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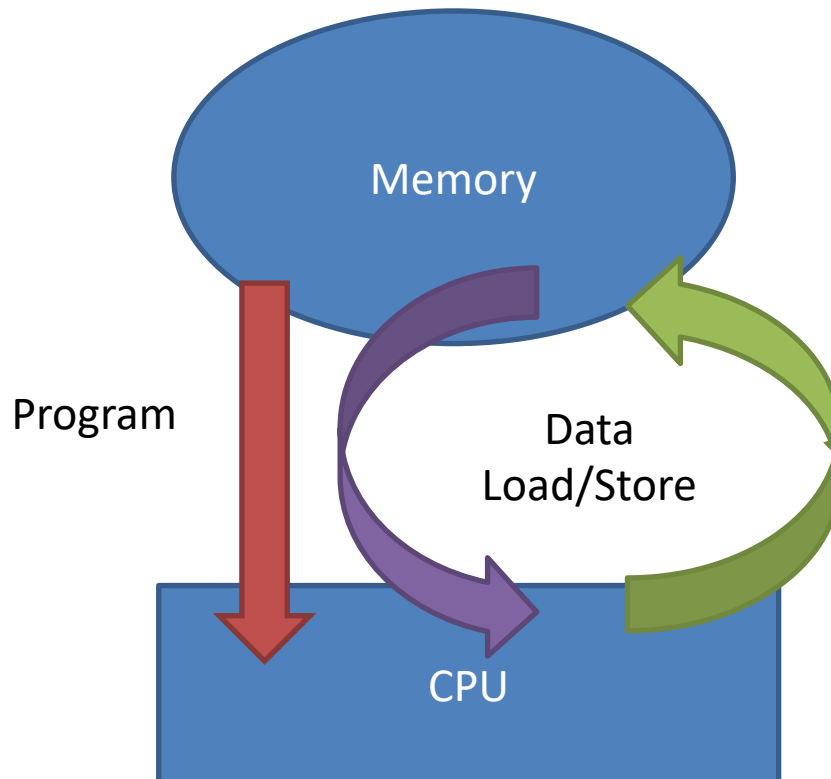
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Parallel Programming 101

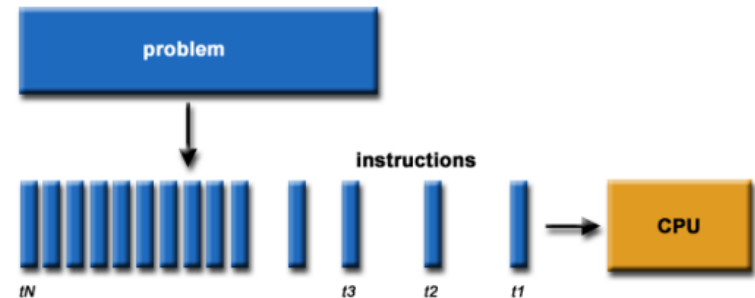
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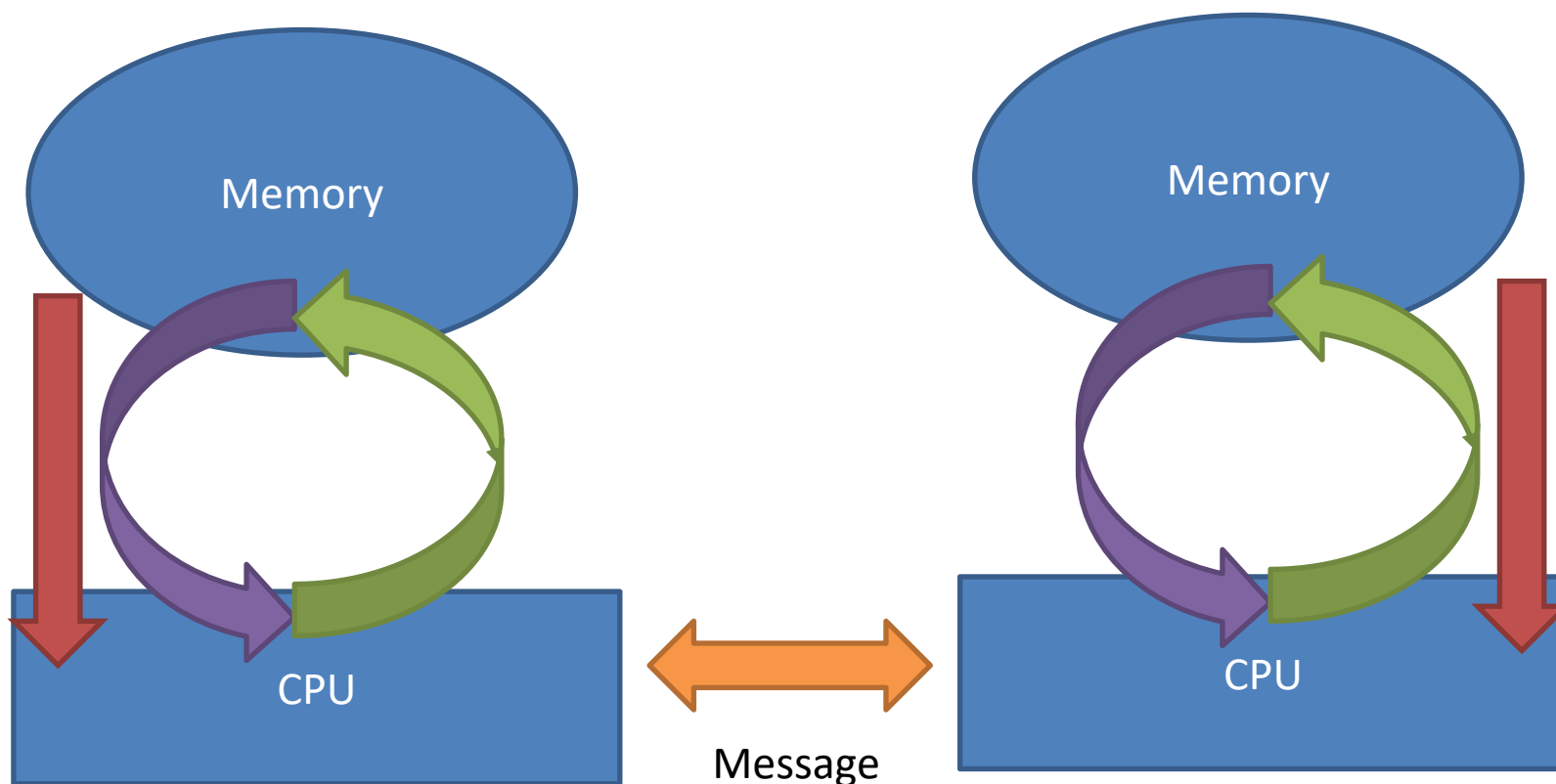
Serial Programming



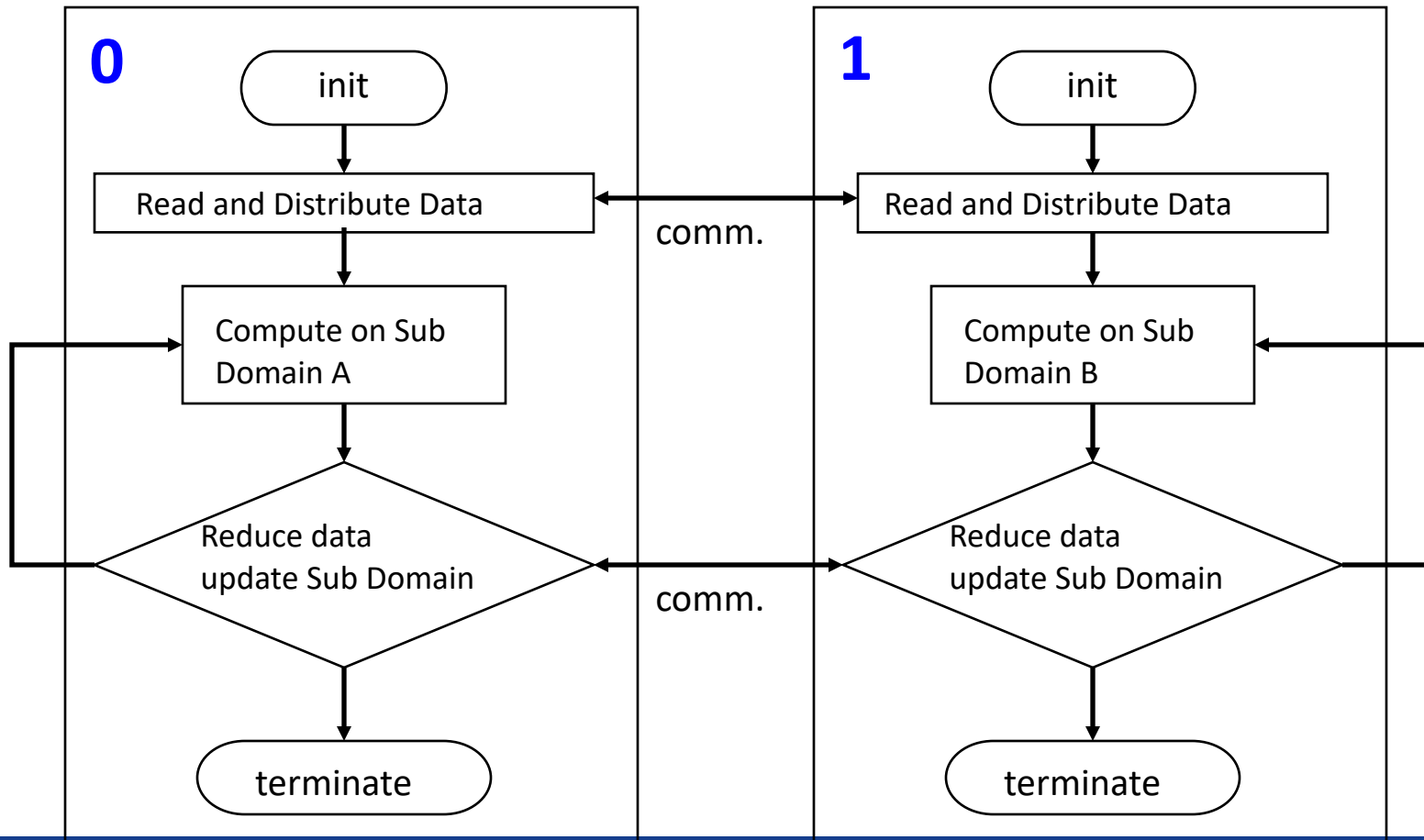
A problem is broken into a discrete series of instructions.
Instructions are executed one after another.
Only one instruction may execute at any moment in time.



Parallel Programming



What is a Parallel Program





MPI Program Design

- Multiple and separate processes (can be local and remote) concurrently that are coordinated and exchange data through “messages”
 - => a “share nothing” parallelization
- Best for coarse grained parallelization
- Distribute large data sets; replicate small data
- Minimize communication or overlap communication and computing for efficiency
 - => Amdahl's law: speedup is limited by the fraction of serial code plus communication



What is MPI?

- A standard, i.e. there is a document describing how the API are named and should behave; multiple “levels”, MPI-1 (basic), MPI-2 (advanced), MPI-3 (new)
- A library or API to hide the details of low-level communication hardware and how to use it
- Implemented by multiple vendors
 - Open source and commercial versions
 - Vendor specific versions for certain hardware
 - Not binary compatible between implementations



Goals of MPI

- Allow to write software (source code) that is portable to many different parallel hardware. i.e. agnostic to actual realization in hardware
- Provide flexibility for vendors to optimize the MPI functions for their hardware
- No limitation to a specific kind of hardware and low-level communication type. Running on heterogeneous hardware is possible.
- Fortran77 and C style API as standard interface



Phases of an MPI Program

1) Startup

Parse arguments (mpirun may add some)

Identify parallel environment and rank in it

Read and distribute all data

2) Execution

Proceed to subroutine with parallel work

(can be same of different for all parallel tasks)

3) Cleanup



MPI Startup / Cleanup

Initializing the MPI environment:

CALL MPI_INIT(STATUS)

Status is integer set to MPI_SUCCESS, if operation was successful; otherwise to error code

Releasing the MPI environment:

CALL MPI_FINALIZE(STATUS)

NOTES:

All MPI tasks have to call MPI_INIT & MPI_FINALIZE

MPI_INIT may only be called once in a program

No MPI calls allowed outside of the region between calling **MPI_INIT** and **MPI_FINALIZE**

The Message

- A message is an array of elements of some particular MPI data type
- MPI defines a number of constants that correspond to language *datatypes* in Fortran and C
- When an MPI routine is called, the Fortran (or C) datatype of the data being passed must match the corresponding MPI integer constant

Message Structure

envelope				body		
source	destination	communicator	tag	buffer	count	datatype



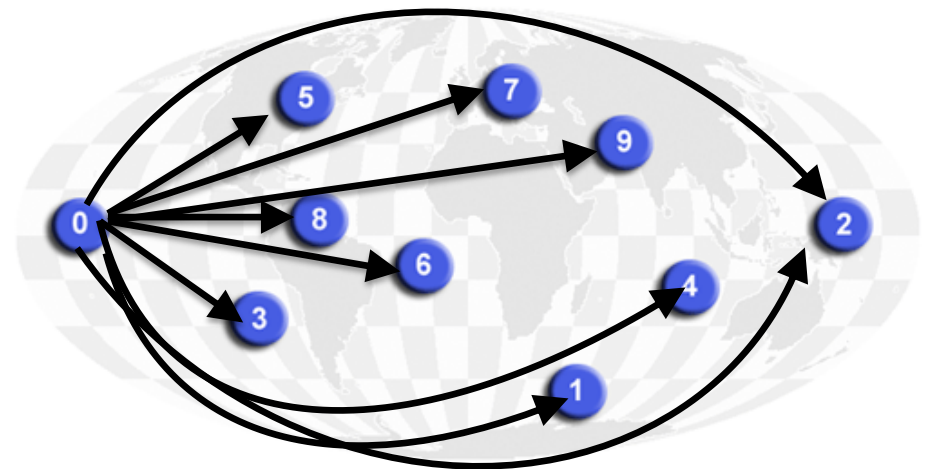
MPI in C versus MPI in Fortran

- The programming interface (“bindings”) of MPI in C and Fortran are closely related (wrappers for many other languages exist)
- MPI in C:
 - Use `'#include <mpi.h>'` for constants and prototypes
 - Include only once at the beginning of a file
- MPI in Fortran:
 - Use `'include "mpif.h"'` for constants
 - Include at the beginning of each module
 - All MPI functions are “subroutines” with the same name and same order and type of arguments as in C with return status added as the last argument

MPI Communicators

- Is the fundamental communication facility provided by MPI library. Communication between 2 processes
- Communication take place within a communicator: Source/s and Destination/s are identified by their rank within a communicator

MPI_COMM_WORLD





Communicator Size & Process Rank

A “communicator” is a label identifying a group of processors that are ready for parallel computing with MPI

By default the **MPI_COMM_WORLD** communicator is available and contains all processors allocated by mpirun

Size: How many MPI tasks are there in total?

CALL MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, size, status)

After the call the integer variable **size** holds the number of processes on the given communicator

Rank: What is the ID of “me” in the group?

CALL MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, rank, status)

After the call the integer variable **rank** holds the ID of the process. This is a number between **0** and **size-1**.



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```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <mpi.h>
```

```
int main( int argc, char * argv[] ){
```

```
    int rank = 0; // store the MPI identifier of the process
    int npes = 1; // store the number of MPI processes
```

```
    MPI_Init( &argc, &argv );
    MPI_Comm_rank( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank );
    MPI_Comm_size( MPI_COMM_WORLD, &npes );
```

```
    fprintf( stderr, "\nI am process %d of %d MPI processes\n", rank, npes );
```

```
    MPI_Finalize();
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```



Calling MPI_BCAST

MPI_BCAST(buffer, count, type, sender, comm, err)

buffer:	buffer with data
count:	number of data items to be sent
type:	type (=size) of data items
sender:	rank of sending processor of data
comm:	group identifier, MPI_COMM_WORLD
err:	error status of operation

NOTES:

- buffers must be large enough (can be larger)
- Data type must match (MPI does not check this)
- all ranks that belong to the communicator must call this



Calling MPI_REDUCE

MPI_REDUCE(in,out,count,type,op,receiver,comm,err)

in:	data to be sent (from all)
out:	storage for reduced data (on receiver)
count:	number of data items to be reduced
type:	type (=size) of data items
op:	reduction operation, e.g. MPI_SUM
receiver:	rank of sending processor of data
communicator:	group identifier, MPI_COMM_WORLD
err:	error status or MPI_SUCCESS



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```
program bcast
```

```
implicit none
```

```
include "mpif.h"
```

```
integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
```

```
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD
```

```
call MPI_INIT(ierr)
```

```
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
```

```
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)
```

```
imesg = myrank
```

```
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &  
    " and my message content is ", imesg
```

```
call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)
```

```
print *, "After Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &  
    " and my message content is ", imesg
```

```
call MPI_FINALIZE(ierr)
```

```
end program bcast
```



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr

integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

P₀

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = ??  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₁

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = ??  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₂

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = ??  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₃

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = ??  
comm = MPI_C...
```



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr

integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)

P₀

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = MPI_SUC...  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₁

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = MPI_SUC...  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₂

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = MPI_SUC...  
comm = MPI_C...
```

P₃

```
myrank = ??  
ncpus = ??  
imesg = ??  
ierr = MPI_SUC...  
comm = MPI_C...
```



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)

call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)

P₀

myrank = ??
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = ??
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = ??
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = ??
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)

call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = ??
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

imesg = myrank
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 1
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 2
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 3
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

imesg = myrank
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 1
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 2
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 3
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

call `MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)`

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 1
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 2
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 3
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...





call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

imesg = myrank
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)

print *, "After Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

imesg = myrank
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)

print *, "After Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_FINALIZE(ierr)

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



program bcast

implicit none

include "mpif.h"

integer :: myrank, ncpus, imesg, ierr
integer, parameter :: comm = MPI_COMM_WORLD

call MPI_INIT(ierr)
call MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
call MPI_COMM_SIZE(comm, ncpus, ierr)

imesg = myrank
print *, "Before Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_BCAST(imesg, 1, MPI_INTEGER, 0, comm, ierr)

print *, "After Bcast operation I'm ", myrank, &
" and my message content is ", imesg

call MPI_FINALIZE(ierr)

end program bcast

P₀

myrank = 0
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₁

myrank = 1
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...

P₂

myrank = 2
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUCC
comm = MPI_C...

P₃

myrank = 3
ncpus = 4
imesg = 0
ierr = MPI_SUC...
comm = MPI_C...



The MPI_BARRIER

- Blocks until all processes have reached this routine

```
INCLUDE 'mpif.h'
```

```
MPI_BARRIER(COMM, IERROR)
```

```
INTEGER    COMM, IERROR
```



STANDARD BLOCKING SEND - RECV

- Basic point-2-point communication routines in MPI.

MPI_SEND(buf, count, type, dest, tag, comm, ierr)

MPI_RECV(buf, count, type, dest, tag, comm, status, ierr)

Buf array of MPI type **type**.

Count (INTEGER) number of element of **buf** to be sent

Type (INTEGER) MPI type of **buf**

Dest (INTEGER) rank of the destination process

Tag (INTEGER) number identifying the message

Comm (INTEGER) communicator of the sender and receiver

Status (INTEGER) array of size **MPI_STATUS_SIZE** containing communication status information

lerr (INTEGER) error code