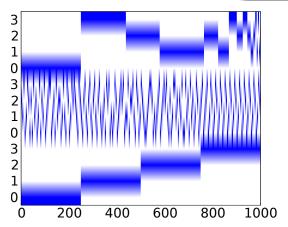


Figure: Different scheduling for a 1000 iterations loop with 4 threads: guided (top), dynamic (middle), static (bottom)



Loop construct: nowait clause

Where are the implied barriers?

```
void nowait_example(int n, int m, float *a,
  float *b, float *y, float *z) {
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for nowait
    for (int i=1; i<n; i++)</pre>
      b[i] = (a[i] + a[i-1]) / 2.0;
#pragma omp for nowait
    for (int i=0; i<m; i++)</pre>
      y[i] = sqrt(z[i]);
```

Loop construct: nowait clause

Is the following snippet semantically correct?

```
void nowait_example2(int n, float *a,
  float *b, float *c, float *y) {
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for schedule(static) nowait
    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)</pre>
      c[i] = (a[i] + b[i]) / 2.0f;
#pragma omp for schedule(static) nowait
    for (int i=1; i<=n; i++)
      y[i] = sqrtf(c[i-1]) + a[i];
```



Loop construct: nested loops

Am I allowed to do the following?

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for
   for(int ii = 0; ii < n; ii++) {
#pragma omp for
    for(int jj = 0; jj < m; jj ++) {
        A[ii][jj] = ii*m + jj;
      }
}</pre>
```

Loop construct: collapse clause

The right way to collapse nested loops

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for collapse(2)
  for(int ii = 0; ii < n; ii++) {
    for(int jj = 0; jj < m; jj ++) {
        A[ii][jj] = ii*m + jj;
      }
  }
}</pre>
```

1 The collapsed loops must be perfectly nested



Sections construct: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp sections [clause[[,] clause]...]
{
#pragma omp section
   structured-block
#pragma omp section
   structured-block
...
}
```

Sections construct: syntax

Fortran

```
!$omp sections [clause[[,] clause]...]
!$omp section
   structured-block
!$omp section
   structured-block
...
!$omp end do [nowait]
```



Sections construct: some facts

- 1 sections is a non-iterative worksharing construct
 - it contains a set of structured-blocks
 - each one is executed once by one of the threads
- Scheduling of the sections is implementation defined
- There is an implied barrier at the end of the construct



Single construct: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp single [clause[[,] clause]...]
    structured-block
```

Fortran

```
!$omp single [clause[[,] clause] ...]
  structured-block
[!$omp end single [nowait] ]
```



Single construct: some facts

- 1 The associated structured block is executed by only one thread
- 2 The other threads wait at an implicit barrier
- 3 The method of choosing a thread is implementation defined



Workshare construct: syntax

Fortran

```
!$omp workshare
  structured-block
!$omp end workshare [nowait]
```

Divides the following into shared units of work:

- array assignments
- 2 FORALL statements or constructs
- 3 WHERE statements or constructs



Master construct: syntax

C/C++

#pragma omp master
 structured-block

Fortran

!\$omp master
 structured-block
!\$omp end master



Master construct: some facts

- 1 The master construct specifies a structured block:
 - that is executed by the master thread
 - · with no implied barrier on entry or exit
- ② Used mainly in:
 - hybrid MPI-OpenMP programs
 - progress/debug logging



Critical construct: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp critical [name]
structured-block
```

Fortran

```
!$omp critical [name]
  structured-block
!$omp end critical [name]
```



Critical contruct: some facts

- 1 The critical construct restricts the execution:
 - to a single thread at a time (wait on entry)
 - disregarding team information
- 2 An optional name may be used to identify a region
- 3 All critical without a name share the same unspecified tag
- 4 In Fortran the names of critical constructs:
 - · are global entities of the program
 - may conflict with other names (and trigger undefined behavior)



Critical construct: example

Named critical regions

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp critical(long_critical_name)
  doSomeCriticalWork_1();
#pragma omp critical
  doSomeCriticalWork_2();
#pragma omp critical
  doSomeCriticalWork_3();
}
```

Barrier construct: syntax

C/C++

#pragma omp barrier

Fortran

!\$omp barrier

The barrier construct specifies an explicit barrier at the point at which the construct appears



Barrier construct: example

Waiting for the master to come

```
int counter = 0;
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp master
   counter = 1;
#pragma omp barrier
   printf("%d\n", counter);
}
```

Atomic construct: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp atomic \
  [read | write | update | capture]
  expression-stmt

#pragma omp atomic capture
  structured-block
```

Atomic construct: syntax

Fortran

```
!$omp atomic read
  capture-statement
[!$omp end atomic]
!$omp atomic write
  write-statement
[!$omp end atomic]
```

Atomic construct: syntax

Fortran

```
!$omp atomic [update]
  update-statement
[!$omp end atomic]
!$omp atomic capture
  update-statement
  capture-statement
!$omp end atomic
```



Atomic construct: some facts

- 1 The atomic construct:
 - ensures a specific storage location to be updated atomically
 - does not expose it to multiple, simultaneous writing threads
- 2 The binding thread set for an atomic region is all threads
- 3 The atomic construct with the clause:
- read forces an atomic read regardless of the machine word size write forces an atomic write regardless of the machine word size update forces an atomic update (default)
- capture same as an update, but captures original or final value
 - Accesses to the same location must have compatible types



Data-sharing attributes: C/C++

- 1 The following are always private:
 - variables with automatic storage duration
 - loop iteration variable in the loop construct
- 2 The following are always shared:
 - objects with dynamic storage duration
 - variables with static storage duration
- Arguments passed by reference inherit the attributes



Data-sharing attributes: Fortran

- 1 The following are always private:
 - variables with automatic storage duration
 - loop iteration variable in the loop construct
- 2 The following are always shared:
 - assumed size arrays
 - variables with save attribute
 - · variables belonging to common blocks or in modules
- 3 Arguments passed by reference inherit the attributes



Data-sharing clauses: syntax

C/C++

```
#pragma omp directive-name [clause[[,]clause]
```

Fortran

```
!$omp directive-name [clause[[,]clause]
...
!$omp end directive-name [clause]
```



Default/shared/private clauses

- 1 The clause default:
 - is valid on parallel
 - accepts shared or none in C/C++ and Fortran
 - accepts private and firstprivate in Fortran
 - default (none) requires each variable to be listed in a clause
- 2 The clause shared(list):
 - is valid on parallel
 - · declares one or more list items to be shared
- 3 The clause private (list):
 - is valid on parallel, for, sections, single
 - declares one or more list items to be private
 - allocates a new item of the same type with undefined value



Default/shared/private clauses

Example

```
int q,w;
#pragma omp parallel private(q) shared(w)
{
   q = 0;
#pragma omp single
   w = 0;
#pragma omp critical(stdout_critical)
   printf("%d %d\n", q, w);
}
```

Firstprivate clause

Example

```
int q = 3, w;
#pragma omp parallel firstprivate(q) shared(w)
{
    #pragma omp single
        w = 0;
#pragma omp critical(stdout_critical)
        printf("%d %d\n", q, w);
}
```

Same as private, but initializes items



Lastprivate clause

Example

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for lastprivate(i)
  for(i = 0; i < (n1); ++i)
    a[i] = b[i] + b[i + 1];
}
a[i] = b[i];</pre>
```

- 1 valid on for, sections
- 2 the value of each new list item is the sequentially last value



Reduction clause: some facts

- ♠ The reduction clause:
 - is valid on parallel, loop and sections constructs
 - · specifies an operator and one or more list item
- 2 A list item that appears in a reduction clause must be shared
- For each item in the list:
 - a private copy is created and initialized appropriately
 - at the end of the region the original item is updated
- Aggregate types may not appear in a reduction clause
- 5 Items must not be const-qualified



Reduction clause: example

Sum over many iterations

Reduction clause: example

Fortran features?

```
PROGRAM REDUCTION_WRONG

MAX = HUGE(0)

M = 0

!$OMP PARALLEL DO REDUCTION(MAX: M)

DO I = 1, 100

CALL SUB(M,I)

END DO

END PROGRAM REDUCTION_WRONG
```



Copyprivate clause

C/C++

```
#pragma omp single copyprivate(tmp)
{
  tmp = (float *) malloc(sizeof(float));
} /* copies the pointer only */
```

- Valid only on single
- 2 Broadcasts the value of a private variable



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Runtime library routines

Most used functions

```
int omp_get_num_threads(void);// # of threads
int omp_get_thread_num(void);// thread id
double omp_get_wtime(void);// get wall-time
```

- 1 Prototypes for C/C++ runtime are provided in omp.h
- 2 Interface declarations for Fortran are provided as:
 - a Fortran include file named omp_lib.h
 - a Fortran 90 module named omp_lib



Environment variables

OMP_NUM_THREAD sets the number of threads for parallel regions

OMP_STACKSIZE specifies the size of the stack for threads

OMP_SCHEDULE controls schedule type and chunk size of runtime

OMP_PROC_BIND controls whether threads are bound to processors

OMP_NESTED enables or disables nested parallelism



OpenMP: just take a shot at it!

