



## Introduction to OpenMP Part 1

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#### Introduction



# OpenMP – What is it

- directives and runtime functions for parallelization via threads
- supported languages: C, C++, Fortran
  - in this course: C also includes C++, except where mentioned differently
- requires compiler & runtime library support
- standard: <u>https://www.openmp.org/</u>
  - latest version: OpenMP 5.2 (Nov. 2021)
  - https://www.openmp.org/specifications/
    - documentation,
    - OpenMP API x.y Examples,
    - OpenMP API x.y Reference Guide
- Contains: parallelization, synchronization, tasking, accelerator offloading, SIMD support, loop transformations, ...

# Compiling OpenMP applications sequentially

- OpenMP applications can be executed sequentially
  - directives are ignored
- if runtime functions are used
  - they need to be guarded off
  - a stubs library must be used (if available)
- it is no requirement that OpenMP applications can be compiled without OpenMP enabled

## **Shared Memory Architectures**





OpenMP targets all range of shared memory architectures

# Fork-Join Model of Parallel Regions

- parallel execution happens in parallel regions
  - follow fork-join model
- initial thread
  - works serially, sequential part
- fork begin of parallel region
  executed by team of threads
- join end of parallel region
  - threads wait in an barrier until all have arrived
- after join serial execution continues





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## OpenMP Directive with C++ Attribute Syntax

Requires  $\geq$  v5.1

[[ omp :: <directive> [<clause> [<clause ...] ] ]]
Of
[[ using omp : <directive> [<clause> [<clause ...] ] ]]</pre>

depending on directive binds to the following statement
use { } to associate a block

no ordering of subsequent attributes, use

[[ omp :: sequence( [omp::<directive>...[, omp::<directive>...] ] ) ]]

### **OpenMP Directives – Fortran**



## **Directives and Continuation Lines**

continued directives on the next line





## Example

#### C/C++:

```
#pragma omp parallel
printf("hello\n");
```

#### Fortran:

!\$omp parallel
write(\*,'(a)') 'hello'
!\$omp end parallel



see later for details

- without specifying OMP\_NUM\_THREADS the default is implementation defined
  - typically as many threads as cores are available are used

# **Compilation and Linking**

- enable OpenMP through flags
- for GCC (gcc, g++, gfortran), LLVM (clang, clang++, flang) add -fopenmp
  - gcc -fopenmp example.c -o example
  - best practice for gcc: also add -wall (includes -wunknown-pragmas), generates warnings when directives are mistyped or not supported
- for Intel Classic (icc, icpc, ifort), Intel oneAPI (icx, icpx, ifx) add -qopenmp
  - ifort -qopenmp example.F90 -o example
  - for Intel oneAPI don't use -fopenmp, it uses LLVM OpenMP RT, might miss Intel extensions

## **Conditional Compilation**

- enabling OpenMP defines \_openMP in preprocessor
  - do not define/undefine\_openmp
- Using OPENMP define for conditional compilation:

```
C/C++:
int thread_id = 0;
#ifdef _OPENMP
thread_id = omp_get_thread_num();
#endif
```

```
Fortran:
integer :: thread_id
thread_id = 0
#ifdef _OPENMP
thread_id = omp_get_thread_num();
#endif
```

- OpenMP specific API call is guarded off
- for Fortran use sentinels if no preprocessor support is available:
  - free source form: <sup>1\$</sup>
  - fixed source form: \*\* !\$ c\$

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!\$ thread\_id = omp\_get\_thread\_num()

#### **OPENMP** define

- enabling OpenMP defines \_openMP
  - set to year and month when the supported OpenMP standard was released
  - format yyyymm → yyyy = year, mm = month
- do not define/undefine \_OPENMP
  - causes undefined behavior
- Fortran: <u>OPENMP</u> requires preprocessor support
  - typically . F90 files are preprocessed
  - typically . £90 files are not
    - except corresponding flags are specified

OPENMP	version	date
200805	3.0	May 2008
201107	3.1	July 2011
201311	4.0	Nov. 2013
201511	4.5	Nov. 2015
201611	5.0 preview 1	Nov. 2016
201711	5.0 preview 2	Nov. 2017
201811	5.0	Nov. 2018
202011	5.1	Nov. 2020
202111	5.2	Nov. 2021

#### Fortran alternatively:

omp.h Or omp\_lib module define integer constant openmp\_version that has the same value as \_OPENMP

# Using Runtime Function and Types





## **Useful Runtime Functions**

int/integer omp\_get\_thread\_num()
get id of current thread

```
to use API functions:
C/C++: #include <omp.h>
Fortran: use omp_libOf include "omp.h"
```

- int/integer omp\_get\_num\_threads()
  - get number of threads in current region (sequential or parallel)
- int/integer omp\_get\_max\_threads()
  - get maximum number of threads in the next parallel region without a num\_threads clause
- double (precision) omp\_get\_wtime()
  - get elapsed time in seconds since some point in time
  - mostly useful for measuring durations
  - might not be synchronized between threads

## OpenMP Example – C



## OpenMP Example – Fortran



### Exercise

- in directory 00-preparation
  - ensure C or F90 OpenMP source compiles correctly
  - which OpenMP standard is supported
  - run with different no. of OpenMP threads





#### parallel Construct



### parallel Construct

each thread executes the same associated statement/structured block

C/C++:	Fortran:	
<pre>#pragma omp parallel [clauses] structured block</pre>	<pre>!\$omp parallel [clauses] structured block !\$omp end parallel</pre>	block block block

- associated structured block is executed in a fork-join fashion
  - when a thread encounters a parallel region, all threads start executing the associated statement/block
- afterwards threads wait in implicit barrier at the end until all threads have arrived

## Structured Block

- statement or multiple statements
  - C/C++: statements grouped together in { } block
  - Fortran: blocks require !\$omp ... / !\$omp end ...
    - or Fortran 2008: **BLOCK** / **END BLOCK** ≥v5.1
- one entry at the top, one exit at the bottom
  - C/C++:
    - Calling exit(), \_Exit(), quick\_exit(), abort() OK
    - throw, co\_await, co\_yield, co\_return OK, if the entry/exit criteria is not violated
  - Fortran: STOP OF ERROR STOP OK
- no branch into or branch out

## Clauses for parallel Construct

Syntax: parallel [clauses...] structured block

- **if** (expression)
  - parallel execution of the region depends on value of expression, e.g.

#pragma omp parallel if (!omp\_in\_parallel()) ~

avoids nested parallel regions

- if omp\_in\_parallel() evaluates to
  - true: parallel region is executed in parallel,
  - false: region is executed serially
- active parallel region: executed by > 1 thread
- inactive parallel region: executed by one thread

## Clauses for parallel Construct

- num\_threads(int-expr)
  - no. of threads to execute parallel region with
  - integer must be > 0
  - Overrides env. var. omp\_num\_thtreads
- proc\_bind(keyword)
  - bind threads to certain places
  - keyword: can be close, master (deprecated), primary, spread
  - see later at Runtime Functions and Environment Variables
- clauses:
  - shared, private, firstprivate, default, reduction,
  - $copyin \rightarrow$  see later thread private memory





#### **barrier** Construct



#### barrier CONStruct

- all threads in current parallel region must enter the barrier before they can continue
- explicit barrier
  - in contrast to implicit barrier at the end of some constructs (parallel, ...)
- used for
  - synchronization
  - debugging
- try to avoid







#### Data Sharing



## Data Environment



# **Data Sharing Attributes**

- by default most variables are shared
  - static/global (C/C++) or save/common (Fortran) variables
  - local variables outside the scope of construct
- except
  - variables\* defined inside the construct are private
    - i.e. declared inside { }-block or **block/end block**
  - variables\* local to functions/routines called from within the region are private
  - loop iteration variables of worksharing loops are private
    - see later for do/for construct

\* non-static (C/C++) or without save attribute (Fortran)

```
int p = 1;
#pragma omp parallel
{
   /* p shared or private */
}
```

```
integer :: p
p = 1
!$omp parallel
    ! p shared or private
!$omp end parallel
```

```
void foo() {
  static int i = 1;

  #pragma omp parallel
  {
    /* i shared or private? */
  }
}
```

```
subroutine foo()
integer, save :: i = 1
```

```
!$omp parallel
  ! i shared or private?
  !$omp end parallel
end subroutine
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    int j = 2;
    /* j shared or private? */
}
```

```
!$omp parallel
block
    integer :: j
    j = 2
    ! j shared or private?
end block
!$omp end parallel
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
   static int j = 2;
   /* j shared or private? */
}
```

```
!$omp parallel
block
    integer, save :: j = 2
    /* j shared or private? */
end block
```

```
void foo() {
  int \mathbf{k} = \dots
  /* k shared or private? */
void bar() {
  #pragma omp parallel
    foo();
```

```
subroutine foo()
   integer :: k
   ! k shared or private?
end subroutine
```

subroutine bar()
 !\$omp parallel
 call foo()
 !\$omp end parallel
end subroutine

```
void foo() {
   static int l = ...
   /* l shared or private? */
}
void bar() {
   #pragma omp parallel
   foo();
}
```

```
subroutine foo()
   integer, save l = ...
   ! l shared or private?
end subroutine
subroutine bar()
   !$omp parallel
      call foo()
   !$omp end parallel
end subroutine
```
# Data-Sharing Attribute Clauses

- clauses for explicitly specifying how a variable should be treated
  - Supported by several directives, e.g., parallel, do/for, single, sections, task, ...
- clauses:
  - shared(var1, var2, ...)
  - private(var3, var4, ...)
  - private + special operation
    - firstprivate(var5, var6, ...)
    - lastprivate, see later do/for construct clauses
- Change default: default(shared|private|firstprivate|none)
  - C/C++: default(shared|none)  $\leq$  v5.0
  - best practice: default(none)
    - every variable referenced must appear in a shared/private/... clause
    - avoids incorrect assumptions about shared/private

## shared clause

- treat listed variables as shared
- be careful when
  - concurrently writing to
  - concurrently writing and reading
- shared variables
  - without coordination races might occur

which values will be printed

is undefined

See critical, atomic, flush



## private Clause

- new uninitialized variable of the same type and name as the original one
  - declared locally without initializer
- private variables disappear after the end of the region
- privatized variables hide original variables
- C++: privatized variable initialization depends on default ctor



#### firstprivate Clause

- listed variables become
  - private and
  - initialized with value from original variable
- C++: initialized via copy assignment (copy ctor)

```
struct X { };
X x;
#pragma omp parallel firstprivate(x)
{
    // X x = x
}
```







#### flush Construct



# flush directive

- threads can have a temporary view to memory
- writes from one thread do not need to
  - visible to other threads immediately
  - reflected in memory
- flush in the encountering thread
  - writes changes to memory
  - updates variables from memory

```
int flag = 0;
#pragma omp parallel num threads(2)
  if (omp get thread num() == 0) {
    flaq = 1;
 else {
    while (!flag) { /* wait */ }
    work();
                            might never
                               leave
```

- implicitly happens at
  - explicit/implicit barriers
  - entry/exit of critical sections and lock functions

# flush directive

- can be limited to certain variables by providing a list
- flush is implied in all implicit/explicit barriers

```
int flag = 0;
#pragma omp parallel num threads(2)
  if (omp get thread num() == 0) {
    flag = 1;
    #pragma omp flush
  else {
    #pragma omp flush
                               works but
    while (!flag) {
                             inefficient, see
      /* wait */
                                atomic
      #pragma omp flush
                             construct later
    work();
```





# Worksharing Constructs for Loop Parallelization for / do construct



# Manually Parallelize Loops

- sometimes it is necessary to manually distribute iterations of a loop over threads
- distribute iterations (nearly) equally across threads:

for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
 /\* work \*/
}</pre>

```
int n = \ldots;
#pragma omp parallel
  int tid = omp get thread num();
  int nt = omp get num threads();
  int per thread = n / nt;
  int rem = n % nt;
  int lb = tid * per thread;
      lb += tid < rem ? tid : rem;</pre>
  int ub = lb + per thread;
      ub += tid < rem ? 1 : 0;
  for (int i = lb; i < ub; ++i) {
    /* work */
```

## for/do Construct

C/C++ for [clauses]

```
#pragma omp for
for (i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
 <structured block>
} // impl. barrier
```



- for and do distribute the iterations of one or more associated loops over threads
- Ioop counter will be private
- implicit barrier at the end

clauses:

...

private, firstprivate, lastprivate, reduction, nowait, schedule, collapse,

- require an enclosing parallel region, else orphaned construct
- ensure loop iterations are independent

# Example



- How are the iterations distributed over threads?
  - without specification it is implementation defined
  - Specify via schedule clause

# Fortran special



# Combined parallel do/for Construct

parallel and for/do construct can be merged

```
#pragma omp parallel for \
    [clauses parallel + for]
```

```
!$omp parallel do [clauses parallel + do]
...
!$omp end parallel do
```

- all clauses of parallel and for/do can be applied except nowait
- only one implicit barrier at the end





#### Reductions



#### reduction Clause

reductions allow for aggregating values of private variables computed in parallel

reduction(rid:variables)

- rid: reduction identifier
  - operation to perform: +, -, \*, ...
- variables: variables to reduce
  - privatizes listed variables
  - listed variables must be shared
- according to rid variables are
  - initialized + combined at the end

supported by directives:

parallel, for/do, sections, simd, loop, scope, taskloop, teams (not handled here)



#### reduction Clause

 predefined reductions for arithmetic types:

C/C++		Fortrar	ı	
rid	initializer	rid	initializer	
+	0	+	0	
-	0	-	0 ┥	
*	1	*	1	
&	~0	.and.	.true.	
I	0	.or.	.false.	
^	0	.eqv.	.true.	
88	1	.neqv.	.false.	deprecated
11	0	max	min(type)	since v5.2
max	min(type)	min	max(type)	
min	max(type)	iand	all bits	
			one	
		ior	0	
		ieor	0	

multiple reductions possible:

reduction(+:a, b) reduction(\*:c, d)

 listed variable is only allowed to occur in one reduction clause

# Reduction on Array (Sections)

- variables in reduction clauses can be arrays or sections of arrays
- requirements:
  - need to be contiguous
  - C/C++: requires array section syntax
- initialization/reduction is performed elementwise



```
integer :: a(10)
!$omp parallel reduction(+:a)
```

## Exercise

Pi computation

# User-defined Reductions – Syntax

- extend predefined *rid* for different types *types* (comma separated)
- introduce own identifiers for rid

```
declare reduction(rid : types : combiner) \
    initializer(init_expr)
```

#### initializer

how private variable omp\_priv is initialized (optionally with omp\_orig):

#### init\_expr:

```
omp_priv = initializer (C/C++)
omp_priv initializer (C++)
function-name(argument-list) (C/C++)
omp_priv = expression (F)
subroutine-name(argument-list) (F)
```

#### combiner

describe how private instances are reduced:

```
omp_out <op>= omp_in
omp_out = omp_in <op> omp_out
fn(..., &omp_out, ..., &omp_in, ...)
```

```
special variables:
```

```
input: omp_in
input and output: omp_out
```

# User-defined Reductions – Example



# **User-defined Reductions**

- more complex combiner expressions, e.g., for std::vector<T>:
  - must be specified for each type **T** used



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#### scope CONStruct

- introduces a new "scope" inside a parallel region
- mostly used to perform reductions

```
scope [reduction(rid:var-list)] [allocate] \
  [firstprivate] [private] [nowait]
```

implicit barrier at the end

int sum = 0;#pragma omp parallel . . . #pragma omp scope reduction(+:sum) sum += omp get thread num(); impl. barrier . . . /\* use sum \*/ . . .





# Worksharing Constructs for Loop Parallelization for / do construct clauses



# Loop Schedules

for/do schedule clause supports different schedules

static

- fixed size chunks, static chunk to thread mapping
- dynamic
  - fixed size chunks, non-deterministic mapping of chunks to threads
- guided
  - reduce chunk size over time, non-deterministic mapping of chunks to threads
- auto
  - implementation defined
- runtime
  - choose schedule at runtime, either programmatically or via environment variable

#### schedule Clause: static

schedule(static[, chunk size])

- effect
  - chunks are distributed round-robin over threads

0

1

static, 3

- mapping of chunk to thread is deterministic
- *chunk size* is an integer expression:
  - chunks will have chunk size iterations
    - Iast chunk can be smaller
  - without chunk size:
    - each thread gets exactly one (nearly) equally sized chunk

```
#pragma omp parallel num threads(3)
          #pragma omp for schedule(static)
          for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
            /* work */;
threads
          }
     2
                           iterations
   static
                                    6
                                          8
                  0
                        2
                           3
                                 5
                                             9
    static
                        2
                           3
                                 5
                                    6
                                          8
                                             9
          #pragma omp parallel num threads(3)
                                              3)
```

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#### schedule Clause: dynamic

schedule(dynamic[,<chunk\_size>])

- iterations are divided into chunks of SiZe chunk\_size
  - chunk\_size is 1 if not provided
  - chunk\_size is an integer expression
- threads request next chunk when they have finished one
  - no strict round-robin assignment of chunks to threads
  - no deterministic mapping of thread to chunk
- NOTE: if load balancing is an issue, dynamic is better suited than static

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(3)
#pragma omp for schedule(dynamic, 3)
for (int i = 0; i < 11; ++i) {
   /* work */
}</pre>
```



## schedule Clause: guided

schedule(guided[,<chunk\_size>])

- larger chunks at the beginning, getting smaller to the end of the iteration space
- chunk\_size = 1 by default
- chunk\_size = k, k > 1
  - smallest chunk\_size will be k except for maybe the last iteration
- chunk to thread mapping nondeterministic
- NOTE: useful when load imbalances exist, less overhead than dynamic

<pre>#pragma omp parallel num_threads(3)</pre>
<pre>#pragma omp for schedule(guided)</pre>
for (int $i = 0; i < 11; ++i$ ) {
/* work */;
3



#### schedule Clause: auto and runtime

- auto:
  - implementation defined scheduling will be used
- runtime: chosen at runtime
  - initial value is implementation defined
  - set via environment variable

OMP\_SCHEDULE=[modifier:]kind[,chunk\_size]

- kind: static, dynamic, guided, Of auto
- chunk\_size: same meaning as if specified at schedule
- run binary with: OMP\_SCHEDULE=static,512 ./openmp-binary
- Set via runtime call omp\_set\_schedule(omp\_sched\_t kind, int chunk\_size)
- retrieve runtime scheduling:
  - omp\_get\_schedule(omp\_sched\_t \*kind, int \*chunk\_size)

# order of chunks

schedule( monotonic nonmonotonic	<schedule>[,<chunk_size>])</chunk_size></schedule>
----------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------

- monotonic
  - thread processes assigned chunk in increasing logical order
- nonmonotonic
  - chunks are assigned to threads in any order
- not allowed: nonmonotonic and ordered clause
- do not depend on the order of the execution of the chunks (except for ordered)
- defaults
  - ≤ v4.5: monotonic
  - ≥ v5.0: nonmonotonic (except for static and ordered)

# collapse(n) clause

- merge iteration space of n nested loops into one *logical iteration* space
  - distribute resulting iterations over threads
- these n loops become associated loops
- typically more evenly distributed no. of iterations

- distribute 5\*5 instead of 5 iterations
- distribution of iterations over 3 threads:
  - without collapse: 2, 2, 1
  - with collapse: 9, 8, 8 or 9, 9, 7

# collapse(n) clause

- NOTE: only as many loops are associated as specified
  - through collapse (2) only loop over
     x and y is associated
  - loop over z is not associated

```
!$omp parallel &
!$omp for collapse(2) &
!$omp schedule(static)
do x = 1, nx
    do y = 1, ny
    do z = 1, nz
        ! work on (x, y, z)
        end do
    end do
    end do
!$omp end do
!$omp end parallel
```

## lastprivate clause

lastprivate([conditional:]var1[,...]])

- listed variables are privatized
- value from sequentially last iteration is assigned to original variable
  - if sequentially last iteration is not performed or no assignment takes place
    - value of variable after construct is undefined
  - USE conditional Modifier
    - original variable gets value of sequentially last assignment



#### also supported: private, firstprivate

### ordered construct and clause

execute parts of a loop's body in its original sequential order, e.g. for output, loop dependencies

1. requires for/do loop\* with clause:

for ... ordered[(n)] do ... ordered[(n)]

2. requires construct:

ordered
{ structed-block }

ordered structued-block end ordered

 construct must be nested within region that has an ordered clause

\* or simd construct, see part 2 of this course

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```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for ordered
for (int i = 0; i < ni; ++i) {
   /* P1 */
   #pragma omp ordered
   { /* P2 */ }
   /* P3 */
}</pre>
```

loop iteration	i=0	i=1	i=2	•••	i=ni-1
time	 ₽1 ₽2   ₽3   	P1 P2 P3	P1 		₽1   

#### ordered clause restrictions

#### clause

for ... ordered[(n)] do ... ordered[(n)]

- n specifies how many perfectly nested loops are associated
- n must be ≤ no. of associated loops (by collapse)
- if n is unspecified, the same no. as specified for collapse is used
- if **n** is specified linear clause must not be specified
- C++: if n is specified, assoc. loops must not be range-based loops
- associated loops must be rectangular

## nowait clause

- no implicit barrier at the end of the loop
- threads finished early do not have to wait and can proceed
  - might lead to better utilization of resources

WARNING: use nowait only if no race-conditions between the loop and the following code exist

```
#pragma omp parallel
  #pragma omp for nowait
  for (...) { /* first loop */ }
  /* work without race between
     the two loops */
  #pragma omp for nowait
  for (...) { /* second loop */ }
  /* more work without race */
} /* all threads will wait here */
 !$omp do
do i = 1, n
                             for Fortran
                           place at the end
end do
                              directive
 !$omp end do nowait
```

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### Canonical Loop Forms



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Fortran:



# Loop Nests

- collapse(n) allows for associating loops to for/do construct
- associated nested loops must meet certain requirements must be of the form as
- intervening-code Optional
  - if not present: perfectly nested loop nest
  - must not contain OpenMP directive/API call in region

C/C++:

- no iteration statement
- NO break, NO continue for enclosing loop

Fortran:

- no loops
- no array expression

slides

NO exit, NO cycle 



## Exercise

parallelize ray tracer





### Worksharing Constructs: single, sections



# single Construct



- all other threads wait in impl. barrier at the end
  - remove barrier with nowait
- which thread executes the block is implementation defined
  - might change from run to run
- requires surrounding parallel region



# copyprivate Clause

 at the end of a single clause: broadcast a private variable's value to the other thread's variable with the same name

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    int i = 0;
    #pragma omp single copyprivate(i)
    {
        i = omp_get_thread_num();
    }
    /* for all threads i=<thread id> of
        thread that executed the single
        region */
}
```



# sections Construct

- distribute different structured blocks to threads
- syntax: sections [clauses] section
- requires a parallel region
- each section marks a structed block to be distributed
- implicit barrier at the end of sections CONStruct
  - remove with nowait
- mapping of structured blocks to threads is implementation defined







#### Constructs: master, masked



## master construct - deprecated

- Syntax: master structured block
- equivalent to

```
if (omp_get_thread_num() == 0) {
   /* structured block */
}
```

- execute structured block by thread with ID 0
- no implicit barrier at the end
- deprecated since v5.1 in favor of masked



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### masked CONStruct

- execute structured block only by certain threads
- SyntaX: masked [filter(expr)]
  - without filter, thread with id 0 is used
  - expr in filter returns the thread id(s) to use
  - executing thread compares value of expr with its ID
- no barrier on entry or end of construct
- replaces deprecated master construct since v5.1

```
≥ v5.1
```

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(2)
{
    #pragma omp masked filter(1)
    {
        /* executed by thread 1 */
     } /* no barrier here */
    ...
}
```

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp master
    { /* tid 0 */ }
    ...
}
#pragma omp master

    #pragma omp masked
    { /* tid 0 */ }
    ...
}
```





#### Synchronization: critical construct



 useful for coordinating access to shared resources

Syntax: critical [(name)] structured-block

- associated block can only be entered by **one** thread at a time
- all critical regions with the same name belong together
- all unnamed critical regions belong together

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
   /* work */
   #pragma omp critical
   { ... }
   /* more work */
}
```



C/C++:

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    /* work1 */
    #pragma omp critical
    { ... } /* 1 */
    /* work2 */
    #pragma omp critical
    { ... } /* 2 */
    /* work3 */
}
```

 if the two critical regions don't have to be exclusive to each other the name argument provides a way to lift this restriction by giving each region a different name



#### C/C++:

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
   /* work1 */
   #pragma omp critical(A)
   { ... }
   /* work2 */
   #pragma omp critical(B)
   { ... }
   /* work3 */
}
```

 if the two critical regions don't have to be exclusive to each other the name argument provides a way to lift this restriction by giving each region a different name





- the exclusive access to critical regions
  - without a name
  - or with the same name
     works throughout the application
- is not restricted to the lexically surrounding code

void work1(var) {
 #pragma omp critical
 { /\* work on var \*/ }
}
void work2(var) {
 #pragma omp critical
 { /\* work on var \*/ }
}

critical regions in work1 and work2 will never be entered by two threads at the same time Performance:

- keep amount of code inside critical regions as short as possible
  - reduces amount of waiting time for other threads
- for coordinating access to single variables atomic construct might be better suited





### Synchronization: Atomics



### atomic update

update a storage location atomically

read,

- performed as if it is one
- compute,
- write

 operation and other threads cannot interfere

- mutually exclusive to all other threads using atomic updates
- uses hardware instructions, if available
  - faster than a critical region
  - requirements regarding alignment have to be met



counting threads

```
int counter = 0;
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp atomic
    counter += 1;
}
```

counting even and odd numbers

```
int histogram[2] = {0, 0};
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i = 0; i < N; ++i) {
    #pragma omp atomic
    ++histogram[i % 2];
}</pre>
```

WARNING: don't do this in real code, performance is poor often providing each thread with its own data + reduction yields a better solution

## atomic read and write

- atomically read/write value
- requires specification of clause:
   read / write
- further clauses:
  - capture: obtain original or updated value
  - compare: conditionally update variable ≥v5.0



### atomic capture

- atomically update a value and keep the value before/after the update
  - before: fetch-and-op

#pragma omp atomic capture
{ v = x; x += counter; }

after: op-and-fetch

#pragma omp atomic capture
{ x += counter; v = x; }

C/C++



#### Fortran

!\$omp atomic capture	!\$omp atomic capture
statement	$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}$
$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{x}$	statement
!\$omp end atomic	!\$omp end atomic

## atomic capture Example

```
struct items t { ... };
int n items = ...;
struct items t * items = ...;
int cur idx = 0;
#pragma omp parallel shared(n items, items, cur idx)
{
    int idx;
    do {
        #pragma omp atomic capture
        { idx = cur idx; ++cur idx; }
        if (idx < n items) process(&items[idx]);</pre>
    } while (idx < n items);</pre>
```



#### WARNING: other constructs might be suited better

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### Synchronization: Locks



# Locks

- runtime functions for mutual exclusion
- Iocks are represented by variables
- task that owns a lock (successfully set a lock) can continue

- two types
  - simple locks
    - can only be locked if unlocked
  - nested locks
    - owning task can lock multiple times
    - owning task must unlock the lock
       the same number of times it locked it

```
C/C++ omp_lock_t
Fortran integer (kind=omp_lock_kind)
```

```
C/C++ omp_nest_lock_t
Fortran integer (kind=omp_nest_lock_kind)
```

# Simple Locks

init:

omp\_init\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*)

- lock
  - set (blocking lock):

omp\_set\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*)

- on return lock is locked, task owns the lock
- if already locked, waits until lock becomes unset
- dead lock if owning task tries to set the lock again
- test (non-blocking lock) omp\_test\_lock (omp\_lock\_t \*)
  - true: if lock was set
  - false: lock was not set, already set by another task
  - unspecified behavior if calling task already owns the lock
- unset (unlock):

omp\_unset\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*)

- lock must be in locked state
- task unlocking must own the lock
- destroy:

omp\_destroy\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*)

every other state transition is non-conforming



# Example

```
typedef struct
   omp lock t lock;
    size t value;
} item;
size t n items = 10;
size t n indices = 1000;
item items[n items];
for (size t i = 0; i < n items; ++i) {
  omp init lock(&items[i].lock);
size t indices[n indices];
for (size t i = 0; i < n indices; ++i) {
    indices[i] = rand() % n items;
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (size_t i = 0; i < n_indices; ++i) {
    item * it = &items[indices[i]];
    omp_set_lock(&it->lock);
    ++it->value;
    omp_unset_lock(&it->lock);
}
for (size_t i = 0; i < n_items; ++i) {
    omp_destroy_lock(&items[i].lock);
```



# **Nested Locks**

- behave similar to simple locks except that a task owning a lock can lock it multiple times
- a lock reaches it unlocked state if it is unlocked as many times it was locked
  - must happen by the same task, as only the owning task can lock it multiple times
- similar routines like simple locks, named

omp\_\*\_nest\_lock(omp\_nest\_lock\_t\*)

every other state transition is non-conforming







### Thread Private Memory: threadprivate directive



# threadprivate directive

- threadprivate variables are
  - preserved over parallel regions (with restrictions)
  - tied to the thread
- global or static variables, replicated for each thread
- outside parallel regions only primary thread can access its threadprivate variables



# threadprivate directive

- threadprivate directive declares a variable thread private
  - initialized for threads that encounter definition
  - uninitialized for remaining threads
- values of threadprivate variables are preserved between parallel regions for threads != initial thread, iff:
  - not nested parallel regions
  - both regions use the same no. of threads and affinity policy
  - NO order COnstruct that specifies concurrent
  - OMP\_DYNAMIC is false at entry of both regions



# copyin clause

- copyin Clause of parallel construct
- propagate value of primary thread to other threads executing parallel region

```
static int id = 1;
#pragma omp threadprivate(id)
```

```
#pragma omp parallel copyin(id)
printf("id: %d\n", id);
```

only threadprivate variables are allowed







### Thread Affinity



# **Thread Affinity**

- controls to which places threads are assigned
  - a.k.a. thread binding, thread pinning



- Why does it matter?
  - use shared/separate resources
  - avoid thread migration
# Places – Where Threads Can Be Executed

what is supported depends

- env. var. OMP\_PLACES
  - values can be an abstract name

		on the Open	MP version
abstract name	ne description		
aboliaot name			
threads	HW threads, a.k.a. SMT-threads	s, virtual cores	ОМТ
cores	physical CPU cores		OME
ll_caches	cores sharing a last level cache	•	OME
numa_domains	cores belonging to the same NU	JMA domain	OME
sockets	cores belonging to a socket		

OMP\_PLACES="cores" OMP\_PLACES="cores(4)" OMP\_PLACES="sockets" OMP\_PLACES="sockets(2)"

- selected only a certain amount: abstract-name (count)
- hardware ids of cores, format examples
  - id>[,<id>[,...]]
  - {<ids>}
  - {<ids>},{<ids>},...
  - {<ids>}[:<len>[:<stride>]]

OMP\_PLACES="0,2,4,6,8" OMP\_PLACES="{0,1},{2,3}" OMP\_PLACES="{0}:5:2"

# **Control Affinity Policy**

#### env. var. OMP\_PROC\_BIND for setting affinity policy

value	description
false	disable affinity, proc_bind clause (parallel construct) is ignored
true	enable affinity, strategy is implementation defined
close	bind threads to adjacent places →typically used low latency
spread	distribute threads equally over available places $\rightarrow$ typically used for high bandwidth or separate resources
primary	bind all threads to the place of the initial thread



#### Show where threads are bound to

- ENV. Var. OMP\_DISPLAY\_AFFINITY=true
  - print where threads are bound to





#### **OpenMP Runtime Functions and Environment Variables**



# **Runtime Functions**

- get id of current thread
  - int omp\_get\_thread\_num(void);
  - integer function omp\_get\_thread\_num()

```
to use API functions:
C/C++: #include <omp.h>
Fortran: use omp_libOfinclude "omp.h"
```

- get number of threads in current region (sequential or parallel)
  - int omp\_get\_num\_threads();
  - integer function omp\_get\_num\_threads()
- get maximum number of threads in the next parallel region without a num threads clause
  - int omp\_get\_max\_threads();
  - integer function omp\_get\_max\_threads()

# **Runtime Functions**

- get number of processors/cores
  - int omp\_get\_num\_procs();
  - integer function omp\_get\_num\_procs()
- get if inside a parallel region (true/false)
  - int omp\_in\_parallel();
  - logical function omp\_in\_parallel()
- print information about OpenMP
  - void omp\_display\_env(int verbose);
  - subroutine omp\_display\_env(verbose)
    logical,intent(in) :: verbose
  - if verbose = true  $\rightarrow$  print vendor specific information too

## **Runtime Functions**

- get elapsed time in seconds since some point in time
  - double omp\_get\_wtime();
  - double precision function omp\_get\_wtime()
  - mostly useful for measuring durations
  - might not be synchronized between threads
- resolution in seconds of omp\_get\_wtime
  - double omp\_get\_wtick();
  - double precision function omp\_get\_wtick()

```
t = omp_get_wtime();
```

```
/* work */
```

```
dur = omp_get_wtime() - t;
```

## **Environment Variables**

#### OMP\_NUM\_THREADS=n

- use n threads for parallel regions
- priority: OMP\_NUM\_THREADS < omp\_set\_num\_threads() < num\_threads Clause</pre>
- OMP\_DYNAMIC=true|false
  - if true the runtime may use a different number of threads for executing parallel regions
- OMP\_THREAD\_LIMIT=n
  - maximum number of threads to use
- OMP\_STACKSIZE=n[BKMG]
  - stack size of OpenMP threads (not including the initial thread)
  - without unit, KiB (1024 B) are assumed, units K, M, G are base 2 based
  - often: increase for Fortran, if arrays don't fit onto the stack

# **Environment Variables**

#### • OMP\_WAIT\_POLICY=active|passive

- hint of how waiting threads should behave
- active: actively check for work
- passive: might sleep when waiting
- OMP\_DISPLAY\_AFFINITY=true | false
  - print to which cores OpenMP threads are bound when created

# **Environment Variables**

- OMP\_SCHEDULE=[modifier:](static|dynamic|guided|auto)[,chunk]
  - schedule to use for loops with clause schedule(runtime)
  - modifier: optional, can be monotonic or nonmonotonic
  - chunk: optional, chunk size
- OMP\_MAX\_TASK\_PRIORITY=n
  - maximum task priority that can be used in priority clause of task construct
- OMP\_DISPLAY\_ENV=true|false|vebose
  - print information about OpenMP settings
  - verbose  $\rightarrow$  print vendor specific information too
  - use env. var. omp\_affinity\_format to change output

#### OMP DISPLAY ENV example

> OMP DISPLAY ENV=true ./binary OPENMP DISPLAY ENVIRONMENT BEGIN OPENMP='201611' [host] OMP AFFINITY FORMAT='OMP: pid %P tid %i thread %n bound to OS proc set {%A}' [host] OMP ALLOCATOR='omp default mem alloc' [host] OMP CANCELLATION='FALSE' [host] OMP DEBUG='disabled' [host] OMP DEFAULT DEVICE='0' [host] OMP DISPLAY AFFINITY='FALSE' [host] OMP DISPLAY ENV='TRUE' [host] OMP DYNAMIC='FALSE' [host] OMP MAX ACTIVE LEVELS='1' [host] OMP MAX TASK PRIORITY='0' [host] OMP NESTED: deprecated; max-active-levels-var=1 [host] OMP NUM TEAMS='0' [host] OMP NUM THREADS: value is not defined [host] OMP PLACES: value is not defined [host] OMP PROC BIND='false' [host] OMP SCHEDULE='static' [host] OMP STACKSIZE='8M' [host] OMP TARGET OFFLOAD=DEFAULT [host] OMP TEAMS THREAD LIMIT='0' [host] OMP THREAD LIMIT='2147483647' [host] OMP TOOL='enabled' [host] OMP TOOL LIBRARIES: value is not defined [host] OMP TOOL VERBOSE INIT: value is not defined [host] OMP WAIT POLICY='PASSIVE' OPENMP DISPLAY ENVIRONMENT END





#### Resources



#### Resources

- <u>https://www.openmp.org/specifications/</u>
  - OpenMP API x.y Specification
  - OpenMP API x.y Examples
  - OpenMP API x.y Reference Guide
    - some kind of cheat sheet



- Books:
  - B. Chapman, G. Jost, R. v. d. Pas: Using OpenMP. MIT Press, 2007, ISBN 978-0262533027
  - R. v. d. Pas, E. Stotzer, C. Terboven: Using OpenMP The Next Step. MIT Press, 2017, ISBN 978-0-262-53478-9