# Introduction to Programming with OpenMP

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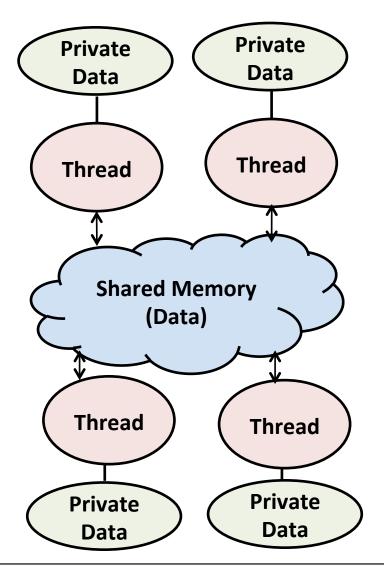


# What is OpenMP?

- OpenMP stands for Open Multi-Processing
- An Application Programming Interface (API) for developing parallel programs for shared memory architectures
- Three primary components of the API are:
  - Compiler Directives
  - Runtime Library Routines
  - Environment Variables
- Standard specifies C, C++, and FORTRAN Directives & API
- <a href="http://www.openmp.org/">http://www.openmp.org/</a> has the specification, examples, tutorials and documentation



#### Architecture

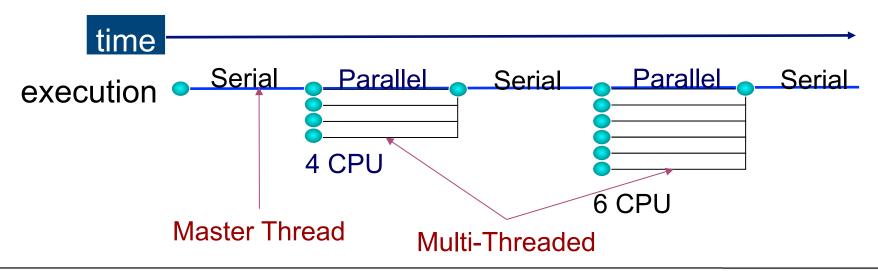


- Data: shared or private
- Shared data: all threads can access data in shared memory
- Private data: can only be accessed by threads that own it
- Data transfer is transparent to the programmer



# OpenMP Fork-Join Parallelism

- Programs begin as a single process: master thread
- Master thread executes in serial mode until the parallel region construct is encountered
- Master thread creates a team of parallel threads (fork) that simultaneously execute statements in the parallel region
- After executing the statements in the parallel region, team threads synchronize and terminate (join) but master continues





# How do threads communicate?

#### or better:

# How do threads synchronize their work

- Every thread has access to "global" memory (shared)
- All threads share the same address space
- Threads communicate by reading/writing to the global memory
- Simultaneous updates to shared memory can create a race condition. Results change with different thread scheduling
- Use mutual exclusion to avoid data sharing but don't use too many because this will serialize performance



# OpenMP Syntax

Most of the constructs in OpenMP are compiler directives

```
#pragma omp construct [clause [[,]clause]...] C
!$omp construct [clause [[,]clause]...] F90
```

Example

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4) C
!$omp parallel num_threads(4) F90
```

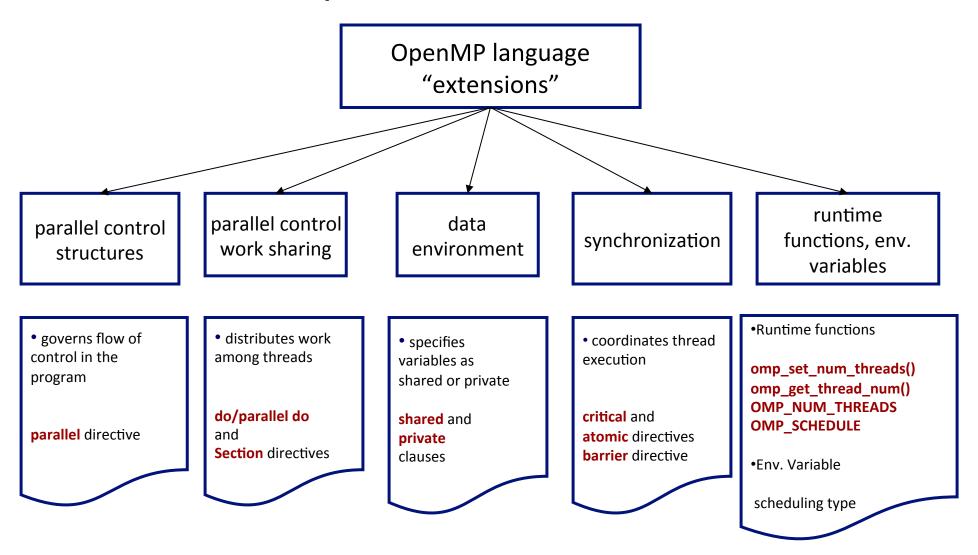
• Function prototypes and types are in the file:

```
#include <omp.h> C
use omp_lib F90
```

 Most OpenMP constructs apply to a "structured block", that is, a block of one or more statements with one point of entry at the top and one point of exit at the bottom



# **OpenMP Constructs**





# **OpenMP Directives**

 OpenMP directives are comments in source code that specify parallelism for shared memory machines

FORTRAN: directives begin with the **!\$OMP**, **C\$OMP** or **\*\$OMP** sentinel.

F90 : **!\$OMP** free-format

C/C++ : directives begin with the **# pragma omp** sentinel

- Parallel regions are marked by enclosing parallel directives
- Work-sharing loops are marked by parallel do/for

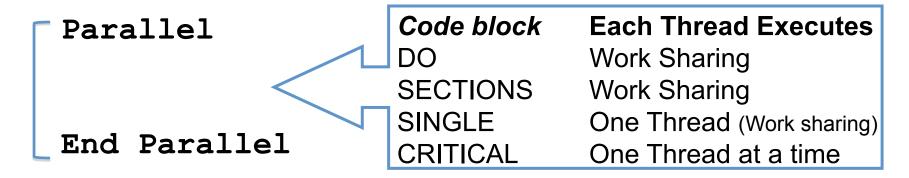
```
Fortran
!$OMP parallel
....
!$OMP end parallel
!$OMP parallel do
   do ...; enddo
!$OMP end parallel do
```

```
C/C++
# pragma omp parallel
{...}
# pragma omp parallel for
for() {...}
```



# Parallel Region & Work-Sharing

Use OpenMP directives to specify Parallel Region & Work-Sharing constructs



Parallel DO/for Parallel SECTIONS

Work-Sharing Parallel Region



# Parallel Regions

Use the thread number to divide work among threads



# Parallel Regions

- Line 1 Team of threads formed at parallel region.
- Lines 2-3 Each thread executes code block and subroutine calls. No branching (in or out) in a parallel region.
- Line 4 All threads synchronize at end of parallel region (implied barrier).

Use the thread number to divide work among.



# Parallel Region & Number of Threads

For example, to create a 10-thread Parallel region:

```
double A[1000];
omp_set_num_threads(10);
#pragma omp parallel
{
  int ID = omp_get_thread_num();
  foo(ID, A);
}
```

But we need to make ID private to the thread–later...

- Each thread redundantly executes the code within the structured block
- Each thread calls foo(ID,A) for ID = 0 to 9



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# Parallel Regions & Modes

There are two OpenMP "modes"

- static mode (This is what you will be using!)
  - Fixed number of threads -- set in the OMP NUM THREADS env.

Or the threads may be set by a function call (or clause) inside the code:

- omp\_set\_num\_threads runtime function
   num\_threads(#) clause
- dynamic mode (This is something for later, if needed at all)
  - Number of threads can change under OS control from one parallel region to another using:

**Note**: the user can only define the maximum number of threads, compiler can use a smaller number



# Work-Sharing: Loop

- Line 1 Team of threads formed (parallel region).
- Line 2-4 Loop iterations are split among threads.
- Line 5 (Optional) end of parallel loop (implied barrier at enddo).

Each loop iteration must be independent of other iterations.



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# Work-Sharing: Sections

```
!$OMP PARALLEL SECTIONS
!$OMP SECTION

call work_1()
!$OMP SECTION

call work_2()
!$OMP END SECTIONS
```

- Line 1 Team of threads formed (parallel region).
- Line 2-5 One thread is working on each section.
- Line 6 End of parallel sections with an implied barrier.

Scales only to the number of sections.



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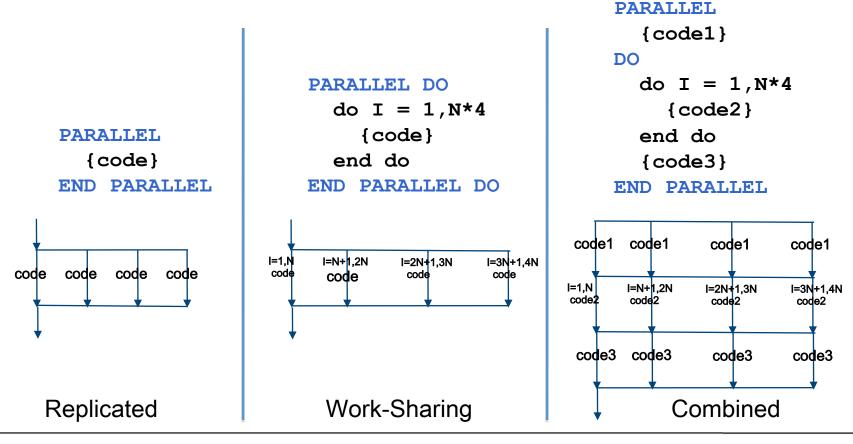
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# **OpenMP Parallel Constructs**

**Replicated**: Work blocks are executed by all threads.

Work-Sharing: Work is divided among threads.





# OpenMP Clauses

#### Clauses control the behavior of an OpenMP directive:

- 1. Data scoping (Private, Shared, Default)
- 2. Schedule (Guided, Static, Dynamic, etc.)
- 3. Initialization (e.g. COPYIN, FIRSTPRIVATE)
- 4. Whether to parallelize a region or not (if-clause)
- Number of threads used (NUM\_THREADS)



#### Schedule Clause

#### schedule(static)

Each CPU receives one set of contiguous iterations

#### schedule(static, C)

Iterations are divided round-robin fashion in chunks of size C

#### schedule(dynamic, C)

Iterations handed out in chunks of size C as CPUs become available

#### schedule(guided, C)

Each of the iterations are handed out in pieces of exponentially decreasing size, with C minimum number of iterations to dispatch each time

#### schedule (runtime)

Schedule and chunk size taken from the OMP\_SCHEDULE environment variable



# Comparison of Scheduling Options

name	type	chunk	chunk size	chunk #	static or dynamic	compute overhead
simple static	simple	no	N/P	Р	static	lowest
interleaved	simple	yes	С	N/C	static	low
simple dynamic	dynamic	optional	С	N/C	dynamic	medium
guided	guided	optional	decreasing from N/P	fewer than N/C	dynamic	high
runtime	runtime	no	varies	varies	varies	varies



## Example - schedule(static, 16), threads = 4

```
thread0: do i=1,16
                                      thread2: do i=33,48
             A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
                                                    A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
           enddo
                                                 enddo
           do i=65,80
                                                 do i = 97,112
             A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
                                                   A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
           enddo
                                                 enddo
thread1: do i=17,32
                                      thread3:
                                                 do i=49,64
             A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
                                                    A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
           enddo
                                                 enddo
           do i = 81,96
                                                 do i = 113,128
             A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
                                                    A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
           enddo
                                                 enddo
```



# OpenMP Data Environment

- Data scoping clauses control the sharing behavior of variables within a parallel construct.
- These include shared, private, firstprivate,
   lastprivate, reduction clauses

#### Default variable scope:

- 1. Variables are shared by default
- 2. Global variables are shared by default
- 3. Automatic variables within subroutines called from within a parallel region are private (reside on a stack private to each thread), unless scoped otherwise
- 4. Default scoping rule can be changed with default clause



#### Private & Shared Data

**SHARED** - Variable is shared (seen) by all processors.

**PRIVATE** - Each thread has a private instance (copy) of the variable.

Defaults: All DO LOOP indices are private, all other variables are shared.

```
!$OMP PARALLEL DO SHARED(A,B,C,N) PRIVATE(i)
do i=1,N
     A(i) = B(i) + C(i)
enddo
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
```

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```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(a,b,c,n) private(i)
    for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
        a[i] = b[i] + c[i];
    }</pre>
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# Private Data Example

- In the following loop, each thread needs its own PRIVATE copy of TEMP.
- If TEMP were shared, the result would be unpredictable since each processor would be writing and reading to/from the same memory location.

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#### Reduction

- Operation that combines multiple elements to form a single result, such as a summation.
- A variable that accumulates the result is called a reduction variable.
- In parallel loops reduction operators and variables must be declared.

```
real*8 asum, aprod
    asum = 0.
    aprod = 1.
!$OMP PARALLEL DO REDUCTION(+:asum) REDUCTION(*:aprod)
    do i=1,N
        asum = asum + a(i)
        aprod = aprod * a(i)
    enddo
!$OMP END PARALLEL DO
    print*, asum, aprod
```

- Each thread has a private **ASUM** and **APROD**, initialized to the operator's identity, 0 & 1, respectively.
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# Synchronization

- Synchronization is used to impose order constraints and to protect access to shared data
- High-Level Synchronization
  - critical
  - atomic
  - barrier
  - ordered
- Low-Level Synchronization
  - locks

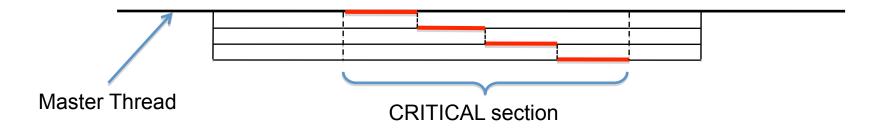


## Synchronization: Critical/Atomic Directives

- When each thread must execute a section of code serially the region must be marked with CRITICAL / END CRITICAL directives.
- Use the !\$OMP ATOMIC directive if executing only one operation serially.

```
!$OMP PARALLEL SHARED(sum,X,Y)
...
!$OMP CRITICAL
    call update(x)
    call update(y)
    sum=sum+1
!$OMP END CRITICAL
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

```
!$OMP PARALLEL SHARED(X,Y)
...
!$OMP ATOMIC
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...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```





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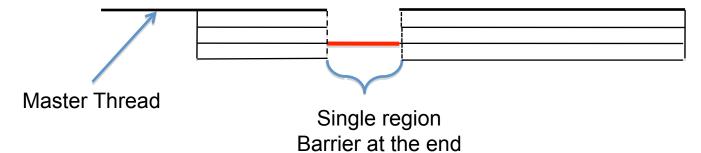


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- Only one thread executes the statements in the single/master region
- Single: An arbitrary thread is chosen and the is an implied barrier at the end of the single construct

```
!$OMP PARALLEL SHARED(sum,x,y)
...
!$OMP SINGLE
   icount = icount + 1
!$OMP END SINGLE
   call work1(x)
   call work2(y)
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(sum,x,y)
...
#pragma omp single
    {
        icount = icount + 1
      }
        work1(x);
        work2(y);
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```



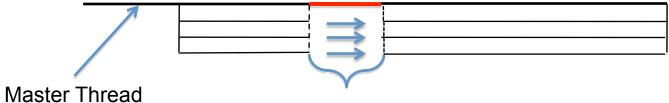


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```
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...
!$OMP MASTER
   icount = icount + 1
!$OMP END MASTER
   call work1(x)
   call work2(y)
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(sum,x,y)
...
#pragma omp master
    {
        icount = icount + 1
      }
        work1(x);
        work2(y);
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
```



Master region

No barrier at the end, other threads jump ahead



## Synchronization: Barrier

Barrier: Each thread waits until all threads arrive

```
#pragma omp parallel shared (A, B, C) private(id)
   id=omp get thread num();
   A[id] = big calc1(id);
   #pragma omp barrier
   #pragma omp for
   for(i=0;i<N;i++) {
           C[i]=big calc3(i,A);
                                   Implicit barrier
   #pragma omp for nowait
   for(i=0;i<N;i++) {
           B[i]=big\_calc2(C, i);
                                   No implicit barrier due to nowait
   A[id] = big calc4(id);
                                Implicit barrier
```



#### Mutual Exclusion: Lock Routines

When each thread must execute a section of code serially locks provide a more flexible way of ensuring serial access than **CRITICAL** and **ATOMIC** directives

```
call OMP_INIT_LOCK(maxlock)
!$OMP PARALLEL SHARED(X,Y)
...
call OMP_set_lock(maxlock)
call update(x)
call OMP_unset_lock(maxlock)
...
!$OMP END PARALLEL
call OMP_DESTROY_LOCK(maxlock)
```



## Synchronization: Ordered

The ordered region executes in the sequential order

```
#pragma omp parallel private (tmp)
#pragma omp for ordered reduction(+:countVal)
for (i=0;i<N;i++) {
  tmp = foo(i);
  #pragma omp ordered
  print tmp;
}</pre>
```

```
!$omp parallel private (tmp)
!$omp do ordered reduction(+:countVal)
do i=1, n
  tmp = foo(i)
  !$omp ordered
  write (0,*) tmp
}
```



## Mutual Exclusion Overhead

OMP exclusion directive	cycles
OMP_SET_LOCK	330
OMP_UNSET_LOCK	330
OMP_ATOMIC	480
OMP_CRITICAL	510

All measurements made in dedicated mode



#### Nowait

- When a work-sharing region is exited, a barrier is implied - all threads must reach the barrier before any can proceed.
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## Runtime Library Routines

function	description	
omp_get_num_threads()	Number of threads in team, N	
omp_get_thread_num()	Thread ID {0 -> N-1}	
omp_get_num_procs()	Number of machine CPUs	
omp_in_parallel()	True if in parallel region & multiple thread executing	
omp_set_num_threads(#)	Set the number of threads in the team	
omp_get_dynamic()	True if dynamic threading is on	
omp_set_dynamic()	Set state of dynamic threading (true/false)	



## **Environment Variables**

variable	description
OMP_NUM_THREADS int_literal	Set to default no. of threads to use
OMP_SCHEDULE "schedule[, chunk_size]"	Control how "omp for schedule(RUNTIME)" loop iterations are scheduled
OMP_DYNAMIC	TRUE/FALSE for enable/disable dynamic threading



## **OpenMP Wallclock Timers**

```
real*8 :: omp_get_wtime, omp_get_wtick() (Fortran)
double omp_get_wtime(), omp_get_wtick(); (C)
```

```
double t0, t1, dt, res;
...
t0 = omp_get_wtime();
<work>
t1 = omp_get_wtime();
dt = t1 - t0;
res = 1.0/omp_get_wtick();
printf("Elapsed time = %lf\n",dt);
printf("clock resolution = %lf\n",res);
```



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## OpenMP 3.0

- First update to the spec since 2005
- Tasking: move beyond loops with generalized tasks and support complex and dynamic control flows
- Loop collapse: combine nested loops automatically to expose more concurrency
- Enhanced loop schedules: Support aggressive compiler optimizations of loop schedules and give programmers better runtime control over the kind of schedule used
- Nested parallelism support: better definition of and control over nested parallel regions, and new API routines to determine nesting structure



## Loop Collapse

- Allow collapsing of perfectly nested loops
- Will form a single loop and then parallelize it:

```
!$omp parallel do collapse(2)
do i=1,n
    do j=1,n
    ....
    end do
end do
```



#### Tasks Parallelism

- Allows to parallelize irregular problems
  - Recursive loops
  - Unbounded algorithms
  - Threads can jump between tasks



#### What is a Task?

- A specific instance of executable code and its data environment, generated when a thread encounters a task construct or a parallel construct
- Tasks consist of
  - Code to execute
  - Data environment
  - Internal control variables (new from 2.5)
- Each encountering thread creates a new task which packages its own code and data
- Execution of the new task could be immediate, or deferred until later
- Can be nested into
  - Another task or a work sharing construct



#### What is a Task?

- Tasks have been fully integrated into OpenMP
- Note: OpenMP has always had tasks but they were never called that way before the 3.0 release!
  - Thread encountering parallel construct packages up a set of implicit tasks, one per thread
  - Team of threads is created
  - Each thread in team is assigned to one of the tasks (and tied to it)
  - Barrier holds original master thread until all implicit tasks are finished
- Now we have a way to create a task explicitly for the team to execute



## Tasks: Usage

#### Task Construct:

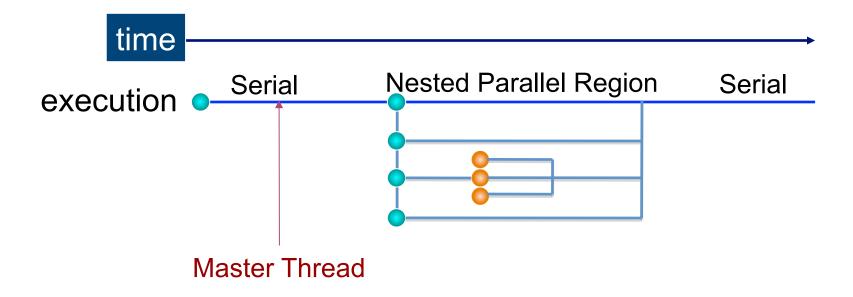
```
#pragma omp task [clause[[,]clause] ...]
structured-block
```

#### where clause can be

- Data scoping clauses
  - shared (list), private (list), firstprivate (list), default( shared | none )
- Scheduling clauses
  - untied
- Other clauses
  - if (expression)



## **Loop Nesting**



While OpenMP 3.0 supports nested parallelism, many implementations may ignore the nesting by serializing the inner parallel regions



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## Additional material for Fortran Users



# Default variable scoping (Fortran example)

```
Program Main
Integer, Parameter :: nmax=100
Integer :: n, j
Real*8 :: x(n,n)
Common /vars/ y(nmax)
. . .
n=nmax; y=0.0
!SOMP Parallel do
   do j=1,n
   call Adder(x,n,j)
   end do
End Program Main
```

```
Subroutine Adder(a,m,col)
Common /vars/ y(nmax)
SAVE array sum
Integer :: i, m
Real*8 :: a(m,m)
do i=1,m
   y(col) = y(col) + a(i,col)
end do
array sum=array sum+y(col)
End Subroutine Adder
```



# Default data scoping in Fortran (cont.)

Variable	Scope	Is use safe?	Reason for scope
n	shared	yes	declared outside parallel construct
j	private	yes	parallel loop index variable
X	shared	yes	declared outside parallel construct
У	shared	yes	common block
i	private	yes	parallel loop index variable
m	shared	yes	actual variable <i>n</i> is shared
а	shared	yes	actual variable x is shared
col	private	yes	actual variable <i>j</i> is private
array_sum	shared	no	declared with SAVE attribute



#### Workshare directive

 WORKSHARE directive enables parallelization of Fortran 90 array expressions and FORALL constructs

- Enclosed code is separated into units of work
- All threads in a team share the work.
- Each work unit is executed only once
- A work unit may be assigned to any thread



## Reduction on array variables

- Supported in Fortran only!
- Array variables may now appear in the REDUCTION clause

- Assumed size and allocatable arrays are not supported
- Variable must be shared in the enclosing context

