Advice to users.   Under circumstances of store exhaustion an attempt to put a name of any length could fail, therefore the value of MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME should be viewed only as a strict upper bound on the name length, not a guarantee that setting names of less than this length will always succeed. (*End of advice to users.*)

Advice to implementors.   Implementations which pre-allocate a fixed size space for a name should use the length of that allocation as the value of MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME. Implementations which allocate space for the name from the heap should still define MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME to be a relatively small value, since the user has to allocate space for a string of up to this size when calling MPI_COMM_GET_NAME. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

MPI_COMM_GET_NAME (comm, comm_name, resultlen)

IN	comm	communicator whose name is to be returned (handle)
OUT	comm_name	the name previously stored on the communicator, or an empty string if no such name exists (string)
OUT	resultlen	length of returned name (integer)

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int MPI_Comm_get_name(MPI_Comm comm, char *comm_name, int *resultlen)
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MPI_COMM_GET_NAME(COMM, COMM_NAME, RESULTLEN, IERROR)
    INTEGER COMM, RESULTLEN, IERROR
    CHARACTER*(*) COMM_NAME
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void MPI::Comm::Get_name(char* comm_name, int& resultlen) const
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MPI_COMM_GET_NAME returns the last name which has previously been associated with the given communicator. The name may be set and got from any language. The same name will be returned independent of the language used. name should be allocated so that it can hold a resulting string of length MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME characters. MPI_COMM_GET_NAME returns a copy of the set name in name.

In C, a null character is additionally stored at name[resultlen]. resultlen cannot be larger then MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME-1. In Fortran, name is padded on the right with blank characters. resultlen cannot be larger then MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME.

If the user has not associated a name with a communicator, or an error occurs, MPI_COMM_GET_NAME will return an empty string (all spaces in Fortran, "" in C and C++). The three predefined communicators will have predefined names associated with them. Thus, the names of MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_COMM_SELF, and the communicator returned by MPI_COMM_GET_PARENT (if not MPI_COMM_NULL) will have the default of MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_COMM_SELF, and MPI_COMM_PARENT. The fact that the system may have chosen to give a default name to a communicator does not prevent the user from setting a name on the same communicator; doing this removes the old name and assigns the new one.

Rationale.   We provide separate functions for setting and getting the name of a communicator, rather than simply providing a predefined attribute key for the following reasons: