#### Parallel Programming with OpenMP

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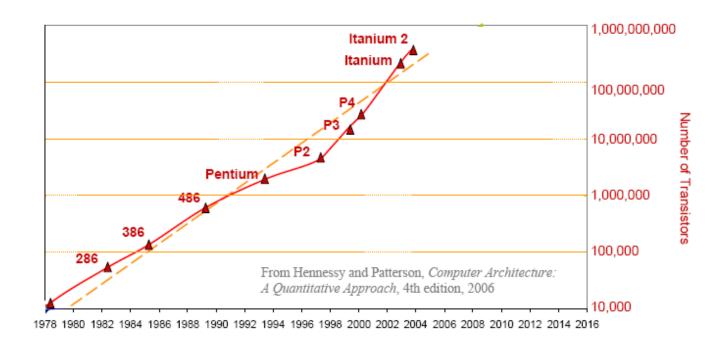


# Preliminary reading

- This module requires a basic understanding of computer architecture and the C programming language. Previous knowledge of concurrency is recommended.
- Although not required, preliminary analysis of the following online resources help with understanding the concepts that will be discussed in the classes:
  - Learning openmp eBook, <a href="https://riptutorial.com/ebook/openmp">https://riptutorial.com/ebook/openmp</a>
  - OpenMP in Small Bites, <a href="https://hpc-wiki.info/hpc/OpenMP">https://hpc-wiki.info/hpc/OpenMP</a> in Small Bites

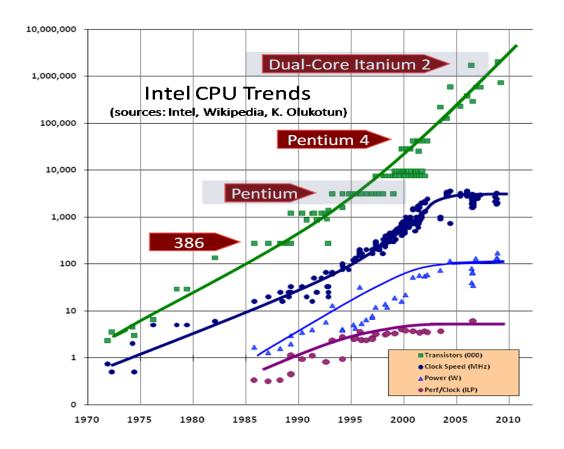


Moore's Law: The quantity of transistors that can be placed on an integrated circuit has doubled approximately every two years (1965, revised 1975).



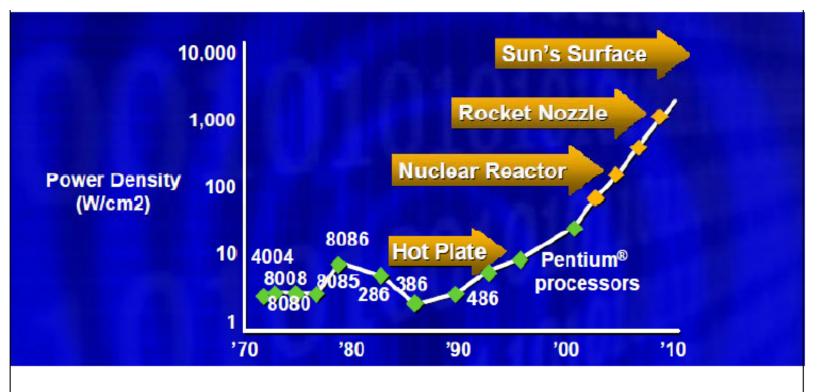


- At the same time processors were increasingly faster
  - Until ~2005





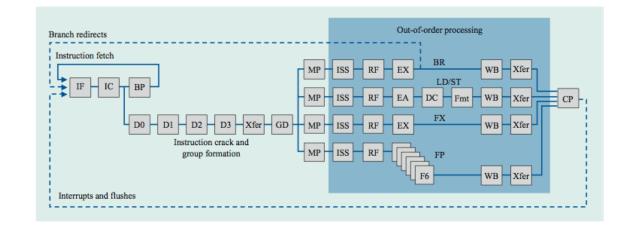
The Power Wall



Source: Patrick Gelsinger, Intel Developer's Forum, Intel Corporation, 2004.



- Memory wall
  - Access times to memory are another wall
  - Memory technology is also changing
    - Fast is expensive
  - Power efficiency is also an issue
- Instruction-level parallelism (ILP) wall
  - In the '80s: expansion
    - Improvement in performance: 50%/year
    - Implicit parallelism (pipeline processor: 10 CPI -> 1 CPI)
  - The '90s: diminishing returns
    - Smaller improvement in implicit parallelism
      - out-of-order issue, branch prediction: 1 CPI -> 0.5 CPI
  - performance below expectations

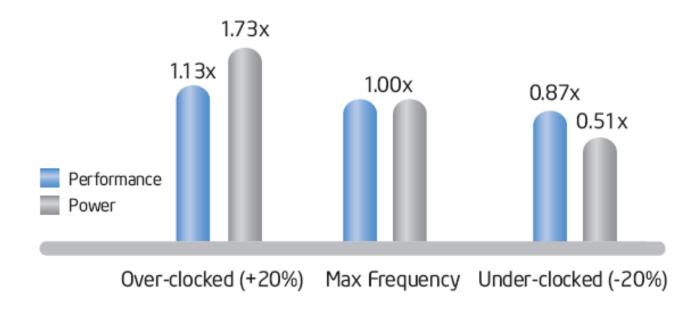


- Power wall
  - Cannot clock processors faster
- Memory wall
  - Performance is dominated by memory access times
- Instruction-level Parallelism (ILP) wall
  - No more extra work to keep functional units busy

- But the IT industry depends on increased performance
  - Software developers also
  - Solution was to parallelize CPUs



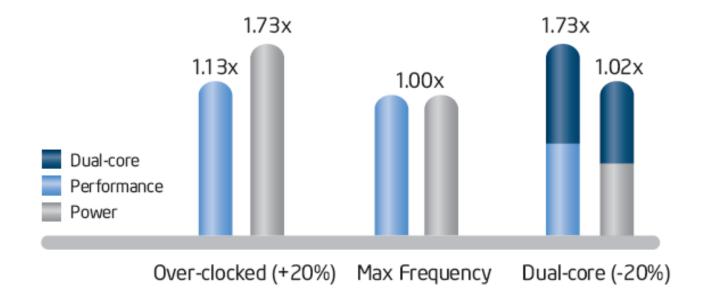
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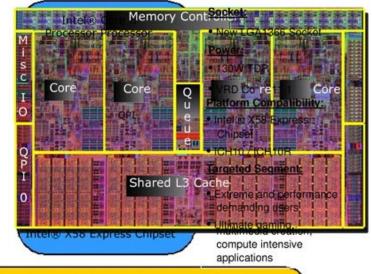
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Intel Core i7

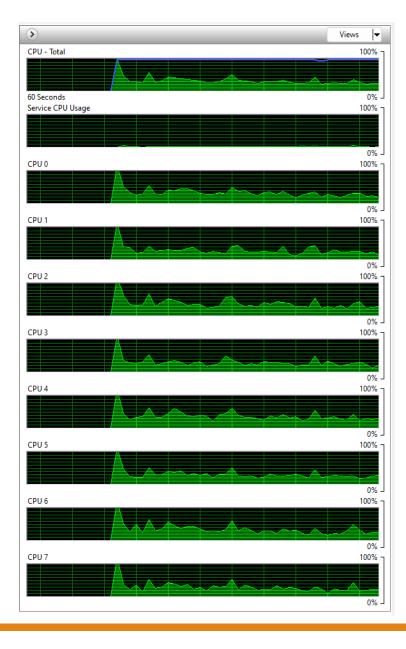
#### Performance/Features:

- 8 processing threads via Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology (HT)
- · 4 cores
- · Turbo Mode operation
- Intel ® QuickPath Interconnect (Intel® QPI) to Intel ® X58 Express Chipset
- Integrated Memory Controller (IMC) - 3ch DDR3
- · 7 more SSE4 instructions
- Overspeed Protection Removed



**Intel's Next Gen Computing Genius!** 





- During decades, programmers had the processing power for free
  - HW designers had to cope with increasing requirements for processing
  - SW engineers using higher-level concurrency and parallel oblivion tools
- 2005: The Free Lunch Is Over
  - A Fundamental Turn Toward Concurrency in Software, Herb Sutter, Microsoft
- HW becomes flexible
  - HW designers can focus on parallelizing simpler cores
  - And SW engineers need to adapt



- Programmers are now unaware of architectures
  - Solid boundary between Hardware and Software
  - Programmers don't have (want) to know anything about the processor
- High level languages abstract away the processors
  - Java bytecode, .Net IL, is machine independent
- Moore's law does not require the programmers to know anything about the processors to get good speedups
  - Programs are oblivious of the processor (work on all processors)
- A program written in '70 using C still works and is much faster today
  - This abstraction provides a lot of freedom for the programmers



- The Third Software Crisis
  - Problem: Sequential performance is left behind by Moore's law
- Needed continuous and reasonable performance improvements
  - to support new features
  - to support larger datasets
- While sustaining portability, malleability and maintainability without unduly increasing complexity faced by the programmer
  - critical to keep-up with the current rate of evolution in software
- We need to start thinking parallel, and we need better tools
  - Era of programmers not caring about what is under the hood is over
    - A lot of variations/choices in hardware, many with performance implications
    - Understanding the hardware will make it easier to make programs get high performance
  - But: If program is too closely tied to the processor cannot port or migrate
    - Not as bad as assembly programming, but need to be aware of underlying mapping to the architecture



- Implicit approaches
  - ILP, OoO, TLP
  - Hyperthreading
  - Parallelizing compiler
- Explicit approaches
  - Processes
  - Threads
  - Light-weight threads (tasks)
- Implicit approaches
  - Specify what to parallelize, not how (if possible)

Focus of the course



#### Limits of Parallelism

■ Amdhal's Law: If P is the proportion of a program that can be made parallel, and (1 – P) is the proportion that cannot be parallelized (remains serial), then the maximum speedup that can be achieved by using N processors is

$$\frac{1}{(1-P)+\frac{P}{N}}$$

- If in my program 80% is parallelizable, then
  - If N= 2 speedup is 1,67
  - If N= 8 speedup is 3,33
  - If N= 16 speedup is 4
  - If N= 32 speedup is 4.44

#### Limits of Parallelism

Gustafson's law:

$$S(P) = P - \alpha.(P-1)$$

- Gustafson's law addresses the shortcomings of Amdahl's law, which does not scale the availability of computing power to do more work as the number of machines increases.
- Gustafson's Law proposes that programmers set the size of problems to use the available equipment to solve problems within a practical fixed time.
  - Therefore, if faster (more parallel) equipment is available, larger problems can be solved whilst current ones take the same time.
  - Amdahl's law: fixed workload the sequential part of a program does not change with respect to number of processors; the parallel part is evenly distributed by the processors.
  - Gustafson's law: increase computation will lead to increased workload, so higher speedup

## Decomposition of problems

- Parallel computing requires that
  - The problem can be decomposed into sub-problems that can be safely solved at the same time
  - The programmer structures the code and data to solve these sub-problems concurrently
- The goals of parallel computing are
  - To solve problems in less time, and/or
  - To solve bigger problems, and/or
  - To achieve better solutions
- The problems must be large enough to justify parallel computing and to exhibit exploitable concurrency.



# Decomposition of problems

#### Flow

- Find concurrent activities in the problem
- Structure the algorithm to exploit parallelism
- Implement the algorithm in a suitable programming environment
- Execute and tune the performance of the code on a particular system



## Finding Parallelism in Problems

- Identify a decomposition of the problem into sub-problems that can be solved simultaneously
  - A task decomposition that identifies tasks for potential concurrent execution
  - A data decomposition that identifies data local to each task
  - A way of grouping tasks and ordering the groups to satisfy temporal constraints
  - An analysis on the data sharing patterns among the concurrent tasks
  - A design evaluation that assesses of the quality the choices made in all the steps



#### Decomposition issues

- Finding and exploiting parallelism often requires looking at the problem from a non-obvious angle
  - Contrary to many common problem solving strategies
- Dependences need to be identified and managed
  - The order of execution may change the result
    - Obvious: One step feeds result to the next steps
    - Subtle: accuracy may be affected by ordering steps that are logically parallel with each other
- Performance can be reduced by
  - Parallel overhead
  - Load imbalance
  - Inefficient data sharing
  - Contention on critical resources such as memory access
- Shared memory parallel programming still dominant in multicore/multiprocessor systems



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#### Decomposition issues

- Focus on the longest running parts of the program first
  - be realistic about possible speedups
  - different parts may need to be parallelized with different techniques
- Understand the different resource requirements of a program computation, communication, and locality
  - Consider how data accesses interact with the memory system:
  - will the computation done on additional cores pay for the data to be brought to them?
- The performance of one thread is highly dependent on what other threads are doing
  - It's important to understand the h/w of the machine, and the techniques it uses
- For modest numbers of cores, it may be possible to identify large granularity tasks, with good data locality
  - With modest numbers of cores, beware of overheads



#### Decomposition issues

- Data parallelism
  - divide data among the processors.
  - processors must exchange boundary information at regular intervals.
- Task parallelism
  - divide tasks among the processors.
  - sometimes can be "embarrassingly parallel" with very little inter-process communication required.



## Data-based decomposition

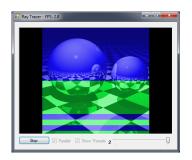
- The most compute intensive parts of many large problem manipulate a large data structure
  - Similar operations are being applied to different parts of the data structure, in a mostly independent manner.
  - This is what data decomposition is optimized for.
- The simpler abstraction to use when trying to parallelize
  - In order to decompose the problem domain, take the entire set of data and break it into smaller, discrete portions, or chunks.
  - Then work on each chunk in the data set in parallel.
- The data decomposition should lead to
  - Efficient data usage by tasks within the partition
  - Few dependencies across the tasks that work on different partitions
  - Adjustable partitions that can be varied according to the hardware characteristics

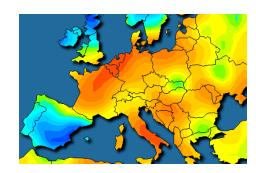


# Data intensive problems

- Rendering in 3D
  - e.g., ray tracing
- Modeling of complex physical systems
  - e.g., weather prediction
- Analysis of massive datasets
  - e.g., web search









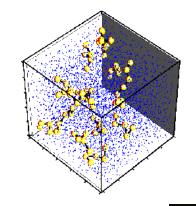
#### Task-based decomposition

- Focused on the individual tasks that need to be performed instead of focusing on the data
  - In order to decompose by tasks, we need to think about our algorithm in terms of discrete operations, or tasks, which can then later be parallelized.
- In practice, more difficult than data decomposition.
  - Look at what the algorithm actually does, and how it performs its actions.
  - Analyze the steps of the algorithm and determine whether there are any constraints in terms of shared data or ordering.
  - There is no silver bullet approach.
- But, many large problems can be naturally decomposed into tasks
  - The number of tasks used should be adjustable to the execution resources available.
  - Each task must include sufficient work in order to compensate for the overhead of managing their parallel execution.
  - Tasks should maximize reuse of sequential program code to minimize effort.
- Data and Task Decomposition are not mutually exclusive.
  - Often, the two approaches coexist while trying to parallelize an application.
  - Decompose the problem based on data, then further decompose the processing of each element of data based on tasks.

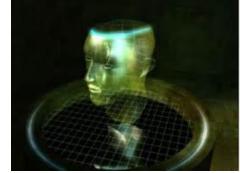


# Task intensive problems

- Dynamic Systems
  - e.g., molecular dynamics



- Wavefront computation
  - e.g., Computer Generated Holography

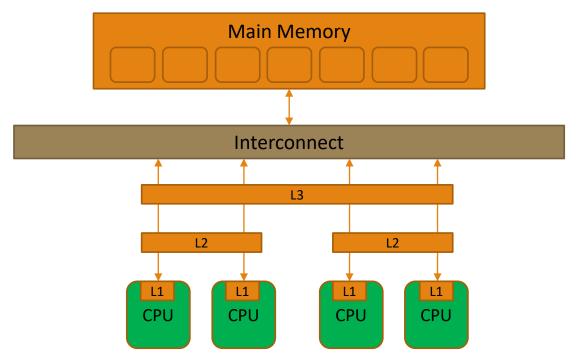


Any problem with a dynamic data set

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# Shared Memory Systems (again)

- In this course, we will focus on shared memory systems
  - All cores can access the same physical memory of the system
  - Although it is usually not that simple ... later we will discuss the impact of caches



We will not deal with heterogenous systems or distributed memory systems



- OpenMP (<u>www.openmp.org</u>) is a specification from a consortium (OpenMP Architecture Review Board)
  - Membership includes the main companies and academic organizations in the high-performance computing domain
- The specification provides
  - an annotation-based (compiler directives) approach for specifying parallelism
  - the required libraries, and
  - runtime environment for the execution of parallel computation.
- The focus is portability across shared memory systems, programmed in C/C++ or Fortran
- It is one of the most common parallel programming models in the high-performance computing domain, being increasingly used in embedded computing systems



#### Annotated code

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdib.h>
#include <pthread.h>
int main() {
 #pragma omp parallel
 printf("Hello world\n");
 return 0;
}

Annotation in code are comments for non-openmp compilers
Goal is that the same algorithm can execute sequentially





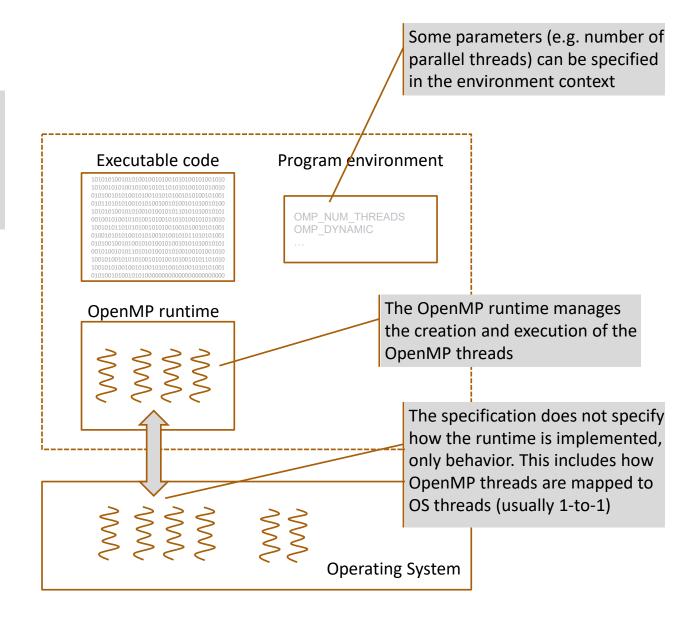




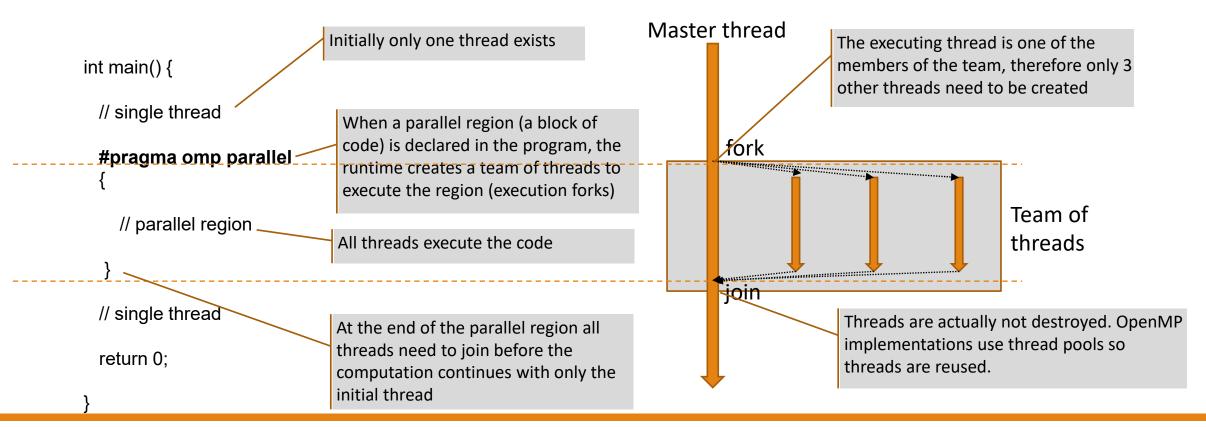


OpenMP aware compiler, e.g. gcc -fopenmp

OpenMP library provides both functions to be used by the programmer, as well as runtime support hidden to programmers



Basic OpenMP is based on the concept of parallel regions and fork-join computation



#include <omp.h> required due to
omp\_get\_thread\_num

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>

int main() {

    #pragma omp parallel
    {
        int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
        printf("Hello world! I am thread %d\n", myid);
    }
    printf("Hello world! I am thread \n");

return 0;
}
```

Team of 4 threads (default is number of logical cores)

Order of execution inside the parallel region is arbitrary

"Hello world! I am the main thread" always last — it is after the parallel region

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Hello world! I am thread 3
Hello world! I am thread 0
 ello world! I am thread 1
Hello world! I am thread 2
Hello world! I am the main thread
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Hello world! I am thread 0
Hello world! I am thread 2
Hello world! I am thread 3
Hello world! I am thread 1
Hello world! I am the main thread
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Hello world! I am thread 1
Hello world! I am thread 0
Hello world! I am thread 3
Hello world! I am thread 2
Hello world! I am the main thread
```

user@ubuntu:~/omp\$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp

Each thread is assigned a unique id, between 0 (always the master) and number of threads minus 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
int main() {
                                             Order of execution inside the
  #pragma omp parallel
                                                 parallel region is arbitrary
    int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
    if(myid == 0)
       printf("Hello world! I am the main thread (thread 0) \n");
    else
       printf("Hello world! I am thread %d\n", myid);
                                               "Hello world! I am the main
 return 0;
                                               thread" is now printed as
                                                         one of the team
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Hello world! I am the main thread (thread 0)
Hello world! I am thread 3
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Hello world! I am thread 2
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Hello world! I am thread 3
Hello world! I am thread 2
Hello world! I am the main thread (thread 0)
Hello world! I am thread 1
```

Remember the pthreads equivalent

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <pthread.h>
void* hello_world(void* id) {
  long myid = * (long*) id;
  printf("Hello world! I am thread %ld\n", myid);
  return NULL;
int main() {
  long id1 = 1, id2 = 2;
  pthread t thread id1, thread id2;
  pthread_create(&thread_id1, NULL, hello_world, &id1);
  pthread create(&thread_id2, NULL, hello_world, &id2);
  printf("Hello world! I am the main thread \n");
  pthread_join(thread_id1, NULL);
  pthread join(thread id2, NULL);
  return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#ifdef _OPENMP
                                   There are limits to compiler
  # include <omp.h>
                                   ignoring parallelism, if using
#endif
                                   openmp library calls
int main() {
  #pragma omp parallel
    #ifdef OPENMP
      int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
      int tcount = omp get num threads ();
    #else
      int myid = 0;
      int tcount = 1;
    #endif
    if(myid == 0)
       printf("Hello world! I am the main thread (thread %d), out of %d threads \n", myid, tcount);
```

printf("Hello world! I am thread %d out of %d threads\n", myid, tcount);

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp_2.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Hello world! I am thread 2 out of 4 threads
Hello world! I am thread 3 out of 4 threads
Hello world! I am the main thread (thread 0), out of 4 threads
Hello world! I am thread 1 out of 4 threads
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall omp_2.c
omp_2.c: In function 'main':
omp_2.c:8: warning: ignoring #pragma omp parallel [-Wunknown-pragmas]
8 | #pragma omp parallel
|
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Hello world! I am the main thread (thread 0), out of 1 threads
```

else

return 0;

# Sharing Data

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
  long long sum;
  for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads, i++)
         sum += vector[i];
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);
  return 0;
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp_3.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 313.976000
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 304.760000
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 160.530000
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 347.125000
```

As usual, we are assuming SIZE to be multiple of N THREADS.

Variables my\_index, n\_threads and i are declared inside the block, therefore they are local to the block, and to the thread

Variable sum is being updated by several threads in parallel, there is a race condition

#### Mutual Exclusion

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
  long long sum;
  for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    for(int i = my_index*SIZE/n_threads; i < (my_index+1)*SIZE/n_threads; i++)
         #pragma omp critical
         sum += vector[i];
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);
  return 0;
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp_3.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 500.500000
```

Mutual exclusion: OpenMP provides a directive that guarantees that the following block/line is executed by only one thread at a time

However, this also means that there will be SIZE accesses to the shared variable, one at a time -> this is a sequential program

Side note: this looks like Python, but there is no relation with indentation. In C, if there are no brackets, the line is the block of code. And #prama is a compiler directive, not an instruction



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int main() {
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  long long sum;
  for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0;
  #pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    long long local sum = 0;
    for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++)
      local sum +=vector[i];
    #pragma omp critical
    sum += local sum;
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);
  return 0;
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp_3.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 500.500000
```

Working with local variables allows reducing contention.

Only update shared variables when actually needed!

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
 long long sum;
 for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0;
  double start = omp get wtime();
  #pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++)
       #pragma omp critical
       sum += vector[i];
  double end = omp_get_wtime();
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);
  printf("Work took %f seconds\n", end - start);
  return 0;
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp 3.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.105183 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.099528 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.075229 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.096032 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.093436 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.075797 seconds
```

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#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
  long long sum;
  for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
        vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0:
  double start = omp get wtime();
  #pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    long long local sum = 0;
    for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++
      local_sum +=vector[i];
    #pragma omp critical
    sum += local sum;
  double end = omp get wtime();
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/$ 3-5 times faster
  printf("Work took %f seconds\n", end - s
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp 3b.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.003022 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.002093 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.003789 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.003210 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.001869 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.001909 seconds
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
  long long sum;
  for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
 sum = 0;
  double start = omp get wtime();
 int my index = 0;
 int n threads = 1;
  for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++)
    sum += vector[i];
  double end = omp get wtime();
  printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);
  printf("Work took %f seconds\n", end - start);
 return 0:
```

Sequential in some cases almost similar to parallel. There isn't much work to do, and there is the overhead of parallel execution

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp omp 3c.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.006381 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.004043 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.002905 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.006388 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.002935 seconds
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Average = 500000.500000
Work took 0.006408 seconds
```

### Clauses

In OpenMP directives can have clauses, which either change or define behavior of the directive

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
#define SIZE 1000
int main() {
  long vector[SIZE];
  long long sum;
 for(int i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
         vector[i] = i + 1;
  sum = 0:
  #pragma omp parallel num_threads(2)
    int my_index = omp_get_thread_num();
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    long long local sum = 0;
    for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++)
      local sum +=vector[i];
    #pragma omp critical
    sum += local sum;
```

The num\_threads clause requests to OpenMP the parallel region to be a team of X threads (2 in this case)

There are other ways to control the number of threads in a team:

- OMP NUM THREADS environment variable
- omp\_set\_num\_threads library routine

The actual number of threads may depend on availability and parallel parallel regions. More later.

printf("Average = %f\n", ((double)sum)/SIZE);



### Reduction Clauses

- The pattern of calculating local values and later reducing to a single value is very common
  - OpenMP allows to specify these reductions through clauses, which define the operation and the reduction variable
    - The operator is a binary operation (such as addition or multiplication), needs to be associative
    - The reduction is repeatedly applying the same operator to a sequence of operands in order to get a single result.
    - The intermediate results are stored in a local copy of the reduction variable (this needs to exist outside of the parallel region)
    - OpenMP implicitly deals with
      - Creating thread private variables and Initialization with the neutral element of the variable type
      - The mutual exclusion to update the shared variable

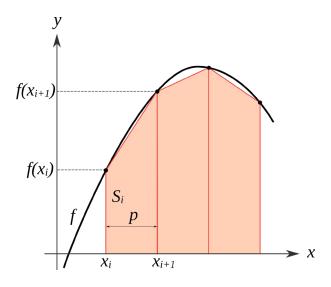
```
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4) reduction(+:sum)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        sum +=vector[i];
}</pre>
```

You can compare the efficiency of reduction with implementation of explicitly using a local sum

Programmer is responsible to guarantee that the reduction operation is the correct one for the algorithm

## Hands-on

Exercise: parallelize the trapezoidal rule to calculate the integral



$$\int_a^b f(x)\,dx pprox \sum_{k=1}^N rac{f(x_{k-1})+f(x_k)}{2} \Delta x_k.$$

Source: wikipedia

```
double integral (double a, double b, int n){
  double x, p, sum=0, integral;

p=fabs(b-a)/n;

for(int i=1; i<n; i++){
  x = a + i * p;
  sum=sum + func(x);
}

integral=(p/2)*(f(a)+f(b)+2*sum);

return integral;
}</pre>
```

- A worksharing construct distributes the execution of the corresponding region among the members of the parallel team
- Probably the most used construct is the parallel loop
  - Iterations of (one or more) associated loops will be executed in parallel by the threads in the team of the parallel region

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    int i;
    #pragma omp for
    for (i=0;i<N;i++){
        // iterations
    }
}</pre>
```

Iterations of the loop will be split among the threads. Needs to be followed by an for loop conforming to a **canonical form** 

Each thread gets its own i variable, even if declared before

Iterations should be independent (more later), and program cannot rely on any specific order between iterations

```
for(i=0;i< N;i++) {
                                                  Sequential code
     a[i] = a[i] + b[i]:
#pragma omp parallel
    int my index = omp get thread num();
                                                                          Explicit thread handling in parallel region
    int n threads = omp get num threads ();
    for(int i = my index*N/n threads; i < (my index+1)*N/n threads; i++)
       a[i] = a[i] + b[i];
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp for
                                                     Parallel region with a worksharing loop
for(i=0;i< N;i++) {
     a[i] = a[i] + b[i];
```

- This is usually the first approach to try to speedup a program through parallelization
  - Find time consuming loops in the code
  - Make iterations independent
  - Add a parallel region with a worksharing loop

```
int i, j, A[SIZE];
#pragma omp parallel for
for (i=0;i< SIZE; i++) {
    int j = 5 + 2*(i+1);
    A[i] = func(j);
}</pre>
```

Add a parallel loop (both directives can be collapsed in one pragma)

Change calculation of j to make iterations independent

## Hands-on

• Implement a parallel implementation of the  $\pi$  approximation with the Leibniz series

$$1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$
 
$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{2k+1}$$

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
   int i; double pi, sum = 0.0;
   static long num_steps = 1000000;
   double factor = 1.0;

for (i=0;i< num_steps; i++){
    sum = sum + r/(2*i+1);
   factor = -factor;
   }
   pi = 4.0 * sum;
   printf("Pi = %.10f", pi);
}</pre>
```

- It is possible to control how iterations are mapped on threads through the "schedule" clause
  - schedule(static [,chunk])
    - Map fixed blocks of iterations of size "chunk" to each thread
    - If chunk is not specified, the iteration size is divided in chunks approximately equal in size, and one per thread (~SIZE/N\_THREADS)
      - Different implementations may approximate differently
    - Almost no runtime overhead
    - Should be used when computation time is similar per iteration and predictable by the programmer
  - schedule(dynamic[,chunk])
    - Each thread fetches "chunk" iterations off a queue until all iterations have been handled
    - If chunk is not specified, it defaults to 1
    - More runtime overhead, allows to cope with varying computation time
  - schedule(guided[,chunk])
    - Similar to dynamic, but the size of the block starts large and shrinks down to size "chunk" as the calculation proceeds
    - The size of each chunk is proportional to the number of unassigned iterations divided by the number of threads
    - If chunk is not specified, it defaults to 1
    - Allows to reduce runtime overhead (sometimes)



- It is possible to control how iterations are mapped on threads through the "schedule" clause
  - schedule(runtime)
    - Type of schedule and chunk size taken from the OMP\_SCHEDULE environment variable (or the runtime library)
    - Allows the schedule to be changed during execution
  - schedule(auto)
    - Schedule is left up to the runtime to choose
    - Can be completely different, implementations can provide some "learning" approaches (theoretically)



- For nested loops, it is possible to parallelize any or several of the loops
  - But need to carefully plan parallel regions, so placement of the worksharing construct impacts the efficiency and speedup of the program
- For perfectly nested rectangular loops it is possible to collapse into a single loop (length NxM) and parallelize the collapsed loop with the collapse clause

Number of loops to collapse, starts from outer loop

# Worksharing constructs: Sections

- The Sections construct allows to specify different code for each thread
  - Allows for irregular parallel programming

```
#pragma omp parallel num threads(3)
  #pragma omp sections
                                                                                         user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp sect.c
                                                                                         user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
    #pragma omp section
                                                                                         Hello world! I am thread 2 out of 3 threads
                                                                                         Hello world! I am thread 1 out of 3 threads
      int myid = omp get thread num();
      int tcount = omp get num threads ();
      printf("Hello world! I am thread %d out of %d threads\n", myid, tcount);
    #pragma omp section
      int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
      int tcount = omp get num threads ();
      printf("Hello world! I am thread %d out of %d threads\n", myid, tcount);
                                                          Note that one of threads of the team is
                                                          not used (but exists)
```

# Worksharing constructs: Sections

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  - Allows for irregular parallel programming

```
#pragma omp parallel sections num_threads(3)
{
    #pragma omp section
    {
        int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
        int tcount = omp_get_num_threads ( );
        printf("Hello world! I am thread %d out of %d threads\n", myid, tcount);
    }
    #pragma omp section
    {
        int myid = omp_get_thread_num();
        int tcount = omp_get_num_threads ( );
        printf("Hello world! I am thread %d out of %d threads\n", myid, tcount);
    }
}
```

Again, both parallel and sections directives can be collapsed

## Hands-on

- Implement a recursive Fibonnaci function using sections
- Change the Fibonacci function to cut parallelism after a certain number of levels
  - controlled by a static flag



- OpenMP defines default storage attributes for data
  - Variables are either Shared (all threads see the same variable) or Private (each thread has its own)
  - Using C, variables are SHARED if
    - They have a wider scope than the parallel region (they were declared before)
    - They are static
    - They are dynamically allocated
  - Using C, variables are PRIVATE if
    - Declared inside the parallel region
    - Declared in a function called from a parallel region (these are in stack, therefore they need to be private to the thread)
- The default storage attributes can be changed by specific clauses
  - The change applies to the specific variables listed and only in the scope of the construct that has the clause
  - Or the default behavior can be changed with the default clause



- shared (only available in the parallel construct)
  - The variables in the list are shared between the threads
  - The variable needs to exist when the clause is reached, therefore it is shared by default
  - The clause is useful when the default is changed

#### private

- Each thread has a local private copy of the variable
- The variable is uninitialized, and it is not copied back to the original

#### firstprivate

 Each thread has a local private copy of the variable, which is initialized with the value of the shared variable when the clause was reached

#### lastprivate

 Each thread has a local private copy of the variable, the value of the last sequentially-equivalent value is propagated back to the original



```
void wrong() {
    int tmp = 0;

#pragma omp parallel for private(tmp)
    for (int j = 0; j < 1000; ++j)
        tmp += j;

printf("%d\n", tmp);
</pre>

Dutside of the parallel region, the original tmp variable is still 0
```

```
int tmp = 0;
    void wrong() {
        #pragma omp parallel for private(tmp)
        func();
        printf("%d\n", tmp);
}
```

```
extern int tmp;
void func() {
    for (int j = 0; j < 1000; ++j)
        tmp += j;
}</pre>
```

Not clear which tmp was used in this case, so result is unpredictable

```
void wrong() {
    int tmp = 0;

#pragma omp parallel for firstprivate(tmp)
    for (int j = 0; j < 1000; ++j)
        tmp += j;

printf("%d\n", tmp);

Outside of the parallel region, the original tmp variable is still 0</pre>
```

#### default

- Allows to change the default for variables in the clause
- In C, only available default(shared) or default(none)
- default(none) is a good way to guarantee safety it is only possible to access global variables which are explicitly shared
- default(shared) is the default, except for tasks (later)

```
int main() {
  int A, B;

#pragma omp parallel default(none) shared(A)
  {
    printf("%d\n", A);
    printf("%d\n", B);
}
return 0;
```

Compiler error:

error: 'B' not specified in enclosing 'parallel'

# More Data Scoping

- A complementary directive exists to make global variables private to a thread
  - Each thread gives its own set of global variables, with initial values undefined
- Different from private
  - With private clause, global variables are hidden
  - threadprivate preserves global scope within each thread
  - Parallel regions must be executed by the same number of threads for global data to persist (and thread with the same id accesses the same private global variable across parallel regions)
- Threadprivate variables can be initialized using copyin clause or at time of definition.



## Hands-on

• Identify the printed values of the following code

```
int main()
      int A=1, B=1, C=1;
      #pragma omp parallel private(B) firstprivate(C)
            #pragma omp single
                   printf("A = %d\n", A);
                   printf("B = %d\n", B);
                   printf("C = %d\n", C);
                   A = 0; B = 0; C = 0;
      printf("\nA = %d\n", A);
      printf("B = %d\n", B);
      printf("C = %d\n", C);
      return 0;
```

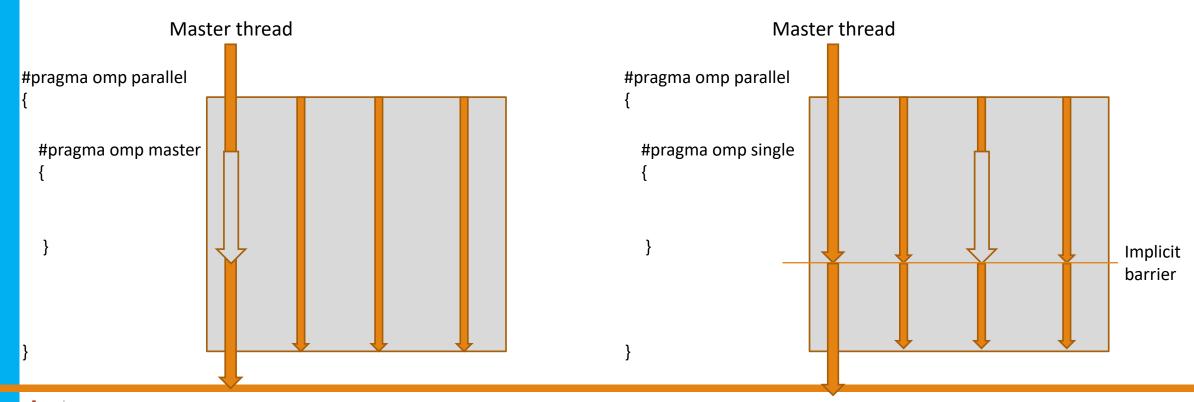
### Hands-on

• Identify the storage attributes of each variable in the following code int counter = 0; #pragma omp threadprivate(counter)

```
void func(int *a, int n){
    int i, j, m = 3;
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for(i=0; i<n; i++) {
       int k = m;
       for (j=1; j<=5; j++)
         func2(&a[i], &k, j);
void func2(int *x, int *y, int z){
  int ii;
  static int cnt;
  cnt++;
  counter++;
  for(ii=1; ii<z;ii++)
    *x = *y + z;
```

# Synchronization: Master and Single

- In the examples we have used explicitly the id of the master/primary thread with an if construct
  - But we can use directives to identify
    - Master/masked: only the master/primary thread will execute the block
    - Single: only one thread will execute the block, and all threads must wait for the block to be terminated (there is an implicit barrier)



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    - Master/masked: only the master thread will execute the block
    - Single: only one thread will execute the block, and all threads must wait for the block to be terminated (there is an implicit barrier)

```
long counter = 0;
long prev counter = 0;
#pragma omp parallel reduction(+:counter)
  int my_index = omp_get_thread_num();
  int n threads = omp get num threads ();
  for(int i = my index*SIZE/n threads; i < (my index+1)*SIZE/n threads; i++){
    if(vector[i] > threshold)
       #pragma omp atomic
       counter++;
    #pragma omp master
     if(counter - prev counter > 100){
       prev counter = counter;
       printf("Found more 100 threshold violations\n");
```

atomic is similar to critical, enforcing mutual exclusion. In its basic form works only updating a memory location (the update is atomic), with simple operators (++,--,+=,-=,...)

The if block will be executed only by the master thread

OpenMP 5.2 #pragma omp masked filter(0)



# Synchronization: Master and Single

- In the examples we have used explicitly the id of the master thread with an if construct
  - But we can use directives to identify
    - Master: only the master thread will execute the block
    - Single: only one thread will execute the block, and all threads must wait for the block to be terminated (there is an implicit barrier)

Only one thread will initialize the variables. All threads need to wait for initialization

## Synchronization: Barriers

- In an OpenMP program there are implicit barriers, where all threads need to synchronize
  - At the end of a parallel region
  - At the end of a single directive
  - At the end of worksharing constructs (parallel loops and sections)
- Barriers have overhead
  - Need to count threads, with a shared counter, and suspend/resume threads
  - Therefore, single and worksharing implicit barriers can be suppressed with the nowait clause

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    #pragma omp for nowait
    for(int i=0; i<N; i++)
        process(Vector_A[i]);
    #pragma omp for
    for(int j=0; j<N; j++)
        process(Vector_B[i]);
}</pre>
```

If a nowait clause is added to the loop, the implicit barrier at the end is surpressed, so threads can continue with B as soon as finishing with A

Threads that finish processing Vector\_A in the first loop, need to wait all threads to finish processing Vector\_A, before starting processing Vector B

## Synchronization: Barriers

- It is also possible to explicitly set a barrier in a parallel region
  - All threads of the region need to reach the barrier, before any can proceed
  - Useful to build algorithms that work in steps

```
a[0] = b[0];
for (int i = 1; I < n; i++) {
    a[i] = f(a[i-1], b[i]);
}

a = { 1, 3, 5, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4}
for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
    a[i] = a[i-1] + a[i];
}
Write(a);

{ 1, 4, 9, 12, 16, 18, 21, 25}</pre>
```

## Synchronization: Barriers

int main() {

```
long vector[SIZE];
long intermediates[NUM_THREADS];

#pragma omp parallel num_threads(NUM_THREADS)
{
   int my_index = omp_get_thread_num();
   int n_threads = omp_get_num_threads ( );
   int it;

for(it = my_index*SIZE/n_threads; it < (my_index+1)*SIZE/n_threads - 1; it++)
     vector[it + 1] = vector[it + 1] + vector[it];
   intermediates[my_index] = vector[it];</pre>
```

#### #pragma omp barrier

```
#pragma omp single
{
  int total = intermediates[0];
  for (int i = 1; i < n_threads; i++) {
     int prevTotal = total;
     total = total + intermediates[i];
     intermediates[i] = prevTotal;
  }
}</pre>
```

```
if(my_index != 0)
for(it = my_index*SIZE/n_threads; it < (my_index+1)*SIZE/n_threads; it++)
    vector[it] = vector[it] + intermediates[my_index];</pre>
```

return 0;

Doing more work than sequential, but depending on the cost of each individual operation, it may be faster when parallel

First phase: calculate in parallel the partial accumulators

Wait that all threads have calculated the accumulators

Second phase, accumulate the accumulators, only a single thread performs the calculation

There is an implicit barrier at the end of the single

Final phase, all threads except first update the values with the intermediate accumulators

## Hands-on

Change the prefix-sum example (previous slide) to use parallel loops

# Synchronization: Locks

Revisiting critical sections, assume you are creating a histogram out of values in an array

```
int create_histogram (int* array, int* hist)
{
    for(int i = 0; i < HIST_SIZE; i++)
        hist[i] = 0;

#pragma omp parallel for
    for(int i = 0; i < ARRAY_SIZE; i++)
    {
        if(array[i]<0 | | array[i]>HIST_SIZE-1)
            return -1;
        #pragma omp critical
        hist[array[i]] ++;
    }
    return 0;

But now the function is if sequential ...
```



# Synchronization: Locks

- OpenMP includes locks that can be used for synchronization
  - Similar to pthread mutexes
  - Operate on lock variables, using library functions
  - Like mutexes, threads need to hold the lock to be able to unlock it

# Synchronization: Locks

A new histogram

```
int create histogram (int* array, int* hist)
      omp_lock_t locks[HIST_SIZE];
      for(int i = 0; i < HIST SIZE; i++){
             omp init lock(&locks[i]);
             hist[i] = 0;
      #pragma omp parallel for
      for(int i = 0; i < ARRAY SIZE; i++){
             if(array[i]<0 || array[i]>HIST SIZE-1)
                   return -1; // locks were not destroyed
             omp_set_lock(&locks[array[i]]);
             hist[array[i]] ++;
             omp_unset_lock(&locks[array[i]]);
      for(int i = 0; i < HIST SIZE; i++)
             omp destroy lock(&locks[i]);
      return 0;
```

Only contention if accesses the same position of the histogram

- Nested parallel regions
  - If within a parallel region, a new parallel region construct is reached, a new region is created
  - If nested parallelism is not enabled, the new team will be only the thread that the encountered the new region

```
void report num threads(int level)
 #pragma omp single
 printf("Level %d: number of threads in the team - %d\n", level, omp get num threads());
int main()
 omp set nested(0);
 #pragma omp parallel num threads(2)
    report num threads(1);
                                                     Changing to anything
    #pragma omp parallel num threads(2)
                                                     different than zero
     report num threads(2);
     #pragma omp parallel num threads(2)
        report num threads(3);
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp nested.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ ./a.out
Level 1: number of threads in the team - 2
Level 2: number of threads in the team - 1
Level 2: number of threads in the team - 1
Level 3: number of threads in the team - 1
Level 3: number of threads in the team - 1
```

```
user@ubuntu:~/omp$ gcc -Wall -fopenmp nested.c
user@ubuntu:~/omp$./a.out
Level 1: number of threads in the team - 2
Level 2: number of threads in the team - 2
Level 3: number of threads in the team - 2
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```

return 0;

- Number of threads in a parallel region
  - It is possible that the number of threads in a parallel region is less than what is requested
    - E.g. when nested parallelism is not enabled
  - The OpenMP runtime maintains a pool of threads, which are shared to be assigned among all parallel regions
    - This means that there might be less threads available than those requested
  - Even if there are more threads available than requested, OpenMP allows for the runtime to manage dynamically the number of threads
    - And assign less than requested
  - It is possible to disable dynamic management of threads
    - omp\_set\_dynamic(0);
    - This means that if there are threads available, the parallel region gets the requested number of threads
    - In case it is nested, if nested is enabled
- Conclusion: do not assume the number of threads
  - If the algorithm requires, check the number at runtime



- The memory model of OpenMP is based on relaxed consistency
  - Threads may have a temporary view of the memory (non-coherent caches, registers, scratchpads, compilers optimizations, ...)
  - It is not possible to trust the value of a shared variable
    - It may be updated in parallel and the update still not visible
    - Or the ordering of read-writes in different variables
  - It is possible to force the consistency of the memory
    - A barrier forces all threads to make memory consistent
      - Applies to all threads of the team
    - The flush directive forces one thread (the one encountering the flush) to make its temporary view of the memory consistent
      - A flush operation is implied by OpenMP at entry/exit of parallel regions, implicit and explicit barriers, entry/exit of critical regions, lock set or unset
        - but not at entry to worksharing regions or entry/exit of master regions



- OpenMP does not provide thread conditional synchronization
  - Programmers have to explicitly manage it, with spinlocking
  - Makes programming of irregular applications significantly difficult

```
double *A, sum, runtime;
                                                                  Mitigated by the OpenMP tasking model,
int numthreads, flag = 0, flg tmp;
                                                                  next week!
A = (double *)malloc(N*sizeof(double));
#pragma omp parallel sections
                                            #pragma omp section
     #pragma omp section
           fill rand(N, A);
                                                  while (1){
           #pragma omp flush
                                                       #pragma omp flush(flag)
           #pragma atomic write
                                                       #pragma omp atomic read
                                                       flg tmp= flag;
           flaq = 1;
                                                       if (flg tmp==1) break;
           #pragma omp flush (flag)
                                                 #pragma omp flush
                                                  sum = Sum_array(N, A);
```

- OpenMP Programs can introduce concurrency induced errors
  - Race conditions, deadlocks, livelocks
  - The same problems as described in the previous module
  - The specification guides on developing correct programs (data scoping, threads and barriers), and compilers are increasingly better in enforcing it, but
    - You can step outside of the "safer" model (e.g. using locks instead of critical for performance)
    - You can implement incorrect (from a specification point of view) programs, which the compiler does not detect

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    int x = 1;
    #pragma omp single
    x = 2;

    if(x==2)
    {
        #pragma omp barrier
        //...
    }
}
```

Incorrect according to specification, but GCC does not detect it. This program deadlocks.

The use of static analysis tools, and model checking, are fundamental here

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