

NUMA-aware OpenMP Programming



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Future OpenMP Directions

■ Recent Technical Reports

- TR3 (November 2014) provides current snapshot of OpenMP 4.1

■ OpenMP 4.1

- Clarifications and errata to existing specification
- Refinements and minor extensions
- Do not break existing code
- Minimal implementation burden beyond 4.0
- Will be released by SC15

■ OpenMP 5.0

- Address several major open issues for OpenMP
 - Expect less significant advance than 4.0 from 3.1/3.0
- Do not break existing code unnecessarily
- Targeting release for SC17 (somewhat ambitious)
- Plan to release intermediate TR(s) annually

■ Unstructured data movement

- data regions need to start and end in the same scope
 - complicates code structuring sometimes
 - cannot be used in constructor and destructor
- now, mapping data to the device:

```
#pragma omp target enter data [clause [[,] clause] ...]
```

- and back to the host:

```
#pragma omp target exit data [clause [[,] clause] ...]
```

■ Device specific environment variables

- specify OMP_NUM_THREADS,... for the Device

■ Multiple device types

■ Improved asynchronous execution

- Currently nearly impossible to continue working on the host
- in 4.1 `target` regions become tasks
- can use `nowait` and `depend` clauses

■ Deep copy/map

■ Interoperability with low level libraries

- The `taskloop` directive allows to execute loops as tasks

```
#pragma omp taskloop [clause [[,] clause] ...]
```

- Allows to execute loops with a subset of the threads in the team
- Provides better load balancing in some cases
- can be nested with other tasks and worksharing
- The task sizes can be optimized by the following clauses
 - The `grainsize` clause specifies the number of iterations per task
 - The `num_tasks` clause specifies an exact number of tasks to generate
- Most clauses of loops and tasks can be applied

- **Parallelism without `parallel` regions (task-only threads)**
- **Memory affinity**
- **Transactional Memory**
- **General error model**
- **Interoperability e.g. with Pthreads**
- **Task priorities**
- **Task reductions**

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- **Attend IWOMP and become a cOMPunity member**
- **Provide feedback to technical reports**

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Important dates

Paper submission: May 3, 2015

Notification of acceptance: June 8, 2015

Camera-ready version: July 13, 2015

Registration deadline: t.b.d.



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