Annex B

Change-Log

This annex summarizes changes from the previous version of the MPI standard to the version presented by this document. [Only changes (i.e., clarifications and new features) are presented that may cause implementation effort in the MPI libraries.] Only significant changes (i.e., clarifications and new features) that might either require implementation effort in the MPI libraries or change the understanding of MPI from a user's perspective are presented. Editorial modifications, formatting, typo corrections and minor clarifications are not shown.

B.1 Changes from Version 2.1 to Version 2.2

1. Section 2.5.4 on page 14.
   It is now guaranteed that predefined named constant handles (as other constants) can be used in initialization expressions or assignments, i.e., also before the call to MPI_INIT.

2. Section 2.6 on page 16, Section 2.6.4 on page 19, and Section 16.1 on page 465.
   The C++ language bindings have been deprecated and will be removed in a future version of the MPI specification.

3. Section 3.2.2 on page 29.
   MPI_CHAR for printable characters is now defined for C type char (instead of signed char). This change should not have any impact on applications nor on MPI libraries (except some comment lines), because printable characters could and can be stored in any of the C types char, signed char, and unsigned char, and MPI_CHAR is not allowed for predefined reduction operations.

4. Section 3.2.2 on page 29.
   MPI_(U)INT{8,16,32,64}_T, MPI_AINT, MPI_OFFSET, MPI_C_BOOL, MPI_C_COMPLEX, MPI_C_FLOAT_COMPLEX, MPI_C_DOUBLE_COMPLEX, and MPI_C_LONG_DOUBLE_COMPLEX are now valid predefined MPI datatypes.

5. Section 3.4 on page 40, Section 3.7.2 on page 51, Section 3.9 on page 71, and Section 5.1 on page 131.
   The read access restriction on the send buffer for blocking, non blocking and collective API has been lifted. It is permitted to access for read the send buffer while the operation is in progress.

6. Section 3.7 on page 50.
   The Advice to users for IBSEND and IRSEND was slightly changed. ticket143.

7. Section 3.7.3 on page 54.
   The advice to free an active request was removed in the Advice to users for MPI_REQUEST_FREE. ticket137.

8. Section 3.7.6 on page 66.
   MPI_REQUEST_GET_STATUS changed to permit inactive or null requests as input. ticket31.

9. Section 5.8 on page 157.
   "In place" option is added to MPI_ALLTOALL, MPI_ALLTOALLV, and MPI_ALLTOALLW for intracommunicators. ticket64.

10. Section 5.9.2 on page 165.
    Predefined parameterized datatypes (e.g., returned by MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_REAL) and optional named predefined datatypes (e.g. MPI_REAL8) have been added to the list of valid datatypes in reduction operations. ticket18.

11. Section 5.9.2 on page 165.
    MPI_(U)INT{8,16,32,64}_T are all considered C integer types for the purposes of the predefined reduction operators. MPI_AINT and MPI_OFFSET are considered Fortran integer types. MPI_C_BOOL is considered a Logical type.
    MPI_C_COMPLEX, MPI_C_FLOAT_COMPLEX, MPI_C_DOUBLE_COMPLEX, and MPI_C_LONG_DOUBLE_COMPLEX are considered Complex types. ticket24.

12. Section ?? on page ??.
    The local routines MPI_REDUCE_LOCAL and MPI_OP_COMMUTATIVE have been added. ticket27.

13. Section ?? on page ??.
    The collective function MPI_REDUCE_SCATTER_BLOCK is added to the MPI standard. ticket94.

14. Section 5.11.2 on page 181.
    Added in place argument to MPI_EXSCAN. ticket19.

15. Section 6.4.2 on page 200, and Section 6.6 on page 219.
    Implementations that did not implement MPI_COMM_CREATE on intercommunicators will need to add that functionality. As the standard described the behavior of this operation on intercommunicators, it is believed that most implementations already provide this functionality. Note also that the C++ binding for both MPI_COMM_CREATE and MPI_COMM_SPLIT explicitly allow Intercomms. ticket66.

16. Section 6.4.2 on page 200.
    MPI_COMM_CREATE is extended to allow several disjoint subgroups as input if comm is an intracommunicator. If comm is an intercommunicator it was clarified that all processes in the same local group of comm must specify the same value for group. ticket33.

17. Section ?? on page ??.
    New functions for a scalable distributed graph topology interface has been added. In this section, the functions MPI_DIST_GRAPH_CREATE_ADJACENT and