# Parallel Programming with OpenMP

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### Parallel Programming with OpenMP

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# Setting the Stage

- Overview of parallel computing
- <u>Introduction to OpenMP</u>
- The OpenMP programming model



### Overview of Parallel Computing

- Parallel computing is when a program uses concurrency to either
  - decrease the runtime needed to solve a problem
  - increase the size of problem that can be solved
- The direction in which high-performance computing is headed!
- Mainly this is a price/performance issue
  - Vector machines very expensive to engineer and run
  - Commodity hardware/software Clusters!



## Writing a Parallel Application

- Decompose the problem into tasks
  - Ideally, these tasks can be worked on independently of the others
- Map tasks onto "threads of execution" (processors)
- Threads have shared and local data
  - Shared: used by more than one thread
  - Local: Private to each thread
- Write source code using some parallel programming environment
- Choices may depend on (among many things)
  - the hardware platform to be run on
  - the level performance needed
  - the nature of the problem



#### Parallel Architectures

- Distributed memory
  - Each processor has local memory
  - Cannot directly access the memory of other processors
- Shared memory (OSC Altix 3000, Sun 6800, Cray SV1ex)
  - Processors can directly reference memory attached to other processors
  - Shared memory may be *physically* distributed
    - The cost to access remote memory may be high!
  - Several processors may sit on one memory bus (SMP)
- Combinations are very common (OSC IA32 and IA64 clusters)
  - IA32 cluster
    - 128 compute nodes, each with 2 processors sharing 2GB of memory on one bus
  - IA64 cluster
    - 150 compute nodes, each with 2 processors sharing 4GB of memory on one bus
  - High-speed interconnect between nodes



### Parallel Programming Models

- Distributed memory systems
  - For processors to share data, the programmer must explicitly arrange for communication - "Message Passing"
  - Message passing libraries:
    - MPI ("Message Passing Interface")
    - PVM ("Parallel Virtual Machine")
    - Shmem (Cray only)
- Shared memory systems
  - "Thread" based programming
  - Compiler directives (OpenMP; various proprietary systems)
  - Can also do explicit message passing, of course



## Parallel Computing: Hardware

- In very good shape!
- Processors are cheap and powerful
  - Intel, MIPS, ...
  - Theoretical performance approaching 1 GFLOP/sec
- SMP nodes with 1-8 CPUs are common
- Affordable, high-performance interconnect technology is becoming available Myrinet, Infiniband
- Systems with a few hundreds of processors and good inter-processor communication are not hard to build



## Parallel Computing: Software

- Not as mature as the hardware
- The main obstacle to making use of all this power
  - Perceived difficulties with writing parallel codes outweigh the benefits
- Emergence of standards is helping enormously
  - MPI
  - OpenMP
- Programming in a shared memory environment generally easier
- Often better performance using message passing
  - Much like assembly language vs. C/Fortran



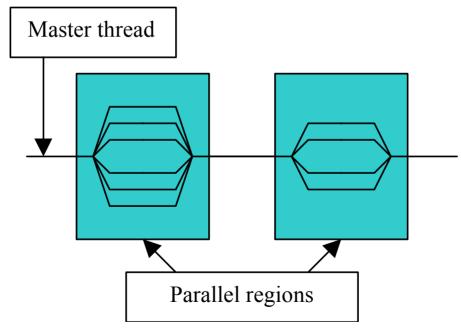
## Introduction to OpenMP

- OpenMP is an API for writing multithreaded applications in a shared memory environment
- It consists of a set of compiler directives and library routines
- Relatively easy to create multi-threaded applications in Fortran, C and C++
- Standardizes the last 15 or so years of SMP development and practice
- Currently supported by
  - Hardware vendors
    - Intel, HP, SGI, Sun, IBM
  - Software tools vendors
    - Intel, KAI, PGI, PSR, APR, Absoft
  - Applications vendors
    - ANSYS, Fluent, Oxford Molecular, NAG, DOE ASCI, Dash, Livermore Software, ...
- Support is common and growing



# The OpenMP Programming Model

- A *master* thread spawns *teams* of threads as needed
- Parallelism is added incrementally; the serial program evolves into a parallel program





### The OpenMP Programming Model

- Programmer inserts OpenMP directives (Fortran comments, C #pragmas) at key locations in the source code.
- Compiler interprets these directives and generates library calls to parallelize code regions.

```
Serial:

void main() {
    double x[1000];
    for (int i=0; i<1000; i++) {
        big_calc(x[i]);
    }
}</pre>
Parallel:

void main() {
    double x[1000];
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (int i=0; i<1000; i++) {
        big_calc(x[i]);
    }
}
```

Split up loop iterations among a team of threads



### The OpenMP Programming Model

- Number of threads can be controlled from within the program, or using the environment variable **OMP\_NUM\_THREADS**.
- The programmer is responsible for managing synchronization and data dependencies!
- Compiling on OSC systems:

```
Intel Compiler – IA64 Cluster Intel Compiler – IA32 Cluster
```

```
efc -openmp prog.f ifc -openmp prog.f efc -openmp prog.f90 ifc -openmp prog.f90 ecc -openmp prog.c icc -openmp prog.c
```



#### How do Threads Interact?

- Shared memory model
  - Threads communicate by sharing variables.
- Unintended sharing of data can lead to "race conditions"
  - When the program's outcome changes as the threads are scheduled differently.
- To control race conditions, use synchronization to avoid data conflicts
- Synchronization is expensive!
  - Think about changing how data is organized, to minimize the need for synchronization.



## The Basics of OpenMP

- General syntax rules
- The parallel region
- Execution modes
- OpenMP directive clauses
- Work-sharing constructs
- Combined parallel work-sharing constructs
- Environment variables
- Runtime environment routines
- <u>Interlude: data dependencies</u>



# General Syntax Rules

- Most OpenMP constructs are compiler directives or C pragmas
  - For C and C++, pragmas take the form

```
#pragma omp construct [clause [clause]...]
```

- For Fortran, directives take one of the forms:

```
c$omp construct [clause [clause]...]
!$omp construct [clause [clause]...]
*$omp construct [clause [clause]...]
```

• Since these are directives, compilers that don't support OpenMP can still compile OpenMP programs (serially, of course!)



### General Syntax Rules

- Most OpenMP directives apply to structured blocks
  - A block of code with one entry point at the top, and one exit point at the bottom.
     The only branches allowed are STOP statements in Fortran and exit() in
     C/C++

```
c$omp parallel

10     wrk(id) = junk(id)
     res(id) = wrk(id)**2
     if (conv(res)) goto 10

c$omp end parallel
     print *, id
```

#### A structured block

```
c$omp parallel

10    wrk(id) = junk(id)
30    res(id) = wrk(id)**2
        if (conv(res)) goto 20
        goto 10

c$omp end parallel
        if (not_done) goto 30
        print *, id
```

#### Not a structured block!



- The fundamental construct that initiates parallel execution
- Fortran syntax:

```
c$omp parallel
c$omp& shared(var1, var2, ...)
c$omp& private(var1, var2, ...)
c$omp& firstprivate(var1, var2, ...)
c$omp& reduction(operator|intrinsic:var1, var2, ...)
c$omp& if(expression)
c$omp& default(private|shared|none)

a structured block of code

c$omp end parallel
```



• C/C++ syntax:

```
#pragma omp parallel
    private (var1, var2, ...)
    shared (var1, var2, ...)
    firstprivate(var1, var2, ...)
    copyin(var1, var2, ...)
    reduction(operator:var1, var2, ...)
    if(expression)
    default(shared|none)
{
    ...a structured block of code...
}
```



- The number of threads created upon entering the parallel region is controlled by the value of the environment variable **OMP NUM THREADS** 
  - Can also be controlled by a function call from within the program.
- Each thread executes the block of code enclosed in the parallel region
- In general there is no synchronization between threads in the parallel region!
  - Different threads reach particular statements at unpredictable times.
- When all threads reach the end of the parallel region, all but the master thread go out of existence and the master continues on alone.



- Each thread has a thread number, which is an integer from 0 (the master thread) to the number of threads minus one.
  - Can be determined by a call to omp\_get\_thread\_num()
- Threads can execute different paths of statements in the parallel region
  - Typically achieved by branching on the thread number:

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    myid = omp_get_thread_num();
    if (myid == 0)
        do_something();
    else
        do_something_else(myid);
}
```



### Parallel Regions: Execution Modes

- "Dynamic mode" (the default)
  - The number of threads used in a parallel region can vary, under control of the operating system, from one parallel region to the next.
  - Setting the number of threads just sets the *maximum* number of threads; you might get fewer!
- "Static mode"
  - The number of threads is fixed by the programmer; you must always get this many (or else fail to run).
- Parallel regions may be nested, but a compiler may choose to "serialize" the inner parallel region, *i.e.*, run it on a single thread.
- Execution mode is controlled by
  - The environment variable **OMP DYNAMIC**
  - The OMP function omp set dynamic()



### OpenMP Directive Clauses

- shared(var1, var2, ...)
  - Variables to be shared among all threads (threads access same memory locations).
- private(var1,var2,...)
  - Each thread has its own copy of the variables for the duration of the parallel code.
- firstprivate(var1, var2, ...)
  - Private variables that are initialized when parallel code is entered.
- lastprivate(var1, var2,...)
  - Private variables that save their values at the last (serial) iteration.
- if(expression)
  - Only parallelize if expression is true.
- default(shared|private|none)
  - Specifies default scoping for variables in parallel code.
- schedule(type [,chunk])
  - Controls how loop iterations are distributed among threads.
- reduction(operator|intrinsic:var1,var2...)
  - Ensures that a reduction operation (e.g., a global sum) is performed safely.



#### The private, default and if clauses

#### private & default

```
c$omp parallel shared(a)
    private(myid,x)

myid=omp_get_thread_num()
    x = work(myid)
    if (x < 1.0) then
        a(myid) = x
    end if

is:

parallel do default(private)
    shared(a)
...</pre>
```

• Don't want to parallelize a loop if the overhead outweighs the speedup.

- Each thread has its own private copy of x and myid
- Unless x is made private, its value is indeterminate during parallel operation
- Values for private variables are undefined at beginning and end of the parallel region!
- default clause automatically makes x and myid private.

#### if(expression)

```
c$omp parallel do if(n.ge.2000)
    do i = 1, n
        a(i) = b(i)*c + d(i)
    enddo
```



#### firstprivate

• Variables are private (local to each thread), but are initialized to the value in the preceding serial code.

• Each thread has a private copy of c, initialized with the value 98



## **OpenMP Work-Sharing Constructs**

- Parallel for/DO
- Parallel sections
- single directive
- Placed inside parallel regions
- Distribute the execution of associated statements among existing threads
  - No *new* threads are created.
- No implied synchronization between threads at the start of the work sharing construct!



# OpenMP work-sharing constructs - for/DO

• Distribute iterations of the immediately following loop among threads in a team

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(a,b) private(j)
{
    #pragma omp for
        for (j=0; j<N; j++)
            a[j] = a[j] + b[j];
}</pre>
```

- By default there is a barrier at the end of the loop
  - Threads wait until all are finished, then proceed.
  - Use the nowait clause to allow threads to continue without waiting.



### Detailed syntax - for

```
#pragma omp for [clause [clause]...]
    for loop
```

#### where each clause is one of

- private(list)
- firstprivate(*list*)
- lastprivate(*list*)
- reduction(operator: list)
- ordered
- schedule(kind [, chunk\_size])
- nowait



### Detailed syntax - DO

```
c$omp do [clause [clause]...]
   do loop
[c$omp end do [nowait]]
```

#### where each clause is one of

- private(list)
- firstprivate(list)
- lastprivate(list)
- reduction(operator: list)
- ordered
- schedule(kind [, chunk\_size])
- For Fortran 90, use ! \$OMP and F90-style line continuation.



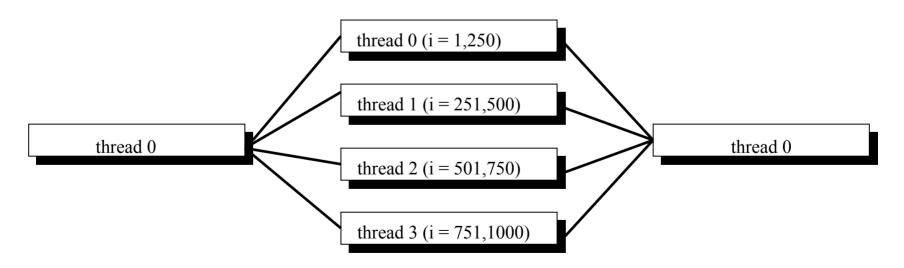
# The schedule (type, [chunk]) clause

- Controls how work is distributed among threads
- chunk is used to specify the size of each work parcel (number of iterations)
- type may be one of the following:
  - static
  - dynamic
  - guided
  - runtime
- The chunk argument is optional. If omitted, implementation-dependent default values are used.



#### schedule(static)

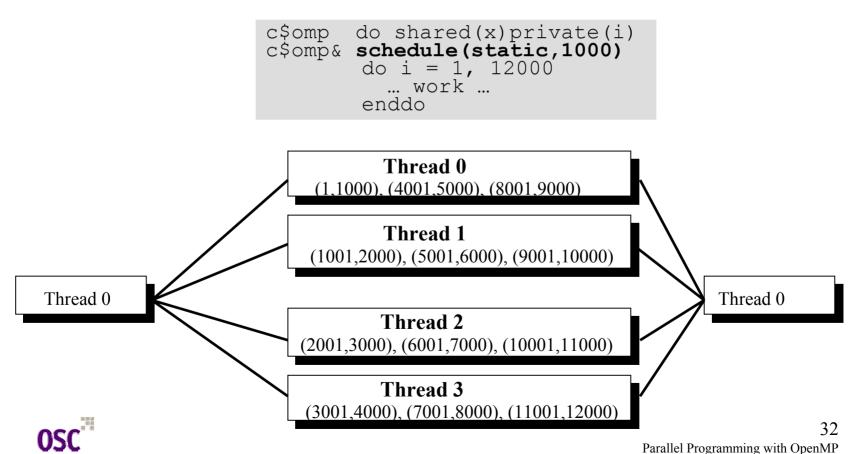
• Iterations are divided evenly among threads





#### schedule(static,chunk)

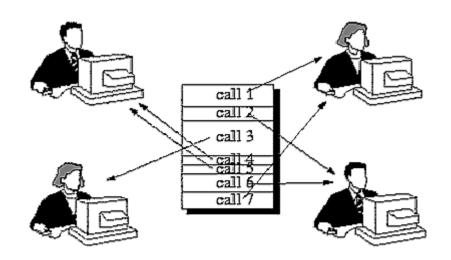
- Divides the work load in to chunk sized parcels
- If there are N threads, each thread does every Nth chunk of work



#### schedule(dynamic, chunk)

- Divides the workload into chunk sized parcels.
- As a thread finishes one chunk, it grabs the next available chunk.
- Default value for chunk is 1.
- More overhead, but potentially better load balancing.

```
c$omp do shared(x) private(i)
c$omp& schedule(dynamic,1000)
    do i = 1, 10000
        ... work ...
    end do
```





#### schedule (guided, chunk)

- Like dynamic scheduling, but the chunk size varies dynamically.
- Chunk sizes depend on the number of unassigned iterations.
- The chunk size decreases toward the specified value of chunk.
- Achieves good load balancing with relatively low overhead.
- Insures that no single thread will be stuck with a large number of leftovers while the others take a coffee break.



#### schedule(runtime)

- Scheduling method is determined at runtime.
- Depends on the value of environment variable **OMP SCHEDULE**
- This environment variable is checked at runtime, and the method is set accordingly.
- Scheduling method is static by default.
- Chunk size set as (optional) second argument of string expression.
- Useful for experimenting with different scheduling methods without recompiling.

```
[mck-login1]$ setenv OMP_SCHEDULE static,1000
[mck-login1]$ setenv OMP_SCHEDULE dynamic
```



#### lastprivate

- Like private within the parallel construct each thread has its own copy.
- The value corresponding to the last iteration of the loop (in serial mode) is saved following the parallel construct.

```
c$omp do shared(x)
c$omp& lastprivate(i)
    do i = 1, N
        x(i) = a
    enddo

n = i
```

- When the loop is finished, i is saved as the value corresponding to the last iteration in serial mode (i.e., n = N + 1).
- If i is declared private instead, the value of n is undefined!



## reduction(operator|intrinsic:var1[,var2])

- Allows safe global calculation or comparison.
- A private copy of each listed variable is created and initialized depending on operator or intrinsic (e.g., 0 for +).
- Partial sums and local mins are determined by the threads in parallel.
- Partial sums are added together from one thread at a time to get gobal sum.
- Local mins are compared from one thread at a time to get gmin.



# reduction(operator|intrinsic:var1[,var2])

- Listed variables must be shared in the enclosing parallel context.
- In Fortran
  - operator can be +, \*, -, .and., .or., .eqv., .neqv.
  - intrinsic can be max, min, iand, ior, ieor
- In C
  - operator can be +, \*, -, &, ^, |, &&, ||
  - pointers and reference variables are not allowed in reductions!



# OpenMP Work-Sharing Constructs - sections

- Each parallel section is run on a separate thread
- Allows functional decomposition
- Implicit barrier at the end of the sections construct
  - Use the nowait clause to suppress this



# OpenMP Work-Sharing Constructs - sections

### • Fortran syntax:

### Valid clauses:

- private(list)
- firstprivate(list)
- lastprivate(list)
- reduction(operator|intrinsic:list)



# OpenMP Work Sharing Constructs - sections

### • C syntax:

```
#pragma omp sections [clause [clause...]]
{
    #pragma omp section
        structured block
    [#pragma omp section
        structured block
    ...]
}
```

#### Valid clauses:

```
- private(list)
- firstprivate(list)
- lastprivate(list)
- reduction(operator:list)
- nowait
```



## OpenMP Work Sharing Constructs - single

- Ensures that a code block is executed by only one thread in a parallel region.
- The thread that reaches the single directive first is the one that executes the single block.
- Equivalent to a sections directive with a single section but a more descriptive syntax.
- All threads in the parallel region must encounter the single directive.
- Unless nowait is specified, all noninvolved threads wait at the end of the single block



# OpenMP Work Sharing Constructs - single

• Fortran syntax:

```
c$omp single [clause [clause...]]
          structured block
c$omp end single [nowait]
```

### where clause is one of

- private(list)
- firstprivate(list)



# OpenMP Work Sharing Constructs - single

• C syntax:

```
#pragma omp single [clause [clause...]]
     structured block
```

### where clause is one of

- private(list)
- firstprivate(list)
- nowait



# Combined Parallel Work-Sharing Constructs

- Short cuts for specifying a parallel region that contains only one work sharing construct (a parallel for/DO or parallel sections).
- Semantically equivalent to declaring a parallel section followed immediately by the relevant work-sharing construct.
- All clauses valid for a parallel section and for the relevant work-sharing construct are allowed, except nowait.
  - The end of a parallel section contains an implicit barrier anyway.



### Parallel DO/for Directive



### Parallel sections Directive

```
#pragma omp parallel sections [clause [clause...]]
{
    [#pragma omp section]
        structured block
    [#pragma omp section
        structured block
    ...]
}
```



## OpenMP Environment Variables

### OMP NUM THREADS

Sets the number of threads requested for parallel regions.

### OMP SCHEDULE

- Set to a string value which controls parallel loop scheduling at runtime.
- Only loops that have schedule type RUNTIME are affected.

### OMP DYNAMIC

- Enables or disables dynamic adjustment of the number of threads actually used in a parallel region (due to system load).
- Default value is implementation dependent.

### OMP\_NESTED

- Enables or disables nested parallelism.
- Default value is FALSE (nesting disabled).



## OpenMP Environment Variables

### • Examples:

```
[mck-login1]$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=16
[mck-login1]$ setenv OMP_SCHEDULE "guided,4"
[mck-login1]$ export OMP_DYNAMIC=false
[mck-login1]$ setenv OMP_NESTED TRUE
```

Note: values are case-insensitive!

## OpenMP Runtime Environment Routines

- (void) omp\_set\_num\_threads(int num\_threads)
  - Sets the number of threads to be requested for subsequent parallel regions.
- int omp get num threads()
  - Returns the number of threads currently in the team.
- int omp\_get\_max\_threads()
  - Returns the maximum value that may be returned by omp\_get\_num\_threads.
  - Generally used to allocate data structures that have a maximum size per thread when OMP DYNAMIC is set to TRUE.
- int omp\_get\_thread\_num()
  - Returns the thread number, an integer from 0 to the number of threads minus 1.
- int omp\_get\_num\_procs()
  - Returns the number of physical processors available to the program.



## OpenMP Runtime Environment Routines

## (int/logical) omp\_in\_parallel()

- Returns "true" (logical .TRUE. in Fortran; a non-zero integer in C) if called from a parallel region, "false" (logical .FALSE. in Fortran, 0 in C) otherwise.

### (void) omp\_set\_dynamic(expr)

Enables (expr is "true") or disables (expr is "false") dynamic thread allocation.

### (int/logical) omp get dynamic()

Returns "true" or "false" if dynamic thread allocation is enabled/disabled, respectively.

## void omp\_set\_nested(int/logical expr)

- Enables (expr is "true") or disables (expr is "false") nested parallelism.

# (int/logical) omp\_get\_nested()

- Returns "true" or "false" if nested parallelism is enables/disabled, respectively.



# OpenMP Runtime Environment Routines

- In Fortran, routines that return a value (integer or logical) are functions, while those that set a value (*i.e.*, take an argument) are subroutines.
- In Fortran, functions must be declared as the appropriate datatype
- In C, be sure to **#include <omp.h>**
- Changes to the environment made by function calls have precedence over the corresponding environment variables.
  - For example, a call to omp\_set\_num\_threads() overrides any value that
     OMP\_NUM\_THREADS may have.



# Interlude: Data Dependencies

- In order for a loop to parallelize, the work done in one loop iteration cannot depend on the work done in any other iteration.
- In other words, the order of execution of loop iterations must be irrelevant.
- Loops with this property are called data independent.
- Some data dependencies may be broken by changing the code.

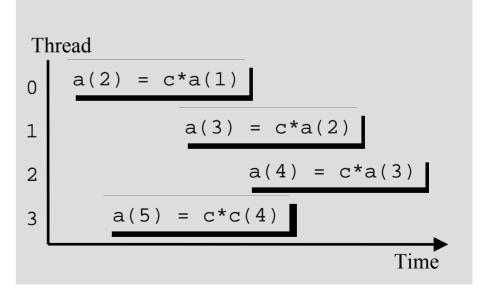


- Only variables that are **written** in one iteration and **read** in another iteration will create data dependencies.
- A variable cannot create a dependency unless it is **shared**.
- Often data dependencies are difficult to identify. Compiler tools can help by identifying the dependencies automatically.

#### **Recurrence:**

do 
$$i = 2,5$$
  
  $a(i) = c*a(i-1)$   
enddo

### Is there a dependency here?





 Unless declared as private, a temporary variable may be shared, and will cause a data dependency.

#### **Function Calls**

```
do i = 1,n
  call myroutine(a,b,c,i)
enddo

subroutine myroutine(a,b,c,i)
...
a(i) = 0.3 * (a(i-1)+b(i)+c)
...
return
```

### **Temporary Variable Dependency**

```
do i = 1,n
    x = cos(a(i))
    b(i) = sqrt(x * c)
enddo
```

- In general, loops containing function calls can be parallelized.
- The programmer must make certain that the function or subroutine contains no dependencies or other side effects.
- In Fortran, make sure there are no static variables in the called routine.
- Intrinsic functions are safe.



• Similar to the temporary variable dependency, a reduction dependency is eliminated simply by using the reduction clause to the parallel do directive.

#### **Reductions**

```
do i = 1, n
  xsum = xsum + a(i)
  xmu1 = xmu1 * a(i)
  xmax = max(xmax,a(i))
  xmin = min(xmin,a(i))
enddo
```

### **Indirect Indexing**

```
do i = 1,n
   a(i) = c * a(idx(i))
enddo

do i = 1,n
   a(ndx(i)) = b(i)+c (i)
enddo
```

- If idx(i) not equal to i on every iteration, then there is a dependency.
- If ndx (i) ever repeats itself, there is a dependency.



 Loops with conditional exits should not be parallelized. Requires ordered execution.

### **Nested Loop Order**

```
do k = 1, n
  do j = 1, n
  do i = 1, n
    a(i,j)=a(i,j)+b(i,k)*c(k,j)
  enddo
  enddo
enddo
```

### **Conditional Loop Exit**

```
do i = 1,n
        a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
        if (a(i).gt.amax) then
        a(i) = amax
        goto 100
        endif
enddo

100 continue
```

- If the k-loop is parallelized, then there is a dependency related to a(i,j)
- This can be fixed by making the k-loop the innermost loop



# Minimizing the Cost of a Recurrence

- Move the dependency into a separate loop.
- Parallelize the loop without the dependency.
- Make sure benefits outweigh the cost of loop overhead.

```
c
c Parallel Loop
c
c$comp parallel do shared(junk)
c$omp& private(i)
    do i = 1, NHUGE
        junk(i) = ...lots of math...
    enddo

c
c Serial Loop
c
do i = 1, NHUGE
        a(i) = junk(i) + a(i-1)
    enddo
```



## Loop Nest Parallelization Possibilities

All examples shown run on 8 threads with schedule (static)

• Parallelize the outer loop:

```
!$omp parallel do private(i,j) shared(a)
    do i=1,16
        do j=1,16
        a(i,j) = i+j
        enddo
enddo
```

• Each thread gets two values of i (T0 gets i=1,2; T1 gets i=3,4, etc.) and *all* values of j



## Loop Nest Parallelization Possibilities

• Parallelize the inner loop:

• Each thread gets two values of j (T0 gets j=1,2; T1 gets j=3,4, etc.) and all values of i

# OpenMP Synchronization Constructs

- critical
- atomic
- barrier
- master
- <u>ordered</u>
- flush



## OpenMP Synchronization - critical Section

• Ensures that a code block is executed by only one thread at a time in a parallel region

- When one thread is in the critical region, the others wait until the thread inside exits the critical section.
- name identifies the critical region.
- Multiple critical sections are independent of one another unless they use the same name.
- All unnamed critical regions are considered to have the same identity.



## OpenMP Synchronization - critical Section Example

```
integer :: cnt1, cnt2
c$omp parallel private(i)
c$omp& shared(cnt1,cnt2)
c$omp do
   do i = 1, n
      ...do work...
      if (condition1) then
c$omp critical (name1)
         cnt1 = cnt1+1
c$omp end critical (name1)
      else
c$omp critical (name1)
         cnt1 = cnt1-1
c$omp end critical (name1)
      endif
      if (condition2) then
c$omp critical (name2)
         cnt2 = cnt2 + 1
c$omp end critical (name2)
      endif
   enddo
c$omp end parallel
```



## OpenMP - Critical Section Problem

#### Is this correct?

#### What about this?

```
c$omp parallel do
    do i = 1,n
c$omp critical
    if (a(i).gt.xmax) then
        xmax = a(i)
    endif
c$omp end critical
    enddo
...
```



# OpenMP Synchronization - atomic Update

- Prevents a thread that is in the process of (1) accessing, (2) changing, and (3) restoring values in a shared memory location from being interrupted at any stage by another thread.
- Syntax:

- Alternative to using the reduction clause (it applies to same kinds of expressions).
- Directive in effect only for the code statement immediately following it.



## OpenMP Synchronization - atomic Update

```
integer, dimension(8) :: a,index
data index/1,1,2,3,1,4,1,5/

c$omp parallel private(i), shared(a,index)
c$omp do
   do i = 1, 8

c$omp atomic
    a(index(I)) = a(index(I)) + index(I)
   enddo
c$omp end parallel
```



# OpenMP Synchronization - barrier

- Causes threads to stop until all threads have reached the barrier.
- Syntax:

```
!$omp barrier
```

#pragma omp barrier

- A red light until all threads arrive, then it turns green.
- Example:



# OpenMP Synchronization - master Region

- Code in a master region is executed only by the master thread.
- Syntax:

```
#pragma omp master
    structured block
```

• Other threads skip over entire master region (no implicit barrier!).

# OpenMP Synchronization - master Region

```
!$omp parallel shared(c,scale) &
!$omp private(j,myid)
     myid=omp get thread num()
!$omp master
  print *,'T:',myid,' enter scale'
  read *, scale
!$omp end master
!$omp barrier
!$omp do
  do j = 1, N
     c(j) = scale * c(j)
  enddo
!$omp end do
!$omp end parallel
```



# OpenMP Synchronization - ordered Region

- Within an ordered region, loop iterations are forced to be executed in sequential order.
- Syntax:

```
c$omp ordered
    structured block
c$omp end ordered
```

#pragma omp ordered
 structured block

- An ordered region can only appear in a parallel loop.
- The parallel loop directive must contain the ordered clause (new).
- Threads enter the ordered region one at a time.



## OpenMP Synchronization - ordered Region

```
integer, external :: omp get thread num
  call omp set num threads (4)
c$omp parallel private (myid)
  myid=omp get thread num()
c$omp do private(i) ordered
  do i = 1, 8
c$omp ordered
     print *,'T:', myid,' i=',i
c$omp end ordered
  enddo
c$omp end parallel
T:0 i=1
T:0 i=2
T:1 i=3
T:1 i=4
T:2 i=5
T:2 i=6
T:3 i=7
T:3 i=8
```



# OpenMP Synchronization - flush Directive

- Causes the present value of the named shared variable to be immediately written back ("flushed") to memory.
- Syntax:

```
c$omp flush(var1[,var2]...)
```

```
#pragma omp flush(var1[,var2]...)
```

- Enables signaling between threads by using a shared variable as a semaphore.
- When other threads see that the shared variable has been changed, they know that an event has occurred and proceed accordingly.



#### Sample Program: flush Directive

```
program flush
  integer, parameter :: M=1600000
  integer, dimension(M) :: c
  integer :: stop, sum, tid
  integer, dimension(0:1) :: done
  integer, external :: omp get thread num
  call omp set num threads (2)
  c=1
  c(345) = 9
!$omp parallel default(private) shared(done,c,stop)
  tid=omp get thread num()
  done(tid)=0
  if(tid==0) then
     neigh=1
  else
     neigh=0
  end if
!$omp barrier
```



# Sample Program: flush Directive (cont.)

```
if (tid==0) then
     do j=1,M
        if(c(j)==9) stop=j
     end do
  end if
  done(tid)=1
!$omp flush(done)
  do while (done (neigh) .eq.0)
!$omp flush(done)
  end do
  if (tid==1) then
     sum=0
     do j=1, stop-1
        sum=sum+c(j)
     end do
  end if
!$omp end parallel
end program flush
```



# Some Advanced Features of OpenMP

- Advanced data scoping: the threadprivate directive
- "Orphaning" OpenMP directives
- Advanced synchronization: lock functions



# Advanced Data Scoping - threadprivate Directive (Fortran)

- Can a thread keep its own private variables throughout every parallel section in a program? Yes!
- Put the desired variables in a common block and declare that common block to be **threadprivate**.
- Makes common blocks private to individual threads but global within each thread
- Syntax:

- threadprivate directive must appear after the common block declaration.
- threadprivate variables may only appear in the copyin clause.
- For threadprivate variables to persist over several parallel regions, must use static execution mode and the same number of threads in every region.



# Advanced Data Scoping - threadprivate Directive (C/C++)

- In C, threadprivate applies to file-scope and static variables
- Makes them private to individual threads, but global within each thread.
- Syntax:

# #pragma omp threadprivate(var1,var2,...)

- The threadprivate directive must appear after the declarations of the specified variables but before any references to them, and must itself be at file (or namespace) scope.
- Threadprivate variables can only appear in the copyin, schedule and if clauses.
- For threadprivate variables to persist over several parallel regions, must use static execution mode and the same number of threads in every region.



# Sample Program: threadprivate

```
program region
  integer,external :: omp get thread num
  integer :: tid,x
  common/mine/x
!$omp threadprivate(/mine/)
  call omp set num threads (4)
!$omp parallel private(tid)
  tid=omp get thread num()
  x=tid*10+1
  print *,"T:",tid," inside first parallel region x=",x
!$omp end parallel
  print *,"T:",tid," outside parallel region x=",x
!$omp parallel private(tid)
  tid=omp get thread num()
  print *,"T:",tid," inside next parallel region x=",x
!$omp end parallel
end program region
```



#### Sample Program: threadprivate

```
[jimg@mck-login1 mck]$ cat threadprivate.job
#PBS -N threadprivate
#PBS -1 walltime=20:00
#PBS -1 ncpus=4
#PBS -i oe
cd $PBS O WORKDIR
efc -openmp threadprivate.f90 -o threadprivate
./threadprivate
[jimg@mck-login1 mck]$ qsub threadprivate.job
46188.nfs1.osc.edu
[jimg@mck-login1 mck]$ cat threadprivate.o46188
efc: Command line warning: openmp requires C style preprocessing; fpp level is reset to 2
   program REGION
threadprivate.f90(10): (col. 0) remark: OpenMP DEFINED REGION WAS PARALLELIZED.
threadprivate.f90(18): (col. 0) remark: OpenMP DEFINED REGION WAS PARALLELIZED.
27 Lines Compiled
             0 inside first parallel region x=
 T:
                                                         1
             1 inside first parallel region x=
 Т:
             2 inside first parallel region x=
 T:
                                                         21
             3 inside first parallel region x=
 Т:
                                                         31
             0 outside parallel region x=
 T:
             0 inside next parallel region x=
 т:
                                                         1
            2 inside next parallel region x=
 T:
                                                         21
             3 inside next parallel region x=
                                                         31
 Т:
             1 inside next parallel region x=
                                                         11
 T:
```



# Initializing threadprivate Variables - The copyin Clause

- Causes threadprivate variables to be given the master thread's values at the onset of parallel code.
- Fortran syntax:

C syntax:

• Note: copyin is also a valid clause for parallel do loops and the parallel sections construct.



#### Sample Program: The copyin Clause

integer :: x, tid integer, external :: omp get thread num() common/mine/x !\$omp threadprivate(/mine/) x = 3.3call omp set num threads (4) !\$omp parallel private(tid) copyin(/mine/) tid=omp get thread num() print \*,'T:',tid,' x=',x !\$omp end parallel T:1 i=33T:2 i=33T:0 i=33T:3 i=33

# "Orphaning" OpenMP Directives

- Parallel work initiated in a parallel region does not have to be actually performed within the region's "lexical" scope.
- Work can be "orphaned" out of the parallel region via a subroutine/function call.



# Sample Program: Orphaned parallel do

```
program orphan
  integer, parameter :: M=8
  integer, dimension(M) :: x
  integer :: myid,i
  common/global/x, myid, i
  call omp set num threads (4)
!$omp parallel shared(x)
  call work()
!$omp end parallel
  write(6,*) x
end program orphan
subroutine work()
  integer, parameter :: M=8
  integer, dimension(M) :: x
  integer, external :: omp get thread num
  common/global/x, myid, i
!$omp do private(i,myid)
  do i=1,M
     myid=omp get thread num()
     write(6,*) "T:", myid, " i=", i
     x(i) = myid
  end do
!$omp end do
  return
end subroutine work
```



#### Sample Program: Output

```
[jimq@mck-login1 mck]$ qsub orphan.job
46211.nfs1.osc.edu
[jimg@mck-login1 mck]$ more orphan.o46211
Warning: no access to tty (Bad file descriptor).
Thus no job control in this shell.
efc: Command line warning: openmp requires C style preprocessing; fpp
level is reset to 2
   program ORPHAN
orphan.f90(8): (col. 0) remark: OpenMP DEFINED REGION WAS PARALLELIZED.
   external subroutine WORK
orphan.f90(19): (col. 0) remark: OpenMP DEFINED LOOP WAS PARALLELIZED.
28 Lines Compiled
 T:
              0 i =
              0 i=
 T:
 T:
             1 i=
 Т:
             1 i=
              2 i=
 Т:
              2 i = 
 Т:
             3 i=
T:
             3 i=
 T:
                                               1
           0
                       0
                                   1
                       3
```

# Advanced Synchronization: Lock Functions (C/C++)

- void omp\_init\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*lock);
  - Initializes the lock associated with the parameter lock
- void omp destroy lock(omp lock t \*lock);
  - Ensures the lock variable **lock** is uninitialized
- void omp\_set\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*lock);
  - Blocks the thread executing the function until lock is available, then sets the lock and proceeds.
- void omp\_unset\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*lock);
  - Releases ownership of lock
- integer omp\_test\_lock(omp\_lock\_t \*lock);
  - Tries to set the lock, but does not block the thread from executing.
  - Returns non-zero ("true") if the lock was successfully set.
- Must #include <omp.h>



# Advanced Synchronization: Lock Functions (Fortran)

- subroutine omp init lock(lock)
  - Initializes the lock associated with the parameter lock
- subroutine omp\_destroy\_lock(lock)
  - Ensures the lock variable **lock** is uninitialized
- subroutine omp\_set\_lock(lock)
  - Blocks the thread executing the function until lock is available, then sets the lock and proceeds.
- subroutine omp\_unset\_lock(lock)
  - Releases ownership of lock
- logical function omp\_test\_lock(lock);
  - Tries to set the lock, but does not block the thread from executing
  - Returns .TRUE. if the lock was successfully set
- lock should be an integer of a KIND large enough to hold an address.



#### Lock Functions: Example

```
#include <omp.h>
void main()
        omp lock t lock;
        int myid;
        omp init lock(&lock);
        #pragma omp parallel shared(lock) private(myid)
          myid = omp get thread num();
          omp set lock(&lock);
          printf(\overline{"}Hello from thread %d\n", myid);
          omp unset lock(&lock);
          while (! omp test lock(&lock)) {
                skip (myid);
          do work (myid);
          omp unset lock(&lock);
        omp destroy lock(&lock);
```

# Debugging OpenMP Code

- Examples: race conditions
- Examples: deadlock
- Other danger zones



# Debugging OpenMP Code

• Shared memory parallel programming opens up a range of new programming errors arising from unanticipated conflicts between shared resources

#### Race Conditions

 When the outcome of a program depends on the detailed timing of the threads in the team.

#### Deadlock

 When threads hang while waiting on a locked resource that will never become available.



# **Examples: Race Conditions**

- The result varies unpredictably depending on the order in which threads execute the sections.
- Wrong answers are produced without warning!

# **Examples: Race Conditions**

```
c$omp parallel shared(x) private(tmp)
    id = omp_get_thread_num()
c$omp do reduction(+:x)
    do j=1,100
        tmp = work(j)
        x = x + tmp
    enddo
c$omp end do nowait
        y(id) = work(x,id)
c$omp end parallel
```

- The result varies unpredictably because the value of x isn't correct until the barrier at the end of the do loop is reached.
- Wrong answers are produced without warning!
- Be careful when using nowait!



# **Examples: Race Conditions**

```
real :: tmp,x
c$omp parallel do reduction(+:x)
  do j=1,100
     tmp = work(j)
     x = x + tmp
  enddo
c$omp end do
  y(id) = work(x,id)
```

- The result varies unpredictably because access to the shared variable tmp is not protected.
- Wrong answers are produced without warning!
- Probably want to make tmp private.



#### Examples: Deadlock

```
call OMP_INIT_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_INIT_LOCK(lckb)

c$omp parallel sections
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lckb)
call useAandB(res)
call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lckb)
call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lcka)
c$omp section
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lckb)
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lcka)
call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lckb)
c$omp end parallel sections
```

- If A is locked by one thread and B by another, you have deadlock.
- If both are locked by the same thread, you have a race condition!
- Avoid nesting different locks.



# Examples: Deadlock

```
call OMP_INIT_LOCK(lcka)
c$omp parallel sections
    call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
    ival = work()
    if (ival.eq.tol) then
        call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lcka)
    else
        call error(ival)
    endif
c$omp section
    call OMP_SET_LOCK(lcka)
    call useBandA(res)
    call OMP_UNSET_LOCK(lcka)
c$omp end parallel sections
```

- If A is locked in the first section and the if statement branches around the unset lock, then threads in the other section will deadlock waiting for the lock to be released.
- Make sure you release your locks!



# Other Danger Zones

- Are the libraries you are using thread-safe?
  - Standard libraries should always be okay.
- I/O inside a parallel region can interleave unpredictably.
- private variables can mask globals.
- Understand when shared memory is coherent.
  - When in doubt, use FLUSH
- NOWAIT removes implicit barriers.



# Performance Tuning and OpenMP

- Basic strategies
- Automatic parallelization
- Example 1
- Example 2
- The memory hierarchy
- Cache locality
- <u>Data locality</u>



# **Basic Strategies**

- If possible, use auto-parallelizing compiler as a first step
- Use profiling to identify time-consuming code sections (loops)
- Add OpenMP directives to parallelize the most important loops
- If a parallelized loop does not perform well, check for/consider
  - Parallel startup costs
  - Small loops
  - Load imbalances
  - Many references to shared variables
  - Low cache affinity
  - Unnecessary synchronization
  - Costly remote memory references (in NUMA machines)



#### **Automatic Parallelization**

- The major languages often have versions of their compilers which will automatically parallelize your code.
- The compiler stage that performs this is called the Automatic Parallelizer (AP).
- The AP will insert OpenMP directives into your code if a loop can be parallelized. If not, it will tell you why.
- "Safe" parallel optimization implies there are no dependencies.
- Only loops can be parallelized automatically.
- Should be considered, at best, as a first step toward getting your code parallelized
- The next step should be inserting your own directives, and tuning the various parallel sections for optimum performance.



# Strategy for Using Auto-Parallelization

- Run AP on source files, and examine the listing.
  - Convenient to break code up into separate source files (use fsplit(1) and make(1)).
- For loops that don't automatically parallelize, try to eliminate inhibiting dependencies by modifying the source code.
- Use the listing to implement parallelization by hand using OpenMP directives.
- Stop when you are satisfied with performance.



# Performance Tuning: Example 1

# • Original code:

# Example 1 (cont.)

- First, parallelize the loop.
  - Prefer to parallelize the outer loop higher iteration count
  - Note c2 is never true unless c1 is also true can make r private!
  - Also parallelize the reduction
- But, the loop is "triangular"! By default, iterations may be unbalanced between processors.
  - Use the schedule clause to enforce more efficient load balancing



# Example 1 - Parallel Version

```
c1 = x(1) > 0
c2 = x(1:10) > 0
ALLOCATE (xsum (1:nprocs, n))
c$omp parallel do private(i,j,r,myid)
c$omp& schedule(static, 1)
DO i=1, n
   myid = omp get thread num()
   DO j=i,n
      if (c1) then r(1:100) = ...
      if (c2) then ... = r(1:100)
      xsum(myid,j) = sum(myid,j) + ...
   ENDDO
ENDDO
c$omp parallel do
DO i=1, n
   sum(i) = sum(i) + xsum(1:nprocs,i)
ENDDO
```



#### Performance Tuning: Example 2

• Increasing parallel loop granularity using the nowait clause:

```
!$omp parallel private(ld1,ld2,ldi,j,ld,k)
       do k = 2 \cdot ku - 2
!$omp do
           do j = jlo, jhi
               1d2 = a(i,k)
               1d1 = b(i,k) + 1d2 * x(i,k-2)
               ld = c(i,k) + ld1 * x(i,k-1) + ld2 * v(i,k-1)
               1di = 1./1d
               f(i,k,1) = 1di*(f(i,k,1)-f(i,k-2,1)*1d2
               f(j,k,1) = 1di*(f(j,k,2)-f(j,k-2,2)*1d1
               x(j,k) = ldi*(d(j,k)-y(j,k-1)*ld1
               v(i,k) = e(i,k)*ld
            enddo
!$omp end do nowait
       end do
!$omp end parallel
```



# The Memory Hierarchy

- Most parallel systems are built from CPUs with a memory hierarchy
  - Registers
  - Primary cache
  - Secondary cache
  - Local memory
  - Remote memory access through the interconnection network
- As you move down this list, the time to retrieve data increases by about an order of magnitude for each step.
- Therefore:
  - Make efficient use of local memory (caches)
  - Minimize remote memory references



# Performance Tuning - Cache Locality

• The basic rule for efficient use of local memory (caches):

Use a memory stride of one

- This means array elements are accessed in the same order they are stored in memory.
- Fortran: "Column-major" order
  - Want the leftmost index in a multi-dimensional array varying most rapidly in a loop
- C: "Row-major" order
  - Want rightmost index in a multi-dimensional array varying most rapidly in a loop
- Interchange nested loops if necessary (and possible!) to achieve the preferred order.

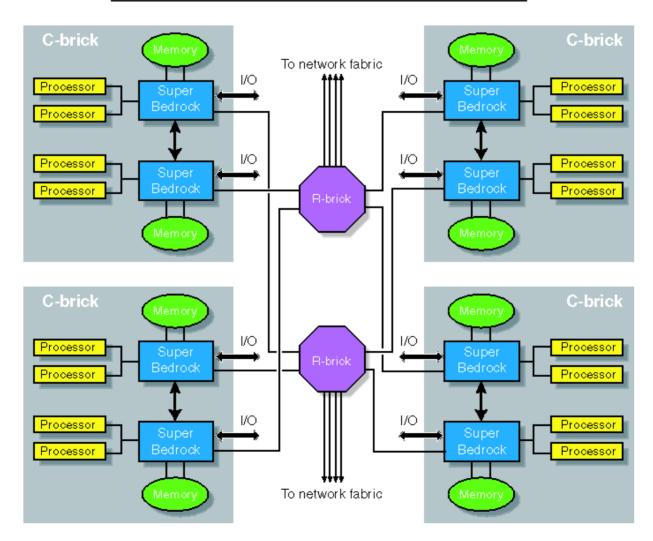


# Performance Tuning - Data Locality

- On NUMA ("non-uniform memory access") platforms, it may be important to know
  - Where threads are running
  - What data is in their local memories
  - The cost of remote memory references
- OpenMP itself provides no mechanisms for controlling
  - the binding of threads to particular processors
  - the placement of data in particular memories
- Designed with true (UMA) SMP in mind
  - For NUMA, the possibilities are many and highly machine-dependent
- Often there are system-specific mechanisms for addressing these problems
  - Additional directives for data placement
  - Ways to control where individual threads are running



#### Altix 3000: Architecture





#### References

- Official OpenMP site: <u>www.openmp.org</u>
  - Contains the complete OpenMP specifications for Fortran and C/C++
  - News of future developments
  - Sample programs
  - Links to other sites of interest



# OpenMP Problem Set

- ★ Write a program where each thread prints the message 'Hello World!', along with its thread ID number and the total number of threads used. Run with 8 threads and run your program several times. Does the order of the output change? Repeat using 4,16, 33 and 50 threads
- \* Modify your solution to Problem 1 so that only even-numbered threads print out the information message.
- ₩ Write a program that declares an array A to have 16000 integer elements and initialize A so that each element has its index as its value. Then create a real array B which will contain the running average of array A. That is,

$$B(I) = (A(I-1) + A(I) + A(I+1)/3.0$$

except at the end points. Your code should do the initialization of A and the running average in parallel using 8 threads. Experiment with all four of scheduling types for the running average loop by timing the loop with different schedules.



- Write a program so that the parallel threads print out 'Backwards' and their thread ID number in **reverse order** of thread number. That is, each time your program is run the last thread prints out first, then the second to last and so on. There are at least five different ways to solve this problem. Find as many as you can.
- # Compile the code mystery.f and run on 16 threads. What is wrong with this program? (You may have to run it several times). Fix the code so that it works correctly. As with problem 4 there are several ways to fix the code, try to find them all.
- Write a program to read in the x,y,z coordinates from a file points.dat (which you will be given) and calculate the geometric center which is the average x value, the average y value, and the average z value. Do the calculation in parallel. Write two versions of your program: the first using loop-level parallelism, the next using functional decomposition. (The points data file is ASCII with one x,y,z triplet per line)



♦ Using the functional decomposition version of program 6, calculate the average coordinate value given by the equation

$$(\sum x_i + \sum y_i + \sum z_i)/3N$$

where N is the number of data points. Implement using a global sum and critical regions.

- Write a program to multiply two large matrices together.
  - a) Compile for single-processor execution. Time the program
  - b) Compile for multiple processor execution (OpenMP directives) and time for 4,8 and 12 processors
- Compile the program alias.f and run on four threads. Can you see the inefficiency in the program? Write a new version that is more efficient.

# Appendix A: Auto-Parallelization on the Altix 3000

- <u>Using the auto-parallelizer</u>
- <u>Auto-parallelizer files</u>
- <u>Examples</u>



# Using the Auto-Parallelizer

• Syntax:

efc -parallel -par\_report2 prog.f -o prog

• What the options do:

-parallel => enable the auto-parallelizer to generate multi-threaded code for loops that can be safely executed in parallel

-par\_report{0|1|2|3} => control the auto-parallelizer
 diagnostic level

• Other compiler options can also be used



#### Example Subroutine (successful)

• Original source code (mysub.f)

```
subroutine mysub(a,b,c)
  real, dimension(1000) :: a,b,c
  do i=1,1000
      a(i)=b(i)+c(i)
  end do
  return
end subroutine mysub
```

AP command:

```
efc -parallel -par report2 -c mysub.f90
```

Performance report

```
external subroutine MYSUB
procedure: mysub
mysub.f90(3): (col. 0) remark: LOOP WAS AUTO-PARALLELIZED.
parallel loop: line 3
7 Lines Compiled
```



#### Data Dependence Example - Indirect Indexing

• Original source code (indirect.f):

```
subroutine indirect(a,b,c,idx)
  real, dimension(1000)::a,b,c
  integer, dimension(1000)::idx
  do i=1,1000
      a(idx(i))=a(idx(i))+c(i)
  end do
  return
end subroutine indirect
```

• Parallelization report:

```
[mck-login1]$ efc -parallel -par_report3 -c indirect.f90
  external subroutine INDIRECT
  procedure: indirect
  serial loop: line 4
    anti data dependence assumed from line 5 to line 5, due to "a"
  output data dependence assumed from line 5 to line 5, due to "a"
  flow data dependence assumed from line 5 to line 5, due to "a"
```



#### Data Dependence Example - Function Call

• Original source code (func.f):

```
subroutine func(a,b,c)
  real, dimension(1000)::a,b,c
  external xfunc
  do i=1,1000
      a(i)=xfunc(b(i),c(i))
  enddo
  return
end subroutine func
```

• Parallelization report:

```
[mck-login1]$ efc -parallel -par_report2 -c funct.f90
    external subroutine FUNC
    procedure: func
    serial loop: line 4: not a parallel candidate due to statement
    at line 5
8 Lines Compiled
```

