



703650 VO Parallel Systems WS2019/2020

Introduction & Administrative Stuff

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Where are the Slides?

https://github.com/philippgs/uibk_parsys_19



<https://git.io/fjjw0>

Organizational Stuff

▶ lecturer information

- ▶ Philipp Gschwandtner PhD
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- ▶ room 2W05, ICT building
- ▶ no fixed office hours
(send an e-mail, I'm quite responsive)

▶ dates and location

- ▶ see [lfu:online](#) for exact dates
- ▶ generally:
 - ▶ lecture every Thursday
08:15-10:00 in HS B 8
 - ▶ proseminar every Wednesday
13:15-16:00 in RR 22

More Organizational Stuff

▶ prerequisites

- ▶ interest in parallel programming and high performance computing
- ▶ lecture: very little beyond that
- ▶ proseminar: programming in C/C++

▶ language

- ▶ English-ish?

▶ content

- ▶ general concepts of parallel programming and its intricacies
 - ▶ concepts apply to almost all parallel programming models
 - ▶ as an example, we will mainly discuss MPI
 - ▶ there are countless others (OpenMP, OpenCL, CUDA, TBB, Cilk, Pthreads, C++ STL, Charm++, X10, PGAS, ...)

Grading: Lecture

- ▶ no mandatory attendance
 - ▶ Note: not everything I say will be on the slides...
- ▶ single, written exam on January 30th 2019
 - ▶ multiple exercises with multiple points
 - ▶ standard grading scheme, $\geq 50\%$ for positive grade

Grading: Proseminar

- ▶ weekly assignments, published on GitHub
 - ▶ https://github.com/philippgs/uibk_parsys_19
- ▶ teamwork is permitted and encouraged
 - ▶ 3 people max. per team
 - ▶ **every** team member must be able to present and discuss solution
- ▶ solutions have to be handed in before the PS starts!
 - ▶ solutions **must work** on the LCC2 cluster
 - ▶ copying solutions (e.g. off the Internet) is acceptable **if cited properly**
 - ▶ grade is 50 % solutions, 50 % presentations/discussion – both must be $\geq 50\%$!

Literature

- ▶ **www.internet.com**

- ▶ MPI: A Message-Passing Interface Standard, Version 3.1
(hardcover book, PDF available via <https://www.mpi-forum.org/>)
- ▶ stackoverflow
- ▶ Google
- ▶ ...

- ▶ **old school: Printed books**

- ▶ Let me know and I will look up some references...

What do I do when I am not teaching?

- ▶ Senior Scientist at Research Center HPC
(Forschungszentrum Hochleistungsrechnen)
 - ▶ www.uibk.ac.at/fz-hpc
 - ▶ aid researchers at UIBK in developing and optimizing parallel applications
 - ▶ formerly Distributed and Parallel Systems Group (DPS), <https://dps.uibk.ac.at>
- ▶ research interests in and around HPC
 - ▶ measurement/optimization/modeling of performance, energy, efficiency, ...
 - ▶ APIs, programming models, runtime systems, compilers, ...
 - ▶ interested in master thesis topics?

What are we all doing here?

- ▶ discuss key concepts of parallel computing
 - ▶ hardware **and** software aspects
 - ▶ multiple non-functional aspects – there's more than just speed
 - ▶ portability, usability, maintainability, sustainability
- ▶ we still need to actually do some concrete work
 - ▶ (mostly) MPI for implementing and evaluating distributed-memory parallelism concepts
 - ▶ we'll use LCC2 for running experiments



What are we Going to Discuss?

- ▶ crash course on hardware and programming models
- ▶ introduction to MPI
- ▶ tons of generic concepts at the example of MPI programs
 - ▶ metrics: performance, efficiency, scalability
 - ▶ problem partitioning, scheduling and load balancing
 - ▶ programmer productivity
 - ▶ ...

Note: This schedule will probably become invalid and be abandoned after a few weeks...

Hints (not only) for this Course

- ▶ choose a suitable source code editor / IDE and choose it wisely!
- ▶ get acquainted with your toolchain
 - ▶ debuggers, version control (git), etc.
- ▶ use common sense and sanity checks!





Questions?

Image Sources

- ▶ LCC2: <https://www.uibk.ac.at/zid/systeme/hpc-systeme/lcc/hardware/>
- ▶ Sandbox: <http://www.googblogs.com/open-sourcing-sandboxed-api/>