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# Chapter 1. OVERVIEW

The OpenACC Application Program Interface is a collection of compiler directives and runtime routines that allow you, the programmer, to specify loops and regions of code in standard C, C ++ and Fortran that you want offloaded from a host CPU to an attached accelerator, such as a GPU. The OpenACC API was designed and is maintained by an industry consortium. See the OpenACC website <a href="http://www.openacc.org">http://www.openacc.org</a> for more information about the OpenACC API.

This Getting Started guide helps you prepare your system for using the PGI OpenACC implementation, and provides examples of how to write, build and run programs using the OpenACC directives. More information about the PGI OpenACC implementation is available at <a href="http://www.pgroup.com/openacc">http://www.pgroup.com/openacc</a>.

## 1.1. Terms and Definitions

Throughout this document certain terms have very specific meaning:

- ▶ OpenACC is a parallel programming standard describing a set of compiler directives which can be applied to standard C, C++, and Fortran to specify regions of code for offloading from a host CPU to an attached accelerator.
- A directive is, in C, a #pragma, or, in Fortran, a specially formatted comment statement that is interpreted by a compiler to augment information about or specify the behavior of the program. This document uses the term directives for either Fortran directive comments or C/C++ pragmas. Features specific to "Fortran directives" and "C pragmas" are called out as such
- ▶ PGCC, PGC++, and PGFORTRAN are the names of the PGI compiler products.
- ▶ pgcc and pgfortran are the names of the PGI compiler drivers. pgfortran may also be spelled pgf90 and pgf95. The PGI C++ compilers are named pgcpp and pgc++. pgcpp is the driver on Windows and OS X, and uses legacy name mangling on Linux. pgc++ is the driver on Linux which uses GNU-compatible naming conventions.
- ► CUDA stands for Compute Unified Device Architecture; the CUDA environment from NVIDIA is a C-like programming environment used to explicitly control and program an NVIDIA GPU. OpenCL is the Open Compute Language, a standard C-like programming environment similar to CUDA that enables portable low-level general-purpose programming on GPUs and other accelerators. This programming language and model is supported by AMD for their GPUs.

LLVM is a compiler infrastructure. Under certain circumstances, PGI compilers may produce an intermediate representation of programs for use by LLVM compiler back-ends.

# 1.2. System Prerequisites

Using this release of PGI OpenACC API implementation requires the following:

- A 32-bit or 64-bit Intel or AMD x86 system running Linux, Microsoft Windows, or Apple OS X. Information about the PGI-supported releases is available at <a href="http://www.pgroup.com/support/install.htm">http://www.pgroup.com/support/install.htm</a>.
- ► For targeting GPUs:
  - **NVIDIA:** A CUDA-enabled NVIDIA GPU and an installed driver. For NVIDIA CUDA, the driver should be version 5.5 or later. (http://www.nvidia.com/cuda).
  - ▶ **AMD:** An OpenCL-enabled AMD GPU, and the AMD OpenCL drivers, version 13.30 or later(http://www.amd.com/drivers)

# 1.3. Prepare Your System

To enable OpenACC, follow these steps:

- 1. Download the latest 14.9 packages from the Download page on the PGI website at http://www.pgroup.com/support/downloads.php.
- 2. Install the downloaded package.
- 3. Put the installed bin directory on your path.
- 4. Run pgaccelinfo to see that your GPU and drivers are properly installed and available. For NVIDIA, you should see output that looks something like the following:

```
CUDA Driver Version: 6000
NVRM version: NVIDIA UNIX x86 64 Kernel Module 331.49 Wed Feb 12
20:42:50 PST 2014
CUDA Device Number:
Device Name: Tesla K20c
Device Revision Number: 3.5
Global Memory Size: 5032706048
Number of Multiprocessors:
Number of SP Cores: 2496
Number of DP Cores:
                            832
Concurrent Copy and Execution:
Total Constant Memory: 65536
Total Shared Memory per Block:
                                           49152
Registers per Block:
Warp Size:
                  32
Maximum Threads per Block: 1024
Maximum Block Dimensions: 1024, 1024, 64
Maximum Grid Dimensions: 2147483647 x 65535 x 65535
Maximum Memory Pitch: 2147483647B
                           512B
Texture Alignment:
Clock Rate: 705 MHz
Execution Timeout:
                         No
Integrated Device:
Can Map Host Memory: Yes
Compute Mode: default
Concurrent Kernels:
                             Yes
ECC Enabled: Yes
Memory Clock Rate: 2600 MHz
Memory Bus Width: 320 bits
L2 Cache Size: 1310720 bytes
Max Threads Per SMP:
                             2048
Async Engines: 2
Unified Addressing:
                            1487991 microseconds
4952023040
Initialization time:
Current free memory: 4952023040

Upload time (4MB): 942 microseconds (708 ms pinned)

Download time: 1060 microseconds (673 ms pinned)

Upload bandwidth: 4452 MB/sec (5924 MB/sec pinned)

Download bandwidth: 3956 MB/sec (6232 MB/sec pinned)

PGI Compiler Option: -ta=tesla:cc35
```

#### **5.** For AMD, you should see output that looks something like the following:

```
AMD Accelerated Parallel Processing
OpenCL Platform:
OpenCL Vendor:
                               Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
Device Number:
                               Tahiti
Device Name:
Available:
                              Yes
Compiler Available:
                             ATI FirePro V (FireGL V) Graphics Adapter
Board Name:
                             OpenCL 1.2 AMD-APP (1359.4) 3079667712
Device Version:
Global Memory Size:
                             1073741824
Maximum Object Size:
Global Cache Size:
                             16384
                              3007650000
Free Memory:
Max Clock (MHz):
                               950
Compute Units:
                              28
SIMD Units:
SIMD Width:
                              1792
GPU Cores:
                              64
Wavefront Width:
                              65536
Constant Memory Size:
                              32768
Local Memory Size:
                              256
Workgroup Size:
Address Bits:
                               32
ECC Support:
PGI Compiler Option:
                               -ta=radeon:tahiti
```

This tells you the driver version, the name of the GPU (or GPUs, if you have more than one), the available memory, the -ta command line flag to target this GPU, and so on.

## 1.4. Supporting Documentation and Examples

You may want to consult the latest OpenACC 2.0 specification, included with this release, for additional information. It is also available at the OpenACC website. Simple examples appear in Using OpenACC with the PGI Compilers.

Source code is included with this release as well in /opt/pgi/[os][-64]/2014/examples/openacc/

# Chapter 2. USING OPENACC WITH THE PGI COMPILERS

The OpenACC directives are enabled by adding the <code>-acc</code> or the <code>-ta=[target]</code> flag to the PGI compiler command line. This release targets OpenACC to NVIDIA GPUs. [<code>-ta=tesla]</code> and Radeon discrete and integrated GPUs [<code>-ta=radeon</code>].

Refer to Implemented Features for a discussion about using OpenACC directives or the -acc flag with object files compiled with previous PGI releases using the PGI Accelerator directives.

This release includes partial support for the OpenACC 2.0 specification. Refer to Implemented Features for details about which features are supported in this release, and what features are coming in updates over the next few months.

# 2.1. C Examples

The simplest C example of OpenACC is a vector addition on the GPU:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void vecaddgpu( float *restrict r, float *a, float *b, int n ) {
    #pragma acc kernels loop copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n]) copyout(r[0:n])
    for ( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) r[i] = a[i] + b[i];
int main( int argc, char* argv[] ){
    int n; /* vector length */
    float * a; /* input vector 1 */
float * b; /* input vector 2 */
    float * r; /* output vector */
    float * e; /* expected output values */
    int i, errs;
    if ( argc > 1 ) n = atoi( argv[1] );
    else n = 100000; /* default vector length */
    if (n \le 0) n = 100000;
    a = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    b = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    r = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    e = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) {
         a[i] = (float)(i+1);
         b[i] = (float)(1000*i);
    ^{\prime} * compute on the GPU */
    vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n );
    /* compute on the host to compare */
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) e[i] = a[i] + b[i];
    /* compare results */
    errs = 0;
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ){
     if( r[i] != e[i] ){
     ++errs;
printf( "%d errors found\n", errs );
return errs;
```

The important part of this example is the routine vecaddgpu, which includes one OpenACC directive for the loop. This ( $\#pragma \ acc$ ) directive tells the compiler to generate a kernel for the following loop ( $kernels \ loop$ ), to allocate and copy from the host memory into the GPU memory n elements for the vectors a and b before executing on the GPU, starting at a[0] and b[0] (copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n])), and to allocate n elements for the vector r before executing on the GPU, and copy from the GPU memory out to the host memory those n elements, starting at r[0] (copyout(r[0:n])).

If you type this example into a file al.c, you can build it with this release using the command pgcc -acc al.c. The -acc flag enables recognition of the OpenACC pragmas and includes the OpenACC runtime library. This command generates the usual a.out executable file, and you run the program by running a.out as normal. You should see the output:

```
0 errors found
```

If instead you get the following output, then there is something wrong with your hardware installation or your GPU driver.

```
libcuda.so not found, exiting Please check that the CUDA driver is installed and the shared object is in the install directory or on your LD_LIBRARY_PATH.
```

You can enable additional output by setting environment variables. If you set the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_NOTIFY to 1, then the runtime prints a line of output each time you run a kernel on the GPU. For this program, you might get output that looks like:

```
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=6 device=0 grid=782 block=128
0 errors found
```

The extra output tells you that the program launched a kernel for the loop at line 6, with a CUDA grid of size 391, and a thread block of size 256. If you set the environment variable PGI ACC NOTIFY to 3, the output will include information about the data transfers as well:

```
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=5 device=0 variable=b bytes=400000
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=5 device=0 variable=a bytes=400000
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=6 device=0 grid=782 block=128
download CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=7 device=0 variable=r bytes=400000
0 errors found
```

If you set the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_TIME to 1, the runtime summarizes the time taken for data movement between the host and GPU, and computation on the GPU. On Linux, you may need to set the LD\_LIBRARY\_PATH environment variable to include the /opt/pgi/linux86[-64]/14.9/lib or /opt/pgi/linux86/14.9/lib directory, as appropriate. This release dynamically loads a shared object to implement the profiling feature, and the path to the library must be available.

For this program, you might get output similar to this:

This tells you that the program entered one accelerator region and spent a total of about 598 microseconds in that region. It copied two arrays to the device, launched one kernel and brought one array back to the host.

You might also find it useful to enable the compiler feedback when you are writing your own OpenACC programs. This is enabled with the -Minfo flag. If you compile this program with the command pgcc -acc -fast -Minfo al.c, you get the output:

```
vecaddgpu:
5, Generating present_or_copyout(r[0:n])
    Generating present_or_copyin(b[0:n])
    Generating present_or_copyin(a[0:n])
    Generating Tesla code
    Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
    Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
    Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
6, Loop is parallelizable
    Accelerator kernel generated
    6, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
```

This tells you that the compiler generated three versions of the code, one for NVIDIA devices with compute capability 1.0 and higher (Tesla), and one for devices with compute capability 2.0 and higher (Fermi), and third for compute capability 3.0 and higher (Kepler). It also gives the *schedule* used for the loop; in this case, the schedule is gang, vector (128). This means the iterations of the loop are broken into vectors of 128, and the vectors executed in parallel by SMs or compute units of the GPU.

This output is important because it tells you when you are going to get parallel execution or sequential execution. If you remove the restrict keyword from the declaration of the dummy argument r to the routine vecaddgpu, the -Minfo output tells you that there may be dependences between the stores through the pointer r and the fetches through the pointers r and r.

```
6, Complex loop carried dependence of '*(b)' prevents parallelization
Complex loop carried dependence of '*(a)' prevents parallelization
Loop carried dependence of '*(r)' prevents parallelization
Loop carried backward dependence of '*(r)' prevents vectorization
Accelerator scalar kernel generated
```

The compiler generated a scalar kernel, which runs on one thread of one thread block, and which runs about 1000 times slower than the parallel kernel. For this simple program, the total time is dominated by GPU initialization, so you might not notice the difference in times, but in production mode you need parallel kernel execution to get acceptable performance.

For our second example, we modify the program slightly by replacing the data clauses on the kernels pragma with a present clause, and add a data construct surrounding the call to the vecaddgpu routine. The data construct moves the data across to the GPU in the main program. The present clause in the vecaddgpu routine tells the compiler to use the GPU copy of the data that has already been allocated on the GPU. If you run this program on the GPU with PGI\_ACC\_TIME set, you see that the kernel region now has no data movement associated with it. Instead, the data movement is all associated with the data construct in the main program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void vecaddgpu( float *restrict r, float *a, float *b, int n ) {
        #pragma acc kernels loop present(r,a,b)
       for ( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) r[i] = a[i] + b[i];
int main( int argc, char* argv[] ){
        int n; /* vector length */
       float * a; /* input vector 1 */
float * b; /* input vector 2 */
       float * r; /* output vector */
       float * e; /* expected output values */
       int i, errs;
       if( argc > 1 ) n = atoi( argv[1] ); else n = 100000; /* default vector length */
       if (n \le 0) n = 100000;
       a = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       b = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       r = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
e = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) {
            a[i] = (float)(i+1);
            b[i] = (float)(1000*i);
        /* compute on the GPU */
        #pragma acc data copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n]) copyout(r[0:n])
            vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n );
        /* compute on the host to compare */
       for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) e[i] = a[i] + b[i];
        /* compare results */
       errs = 0;
       for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ){
            if( r[i] != e[i] ){
            ++errs;
       printf( "%d errors found\n", errs );
       return errs;
```

# 2.2. Fortran Examples

The simplest Fortan example of OpenACC is a vector addition on the GPU.

#### 2.2.1. Vector Addition on the GPU

The section contains two Fortan examples of vector addition on the GPU:

```
module vecaddmod
implicit none
contains
subroutine vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 real, dimension(:) :: r, a, b
  integer :: n
  integer :: i
!$acc kernels loop copyin(a(1:n),b(1:n)) copyout(r(1:n))
  do i = 1, n
  r(i) = a(i) + b(i)
 enddo
 end subroutine
end module
program main
use vecaddmod
 implicit none
integer :: n, i, errs, argcount
real, dimension(:), allocatable :: a, b, r, e
 character*10 :: arg1
 argcount = command_argument_count()
n = 1000000 ! default value
if( argcount = 1 ) then
 call get command argument (1, arg1)
 read( arg1, '(i) ) n
 if (n \le 0) n = 100000
 endif
allocate(a(n), b(n), r(n), e(n))
 do i = 1, n
 a(i) = i
 b(i) = 1000*i
 enddo
 ! compute on the GPU
call vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 ! compute on the host to compare
do i = 1, n
e(i) = a(i) + b(i)
  enddo
! compare results
 errs = 0
 do i = 1, n
 if (r(i) /= e(i)) then
    errs = errs + 1
 endif
 enddo
print *, errs, ' errors found'
 if( errs ) call exit(errs)
end program
```

The important part of this example is the subroutine vecaddgpu, which includes one OpenACC directive for the loop. This (!\$acc) directive tells the compiler to generate a kernel for the following loop (kernels loop), to allocate and copy from the host memory into the GPU memory n elements for the vectors a and b before executing on the GPU, starting at a(1) and b(1) (copyin(a(1:n),b(1:n)), and to allocate n elements for the vector r before executing on the GPU, and copy from the GPU memory out to the host memory those n elements, starting at r(1) (copyout (r(1:n)).

If you type this example into a file f1.f90, you can build it with this release using the command pgfortran -acc f1.f90. The -acc flag enables recognition of the OpenACC pragmas and includes the OpenACC runtime library. This command generates the usual a.out executable file, and you run the program by running a.out as normal. You should see the output:

```
0 errors found
```

If instead you get the following output, then there is something wrong with your hardware installation or your CUDA driver.

```
libcuda.so not found, exiting
Please check that the CUDA driver is installed and the shared object
is in the install directory or on your LD_LIBRARY_PATH.
```

You can enable additional output by setting environment variables. If you set the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_NOTIFY to 1, then the runtime prints a line of output each time you run a kernel on the GPU. For this program, you might get output that looks like:

```
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu
line=9 device=0 grid=7813 block=128
0 errors found
```

The extra output tells you that the program launched a kernel for the loop at line 9, with a CUDA grid of size 7813, and a thread block of size 128. If you set the environment variable PGI ACC NOTIFY to 3, the output will include information about the data transfers as well:

```
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=8 device=0 variable=b bytes=4000000 upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=8 device=0 variable=a bytes=4000000 launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=9 device=0 grid=7813 block=128 download CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=12 device=0 variable=r bytes=4000000 0 errors found
```

If you set the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_TIME to 1, the runtime summarizes the time taken for data movement between the host and GPU, and computation on the GPU. For this program, you might get output similar to this:

This tells you that the program entered one accelerator region and spent a total of about 2 milliseconds in that region. It copied two arrays to the device, launched one kernel and brought one array back to the host.

You might also find it useful to enable the compiler feedback when you are writing your own OpenACC programs. This is enabled with the -Minfo flag.

If you compile this program with the command pgfortran -acc -fast -Minfo f1.f90, you get the output:

```
vecaddgpu:
    8, Generating present_or_copyout(r(:n))
        Generating present_or_copyin(b(:n))
        Generating present_or_copyin(a(:n))
        Generating Tesla code
        Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
9, Loop is parallelizable
        Accelerator kernel generated
        9, !$acc loop gang, vector(128) ! blockidx%x threadidx%x
```

This tells you that the compiler generated three versions of the code, one for NVIDIA devices with compute capability 1.0 and higher (Tesla), and one for devices with compute capability 2.0 and higher (Fermi), and one for devices with compute capability 3.0 and higher (Kepler). It also gives the schedule used for the loop; in this case, the schedule is gang, vector (128). This means the iterations of the loop are broken into vectors of 128, and the vectors executed in parallel by SMPs of the GPU. This output is important because it tells you when you are going to get parallel execution or sequential execution.

For our second example, we modify the program slightly by replacing the data clauses on the kernels pragma with a present clause, and add a data construct surrounding the call to the vecaddgpu subroutine. The data construct moves the data across to the GPU in the main program. The present clause in the vecaddgpu subroutine tells the compiler to use the GPU copy of the data that has already been allocated on the GPU. If you run this program on the GPU with PGI\_ACC\_TIME set, you see that the kernel region now has no data movement associated with it. Instead, the data movement is all associated with the data construct in the main program.

In Fortran programs, you don't have to specify the array bounds in data clauses if the compiler can figure out the bounds from the declaration, or if the arrays are assumed-shape dummy arguments or allocatable arrays.

```
module vecaddmod
implicit none
contains
subroutine vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 real, dimension(:) :: r, a, b
 integer :: n
 integer :: i
!$acc kernels loop present(r,a,b)
 do i = 1, n
  r(i) = a(i) + b(i)
 enddo
end subroutine
end module
program main
use vecaddmod
 implicit none
integer :: n, i, errs, argcount
 real, dimension(:), allocatable:: a, b, r, e
 character*10 :: arg1
 argcount = command_argument_count()
n = 1000000 ! default value
 if ( argcount >= 1 ) then
 call get command argument( 1, arg1 )
 read(arg1, '(i)') n
if(n <= 0) n = 100000
 endif
 allocate (a(n), b(n), r(n), e(n))
do i = 1, n
 a(i) = i
 b(i) = 1000*i
enddo
! compute on the GPU
!$acc data copyin(a,b) copyout(r)
  call vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
!$acc end data
! compute on the host to compare
 do i = 1, n
 e(i) = a(i) + b(i)
enddo
 ! compare results
errs = 0
do i = 1, n
 if(r(i) /= e(i)) then
   errs = errs + 1
 endif
enddo
print *, errs, ' errors found'
if( errs ) call exit(errs)
end program
```

## 2.2.2. Multi-Threaded Program Utilizing Multiple Devices

This simple example shows how to run a multi-threaded host program that utilizes multiple devices.

```
program tdot
! Compile with "pgfortran -mp -acc tman.f90 -lacml
! Compile with "pgfortran -mp -acc tman.f90 -lblas, ! where acml is not available
! Set OMP NUM THREADS environment variable to run with
! up to 2 threads, currently.
use openacc
use omp lib
integer, parameter :: N = 10000
real*8 x(N), y(N), z
integer, allocatable :: offs(:)
real*8, allocatable :: zs(:)
real*8 ddot
! Max at 2 threads for now
nthr = omp_get_max_threads()
if (nthr . gt. 2) nthr = 2
call omp set num threads (nthr)
! Run on host
call random number(x)
call random number (y)
z = ddot(N,x,1,y,1)
print *,"Host Serial",z
! Attach each thread to a device
!$omp PARALLEL private(i)
     i = omp_get_thread_num()
call acc_set_device_num(i, acc_device_nvidia)
!$omp end parallel
! Break up the array into sections
nsec = N / nthr
allocate(offs(nthr), zs(nthr))
offs = (/ (i*nsec, i=0, nthr-1) /)
zs = 0.0d0
! Decompose the problem across devices
!$omp PARALLEL private(i,j,z)
     i = omp get thread num() + 1
     z = 0.0d0
     !$acc kernels loop &
        copyin(x(offs(i)+1:offs(i)+nsec),y(offs(i)+1:offs(i)+nsec))
     do j = offs(i)+1, offs(i)+nsec
z = z + x(j) * y(j)
     end do
     zs(i) = z
!$omp end parallel
z = sum(zs)
print *,"Multi-Device Parallel",z
```

The program starts by having each thread call acc\_set\_device\_num so each thread will use a different GPU. Within the computational OpenMP parallel region, each thread copies the data it needs to its GPU and proceeds.

## 2.3. Troubleshooting Tips and Known Limitations

This release of the PGI compilers does not implement the full OpenACC specification. For an explanation of what features are not yet implemented, refer to Chapter 3, Implemented Features.

The Linux CUDA driver will power down an idle GPU. This means if you are using a GPU with no attached display, or an NVIDIA Tesla compute-only GPU, and there are no open CUDA contexts, the GPU will power down until it is needed. Since it may take up to a second to power the GPU back up, you may experience noticeable delays when you start your program. When you run your program with the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_TIME set to 1, this time will appear as initialization time. If you have an NVIDIA S1070 or S2050 with four GPUs, this initialization time may be up to 4 seconds. If you are running many tests, or want to isolate the actual time from the initialization time, you can run the PGI utility pgcudainit in the background. This utility opens a CUDA context and holds it open until you kill it or let it complete.

This release has support for the async clause and wait directive. When you use asynchronous computation or data movement, you are responsible for ensuring that the program has enough synchronization to resolve any data races between the host and the GPU. If your program uses the async clause and wrong answers are occuring, you can test whether the async clause is causing problems by setting the environment variable PGI\_ACC\_SYNCHRONOUS to 1 before running your program. This action causes the OpenACC runtime to ignore the async clauses and run the program in synchronous mode.

# Chapter 3. IMPLEMENTED FEATURES

This section lists the OpenACC features available in this release, and the features to be implemented in upcoming PGI releases.

#### 3.1. In This Release

This release includes full support for the OpenACC 1.0 specification except for the firstprivate() clause for the Parallel construct. In addition, this release includes support for the following OpenACC 2.0 features:

- Procedure calls (routine directive)
- Unstructured data lifetimes
- Create and device\_resident clauses for the Declare directive
- Multidimensional dynamically allocated C/C++ arrays
- Ability to call CUDA Fortran atomic functions on NVIDIA
- Complete run-time API support

#### 3.2. Defaults

In this release, the default ACC\_DEVICE\_TYPE is acc\_device\_nvidia, just as the -acc compiler option targets -ta=tesla by default. The device types acc\_device\_default and acc\_device\_not\_host behave the same as acc\_device\_nvidia. The device type can be changed using the environment variable or by a call to acc\_set\_device\_type().

In this release, the default ACC\_DEVICE\_NUM is 0 for the acc\_device\_nvidia type, which is consistent with the CUDA device numbering system. For more information, refer to the pgaccelinfo output in Prepare Your System. The device number can be changed using the environment variable or by a call to acc set device num.

#### 3.3. Environment Variables

This section summarizes the environment variables that PGI OpenACC supports. These environment variables are user-setable environment variables that control behavior of accelerator-enabled programs at execution. These environment variables must comply with these rules:

- The names of the environment variables must be upper case.
- The values of environment variables are case insensitive and may have leading and trailing white space.
- The behavior is implementation-defined if the values of the environment variables change after the program has started, even if the program itself modifies the values.

The following table contains the environment variables that are currently supported and provides a brief description of each.

Table 1 Supported Environment Variables

Use this environment variable	To do this
PGI_ACC_TIME	Enables a lightweight profiler to measure data movement and accelerator kernel execution time and print a summary at the end of program execution.
PGI_ACC_PROFILE	Is used by pgcollect internally to enable the lightweight PGI timers and write the information out for pgprof.
PGI_ACC_PROFLIB	Enables 3rd party tools interface using the new profiler dynamic library interface.
PGI_ACC_NOTIFY	Writes out a line for each kernel launch and/or data movement. When set to an integer value, the value, is used as a bit mask to print information about kernel launches (value 1), data transfers (value 2), region entry/exit (value 4), wait operations or synchronizations with the device (value 8), and device memory allocates and deallocates (value 16).
PGI_ACC_SYNCHRONOUS	Disables asynchronous launches and data movement.
PGI_ACC_DEVICE_NUM = = ACC_DEVICE_NUM	Sets the default device number to use. PGI_ACC_DEVICE_NUM overrides ACC_DEVICE_NUM. Controls the default device number to use when executing accelerator regions. The value of this environment variable must be a nonnegative integer between zero and the number of devices attached to the host.
PGI_ACC_DEVICE_TYPE  = = ACC_DEVICE_TYPE  = = ACC_DEVICE	Sets the default device type to use. PGI_ACC_DEVICE_TYPE overrides ACC_DEVICE_TYPE. Controls which accelerator device to use when executing accelerator regions, if the program has been compiled to use more than one different type of device. The value of this environment variable is implementation-defined, and currently may be the string NVIDIA, TESLA, RADEON, or HOST
PGI_ACC_BUFFERSIZE	For NVIDIA CUDA devices, this defines the size of the pinned buffer used to transfer data between host and device.
PGI_ACC_CUDA_GANGLIMIT	For NVIDIA CUDA devices, this defines the maximum number of gangs (CUDA thread blocks) that will be launched by a kernel.
PGI_ACC_DEV_MEMORY	For AMD GPUs, this sets the maximum buffer size of allocate. The runtime will allocate buffers of this size, then suballocate data within these buffers.

# 3.4. OpenACC Fortran API Extensions

This section summarizes the OpenACC 2.0 Fortran API extensions that PGI supports.

#### 3.4.1. acc malloc

The acc\_malloc function returns a device pointer, in a variable of type(c\_devptr), to newly allocated memory on the device. If the data can not be allocated, this function returns C\_NULL\_DEVPTR.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c_devptr) function acc_malloc (bytes)
```

where bytes is an integer which specifies the number of bytes requested.

## 3.4.2. acc\_free

The acc\_free subroutine frees memory previously allocated by acc\_malloc. It takes as an argument either a device pointer contained in an instance of derived type(c\_devptr), or for convenience, a CUDA Fortran device array. In PGI Fortran, calling acc\_free (or cudaFree) with a CUDA Fortran device array that was allocated using the F90 allocate statement results in undefined behavior.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc_free ( devptr )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr)

```
subroutine acc_free ( dev )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array

### 3.4.3. acc\_map\_data

The acc\_map\_data routine associates (maps) host data to device data. The first argument is a host array, contiguous host array section, or address contained in a type(c\_ptr). The second argument must be a device address contained in a type(c\_devptr), such as would be returned from acc\_malloc or acc\_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array. There are 4 supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc_map_data ( host, dev, bytes )
```

where *host* is a host variable, array or starting array element *dev* is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array, or starting array element *bytes* is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)

```
subroutine acc_map_data ( host, dev )
```

where *host* is a host array or contiguous host array section

dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or array section which conforms to host

```
subroutine acc_map_data ( host, devptr, bytes )
```

where host is a host variable, array or starting array element

*devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr)

bytes is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)

```
subroutine acc map data ( ptr, devptr, bytes )
```

where *ptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_ptr)

*devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr)

bytes is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)

#### 3.4.4. acc unmap data

The acc\_unmap\_data routine unmaps (or disassociates) the device data from the specified host data.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc unmap data ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable that was mapped to device data in a previous call to acc\_map\_data.

#### 3.4.5. acc\_deviceptr

The acc\_deviceptr function returns the device pointer, in a variable of type(c\_devptr), mapped to a host address. The input argument is a host variable or array element that has an active lifetime on the current device. If the data is not present, this function returns C\_NULL\_DEVPTR.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c_devptr) function acc_deviceptr ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable or array element of any type, kind and rank.

## 3.4.6. acc\_hostptr

The acc\_hostptr function returns the host pointer, in a variable of type(c\_ptr), mapped to a device address. The input argument is a device address, such as would be returned from acc\_malloc or acc\_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c ptr) function acc hostptr ( dev )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array

```
type(c_ptr) function acc_hostptr ( devptr )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr)

#### 3.4.7. acc\_is\_present

The acc\_is\_present function returns .true. or .false. depending on whether a host variable or array region is present on the device.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
logical function acc is present ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable of any type, kind, and rank, or a contiguous array section of intrinsic type.

```
logical function acc_is_present ( host, bytes )
```

where *host* is a host variable of any type, kind, and rank.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the data to check.

## 3.4.8. acc\_memcpy\_to\_device

The acc\_memcpy\_to\_device routine copies data from local memory to device memory. The source address is a host array, contiguous array section, or address contained in a type(c\_ptr). The destination address must be a device address, such as would be returned from acc\_malloc or acc\_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array.

There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc memcpy to device ( dev, src, bytes )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array or starting array element.

*src* is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_to_device ( dev, src )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or contiguous array section.

src is a host array or array section which conforms to dev.

```
subroutine acc memcpy to device ( devptr, src, bytes )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr).

*src* is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_to_device ( devptr, ptr, bytes )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr).

ptr is an instance of derived type(c\_ptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

## 3.4.9. acc\_memcpy\_from\_device

The acc\_memcpy\_from\_device routine copies data from device memory to local memory. The source address must be a device address, such as would be returned from acc\_malloc, acc\_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array. The source address is a host array, contiguous array section, or address contained in a type(c\_ptr).

#### There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
where dest is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

dev is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array or starting array element.
```

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_from_device ( dest, dev )
```

where dest is a host array or contiguous array section.

dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or array section which conforms to dest subroutine.

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_from_device ( dest, devptr, bytes )
```

where *dest* is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

devptr is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

```
subroutine acc memcpy from device ( ptr, devptr, bytes )
```

where *ptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_ptr).

*devptr* is an instance of derived type(c\_devptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

#### 3.5. Known Limitations

This section includes the known limitations to OpenACC directives. PGI plans to support these features in a future release, though separate compilation and extern variables for Radeon will be deferred until OpenCL 2.0 is released.

#### 3.5.1. ACC routine directive Limitations

- The routine directive has limited support on AMD radeon. Separate compilation is not supported on radeon, and selecting the option -ta=radeon disables the rdc suboption for -ta=tesla.
- Extern variables may not be used with acc routine procedures.
- In Fortran, only functions that return integer or real values are supported with acc routine.
- In C and C++, only int, float, double, or void functions are supported with acc routine.
- Reductions in procedures with acc routine are not supported.
- Fortran assumed-shape arguments are not yet supported.

## 3.5.2. Clause Support Limitations

- ► The wait clause on OpenACC directives is not supported.
- The async clause on the wait directive is not supported.
- The device type clause is not supported on any directive.

#### 3.5.3. Known Limitations

This release does not support targeting another accelerator device after acc\_shutdown has been called.

## 3.6. Interactions with Optimizations

This section discusses interactions with compiler optimizations that programmers should be aware of.

## 3.6.1. Interactions with Inlining

Procedure inlining may be enabled in several ways. User-controlled inlining is enabled using the -Minline flag, or with -Mextract=lib: and -Minline=lib: flags. For C and C++, compiler-controlled inlining is enabled using the -Mautoinline or -fast flags. Interprocedural analysis can also control inlining using the -Mipa=inline option. Inlining is a performance optimization by removing the overhead of the procedure call, and by specializing and optimizing the code of the inlined procedure at the point of the call site.

When a procedure containing a compute construct (acc parallel or acc kernels) is inlined into an acc data construct, the compiler will use the data construct clauses to optimize data movement between the host and device. In some cases, this can produce different answers, when the host and device copies of some variable are different. For instance, the data construct may specify a data clause for a scalar variable or a Fortran common block that contains a scalar variable. The compute construct in the inlined procedure will now see that the scalar variable is present on the device, and will use the device copy of that variable. Before inlining, the compute construct may have used the default firstprivate behavior for that scalar variable, which would use the host value for the variable.

- ► The wait clause on OpenACC directives is not supported.
- The async clause on the wait directive is not supported.
- ▶ The device type clause is not supported on any directive.

### 3.7. In Future Releases

The following OpenACC features are not implemented in this release. They will be in future releases.

- ► The deviceptr data clause for Fortran dummy arguments.
- ▶ The device resident clause on the declare directive.
- ▶ The firstprivate() clause on parallel regions.

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