

OpenMP Affinity Concepts

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What you will learn

- The basics of Affinity →
 - affinity fundamentals, the affinity mask, and how it is used
- How to acquire affinity mask (and use amask utility)
- How to use OpenMP Affinity: (proc_bind and places of OpenMP)



Sections

- Motivation
- Affinity fundamentals, the affinity mask, and how it is used
- OpenMP Affinity: proc_bind and places
- Showing Mask with amask utility



Motivation

- HPC Nodes: many cores, sockets, SMT* (Simultaneous Multi-Threading on a core), NUMA
- HPC User's approach to executing an application is too often:

Get app to compile (or use site-installed app), prepare input and run:

sbatch job which contains mpirun app (most likely: 1 core/task)

Can HPC performance be improved?

Need to understand the resource usage (Yes, it's complicated):

Know the Hardware (HW) Architecture

Evaluate resource usage (htop, remora, etc.)

Know how to control/map application tasks to resources.

 Specifying where tasks execute through affinity (settings) can enhance performance.

> So,... it may be necessary to peek inside a node to see what is happening



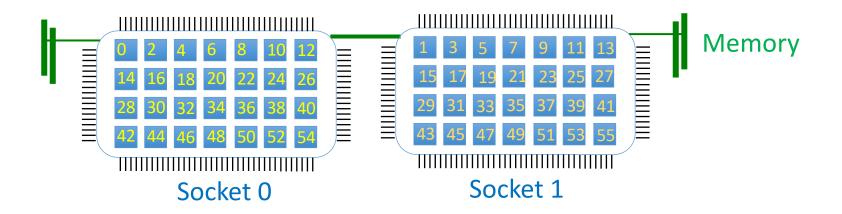
A peak at Hardware (TACC Frontera Node)

\$ 1scpu

```
CPU(s):
                       56
On-line CPU(s) list:
                        0-55
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                        28
Socket(s):
NUMA node(s):
Model name:
                       Intel(R) Xeon(R) Platinum 8280 CPU @ 2.70GHz
CPU MHz:
                       3299.853
CPU max MHz:
                       4000.0000
                       1000.0000
CPU min MHz:
L1d cache:
                       32K
L1i cache:
                       32K
L2 cache:
                       1024K
L3 cache:
                       39424K
NUMA node@ CPU(s):
                       0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,...,38,40,42,44,46,48,50,52,54
                       1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,...,39,41,43,45,47,49,51,53,55
NUMA node1 CPU(s):
```

Frontera Node -- cores and memory

2-sockets, 56 Cores, Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA), No Hyperthreading





A peak at Hardware (Lumi/G)

\$ lscpu

```
CPU(s):
                                  128
On-line CPU(s) list:
                                  0 - 127
Model name:
                                  AMD EPYC 7A53 64-Core Processor
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                                  64
Socket(s):
                                  2000.0000
CPU max MHz:
CPU min MHz:
                                  1500,0000
                                  2 MiB (64 instances)
L1d cache:
L1i cache:
                                  2 MiB (64 instances)
L2 cache:
                                  32 MiB (64 instances)
L3 cache:
                                  256 MiB (8 instances)
UMA node(s):
NUMA node0 CPU(s):
                                  0-15,64-79
NUMA node1 CPU(s):
                                  16-31,80-95
NUMA node2 CPU(s):
                                  32-47,96-111
NUMA node3 CPU(s):
                                  48-63,112-127
```



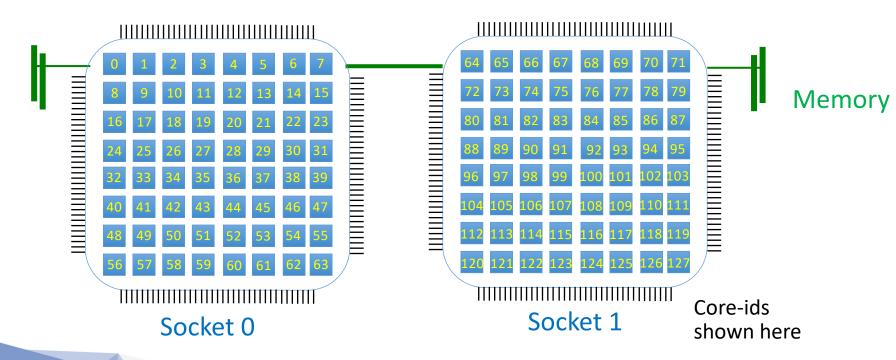
A peak at Hardware (Lumi/C)

\$ lscpu

```
CPU(s):
                                  256
On-line CPU(s) list:
                                  0 - 255
Model name:
                                  AMD EPYC 7763 64-Core Processor
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                                  64
Socket(s):
CPU max MHz:
                                  2450.0000
CPU min MHz:
                                  1500.0000
L1d cache:
                                  4 MiB (128 instances)
                                  4 MiB (128 instances)
L1i cache:
                                  64 MiB (128 instances)
L2 cache:
L3 cache:
                                  512 MiB (16 instances)
NUMA node(s):
NUMA node0 CPU(s):
                                  0-15,128-143
NUMA node6 CPU(s):
                                  96-111,224-239
NUMA node7 CPU(s):
                                  112-127,240-255
```

LUMI Node -- cores and memory

2-sockets, 128 Cores, Non-Uniform Memory Access (NUMA), Hyperthreading





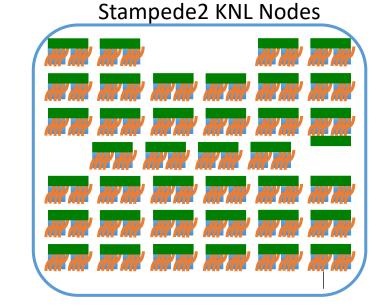
Example Architecture

Single Socket (not always simple)

Laptops (simple)

Hyper-Threading (laptop, 2) (KNL, 4)

2 Cores (a Tile) share a 1MB L2 Cache.





Unix Architecture from *Iscpu*

```
sp$ lscpu | grep -i 'core\|thread\|socket'
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
Socket(s):
1s5% lscpu | grep -i 'core\|thread\|socket'
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                       12
Socket(s):
knl$ lscpu | grep -i 'core\|thread\|socket'
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                       68
```

5 5 Memory

But more details can be obtained from hwloc.

Socket(s):

Notes from *Iscpu* architectural review:

Memory:

On multi-socket nodes it might be best to bind a process to a single socket to preserve local memory access.

Binding to a single core (when #processes <#cores) may reduce process migration and hence cache refreshes.



When should affinity be considered?

Affinity: Determines where application processes can/will execute. Affinity: Needed for these cases:

- processor count > process count
- processors have local and remote shared memory
- want cache to remain hot through process execution
- multiple IO clients may need separation/positioning



Motivation

- "Often" applications run fine when using the
 "normal" number of processes (one process per core)
- 1st Approach to Affinity: Do Nothing, Generally Defaults are "good"
 2nd match process needs to architecture features/resources
 3rd "pin" processes for limited mobility

Need Tools to Assess Core Occupation on many-core systems:

```
Stampede2: KNL -- 68 cores (272 "logical" processors), TILES,...

Lonestar6: Milan -- 128 cores (128 "logical" processors), 2 SOCKETS,...

Frontera: CLK -- 56 cores (56 "logical" processors), 2 SOCKETS,...

LUMI-C: EPYC -- 128 cores (256 "logical" processors), 2 SOCKETS,...
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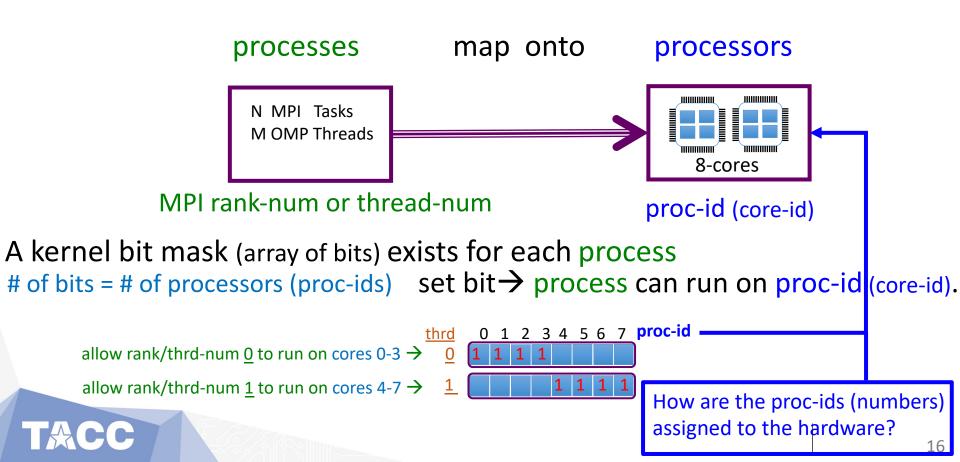


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CPU Affinity -- the mask

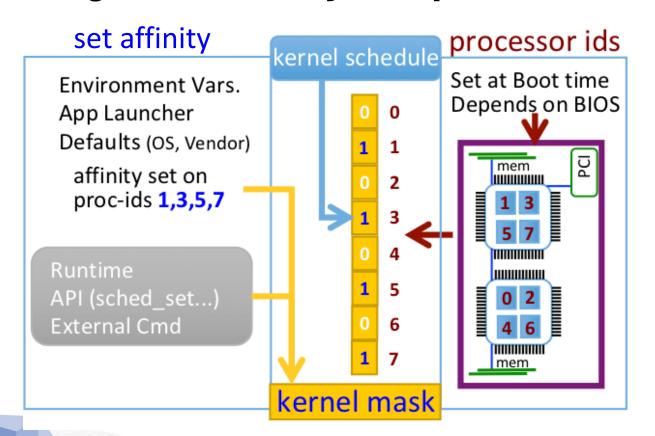


Hardware – component enumeration

- You may know how many, ... but you cannot assume anything about the numbering, even on an "identical" systems.
- Things may be according to Vendor-OEM BIOS specification, BIOS switch,
 Site Management, OS level, OpenMP runtime for compiler,...

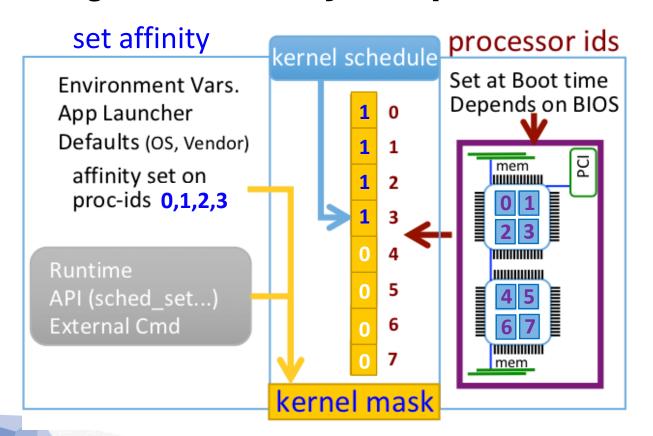
"Hardware organization is unpredictable"

e.g. setting socket affinity with proc-ids



"Even-Odd Sequence"

e.g. setting socket affinity with proc-ids



"Even-Odd Sequence"

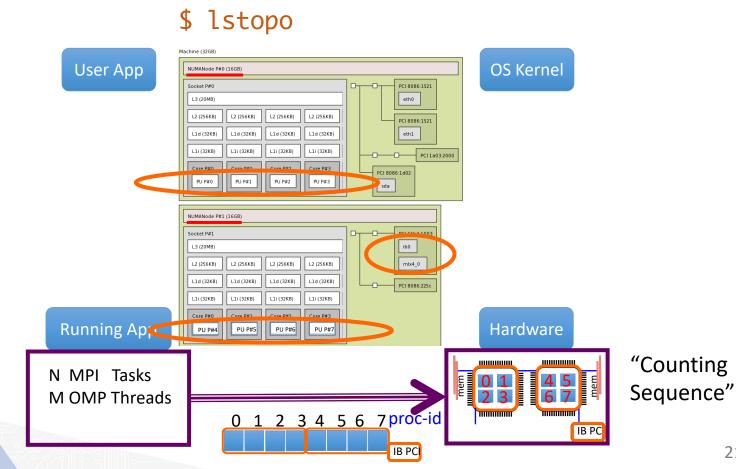
Setting Affinity

hwloc (Istopo) and /proc/cpuinfo are your friends

For NUMA information, see also numactl -H



Unix hwloc utility



Setting Affinity

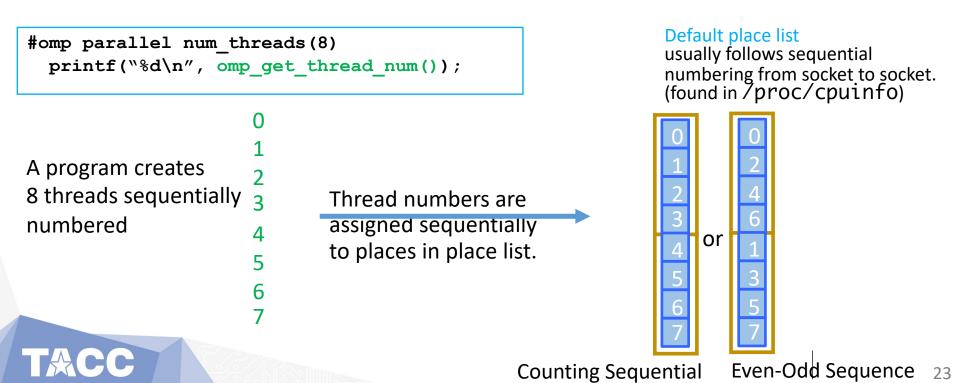
Tasks can be pinned to sets of cores or NUMA nodes

- Each task can have a "mask" of cores it may run on
- A task will can only float to allowed cores (of its mask)
- Many tools for controlling affinity:
 - numactl
 - taskset
 - sched setaffinity (API, inside code)
 - OMP ... (OpenMP) & GOMP ... (GNU) & KMP ... (Intel) MPI implementations have their own affinity tools



Assigning threads

- How are threads assigned to proc-ids?
 - Build a list of "places" (proc-ids), or use the implementation defaults.
 - Each sequential thread number is assigned to a place.



Unix Architecture from *Iscpu*

```
frontera$ lscpu | grep -i 'core\|thread\|Socket'
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:

28

Default Place list: Known to have Even proc-ids on socket 0.
Odd proc-ids on socket 1.
```

Frontera Compute Node

One would expect the place list to be:

```
Even on socket 0

0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44 46 48 50 52 54

Even on socket 1

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19 21 23 25 27 29 31 33 35 37 39 41 43 45 47 49 51 53 55
```



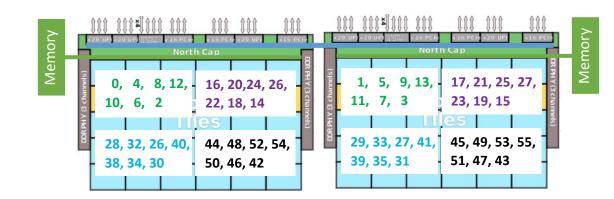
proc-id #'s on Frontera

clx% cat /proc/cpuinfo | awk ...

```
physical id: 0
                core id: 0
                                processor: 0
physical id: 0
                core id: 1
                                processor: 4
physical id: 0
                core id: 2
                                processor: 8
physical id: 0
                core id: 3
                                processor: 12
                core id: 4
physical id: 0
                                processor: 10
physical id: 0
                core id: 5
                                processor: 6
physical id: 0
                core id: 6
                                processor: 2
physical id: 0
                core id: 8
                                processor: 16
physical id: 0
                core id: 9
                                processor: 20
physical id: 0
                core id: 10
                                 processor: 24
physical id: 0
                core id: 11
                                 processor: 26
physical id: 0
                core id: 12
                                 processor : 22
physical id: 0
                core id: 13
                                 processor: 18
physical id: 0
                core id: 14
                                 processor: 14
physical id: 0
                core id: 16
                                 processor: 28
physical id: 0
                core id: 17
                                 processor: 32
physical id: 0
                core id: 18
                                 processor: 36
physical id: 0
                core id: 19
                                 processor: 40
physical id: 0
                core id: 20
                                 processor: 38
physical id: 0
                core id: 21
                                 processor: 34
physical id: 0
                core id: 22
                                 processor: 30
physical id: 0
                core id: 24
                                 processor: 44
physical id: 0
                core id: 25
                                 processor: 48
physical id: 0
                core id: 26
                                 processor: 52
physical id: 0
                core id: 27
                                 processor: 54
physical id: 0
                core id: 28
                                 processor: 50
physical id: 0
                core id: 29
                                 processor: 46
physical id: 0
                core id: 30
                                 processor: 42
```

socket HW-thread

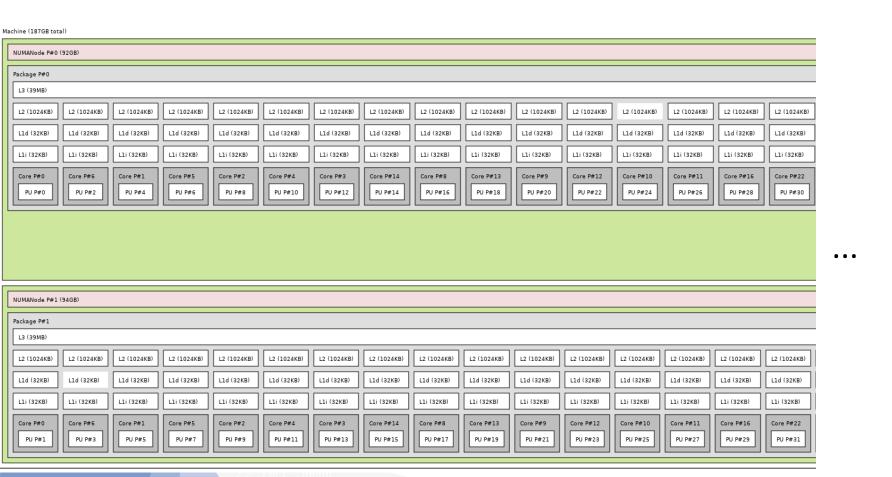
Note the non-sequential processor (proc-id) numbering.



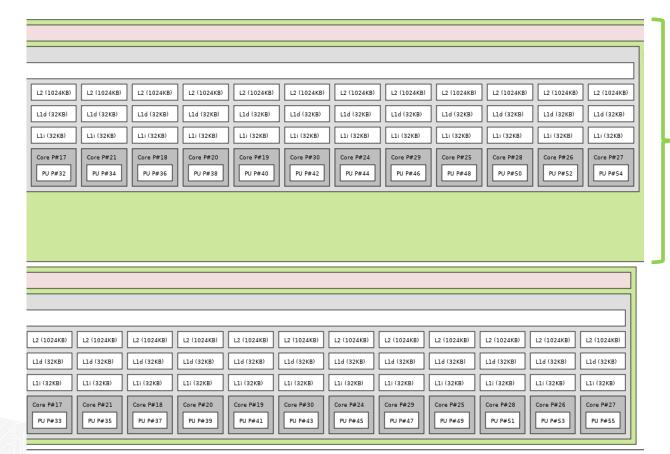
#pragma omp parallel
printf("%d\n", omp_get_thead_num());

Thread numbers are assigned sequentially to core-id sequence in /proc/cpuinfo.

Istopo on Frontera node

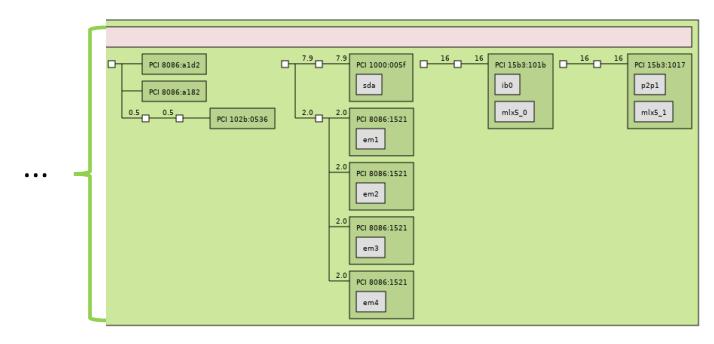


Istopo on Frontera node (cont. 1)





Istopo on Frontera node (cont. 2)

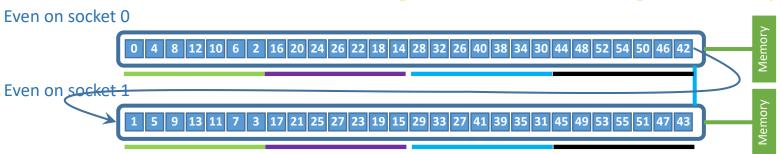


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Unix Architecture from *Iscpu*

Frontera Compute Node Think of thread assignment ordering this way.





NUMA nodes on AMD EPYC

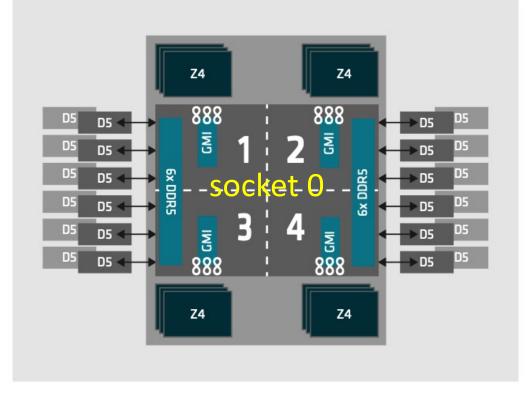


Figure 7: Dividing the AMD EPYC processor into four NUMA domains can give small performance improvements for some applications



LUNI/C Architecture from *Istopo and numactl -H*

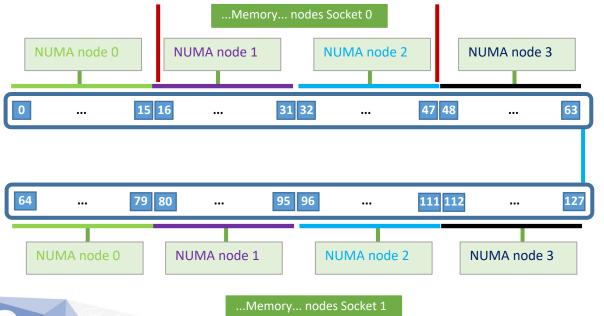
\$ lstopo

```
Machine (251GB total)
 Package L#0
   Group0 L#0
      NUMANode L#0 (P#0 31GB)
      L3 L#0 (32MB)
        L2 L#0 (512KB) + L1d L#0 (32KB) + L1i L#0 (32KB) + Core L#0
          PU L#1 (P#128)
        L2 L#1 (512KB) + L1d L#1 (32KB) + L1i L#1 (32KB) + Core L#1
          PU L#2 (P#1)
          PU L#3 (P#129)
        L2 L#15 (512KB) + L1d L#15 (32KB) + L1i L#15 (32KB) + Core L#15
          PU L#30 (P#15)
          PU L#31 (P#143)
   Group0 L#1
     NUMANode L#1 (P#1 31GB)
      HostBridge
        PCIBridge
          PCI 41:00.0 (Ethernet)
            Net "nmn0"
   Group0 L#2
     NUMANode L#2 (P#2 31GB)
      L3 L#4 (32MB)
        L2 L#32 (512KB) + L1d L#32 (32KB) + L1i L#32 (32KB) + Core L#32
          PU L#64 (P#32)
          PU L#65 (P#160)
```

Lumi C Architecture

LUMI/C Node

Sequential core-id numbers from socket 0 and continuing on socket1



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OpenMP Affinity

Portable: works with GNU, Intel, IBM, Oracle, ...

There are two components to setting affinity:

(after setting the number of threads)

Distribution Policy: PROC_BIND policy

Set Locations: PLACES User list of proc-ids or abstract set

List sequence by by core-id order in /proc/cpuinfo.

OpenMP Affinity (Policy)

Kernel mask for 8 cores \rightarrow 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Default Places (/proc/cpuinfo) →

 proc_bind: describes how to distribute threads to places when the number of threads is less than number of proc-ids (cores)

proc-ids

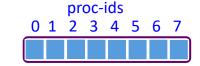
- export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 # (8-core node)
- export OMP_PROC_BIND=close

- export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 # (8-core node)
- export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread

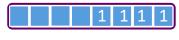


OpenMP Affinity (User Place List)

Kernel mask for 8 cores →



 place: a set of proc-ids* where a thread can execute



OMP_NUM_THREADS=3

 place list: list of places assigned to threads in <u>order</u>
 (for thread no. 0, 1, 2, ...)

0

Thrd

no.



2 1111

OpenMP Affinity (More on Places)

- Places List
 - export OMP_PLACES=<place_list>

```
A place: {0}
Place List: {0},{1},{2},{3}
Interval notation: {<place>}:<len>:<stride> e.g. {0}:4:1

Defines a set of places.

Abstract name: sockets, cores*, threads

(cores default on Frontera)
```



The precise definitions of the abstract names are implementation defined. An implementation may also add abstract names as appropriate for the target platform.

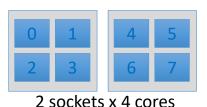
OpenMP Affinity (Place assignments)

In a Parallel region thread numbers 0,...,N-1
 are assigned sequentially to places in the place list.

```
#pragma omp parallel OMP_PLACES=\ printf("%d\n",omp_get_thread_num());  
0 \longleftrightarrow 20 \\ 1 \longleftrightarrow 10 \\ 2 \longleftrightarrow 12 \\ 3 \longleftrightarrow 14,16
OMP_PLACES=cores OMP_PROC_BIND=close (uses sequence in /proc/cpuinfo)
```

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OpenMP Affinity PROC_BIND Distribution



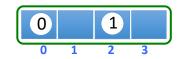
```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PROC_BIND=close

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num=omp_get_thread_num();
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num = omp_get_thread_num();
```







←thrd_num
←proc-id

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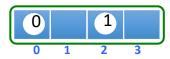
OpenMP Affinity Places

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PLACES='{0},{1},{2},{3}'
!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num = omp_get_thread_num();
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PLACES='{0}, {2}, {4}, {6}'

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num = omp_get_thread_num();
```







←thrd_num ←proc-id

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OpenMP Affinity Places → **Interval Expression**

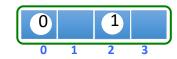
```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PLACES='{0}:4'

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num =omp_get_thread_num();
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4
export OMP_PLACES='{0}:4:2'

!Somp_parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num = omp_get_thread_num();
```







←thrd_num ←proc-id

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OpenMP Affinity Places → **Interval Expression**

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2
export OMP_PLACES='{0,1}:2:2'
!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num =omp_get_thread_num();
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=2
export OMP_PLACES='{0,1}:2:4'

!Somp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num =omp_get_thread_num();
```





←thrd_num
←proc-id

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OpenMP Affinity Places → abstract name

Hyper-Threading Enabled

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=threads

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num =omp_get_thread_num();
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=cores

!$omp parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num = omp_get_thread_num();
```









←thrd_num ←proc-id

Binding to Single HW-thread

Binding to Core





OpenMP Affinity Places expression

Hyper-Threading Enabled

```
export OMP NUM THREADS=8
export OMP PLACES='{0}:8' CASE 1
export OMP PLACES='{8}:8'
                            CASE 2
!$omp parallel private(thrd num);
thrd num = omp get thread num();
                               #1
0.8 1.9 2.10 3.11
                               #2
```

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES='{0,8}:8'

!$omp_parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num=omp_get_thread_num();
```





←thrd_num

←proc-id



Binding to Single HW-thread

Binding to Core

OpenMP Affinity Places abstract name

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even proc-ids: 0,4,8,12,10,6,2,16... odd proc-ids: 1,5,9,13,11,7,3,17...

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=cores
export OMP_PROC_BIND=close

!$omp_parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num=omp_get_thread_num();
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=cores
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread

!$omp_parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num=omp_get_thread_num();

thrd_num=omp_get_thread_num();

**Thrd_num**
**ThreadS=8
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8
export OMP_PLACES=cores
export OMP_PROC_BIND=spread

!$omp_parallel private(thrd_num);
thrd_num*=omp_get_thread_num();
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←proc-id

OpenMP Affinity Places List

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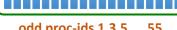
even proc-ids: 0,4,8,12,10,6,2,16... odd proc-ids: 1,5,9,13,11,7,3,17...

evens on socket 1

```
export OMP NUM THREADS=4
export OMP PLACES='{0,2,4,6,8,10,12}:4:14'
!$omp parallel private(thrd num);
thrd num = omp_get_thread_num();
```

odds on socket 1

```
export OMP NUM THREADS=4
export OMP PLACES='{1,3,5,7,9,11,13}:4:14'
!$omp parallel private(thrd num);
thrd num = omp get thread num();
```



←thrd_num

even proc-ids 0,2,4,...,54

odd proc-ids 1,3,5,...,55

←proc-id



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amask

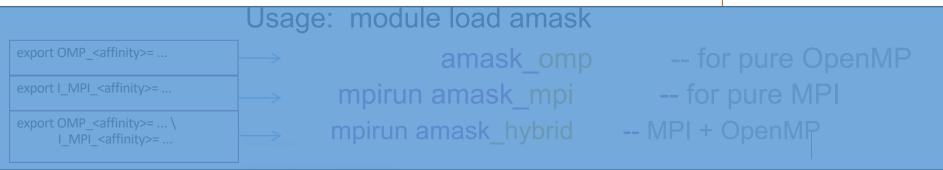


- Report for an affinity env.
 - Executable command: amask_<type> types:{omp, mpi, hybrid}.
 - Can instrument code: amask_<type>() argumentless function calls.

Syntax:

```
amask_<type> [-h] [-w#]
```

help
wait #sec with load

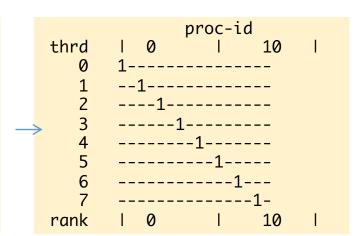


Viewing Affinity mask with amask

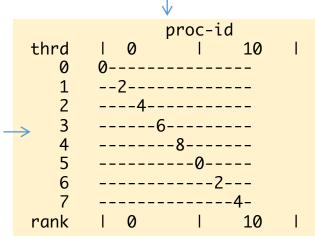
Old Stampede: 16-core

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=8 OMP_PROC_BIND=spread amask omp _____
```





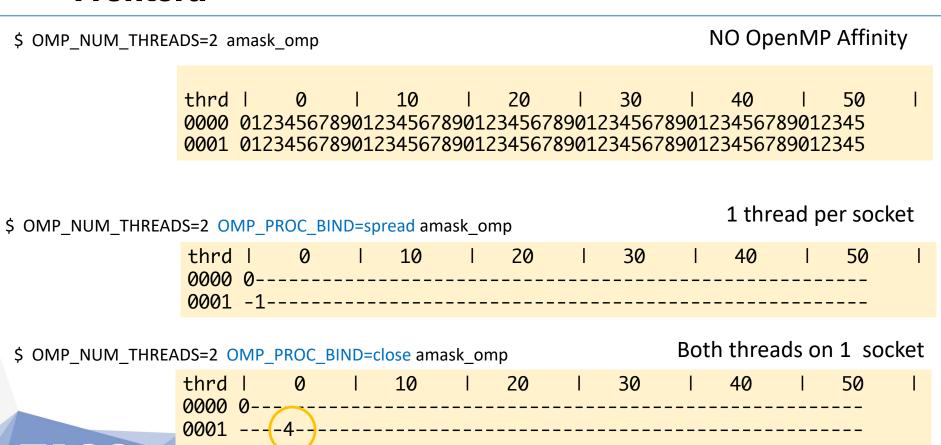
More Readable



Even More Readable

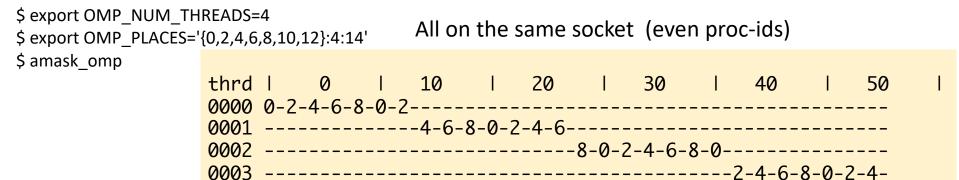


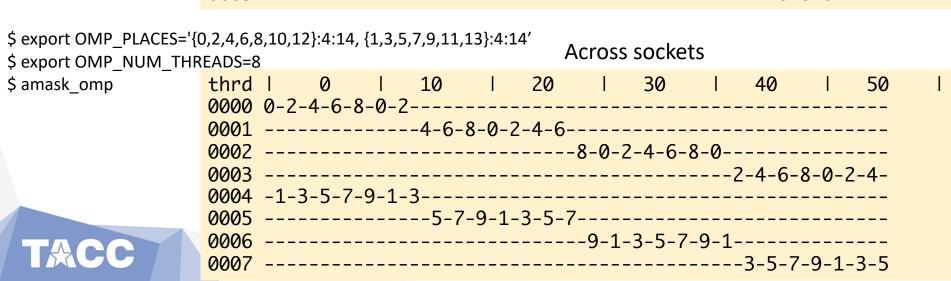
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thrd /proc/cpuinfo 1 10 1 20 1 30 Frontera processor: 0001 ----4-----processor: 0002 -----8-----processor: 0003 -----2-----2 processor: 0004 -----0----processor: processor: 0006 --2----processor: 0007 -----6-----6----processor: -----0-----0 processor: 20 0009 -----4-----4-----processor: 24 \$ OMP NUM THREADS=28 \ processor: 0011 ----processor: 22 OMP PROC BIND=close \ 0012 -----8-----8-----processor: amask_omp ______4____4_____ processor: 14 _____8_____8_____ processor: 28 processor: 0016 -----6-----6----processor: 0017 -----0----processor: 0018 -----processor: 38 0019 -----4-----4-----processor: 34 0020 ----processor: 0021 -----4-----4 processor: 44 processor: 48 -----2---processor: _____4_ processor: 0025 -----0025 processor: -----6----6 processor: 46 0027 -----2-----2 processor:

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What about ... hyper-threading?

• With Hyper-Threading it is more more reasonable to report the SMTs (hardware threads) together.





What about hyper-threading...

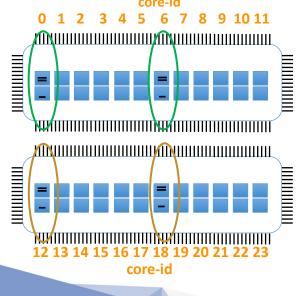
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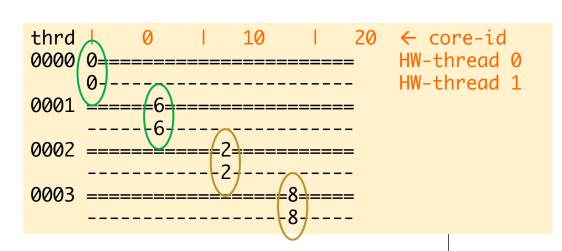
Hyper-Threaded systems

 $2 \times 12 \text{ cores} \rightarrow 48 \text{ hardware threads}$

- \$ export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 OMP_PLACES=cores
- \$ amask_omp

defaults to "core-id" mask when hyper-threading is on





proc-id #'s in /cpu/info

socket **HW-thread** core Memory proc-id 14 38 20 44 Memory Memory

```
1s5% lscpu | grep -i 'core\|thread\|socket'
Thread(s) per core:
Core(s) per socket:
                     12
                                    Hierarchy summary
Socket(s):
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ls5% cat /proc/cpuinfo ...awk* ...

physical id: 0

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physical id : 0
                  core id
                                 processor : 24
physical id : 0
                  core id
                           : 1
                                 processor : 1
physical id: 0
                  core id
                           : 1
                                 processor: 25
physical id: 1
                  core id
                                 processor : 12
                           : 0
physical id: 1
                  core id
                                 processor: 36
physical id: 1
                  core id
                                 processor: 13
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core id

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1s5% * awk '/processor|core id|physical id/ {arr[j++]=$0};
       END{for(i=0; i < j; i+=3) {printf "%-20s %-20s %-20s\n",
       arr[i+1],arr[i+2],arr[i]} }' /proc/cpuinfo | \
       sed -e 's/[\t]/ /q' | sort -n -k4,4 -k8,8 -k11,11
```

processor: 0

#s





Questions!