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Parallel Computing
OpenMP

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- Example: Hello World
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- Runtime Library Routines
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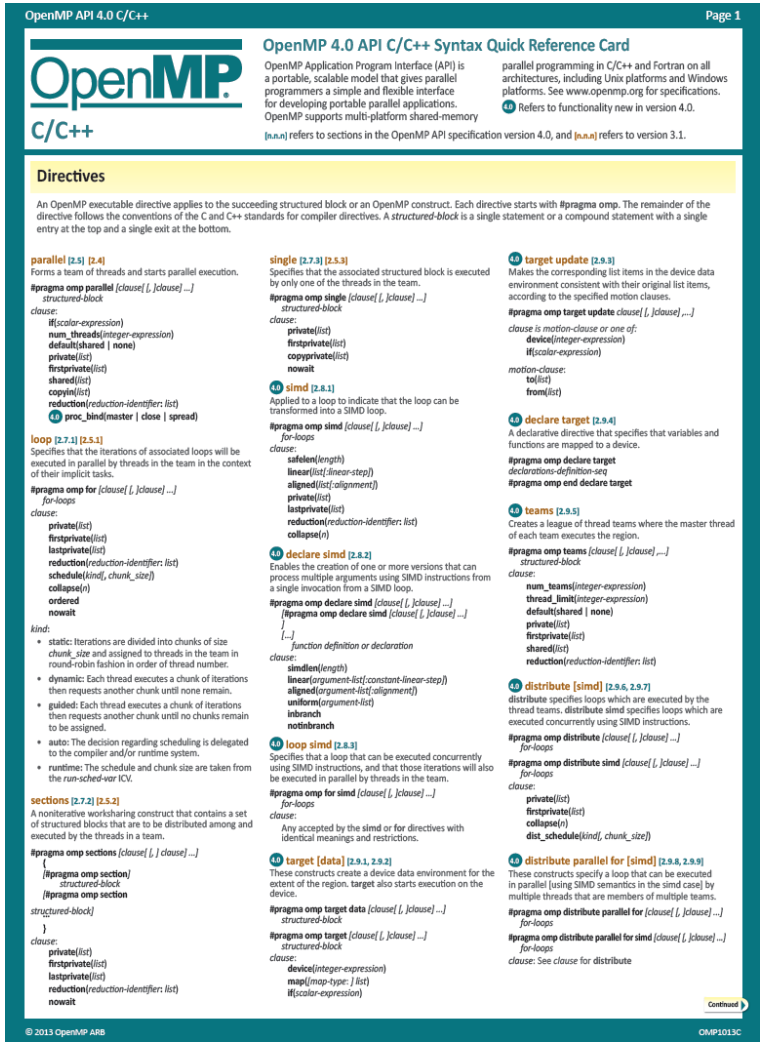
Selected Literature

- **OpenMP Specifications**
  - Version 4.0, July 2013 (supported by GCC 4.9 or later version)
  - OpenMP 4.5, November 2015
  - http://openmp.org/wp/openmp-specifications/

- **OpenMP 4.0 API C/C++ Syntax Quick Reference Card**
  - http://openmp.org/mp-documents/OpenMP-4.0-C.pdf



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OpenMP C/C++

OpenMP 4.0 API C/C++ Syntax Quick Reference Card

OpenMP Application Program Interface (API) is a portable, scalable model that gives parallel programmers a simple and flexible interface for developing portable parallel applications. OpenMP supports multi-platform shared-memory parallel programming in C/C++ and Fortran on all architectures, including Unix platforms and Windows platforms. See www.openmp.org for specifications.

4.0 Refers to functionality new in version 4.0.

[n.n.n] refers to sections in the OpenMP API specification version 4.0, and [n.n.n] refers to version 3.1.

Directives

An OpenMP executable directive applies to the succeeding structured block or an OpenMP construct. Each directive starts with **#pragma omp**. The remainder of the directive follows the conventions of the C and C++ standards for compiler directives. A *structured-block* is a single statement or a compound statement with a single entry at the top and a single exit at the bottom.

parallel [2.5] [2.4]
Forms a team of threads and starts parallel execution.

#pragma omp parallel *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
structured-block
clause:
if(*scalar-expression*)
num_threads(*integer-expression*)
default(**shared** | **none**)
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
shared(*list*)
copyin(*list*)
reduction(*reduction-identifier*: *list*)
4.0 **proc_bind**(**master** | **close** | **spread**)

loop [2.7.1] [2.5.1]
Specifies that the iterations of associated loops will be executed in parallel by threads in the team in the context of their implicit tasks.

#pragma omp for *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops
clause:
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
lastprivate(*list*)
reduction(*reduction-identifier*: *list*)
schedule(*kind*[, *chunk_size*])
collapse(*n*)
ordered
nowait

kind:
- **static:** Iterations are divided into chunks of size *chunk_size* and assigned to threads in the team in round-robin fashion in order of thread number.
- **dynamic:** Each thread executes a chunk of iterations then requests another chunk until none remain.
- **guided:** Each thread executes a chunk of iterations then requests another chunk until no chunks remain to be assigned.
- **auto:** The decision regarding scheduling is delegated to the compiler and/or runtime system.
- **runtime:** The schedule and chunk size are taken from the *run-sched-var* ICV.

sections [2.7.2] [2.5.2]
A noniterative worksharing construct that contains a set of structured blocks that are to be distributed among and executed by the threads in a team.

#pragma omp sections *[clause[[,] clause] ...]*
{
[**#pragma omp section**]
structured-block
[**#pragma omp section**
structured-block]
...
}
clause:
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
lastprivate(*list*)
reduction(*reduction-identifier*: *list*)
nowait

single [2.7.3] [2.5.3]
Specifies that the associated structured block is executed by only one of the threads in the team.

#pragma omp single *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
structured-block
clause:
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
copyprivate(*list*)
nowait

4.0 **simd** [2.8.1]
Applied to a loop to indicate that the loop can be transformed into a SIMD loop.

#pragma omp simd *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops
clause:
safelen(*length*)
linear(*list*[:*linear-step*])
aligned(*list*[:*alignment*])
private(*list*)
lastprivate(*list*)
reduction(*reduction-identifier*: *list*)
collapse(*n*)

4.0 **declare simd** [2.8.2]
Enables the creation of one or more versions that can process multiple arguments using SIMD instructions from a single invocation from a SIMD loop.

#pragma omp declare simd *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
[**#pragma omp declare simd** *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
]
[...]
function definition or declaration
clause:
simdlen(*length*)
linear(*argument-list*[:*constant-linear-step*])
aligned(*argument-list*[:*alignment*])
uniform(*argument-list*)
inbranch
notinbranch

4.0 **loop simd** [2.8.3]
Specifies that a loop that can be executed concurrently using SIMD instructions, and that those iterations will also be executed in parallel by threads in the team.

#pragma omp for simd *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops
clause:
Any accepted by the **simd** or **for** directives with identical meanings and restrictions.

4.0 **target [data]** [2.9.1, 2.9.2]
These constructs create a device data environment for the extent of the region. **target** also starts execution on the device.

#pragma omp target data *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
structured-block

#pragma omp target *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
structured-block
clause:
device(*integer-expression*)
map([*map-type*:] *list*)
if(*scalar-expression*)

4.0 **target update** [2.9.3]
Makes the corresponding list items in the device data environment consistent with their original list items, according to the specified motion clauses.

#pragma omp target update *clause[[,]clause] ,...]*
clause is motion-clause or one of:
device(*integer-expression*)
if(*scalar-expression*)
motion-clause:
to(*list*)
from(*list*)

4.0 **declare target** [2.9.4]
A declarative directive that specifies that variables and functions are mapped to a device.

#pragma omp declare target
declarations-definition-seq
#pragma omp end declare target

4.0 **teams** [2.9.5]
Creates a league of thread teams where the master thread of each team executes the region.

#pragma omp teams *[clause[[,]clause] ,...]*
structured-block
clause:
num_teams(*integer-expression*)
thread_limit(*integer-expression*)
default(**shared** | **none**)
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
shared(*list*)
reduction(*reduction-identifier*: *list*)

4.0 **distribute [simd]** [2.9.6, 2.9.7]
distribute specifies loops which are executed by the thread teams. **distribute simd** specifies loops which are executed concurrently using SIMD instructions.

#pragma omp distribute *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops

#pragma omp distribute simd *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops
clause:
private(*list*)
firstprivate(*list*)
collapse(*n*)
dist_schedule(*kind*[, *chunk_size*])

4.0 **distribute parallel for [simd]** [2.9.8, 2.9.9]
These constructs specify a loop that can be executed in parallel (using SIMD semantics in the simd case) by multiple threads that are members of multiple teams.

#pragma omp distribute parallel for *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops

#pragma omp distribute parallel for simd *[clause[[,]clause] ...]*
for-loops
clause: See *clause* for **distribute**

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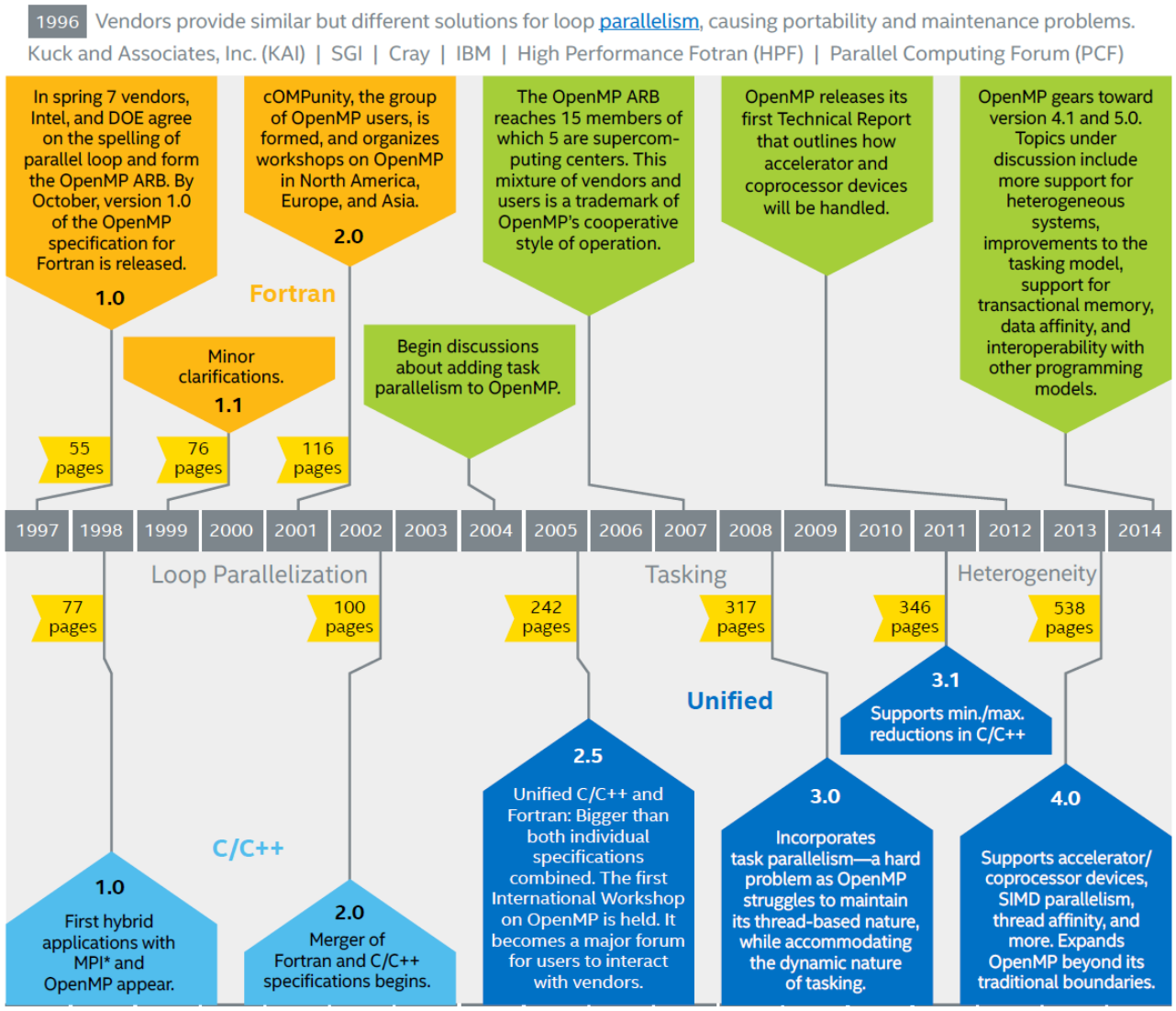
Introduction

OpenMP History



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OpenMP Overview

- **OpenMP supports shared-memory parallelism**
  - extends C, C++, Fortran programming languages

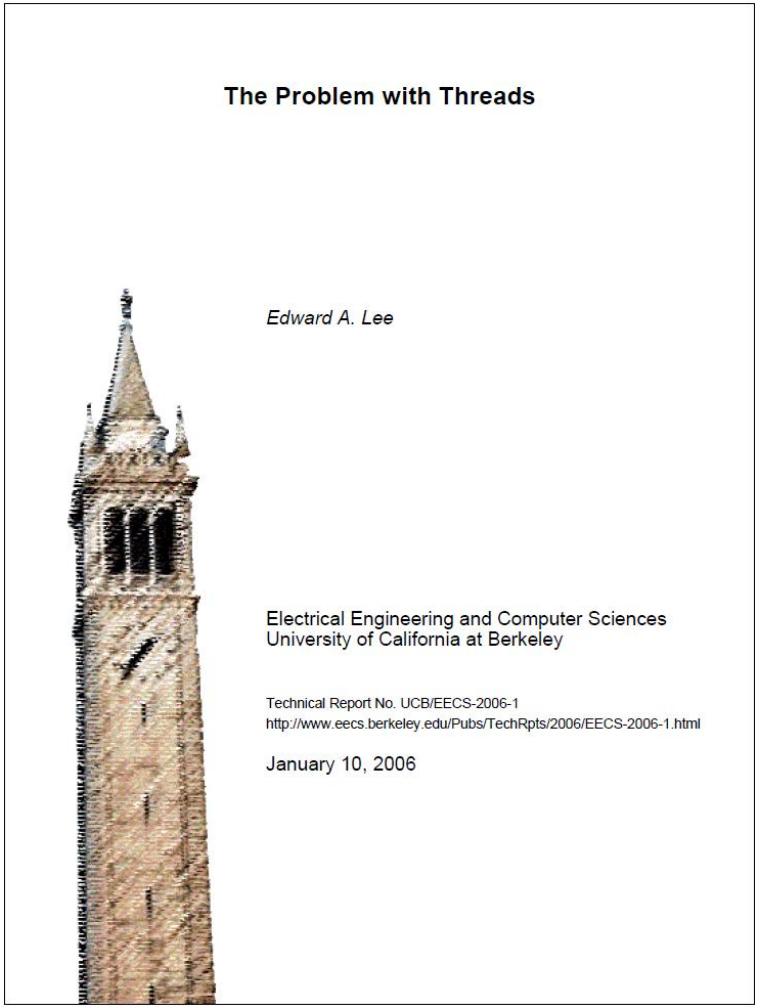
- **OpenMP provides constructs for**
  - single program multiple data (SPMD)
  - tasks
  - device
  - worksharing and synchronization

- **OpenMP (Application Programming Interface) API**
  - compiler directives
  - library routines
  - environment variables

Threads

- **Edward A. Lee (2006): The Problem with Threads**
  - "*Threads, as a model of computation, are wildly nondeterministic, and the job of the programmer becomes one of pruning that nondeterminism*"
  - "*non-trivial multi-threaded programs are incomprehensible to humans*"
  - "*Threads must be relegated to the engine room of computing, to be suffered only by expert technology providers*"

non determinism: various outputs may result for the same input


The Problem with Threads

Edward A. Lee

Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences
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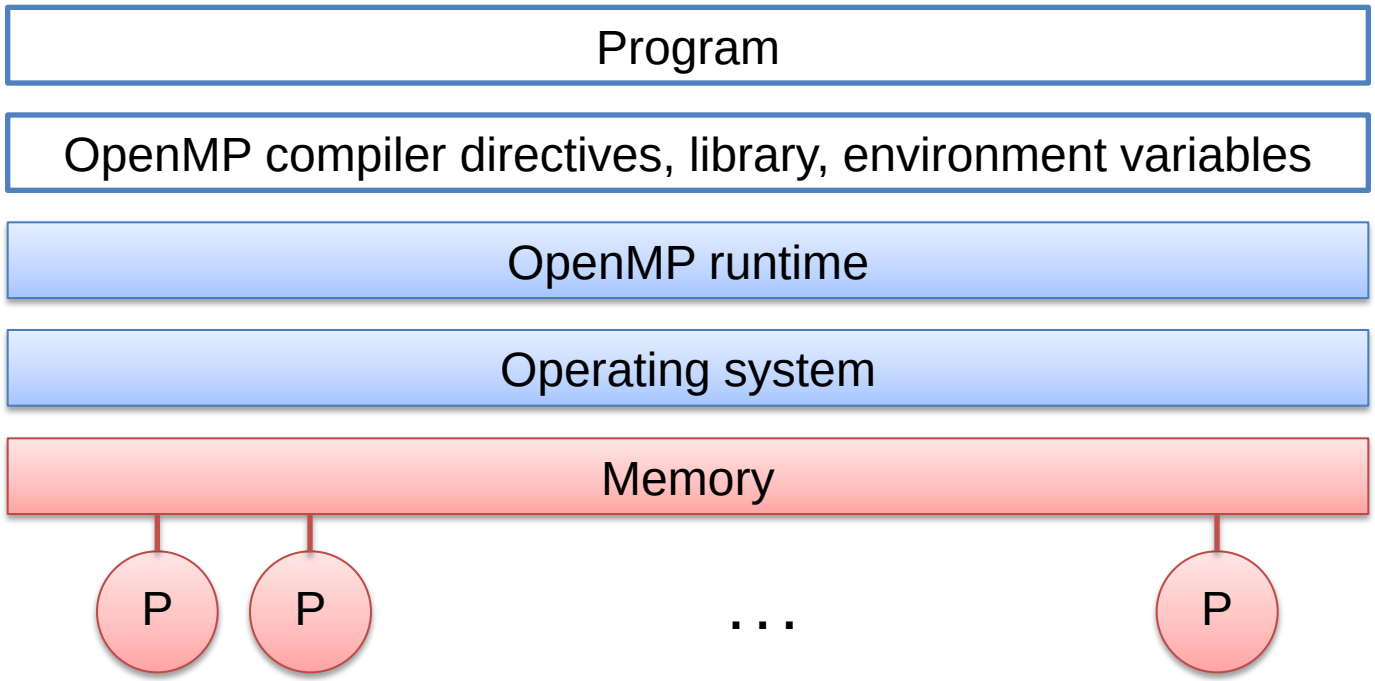
OpenMP System Stack



OpenMP and Threads

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4)
{
    foobar ();
}
```

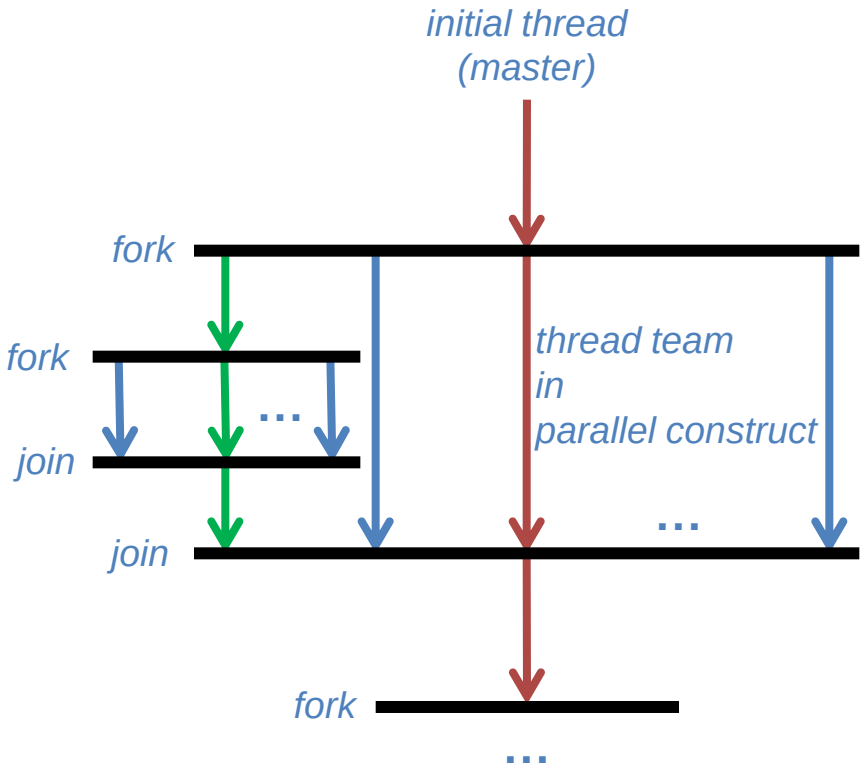
```
void thunk ()
{
    foobar ();
}

pthread_t tid[4];
for (int i = 1; i < 4; ++i)
   pthread_create (
        &tid[i],0,thunk, 0);
thunk();

for (int i = 1; i < 4; ++i)
    pthread_join (tid[i]);
```

Credit: Tim Mattson

OpenMP Execution Model

- **Fork and join model**
  - parallel regions may be nested
  - implicit barrier at the end of parallel construct
  - a program may comprise an arbitrary number of parallel constructs

- **No guarantee for synchronous file I/O during parallel execution**
  - programmer is responsible for synchronization, if multiple threads access the same file



Example: Hello World

Hello World: C-Code Extended with OpenMP

```
#include <omp.h>
#include <stdio.h>
main () {
int threads, id;
        #pragma omp parallel private(id)
        { // Begin of parallel region
        id = omp_get_thread_num(); // Get the thread ID
        printf("Hello World, I am thread = %d\n", id);
        // The thread with ID = 0 outputs the total number of threads
        if (id == 0) {
                threads = omp_get_num_threads();
                printf("Number of threads = %d\n", threads);
                }
        } // End of parallel region
}
```


Hello World: Compilation and Execution

Compilation

```
-bash-4.1$ gcc -o hello -fopenmp hello.c
```

Execution on "Emil"

```
-bash-4.1$ ./hello
```

"Emil" comprises two processors of the type Intel Xeon E5-2695v2, each has 12 cores, and supports two threads per core (two logical cores per physical core).

In total are 48 threads.

```
Hello World, I am thread = 10
Hello World, I am thread = 12
...
Hello World, I am thread = 29
Hello World, I am thread = 15
Hello World, I am thread = 33
Hello World, I am thread = 28
Hello World, I am thread = 42
Hello World, I am thread = 8
Hello World, I am thread = 17
Hello World, I am thread = 18
Hello World, I am thread = 14
Hello World, I am thread = 47
Hello World, I am thread = 41
Hello World, I am thread = 44
Hello World, I am thread = 38
Hello World, I am thread = 37
Hello World, I am thread = 0
Number of threads = 48
Hello World, I am thread = 16
Hello World, I am thread = 22
Hello World, I am thread = 2
Hello World, I am thread = 1
Hello World, I am thread = 6
Hello World, I am thread = 26
```


Emil: CPU Information

```
-bash-4.1$ cat /proc/cpuinfo | more
processor       : 0
vendor_id       : GenuineIntel
cpu family      : 6
model           : 62
model name      : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2695 v2 @ 2.40GHz
stepping        : 4
cpu MHz         : 2399.828
cache size      : 30720 KB
…
processor       : 47
vendor_id       : GenuineIntel
cpu family      : 6
model           : 62
model name      : Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU E5-2695 v2 @ 2.40GHz
stepping        : 4
cpu MHz         : 2399.828
cache size      : 30720 KB
…
```


Environment Variable OMP_NUM_THREADS

Set the number of OpenMP threads to 12

```
-bash-4.1$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=12
```

```
-bash-4.1$ ./hello
Hello World, I am thread = 10
Hello World, I am thread = 5
Hello World, I am thread = 2
Hello World, I am thread = 7
Hello World, I am thread = 6
Hello World, I am thread = 3
Hello World, I am thread = 4
Hello World, I am thread = 0
Number of threads = 12
Hello World, I am thread = 9
Hello World, I am thread = 11
Hello World, I am thread = 1
Hello World, I am thread = 8
```

```
-bash-4.1$ ./hello
Hello World, I am thread = 6
Hello World, I am thread = 11
Hello World, I am thread = 2
Hello World, I am thread = 4
Hello World, I am thread = 7
Hello World, I am thread = 5
Hello World, I am thread = 9
Hello World, I am thread = 10
Hello World, I am thread = 3
Hello World, I am thread = 8
Hello World, I am thread = 1
Hello World, I am thread = 0
Number of threads = 12
```

```
-bash-4.1$ ./hello
Hello World, I am thread = 0
Number of threads = 12
Hello World, I am thread = 8
Hello World, I am thread = 3
Hello World, I am thread = 4
Hello World, I am thread = 6
Hello World, I am thread = 2
Hello World, I am thread = 9
Hello World, I am thread = 7
Hello World, I am thread = 1
Hello World, I am thread = 5
Hello World, I am thread = 10
Hello World, I am thread = 11
```

Executed the same program three times; the order of outputs varies.

OpenMP Compiler Directives

Comprehensive information is available in OpenMP Specification

OpenMP Directive Format: C/C++

- **OpenMP directives**
  - start with #pragma omp
  - are case sensitive
  - apply to the succeeding statement (structured block)

```
#pragma omp directive-name [clause[ [,] clause]...] new-line
```


Parallel Construct

- **Creates a thread team and initiates parallel execution**
- *clause* **may be**
  - if(scalar-expression)
  - num_threads(integer-expression) // determines the number of threads
  - default(shared | none)
  - private(list)
  - firstprivate(list)
  - shared(list)
  - copyin(list)
  - reduction(redution-identifier :list)
  - proc_bind(master | close | spread)

```
#pragma omp parallel [clause[ [, ]clause] ...] new-line
                     structured-block
```


Worksharing Constructs

- **Share the work of executing a region**
  - each thread of the team executes a part
  - a worksharing construct is used in the context of `parallel` construct

- **Worksharing constructs**
  - loop
  - sections
  - single

- **Implicit barrier at the end of the worksharing construct**
  - `nowait` clause indicates that the implicit barrier may be omitted

Worksharing Constructs: Loop

- **Iterations of the loop are executed in parallel**
- *clause* **may be**
  - private(list)
  - firstprivate(list)
  - lastprivate(list)
  - reduction(reduction-identifier: list)
  - schedule(kind[, chunk_size]) // default chunk_size is 1
  - collapse(n)
  - ordered
  - nowait

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


Worksharing Constructs: Loop Schedule

- **schedule(static, *chunk_size*)**
  - divides iterations into chunks of size chunk_size
  - assigns chunks to the threads in the team
  - round-robin fashion
- **schedule(dynamic, *chunk_size*)**
  - schedules iterations based on thread requests
  - after the execution of a chunk the thread request the next chunk
- **schedule(guided, *chunk_size*)**
  - similar to dynamic; but, the chunk size decreases during scheduling
- **schedule(auto)**
  - delegates scheduling decision to compiler or/and run-time system
- **schedule(runtime)**
  - defers the scheduling decision to run-time

Worksharing Constructs: Sections

- **A collection of structured blocks is executed in parallel**
- *clause* **may be**
  - private(list), firstprivate(list), lastprivate(list),
  - reduction(reduction-identifier:list),
  - nowait

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


Worksharing Constructs: Single

- **Indicates that the structured block is executed by only one thread**
- *clause* **may be**
  - private(list)
  - firstprivate(list)
  - copyprivate(list)
  - nowait

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


SIMD Construct

- **Specifies that the loop may be transformed into a SIMD loop**
  - execute loop iterations using SIMD instructions
  - SIMD instruction is a machine instruction that may operate on many data elements, SIMD stands for Single Instruction Multiple Data
  - *vector operation*: processes multiple pairs of operands in one step
- *clause* **may be**
  - safelen(length),
  - linear(list[:linear-step]), aligned(list[:alignment]),
  - private(list), lastprivate(list),
  - reduction(reduction-identifier:list), collapse(n)

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


Declare SIMD Construct

- A function processes multiple arguments using SIMD instructions

```
#pragma omp declare simd [clause[[,] clause] ...] new-line
[...]
function definition or declaration
```

```
void findmin (int *a, int *b, int *c) {
        #pragma omp simd
        for (i=0; i<N; i++)
        c[i] = min(a[i], b[i]);
}

#pragma omp declare simd
        int min (int a, int b) {
        return a < b ? a : b;
}
```

Example credit: IBM

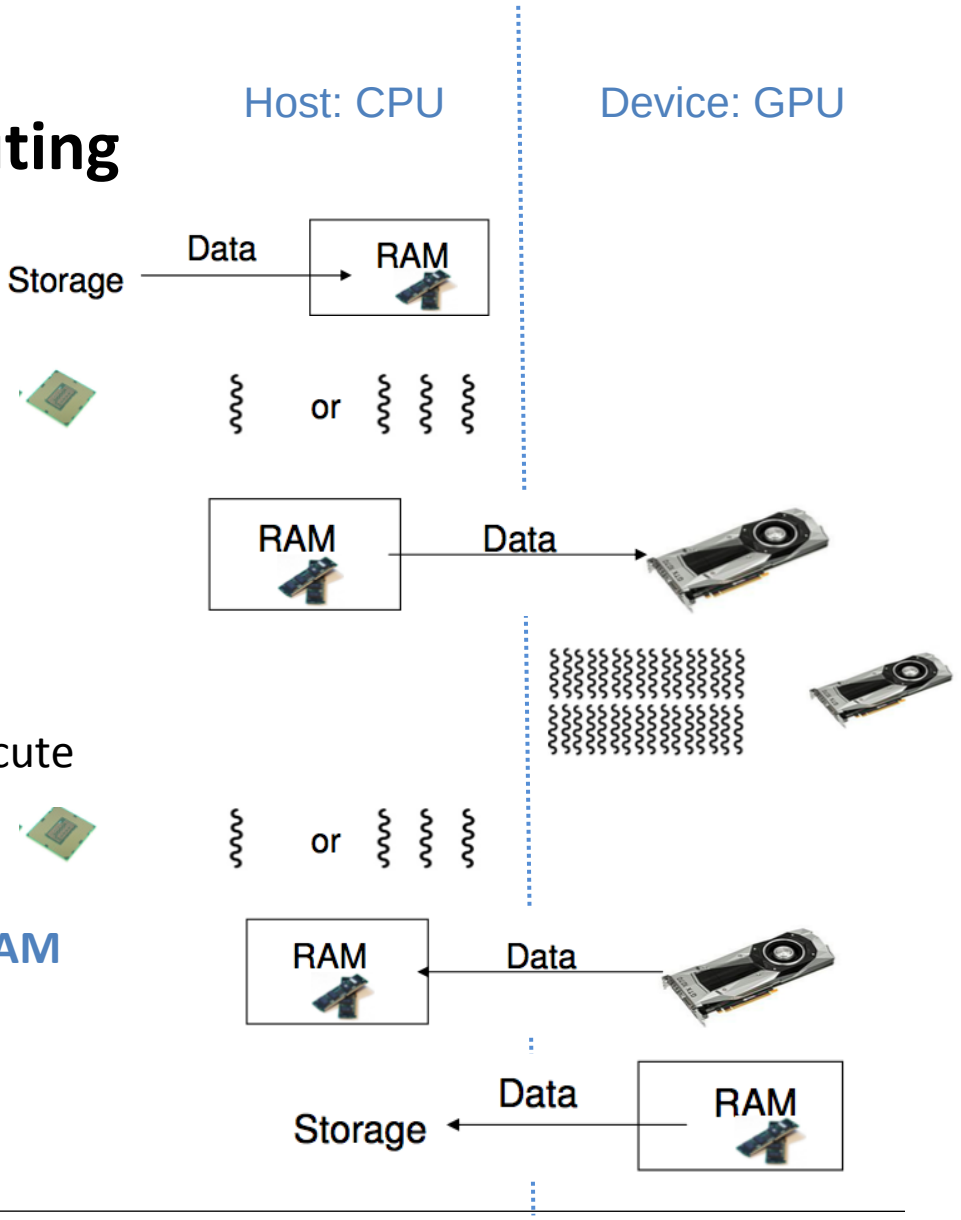
Loop SIMD Construct

- **Indicates a loop that may be executed using SIMD instructions**
  - loop iterations are executed in parallel also by team threads
  - *first the loop iterations are distributed across the team of threads, and thereafter chunks of iterations are transformed into SIMD loop*
- *clause* **may be**
  - any **for** or **simd** clause

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


Heterogeneous Computing

- Load data to the RAM
- Pre-process on CPU
- Load data to the GPU memory
- Process data with GPU
  - CPU can either wait or execute some job
- Copy data back from GPU to RAM
- Store result



Device Constructs: target data

- **Creates the device data environment**
  - maps variables between *host* and *target device*
  - examples of *target devices*: **GPU**, Intel Xeon Phi,..
  - *host*: device that initiates OpenMP execution
  - typically the *host* is **CPU**
- `clause` **may be**
  - device (integer-expression)
  - map ([map-type :] list) // relates variables on host and target device
  - if (scalar-expression)

```
#pragma omp target data [clause[[,] clause],...] new-line
structured-block
```


Device Constructs: target

- Creates the device data environment and initiates the execution on device

```
#pragma omp target [clause[[,] clause],...] new-line
structured-block
```

```
#pragma omp target data
        map(to:a,b,c)
        map(from:e,f) {
        #pragma omp target {
                e = f(a,b,c);
        }
        #pragma omp target {
                f = g(a,b,c);
        }
}
```

Example credit: Intel

Device Constructs: target update

- **Ensures consistency between data on host and target device**

- *clause* **may be**
  - to(*list*)
  - from(*list*)
  - device(integer-expression)
  - if(scalar-expression)

```
#pragma omp target update [clause[[,] clause],...] new-line
```


Combined Constructs: Parallel Loop

- **Combined constructs are shortcuts for specifying constructs**
  - for instance: **parallel for**

- *clause* **may be**
  - any **`parallel`** or **`for`** clause

```
#pragma omp parallel for [clause[[,] clause] ...] new-line
for-loop
```


Tasking Constructs: task

- **Defines a task**
  - generates a task from *structured-block*
- *clause* **may be**
  - if(scalar-expression)
  - final(scalar-expression)
  - untied
  - default(shared | none)
  - mergeable
  - private(list), firstprivate(list)
  - shared(list), depend(dependence-type : list)

```
#pragma omp task [clause[[,] clause] ...] new-line
structured-block
```


Runtime Library Routines

Comprehensive information is available in OpenMP Specification

Examples of Library Routines

- **omp_set_num_threads(int num_threads)**
  - determines the number of threads
- **omp_get_num_threads(void)**
  - get the number of threads in the enclosing parallel region
- **omp_get_max_threads(void)**
  - indicates how many threads could be used
- **omp_get_thread_num(void)**
  - get the number of the thread (its ID) within the team
- **omp_get_num_procs(void)**
  - get the number of available processing elements
- **omp_set_nested(int nested)**
  - enables the nested parallelism

Examples of Lock Routines

- **OpenMP lock routines may be used for synchronization**
  - affect all tasks that call the routine
  - there are simple and nestable (may be set multiple times) lock routines
- **omp_init_lock(omp_lock_t *lock)**
  - initializes a simple OpenMP lock in the unlocked state
- **omp_set_lock(omp_lock_t *lock)**
  - suspends the task execution until the lock is available and it is set
- **omp_unset_lock(omp_lock_t *lock)**
  - unlocks the lock
- **omp_test_lock(omp_lock_t *lock)**
  - attempts to set an OpenMP lock without suspending the task execution
- **omp_destroy_lock(omp_lock_t *lock)**
  - deinitializes the lock

Examples of Timing Routines

- **omp_get_wtime(void)**
  - get the wall clock time in seconds; it is not consistent across all threads
- **omp_get_wtick(void)**
  - indicates the precision of the timer; number of seconds between clock ticks

```
double begin, end;

begin = omp_get_wtime();
        ...
end = omp_get_wtime();

printf("Execution time: %f [s]\n", end - begin);
```


Environment Variables

Comprehensive information is available in OpenMP Specification

Examples of Environment Variables

- **Hello World example**
  - export OMP_NUM_THREADS=12
  - determines the number of threads used in parallel region
- **OMP_SCHEDULE**
  - affects the schedule type and chunk size of loop directives with schedule type runtime
  - for instance, export OMP_SCHEDULE "guided,12“
- **Thread affinity**
  - may improve the locality and memory access
  - OMP_PLACES: may be threads (hardware threads), cores, sockets (comprises one or more cores)
  - OMP_PROC_BIND: sets the thread affinity

Example: Matrix Multiplication

Matrix Multiplication

```
// initialization
…
begin = omp_get_wtime();
#pragma omp parallel for shared(a,b,c)
    for (int i = 0; i < dim; ++i) {
        for (int j = 0; j < dim; ++j) {
            for (int k = 0; k < dim; ++k) {
                c[i][j] += a[i][k] * b[k][j];
            }
        }
    }
end = omp_get_wtime();
printf("Execution time: %f [s]\n", end - begin);
…
```

Summary

- **We have highlighted some features of OpenMP 4.0**
  - more details are provided in the corresponding specification

- **Various compilers support various versions of OpenMP**
  - OpenMP 4.0 is supported by GCC 4.9 or later version
  - OpenMP 3.0 is supported by GCC 4.4 or later version
  - not everything that is described in specification is supported by a certain compiler

- **Currently in our lab is installed**
  - gcc version 5.4.0