Important # Pragma Commands and their importance

- **`#pragma omp parallel`**

Purpose: Creates a parallel region.
Importance: Enables multiple threads to execute the code block simultaneously.

- **`#pragma omp for`**

Purpose: Distributes loop iterations among threads.
Importance: Facilitates parallelizing loops, improving performance on large datasets.

- **`#pragma omp sections`**

Purpose: Divides the code into sections to be executed by different threads.
Importance: Useful for parallelizing independent tasks within a region.

- **`#pragma omp single`**

Purpose: Indicates that the code block should be executed by only one thread.
Importance: Useful for initialization or non-parallel tasks within a parallel region.

- **`#pragma omp critical`**

Purpose: Ensures that a block of code is executed by only one thread at a time.
Importance: Prevents race conditions when accessing shared resources.

- **`#pragma omp atomic`**

Purpose: Ensures that a specific variable update is atomic.
Importance: Provides a lightweight alternative to critical sections for simple updates.

- **`#pragma omp barrier`**

Purpose: Synchronizes threads at a point in the code.
Importance: Ensures all threads reach the barrier before proceeding, useful for coordinating tasks.

- **`#pragma omp task`**

Purpose: Defines a task that can be executed in parallel.
Importance: Allows for dynamic workload distribution among threads.

- **`#pragma omp taskwait`**

Purpose: Waits for all child tasks to complete.
Importance: Ensures task completion before proceeding, important for task dependencies.

- **`#pragma omp ordered`**

Purpose: Specifies that a block of code should be executed in the order of loop iterations.
Importance: Maintains the sequence in which tasks are completed, important for dependent computations.

- **`#pragma omp master`**

Purpose: Indicates that a block should only be executed by the master thread.
Importance: Useful for actions that should not be parallelized, like logging.

- **`#pragma omp threadprivate`**

Purpose: Makes a variable private to each thread.
Importance: Allows threads to maintain their own copy of a variable.

- **`#pragma omp parallel for`**

Purpose: Combines parallel and loop distribution in a single directive.
Importance: Simplifies syntax and improves readability for parallel loops.

- **`#pragma omp parallel sections`**

Purpose: Creates a parallel region with multiple sections.
Importance: Enables executing different tasks concurrently.

- **`#pragma omp reduction`**

Purpose: Specifies a reduction operation for variables.
Importance: Efficiently combines values from different threads.

- **`#pragma omp nowait`**

Purpose: Allows threads to continue without waiting for others to complete.
Importance: Reduces synchronization overhead when it's not necessary.

- **`#pragma omp loop`**

Purpose: Provides additional hints to the compiler for loop parallelism.
Importance: Can improve optimization in certain compilers.

- **`#pragma omp parallel for schedule`**

Purpose: Specifies the scheduling method for loop iterations.
Importance: Enables control over how iterations are assigned to threads.

- **`#pragma omp collapse`**

Purpose: Combines nested loops into a single loop for parallelization.
Importance: Increases potential parallelism in complex loop structures.

- **`#pragma omp simd`**

Purpose: Indicates that the loop can be vectorized.
Importance: Helps compilers generate SIMD instructions for better performance.

- **`#pragma omp flush`**

Purpose: Ensures memory visibility among threads.
Importance: Used to avoid stale data in shared variables.

- **`#pragma omp parallel private`**

Purpose: Declares variables as private to each thread.
Importance: Prevents data races by giving each thread its own copy of the variable.

- **`#pragma omp parallel shared`**

Purpose: Declares variables as shared among threads.
Importance: Facilitates communication between threads using shared data.

- **`#pragma omp distribute`**

Purpose: Distributes iterations of a loop across threads in a team.
Importance: Enhances parallelism in distributed environments.

- **`#pragma omp teams`**

Purpose: Creates a team of threads for further parallel work.
Importance: Supports nested parallelism, allowing for more granular control.

- **`#pragma omp threadprivate`**

Purpose: Makes a variable thread-specific.
Importance: Useful for maintaining thread-local storage.

- **`#pragma omp target`**

Purpose: Offloads computations to a device (e.g., GPU).
Importance: Enables hardware acceleration for compute-intensive tasks.

- **`#pragma omp parallel for reduction`**

Purpose: Combines parallel execution with a reduction clause.
Importance: Simplifies the syntax for parallel reductions.

- **`#pragma omp parallel task`**

Purpose: Combines task parallelism with thread parallelism.
Importance: Enhances flexibility in task scheduling.

- **`#pragma omp wait`**

Purpose: Waits for a task to finish.
Importance: Ensures tasks are completed before accessing results.

- **`#pragma omp cancel`**

Purpose: Cancels parallel regions or tasks.
Importance: Provides control over dynamic task execution.

- **`#pragma omp parallel num_threads`**

Purpose: Specifies the number of threads in a parallel region.
Importance: Allows fine-tuning of resource allocation.

- **`#pragma omp parallel if`**

Purpose: Executes the parallel region conditionally based on a variable.
Importance: Provides flexibility to enable/disable parallel execution.

- **`#pragma omp parallel master`**

Purpose: Allows code to be executed only by the master thread within a parallel region.
Importance: Useful for certain initializations.

- **`#pragma omp parallel firstprivate`**

Purpose: Initializes private variables with the values of their counterparts in the master thread.
Importance: Useful for using current values in threads without sharing.

- **`#pragma omp parallel lastprivate`**

Purpose: Ensures the last value of a private variable is available after the parallel region.
Importance: Maintains state across thread executions.

- **`#pragma omp priority`**

Purpose: Sets the execution priority of tasks.
Importance: Useful for scheduling critical tasks in a mixed workload.

- **`#pragma omp proc_bind`**

Purpose: Controls the binding of threads to processor cores.
Importance: Optimizes performance based on the underlying architecture.

- **`#pragma omp parallel num_threads`**

Purpose: Specifies the number of threads to be used in the parallel region.
Importance: Fine-tunes performance based on the system capabilities.

- **`#pragma omp return`**

Purpose: Exits the current parallel region.
Importance: Provides control over when to leave a parallel context.

- **`#pragma omp set_num_threads`**

Purpose: Sets the number of threads for subsequent parallel regions.
Importance: Useful for dynamic control of threading behavior.

- **`#pragma omp cancel region`**

Purpose: Cancels an entire parallel region.
Importance: Useful for early termination of parallel execution.

- **`#pragma omp parallel private(num)`**

Purpose: Makes the variable `num` private in the parallel region.
Importance: Prevents data races for the variable.

- **`#pragma omp parallel shared(data)`**

Purpose: Declares `data` as shared among all threads.
Importance: Facilitates communication and data sharing.

- **`#pragma omp ordered`**

Purpose: Indicates a section of code must execute in the order of the iterations.
Importance: Ensures the correct sequence of operations.

- **`#pragma omp priority`**

Purpose: Assigns a priority to tasks.
Importance: Helps manage task scheduling for better performance.

- **`#pragma omp taskgroup`**

Purpose: Groups tasks together.
Importance: Synchronizes all tasks within the group.

- **`#pragma omp parallel default(none)`**

Purpose: Requires explicit declaration of variables used in the parallel region.
Importance: Enhances code clarity and prevents unintended sharing.

- **`#pragma omp parallel firstprivate`**

Purpose: Initializes private variables from their values in the master thread.
Importance: Ensures threads start with specific values without sharing.

- **`#pragma omp barrier`**

Purpose: Synchronizes threads at a point in the code.
Importance: Prevents further execution until all threads reach the barrier.

Details

1. `#pragma omp parallel`

- **Purpose:** Creates a parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** Around code that should be executed by multiple threads.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    // Code to be executed in parallel
}
```

- **Importance:** Enables multi-threading, enhancing performance by utilizing multiple CPU cores.

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2. `#pragma omp for`

- **Purpose:** Distributes loop iterations among threads.
- **Where to Use:** Inside a parallel region for loops.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp for
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        // Loop code
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Facilitates loop parallelization, improving execution time for large datasets.

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3. `#pragma omp sections`

- **Purpose:** Divides code into separate sections for concurrent execution.
- **Where to Use:** Inside a parallel region when tasks are independent.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp sections
    {
        #pragma omp section
```

```
            {
                // Task 1
            }
            #pragma omp section
            {
                // Task 2
            }
        }
    }
```

- **Importance:** Useful for parallelizing independent tasks, maximizing resource usage.

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4. `#pragma omp single`

- **Purpose:** Specifies a code block to be executed by only one thread.
- **Where to Use:** Inside a parallel region for initialization or non-parallel tasks.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp single
    {
        // Code for a single thread
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Avoids unnecessary parallel execution for tasks that should only run once.

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5. `#pragma omp critical`

- **Purpose:** Ensures a block of code is executed by only one thread at a time.
- **Where to Use:** When accessing shared resources to prevent data races.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp critical
{
    // Code that modifies shared data
}
```

- **Importance:** Protects shared data, maintaining data integrity.

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6. `#pragma omp atomic`

- **Purpose:** Ensures an update to a variable is atomic.
- **Where to Use:** When performing simple updates to shared variables.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp atomic
shared_var++;
```

- **Importance:** Lightweight alternative to critical sections for simple operations.

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7. `#pragma omp barrier`

- **Purpose:** Synchronizes all threads at a barrier point.
- **Where to Use:** When threads need to wait for each other.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp barrier
```

- **Importance:** Ensures all threads reach a certain point before proceeding, useful for coordination.

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8. `#pragma omp task`

- **Purpose:** Defines a task that can be executed in parallel.
- **Where to Use:** For dynamic workload distribution within a parallel region.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp task
{
    // Task code
}
```

- **Importance:** Enables flexible parallel execution, improving resource utilization.

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9. `#pragma omp taskwait`

- **Purpose:** Waits for all child tasks to complete.
- **Where to Use:** After spawning multiple tasks to ensure completion.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp taskwait
```

- **Importance:** Ensures task dependencies are respected.

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10. `#pragma omp ordered`

- **Purpose:** Indicates a block must execute in the order of loop iterations.
- **Where to Use:** Inside parallel loops where order matters.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp for ordered
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    #pragma omp ordered
    {
        // Code executed in order
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Maintains sequence integrity for dependent computations.

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11. `#pragma omp master`

- **Purpose:** Indicates a block that should only be executed by the master thread.
- **Where to Use:** For operations that should not be parallelized.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp master
{
    // Code only executed by master
}
```

- **Importance:** Useful for initialization or logging that should not be concurrent.

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12. `#pragma omp threadprivate`

- **Purpose:** Makes a variable private to each thread.
- **Where to Use:** For variables that need unique values in each thread.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp threadprivate(my_var)
```

- **Importance:** Enables thread-local storage, avoiding shared data issues.

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13. `#pragma omp parallel for`

- **Purpose:** Combines parallel and loop distribution.
- **Where to Use:** For parallelizing loops succinctly.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Simplifies syntax, improving readability for parallel loops.

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14. `#pragma omp parallel sections`

- **Purpose:** Creates a parallel region with multiple sections.
- **Where to Use:** When different tasks can run concurrently.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel sections
{
    #pragma omp section
    {
        // Section 1
    }
    #pragma omp section
    {
        // Section 2
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Allows concurrent execution of independent tasks.

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15. `#pragma omp reduction`

- **Purpose:** Specifies a reduction operation for variables.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel regions with aggregation needs.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    sum += array[i];
}
```

- **Importance:** Efficiently combines values from different threads, minimizing race conditions.

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16. `#pragma omp nowait`

- **Purpose:** Allows threads to continue without waiting for others.
- **Where to Use:** In loops or sections where synchronization is not necessary.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp for nowait
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Reduces synchronization overhead, improving performance.

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17. `#pragma omp loop`

- **Purpose:** Provides hints to the compiler for loop parallelism.
- **Where to Use:** With loops that can benefit from optimization.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp loop
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Can enhance compiler optimizations, leading to better performance.

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18. `#pragma omp collapse`

- **Purpose:** Combines nested loops into a single loop for parallelization.
- **Where to Use:** With nested loops that can be executed in parallel.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel for collapse(2)
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < M; j++) {
        // Nested loop code
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Increases potential parallelism, improving execution efficiency.

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19. `#pragma omp simd`

- **Purpose:** Indicates that the loop can be vectorized.
- **Where to Use:** In loops that can benefit from SIMD instructions.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp simd
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Helps compilers generate optimized vector instructions, enhancing performance.

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20. `#pragma omp flush`

- **Purpose:** Ensures memory visibility among threads.
- **Where to Use:** When there are concerns about stale data in shared variables.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp flush(var)
```

- **Importance:** Maintains data consistency across threads.

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21. `#pragma omp parallel private`

- **Purpose:** Declares variables as private to each thread.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel regions where unique values are needed.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel private(var)
{
    // Code with private variable
}
```

- **Importance:** Prevents unintended sharing of variables, avoiding race conditions.

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22. `#pragma omp parallel shared`

- **Purpose:** Declares variables as shared among threads.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel regions for shared data access.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(data)
{
    // Code accessing shared data
}
```

- **Importance:** Facilitates communication and data sharing between threads.

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23. `#pragma omp distribute`

- **Purpose:** Distributes iterations of a loop across threads in a team.
- **Where to Use:** For parallelizing loops in distributed environments.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp distribute
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Enhances parallelism in complex architectures.

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24. `#pragma omp teams`

- **Purpose:** Creates a team of threads for further parallel work.
- **Where to Use:** For nested parallelism scenarios.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp teams
{
    // Code for teams of threads
}
```

- **Importance:** Allows for more granular control in parallel execution.

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25. `#pragma omp threadprivate`

- **Purpose:** Makes a variable thread-specific.

- **Where to Use:** For variables that should maintain unique values per thread.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp threadprivate(my_var)
```

- **Importance:** Prevents data races by providing thread-local storage.

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26. `#pragma omp target`

- **Purpose:** Offloads computations to a device (e.g., GPU).
- **Where to Use:** In code meant for hardware acceleration.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp target
{
    // Code to be executed on the device
}
```

- **Importance:** Enables leveraging GPU for intensive computations, improving performance.

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27. `#pragma omp parallel for reduction`

- **Purpose:** Combines parallel execution with a reduction clause.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel loops needing aggregation.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    sum += array[i];
}
```

- **Importance:** Simplifies syntax for parallel reductions.

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28. `#pragma omp parallel task`

- **Purpose:** Combines task parallelism with thread parallelism.
- **Where to Use:** For nested task creation.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
```

```
    #pragma omp task
    {
        // Task code
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Enhances flexibility in task scheduling.

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29. `#pragma omp wait`

- **Purpose:** Waits for a task to finish.
- **Where to Use:** After creating tasks when their results are needed.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp wait
```

- **Importance:** Ensures that dependent tasks have completed before proceeding.

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30. `#pragma omp cancel`

- **Purpose:** Cancels parallel regions or tasks.
- **Where to Use:** When dynamic control over task execution is needed.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp cancel parallel
```

- **Importance:** Provides control over early termination of parallel execution.

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31. `#pragma omp proc_bind`

- **Purpose:** Controls the binding of threads to processor cores.
- **Where to Use:** In performance-critical applications.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel proc_bind(close)
{
    // Code for threads
}
```

- **Importance:** Optimizes performance based on hardware architecture.

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32. `#pragma omp parallel num_threads`

- **Purpose:** Specifies the number of threads in a parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** To manage resources effectively.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4)
{
    // Code for parallel execution
}
```

- **Importance:** Fine-tunes performance based on available resources.

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33. `#pragma omp parallel if`

- **Purpose:** Executes the parallel region conditionally.
- **Where to Use:** When parallel execution is optional based on runtime conditions.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel if(condition)
{
    // Code for parallel execution
}
```

- **Importance:** Provides flexibility in deciding whether to parallelize based on context.

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34. `#pragma omp parallel master`

- **Purpose:** Allows code to execute only by the master thread.
- **Where to Use:** For certain initializations or non-parallel tasks.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp master
    {
        // Code only for master thread
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Ensures specific tasks are not executed concurrently.

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35. `#pragma omp parallel firstprivate`

- **Purpose:** Initializes private variables with values from the master thread.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel regions needing initial values.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel firstprivate(var)
{
    // Code using initialized variable
}
```

- **Importance:** Allows threads to work with unique starting values.

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36. `#pragma omp parallel lastprivate`

- **Purpose:** Ensures the last value of a private variable is available after the parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** When the final value of a variable is needed post-parallel execution.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel lastprivate(var)
{
    // Code modifying variable
}
```

- **Importance:** Maintains state across thread executions.

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37. `#pragma omp priority`

- **Purpose:** Sets the execution priority of tasks.
- **Where to Use:** In mixed workloads where certain tasks are more critical.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp task priority(10)
{
    // Critical task
}
```

- **Importance:** Helps manage task scheduling effectively.

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38. `#pragma omp taskgroup`

- **Purpose:** Groups tasks together for synchronization.

- **Where to Use:** When you want to ensure that all tasks in the group are complete.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp taskgroup
{
    #pragma omp task
    {
        // Task 1
    }
    #pragma omp task
    {
        // Task 2
    }
}
```

- **Importance:** Simplifies synchronization for multiple tasks.

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39. `#pragma omp parallel default(none)`

- **Purpose:** Requires explicit declaration of variables.
- **Where to Use:** To avoid unintended sharing or usage of variables.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel default(none) shared(data) private(var)
{
    // Explicit variable declarations
}
```

- **Importance:** Enhances code clarity and reduces errors.

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40. `#pragma omp parallel firstprivate`

- **Purpose:** Initializes private variables from the master thread's values.
- **Where to Use:** In parallel regions needing initial values.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel firstprivate(var)
{
    // Code using initialized variable
}
```

- **Importance:** Ensures threads start with specific values without sharing.

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41. `#pragma omp parallel lastprivate`

- **Purpose:** Guarantees the last value of a variable is available after the parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** When you need the final value of a variable post-execution.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel lastprivate(var)
{
    // Code modifying variable
}
```

- **Importance:** Maintains state across thread executions.

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42. `#pragma omp cancel region`

- **Purpose:** Cancels a specific parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** When needing dynamic control over task execution.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp cancel region
```

- **Importance:** Provides flexibility to manage task execution.

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43. `#pragma omp distribute`

- **Purpose:** Distributes loop iterations across teams of threads.
- **Where to Use:** In distributed computing scenarios.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp distribute
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    // Loop code
}
```

- **Importance:** Enhances performance in distributed architectures.

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44. `#pragma omp parallel reduction`

- **Purpose:** Performs a reduction on shared variables.
- **Where to Use:** When aggregating results from multiple threads.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:sum)
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    sum += array[i];
}
```

- **Importance:** Simplifies the process of aggregating values in parallel.

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45. `#pragma omp parallel if`

- **Purpose:** Conditionally executes a parallel region.
- **Where to Use:** To control parallel execution based on conditions.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp parallel if(condition)
{
    // Code for parallel execution
}
```

- **Importance:** Flexibility in deciding when to utilize parallelism.

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46. `#pragma omp barrier`

- **Purpose:** Synchronizes threads at a barrier point.
- **Where to Use:** When thread coordination is required.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp barrier
```

- **Importance:** Ensures that all threads reach a point before proceeding.

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47. `#pragma omp taskyield`

- **Purpose:** Allows a thread to yield control to another task.
- **Where to Use:** In task scheduling scenarios.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp taskyield
```

- **Importance:** Helps manage task scheduling more effectively.

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48. `#pragma omp taskwait`

- **Purpose:** Waits for all child tasks to complete.
- **Where to Use:** When task dependencies exist.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp taskwait
```

- **Importance:** Ensures that dependent tasks are completed.

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49. `#pragma omp allocate`

- **Purpose:** Specifies memory allocation for shared resources.
- **Where to Use:** When managing memory explicitly in parallel environments.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp allocate
```

- **Importance:** Helps manage resources efficiently in parallel execution.

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50. `#pragma omp threadprivate`

- **Purpose:** Makes a variable private to each thread.
- **Where to Use:** For variables needing unique values per thread.
- **How to Use:**

```
#pragma omp threadprivate(my_var)
```

- **Importance:** Prevents data races by providing thread-local storage.