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MPI-2.0 was released, and a second ballot was voted on May 22, 2002. Both votes were done electronically. Both ballots were combined into one document: “Errata for MPI-2”, May 15, 2002. This errata process was then interrupted, but the Forum and its e-mail reflectors kept working on new requests for clarification.

Restarting regular work of the MPI Forum was initiated in three meetings, at EuroPVM/MPI’06 in Bonn, at EuroPVM/MPI’07 in Paris, and at SC’07 in Reno. In December 2007, a steering committee started the organization of new MPI Forum meetings at regular 8-weeks intervals. At the January 14-16, 2008 meeting in Chicago, the MPI Forum decided to combine the existing and future MPI documents to one document for each version of the MPI standard. For technical and historical reasons, this series was started with MPI-1.3. Additional Ballots 3 and 4 solved old questions from the errata list started in 1995 up to new questions from the last years. After all documents (MPI-1.1, MPI-2, Errata for MPI-1.1 (Oct. 12, 1998), and MPI-2.1 Ballots 1-4) were combined into one draft document, for each chapter, a chapter author and review team were defined. They cleaned up the document to achieve a consistent MPI-2.1 document. The final MPI-2.1 standard document was finished in June 2008, and finally released with a second vote in September 2008 in the meeting at Dublin, just before EuroPVM/MPI’08. The major work of the current MPI Forum is the preparation of MPI-3.

## 1.5 Background of MPI-2.2

MPI-2.2 is a minor update to the MPI-2.1 standard. This version addresses additional errors and ambiguities that were not corrected in the MPI-2.1 standard as well as a small number of extensions to MPI-2.1 that met the following criteria:

- Any correct MPI-2.1 program is a correct MPI-2.2 program.
- Any extension must have significant benefit for users.
- Any extension must not require significant implementation effort. To that end, all such changes are accompanied by an open source implementation.

The discussions of MPI-2.2 proceeded concurrently with the MPI-3 discussions; in some cases, extensions were proposed for MPI-2.2 but were later moved to MPI-3.

## 1.6 Background of MPI-3.0

MPI-3.0 is a major update to the MPI standard. Areas of particular interest are the extension of collective operations to include nonblocking and sparse-group routines and more flexible and powerful one-sided operations. This *draft* contains the MPI Forum’s current draft of nonblocking collective routines.

A new Fortran `mpi_f08` module is introduced to provide extended compile-time argument checking and buffer handling in nonblocking routines. The existing `mpi` module provides compile-time argument checking for the existing MPI-2.2 routine definitions. The use of `mpif.h` is strongly discouraged.

and is marked as such, although, semantically, it is not used in one call both for input and for output on a single process.

Another frequent situation arises when an argument value is needed only by a subset of the processes. When an argument is not significant at a process then an arbitrary value can be passed as an argument.

Unless specified otherwise, an argument of type OUT or type INOUT cannot be aliased with any other argument passed to an MPI procedure. An example of argument aliasing in C appears below. If we define a C procedure like this,

```
void copyIntBuffer( int *pin, int *pout, int len )
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<len; ++i) *pout++ = *pin++;
}
```

then a call to it in the following code fragment has aliased arguments.

```
int a[10];
copyIntBuffer( a, a+3, 7);
```

Although the C language allows this, such usage of MPI procedures is forbidden unless otherwise specified. Note that Fortran prohibits aliasing of arguments.

All MPI functions are first specified in the language-independent notation. Immediately below this, **language dependent bindings follow**:

- The ISO C version of the function.
- The Fortran version of the same function used with `USE mpi` or `INCLUDE 'mpif.h'`
- The Fortran version used with `USE mpi_f08`.
- The C++ binding (which is deprecated).

Fortran in this document refers to Fortran 90 and higher; see Section 2.6.

## 2.4 Semantic Terms

When discussing MPI procedures the following semantic terms are used.

**nonblocking** A procedure is nonblocking if the procedure may return before the operation completes, and before the user is allowed to reuse resources (such as buffers) specified in the call. A nonblocking request is **started** by the call that initiates it, e.g., `MPI_ISEND`. The word complete is used with respect to operations, requests, and communications. An **operation completes** when the user is allowed to reuse resources, and any output buffers have been updated; i.e. a call to `MPI_TEST` will return `flag = true`. A **request is completed** by a call to wait, which returns, or a test or get status call which returns `flag = true`. This completing call has two effects: the status is extracted from the request; in the case of test and wait, if the request was nonpersistent, it is **freed**, and becomes **inactive** if it was persistent. A **communication completes** when all participating operations complete.

**blocking** A procedure is blocking if return from the procedure indicates the user is allowed to reuse resources specified in the call.

arguments to access these objects. In addition to their use by MPI calls for object access, handles can participate in assignments and comparisons.

In Fortran with `USE mpi` or `INCLUDE 'mpif.h'`, all handles have type `INTEGER`. In Fortran with `USE mpi_f08`, and in C and C++, a different handle type is defined for each category of objects. With Fortran `USE mpi_f08`, the handles are defined as Fortran sequenced derived types that consist of only one element `INTEGER :: MPI_VAL`. The internal handle value is identical to the Fortran `INTEGER` value used in the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`. The type names are identical to the names in C, except that they are not case sensitive. For example:

```
TYPE MPI_Comm
  SEQUENCE
  INTEGER :: MPI_VAL
END TYPE MPI_Comm
```

In addition, handles themselves are distinct objects in C++. The C and C++ types must support the use of the assignment and equality operators.

*Advice to implementors.* In Fortran, the handle can be an index into a table of opaque objects in a system table; in C it can be such an index or a pointer to the object. C++ handles can simply “wrap up” a table index or pointer. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Rationale.* Due to the sequence attribute in the definition of handles in the `mpi_f08` module, the new Fortran handles are associated with one numerical storage unit; i.e., they can be stored in every application data structure, including common blocks and sequence derived types. They may have the same C binding as the `INTEGER` handles of the `mpi` module. Since the integer values are equivalent, applications can easily convert MPI handles between all three supported Fortran methods. For example, an integer communicator handle `COMM` can be converted directly into an exactly equivalent `mpi_f08` communicator handle named `comm_f08` by `comm_f08%MPI_VAL=COMM`, and vice versa. (*End of rationale.*)

Opaque objects are allocated and deallocated by calls that are specific to each object type. These are listed in the sections where the objects are described. The calls accept a handle argument of matching type. In an allocate call this is an OUT argument that returns a valid reference to the object. In a call to deallocate this is an INOUT argument which returns with an “invalid handle” value. MPI provides an “invalid handle” constant for each object type. Comparisons to this constant are used to test for validity of the handle.

A call to a deallocate routine invalidates the handle and marks the object for deallocation. The object is not accessible to the user after the call. However, MPI need not deallocate the object immediately. Any operation pending (at the time of the deallocate) that involves this object will complete normally; the object will be deallocated afterwards.

An opaque object and its handle are significant only at the process where the object was created and cannot be transferred to another process.

MPI provides certain predefined opaque objects and predefined, static handles to these objects. The user must not free such objects. In C++, this is enforced by declaring the handles to these predefined objects to be `static const`.

*Rationale.* This design hides the internal representation used for MPI data structures, thus allowing similar calls in C, C++, and Fortran. It also avoids conflicts with the typing rules in these languages, and easily allows future extensions of functionality. The mechanism for opaque objects used here loosely follows the POSIX Fortran binding standard.

The explicit separation of handles in user space and objects in system space allows space-reclaiming and deallocation calls to be made at appropriate points in the user program. If the opaque objects were in user space, one would have to be very careful not to go out of scope before any pending operation requiring that object completed. The specified design allows an object to be marked for deallocation, the user program can then go out of scope, and the object itself still persists until any pending operations are complete.

The requirement that handles support assignment/comparison is made since such operations are common. This restricts the domain of possible implementations. The alternative would have been to allow handles to have been an arbitrary, opaque type. This would force the introduction of routines to do assignment and comparison, adding complexity, and was therefore ruled out. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to users.* A user may accidentally create a dangling reference by assigning to a handle the value of another handle, and then deallocating the object associated with these handles. Conversely, if a handle variable is deallocated before the associated object is freed, then the object becomes inaccessible (this may occur, for example, if the handle is a local variable within a subroutine, and the subroutine is exited before the associated object is deallocated). It is the user's responsibility to avoid adding or deleting references to opaque objects, except as a result of MPI calls that allocate or deallocate such objects. (*End of advice to users.*)

*Advice to implementors.* The intended semantics of opaque objects is that opaque objects are separate from one another; each call to allocate such an object copies all the information required for the object. Implementations may avoid excessive copying by substituting referencing for copying. For example, a derived datatype may contain references to its components, rather than copies of its components; a call to `MPI_COMM_GROUP` may return a reference to the group associated with the communicator, rather than a copy of this group. In such cases, the implementation must maintain reference counts, and allocate and deallocate objects in such a way that the visible effect is as if the objects were copied. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

## 2.5.2 Array Arguments

An MPI call may need an argument that is an array of opaque objects, or an array of handles. The array-of-handles is a regular array with entries that are handles to objects of the same type in consecutive locations in the array. Whenever such an array is used, an additional `len` argument is required to indicate the number of valid entries (unless this number can be derived otherwise). The valid entries are at the beginning of the array; `len` indicates how many of them there are, and need not be the size of the entire array. The same approach is followed for other array arguments. In some cases `NULL` handles are considered valid entries. When a `NULL` argument is desired for an array of statuses, one uses `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`. With the `mpi_f08` module and

the C++ bindings, optional arguments through function overloading are used instead of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`, `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, `MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE`, and `MPI_UNWEIGHTED`. This is done by having two (or four in the case of two such independent arguments) bindings where one has the optional argument and one does not. The constants `MPI_ARGV_NULL` and `MPI_ARGVS_NULL` are not substituted by function overloading.

### 2.5.3 State

MPI procedures use at various places arguments with *state* types. The values of such a data type are all identified by names, and no operation is defined on them. For example, the `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_SUBARRAY` routine has a state argument `order` with values `MPI_ORDER_C` and `MPI_ORDER_FORTRAN`.

### 2.5.4 Named Constants

MPI procedures sometimes assign a special meaning to a special value of a basic type argument; e.g., `tag` is an integer-valued argument of point-to-point communication operations, with a special wild-card value, `MPI_ANY_TAG`. Such arguments will have a range of regular values, which is a proper subrange of the range of values of the corresponding basic type; special values (such as `MPI_ANY_TAG`) will be outside the regular range. The range of regular values, such as `tag`, can be queried using environmental inquiry functions (Chapter 7 of the MPI-1 document). The range of other values, such as `source`, depends on values given by other MPI routines (in the case of `source` it is the communicator size).

MPI also provides predefined named constant handles, such as `MPI_COMM_WORLD`.

All named constants, with the exceptions noted below for Fortran, can be used in initialization expressions or assignments, but not necessarily in array declarations or as labels in C/C++ `switch` or Fortran `select/case` statements. This implies named constants to be link-time but not necessarily compile-time constants. The named constants listed below are required to be compile-time constants in both C/C++ and Fortran. These constants do not change values during execution. Opaque objects accessed by constant handles are defined and do not change value between MPI initialization (`MPI_INIT`) and MPI completion (`MPI_FINALIZE`). The handles themselves are constants and can be also used in initialization expressions or assignments.

The constants that are required to be compile-time constants (and can thus be used for array length declarations and labels in C/C++ `switch` and Fortran `case/select` statements) are:

- `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME`
- `MPI_MAX_ERROR_STRING`
- `MPI_MAX_DATAREP_STRING`
- `MPI_MAX_INFO_KEY`
- `MPI_MAX_INFO_VAL`
- `MPI_MAX_OBJECT_NAME`
- `MPI_MAX_PORT_NAME`
- `MPI_STATUS_SIZE` (Fortran only)
- `MPI_ADDRESS_KIND` (Fortran only)
- `MPI_INTEGER_KIND` (Fortran only)
- `MPI_OFFSET_KIND` (Fortran only)

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1     **MPI\_SUBARRAYS** (Fortran only)  
 2     **MPI\_SUBARRAYS\_SUPPORTED** (Fortran only)  
 3     **MPI\_SUBARRAYS\_NOT\_SUPPORTED** (Fortran only)

4     and their C++ counterparts where appropriate.

5     The constants that cannot be used in initialization expressions or assignments in Fortran are:

7     **MPI\_BOTTOM**  
 8     **MPI\_STATUS\_IGNORE**  
 9     **MPI\_STATUSES\_IGNORE**  
 10    **MPI\_ERRCODES\_IGNORE**  
 11    **MPI\_IN\_PLACE**  
 12    **MPI\_ARGV\_NULL**  
 13    **MPI\_ARGVS\_NULL**  
 14    **MPI\_UNWEIGHTED**

16     *Advice to implementors.* In Fortran the implementation of these special constants may require the use of language constructs that are outside the Fortran standard. Using special values for the constants (e.g., by defining them through **PARAMETER** statements) is not possible because an implementation cannot distinguish these values from legal data. Typically, these constants are implemented as predefined static variables (e.g., a variable in an **MPI**-declared **COMMON** block), relying on the fact that the target compiler passes data by address. Inside the subroutine, this address can be extracted by some mechanism outside the Fortran standard (e.g., by Fortran extensions or by implementing the function in C). (*End of advice to implementors.*)

## 2.5.5 Choice

27     **MPI** functions sometimes use arguments with a *choice* (or union) data type. Distinct calls to the same routine may pass by reference actual arguments of different types. The mechanism for providing such arguments will differ from language to language. For Fortran **with the include file `mpif.h` or the `mpi` module**, the document uses `<type>` to represent a choice variable; **with the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, such arguments are declared with the new Fortran syntax `TYPE(*)`, `DIMENSION(..)`**; for C and C++, we use `void *`.

34     *Advice to implementors.* The implementor can freely choose how to implement choice arguments in the **mpi** module, e.g., with a non-standard compiler-dependent method that has the quality of the call mechanism in the implicit Fortran interfaces, or with the method defined for the **mpi\_f08** module. See details in Section 16.2.1 on page 544. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

## 2.5.6 Addresses

43     Some **MPI** procedures use *address* arguments that represent an absolute address in the calling program. The datatype of such an argument is **MPI\_Aint** in C, **MPI::Aint** in C++ and **INTEGER (KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND)** in Fortran. These types must have the same width and encode address values in the same manner such that address values in one language may be passed directly to another language without conversion. There is the **MPI** constant **MPI\_BOTTOM** to indicate the start of the address range.

Deprecated	MPI-2 Replacement
MPI_ADDRESS	MPI_GET_ADDRESS
MPI_TYPE_HINDEXED	MPI_TYPE_CREATE_HINDEXED
MPI_TYPE_HVECTOR	MPI_TYPE_CREATE_HVECTOR
MPI_TYPE_STRUCT	MPI_TYPE_CREATE_STRUCT
MPI_TYPE_EXTENT	MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT
MPI_TYPE_UB	MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT
MPI_TYPE_LB	MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT
MPI_LB	MPI_TYPE_CREATE_RESIZED
MPI_UB	MPI_TYPE_CREATE_RESIZED
MPI_ERRHANDLER_CREATE	MPI_COMM_CREATE_ERRHANDLER
MPI_ERRHANDLER_GET	MPI_COMM_GET_ERRHANDLER
MPI_ERRHANDLER_SET	MPI_COMM_SET_ERRHANDLER
MPI_Handler_function	MPI_Comm_errhandler_function
MPI_KEYVAL_CREATE	MPI_COMM_CREATE_KEYVAL
MPI_KEYVAL_FREE	MPI_COMM_FREE_KEYVAL
MPI_DUP_FN	MPI_COMM_DUP_FN
MPI_NULL_COPY_FN	MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN
MPI_NULL_DELETE_FN	MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN
MPI_Copy_function	MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function
COPY_FUNCTION	COMM_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>
MPI_Delete_function	MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function
DELETE_FUNCTION	COMM_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>
MPI_ATTR_DELETE	MPI_COMM_DELETE_ATTR
MPI_ATTR_GET	MPI_COMM_GET_ATTR
MPI_ATTR_PUT	MPI_COMM_SET_ATTR

Table 2.1: Deprecated constructs

## 2.6.2 Fortran Binding Issues

Originally, MPI-1.1 provided bindings for Fortran 77. These bindings are retained, but they are now interpreted in the context of the Fortran 90 standard. MPI can still be used with most Fortran 77 compilers, as noted below. When the term Fortran is used it means Fortran 90 or later; it means Fortran 2008 + TR 29113 and later if the `mpi_f08` module is used.

All MPI names have an `MPI_` prefix, and all characters are capitals. Programs must not declare variables, parameters, or functions with names beginning with the prefix `MPI_`. To avoid conflicting with the profiling interface, programs should also avoid functions with the prefix `PMPI_`. This is mandated to avoid possible name collisions.

All MPI Fortran subroutines have a return code in the last argument. With `USE mpi_f08`, this last argument is declared as `OPTIONAL`, except for user-defined callback functions (e.g., `COMM_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION`) and their predefined callbacks (e.g., `MPI_NULL_COPY_FN`). A few MPI operations which are functions do not have the return code argument. The return code value for successful completion is `MPI_SUCCESS`. Other error codes are implementation dependent; see the error codes in Chapter 8 and Annex A.

*Advice to implementors.* With the `mpi_f08` module, an MPI library may implement the `ierror` argument through function overloading instead of using the

**OPTIONAL** attribute. With function overloading, the branch is implemented at link-time; with the the **OPTIONAL** attribute, it is implemented at run-time. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

Constants representing the maximum length of a string are one smaller in Fortran than in C and C++ as discussed in Section 16.3.9.

Handles are represented in Fortran as **INTEGERs**, or with the **mpi\_f08** module as a **sequence derived type**, see Section 2.5.1 on page 12. Binary-valued variables are of type **LOGICAL**.

Array arguments are indexed from one.

The MPI Fortran bindings are inconsistent with the Fortran standard in several respects. These inconsistencies, such as register optimization problems, have implications for user codes that are discussed in detail in Section 16.2.8.

### 2.6.3 C Binding Issues

We use the ISO C declaration format. All MPI names have an **MPI\_** prefix, defined constants are in all capital letters, and defined types and functions have one capital letter after the prefix. Programs must not declare variables or functions with names beginning with the prefix **MPI\_**. To support the profiling interface, programs should not declare functions with names beginning with the prefix **PMPI\_**.

The definition of named constants, function prototypes, and type definitions must be supplied in an include file **mpi.h**.

Almost all C functions return an error code. The successful return code will be **MPI\_SUCCESS**, but failure return codes are implementation dependent.

Type declarations are provided for handles to each category of opaque objects.

Array arguments are indexed from zero.

Logical flags are integers with value 0 meaning “false” and a non-zero value meaning “true.”

Choice arguments are pointers of type **void \***.

Address arguments are of MPI defined type **MPI\_Aint**. File displacements are of type **MPI\_Offset**. **MPI\_Aint** is defined to be an integer of the size needed to hold any valid address on the target architecture. **MPI\_Offset** is defined to be an integer of the size needed to hold any valid file size on the target architecture.

### 2.6.4 C++ Binding Issues

The C++ language bindings have been deprecated. There are places in the standard that give rules for C and not for C++. In these cases, the C rule should be applied to the C++ case, as appropriate. In particular, the values of constants given in the text are the ones for C and Fortran. A cross index of these with the C++ names is given in Annex A.

We use the ISO C++ declaration format. All MPI names are declared within the scope of a namespace called **MPI** and therefore are referenced with an **MPI::** prefix. Defined constants are in all capital letters, and class names, defined types, and functions have only their first letter capitalized. Programs must not declare variables or functions in the **MPI** namespace. This is mandated to avoid possible name collisions.

The definition of named constants, function prototypes, and type definitions must be supplied in an include file **mpi.h**.

operation to select a particular message. The last three parameters of the send operation, along with the rank of the sender, specify the envelope for the message sent. Process one (`myrank = 1`) receives this message with the **receive** operation `MPI_RECV`. The message to be received is selected according to the value of its envelope, and the message data is stored into the **receive buffer**. In the example above, the receive buffer consists of the storage containing the string `message` in the memory of process one. The first three parameters of the receive operation specify the location, size and type of the receive buffer. The next three parameters are used for selecting the incoming message. The last parameter is used to return information on the message just received.

The next sections describe the blocking send and receive operations. We discuss send, receive, blocking communication semantics, type matching requirements, type conversion in heterogeneous environments, and more general communication modes. Nonblocking communication is addressed next, followed by channel-like constructs and send-receive operations. Nonblocking communication is addressed next, followed by channel-like constructs and send-receive operations, ending with a description of the “dummy” process, `MPI_PROC_NULL`.

## 3.2 Blocking Send and Receive Operations

### 3.2.1 Blocking Send

The syntax of the blocking send operation is given below.

`MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)`

IN	buf	initial address of send buffer (choice)
IN	count	number of elements in send buffer (non-negative integer)
IN	datatype	datatype of each send buffer element (handle)
IN	dest	rank of destination (integer)
IN	tag	message tag (integer)
IN	comm	communicator (handle)

```
int MPI_Send(void* buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int dest,
             int tag, MPI_Comm comm)
```

```
MPI_SEND(BUF, COUNT, DATATYPE, DEST, TAG, COMM, IERROR)
```

```
<type> BUF(*)
```

```
INTEGER COUNT, DATATYPE, DEST, TAG, COMM, IERROR
```

```
MPI_Send(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, ierror)
```

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
```

```
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, dest, tag
```

```
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
```

```
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
```

```
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

a unique receiver. This matches a “push” communication mechanism, where data transfer is effected by the sender (rather than a “pull” mechanism, where data transfer is effected by the receiver).

Source = destination is allowed, that is, a process can send a message to itself. (However, it is unsafe to do so with the blocking send and receive operations described above, since this may lead to deadlock. See Section 3.5.)

*Advice to implementors.* Message context and other communicator information can be implemented as an additional tag field. It differs from the regular message tag in that wild card matching is not allowed on this field, and that value setting for this field is controlled by communicator manipulation functions. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

### 3.2.5 Return Status

The source or tag of a received message may not be known if wildcard values were used in the receive operation. Also, if multiple requests are completed by a single MPI function (see Section 3.7.5), a distinct error code may need to be returned for each request. The information is returned by the `status` argument of `MPI_RECV`. The type of `status` is MPI-defined. Status variables need to be explicitly allocated by the user, that is, they are not system objects.

In C, `status` is a structure that contains three fields named `MPI_SOURCE`, `MPI_TAG`, and `MPI_ERROR`; the structure may contain additional fields. Thus, `status.MPI_SOURCE`, `status.MPI_TAG` and `status.MPI_ERROR` contain the source, tag, and error code, respectively, of the received message.

In Fortran with `USE mpi` or `INCLUDE 'mpif.h'`, `status` is an array of `INTEGER`s of size `MPI_STATUS_SIZE`. The constants `MPI_SOURCE`, `MPI_TAG` and `MPI_ERROR` are the indices of the entries that store the source, tag and error fields. Thus, `status(MPI_SOURCE)`, `status(MPI_TAG)` and `status(MPI_ERROR)` contain, respectively, the source, tag and error code of the received message.

With Fortran `USE mpi_f08`, `status` is defined as the Fortran sequence derived type `TYPE(MPI_Status)` containing three public fields named `MPI_SOURCE`, `MPI_TAG`, and `MPI_ERROR`. `TYPE(MPI_Status)` may contain additional, implementation-specific fields. Thus, `status%MPI_SOURCE`, `status%MPI_TAG` and `status%MPI_ERROR` contain the source, tag, and error code of a received message respectively. Additionally, within both the `mpi` and the `mpi_f08` modules, the constants `MPI_STATUS_SIZE`, `MPI_SOURCE`, `MPI_TAG`, `MPI_ERROR`, and `TYPE(MPI_Status)` are defined to allow conversion between both `status` representations.

*Rationale.* The Fortran `TYPE(MPI_Status)` is defined as a sequence derived type so that it can be used at any location where the status integer array representation can be used, e.g., in user defined sequence derived types or common blocks. (*End of rationale.*)

*Rationale.* It is allowed to have the same name (e.g., `MPI_SOURCE`) defined as a constant (e.g., Fortran parameter) and as a field of a derived type. (*End of rationale.*)

In C++, the `status` object is handled through the following methods:

```
{int MPI::Status::Get_source() const(binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

cannot be used when status is an IN argument. Note that in Fortran `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` and `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE` are objects like `MPI_BOTTOM` (not usable for initialization or assignment). See Section 2.5.4.

In general, this optimization can apply to all functions for which `status` or an array of `statuses` is an OUT argument. Note that this converts `status` into an INOUT argument. The functions that can be passed `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` are all the various forms of `MPI_RECV`, `MPI_TEST`, and `MPI_WAIT`, as well as `MPI_REQUEST_GET_STATUS`. When an array is passed, as in the `MPI_{TEST|WAIT}{ALL|SOME}` functions, a separate constant, `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, is passed for the array argument. It is possible for an MPI function to return `MPI_ERR_IN_STATUS` even when `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE` has been passed to that function.

`MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` and `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE` are not required to have the same values in C and Fortran.

It is not allowed to have some of the statuses in an array of statuses for `MPI_{TEST|WAIT}{ALL|SOME}` functions set to `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`; one either specifies ignoring *all* of the statuses in such a call with `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, or *none* of them by passing normal statuses in all positions in the array of statuses.

With the Fortran bindings through the `mpi_f08` module and the C++ bindings, `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` and `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE` do not exist. To allow an OUT or INOUT `TYPE(MPI_Status)` or `MPI::Status` argument to be ignored, all MPI `mpi_f08` or C++ bindings that have OUT or INOUT `TYPE(MPI_Status)` or `MPI::Status` parameters are overloaded with a second version that omits the OUT or INOUT `TYPE(MPI_Status)` or `MPI::Status` parameter.

**Example 3.1** The `mpi_f08` bindings for `MPI_PROBE` (the specific routine names ending with `_with_status` and `_without_status` are implementation dependent):

```

INTERFACE MPI_Probe
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Probe_with_status(source, tag, comm, status, ierror)
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: source, tag
    TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
    TYPE(MPI_Status), INTENT(OUT) :: status
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
  END SUBROUTINE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Probe_without_status(source, tag, comm, ierror)
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: source, tag
    TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
  END SUBROUTINE
END INTERFACE MPI_Probe

```

**Example 3.2** The C++ bindings for `MPI_PROBE` are:

```

void MPI::Comm::Probe(int source, int tag, MPI::Status& status) const
void MPI::Comm::Probe(int source, int tag) const

```

```

MPI_Irecv(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, request, ierror)
    <type> BUF(*)
    INTEGER COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM, REQUEST, IERROR
MPI_Irecv(buf, count, datatype, source, tag, comm, request, ierror)
    TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
    INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, source, tag
    TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
    TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
    TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(OUT) :: request
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
{MPI::Request MPI::Comm::Irecv(void* buf, int count, const
    MPI::Datatype& datatype, int source, int tag) const(binding
    deprecated, see Section 15.2) }

```

Start a nonblocking receive.

These calls allocate a communication request object and associate it with the request handle (the argument `request`). The request can be used later to query the status of the communication or wait for its completion.

A nonblocking send call indicates that the system may start copying data out of the send buffer. The sender should not modify any part of the send buffer after a nonblocking send operation is called, until the send completes.

A nonblocking receive call indicates that the system may start writing data into the receive buffer. The receiver should not access any part of the receive buffer after a nonblocking receive operation is called, until the receive completes.

*Advice to users.* To prevent problems with the argument copying and register optimization done by Fortran compilers, please note the hints in [Sections 16.2.2-16.2.12](#), especially in [Sections 16.2.4 and 16.2.5](#) on pages 547-550 about *problems due to data copying and sequence association with subscript triplets and vector subscripts*, and in [Sections 16.2.8 to 16.2.11](#) on pages 551 to 561 about *optimization problems, code movements and register optimization*, and *temporary and permanent data movements*. (End of advice to users.)

### 3.7.3 Communication Completion

The functions `MPI_WAIT` and `MPI_TEST` are used to complete a nonblocking communication. The completion of a send operation indicates that the sender is now free to update the locations in the send buffer (the send operation itself leaves the content of the send buffer unchanged). It does not indicate that the message has been received, rather, it may have been buffered by the communication subsystem. However, if a **synchronous** mode send was used, the completion of the send operation indicates that a matching receive was initiated, and that the message will eventually be received by this matching receive.

The completion of a receive operation indicates that the receive buffer contains the received message, the receiver is now free to access it, and that the status object is set. It does not indicate that the matching send operation has completed (but indicates, of course, that the send was initiated).

We shall use the following terminology: A **null** handle is a handle with value `MPI_REQUEST_NULL`. A persistent request and the handle to it are **inactive** if the request



## 4.1.10 Duplicating a Datatype

`MPI_TYPE_DUP`(`oldtype`, `newtype`)

IN	type	datatype (handle)
OUT	newtype	copy of <code>oldtype</code> (handle)

```
int MPI_Type_dup(MPI_Datatype oldtype, MPI_Datatype *newtype)
```

```
MPI_TYPE_DUP(OLDTYPE, NEWTYPE, IERROR)
    INTEGER OLDTYPE, NEWTYPE, IERROR
```

```
MPI_Type_dup(oldtype, newtype, ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: oldtype
    TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(OUT) :: newtype
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{MPI::Datatype MPI::Datatype::Dup() const(binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

`MPI_TYPE_DUP` is a type constructor which duplicates the existing type with associated key values. For each key value, the respective copy callback function determines the attribute value associated with this key in the new communicator; one particular action that a copy callback may take is to delete the attribute from the new datatype. Returns in `newtype` a new datatype with exactly the same properties as `oldtype` and any copied cached information, see Section 6.7.4 on page 276. The new datatype has identical upper bound and lower bound and yields the same net result when fully decoded with the functions in Section 4.1.13. The `newtype` has the same committed state as the old `oldtype`.

## 4.1.11 Use of General Datatypes in Communication

Handles to derived datatypes can be passed to a communication call wherever a datatype argument is required. A call of the form `MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, ...)`, where `count > 1`, is interpreted as if the call was passed a new datatype which is the concatenation of `count` copies of `datatype`. Thus, `MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)` is equivalent to,

```
MPI_TYPE_CONTIGUOUS(count, datatype, newtype)
MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(newtype)
MPI_SEND(buf, 1, newtype, dest, tag, comm).
```

Similar statements apply to all other communication functions that have a `count` and `datatype` argument.

Suppose that a send operation `MPI_SEND(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm)` is executed, where `datatype` has type map,

$$\{(type_0, disp_0), \dots, (type_{n-1}, disp_{n-1})\},$$

and extent `extent`. (Empty entries of “pseudo-type” `MPI_UB` and `MPI_LB` are not listed in the type map, but they affect the value of `extent`.) The send operation sends  $n \cdot \text{count}$



*Rationale.* The definition of MPI\_MINLOC and MPI\_MAXLOC given here has the advantage that it does not require any special-case handling of these two operations: they are handled like any other reduce operation. A programmer can provide his or her own definition of MPI\_MAXLOC and MPI\_MINLOC, if so desired. The disadvantage is that values and indices have to be first interleaved, and that indices and values have to be coerced to the same type, in Fortran. (*End of rationale.*)

### 5.9.5 User-Defined Reduction Operations

MPI\_OP\_CREATE(*user\_fn*, *commute*, *op*)

IN	[ <i>ticket252-W.</i> ] <i>user_fn</i>	user defined function (function)
IN	<i>commute</i>	true if commutative; false otherwise.
OUT	<i>op</i>	operation (handle)

int MPI\_Op\_create(MPI\_User\_function\* *user\_fn*, int *commute*, MPI\_Op\* *op*)

MPI\_OP\_CREATE( *USER\_FN*, COMMUTE, OP, IERROR)

EXTERNAL *USER\_FN*  
 LOGICAL COMMUTE  
 INTEGER OP, IERROR

*MPI\_Op\_create*(*user\_fn*, *commute*, *op*, *ierror*)  
 EXTERNAL :: *user\_fn*  
 LOGICAL, INTENT(IN) :: *commute*  
 TYPE(MPI\_Op), INTENT(OUT) :: *op*  
 INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: *ierror*

{void MPI::Op::Init(MPI::User\_function\* *user\_fn*, bool *commute*) (*binding deprecated, see Section 15.2*) }

MPI\_OP\_CREATE binds a user-defined reduction operation to an *op* handle that can subsequently be used in MPI\_REDUCE, MPI\_ALLREDUCE, MPI\_REDUCE\_SCATTER, MPI\_SCAN, and MPI\_EXSCAN. The user-defined operation is assumed to be associative. If *commute* = true, then the operation should be both commutative and associative. If *commute* = false, then the order of operands is fixed and is defined to be in ascending, process rank order, beginning with process zero. The order of evaluation can be changed, taking advantage of the associativity of the operation. If *commute* = true then the order of evaluation can be changed, taking advantage of commutativity and associativity.

The argument *user\_fn* is the user-defined function, which must have the following four arguments: *invec*, *inoutvec*, *len* and *datatype*.

The ISO C prototype for the function is the following.

```
typedef void MPI_User_function(void* invec, void* inoutvec, int* len,
                               MPI_Datatype* datatype);
```

The Fortran declaration of the user-defined function *user\_fn* appears below. To reduce problems with the choice buffer arguments, implicit interfaces are used with all three Fortran

support methods; the first one with the `mpi` module or `mpif.h`, the second one with `mpi_f08`.

```
SUBROUTINE USER_FUNCTION(INVEC, INOUTVEC, LEN, DATATYPE)
  <type> INVEC(LEN), INOUTVEC(LEN)
  INTEGER LEN, DATATYPE
```

```
SUBROUTINE USER_FUNCTION(invec, inoutvec, len, datatype)
  <type> :: invec(len), inoutvec(len)
  INTEGER :: len
  TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
```

The C++ declaration of the user-defined function appears below.

```
{typedef void MPI::User_function(const void* invec, void* inoutvec, int
    len, const Datatype& datatype); (binding deprecated, see
    Section 15.2)}
```

The `datatype` argument is a handle to the data type that was passed into the call to `MPI_REDUCE`. The user reduce function should be written such that the following holds: Let `u[0], ... , u[len-1]` be the `len` elements in the communication buffer described by the arguments `invec`, `len` and `datatype` when the function is invoked; let `v[0], ... , v[len-1]` be `len` elements in the communication buffer described by the arguments `inoutvec`, `len` and `datatype` when the function is invoked; let `w[0], ... , w[len-1]` be `len` elements in the communication buffer described by the arguments `inoutvec`, `len` and `datatype` when the function returns; then `w[i] = u[i] ◦ v[i]`, for `i=0, ... , len-1`, where `◦` is the reduce operation that the function computes.

Informally, we can think of `invec` and `inoutvec` as arrays of `len` elements that `user_fn` is combining. The result of the reduction over-writes values in `inoutvec`, hence the name. Each invocation of the function results in the pointwise evaluation of the reduce operator on `len` elements: i.e., the function returns in `inoutvec[i]` the value `invec[i] ◦ inoutvec[i]`, for `i = 0, ... , count - 1`, where `◦` is the combining operation computed by the function.

*Rationale.* The `len` argument allows `MPI_REDUCE` to avoid calling the function for each element in the input buffer. Rather, the system can choose to apply the function to chunks of input. In C, it is passed in as a reference for reasons of compatibility with Fortran.

By internally comparing the value of the `datatype` argument to known, global handles, it is possible to overload the use of a single user-defined function for several, different data types. (*End of rationale.*)

General datatypes may be passed to the user function. However, use of datatypes that are not contiguous is likely to lead to inefficiencies.

No MPI communication function may be called inside the user function. `MPI_ABORT` may be called inside the function in case of an error.

*Advice to users.* Suppose one defines a library of user-defined reduce functions that are overloaded: the `datatype` argument is used to select the right execution path at each invocation, according to the types of the operands. The user-defined reduce function cannot “decode” the `datatype` argument that it is passed, and cannot identify, by itself, the correspondence between the datatype handles and the datatype they represent.

- obtain a key value (used to identify an attribute); the user specifies “callback” functions by which MPI informs the application when the communicator is destroyed or copied.
- store and retrieve the value of an attribute;

*Advice to implementors.* Caching and callback functions are only called synchronously, in response to explicit application requests. This avoids problems that result from repeated crossings between user and system space. (This synchronous calling rule is a general property of MPI.)

The choice of key values is under control of MPI. This allows MPI to optimize its implementation of attribute sets. It also avoids conflict between independent modules caching information on the same communicators.

A much smaller interface, consisting of just a callback facility, would allow the entire caching facility to be implemented by portable code. However, with the minimal callback interface, some form of table searching is implied by the need to handle arbitrary communicators. In contrast, the more complete interface defined here permits rapid access to attributes through the use of pointers in communicators (to find the attribute table) and cleverly chosen key values (to retrieve individual attributes). In light of the efficiency “hit” inherent in the minimal interface, the more complete interface defined here is seen to be superior. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

MPI provides the following services related to caching. They are all process local.

### 6.7.2 Communicators

Functions for caching on communicators are:

`MPI_COMM_CREATE_KEYVAL(comm_copy_attr_fn, comm_delete_attr_fn, comm_keyval, extra_state)`

IN	<code>comm_copy_attr_fn</code>	copy callback function for <code>comm_keyval</code> (function)
IN	<code>comm_delete_attr_fn</code>	delete callback function for <code>comm_keyval</code> (function)
OUT	<code>comm_keyval</code>	key value for future access (integer)
IN	<code>extra_state</code>	extra state for callback functions

```
int MPI_Comm_create_keyval(MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function *comm_copy_attr_fn,
                           MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function *comm_delete_attr_fn,
                           int *comm_keyval, void *extra_state)
```

```
MPI_COMM_CREATE_KEYVAL(COMM_COPY_ATTR_FN, COMM_DELETE_ATTR_FN, COMM_KEYVAL,
                        EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
```

```
EXTERNAL COMM_COPY_ATTR_FN, COMM_DELETE_ATTR_FN
INTEGER COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
```

```
MPI_Comm_create_keyval(comm_copy_attr_fn, comm_delete_attr_fn, comm_keyval,
                        extra_state, ierror)
```

```

PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function) :: comm_copy_attr_fn
PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function) :: comm_delete_attr_fn
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: comm_keyval
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

{static int MPI::Comm::Create_keyval(MPI::Comm::Copy_attr_function*
    comm_copy_attr_fn,
    MPI::Comm::Delete_attr_function* comm_delete_attr_fn,
    void* extra_state) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

Generates a new attribute key. Keys are locally unique in a process, and opaque to user, though they are explicitly stored in integers. Once allocated, the key value can be used to associate attributes and access them on any locally defined communicator.

This function replaces MPI\_KEYVAL\_CREATE, whose use is deprecated. The C binding is identical. The Fortran binding differs in that `extra_state` is an address-sized integer. Also, the copy and delete callback functions have Fortran bindings that are consistent with address-sized attributes.

The C callback functions are:

```

typedef int MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function(MPI_Comm oldcomm, int comm_keyval,
    void *extra_state, void *attribute_val_in,
    void *attribute_val_out, int *flag);
```

and

```

typedef int MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function(MPI_Comm comm, int comm_keyval,
    void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);
```

which are the same as the MPI-1.1 calls but with a new name. The old names are deprecated.

With the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`, the Fortran callback functions are:

```

SUBROUTINE COMM_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION(OLDCOMM, COMM_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
    ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
    INTEGER OLDCOMM, COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN,
    ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
    LOGICAL FLAG
```

and

```

SUBROUTINE COMM_DELETE_ATTR_FUNCTION(COMM, COMM_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
    EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    INTEGER COMM, COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE
```

With the `mpi_f08` module, the Fortran callback functions are:

```

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    SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function(oldcomm, comm_keyval, extra_state,
        attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
        TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: oldcomm
        INTEGER :: comm_keyval, ierror
```

```

1      INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ::  extra_state, attribute_val_in,
2      attribute_val_out
3      LOGICAL flag

```

and

```

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```

```

7      SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function(comm, comm_keyval,
8      attribute_val, extra_state, ierror)
9      TYPE(MPI_Comm) ::  comm
10     INTEGER ::  comm_keyval, ierror
11     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ::  attribute_val, extra_state

```

The C++ callbacks are:

```

14 {typedef int MPI::Comm::Copy_attr_function(const MPI::Comm& oldcomm,
15      int comm_keyval, void* extra_state, void* attribute_val_in,
16      void* attribute_val_out, bool& flag); (binding deprecated, see
17      Section 15.2)}

```

and

```

19 {typedef int MPI::Comm::Delete_attr_function(MPI::Comm& comm,
20      int comm_keyval, void* attribute_val, void* extra_state);
21      (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}

```

The `comm_copy_attr_fn` function is invoked when a communicator is duplicated by `MPI_COMM_DUP`. `comm_copy_attr_fn` should be of type `MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function`. The copy callback function is invoked for each key value in `oldcomm` in arbitrary order. Each call to the copy callback is made with a key value and its corresponding attribute. If it returns `flag = 0`, then the attribute is deleted in the duplicated communicator. Otherwise (`flag = 1`), the new attribute value is set to the value returned in `attribute_val_out`. The function returns `MPI_SUCCESS` on success and an error code on failure (in which case `MPI_COMM_DUP` will fail).

The argument `comm_copy_attr_fn` may be specified as `MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN` or `MPI_COMM_DUP_FN` from either C, C++, or Fortran. `MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN` is a function that does nothing other than returning `flag = 0` and `MPI_SUCCESS`.

`MPI_COMM_DUP_FN` is a simple-minded copy function that sets `flag = 1`, returns the value of `attribute_val_in` in `attribute_val_out`, and returns `MPI_SUCCESS`. These replace the MPI-1 predefined callbacks `MPI_NULL_COPY_FN` and `MPI_DUP_FN`, whose use is deprecated.

*Advice to users.* Even though both formal arguments `attribute_val_in` and `attribute_val_out` are of type `void *`, their usage differs. The C copy function is passed by MPI in `attribute_val_in` the *value* of the attribute, and in `attribute_val_out` the *address* of the attribute, so as to allow the function to return the (new) attribute value. The use of type `void *` for both is to avoid messy type casts.

A valid copy function is one that completely duplicates the information by making a full duplicate copy of the data structures implied by an attribute; another might just make another reference to that data structure, while using a reference-count mechanism. Other types of attributes might not copy at all (they might be specific to `oldcomm` only). (*End of advice to users.*)

*Advice to implementors.* A C interface should be assumed for copy and delete functions associated with key values created in C; a Fortran calling interface should be assumed for key values created in Fortran. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

Analogous to `comm_copy_attr_fn` is a callback deletion function, defined as follows. The `comm_delete_attr_fn` function is invoked when a communicator is deleted by `MPI_COMM_FREE` or when a call is made explicitly to `MPI_COMM_DELETE_ATTR`. `comm_delete_attr_fn` should be of type `MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function`.

This function is called by `MPI_COMM_FREE`, `MPI_COMM_DELETE_ATTR`, and `MPI_COMM_SET_ATTR` to do whatever is needed to remove an attribute. The function returns `MPI_SUCCESS` on success and an error code on failure (in which case `MPI_COMM_FREE` will fail).

The argument `comm_delete_attr_fn` may be specified as `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` from either C, C++, or Fortran. `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` is a function that does nothing, other than returning `MPI_SUCCESS`. `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` replaces `MPI_NULL_DELETE_FN`, whose use is deprecated.

If an attribute copy function or attribute delete function returns other than `MPI_SUCCESS`, then the call that caused it to be invoked (for example, `MPI_COMM_FREE`), is erroneous.

The special key value `MPI_KEYVAL_INVALID` is never returned by `MPI_KEYVAL_CREATE`. Therefore, it can be used for static initialization of key values.

*Advice to implementors.* To be able to use the predefined C functions `MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN` or `MPI_COMM_DUP_FN` as `comm_copy_attr_fn` argument and/or `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` as the `comm_delete_attr_fn` argument in a call to the C++ routine `MPI::Comm::Create_keyval`, this routine may be overloaded with 3 additional routines that accept the C functions as the first, the second, or both input arguments (instead of an argument that matches the C++ prototype). (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Advice to users.* If a user wants to write a “wrapper” routine that internally calls `MPI::Comm::Create_keyval` and `comm_copy_attr_fn` and/or `comm_delete_attr_fn` are arguments of this wrapper routine, and if this wrapper routine should be callable with both user-defined C++ copy and delete functions and with the predefined C functions, then the same overloading as described above in the advice to implementors may be necessary. (*End of advice to users.*)

*Advice to implementors.* The predefined Fortran functions `MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN`, `MPI_COMM_DUP_FN`, and `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` are defined in the `mpi` module (and `mpif.h`) and the `mpi_f08` module with a different interface. Each function can coexist twice with the same name in the same MPI library, one routine as an implicit interface outside of the `mpi` module, i.e., declared as `EXTERNAL`, and the other routine within `mpi_f08` declared with `CONTAINS`. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Advice to users.* One should not pass the predefined Fortran functions `MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN`, `MPI_COMM_DUP_FN`, and `MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN` from one application routine that uses the `mpi_f08`

module to another application routine that uses the `mpi` module or `mpif.h`, and vice versa. (*End of advice to users.*)

`MPI_COMM_FREE_KEYVAL(comm_keyval)`

INOUT    `comm_keyval`                      key value (integer)

`int MPI_Comm_free_keyval(int *comm_keyval)`

`MPI_COMM_FREE_KEYVAL(COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR)`

INTEGER `COMM_KEYVAL`, `IERROR`

`MPI_Comm_free_keyval(comm_keyval, ierror)`

INTEGER, INTENT(INOUT) :: `comm_keyval`

INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: `ierror`

`{static void MPI::Comm::Free_keyval(int& comm_keyval) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }`

Frees an extant attribute key. This function sets the value of `keyval` to `MPI_KEYVAL_INVALID`. Note that it is not erroneous to free an attribute key that is in use, because the actual free does not transpire until after all references (in other communicators on the process) to the key have been freed. These references need to be explicitly freed by the program, either via calls to `MPI_COMM_DELETE_ATTR` that free one attribute instance, or by calls to `MPI_COMM_FREE` that free all attribute instances associated with the freed communicator.

This call is identical to the MPI-1 call `MPI_KEYVAL_FREE` but is needed to match the new communicator-specific creation function. The use of `MPI_KEYVAL_FREE` is deprecated.

`MPI_COMM_SET_ATTR(comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val)`

INOUT    `comm`                                  communicator from which attribute will be attached (handle)

IN        `comm_keyval`                      key value (integer)

IN        `attribute_val`                      attribute value

`int MPI_Comm_set_attr(MPI_Comm comm, int comm_keyval, void *attribute_val)`

`MPI_COMM_SET_ATTR(COMM, COMM_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL, IERROR)`

INTEGER `COMM`, `COMM_KEYVAL`, `IERROR`

INTEGER(`KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND`) `ATTRIBUTE_VAL`

`MPI_Comm_set_attr(comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val, ierror)`

TYPE(`MPI_Comm`), INTENT(IN) :: `comm`

INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: `comm_keyval`

INTEGER(`KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND`), INTENT(IN) :: `attribute_val`

INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: `ierror`



MPI\_WIN\_CREATE\_KEYVAL(win\_copy\_attr\_fn, win\_delete\_attr\_fn, win\_keyval, extra\_state)

IN	win_copy_attr_fn	copy callback function for win_keyval (function)
IN	win_delete_attr_fn	delete callback function for win_keyval (function)
OUT	win_keyval	key value for future access (integer)
IN	extra_state	extra state for callback functions

```
int MPI_Win_create_keyval(MPI_Win_copy_attr_function *win_copy_attr_fn,
                          MPI_Win_delete_attr_function *win_delete_attr_fn,
                          int *win_keyval, void *extra_state)
```

```
MPI_WIN_CREATE_KEYVAL(WIN_COPY_ATTR_FN, WIN_DELETE_ATTR_FN, WIN_KEYVAL,
                      EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
EXTERNAL WIN_COPY_ATTR_FN, WIN_DELETE_ATTR_FN
INTEGER WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
```

```
MPI_Win_create_keyval(win_copy_attr_fn, win_delete_attr_fn, win_keyval,
                      extra_state, ierror)
PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_copy_attr_function) :: win_copy_attr_fn
PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_delete_attr_function) :: win_delete_attr_fn
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: win_keyval
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{static int MPI::Win::Create_keyval(MPI::Win::Copy_attr_function*
    win_copy_attr_fn,
    MPI::Win::Delete_attr_function* win_delete_attr_fn,
    void* extra_state) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

The argument win\_copy\_attr\_fn may be specified as MPI\_WIN\_NULL\_COPY\_FN or MPI\_WIN\_DUP\_FN from either C, C++, or Fortran. MPI\_WIN\_NULL\_COPY\_FN is a function that does nothing other than returning flag = 0 and MPI\_SUCCESS. MPI\_WIN\_DUP\_FN is a simple-minded copy function that sets flag = 1, returns the value of attribute\_val\_in in attribute\_val\_out, and returns MPI\_SUCCESS.

The argument win\_delete\_attr\_fn may be specified as MPI\_WIN\_NULL\_DELETE\_FN from either C, C++, or Fortran. MPI\_WIN\_NULL\_DELETE\_FN is a function that does nothing, other than returning MPI\_SUCCESS.

The C callback functions are:

```
typedef int MPI_Win_copy_attr_function(MPI_Win oldwin, int win_keyval,
    void *extra_state, void *attribute_val_in,
    void *attribute_val_out, int *flag);
```

and

```
typedef int MPI_Win_delete_attr_function(MPI_Win win, int win_keyval,
    void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);
```

With the mpi module and mpif.h, the Fortran callback functions are:



```

ticket250-V. 1 SUBROUTINE WIN_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION(OLDWIN, WIN_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
2             ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
3             INTEGER OLDWIN, WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR
4             INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN,
5             ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
6             LOGICAL FLAG
7
8 and
ticket250-V. 9 SUBROUTINE WIN_DELETE_ATTR_FUNCTION(WIN, WIN_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
10             EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
11             INTEGER WIN, WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR
12             INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE
13
14 With the mpi_f08 module, the Fortran callback functions are:
ticket230-B.
ticket-248T. 15 ABSTRACT INTERFACE
16             SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_copy_attr_function(oldwin, win_keyval, extra_state,
17             attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
18             TYPE(MPI_Win) :: oldwin
19             INTEGER :: win_keyval, ierror
20             INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state, attribute_val_in,
21             attribute_val_out
22             LOGICAL flag
23
24 and
ticket230-B.
ticket-248T. 25 ABSTRACT INTERFACE
26             SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_delete_attr_function(win, win_keyval, attribute_val,
27             extra_state, ierror)
28             TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win
29             INTEGER :: win_keyval, ierror
30             INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: attribute_val, extra_state
31
32 The C++ callbacks are:
33 {typedef int MPI::Win::Copy_attr_function(const MPI::Win& oldwin,
34             int win_keyval, void* extra_state, void* attribute_val_in,
35             void* attribute_val_out, bool& flag); (binding deprecated, see
36             Section 15.2)}
37
38 and
39 {typedef int MPI::Win::Delete_attr_function(MPI::Win& win, int win_keyval,
40             void* attribute_val, void* extra_state); (binding deprecated, see
41             Section 15.2)}
42
43 If an attribute copy function or attribute delete function returns other than
44 MPI_SUCCESS, then the call that caused it to be invoked (for example, MPI_WIN_FREE), is
45 erroneous.
46
47
48

```

```

MPI_TYPE_CREATE_KEYVAL(TYPE_COPY_ATTR_FN, TYPE_DELETE_ATTR_FN, TYPE_KEYVAL,
    EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    EXTERNAL TYPE_COPY_ATTR_FN, TYPE_DELETE_ATTR_FN
    INTEGER TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE

```

```

MPI_Type_create_keyval(type_copy_attr_fn, type_delete_attr_fn, type_keyval,
    extra_state, ierror)
    PROCEDURE(MPI_Type_copy_attr_function) :: type_copy_attr_fn
    PROCEDURE(MPI_Type_delete_attr_function) :: type_delete_attr_fn
    INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: type_keyval
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

```

{static int MPI::Datatype::Create_keyval(MPI::Datatype::Copy_attr_function*
    type_copy_attr_fn, MPI::Datatype::Delete_attr_function*
    type_delete_attr_fn, void* extra_state) (binding deprecated, see
    Section 15.2) }

```

The argument `type_copy_attr_fn` may be specified as `MPI_TYPE_NULL_COPY_FN` or `MPI_TYPE_DUP_FN` from either C, C++, or Fortran. `MPI_TYPE_NULL_COPY_FN` is a function that does nothing other than returning `flag = 0` and `MPI_SUCCESS`. `MPI_TYPE_DUP_FN` is a simple-minded copy function that sets `flag = 1`, returns the value of `attribute_val_in` in `attribute_val_out`, and returns `MPI_SUCCESS`.

The argument `type_delete_attr_fn` may be specified as `MPI_TYPE_NULL_DELETE_FN` from either C, C++, or Fortran. `MPI_TYPE_NULL_DELETE_FN` is a function that does nothing, other than returning `MPI_SUCCESS`.

The C callback functions are:

```

typedef int MPI_Type_copy_attr_function(MPI_Datatype oldtype,
    int type_keyval, void *extra_state, void *attribute_val_in,
    void *attribute_val_out, int *flag);

```

and

```

typedef int MPI_Type_delete_attr_function(MPI_Datatype datatype,
    int type_keyval, void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);

```

With the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`, the Fortran callback functions are:

```

SUBROUTINE TYPE_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION(OLDTYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
    ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
    INTEGER OLDTYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE,
        ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
    LOGICAL FLAG

```

and

```

SUBROUTINE TYPE_DELETE_ATTR_FUNCTION(DATATYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
    EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    INTEGER DATATYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE

```

ticket230-B. <sup>1</sup> With the `mpi_f08` module, the Fortran callback functions are:

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```

3 ABSTRACT INTERFACE
4   SUBROUTINE MPI_Type_copy_attr_function(oldtype, type_keyval, extra_state,
5     attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
6     TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: oldtype
7     INTEGER :: type_keyval, ierror
8     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state, attribute_val_in,
9     attribute_val_out
10     LOGICAL flag

```

ticket230-B. <sup>11</sup> and

ticket-248T. <sup>12</sup>

```

13 ABSTRACT INTERFACE
14   SUBROUTINE MPI_Type_delete_attr_function(datatype, type_keyval,
15     attribute_val, extra_state, ierror)
16     TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
17     INTEGER :: type_keyval, ierror
18     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: attribute_val, extra_state

```

<sup>19</sup> The C++ callbacks are:

```

20 {typedef int
21     MPI::Datatype::Copy_attr_function(const MPI::Datatype& oldtype,
22     int type_keyval, void* extra_state,
23     const void* attribute_val_in, void* attribute_val_out,
24     bool& flag); (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}

```

<sup>26</sup> and

ticket252-W. <sup>27</sup> {typedef int MPI::Datatype::Delete\_attr\_function(MPI::Datatype& datatype,

```

28     int type_keyval, void* attribute_val, void* extra_state);
29     (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}

```

<sup>30</sup>

<sup>31</sup> If an attribute copy function or attribute delete function returns other than

<sup>32</sup> MPI\_SUCCESS, then the call that caused it to be invoked (for example, MPI\_TYPE\_FREE),

<sup>33</sup> is erroneous.

<sup>34</sup>

```

35 MPI_TYPE_FREE_KEYVAL(type_keyval)
36     INOUT    type_keyval                key value (integer)

```

<sup>38</sup>

```

39 int MPI_Type_free_keyval(int *type_keyval)
40 MPI_TYPE_FREE_KEYVAL(TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR)
41     INTEGER TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR

```

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```

43 MPI_Type_free_keyval(type_keyval, ierror)
44     INTEGER, INTENT(INOUT) :: type_keyval
45     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

<sup>46</sup> {static void MPI::Datatype::Free\_keyval(int& type\_keyval) *(binding deprecated,*

```

47     see Section 15.2) }
48

```

```
MPI_DIST_GRAPH_CREATE_ADJACENT(comm_old, indegree, sources, sourceweights, out-
    degree, destinations, destweights, info, reorder, comm_dist_graph)
```

IN	comm_old	input communicator (handle)
IN	indegree	size of sources and sourceweights arrays (non-negative integer)
IN	sources	ranks of processes for which the calling process is a destination (array of non-negative integers)
IN	sourceweights	weights of the edges into the calling process (array of non-negative integers)
IN	outdegree	size of destinations and destweights arrays (non-negative integer)
IN	destinations	ranks of processes for which the calling process is a source (array of non-negative integers)
IN	destweights	weights of the edges out of the calling process (array of non-negative integers)
IN	info	hints on optimization and interpretation of weights (handle)
IN	reorder	the ranks may be reordered (true) or not (false) (logical)
OUT	comm_dist_graph	communicator with distributed graph topology (handle)

```
int MPI_Dist_graph_create_adjacent(MPI_Comm comm_old, int indegree,
    int sources[], int sourceweights[], int outdegree,
    int destinations[], int destweights[], MPI_Info info,
    int reorder, MPI_Comm *comm_dist_graph)
```

```
MPI_DIST_GRAPH_CREATE_ADJACENT(COMM_OLD, INDEGREE, SOURCES, SOURCEWEIGHTS,
    OUTDEGREE, DESTINATIONS, DESTWEIGHTS, INFO, REORDER,
    COMM_DIST_GRAPH, IERROR)
```

```
INTEGER COMM_OLD, INDEGREE, SOURCES(*), SOURCEWEIGHTS(*), OUTDEGREE,
    DESTINATIONS(*), DESTWEIGHTS(*), INFO, COMM_DIST_GRAPH, IERROR
LOGICAL REORDER
```

```
MPI_Dist_graph_create_adjacent(comm_old, indegree, sources, sourceweights,
    outdegree, destinations, destweights, info, reorder,
    comm_dist_graph, ierror)
```

```
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm_old
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: indegree, sources(*), outdegree,
destinations(*)
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: sourceweights(*) ! optional by overloading
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: destweights(*) ! optional by overloading
TYPE(MPI_Info), INTENT(IN) :: info
LOGICAL, INTENT(IN) :: reorder
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(OUT) :: comm_dist_graph
```

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```

1      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
2
3      {MPI::Distgraphcomm MPI::Intracomm::Dist_graph_create_adjacent(int
4          indegree, const int sources[], const int sourceweights[],
5          int outdegree, const int destinations[],
6          const int destweights[], const MPI::Info& info, bool reorder)
7          const(binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
8
9      {MPI::Distgraphcomm
10          MPI::Intracomm::Dist_graph_create_adjacent(int indegree,
11          const int sources[], int outdegree, const int destinations[],
12          const MPI::Info& info, bool reorder) const(binding deprecated, see
13          Section 15.2) }

```

MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE\_ADJACENT returns a handle to a new communicator to which the distributed graph topology information is attached. Each process passes all information about the edges to its neighbors in the virtual distributed graph topology. The calling processes must ensure that each edge of the graph is described in the source and in the destination process with the same weights. If there are multiple edges for a given (source,dest) pair, then the sequence of the weights of these edges does not matter. The complete communication topology is the combination of all edges shown in the sources arrays of all processes in comm\_old, which must be identical to the combination of all edges shown in the destinations arrays. Source and destination ranks must be process ranks of comm\_old. This allows a fully distributed specification of the communication graph. Isolated processes (i.e., processes with no outgoing or incoming edges, that is, processes that have specified indegree and outdegree as zero and that thus do not occur as source or destination rank in the graph specification) are allowed.

The call creates a new communicator comm\_dist\_graph of distributed graph topology type to which topology information has been attached. The number of processes in comm\_dist\_graph is identical to the number of processes in comm\_old. The call to MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE\_ADJACENT is collective.

Weights are specified as non-negative integers and can be used to influence the process remapping strategy and other internal MPI optimizations. For instance, approximate count arguments of later communication calls along specific edges could be used as their edge weights. Multiplicity of edges can likewise indicate more intense communication between pairs of processes. However, the exact meaning of edge weights is not specified by the MPI standard and is left to the implementation. In C or in the Fortran **mpi module** or **mpif.h include file**, an application can supply the special value MPI\_UNWEIGHTED for the weight array to indicate that all edges have the same (effectively no) weight. In the Fortran **mpi\_f08 module** or in C++, this constant does not exist and the weight arguments may be omitted from the argument list.<sup>1</sup> It is erroneous to supply MPI\_UNWEIGHTED, or in **mpi\_f08** or C++ to omit the weight arrays, for some but not all processes of comm\_old. Note that MPI\_UNWEIGHTED is not a special weight value; rather it is a special value for the total array argument. In C, one would expect it to be NULL. In Fortran, MPI\_UNWEIGHTED is an object like MPI\_BOTTOM (not usable for initialization or assignment). See Section 2.5.4.

The meaning of the info and reorder arguments is defined in the description of the following routine.

---

<sup>1</sup>The Fortran generic interface must contain four specific routines with none, both, or only the sourceweight or destweight array is omitted, although in the C++ binding only two of them are provided.

node	exchange neighbors(1)	shuffle neighbors(2)	unshuffle neighbors(3)
0 (000)	1	0	0
1 (001)	0	2	4
2 (010)	3	4	1
3 (011)	2	6	5
4 (100)	5	1	2
5 (101)	4	3	6
6 (110)	7	5	3
7 (111)	6	7	7

Suppose that the communicator `comm` has this topology associated with it. The following code fragment cycles through the three types of neighbors and performs an appropriate permutation for each.

```

C  assume: each process has stored a real number A.
C  extract neighborhood information
    CALL MPI_COMM_RANK(comm, myrank, ierr)
    CALL MPI_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS(comm, myrank, 3, neighbors, ierr)
C  perform exchange permutation
    CALL MPI_SENDRECV_REPLACE(A, 1, MPI_REAL, neighbors(1), 0,
+    neighbors(1), 0, comm, status, ierr)
C  perform shuffle permutation
    CALL MPI_SENDRECV_REPLACE(A, 1, MPI_REAL, neighbors(2), 0,
+    neighbors(3), 0, comm, status, ierr)
C  perform unshuffle permutation
    CALL MPI_SENDRECV_REPLACE(A, 1, MPI_REAL, neighbors(3), 0,
+    neighbors(2), 0, comm, status, ierr)

```

`MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS_COUNT` and `MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS` provide adjacency information for a distributed graph topology.

`MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS_COUNT(comm, indegree, outdegree, weighted)`

IN	comm	communicator with distributed graph topology (handle)
OUT	indegree	number of edges into this process (non-negative integer)
OUT	outdegree	number of edges out of this process (non-negative integer)
OUT	weighted	false if <code>MPI_UNWEIGHTED</code> was supplied or the weights were omitted during creation, true otherwise (logical)

```

int MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors_count(MPI_Comm comm, int *indegree,
    int *outdegree, int *weighted)

```

`MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS_COUNT(COMM, INDEGREE, OUTDEGREE, WEIGHTED, IERROR)`

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```

1      INTEGER COMM, INDEGREE, OUTDEGREE, IERROR
2      LOGICAL WEIGHTED
3
4      MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors_count(comm, indegree, outdegree, weighted, ierror)
5      TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
6      INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: indegree, outdegree
7      LOGICAL, INTENT(OUT) :: weighted
8      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
9
10     {void MPI::Distgraphcomm::Get_dist_neighbors_count(int rank,
11               int indegree[], int outdegree[], bool& weighted) const(binding
12               deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
13
14     MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS(comm, maxindegree, sources, sourceweights, maxoutdegree,
15                               destinations, destweights)
16
17     IN      comm      communicator with distributed graph topology (han-
18                   dle)
19     IN      maxindegree      size of sources and sourceweights arrays (non-negative
20                   integer)
21     OUT     sources      processes for which the calling process is a destination
22                   (array of non-negative integers)
23     OUT     sourceweights      weights of the edges into the calling process (array of
24                   non-negative integers)
25
26     IN      maxoutdegree      size of destinations and destweights arrays (non-negative
27                   integer)
28     OUT     destinations      processes for which the calling process is a source (ar-
29                   ray of non-negative integers)
30
31     OUT     destweights      weights of the edges out of the calling process (array
32                   of non-negative integers)
33
34     int MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors(MPI_Comm comm, int maxindegree, int sources[],
35               int sourceweights[], int maxoutdegree, int destinations[],
36               int destweights[])
37
38     MPI_DIST_GRAPH_NEIGHBORS(COMM, MAXINDEGREE, SOURCES, SOURCEWEIGHTS,
39                               MAXOUTDEGREE, DESTINATIONS, DESTWEIGHTS, IERROR)
40     INTEGER COMM, MAXINDEGREE, SOURCES(*), SOURCEWEIGHTS(*), MAXOUTDEGREE,
41     DESTINATIONS(*), DESTWEIGHTS(*), IERROR
42
43     MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors(comm, maxindegree, sources, sourceweights,
44                               maxoutdegree, destinations, destweights, ierror)
45     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
46     INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: maxindegree, maxoutdegree
47     INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: sources(*), destinations(*)
48     INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: sourceweights(*), destweights(*) ! optional
49     by overloading

```

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```

    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
{void MPI::Distgraphcomm::Get_dist_neighbors(int maxindegree,
      int sources[], int sourceweights[], int maxoutdegree,
      int destinations[], int destweights[]) (binding deprecated, see
      Section 15.2) }
```

These calls are local. The number of edges into and out of the process returned by MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_NEIGHBORS\_COUNT are the total number of such edges given in the call to MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE\_ADJACENT or MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE (potentially by processes other than the calling process in the case of MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE). Multiply defined edges are all counted and returned by MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_NEIGHBORS in some order. If MPI\_UNWEIGHTED is supplied (in C or the mpi module or mpif.h) or the argument is omitted (in mpi\_f08) for sourceweights or destweights or both,<sup>2</sup> or if MPI\_UNWEIGHTED was supplied or the weights were omitted during the construction of the graph then no weight information is returned in that array or those arrays. The only requirement on the order of values in sources and destinations is that two calls to the routine with same input argument comm will return the same sequence of edges. If maxindegree or maxoutdegree is smaller than the numbers returned by MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_NEIGHBOR\_COUNT, then only the first part of the full list is returned. Note, that the order of returned edges does need not to be identical to the order that was provided in the creation of comm for the case that MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE\_ADJACENT was used.

*Advice to implementors.* Since the query calls are defined to be local, each process needs to store the list of its neighbors with incoming and outgoing edges. Communication is required at the collective MPI\_DIST\_GRAPH\_CREATE call in order to compute the neighbor lists for each process from the distributed graph specification. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

### 7.5.6 Cartesian Shift Coordinates

If the process topology is a Cartesian structure, an MPI\_SENDRECV operation is likely to be used along a coordinate direction to perform a shift of data. As input, MPI\_SENDRECV takes the rank of a source process for the receive, and the rank of a destination process for the send. If the function MPI\_CART\_SHIFT is called for a Cartesian process group, it provides the calling process with the above identifiers, which then can be passed to MPI\_SENDRECV. The user specifies the coordinate direction and the size of the step (positive or negative). The function is local.

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<sup>2</sup>The generic Fortran interface must contain 4 specific routines.



## Chapter 8

# MPI Environmental Management

This chapter discusses routines for getting and, where appropriate, setting various parameters that relate to the MPI implementation and the execution environment (such as error handling). The procedures for entering and leaving the MPI execution environment are also described here.

### 8.1 Implementation Information

#### 8.1.1 Version Inquiries

In order to cope with changes to the MPI Standard, there are both compile-time and run-time ways to determine which version of the standard is in use in the environment one is using.

The “version” will be represented by two separate integers, for the version and subversion: In C and C++,

```
#define MPI_VERSION      2
#define MPI_SUBVERSION 2
```

in Fortran,

```
INTEGER [ticket240-L.] :: MPI_VERSION, MPI_SUBVERSION
PARAMETER (MPI_VERSION      = 2)
PARAMETER (MPI_SUBVERSION = 2)
```

For runtime determination,

`MPI_GET_VERSION( version, subversion )`

OUT	version	version number (integer)
OUT	subversion	subversion number (integer)

```
int MPI_Get_version(int *version, int *subversion)
```

```
MPI_GET_VERSION(VERSION, SUBVERSION, IERROR)
```

```
INTEGER VERSION, SUBVERSION, IERROR
```

```
MPI_Get_version(version, subversion, ierror)
```

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```

1  {void MPI::Get_processor_name(char* name, int& resultlen) (binding deprecated,
2      see Section 15.2) }
3

```

This routine returns the name of the processor on which it was called at the moment of the call. The name is a character string for maximum flexibility. From this value it must be possible to identify a specific piece of hardware; possible values include “processor 9 in rack 4 of mpp.cs.org” and “231” (where 231 is the actual processor number in the running homogeneous system). The argument `name` must represent storage that is at least `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME` characters long. `MPI_GET_PROCESSOR_NAME` may write up to this many characters into `name`.

The number of characters actually written is returned in the output argument, `resultlen`. In C, a null character is additionally stored at `name[resultlen]`. The `resultlen` cannot be larger than `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME-1`. In Fortran, `name` is padded on the right with blank characters. The `resultlen` cannot be larger than `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME`.

*Rationale.* This function allows MPI implementations that do process migration to return the current processor. Note that nothing in MPI *requires* or defines process migration; this definition of `MPI_GET_PROCESSOR_NAME` simply allows such an implementation. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to users.* The user must provide at least `MPI_MAX_PROCESSOR_NAME` space to write the processor name — processor names can be this long. The user should examine the output argument, `resultlen`, to determine the actual length of the name. (*End of advice to users.*)

The constant `MPI_BSEND_OVERHEAD` provides an upper bound on the fixed overhead per message buffered by a call to `MPI_BSEND` (see Section 3.6.1).

## 8.2 Memory Allocation

In some systems, message-passing and remote-memory-access (RMA) operations run faster when accessing specially allocated memory (e.g., memory that is shared by the other processes in the communicating group on an SMP). MPI provides a mechanism for allocating and freeing such special memory. The use of such memory for message-passing or RMA is not mandatory, and this memory can be used without restrictions as any other dynamically allocated memory. However, implementations may restrict the use of the `MPI_WIN_LOCK` and `MPI_WIN_UNLOCK` functions to windows allocated in such memory (see Section 11.4.3.)

```

39 MPI_ALLOC_MEM(size, info, baseptr)
40

```

IN	size	size of memory segment in bytes (non-negative integer)
IN	info	info argument (handle)
OUT	baseptr	pointer to beginning of memory segment allocated

```

46 int MPI_Alloc_mem(MPI_Aint size, MPI_Info info, void *baseptr)
47

```

```

48 MPI_ALLOC_MEM(SIZE, INFO, BASEPTR, IERROR)

```

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```

USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING
INTEGER :: INFO, IERROR
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: SIZE
TYPE(C_PTR) :: BASEPTR !overloaded with following...
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) BASEPTR ! ...type

MPI_Alloc_mem(size, info, baseptr, ierror)
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: size
TYPE(MPI_Info), INTENT(IN) :: info
TYPE(C_PTR), INTENT(OUT) :: baseptr !overloaded with following...
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(OUT) :: baseptr ! ...type
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

{void* MPI::Alloc_mem(MPI::Aint size, const MPI::Info& info) (binding
    deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

The `info` argument can be used to provide directives that control the desired location of the allocated memory. Such a directive does not affect the semantics of the call. Valid `info` values are implementation-dependent; a null directive value of `info = MPI_INFO_NULL` is always valid.

The function `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` may return an error code of class `MPI_ERR_NO_MEM` to indicate it failed because memory is exhausted.

With Fortran `mpif.h`, only the `INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND)` `BASEPTR` is required; with the `mpi` and `mpi_f08` modules, the overloaded interfaces are required.

`MPI_FREE_MEM(base)`

IN	base	initial address of memory segment allocated by MPI_ALLOC_MEM (choice)
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```
int MPI_Free_mem(void *base)
```

```
MPI_FREE_MEM(BASE, IERROR)
```

```
<type> BASE(*)
```

```
INTEGER IERROR
```

```
MPI_Free_mem(base, ierror)
```

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: base
```

```
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{void MPI::Free_mem(void *base) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

The function `MPI_FREE_MEM` may return an error code of class `MPI_ERR_BASE` to indicate an invalid base argument.

*Rationale.* The C and C++ bindings of `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` and `MPI_FREE_MEM` are similar to the bindings for the `malloc` and `free` C library calls: a call to `MPI_Alloc_mem(..., &base)` should be paired with a call to `MPI_Free_mem(base)` (one less level of indirection). Both arguments are declared to be of same type `void*` so

as to facilitate type casting. The Fortran binding is consistent with the C and C++ bindings: the Fortran `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` call returns in `baseptr` the (integer valued) address **the `TYPE(C_PTR)` pointer** of the allocated memory. The `base` argument of `MPI_FREE_MEM` is a choice argument, which passes (a reference to) the variable stored at that location. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to implementors.* If `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` allocates special memory, then a design similar to the design of C `malloc` and `free` functions has to be used, in order to find out the size of a memory segment, when the segment is freed. If no special memory is used, `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` simply invokes `malloc`, and `MPI_FREE_MEM` invokes `free`.

A call to `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` can be used in shared memory systems to allocate memory in a shared memory segment. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

**Example 8.1** Example of use of `MPI_ALLOC_MEM`, in Fortran with `TYPE(C_PTR)` pointers. We assume 4-byte REALs.

```
USE mpi_f08      ! or USE mpi      (not guaranteed with INCLUDE 'mpif.h')
USE, INTRINSIC :: ISO_C_BINDING
TYPE(C_PTR) :: p
REAL, DIMENSION(:, :), POINTER :: a      ! no memory is allocated
INTEGER, DIMENSION(2) :: shape
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: size
shape = (/100,100/)
size = 4 * shape(1) * shape(2)           ! assuming 4 bytes per REAL
CALL MPI_Alloc_mem(size, MPI_INFO_NULL, p, ierr) ! memory is allocated and
CALL C_F_POINTER(p, a, shape)           ! now accessible through a
...
A(3,5) = 2.71;
...
CALL MPI_Free_mem(a, ierr)              ! memory is freed
```

**Example 8.2** Example of use of `MPI_ALLOC_MEM`, in Fortran with **non-standard *Cray-pointer***. We assume 4-byte REALs, and assume that **these** pointers are address-sized.

```
REAL A
POINTER (P, A(100,100)) ! no memory is allocated
[ticket245-Q.]INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) SIZE
[ticket245-Q.]SIZE = 4*100*100
CALL MPI_ALLOC_MEM([ticket245-Q.]SIZE, MPI_INFO_NULL, P, IERR)
! memory is allocated
...
A(3,5) = 2.71;
...
CALL MPI_FREE_MEM(A, IERR) ! memory is freed
```

**This** code is not Fortran 77 or Fortran 90 code. Some compilers **may** not support this code **or need a special option, e.g., the GNU compiler needs `-fcray-pointer`**.

*Advice to implementors.* Some compilers map Cray-pointer to address-sized integers, some to `TYPE(C_PTR)` pointers (e.g., Cray Fortran, version 7.3.3). From the user's viewpoint, this mapping is irrelevant because Examples 8.2 should work correctly with an MPI-3.0 (or later) library if Cray-pointer are available. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

**Example 8.3** Same example, in C

```
float  (* f)[100][100] ;
/* no memory is allocated */
MPI_Alloc_mem(sizeof(float)*100*100, MPI_INFO_NULL, &f);
/* memory allocated */
...
(*f)[5][3] = 2.71;
...
MPI_Free_mem(f);
```

### 8.3 Error Handling

An MPI implementation cannot or may choose not to handle some errors that occur during MPI calls. These can include errors that generate exceptions or traps, such as floating point errors or access violations. The set of errors that are handled by MPI is implementation-dependent. Each such error generates an **MPI exception**.

The above text takes precedence over any text on error handling within this document. Specifically, text that states that errors *will* be handled should be read as *may* be handled.

A user can associate error handlers to three types of objects: communicators, windows, and files. The specified error handling routine will be used for any MPI exception that occurs during a call to MPI for the respective object. MPI calls that are not related to any objects are considered to be attached to the communicator `MPI_COMM_WORLD`. The attachment of error handlers to objects is purely local: different processes may attach different error handlers to corresponding objects.

Several predefined error handlers are available in MPI:

**MPI\_ERRORS\_ARE\_FATAL** The handler, when called, causes the program to abort on all executing processes. This has the same effect as if `MPI_ABORT` was called by the process that invoked the handler.

**MPI\_ERRORS\_RETURN** The handler has no effect other than returning the error code to the user.

Implementations may provide additional predefined error handlers and programmers can code their own error handlers.

The error handler `MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL` is associated by default with `MPI_COMM_WORLD` after initialization. Thus, if the user chooses not to control error handling, every error that MPI handles is treated as fatal. Since (almost) all MPI calls return an error code, a user may choose to handle errors in its main code, by testing the return code of MPI calls and executing a suitable recovery code when the call was not successful. In this case, the error handler `MPI_ERRORS_RETURN` will be used. Usually it is more convenient and more

## 8.3.1 Error Handlers for Communicators

`MPI_COMM_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(comm_errhandler_fn, errhandler)`

IN [ticket252-W.] `comm_errhandler_fn` user defined error handling procedure (function)

OUT `errhandler` MPI error handler (handle)

```
int MPI_Comm_create_errhandler(MPI_Comm_errhandler_function
                               *comm_errhandler_fn, MPI_Errhandler *errhandler)
```

`MPI_COMM_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(COMM_ERRHANDLER_FN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)`

EXTERNAL `COMM_ERRHANDLER_FN`

INTEGER `ERRHANDLER`, `IERROR`

```
MPI_Comm_create_errhandler(comm_errhandler_fn, errhandler, ierror)
PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_errhandler_function) :: comm_errhandler_fn
TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(OUT) :: errhandler
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{static MPI::Errhandler
    MPI::Comm::Create_errhandler(MPI::Comm::Errhandler_function*
    comm_errhandler_fn) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

Creates an error handler that can be attached to communicators. This function is identical to `MPI_ERRHANDLER_CREATE`, whose use is deprecated.

The user routine should be, in C, a function of type `MPI_Comm_errhandler_function`, which is defined as

```
typedef void MPI_Comm_errhandler_function(MPI_Comm *, int *, ...);
```

The first argument is the communicator in use. The second is the error code to be returned by the MPI routine that raised the error. If the routine would have returned `MPI_ERR_IN_STATUS`, it is the error code returned in the status for the request that caused the error handler to be invoked. The remaining arguments are “`stdargs`” arguments whose number and meaning is implementation-dependent. An implementation should clearly document these arguments. Addresses are used so that the handler may be written in Fortran. This typedef replaces `MPI_Handler_function`, whose use is deprecated.

With the Fortran `mpi` module and `mpif.h`, the user routine `COMM_ERRHANDLER_FN` should be of the form:

```
SUBROUTINE COMM_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(COMM, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER COMM, ERROR_CODE
```

With the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, the user routine `comm_errhandler_fn` should be of the form:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
    SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_errhandler_function(comm, error_code)
        TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
        INTEGER :: error_code
```

In C++, the user routine should be of the form:

```
{typedef void MPI::Comm::Errhandler_function(MPI::Comm &, int *, ...);
    (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}
```

*Rationale.* The variable argument list is provided because it provides an ISO-standard hook for providing additional information to the error handler; without this hook, ISO C prohibits additional arguments. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to users.* A newly created communicator inherits the error handler that is associated with the “parent” communicator. In particular, the user can specify a “global” error handler for all communicators by associating this handler with the communicator MPI\_COMM\_WORLD immediately after initialization. (*End of advice to users.*)

MPI\_COMM\_SET\_ERRHANDLER(comm, errhandler)

INOUT comm communicator (handle)

IN errhandler new error handler for communicator (handle)

int MPI\_Comm\_set\_errhandler(MPI\_Comm comm, MPI\_Errhandler errhandler)

MPI\_COMM\_SET\_ERRHANDLER(COMM, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)

INTEGER COMM, ERRHANDLER, IERROR

MPI\_Comm\_set\_errhandler(comm, errhandler, ierror)

TYPE(MPI\_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm

TYPE(MPI\_Errhandler), INTENT(IN) :: errhandler

INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```
{void MPI::Comm::Set_errhandler(const MPI::Errhandler& errhandler) (binding
    deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

Attaches a new error handler to a communicator. The error handler must be either a predefined error handler, or an error handler created by a call to MPI\_COMM\_CREATE\_ERRHANDLER. This call is identical to MPI\_ERRHANDLER\_SET, whose use is deprecated.

MPI\_COMM\_GET\_ERRHANDLER(comm, errhandler)

IN comm communicator (handle)

OUT errhandler error handler currently associated with communicator (handle)

int MPI\_Comm\_get\_errhandler(MPI\_Comm comm, MPI\_Errhandler \*errhandler)

MPI\_COMM\_GET\_ERRHANDLER(COMM, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)

INTEGER COMM, ERRHANDLER, IERROR

```

MPI_Comm_get_errhandler(comm, errhandler, ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
    TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(OUT) :: errhandler
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

```

{MPI::Errhandler MPI::Comm::Get_errhandler() const(binding deprecated, see
    Section 15.2) }

```

Retrieves the error handler currently associated with a communicator. This call is identical to MPI\_ERRHANDLER\_GET, whose use is deprecated.

Example: A library function may register at its entry point the current error handler for a communicator, set its own private error handler for this communicator, and restore before exiting the previous error handler.

### 8.3.2 Error Handlers for Windows

```

MPI_WIN_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(win_errhandler_fn, errhandler)

```

IN [ticket252-W.] **win\_errhandler\_fn** user defined error handling procedure (function)

OUT errhandler MPI error handler (handle)

```

int MPI_Win_create_errhandler(MPI_Win_errhandler_function
    *win_errhandler_fn, MPI_Errhandler *errhandler)

```

```

MPI_WIN_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(WIN_ERRHANDLER_FN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)
    EXTERNAL WIN_ERRHANDLER_FN
    INTEGER ERRHANDLER, IERROR

```

```

MPI_Win_create_errhandler(win_errhandler_fn, errhandler, ierror)
    PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_errhandler_function) :: win_errhandler_fn
    TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(OUT) :: errhandler
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

```

{static MPI::Errhandler
    MPI::Win::Create_errhandler(MPI::Win::Errhandler_function*
    win_errhandler_fn) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }

```

Creates an error handler that can be attached to a window object. The user routine should be, in C, a function of type MPI\_Win\_errhandler\_function which is defined as

```
typedef void MPI_Win_errhandler_function(MPI_Win *, int *, ...);
```

The first argument is the window in use, the second is the error code to be returned.

With the Fortran `mpi` module and `mpif.h`, the user routine `WIN_ERRHANDLER_FN` should be of the form:

```

SUBROUTINE WIN_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(WIN, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER WIN, ERROR_CODE

```

With the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, the user routine `win_errhandler_fn` should be of the form:



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```
2 SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_errhandler_function(win, error_code)
3 TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win
4 INTEGER :: error_code
```

6 In C++, the user routine should be of the form:

```
7 {typedef void MPI::Win::Errhandler_function(MPI::Win &, int *, ...);
8 (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}
```

```
11 MPI_WIN_SET_ERRHANDLER(win, errhandler)
```

```
13 INOUT win window (handle)
14 IN errhandler new error handler for window (handle)
```

```
16 int MPI_Win_set_errhandler(MPI_Win win, MPI_Errhandler errhandler)
```

```
18 MPI_WIN_SET_ERRHANDLER(WIN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)
19 INTEGER WIN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR
```

```
21 MPI_Win_set_errhandler(win, errhandler, ierror)
22 TYPE(MPI_Win), INTENT(IN) :: win
23 TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(IN) :: errhandler
24 INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
25 {void MPI::Win::Set_errhandler(const MPI::Errhandler& errhandler) (binding
26 deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

28 Attaches a new error handler to a window. The error handler must be either a pre-  
29 defined error handler, or an error handler created by a call to  
30 MPI\_WIN\_CREATE\_ERRHANDLER.

```
32 MPI_WIN_GET_ERRHANDLER(win, errhandler)
```

```
34 IN win window (handle)
35 OUT errhandler error handler currently associated with window (han-
36 dle)
```

```
38 int MPI_Win_get_errhandler(MPI_Win win, MPI_Errhandler *errhandler)
```

```
39 MPI_WIN_GET_ERRHANDLER(WIN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)
40 INTEGER WIN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR
```

```
42 MPI_Win_get_errhandler(win, errhandler, ierror)
43 TYPE(MPI_Win), INTENT(IN) :: win
44 TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(OUT) :: errhandler
45 INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
47 {MPI::Errhandler MPI::Win::Get_errhandler() const (binding deprecated, see
48 Section 15.2) }
```

Retrieves the error handler currently associated with a window.

### 8.3.3 Error Handlers for Files

`MPI_FILE_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(file_errhandler_fn, errhandler)`

IN [ticket252-W.] `file_errhandler_fn` user defined error handling procedure (function)  
OUT `errhandler` MPI error handler (handle)

```
int MPI_File_create_errhandler(MPI_File_errhandler_function
                             *file_errhandler_fn, MPI_Errhandler *errhandler)
```

```
MPI_FILE_CREATE_ERRHANDLER(FILE_ERRHANDLER_FN, ERRHANDLER, IERROR)
EXTERNAL FILE_ERRHANDLER_FN
INTEGER ERRHANDLER, IERROR
```

```
MPI_File_create_errhandler(file_errhandler_fn, errhandler, ierror)
PROCEDURE(MPI_File_errhandler_function) :: file_errhandler_fn
TYPE(MPI_Errhandler), INTENT(OUT) :: errhandler
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{static MPI::Errhandler
    MPI::File::Create_errhandler(MPI::File::Errhandler_function*
    file_errhandler_fn) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

Creates an error handler that can be attached to a file object. The user routine should be, in C, a function of type `MPI_File_errhandler_function`, which is defined as

```
typedef void MPI_File_errhandler_function(MPI_File *, int *, ...);
```

The first argument is the file in use, the second is the error code to be returned.

With the Fortran `mpi` module and `mpif.h`, the user routine `FILE_ERRHANDLER_FN` should be of the form:

```
SUBROUTINE FILE_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(FILE, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER FILE, ERROR_CODE
```

With the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, the user routine `file_errhandler_fn` should be of the form:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
    SUBROUTINE MPI_File_errhandler_function(file, error_code)
        TYPE(MPI_File) :: file
        INTEGER :: error_code
```

In C++, the user routine should be of the form:

```
{typedef void MPI::File::Errhandler_function(MPI::File &, int *, ...);
    (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}
```

MPI standard, process 0 must return from the complete call after a bounded delay, even if process 1 does not reach any MPI call in this period of time. According to another interpretation, the complete call may block until process 1 reaches the wait call, or reaches another MPI call. The qualitative behavior is the same, under both interpretations, unless a process is caught in an infinite compute loop, in which case the difference may not matter. However, the quantitative expectations are different. Different MPI implementations reflect these different interpretations. While this ambiguity is unfortunate, it does not seem to affect many real codes. The MPI forum decided not to decide which interpretation of the standard is the correct one, since the issue is very contentious, and a decision would have much impact on implementors but less impact on users. (*End of rationale.*)

### 11.7.3 Registers and Compiler Optimizations

*Advice to users.* All the material in this section is an advice to users. (*End of advice to users.*)

A coherence problem exists between variables kept in registers and the memory value of these variables. An RMA call may access a variable in memory (or cache), while the up-to-date value of this variable is in register. A get will not return the latest variable value, and a put may be overwritten when the register is stored back in memory.

The problem is illustrated by the following code:

Source of Process 1	Source of Process 2	Executed in Process 2
bbbb = 777	buff = 999	reg_A:=999
call MPI_WIN_FENCE	call MPI_WIN_FENCE	
call MPI_PUT(bbbb		stop appl.thread
into buff of process 2)		buff:=777 in PUT handler
		continue appl.thread
call MPI_WIN_FENCE	call MPI_WIN_FENCE	
	ccc = buff	ccc:=reg_A

In this example, variable `buff` is allocated in the register `reg_A` and therefore `ccc` will have the old value of `buff` and not the new value 777.

This problem, which also afflicts in some cases send/receive communication, is discussed more at length in Section 16.2.8.

MPI implementations will avoid this problem for standard conforming C programs. Many Fortran compilers will avoid this problem, without disabling compiler optimizations. However, in order to avoid register coherence problems in a completely portable manner, users should restrict their use of RMA windows to variables stored in **in modules or COMMON blocks**. To prevent problems with the argument copying and register optimization done by Fortran compilers, please note the hints in Sections 16.2.2-16.2.12, especially in Sections 16.2.4 and 16.2.5 on pages 547-550 about *problems due to data copying and sequence association with subscript triplets and vector subscripts*, and in Sections 16.2.8 to 16.2.11 on pages 551 to 561 about *optimization problems, code movements and register optimization*, and *temporary and permanent data movements*. Sections “Solutions” to “VOLATILE” on pages 555-558 discuss several solutions for the problem in this example.

For a generalized request, the operation associated with the request is performed by the application; therefore, the application must notify MPI when the operation completes. This is done by making a call to `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE`. MPI maintains the “completion” status of generalized requests. Any other request state has to be maintained by the user.

A new generalized request is started with

`MPI_GREQUEST_START(query_fn, free_fn, cancel_fn, extra_state, request)`

IN	query_fn	callback function invoked when request status is queried (function)
IN	free_fn	callback function invoked when request is freed (function)
IN	cancel_fn	callback function invoked when request is cancelled (function)
IN	extra_state	extra state
OUT	request	generalized request (handle)

```
int MPI_Grequest_start(MPI_Grequest_query_function *query_fn,
                      MPI_Grequest_free_function *free_fn,
                      MPI_Grequest_cancel_function *cancel_fn, void *extra_state,
                      MPI_Request *request)
```

```
MPI_GREQUEST_START(QUERY_FN, FREE_FN, CANCEL_FN, EXTRA_STATE, REQUEST,
                  IERROR)
```

```
INTEGER REQUEST, IERROR
EXTERNAL QUERY_FN, FREE_FN, CANCEL_FN
INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
```

```
MPI_Grequest_start(query_fn, free_fn, cancel_fn, extra_state, request,
                  ierror)
```

```
PROCEDURE(MPI_Grequest_query_function) :: query_fn
PROCEDURE(MPI_Grequest_free_function) :: free_fn
PROCEDURE(MPI_Grequest_cancel_function) :: cancel_fn
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state
TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(OUT) :: request
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{static MPI::Grequest
```

```
    MPI::Grequest::Start(const MPI::Grequest::Query_function*
                        query_fn, const MPI::Grequest::Free_function* free_fn,
                        const MPI::Grequest::Cancel_function* cancel_fn,
                        void *extra_state) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

*Advice to users.* Note that a generalized request belongs, in C++, to the class `MPI::Grequest`, which is a derived class of `MPI::Request`. It is of the same type as regular requests, in C and Fortran. (*End of advice to users.*)

The call starts a generalized request and returns a handle to it in `request`.

The syntax and meaning of the callback functions are listed below. All callback functions are passed the `extra_state` argument that was associated with the request by the starting call `MPI_GREQUEST_START`; `extra_state` can be used to maintain user-defined state for the request.

In C, the query function is

```
typedef int MPI_Grequest_query_function(void *extra_state,
                                         MPI_Status *status);
```

in Fortran with the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`

```
SUBROUTINE GREQUEST_QUERY_FUNCTION(EXTRA_STATE, STATUS, IERROR)
  INTEGER STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE), IERROR
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
```

in Fortran with the `mpi_f08` module

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Grequest_query_function(extra_state, status, ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Status) :: status
    INTEGER :: ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state
```

and in C++

```
{typedef int MPI::Grequest::Query_function(void* extra_state,
      MPI::Status& status); (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}
```

The `query_fn` function computes the status that should be returned for the generalized request. The status also includes information about successful/unsuccessful cancellation of the request (result to be returned by `MPI_TEST_CANCELLED`).

The `query_fn` callback is invoked by the `MPI_{WAIT|TEST}{ANY|SOME|ALL}` call that completed the generalized request associated with this callback. The callback function is also invoked by calls to `MPI_REQUEST_GET_STATUS`, if the request is complete when the call occurs. In both cases, the callback is passed a reference to the corresponding status variable passed by the user to the MPI call; the status set by the callback function is returned by the MPI call. If the user provided `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE` to the MPI function that causes `query_fn` to be called or has omitted the status argument (with the `mpi_f08` Fortran module or C++), then MPI will pass a valid status object to `query_fn`, and this status will be ignored upon return of the callback function. Note that `query_fn` is invoked only after `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE` is called on the request; it may be invoked several times for the same generalized request, e.g., if the user calls `MPI_REQUEST_GET_STATUS` several times for this request. Note also that a call to `MPI_{WAIT|TEST}{SOME|ALL}` may cause multiple invocations of `query_fn` callback functions, one for each generalized request that is completed by the MPI call. The order of these invocations is not specified by MPI.

In C, the free function is

```
typedef int MPI_Grequest_free_function(void *extra_state);
```

in Fortran with the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`

```
SUBROUTINE GREQUEST_FREE_FUNCTION(EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
  INTEGER IERROR
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
```

ticket230-B. 1 in Fortran with the `mpi_f08` module  
 ticket-248T. 2 **ABSTRACT INTERFACE**  
 3 **SUBROUTINE MPI\_Grequest\_free\_function(extra\_state, ierror)**  
 4 **INTEGER :: ierror**  
 5 **INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND) :: extra\_state**  
 6  
 7 and in C++  
 8 **{typedef int MPI::Grequest::Free\_function(void\* extra\_state);** (*binding*  
 9 *deprecated, see Section 15.2*)  
 10  
 ticket0. 11 **The free\_fn** function is invoked to clean up user-allocated resources when the generalized  
 ticket0. 12 request is freed.  
 13 **The free\_fn** callback is invoked by the MPI\_{WAIT|TEST}{ANY|SOME|ALL} call that  
 14 completed the generalized request associated with this callback. `free_fn` is invoked after  
 15 the call to `query_fn` for the same request. However, if the MPI call completed multiple  
 16 generalized requests, the order in which `free_fn` callback functions are invoked is not specified  
 ticket0. 17 by MPI.  
 18 **The free\_fn** callback is also invoked for generalized requests that are freed by a call  
 19 to `MPI_REQUEST_FREE` (no call to `WAIT_{WAIT|TEST}{ANY|SOME|ALL}` will occur for  
 20 such a request). In this case, the callback function will be called either in the MPI call  
 21 `MPI_REQUEST_FREE(request)`, or in the MPI call `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE(request)`,  
 22 whichever happens last, i.e., in this case the actual freeing code is executed as soon as both  
 23 calls `MPI_REQUEST_FREE` and `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE` have occurred. The `request`  
 24 is not deallocated until after `free_fn` completes. Note that `free_fn` will be invoked only once  
 25 per request by a correct program.  
 26  
 27 *Advice to users.* Calling `MPI_REQUEST_FREE(request)` will cause the `request` handle  
 28 to be set to `MPI_REQUEST_NULL`. This handle to the generalized request is no longer  
 29 valid. However, user copies of this handle are valid until after `free_fn` completes since  
 30 MPI does not deallocate the object until then. Since `free_fn` is not called until after  
 31 `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE`, the user copy of the handle can be used to make this  
 32 call. Users should note that MPI will deallocate the object after `free_fn` executes. At  
 33 this point, user copies of the `request` handle no longer point to a valid request. MPI will  
 34 not set user copies to `MPI_REQUEST_NULL` in this case, so it is up to the user to avoid  
 ticket0. 35 accessing this stale handle. This is a special case in which MPI defers deallocating the  
 36 object until a later time that is known by the user. (*End of advice to users.*)  
 37  
 38 In C, the cancel function is  
 39 **typedef int MPI\_Grequest\_cancel\_function(void \*extra\_state, int complete);**  
 40  
 ticket230-B. 41 in Fortran with the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`  
 42 **SUBROUTINE GREQUEST\_CANCEL\_FUNCTION(EXTRA\_STATE, COMPLETE, IERROR)**  
 43 **INTEGER IERROR**  
 44 **INTEGER(KIND=MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND) EXTRA\_STATE**  
 45 **LOGICAL COMPLETE**  
 46  
 ticket230-B. 47 in Fortran with the `mpi_f08` module  
 ticket-248T. 48 **ABSTRACT INTERFACE**

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Grequest_cancel_function(extra_state, complete, ierror)
  INTEGER :: ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state
  LOGICAL complete

```

and in C++

```
{typedef int MPI::Grequest::Cancel_function(void* extra_state,
      bool complete); (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2)}
```

The `cancel_fn` function is invoked to start the cancelation of a generalized request. It is called by `MPI_CANCEL(request)`. MPI passes `complete=true` to the callback function if `MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE` was already called on the request, and `complete=false` otherwise.

All callback functions return an error code. The code is passed back and dealt with as appropriate for the error code by the MPI function that invoked the callback function. For example, if error codes are returned then the error code returned by the callback function will be returned by the MPI function that invoked the callback function. In the case of an MPI\_{WAIT|TEST}{ANY} call that invokes both query\_fn and free\_fn, the MPI call will return the error code returned by the last callback, namely free\_fn. If one or more of the requests in a call to MPI\_{WAIT|TEST}{SOME|ALL} failed, then the MPI call will return MPI\_ERR\_IN\_STATUS. In such a case, if the MPI call was passed an array of statuses, then MPI will return in each of the statuses that correspond to a completed generalized request the error code returned by the corresponding invocation of its free\_fn callback function. However, if the MPI function was passed MPI\_STATUSES\_IGNORE or the status argument was omitted, then the individual error codes returned by each callback functions will be lost.

*Advice to users.* `query_fn` must **not** set the error field of `status` since `query_fn` may be called by `MPI_WAIT` or `MPI_TEST`, in which case the error field of `status` should not change. The MPI library knows the “context” in which `query_fn` is invoked and can decide correctly when to put in the error field of `status` the returned error code. (*End of advice to users.*)

MPI\_GREQUEST\_COMPLETE(request)

INOUT	request	generalized request (handle)
IN	request	request
OUT	response	response

```
int MPI_Grequest_complete(MPI_Request request)
```

```
MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE(REQUEST, IERROR)
    INTEGER REQUEST, IERROR
```

```
MPI_Grequest_complete(request, ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(IN) :: request
    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

```
{void MPI::Grequest::Complete() (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

The call informs MPI that the operations represented by the generalized request `request` are complete (see definitions in Section 2.4). A call to `MPI_WAIT(request, status)` will



- On any MPI process, each file handle may have at most one active split collective operation at any time.
- Begin calls are collective over the group of processes that participated in the collective open and follow the ordering rules for collective calls.
- End calls are collective over the group of processes that participated in the collective open and follow the ordering rules for collective calls. Each end call matches the preceding begin call for the same collective operation. When an “end” call is made, exactly one unmatched “begin” call for the same operation must precede it.
- An implementation is free to implement any split collective data access routine using the corresponding blocking collective routine when either the begin call (e.g., `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN`) or the end call (e.g., `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END`) is issued. The begin and end calls are provided to allow the user and MPI implementation to optimize the collective operation.
- Split collective operations do not match the corresponding regular collective operation. For example, in a single collective read operation, an `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL` on one process does not match an `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN`/`MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END` pair on another process.
- Split collective routines must specify a buffer in both the begin and end routines. By specifying the buffer that receives data in the end routine, we can avoid the problems described in “A Problem with [Code Movements and Register Optimization](#),” [Section 16.2.9 on page 552](#), but not all of the problems described in [Section 16.2.8 on page 551](#).
- No collective I/O operations are permitted on a file handle concurrently with a split collective access on that file handle (i.e., between the begin and end of the access). That is

```

MPI_File_read_all_begin(fh, ...);
...
MPI_File_read_all(fh, ...);
...
MPI_File_read_all_end(fh, ...);

```

is erroneous.

- In a multithreaded implementation, any split collective begin and end operation called by a process must be called from the same thread. This restriction is made to simplify the implementation in the multithreaded case. (Note that we have already disallowed having two threads begin a split collective operation on the same file handle since only one split collective operation can be active on a file handle at any time.)

The arguments for these routines have the same meaning as for the equivalent collective versions (e.g., the argument definitions for `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN` and `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END` are equivalent to the arguments for `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL`). The begin routine (e.g., `MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN`) begins a split collective operation



*Advice to implementors.* When converting a larger size integer to a smaller size integer, only the less significant bytes are moved. Care must be taken to preserve the sign bit value. This allows no conversion errors if the data range is within the range of the smaller size integer. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

Table 13.2 specifies the sizes of predefined datatypes in “external32” format.

### 13.5.3 User-Defined Data Representations

There are two situations that cannot be handled by the required representations:

1. a user wants to write a file in a representation unknown to the implementation, and
2. a user wants to read a file written in a representation unknown to the implementation.

User-defined data representations allow the user to insert a third party converter into the I/O stream to do the data representation conversion.

```
MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP(datarep, read_conversion_fn, write_conversion_fn,
                      dtype_file_extent_fn, extra_state)
```

IN	datarep	data representation identifier (string)
IN	read_conversion_fn	function invoked to convert from file representation to native representation (function)
IN	write_conversion_fn	function invoked to convert from native representation to file representation (function)
IN	dtype_file_extent_fn	function invoked to get the extent of a datatype as represented in the file (function)
IN	extra_state	extra state

```
int MPI_Register_datarep(char *datarep,
                        MPI_Datarep_conversion_function *read_conversion_fn,
                        MPI_Datarep_conversion_function *write_conversion_fn,
                        MPI_Datarep_extent_function *dtype_file_extent_fn,
                        void *extra_state)

MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP(DATAREP, READ_CONVERSION_FN, WRITE_CONVERSION_FN,
                     DTYPE_FILE_EXTENT_FN, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
CHARACTER*(*) DATAREP
EXTERNAL READ_CONVERSION_FN, WRITE_CONVERSION_FN, DTYPE_FILE_EXTENT_FN
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
INTEGER IERROR
```

```
MPI_Register_datarep(datarep, read_conversion_fn, write_conversion_fn,
                    dtype_file_extent_fn, extra_state, ierror)
CHARACTER(LEN=*) INTENT(IN) :: datarep
EXTERNAL :: read_conversion_fn, write_conversion_fn
PROCEDURE(MPI_Datarep_extent_function) :: dtype_file_extent_fn
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state
```

```

    INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
{void MPI::Register_datarep(const char* datarep,
    MPI::Datarep_conversion_function* read_conversion_fn,
    MPI::Datarep_conversion_function* write_conversion_fn,
    MPI::Datarep_extent_function* dtype_file_extent_fn,
    void* extra_state) (binding deprecated, see Section 15.2) }
```

The call associates `read_conversion_fn`, `write_conversion_fn`, and `dtype_file_extent_fn` with the data representation identifier `datarep`. `datarep` can then be used as an argument to `MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW`, causing subsequent data access operations to call the conversion functions to convert all data items accessed between file data representation and native representation. `MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP` is a local operation and only registers the data representation for the calling MPI process. If `datarep` is already defined, an error in the error class `MPI_ERR_DUP_DATAREP` is raised using the default file error handler (see Section 13.7, page 510). The length of a data representation string is limited to the value of `MPI_MAX_DATAREP_STRING`. `MPI_MAX_DATAREP_STRING` must have a value of at least 64. No routines are provided to delete data representations and free the associated resources; it is not expected that an application will generate them in significant numbers.

#### Extent Callback

```

typedef int MPI_Datarep_extent_function(MPI_Datatype datatype,
    MPI_Aint *file_extent, void *extra_state);

SUBROUTINE DATAREP_EXTENT_FUNCTION(DATATYPE, EXTENT, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    INTEGER DATATYPE, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTENT, EXTRA_STATE
```

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```

    SUBROUTINE MPI_Datarep_extent_function(datatype, extent, extra_state,
    ierror)
        TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
        INTEGER :: ierror
        INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extent, extra_state

{typedef void MPI::Datarep_extent_function(const MPI::Datatype& datatype,
    MPI::Aint& file_extent, void* extra_state); (binding deprecated,
    see Section 15.2)}
```

The function `dtype_file_extent_fn` must return, in `file_extent`, the number of bytes required to store `datatype` in the file representation. The function is passed, in `extra_state`, the argument that was passed to the `MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP` call. MPI will only call this routine with predefined datatypes employed by the user.

#### Datarep Conversion Functions

```

typedef int MPI_Datarep_conversion_function(void *userbuf,
    MPI_Datatype datatype, int count, void *filebuf,
    MPI_Offset position, void *extra_state);
```

To reduce problems with the choice buffer arguments, implicit interfaces are used with all three Fortran support methods; the first one with the `mpi` module or `mpif.h`, the second one with `mpi_f08`.

```

SUBROUTINE DATAREP_CONVERSION_FUNCTION(USERBUF, DATATYPE, COUNT, FILEBUF,
    POSITION, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    <TYPE> USERBUF(*), FILEBUF(*)
    INTEGER COUNT, DATATYPE, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) POSITION
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE

SUBROUTINE DATAREP_CONVERSION_FUNCTION(userbuf, datatype, count, filebuf,
    position, extra_state, ierror)
    <TYPE> userbuf(*), filebuf(*)
    TYPE(MPI_Datatype) datatype
    INTEGER count, ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) position
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) extra_state

{typedef void MPI::Datarep_conversion_function(void* userbuf,
    MPI::Datatype& datatype, int count, void* filebuf,
    MPI::Offset position, void* extra_state); (binding deprecated, see
    Section 15.2)}
```

The function `read_conversion_fn` must convert from file data representation to native representation. Before calling this routine, MPI allocates and fills `filebuf` with `count` contiguous data items. The type of each data item matches the corresponding entry for the predefined datatype in the type signature of `datatype`. The function is passed, in `extra_state`, the argument that was passed to the `MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP` call. The function must copy all `count` data items from `filebuf` to `userbuf` in the distribution described by `datatype`, converting each data item from file representation to native representation. `datatype` will be equivalent to the datatype that the user passed to the read function. If the size of `datatype` is less than the size of the `count` data items, the conversion function must treat `datatype` as being contiguously tiled over the `userbuf`. The conversion function must begin storing converted data at the location in `userbuf` specified by `position` into the (tiled) `datatype`.

*Advice to users.* Although the conversion functions have similarities to `MPI_PACK` and `MPI_UNPACK`, one should note the differences in the use of the arguments `count` and `position`. In the conversion functions, `count` is a count of data items (i.e., count of typemap entries of `datatype`), and `position` is an index into this typemap. In `MPI_PACK`, `incount` refers to the number of whole datatypes, and `position` is a number of bytes. (*End of advice to users.*)

*Advice to implementors.* A converted read operation could be implemented as follows:

1. Get file extent of all data items
2. Allocate a `filebuf` large enough to hold all `count` data items
3. Read data from file into `filebuf`
4. Call `read_conversion_fn` to convert data and place it into `userbuf`

**Example 16.10** `mpi_profile.cc`, to be compiled into `libmpi.a`.

```
int MPI::Comm::Get_size() const
{
    // Do profiling stuff
    int ret = pmpi_comm.Get_size();
    // More profiling stuff
    return ret;
}
```

*(End of advice to implementors.)*

## 16.2 Fortran Support

### 16.2.1 Overview

The Fortran **MPI** language bindings have been designed to be compatible with the Fortran 90 standard with additional features from Fortran 2003 and Fortran 2008 [34] + TR 29113 [35].

*Rationale.* Fortran 90 contains numerous features designed to make it a more “modern” language than Fortran 77. It seems natural that **MPI** should be able to take advantage of these new features with a set of bindings tailored to Fortran 90. In Fortran 2008 + TR 29113, the major new language features used are assumed-type and assumed-rank dummy arguments. They were defined to allow the definition of choice arguments as part of the Fortran language. Further requirements for compiler support are listed in Section 16.2.16 on page 566. *(End of rationale.)*

**MPI** defines three methods of Fortran support:

1. **INCULDE 'mpif.h'** This method is described in Section 16.2.13. The use of the include file `mpif.h` is strongly discouraged starting with **MPI-3.0**.
2. **USE mpi** This method is described in Section 16.2.14 and requires compile-time argument checking.
3. **USE mpi\_f08** This method is described in Section 16.2.15 and requires compile-time argument checking that also includes unique handle types.

Compliant **MPI-3** implementations providing a Fortran interface must provide all three Fortran support methods.

Application subroutines and functions may use either one of the modules or the `mpif.h` include file. An implementation may require the use of modules to prevent type mismatch errors.

*Advice to users.* Users are advised to utilize one of the **MPI** modules even if `mpif.h` enforces type checking on a particular system. Using a module provides several potential advantages over using an include file. *(End of advice to users.)*

ticket230-B. In a single application, it must be possible to link together routines which `USE mpi_f08`,  
 ticket230-B. `USE mpi` and `INCLUDE mpif.h`.  
 ticket234-F.

The `INTEGER` compile-time constant `MPI_SUBARRAYS` is set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED` if all buffer choice arguments are defined in explicit interfaces with assumed-type and assumed-rank [35]; otherwise it is set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`. This constant exists with each Fortran support method, but not in the C/C++ header files. The value may be different for each Fortran support method.

Section 16.2.2 to 16.2.11 gives an overview and details on known problems when using Fortran together with MPI; Section 16.2.12 compares the Fortran problems with C. Section 16.2.13 to 16.2.15 define the Fortran support methods. Section 16.2.16 summarizes major requirements for valid MPI-3.0 implementations with Fortran support. Section 16.2.17 and Section 16.2.18 describe additional functionality that is part of the Fortran support. `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` is needed for one of the methods to prevent register optimization problems. A set of functions provides additional support for Fortran intrinsic numeric types, including parameterized types: `MPI_SIZEOF`, `MPI_TYPE_MATCH_SIZE`, `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_INTEGER`, `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_REAL` and `MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_COMPLEX`. In the context of MPI, parameterized types are Fortran intrinsic types which are specified using `KIND` type parameters.

## 16.2.2 Problems With Fortran Bindings for MPI

This section discusses a number of problems that may arise when using MPI in a Fortran program. It is intended as advice to users, and clarifies how MPI interacts with Fortran. It does not add to the standard, but is intended to clarify the standard.

As noted in the original MPI specification, the interface violates the Fortran standard in several ways. While these may cause few problems for Fortran 77 programs, they become more significant for Fortran 90 programs, so that users must exercise care when using new Fortran 90 features. The violations were originally adopted and have been retained because they are important for the usability of MPI. The rest of this section describes the potential problems in detail.

The following MPI features are inconsistent with Fortran 90 and Fortran 77.

1. An MPI subroutine with a choice argument may be called with different argument types. When using the `mpi_f08` module together with a compiler that supports Fortran 2008 + TR 29113, this problem is resolved.
2. An MPI subroutine with an assumed-size dummy argument may be passed an actual scalar argument.
3. Many MPI routines assume that actual arguments are passed by address and that arguments are not copied on entrance to or exit from the subroutine.
4. An MPI implementation may read or modify user data (e.g., communication buffers used by nonblocking communications) concurrently with a user program that is executing outside of MPI calls.
5. Several named “constants,” such as `MPI_BOTTOM`, `MPI_IN_PLACE`, `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`, `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, `MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE`,

MPI\_UNWEIGHTED, MPI\_ARGV\_NULL, and MPI\_ARGVS\_NULL are not ordinary Fortran constants and require a special implementation. See Section 2.5.4 on page 15 for more information.

6. The memory allocation routine MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM can't be usefully used in Fortran 77/90/95 without a language extension that allows the allocated memory to be associated with a Fortran variable. Therefore, address sized integers were used in MPI-2.0 - MPI-2.2. In Fortran 2003, the TYPE(C\_PTR) pointers were added. In MPI-3.0 and later, MPI\_ALLOC\_MEM got an additional, overloaded interface to support this language feature.

Additionally, MPI is inconsistent with Fortran 77 in a number of ways, as noted below.

- MPI identifiers exceed 6 characters.
- MPI identifiers may contain underscores after the first character.
- MPI requires an include file, `mpif.h`. On systems that do not support include files, the implementation should specify the values of named constants.
- Many routines in MPI have KIND-parameterized integers (e.g., MPI\_ADDRESS\_KIND and MPI\_OFFSET\_KIND) that hold address information. On systems that do not support Fortran 90-style parameterized types, `INTEGER*8` or `INTEGER` should be used instead.

MPI-1 contained several routines that take address-sized information as input or return address-sized information as output. In C such arguments were of type `MPI_Aint` and in Fortran of type `INTEGER`. On machines where integers are smaller than addresses, these routines can lose information. In MPI-2 the use of these functions has been deprecated and they have been replaced by routines taking `INTEGER` arguments of `KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND`. A number of new MPI-2 functions also take `INTEGER` arguments of non-default `KIND`. See Section 2.6 on page 17 and Section 4.1.1 on page 87 for more information.

Sections 16.2.3 to 16.2.11 describe in detail several problems between MPI and Fortran and their solutions. Some of these solutions require special capabilities from the compilers. Major requirements are summarized in Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

### 16.2.3 Problems Due to Strong Typing

All MPI functions with choice arguments associate actual arguments of different Fortran datatypes with the same dummy argument. This is not allowed by Fortran 77, and in Fortran 90 is technically only allowed if the function is overloaded with a different function for each type. In C, the use of `void*` formal arguments avoids these problems. Similar to C, with Fortran 2008 + TR 29113 (and later) together with the `mpi_f08` module, the problem is avoided by declaring choice arguments with `TYPE(*)`, `DIMENSION(..)`, i.e., as assumed-type and assumed-rank dummy arguments.

Using `INCLUDE mpif.h`, the following code fragment is technically invalid and may generate a compile-time error.

```
integer i(5)
real    x(5)
...
call mpi_send(x, 5, MPI_REAL, ...)
call mpi_send(i, 5, MPI_INTEGER, ...)
```

In practice, it is rare for compilers to do more than issue a warning. Using the `mpi_f08` or `mpi` module, the problem is usually resolved through the assumed-type and assumed-rank declarations of the dummy arguments, or with a compiler-dependent mechanism that overrides type checking for choice arguments.

It is also technically invalid in Fortran to pass a scalar actual argument to an array dummy argument that is not a choice buffer argument. Thus, when using the `mpi_f08` or `mpi` module, the following code fragment usually generates an error since the `dims` and `periods` arguments to `MPI_CART_CREATE` are declared as assumed size arrays `INTEGER :: DIMS(*)` and `LOGICAL :: PERIODS(*)`.

```
USE mpi_f08      ! or  USE mpi
INTEGER size
CALL MPI_Cart_create( comm_old,1,size,.TRUE.,.TRUE.,comm_cart,ierror )
```

Using `INCLUDE 'mpif.h'`, compiler warnings are not expected (but may occur) unless this include file also uses Fortran explicit interfaces.

#### 16.2.4 Problems Due to Data Copying and Sequence Association with Subscript Triplets

Arrays with subscript **triplets** describe Fortran subarrays with or without strides, e.g.,

```
REAL a(100,100,100)
CALL MPI_Send( a(11:17, 12:99:3, 1:100), 7*30*100, MPI_REAL, ...)
```

The handling of subscript triplets depends on the value of the constant `MPI_SUBARRAYS`:

- If `MPI_SUBARRAYS` equals `MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED`:

Choice buffer arguments are declared as `TYPE(*)`, `DIMENSION(..)`. For example, considering the following code fragment:

```
REAL s(100), r(100)
CALL MPI_Isend(s(1:100:5), 3, MPI_REAL, ..., rq, ierror)
CALL MPI_Wait(rq, status, ierror)
CALL MPI_Irecv(r(1:100:5), 3, MPI_REAL, ..., rq, ierror)
CALL MPI_Wait(rq, status, ierror)
```

In this case, the individual elements `s(1)`, `s(6)`, and `s(11)` are sent between the start of `MPI_ISEND` and the end of `MPI_WAIT` even though the compiled code will not copy `s(1:100:5)` to a contiguous temporary scratch buffer. Instead, the compiled code will pass a descriptor to `MPI_ISEND` that allows MPI to operate directly on `s(1)`, `s(6)`, `s(11)`, ..., `s(96)`. The called `MPI_ISEND` routine will take only the first three of these elements due to the type signature “3, `MPI_REAL`”.

All nonblocking MPI functions (e.g., `MPI_ISEND`, `MPI_PUT`, `MPI_FILE_WRITE_ALL_BEGIN`) behave as if *the user-specified elements of choice buffers are copied to a contiguous scratch buffer in the MPI runtime environment*. All datatype descriptions (in the example above, “3, `MPI_REAL`”) read and store data from and to this virtual contiguous scratch buffer. Displacements in MPI derived datatypes are relative to the beginning of this virtual contiguous scratch buffer.



Upon completion of a nonblocking receive operation (e.g., when `MPI_WAIT` on a corresponding `MPI_Request` returns), it is as if the received data has been copied from the virtual contiguous scratch buffer back to the non-contiguous application buffer. In the example above, `r(1)`, `r(6)`, and `r(11)` will be filled with the received data when `MPI_WAIT` returns.

*Advice to implementors.* The Fortran descriptor for `TYPE(*)`, `DIMENSION(..)` arguments contains enough information that the MPI library can make a real contiguous copy of non-contiguous user buffers if desired. Efficient implementations may avoid such additional memory-to-memory data copying. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Rationale.* If `MPI_SUBARRAYS` equals `MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED`, non-contiguous buffers are handled inside of the MPI library instead of by the compiler through argument association conventions. Therefore the scope of MPI library scratch buffers can be from the beginning of a nonblocking operation until the completion of the operation although beginning and completion are implemented in different routines. If `MPI_SUBARRAYS` equals `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`, temporary copies made by the compiler will not exist throughout the duration of the entire nonblocking MPI operation, which is too short for implementing the entire MPI operation. (*End of rationale.*)

- If `MPI_SUBARRAYS` equals `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`:

Implicit in MPI is the idea of a contiguous chunk of memory accessible through a linear address space. MPI copies data to and from this memory. An MPI program specifies the location of data by providing memory addresses and offsets. In the C language, sequence association rules plus pointers provide all the necessary low-level structure.

In Fortran 90, user data is not necessarily stored contiguously. For example, the array section `A(1:N:2)` involves only the elements of `A` with indices 1, 3, 5, ... . The same is true for a pointer array whose target is such a section. Most compilers ensure that an array that is a dummy argument is held in contiguous memory if it is declared with an explicit shape (e.g., `B(N)`) or is of assumed size (e.g., `B(*)`). If necessary, they do this by making a copy of the array into contiguous memory.<sup>1</sup>

Because MPI dummy buffer arguments are assumed-size arrays, this leads to a serious problem for a nonblocking call: the compiler copies the temporary array back on return but MPI continues to copy data to the memory that held it. For example, consider the following code fragment:

```
real a(100)
call MPI_Irecv(a(1:100:2), MPI_REAL, 50, ...)
```

Since the first dummy argument to `MPI_Irecv` is an assumed-size array (`<type> buf(*)`), the array section `a(1:100:2)` is copied to a temporary before being passed to `MPI_Irecv`, so that it is contiguous in memory. `MPI_Irecv` returns immediately,

---

<sup>1</sup>Technically, the Fortran standard is worded to allow non-contiguous storage of any array data, unless the dummy argument has the `CONTIGUOUS` attribute.

and data is copied from the temporary back into the array `a`. Sometime later, MPI may write to the address of the deallocated temporary. Copying is also a problem for `MPI_ISEND` since the temporary array may be deallocated before the data has all been sent from it.

Most Fortran 90 compilers do not make a copy if the actual argument is the whole of an explicit-shape or assumed-size array or is a ‘**simply contiguous**’ section such as `A(1:N)` of such an array. (We define ‘**simply contiguous**’ more fully in the next paragraph.) Also, many compilers treat allocatable arrays the same as they treat explicit-shape arrays in this regard (though we know of one that does not). However, the same is not true for assumed-shape and pointer arrays; since they may be discontinuous, copying is often done. It is this copying that causes problems for MPI as described in the previous paragraph.

Our formal definition of a ‘**simply contiguous**’ array section is

```
name ( [:,]... [<subscript>]:[<subscript>] [,<subscript>]... )
```

That is, there are zero or more dimensions that are selected in full, then one dimension selected without a stride, then zero or more dimensions that are selected with a simple subscript. Examples are

```
A(1:N), A(:,N), A(:,1:N,1), A(1:6,N), A(:, :, 1:N)
```

Because of Fortran’s column-major ordering, where the first index varies fastest, a ‘**simply contiguous**’ section of a contiguous array will also be contiguous.<sup>2</sup>

The same problem can occur with a scalar argument. A compiler **may** make a copy of scalar dummy arguments within a called procedure **when passed as an actual argument to a choice buffer routine**. That this can cause a problem is illustrated by the example

```
[ticket236-H.]real :: a
call user1(a,rq)
call MPI_WAIT(rq,status,ierr)
write (*,*) a

subroutine user1(buf,request)
call MPI_IRecv(buf,...,request,...)
end
```

If `a` is copied, `MPI_IRecv` will alter the copy when it completes the communication and will not alter `a` itself.

Note that copying will almost certainly occur for an argument that is a non-trivial expression (one with at least one operator or function call), a section that does not select a contiguous part of its parent (e.g., `A(1:n:2)`), a pointer whose target is such

<sup>2</sup>To keep the definition of ‘**simply contiguous**’ simple, we have chosen to require all but one of the section subscripts to be without bounds. A colon without bounds makes it obvious both to the compiler and to the reader that the whole of the dimension is selected. It would have been possible to allow cases where the whole dimension is selected with one or two bounds, but this means for the reader that the array declaration or most recent allocation has to be consulted and for the compiler that a run-time check may be required.

a section, or an assumed-shape array that is (directly or indirectly) associated with such a section.

If there is a compiler option that inhibits copying of arguments, in either the calling or called procedure, this should be employed.

If a compiler makes copies in the calling procedure of arguments that are explicit-shape or assumed-size arrays, **simply contiguous** array sections of such arrays, or scalars, and if there is no compiler option to inhibit this, then the compiler cannot be used for applications that use `MPI_GET_ADDRESS`, or any nonblocking MPI routine. If a compiler copies scalar arguments in the called procedure and there is no compiler option to inhibit this, then this compiler cannot be used for applications that use memory references across subroutine calls as in the example above.

## 16.2.5 Problems Due to Data Copying and Sequence Association with Vector Subscripts

Arrays with **vector** subscripts describe in Fortran subarrays containing a possibly irregular set of elements

```
REAL a(100)
CALL MPI_Send( A((/7,9,23,81,82/)), 5, MPI_REAL, ...)
```

Arrays with a vector subscript must not be used as actual choice buffer arguments in any nonblocking or split collective MPI operations; they may be used in blocking MPI operations.

## 16.2.6 Special Constants

MPI requires a number of special “constants” that cannot be implemented as normal Fortran constants, e.g., `MPI_BOTTOM`. The complete list can be found in Section 2.5.4 on page 15. In C, these are implemented as constant pointers, usually as `NULL` and are used where the function prototype calls for a pointer to a variable, not the variable itself.

In Fortran, **using** special values for the constants (e.g., by defining them through **parameter** statements) is not possible because an implementation cannot distinguish these values from legal data. Typically these constants are implemented as predefined static variables (e.g., a variable in an MPI-declared `COMMON` block), relying on the fact that the target compiler passes data by address. Inside the subroutine, **the address of the actual choice buffer argument can be compared with the address of such a predefined static variable.**

With `USE mpi_f08`, the attributes `INTENT(IN)`, `INTENT(OUT)`, and `INTENT(INOUT)` are used in the Fortran interface. In most cases, `INTENT(IN)` is used if the C interface uses call-by-value. For all buffer arguments and for `OUT` and `INOUT` dummy arguments that allow one of these special constants as input, an `INTENT(...)` is not specified.

## 16.2.7 Fortran Derived Types

MPI supports passing Fortran **SEQUENCE** and **BIND(C)** derived types to choice dummy arguments, **but does not support Fortran derived types that neither have the SEQUENCE nor the BIND(C) attribute.**

The following code fragment shows one possible way to send a **sequence** derived type in Fortran. The example assumes that all data is passed by address.

```

type mytype
  [ticket237-I.]SEQUENCE
  integer i
  real x
  double precision d
end type mytype

type(mytype) foo
integer blocklen(3), type(3)
integer(MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) disp(3), base

call MPI_GET_ADDRESS(foo%i, disp(1), ierr)
call MPI_GET_ADDRESS(foo%x, disp(2), ierr)
call MPI_GET_ADDRESS(foo%d, disp(3), ierr)

base = disp(1)
disp(1) = disp(1) - base
disp(2) = disp(2) - base
disp(3) = disp(3) - base

blocklen(1) = 1
blocklen(2) = 1
blocklen(3) = 1

type(1) = MPI_INTEGER
type(2) = MPI_REAL
type(3) = MPI_DOUBLE_PRECISION

call MPI_TYPE_CREATE_STRUCT(3, blocklen, disp, type, newtype, ierr)
call MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(newtype, ierr)

[ticket237-I.]
[ticket237-I.]
  call MPI_SEND(foo%i, 1, newtype, ...)

```

### 16.2.8 Optimization Problems, an Overview

MPI provides operations that may be hidden from the user code and run concurrently with it, accessing the same memory as user code. Examples include the data transfer for an `MPI_IRECV`. The optimizer of a compiler will assume that it can recognize periods when a copy of a variable can be kept in a register without reloading from or storing to memory. When the user code is working with a register copy of some variable while the hidden operation reads or writes the memory copy, problems occur. These problems are independent of the Fortran support method, i.e., they occur with the `mpi_f08` module, the `mpi` module, and the `mpif.h` include file.

This section shows four problematic usage areas (the abbreviations in parentheses are used in the table below):

- Usage of nonblocking routines (*Nonbl.*).
- Usage of one-sided routines (*1-sided*).
- Usage of MPI parallel file I/O split collective operations (*Split*).
- Use of MPI\_BOTTOM together with absolute displacements in MPI datatypes, or relative displacements between two variables in such datatypes (*Bottom*).

The following compiler optimization strategies (valid for serial code) may cause problems in MPI applications:

- Code movement and register optimization problems; see Section 16.2.9 on page 552.
- Temporary data movement and temporary memory modifications; see Section 16.2.10 on page 558.
- Permanent data movement (e.g., through garbage collection); see Section 16.2.11 on page 561.

Table 16.4 shows in which usage areas the optimization problems may only occur.

Optimization ...	... may cause a problem in following usage areas			
	Nonbl.	1-sided	Split	Bottom
Code movement and register optimization	yes	yes	no	yes
Temporary data movement	yes	yes	yes	no
Permanent data movement	yes	yes	yes	yes

Table 16.4: Occurrence of Fortran optimization problems in several usage areas

The solutions in the following sections are based on compromises

- to minimize the burden for the application programmer, e.g., as shown in Sections “Solutions” to “VOLATILE” on pages 555-558,
- to minimize the additional needs in the Fortran standard, e.g., in the Fortran 2008 TR 29113 [35],
- to minimize the drawbacks on compiler based optimization, and
- to minimize the requirements defined in Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

### 16.2.9 Problems with Code Movement and Register Optimization

#### Nonblocking operations

If a variable is local to a Fortran subroutine (i.e., not in a module or a COMMON block), the compiler will assume that it cannot be modified by a called subroutine unless it is an actual argument of the call. In the most common linkage convention, the subroutine is expected

**Example 16.11** Fortran 90 register optimization – extreme.

Source	compiled as	or compiled as
[ticket238-J.] <code>REAL :: buf, b1</code>	<code>REAL :: buf, b1</code>	<code>REAL :: buf, b1</code>
<code>call MPI_Irecv(buf,..req)</code>	<code>call MPI_Irecv(buf,..req)</code>	<code>call MPI_Irecv(buf,..req)</code>
	<code>register = buf</code>	<code>b1 = buf</code>
<code>call MPI_WAIT(req,..)</code>	<code>call MPI_WAIT(req,..)</code>	<code>call MPI_WAIT(req,..)</code>
<code>b1 = buf</code>	<code>b1 = register</code>	

to save and restore certain registers. Thus, the optimizer will assume that a register which held a valid copy of such a variable before the call will still hold a valid copy on return.

Example 16.11 shows extreme, but allowed, possibilities. `MPI_WAIT` on a concurrent thread modifies `buf` between the invocation of `MPI_Irecv` and the finish of `MPI_WAIT`. But the compiler cannot see any possibility that `buf` can be changed after `MPI_Irecv` has returned, and may schedule the load of `buf` earlier than typed in the source. It has no reason to avoid using a register to hold `buf` across the call to `MPI_WAIT`. It also may reorder the instructions as in the case on the right column.

[ticket238-J.]

**Example 16.12** Similar example with `MPI_ISEND`

Source	compiled as	with a possible MPI-internal execution sequence
<code>REAL :: buf, copy</code>	<code>REAL :: buf, copy</code>	<code>REAL :: buf, copy</code>
<code>buf = val</code>	<code>buf = val</code>	<code>buf = val</code>
<code>call MPI_ISEND(buf,..req)</code>	<code>call MPI_ISEND(buf,..req)</code>	<code>addr = &amp;buf</code>
<code>copy = buf</code>	<code>copy = buf</code>	<code>copy = buf</code>
	<code>buf = val_overwrite</code>	<code>buf = val_overwrite</code>
<code>call MPI_WAIT(req,..)</code>	<code>call MPI_WAIT(req,..)</code>	<code>send(*addr) ! within MPI_WAIT</code>
<code>buf = val_overwrite</code>		

Due to valid compiler code movement optimizations in Example 16.12, the content of `buf` may already be overwritten by the compiler when the content of `buf` is sent. The code movement is permitted because the compiler cannot detect a possible access to `buf` in `MPI_WAIT` (or in a second thread between the start of `MPI_ISEND` and the end of `MPI_WAIT`).

Such register optimization is based on moving code; here, the access to `buf` was moved from after `MPI_Wait` to before `MPI_Wait`. Note that code movement may also occur across subroutine boundaries when subroutines or functions are inlined.

This register optimization / code movement problem for nonblocking operations does not occur with MPI parallel file I/O split collective operations, because in the `..._BEGIN` and `..._END` calls, the same buffer has to be provided as an actual argument. The register optimization / code movement problem for `MPI_BOTTOM` and derived MPI datatypes may occur in each blocking and nonblocking communication or parallel file I/O operation.

### One-sided communication

An example with instruction reordering due to register optimization can be found in Section 11.7.3 on page 427.

### MPI\_BOTTOM and combining independent variables in datatypes

This section is only relevant if the MPI program uses a buffer argument to an MPI\_SEND, MPI\_RECV etc., which hides the actual variables involved. MPI\_BOTTOM with an MPI\_Datatype containing absolute addresses is one example. Creating a datatype which uses one variable as an anchor and brings along others by using MPI\_GET\_ADDRESS to determine their offsets from the anchor is another. The anchor variable would be the only one referenced in the call. Also attention must be paid if MPI operations are used that run in parallel with the user's application.

Example 16.13 shows what Fortran compilers are allowed to do.

#### Example 16.13 Fortran 90 register optimization.

This source ...	can be compiled as:
call MPI_GET_ADDRESS(buf,bufaddr, ierror)	call MPI_GET_ADDRESS(buf,...)
call MPI_TYPE_CREATE_STRUCT(1,1, bufaddr, MPI_REAL,type,ierror)	call MPI_TYPE_CREATE_STRUCT(...)
call MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(type,ierror)	call MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(...)
val_old = buf	register = buf
	val_old = register
call MPI_RECV(MPI_BOTTOM,1,type,...)	call MPI_RECV(MPI_BOTTOM,...)
val_new = buf	val_new = register

In Example 16.13, the compiler does not invalidate the register because it cannot see that MPI\_RECV changes the value of buf. The access to buf is hidden by the use of MPI\_GET\_ADDRESS and MPI\_BOTTOM.

[ticket238-J.]

#### Example 16.14 Similar example with MPI\_SEND

This source ...	can be compiled as:
! buf contains val_old	! buf contains val_old
buf = val_new	
call MPI_SEND(MPI_BOTTOM,1,type,...)	call MPI_SEND(...)
! with buf as a displacement in type	! i.e. val_old is sent
	!
	! buf=val_new is moved to here
	! and detected as dead code
	! and therefore removed
	!
buf = val_overwrite	buf = val_overwrite

In Example 16.14, several successive assignments to the same variable buf can be combined in the way, that only the last assignment is executed. Successive means that no interfering load access to this variable occurs between the assignments. The



compiler cannot detect that the call to `MPI_SEND` statement is interfering, because the load access to `buf` is hidden by the usage of `MPI_BOTTOM`.

### Solutions

The following sections show in detail how the problems with code movement and register optimization can be solved in a portable way. Application writers can partially or fully avoid these compiler optimization problems by using one or more of the special Fortran declarations with the send and receive buffers used in nonblocking operations, or in operations in which `MPI_BOTTOM` is used or datatype handles that combine several variables are used:

- Usage of the Fortran `TARGET` attribute.
- Usage of the helper routine `MPI_F_SYNC_REG`, or an equivalent user-written dummy routine.
- Declaring the buffer as a Fortran module variable or within a Fortran common block.
- Usage of the Fortran `VOLATILE` attribute.

Each of these methods solves the problems of code movement and register optimization, however, may involve different degree of performance impact, and may not be usable in every application context. These methods may not be guaranteed by the Fortran standard, but they must be guaranteed by a MPI-3.0 compliant (and later) MPI library and their compiler according to the requirements listed in Section 16.2.16 on page 566. The `VOLATILE` attribute may have the most negative impact on performance. There is one attribute that cannot be used for this purpose:

- The Fortran `ASYNCHRONOUS` attribute may not solve code movement problems in MPI applications.

Table 16.5 shows the usability of each method. Each problem category is described in detail below.

### The Fortran `TARGET` attribute

Declaring a buffer with the Fortran `TARGET` attribute in a scoping unit (or `BLOCK`) tells the compiler that any statement of the scoping unit may be executed while some pointer is associated with the buffer. Calling a library routine (e.g., an MPI routine) may imply that such a pointer is used to modify the buffer.

- The `TARGET` attribute solves problems of instruction reordering, code movement, and register optimization related to nonblocking and one-sided communication, or related to the usage of `MPI_BOTTOM` and derived datatype handles. Declaring `REAL, TARGET :: buf` solves the register optimization problem in Examples 16.11, 16.12, 16.13, and 16.14
- Unfortunately, the `TARGET` attribute does **not** solve problems caused by asynchronous accesses between the start and end of a nonblocking or one-sided communication specifically, problems caused by temporary memory modifications are not solved. Example 16.15 on page 559 can **not** be solved with the `TARGET` attribute.

[ticket238-J.]

	Nonbl.	1-sided	Bottom	Overhead may be
Examples	16.11, 16.12	Section 11.7.3	16.13, 16.14	
TARGET	solved	solved	solved	low - medium
MPI_F_SYNC_REG	solved	solved	solved	low
Module Data	solved	solved	solved	low - medium
VOLATILE	solved	solved	solved	high - huge
ASYNCHRONOUS	NOT solved	NOT solved	NOT solved	medium - high

Table 16.5: Usability of methods to prevent Fortran optimization problems

## Calling MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG

The compiler may be prevented from moving a reference to a buffer across a call to an MPI subroutine by surrounding the call by calls to an external subroutine with the buffer as an actual argument. The MPI library provides the MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG routine for this purpose; see Section 16.2.17 on page 568.

- The problems illustrated by the Examples 16.11 and 16.12 can be solved by calling MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(buf) once immediately after MPI\_WAIT.

## Example 16.11

can be solved with

```
call MPI_IRECV(buf, ..req)
```

```
call MPI_WAIT(req, ..)
```

```
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)
```

```
b1 = buf
```

## Example 16.12

can be solved with

```
buf = val
```

```
call MPI_ISEND(buf, ..req)
```

```
copy = buf
```

```
call MPI_WAIT(req, ..)
```

```
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)
```

```
buf = val_overwrite
```

The call to MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(buf) prevents moving the last line before the MPI\_WAIT call. Further calls to MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(buf) are not needed because it is still correct if the additional read access copy=buf is moved below MPI\_WAIT and before buf=val\_overwrite.

- The problems illustrated by the Examples 16.13 and 16.14 can be solved with two additional MPI\_F\_SYNC\_REG(buf) statements; one directly before MPI\_RECV/ MPI\_SEND, and one directly after this communication operation.

## Example 16.13

can be solved with

## Example 16.14

can be solved with

```

call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)          call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)
call MPI_RECV(MPI_BOTTOM,...)     call MPI_SEND(MPI_BOTTOM,...)
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)          call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)

```

The first call to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)` is needed to finish all load and store references to `buf` prior to `MPI_RECV/MPI_SEND`; the second call is needed to assure that the subsequent access to `buf` are not moved before `MPI_RECV/SEND`.

- In the example in Section 11.7.3 on page 427, two asynchronous accesses must be protected: in Process 1, the access to `bbbb` must be protected similar to Example 16.11, i.e., a call to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG(bbbb)` is needed after the second `MPI_WIN_FENCE` to guarantee that further accesses to `bbbb` are not moved ahead of the call to `MPI_WIN_FENCE`. In Process 2, both calls to `MPI_WIN_FENCE` together act as a communication call with `MPI_BOTTOM` as the buffer, i.e., before the first fence and after the second fence, a call to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buff)` is needed to guarantee that accesses to `buff` are not moved after or ahead of the calls to `MPI_WIN_FENCE`. Using `MPI_GET` instead of `MPI_PUT`, the same calls to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` are necessary.

#### Source of Process 1

```

bbbb = 777

call MPI_WIN_FENCE
call MPI_PUT(bbbb
into buff of process 2)

call MPI_WIN_FENCE
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(bbbb)

```

#### Source of Process 2

```

buff = 999
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buff)
call MPI_WIN_FENCE

call MPI_WIN_FENCE
call MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buff)
ccc = buff

```

- The temporary memory modification problem, i.e., Example 16.15 on page 559, can **not** be solved with this method.

#### A user defined routine instead of `MPI_F_SYNC_REG`

Instead of `MPI_F_SYNC_REG`, one can also use a user defined external subroutine, which is separately compiled:

```

subroutine DD(buf)
  integer buf
end

```

Note that if the intent is declared in an explicit interface for the external subroutine, it must be `OUT` or `INOUT`. The subroutine itself may have an empty body, but the compiler does not know this and has to assume that the buffer may be altered. For example, a call to `MPI_RECV` with `MPI_BOTTOM` as buffer might be replaced by

```

call DD(buf)
call MPI_RECV(MPI_BOTTOM,...)
call DD(buf)

```

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Such a user-defined routine was introduced in MPI-2.0 and is still included here to document such usage in existing application programs although new applications should prefer `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` or one of the other possibilities. In existing application, calls to such a user-written routine should be substituted by a call to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` because the user-written routine may not be implemented according to the rules specified in Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

### Module variables and COMMON blocks

An alternative is to put the buffer or variable into a module or a common block and access it through a `USE` or `COMMON` statement in each scope where it is referenced, defined or appears as an actual argument in a call to an MPI routine. The compiler will then have to assume that the MPI procedure may alter the buffer or variable, provided that the compiler cannot infer that the MPI procedure does not reference the module or common block.

- This method solves problems of instruction reordering, code movement, and register optimization related to nonblocking and one-sided communication, or related to the usage of `MPI_BOTTOM` and derived datatype handles.
- Unfortunately, this method does **not** solve problems caused by asynchronous accesses between the start and end of a nonblocking or one-sided communication specifically, problems caused by temporary memory modifications are not solved.

### The (poorly performing) Fortran VOLATILE attribute

The `VOLATILE` attribute, gives the buffer or variable the properties needed, but it may inhibit optimization of any code containing references or definitions of the buffer or variable.

### The Fortran ASYNCHRONOUS attribute

Declaring a buffer with the `ASYNCHRONOUS` Fortran attribute in a scoping unit (or `BLOCK`) tells the compiler that any statement of the scoping unit may be executed while the buffer is affected by a pending asynchronous Fortran input/output operation. Because a Fortran compiler may implement asynchronous Fortran input/output operations with blocking I/O, the `ASYNCHRONOUS` attribute may be totally ignored by such a compiler. Therefore, the `ASYNCHRONOUS` attribute can **not** be used to solve the code movement and register optimization problem in a portable MPI program.

## 16.2.10 Temporary Data Movement and Temporary Memory Modification

The compiler is allowed to temporarily modify data in memory. Normally, this problem may occur only when overlapping communication and computation. Example 16.15 shows a possibility that could be problematic.

In the compiler-generated, possible optimization in Example 16.16, `buf(100,100)` from Example 16.15 is equivalenced with the 1-dimensional array `buf_1dim(10000)`. The nonblocking receive may asynchronously receive the data in the boundary `buf(1,1:100)` while the fused loop is temporarily using this part of the buffer.

[ticket238-J.]

**Example 16.15** Overlapping Communication and Computation.

```

USE mpi_f08
REAL :: buf(100,100)
CALL MPI_Irecv(buf(1,1:100),...req,...)
DO j=1,100
  DO i=2,100
    buf(i,j)=...
  END DO
END DO
CALL MPI_Wait(req,...)

```

[ticket238-J.]

**Example 16.16** The compiler may substitute the nested loops through loop fusion.

```

REAL :: buf(100,100), buf_1dim(10000)
EQUIVALENCE (buf(1,1), buf_1dim(1))
CALL MPI_Irecv(buf(1,1:100),...req,...)
DO h=1,100
  tmp(h)=buf(1,h)
END DO
DO j=1,10000
  buf_1dim(h)=...
END DO
DO h=1,100
  buf(1,h)=tmp(h)
END DO
CALL MPI_Wait(req,...)

```

When the `tmp` data is written back to `buf`, the previous data of `buf(1,1:100)` is restored and the received data is lost. The principle behind this optimization is that the receive buffer data `buf(1,1:100)` was temporarily moved to `tmp`.

Example 16.17 shows a second possible optimization. The whole array is temporarily moved to `local_buf`. When storing `local_buf` back to the original location `buf`, then this includes also an overwriting of the receive buffer part `buf(1,1:100)`, i.e., this storing back may overwrite the asynchronously received data.

Note, that this problem may also occurs:

- With the local buffer at the origin process, between an RMA communication call and the ensuing synchronization call; see Chapter 11 on page 389.
- With the window buffer at the target process between two ensuing RMA synchronization calls,
- With the local buffer in MPI parallel file I/O split collective operations with between the `..._BEGIN` and `..._END` calls; see Section 13.4.5 on page 482.

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**Example 16.17** Another optimization is based on the usage of a separate memory storage area, e.g., in a GPU.

```

REAL :: buf(100,100), local_buf(100:100)
CALL MPI_Irecv(buf(1,1:100),...req,...)
local_buf = buf
DO j=1,100
  DO i=2,100
    local_buf(i,j)=....
  END DO
END DO
buf = local_buf ! may overwrite asynchronously received
                ! data in buf(1,1:100)
CALL MPI_Wait(req,...)

```

Note that such compiler optimization with temporary data movement can **not** be prevented when `buf` is declared with the `ASYNCHRONOUS` Fortran attribute.

*Rationale.* Using the `ASYNCHRONOUS` attribute for a buffer while asynchronous operations are pending, the access is restricted as if the pending operation involves the whole buffer (see the *pending I/O storage sequence affector*, Section 5.3.4 and Section 9.6.4.1 paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Fortran 2008 standard [34]). Thus, it is invalid to use parts of an array in pending nonblocking operations and other parts in numerical computation if the array is declared as `ASYNCHRONOUS`. Due to this reason and also due to the reason in Section *The Fortran ASYNCHRONOUS attribute* on page 558, the `ASYNCHRONOUS` attribute can **not** be used to solve temporary data movement problems even if the meaning of `ASYNCHRONOUS` would be extended within the Fortran standard from Fortran input/output to general nonblocking operation. (*End of rationale.*)

Note also that the methods

- `TARGET` attribute,
- calling `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` (or such a user-defined routine), and
- using module variables and `COMMON` blocks

cannot be used to prevent such temporary data movement. These methods influence compiler optimization when library routines are called. They cannot prevent the optimizations of the numerical code shown in Example 16.15 and 16.16.

Note also that compiler optimization with temporary data movement should **not** be prevented by declaring `buf` as `VOLATILE` because: The `VOLATILE` implies that all accesses to any storage unit (word) of `buf` must be directly done in the main memory exactly in the sequence defined by the application program. The `VOLATILE` attribute prevents every register or cache optimization. Therefore, `VOLATILE` may cause a huge performance degradation.

Instead of solving the problem, it is better to **prevent** the problem, i.e., when overlapping communication and computation, the nonblocking communication (or nonblocking

or split collective IO) and the computation should be executed **on different sets of variables**. In this case, the temporary memory modifications are done only on the variables used in the computation and cannot have any side effect on the data used in the nonblocking MPI operations.

*Rationale.* This is a strong restriction for application programs. To weaken this restriction, a new or modified asynchronous feature in the Fortran language would be necessary, e.g., an asynchronous attribute that can be used on parts of an array and together with asynchronous operations outside the scope of Fortran. If this would be available in a later version of the Fortran standard then this restriction also may be weakened in a later version of the MPI standard. (*End of rationale.*)

### 16.2.11 Permanent Data Movement

A Fortran compiler may implement permanent data movement during the execution of a Fortran program. This would require that pointers to such data are appropriately updated. An automatic garbage collection is a use case. Such permanent data movement is in conflict with MPI in several areas:

- MPI datatype handles with absolute addresses in combination with MPI\_BOTTOM.
- Nonblocking MPI operations (communication, one-sided, I/O) if the internally used pointers to the buffers are not updated by the Fortran runtime, or if within an MPI process, the data movement is executed in parallel to the MPI operation.

This MPI standard requires that the problems with permanent data movement are solved by the MPI library together with the used compiler; see Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

### 16.2.12 Comparison with C

In C, subroutines which modify variables that are not in the argument list will not cause register optimization problems. This is because taking pointers to storage objects by using the & operator and later referencing the objects by way of the pointer is an integral part of the language. A C compiler understands the implications, so that the problem should not occur, in general. However, some compilers do offer optional aggressive optimization levels which may not be safe. Problems due to temporary memory modifications can also occur in C. Also here, the best advice is to avoid the problem specifically, to use different variables for buffers in nonblocking MPI operations and computation that is executed while the nonblocking operations are pending.

### 16.2.13 Fortran Support Through the mpif.h Include File

The use of the `mpif.h` include file is strongly discouraged.

Because Fortran 90 is (for all practical purposes) a superset of Fortran 77, Fortran 90 (and future) programs can use the original Fortran interface. The Fortran bindings are compatible with Fortran 77 implicit-style interfaces in most cases. The include file `mpif.h` must:

- Define all named MPI constants.



- Declare MPI functions that return a value.
- Define all handles as `INTEGER`. This is reflected in the first of the two Fortran interfaces in each MPI function definition throughout this document.
- Be valid and equivalent for both fixed- and free- source form.

For each MPI routine, an implementation can choose to use an implicit or explicit interface. With each MPI routine definition, two Fortran bindings are provided (in deprecated routines, the second one may be omitted). With explicit interfaces, the first of the two must be implemented.

*Advice to users.* Instead of using `mpif.h`, the use of the `mpi_f08` or `mpi` module is strongly encouraged. Reasons are:

- Most `mpif.h` include files do not implement compile-time argument checking.
- Therefore, too many bugs in MPI applications are still undetected:
  - Missing  `ierr` as last additional argument in most Fortran bindings.
  - Declaration of a `status` as an `INTEGER` variable instead of an `INTEGER` array with size `MPI_STATUS_SIZE`.
  - Wrong argument positions, e.g., interchanging the `count` and `datatype` arguments.
  - Passing wrong MPI handles.
- The migration from `mpif.h` to the `mpi` module should be without problems (i.e., substituting `include 'mpif.h'` below an `implicit none` statement by `use mpi` before such `implicit` statement) as long as the application syntax is correct.
- Migrating portable applications to the `mpi` module, it is not expected to experience any compile or runtime problems because an `mpif.h` include file was always allowed to provide explicit Fortran interfaces.

*(End of advice to users.)*

*Rationale.* With MPI-3.0, the `mpif.h` include file was not deprecated because of backward compatibility reasons, and internally `mpif.h` and the `mpi` module can be implemented so that the same library implementation of the MPI routines can be used. *(End of rationale.)*

*Advice to implementors.* To make `mpif.h` compatible with both fixed- and free-source forms, to allow automatic inclusion by preprocessors, and to allow extended fixed-form line length, it is recommended that requirement two be met by constructing `mpif.h` without any continuation lines. This should be possible because `mpif.h` contains only declarations, and because common block declarations can be split among several lines. To support Fortran 77 as well as Fortran 90, it may be necessary to eliminate all comments from `mpif.h`. *(End of advice to implementors.)*

16.2.14 Fortran Support Through the `mpi` Module

An MPI implementation must provide a module named `mpi` that can be used in a Fortran program. This module must:

- Define all named MPI constants
- Declare MPI functions that return a value.
- Provide explicit interfaces based on the first of the two Fortran bindings that are provided for all MPI routines, i.e., this module guarantees compile-time argument checking, and allows positional and keyword-based argument lists.
- Define all handles as `INTEGER`. This is reflected in the first of the two Fortran interfaces in each MPI function definition throughout this document.
- Define all named handle types and `MPI_Status` that are used in the `mpi_f08` module. They are needed only when the application converts old-style `INTEGER` handles into a new-style handles with a named type.

An MPI implementation may provide other features in the `mpi` module that enhance the usability of MPI while maintaining adherence to the standard. For example, it may provide `INTENT` information in these interface blocks.

*Advice to implementors.* The appropriate `INTENT` may be different from what is given in the MPI generic interface. Implementations must choose `INTENT` so that the function adheres to the MPI standard, e.g., by defining the `INTENT` as provided in the `mpi_f08` bindings. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Rationale.* The intent given by the MPI generic interface is not precisely defined and does not in all cases correspond to the correct Fortran `INTENT`. For instance, receiving into a buffer specified by a datatype with absolute addresses may require associating `MPI_BOTTOM` with a dummy `OUT` argument. Moreover, “constants” such as `MPI_BOTTOM` and `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` are not constants as defined by Fortran, but “special addresses” used in a nonstandard way. Finally, the MPI-1 generic intent is changed in several places by MPI-2. For instance, `MPI_IN_PLACE` changes the intent of an `OUT` argument to be `INOUT`. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to implementors.* Some compilers allow to implement a choice buffer argument in the `mpi` module with the following explicit interface:

```

INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI...(buf, ...)
    !DEC$ ATTRIBUTES NO_ARG_CHECK :: buf
    !$PRAGMA IGNORE_TKR buf
    !DIR$ IGNORE_TKR buf
    !IBM* IGNORE_TKR buf
    REAL, DIMENSION(*) :: buf
  
```

In this case, the `INTEGER` compile-time constant `MPI_SUBARRAYS` must be set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`. Note, however, that it is explicitly allowed that the choice arguments can be implemented in the same way as with the `mpi_f08` module. In the case where the compiler does not provide such functionality, a set of overloaded functions may be used. See the paper of M. Hennecke [26]. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

### 16.2.15 Fortran Support Through the `mpi_f08` Module

An MPI implementation must provide a module named `mpi_f08` that can be used in a Fortran program. With this module, a second Fortran definition is added for each MPI routine, except for routines that are deprecated since MPI-3.0 or earlier. This module must:

- Define all named MPI constants.
- Declare MPI functions that return a value.
- Provide explicit interfaces for the second Fortran interface of all MPI routines, i.e., this module guarantees compile-time argument checking for all arguments which are not `TYPE(*)`.
- Provide explicit interfaces for the first Fortran interface if the second one is omitted; this is only the case in functions that are deprecated since MPI-3.0 or earlier.

*Advice to users.* It is strongly recommended to substitute calls to deprecated routines when changing from `mpif.h` or the `mpi` module to the `mpi_f08` module. (*End of advice to users.*)

- Define all handles with uniquely named handle types (instead of `INTEGER` handles in the `mpi` module). This is reflected in the second of the two Fortran interfaces in each MPI function definition throughout this document.
- Set the `INTEGER` compile-time constant `MPI_SUBARRAYS` to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED` and declare choice buffers with the Fortran 2008 TR 29113 feature assumed-type and assumed-rank `TYPE(*)`, `DIMENSION(..)` if the underlying Fortran compiler supports it. With this, the use of non-contiguous sub-arrays is valid also in nonblocking routines.
- Set the `MPI_SUBARRAYS` compile-time constant to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED` and declare choice buffers with a compiler-dependent mechanism that overrides type checking if the underlying Fortran compiler does not support the Fortran 2008 TR 29113 assumed-type and assumed-rank notation. In this case, the use of non-contiguous sub-arrays in nonblocking calls may be restricted as with the `mpi` module.

*Advice to implementors.* In the `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED` case, the choice argument may be implemented with an explicit interface with compiler directives, for example:

```

INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_...(buf, ...)
    !DEC$ ATTRIBUTES NO_ARG_CHECK :: buf
    !$PRAGMA IGNORE_TKR buf
    !DIR$ IGNORE_TKR buf
    !IBM* IGNORE_TKR buf
    REAL, DIMENSION(*) :: buf

```

(End of advice to implementors.)

- Declare each argument with an `INTENT=IN`, `OUT`, or `INOUT` as defined in this standard.

*Rationale.* For these definitions in the `mpi_f08` bindings, in most cases, `INTENT(IN)` is used if the C interface uses call-by-value. For all buffer arguments and for `OUT` and `INOUT` dummy arguments that allow one of the non-ordinary Fortran constants (see `MPI_BOTTOM`, etc. in Section 2.5.4 on page 15) as input, an `INTENT(...)` is not specified. (End of rationale.)

- Declare all `status` and `array_of_statuses` output arguments as optional through function overloading, instead of using `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` and `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`. For this, two specific bindings are provided in a generic interface where one has the optional argument and one does not.
- Declare all `array_of_errcodes` output arguments as optional through function overloading, instead of using `MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE`.
- Declare all `sourceweights`, `destweights`, and `weights` arguments as optional through function overloading, instead of using `MPI_UNWEIGHTED`.

*Rationale.* To assure that the correspondence of the optional `ierror` argument can always be established by position, it is necessary that other arguments are not optional through using the `OPTIONAL` attribute. Therefore, function overloading is used for such other arguments. (End of rationale.)

- Declare all `ierror` output arguments as `OPTIONAL`, except for user-defined callback functions (e.g., `COMM_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION`) and their predefined callbacks (e.g., `MPI_NULL_COPY_FN`).

*Rationale.* For user-defined callback functions (e.g., `COMM_COPY_ATTR_FUNCTION`) and their predefined callbacks (e.g., `MPI_NULL_COPY_FN`), the `ierror` argument is not optional. The MPI library must always call these routines with an actual `ierror` argument. Therefore, these user-defined functions need not to check whether the MPI library calls these routines with or without an actual `ierror` output argument. (End of rationale.)

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The MPI Fortran bindings in the `mpi_f08` module are designed based on the Fortran 2008 standard [34] together with the Technical Report (TR 29113) on Further Interoperability with C [35] of the ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG5 (Fortran) working group.

*Rationale.* The features in TR 29113 on further interoperability with C were decided on by ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG5 and designed by PL22.3 (formerly J3) to support a higher level of integration between Fortran-specific features and C than provided in the Fortran 2008 standard; part of this design is based on requirements from the MPI Forum to support MPI-3.0. “It is the intention of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG5 that the semantics and syntax specified by this technical report be included in the next revision of the Fortran International Standard without change unless experience in the implementation and use of this feature identifies errors that need to be corrected, or changes are needed to achieve proper integration, in which case every reasonable effort will be made to minimize the impact of such changes on existing implementations.”<sup>3</sup>

This TR 29113 contains language features that are needed for the MPI bindings in the `mpi_f08` module: assumed-type and assumed-rank. It is important that any possible actual argument can be used for such dummy arguments, e.g., scalars, arrays, assumed-shape arrays, assumed-size arrays, allocatable arrays, and with any element type, e.g., `REAL`, `CHARACTER*5`, `CHARACTER*(*)`, sequence derived types, `BIND(C)` derived types. Especially for backward compatibility reasons, it is important that any possible actual argument in an implicit interface implementation of a choice buffer dummy argument can be used in an implementation with assumed-type and assumed-rank in an explicit interface.

Furthermore, the implementors of the MPI Fortran bindings can freely choose whether the interfaces are declared within a Fortran `INTERFACE` or `CONTAINS` construct, and whether all bindings are defined as native Fortran or a `BIND(C)` interface. The `INTERFACE` construct in combination with `BIND(C)` allows to implement the Fortran `mpi_f08` interface with a single set of portable wrapper routines written in C; to support all desired features in the `mpi_f08` interface, TR 29113 also has a provision for `OPTIONAL` arguments in `BIND(C)` interfaces.

The MPI Forum hereby wishes to acknowledge this important effort by the Fortran PL22.3 and WG5 committee. (*End of rationale.*)

#### 16.2.16 Requirements on Fortran Compilers

The compliance to MPI-3.0 (and later) Fortran bindings is not only a property of the MPI library itself, but is always a property of an MPI library together with the Fortran compiler it is compiled for.

*Advice to users.* Many MPI libraries are shipped together with special compilation scripts (e.g., `mpif90`, `mpicc`). These scripts start the compiler probably together with special options to guarantee this compliance. (*End of advice to users.*)

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<sup>3</sup>[36] page iv, paragraph 7.

An MPI library is only compliant with MPI-3.0 (and later), as referred by `MPI_GET_VERSION`, if all the solutions described in Sections 16.2.3 to 16.2.11 work correctly. Based on this rule, major requirements for all three Fortran support methods (i.e., the `mpi_f08` and `mpi` modules, and `mpif.h`) are:

- The language features assumed-type and assumed-rank from Fortran 2008 TR 29113 [35] are available. This is required only for `mpi_f08`. As long as this requirement is not supported by the compiler, it is valid to build a preliminary MPI-3.0 (and not later) library, which implements the `mpi_f08` module with `MPI_SUBARRAYS` set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`.
- Simply contiguous arrays and scalars must be passed to choice buffer dummy arguments with call by reference.
- `SEQUENCE` and `BIND(C)` derived types are valid as actual arguments passed to choice buffer dummy arguments and they are passed with call by reference.
- The `TARGET` attribute (as described in Section *The Fortran TARGET attribute* on page 555) solves the problems described in Section 16.2.9 on page 552 independent of whether the MPI library internally uses Fortran or C pointers to store the location of a buffer between start and completion of a nonblocking operation, and to handle absolute and relative addresses in MPI derived datatype handles.
- Separately compiled empty Fortran routines with implicit interfaces and separately compiled empty C routines with `BIND(C)` Fortran interfaces (as `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` on page 556 and Section 16.2.17 on page 568, and `DD` on page 557) solve the problems described in Section 16.2.9 on page 552.
- The problems with temporary data movement (as described in Section 16.2.10 on page 558) are solved as long as the application uses different sets of variables for the nonblocking communication (or nonblocking or split collective IO) and the computation when overlapping communication and computation.
- Problems caused by automatic and permanent data movement (e.g., within a garbage collection, see Section 16.2.11 on page 561) are resolved **without** any further requirements on the application program, neither on the usage of the buffers, nor on the declaration of application routines that are involved in calling MPI operations.
- All actual arguments that are allowed for a dummy argument in an implicitly defined and separately compiled Fortran routine with the given compiler (e.g., `CHARACTER(LEN=*)` strings and array of strings) must also be valid for choice buffer dummy arguments with all Fortran support methods.
- The handle and status types in `mpi_f08` (i.e., sequence derived types with `INTEGER` elements) are (handle) or can be (status) identical to one numerical storage unit or a sequence of those. These types must be valid at every location where an `INTEGER` and a fixed-size array of `INTEGER`s (i.e., handle and status in the `mpi` module and `mpif.h`) is valid, especially also within `BIND(C)` derived types defined by the application.

*Rationale.* This is not yet part of the draft N1845 of TR 29113 [36], but may be part of the final version of this TR 29113 [35]. It is already implemented in some of the available Fortran compilers (e.g., ifort and pgi).

A contrary definition of handles and statuses would have been `BIND(C)` derived types. With such definition, it would have been necessary that such `BIND(C)` derived types could be part of application-defined sequence derived types which is contradictory to the current rules about `BIND(C)` and Fortran storage units. (*End of rationale.*)

All of these rules are valid independently of whether the MPI routine interfaces in the `mpi_f08` and `mpi` modules are internally defined with an `INTERFACE` or `CONTAINS` construct, and with or without `BIND(C)`, and also when `mpif.h` uses explicit interfaces.

*Advice to implementors.* Some of these rules are already part of the Fortran 2003 standard if the MPI interfaces are defined without `BIND(C)`. Additional compiler support may be necessary if `BIND(C)` is used. Some of these additional requirements are defined in the Fortran 2008 TR 29113 [35]. Some of these requirements for MPI-3.0 are beyond of TR 29113. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

Further requirements apply if the MPI library internally uses `BIND(C)` routine interfaces:

- Non-buffer arguments are `INTEGER`, `INTEGER(KIND=...)`, `CHARACTER(LEN=*)`, `LOGICAL`, and sequence derived types (handles and status in `mpi_f08`) variables and arrays, and `EXTERNAL` routines; function results are `DOUBLE PRECISION`. All these types must be valid as dummy arguments in the `BIND(C)` MPI routine interfaces. When compiling an MPI application, the compiler should not issue warnings because these types may not be interoperable with an existing type in C. Some of these types are already valid in `BIND(C)` interfaces since Fortran 2003, some may be valid through TR 29113 (e.g., `CHARACTER*(*)` and sequence derived types (not yet part of draft N1845)).
- `OPTIONAL` dummy arguments are also valid within `BIND(C)` interfaces. This requirements is part of the TR 29113.

### 16.2.17 Additional Support for Fortran Register-Memory-Synchronization

As described in Section 16.2.9 on page 552, a dummy call is needed to tell the compiler that registers are to be flushed for a given buffer or that accesses to a buffer may not be moved across a given point in the sequence of execution. It has only a Fortran binding.

`MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)`

`INOUT buf` initial address of buffer (choice)

`MPI_F_SYNC_REG(buf)`

`<type> buf(*)`

`MPI_F_sync_reg(buf)`

`TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf`

This routine is a no-operation. It must be compiled in the MPI library so that a Fortran compiler cannot detect in the module that the routine has an empty body. It is used only to tell the compiler that a cached register value of a variable or buffer should be flushed, i.e., stored back to the memory (when necessary) or invalidated.



*Rationale.* This function is not available in other languages because it would not be useful. This routine has no `ierror` return argument because there is no operation that can fail. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to implementors.* It is recommended to bind this routine to a C routine to minimize the risk that the Fortran compiler can learn that this routine is empty (and that the call to this routine can be removed as part of an optimization). It is explicitly allowed to implement this routine within the `mpi_f08` module according to the definition for the `mpi` module or `mpif.h` to circumvent the overhead of building the internal dope vector to handle the assumed-type, assumed-rank argument. (*End of advice to implementors.*)

*Advice to users.* If only a part of an array (e.g., defined by a subscript triplet) is used in a nonblocking routine, it is recommended to pass the whole array to `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` to minimize the overhead of this no-operation call. (*End of advice to users.*)

### 16.2.18 Additional Support for Fortran Numeric Intrinsic Types

The routines in this section are part of Extended Fortran Support described in Section 16.2.14.

MPI provides a small number of named datatypes that correspond to named intrinsic types supported by C and Fortran. These include `MPI_INTEGER`, `MPI_REAL`, `MPI_INT`, `MPI_DOUBLE`, etc., as well as the optional types `MPI_REAL4`, `MPI_REAL8`, etc. There is a one-to-one correspondence between language declarations and MPI types.

Fortran (starting with Fortran 90) provides so-called KIND-parameterized types. These types are declared using an intrinsic type (one of `INTEGER`, `REAL`, `COMPLEX`, `LOGICAL` and `CHARACTER`) with an optional integer `KIND` parameter that selects from among one or more variants. The specific meaning of different `KIND` values themselves are implementation dependent and not specified by the language. Fortran provides the `KIND` selection functions `selected_real_kind` for `REAL` and `COMPLEX` types, and `selected_int_kind` for `INTEGER` types that allow users to declare variables with a minimum precision or number of digits. These functions provide a portable way to declare `KIND`-parameterized `REAL`, `COMPLEX` and `INTEGER` variables in Fortran. This scheme is backward compatible with Fortran 77. `REAL` and `INTEGER` Fortran variables have a default `KIND` if none is specified. Fortran `DOUBLE PRECISION` variables are of intrinsic type `REAL` with a non-default `KIND`. The following two declarations are equivalent:

```
double precision x
real(KIND(0.0d0)) x
```

MPI provides two orthogonal methods to communicate using numeric intrinsic types. The first method can be used when variables have been declared in a portable way — using default `KIND` or using `KIND` parameters obtained with the `selected_int_kind` or `selected_real_kind` functions. With this method, MPI automatically selects the correct data size (e.g., 4 or 8 bytes) and provides representation conversion in heterogeneous environments. The second method gives the user complete control over communication by exposing machine representations.

## 16.3.4 Transfer of Handles

Handles are passed between Fortran and C or C++ by using an explicit C wrapper to convert Fortran handles to C handles. There is no direct access to C or C++ handles in Fortran. Handles are passed between C and C++ using overloaded C++ operators called from C++ code. There is no direct access to C++ objects from C.

The type definition `MPI_Fint` is provided in C/C++ for an integer of the size that matches a Fortran `INTEGER`; usually, `MPI_Fint` will be equivalent to `int`. With the Fortran `mpi` module or the `mpif.h` include file, a Fortran handle is a Fortran `INTEGER` value that can be used in the following conversion functions. With the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, a Fortran handle is a sequence derived type that contains an `INTEGER` field named `MPI_VAL`. This `INTEGER` value can be used in the following conversion functions.

The following functions are provided in C to convert from a Fortran communicator handle (which is an integer) to a C communicator handle, and vice versa. See also Section 2.6.5 on page 22.

```
MPI_Comm MPI_Comm_f2c(MPI_Fint comm)
```

If `comm` is a valid Fortran handle to a communicator, then `MPI_Comm_f2c` returns a valid C handle to that same communicator; if `comm = MPI_COMM_NULL` (Fortran value), then `MPI_Comm_f2c` returns a null C handle; if `comm` is an invalid Fortran handle, then `MPI_Comm_f2c` returns an invalid C handle.

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Comm_c2f(MPI_Comm comm)
```

The function `MPI_Comm_c2f` translates a C communicator handle into a Fortran handle to the same communicator; it maps a null handle into a null handle and an invalid handle into an invalid handle.

Similar functions are provided for the other types of opaque objects.

```
MPI_Datatype MPI_Type_f2c(MPI_Fint datatype)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Type_c2f(MPI_Datatype datatype)
```

```
MPI_Group MPI_Group_f2c(MPI_Fint group)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Group_c2f(MPI_Group group)
```

```
MPI_Request MPI_Request_f2c(MPI_Fint request)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Request_c2f(MPI_Request request)
```

```
MPI_File MPI_File_f2c(MPI_Fint file)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_File_c2f(MPI_File file)
```

```
MPI_Win MPI_Win_f2c(MPI_Fint win)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Win_c2f(MPI_Win win)
```

```
MPI_Op MPI_Op_f2c(MPI_Fint op)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Op_c2f(MPI_Op op)
```

```
MPI_Info MPI_Info_f2c(MPI_Fint info)
```

```
MPI_Fint MPI_Info_c2f(MPI_Info info)
```

*Rationale.* Providing conversion from C to C++ via constructors and from C++ to C via casting allows the compiler to make automatic conversions. Calling C from C++ becomes trivial, as does the provision of a C or Fortran interface to a C++ library. (*End of rationale.*)

*Advice to users.* Note that the casting and promotion operators return new handles by value. Using these new handles as INOUT parameters will affect the internal MPI object, but will *not* affect the original handle from which it was cast. (*End of advice to users.*)

It is important to note that all C++ objects with corresponding C handles can be used interchangeably by an application. For example, an application can cache an attribute on `MPI_COMM_WORLD` and later retrieve it from `MPI::COMM_WORLD`.

### 16.3.5 Status

The following two procedures are provided in C to convert from a Fortran (**with the `mpi module` or `mpif.h`**) status (which is an array of integers) to a C status (which is a structure), and vice versa. The conversion occurs on all the information in status, including that which is hidden. That is, no status information is lost in the conversion.

```
int MPI_Status_f2c(MPI_Fint *f_status, MPI_Status *c_status)
```

If `f_status` is a valid Fortran status, but not the Fortran value of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, then `MPI_Status_f2c` returns in `c_status` a valid C status with the same content. If `f_status` is the Fortran value of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, or if `f_status` is not a valid Fortran status, then the call is erroneous.

The C status has the same source, tag and error code values as the Fortran status, and returns the same answers when queried for count, elements, and cancellation. The conversion function may be called with a Fortran status argument that has an undefined error field, in which case the value of the error field in the C status argument is undefined.

Two global variables of type `MPI_Fint*`, `MPI_F_STATUS_IGNORE` and `MPI_F_STATUSES_IGNORE` are declared in `mpi.h`. They can be used to test, in C, whether `f_status` is the Fortran value of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, respectively. These are global variables, not C constant expressions and cannot be used in places where C requires constant expressions. Their value is defined only between the calls to `MPI_INIT` and `MPI_FINALIZE` and should not be changed by user code.

To do the conversion in the other direction, we have the following:

```
int MPI_Status_c2f(MPI_Status *c_status, MPI_Fint *f_status)
```

This call converts a C status into a Fortran status, and has a behavior similar to `MPI_Status_f2c`. That is, the value of `c_status` must not be either `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` or `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`.

*Advice to users.* There **exists no** separate conversion function for arrays of statuses, since one can simply loop through the array, converting each status. (*End of advice to users.*)

*Rationale.* The handling of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE` is required in order to layer libraries with only a C wrapper: if the Fortran call has passed `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`, then the

C wrapper must handle this correctly. Note that this constant need not have the same value in Fortran and C. If `MPI_Status_f2c` were to handle `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`, then the type of its result would have to be `MPI_Status**`, which was considered an inferior solution. (*End of rationale.*)

Using the `mpi_f08` Fortran module, a status is declared as `TYPE(MPI_Status)`. The C type `MPI_F_status` can be used to pass a Fortran `TYPE(MPI_Status)` argument into a C routine. Figure 16.1 illustrates all status conversion routines. Some are only available in C, some in both C and Fortran.

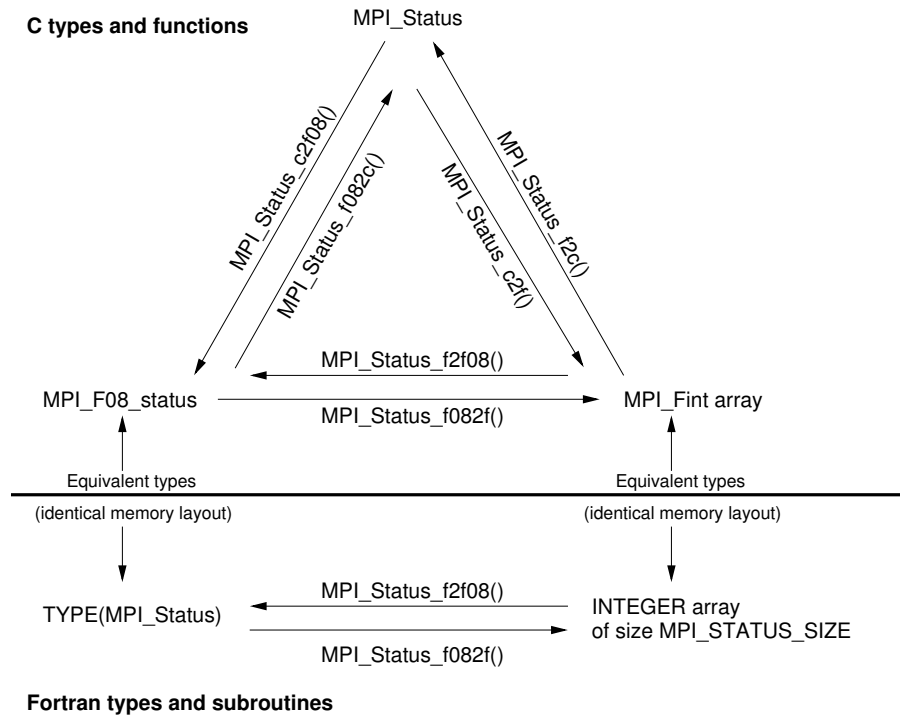


Figure 16.1: Status conversion routines

```
int MPI_Status_f082c(MPI_F_status *f08_status, MPI_Status *c_status)
```

This C routine converts a Fortran `mpi_f08` `TYPE(MPI_Status)` into a C `MPI_Status`.

```
int MPI_Status_c2f08(MPI_Status *c_status, MPI_F_status *f08_status)
```

This C routine converts a C `MPI_Status` into a Fortran `mpi_f08` `TYPE(MPI_Status)`. Conversion between the two Fortran versions of a status can be done with:

```
MPI_STATUS_F2F08(f_status, f08_status)
```

IN	<code>f_status</code>	status object declared as array
OUT	<code>f08_status</code>	status object declared as named type

```
int MPI_Status_f2f08(MPI_Fint *f_status, MPI_F_status *f08_status)
```

```
MPI_STATUS_F2F08(F_STATUS, F08_STATUS, IERROR)
```

```

1      INTEGER :: F_STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
2      TYPE(MPI_Status) :: F08_STATUS
3      INTEGER IERROR

```

```

4      MPI_Status_f2f08(f_status, f08_status, ierror)
5      INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: f_status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
6      TYPE(MPI_Status), INTENT(OUT) :: f08_status
7      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

This routine converts a Fortran `INTEGER, DIMENSION(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)` status array into a Fortran `mpi_f08 TYPE(MPI_Status)`.

```

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13      MPI_STATUS_F082F(f08_status, f_status)

```

IN	f08_status	status object declared as named type
OUT	f_status	status object declared as array

```

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18      int MPI_Status_f082f(MPI_F_status *f08_status, MPI_Fint *f_status)

```

```

19      MPI_STATUS_F082F(F08_STATUS, F_STATUS, IERROR)
20      TYPE(MPI_Status) :: F08_STATUS
21      INTEGER :: F_STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
22      INTEGER IERROR

```

```

23      MPI_Status_f082f(f08_status, f_status, ierror)
24      TYPE(MPI_Status), INTENT(IN) :: f08_status
25      INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: f_status(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)
26      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror

```

This routine converts a Fortran `mpi_f08 TYPE(MPI_Status)` into a Fortran `INTEGER, DIMENSION(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)` status array.

### 16.3.6 MPI Opaque Objects

Unless said otherwise, opaque objects are “the same” in all languages: they carry the same information, and have the same meaning in both languages. The mechanism described in the previous section can be used to pass references to MPI objects from language to language. An object created in one language can be accessed, modified or freed in another language.

We examine below in more detail, issues that arise for each type of MPI object.

#### Datatypes

Datatypes encode the same information in all languages. E.g., a datatype accessor like `MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT` will return the same information in all languages. If a datatype defined in one language is used for a communication call in another language, then the message sent will be identical to the message that would be sent from the first language: the same communication buffer is accessed, and the same representation conversion is performed, if needed. All predefined datatypes can be used in datatype constructors in any language. If a datatype is committed, it can be used for communication in any language.

Assorted Constants		1
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C type: <code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )	C++ type:	3
Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>	<code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )	4
<code>MPI_PROC_NULL</code>	<code>MPI::PROC_NULL</code>	5
<code>MPI_ANY_SOURCE</code>	<code>MPI::ANY_SOURCE</code>	6
<code>MPI_ANY_TAG</code>	<code>MPI::ANY_TAG</code>	7
<code>MPI_UNDEFINED</code>	<code>MPI::UNDEFINED</code>	8
<code>MPI_BSEND_OVERHEAD</code>	<code>MPI::BSEND_OVERHEAD</code>	9
<code>MPI_KEYVAL_INVALID</code>	<code>MPI::KEYVAL_INVALID</code>	10
<code>MPI_LOCK_EXCLUSIVE</code>	<code>MPI::LOCK_EXCLUSIVE</code>	11
<code>MPI_LOCK_SHARED</code>	<code>MPI::LOCK_SHARED</code>	12
<code>MPI_ROOT</code>	<code>MPI::ROOT</code>	13
[ticket234-F.] <code>MPI_SUBARRAYS</code> (Fortran only)		14
[ticket234-F.] <code>MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED</code> (Fortran only)		15
[ticket234-F.] <code>MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED</code> (Fortran only)		16

#### Status size and reserved index values (Fortran only)

Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>		17
<code>MPI_STATUS_SIZE</code>	Not defined for C++	18
<code>MPI_SOURCE</code>	Not defined for C++	19
<code>MPI_TAG</code>	Not defined for C++	20
<code>MPI_ERROR</code>	Not defined for C++	21

#### Variable Address Size (Fortran only)

Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>		22
<code>MPI_ADDRESS_KIND</code>	Not defined for C++	23
<code>MPI_INTEGER_KIND</code>	Not defined for C++	24
<code>MPI_OFFSET_KIND</code>	Not defined for C++	25

#### Error-handling specifiers

C type: <code>MPI_Errhandler</code>	C++ type: <code>MPI::Errhandler</code>	26
Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>		27
[ticket231-C.] <code>or TYPE(MPI_Errhandler)</code>		28
<code>MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL</code>	<code>MPI::ERRORS_ARE_FATAL</code>	29
<code>MPI_ERRORS_RETURN</code>	<code>MPI::ERRORS_RETURN</code>	30
	<code>MPI::ERRORS_THROW_EXCEPTIONS</code>	31

Null Handles	
C/Fortran name	C++ name
C type / Fortran type	C++ type
MPI_GROUP_NULL	MPI::GROUP_NULL
MPI_Group / INTEGER	const MPI::Group
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Group)	
MPI_COMM_NULL	MPI::COMM_NULL
MPI_Comm / INTEGER	<sup>1)</sup>
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Comm)	
MPI_DATATYPE_NULL	MPI::DATATYPE_NULL
MPI_Datatype / INTEGER	const MPI::Datatype
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Datatype)	
MPI_REQUEST_NULL	MPI::REQUEST_NULL
MPI_Request / INTEGER	const MPI::Request
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Request)	
MPI_OP_NULL	MPI::OP_NULL
MPI_Op / INTEGER	const MPI::Op
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Op)	
MPI_ERRHANDLER_NULL	MPI::ERRHANDLER_NULL
MPI_Errhandler / INTEGER	const MPI::Errhandler
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Errhandler)	
MPI_FILE_NULL	MPI::FILE_NULL
MPI_File / INTEGER	
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_File)	
MPI_INFO_NULL	MPI::INFO_NULL
MPI_Info / INTEGER	const MPI::Info
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Info)	
MPI_WIN_NULL	MPI::WIN_NULL
MPI_Win / INTEGER	
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Win)	
<sup>1)</sup> C++ type: See Section 16.1.7 on page 538 regarding class hierarchy and the specific type of MPI::COMM_NULL	

Empty group	
C type: MPI_Group	C++ type: const MPI::Group
Fortran type: INTEGER	
[ticket231-C.] or TYPE(MPI_Group)	
MPI_GROUP_EMPTY	MPI::GROUP_EMPTY

Topologies	
C type: const int (or unnamed enum)	C++ type: const int
Fortran type: INTEGER	(or unnamed enum)
MPI_GRAPH	MPI::GRAPH
MPI_CART	MPI::CART
MPI_DIST_GRAPH	MPI::DIST_GRAPH



Predefined functions	
C/Fortran name	C++ name
C type / Fortran type [ticket230-B.]with <b>mpi module</b> [ticket230-B.]/ <b>Fortran type with mpi_f08 module</b>	C++ type
MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN	MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN
MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ COMM_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_COMM_DUP_FN	MPI_COMM_DUP_FN
MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ COMM_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN	MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN
MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ COMM_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_WIN_NULL_COPY_FN	MPI_WIN_NULL_COPY_FN
MPI_Win_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ WIN_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_WIN_DUP_FN	MPI_WIN_DUP_FN
MPI_Win_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ WIN_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_WIN_NULL_DELETE_FN	MPI_WIN_NULL_DELETE_FN
MPI_Win_delete_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ WIN_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Win_delete_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_TYPE_NULL_COPY_FN	MPI_TYPE_NULL_COPY_FN
MPI_Type_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ TYPE_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Type_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_TYPE_DUP_FN	MPI_TYPE_DUP_FN
MPI_Type_copy_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ TYPE_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Type_copy_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
MPI_TYPE_NULL_DELETE_FN	MPI_TYPE_NULL_DELETE_FN
MPI_Type_delete_attr_function	same as in C <sup>1)</sup>
/ TYPE_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.] <b>FUNCTION</b>	
/ [ticket230-B.] <b>PROCEDURE(MPI_Type_delete_attr_function) <sup>2)</sup></b>	
<sup>1</sup> See the advice to implementors [ticket230-B.](on page 269) and advice to users (on page 269) on [ticket230-B.]the predefined C functions MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN, ... in Section 6.7.2 on page 266	
[ticket230-B.] <sup>2</sup> See the advice to implementors (on page 269) and advice to users (on page 269) [ticket230-B.] on the predefined Fortran functions MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN, ... in [ticket230-B.] Section 6.7.2 on page 266	

**File Operation Constants, Part 2**

C type: <code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )	C++ type:
Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>	<code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )
<code>MPI_DISTRIBUTE_BLOCK</code>	<code>MPI::DISTRIBUTE_BLOCK</code>
<code>MPI_DISTRIBUTE_CYCLIC</code>	<code>MPI::DISTRIBUTE_CYCLIC</code>
<code>MPI_DISTRIBUTE_DFLT_DARG</code>	<code>MPI::DISTRIBUTE_DFLT_DARG</code>
<code>MPI_DISTRIBUTE_NONE</code>	<code>MPI::DISTRIBUTE_NONE</code>
<code>MPI_ORDER_C</code>	<code>MPI::ORDER_C</code>
<code>MPI_ORDER_FORTRAN</code>	<code>MPI::ORDER_FORTRAN</code>
<code>MPI_SEEK_CUR</code>	<code>MPI::SEEK_CUR</code>
<code>MPI_SEEK_END</code>	<code>MPI::SEEK_END</code>
<code>MPI_SEEK_SET</code>	<code>MPI::SEEK_SET</code>

**F90 Datatype Matching Constants**

C type: <code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )	C++ type:
Fortran type: <code>INTEGER</code>	<code>const int</code> (or unnamed <code>enum</code> )
<code>MPI_TYPECLASS_COMPLEX</code>	<code>MPI::TYPECLASS_COMPLEX</code>
<code>MPI_TYPECLASS_INTEGER</code>	<code>MPI::TYPECLASS_INTEGER</code>
<code>MPI_TYPECLASS_REAL</code>	<code>MPI::TYPECLASS_REAL</code>

**Constants Specifying Empty or Ignored Input**

C/Fortran name	C++ name
C type / Fortran type [ticket244-P.] <i>with <code>mpi</code> module</i>	C++ type
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ Fortran type with <code>mpi_f08</code> module</i>	
<code>MPI_ARGVS_NULL</code>	<code>MPI::ARGVS_NULL</code>
<code>char***</code> / 2-dim. array of <code>CHARACTER*(*)</code>	<code>const char ***</code>
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ 2-dim. array of <code>CHARACTER*(*)</code></i>	
<code>MPI_ARGV_NULL</code>	<code>MPI::ARGV_NULL</code>
<code>char**</code> / array of <code>CHARACTER*(*)</code>	<code>const char **</code>
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ array of <code>CHARACTER*(*)</code></i>	
<code>MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE</code>	Not defined for C++
<code>int*</code> / <code>INTEGER</code> array	
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ not defined</i>	
<code>MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE</code>	Not defined for C++
<code>MPI_Status*</code> / <code>INTEGER</code> , <code>DIMENSION(MPI_STATUS_SIZE,*)</code>	
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ not defined</i>	
<code>MPI_STATUS_IGNORE</code>	Not defined for C++
<code>MPI_Status*</code> / <code>INTEGER</code> , <code>DIMENSION(MPI_STATUS_SIZE)</code>	
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ not defined</i>	
<code>MPI_UNWEIGHTED</code>	Not defined for C++
<code>int*</code> / <code>INTEGER</code> array	
[ticket244-P.] <i>/ not defined</i>	

MPI::File  
 MPI::Group  
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 MPI::Request  
 MPI::Prequest  
 MPI::Grequest  
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The following are defined Fortran type definitions, included in the `mpi_f08` and `mpi` module.

! Fortran opaque types in the `mpi_f08` and `mpi` module  
 TYPE(MPI\_Status)

! Fortran handles in the `mpi_f08` and `mpi` module  
 TYPE(MPI\_Comm)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Datatype)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Errhandler)  
 TYPE(MPI\_File)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Group)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Info)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Op)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Request)  
 TYPE(MPI\_Win)

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### A.1.3 Prototype Definitions

#### C Bindings

The following are defined C typedefs for user-defined functions, also included in the file `mpi.h`.

```
/* prototypes for user-defined functions */
typedef void MPI_User_function(void *invec, void *inoutvec, int *len,
                               MPI_Datatype *datatype);

typedef int MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function(MPI_Comm oldcomm,
                                         int comm_keyval, void *extra_state, void *attribute_val_in,
                                         void *attribute_val_out, int*flag);
typedef int MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function(MPI_Comm comm,
                                         int comm_keyval, void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);

typedef int MPI_Win_copy_attr_function(MPI_Win oldwin, int win_keyval,
                                         void *extra_state, void *attribute_val_in,
                                         void *attribute_val_out, int *flag);
typedef int MPI_Win_delete_attr_function(MPI_Win win, int win_keyval,
                                         void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);
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```

1  typedef int MPI_Type_copy_attr_function(MPI_Datatype oldtype,
2      int type_keyval, void *extra_state,
3      void *attribute_val_in, void *attribute_val_out, int *flag);
4  typedef int MPI_Type_delete_attr_function(MPI_Datatype [ticket252-W.]datatype,
5      int type_keyval, void *attribute_val, void *extra_state);
6
7  typedef void MPI_Comm_errhandler_function(MPI_Comm *, int *, ...);
8  typedef void MPI_Win_errhandler_function(MPI_Win *, int *, ...);
9  typedef void MPI_File_errhandler_function(MPI_File *, int *, ...);
10
11 typedef int MPI_Grequest_query_function(void *extra_state,
12     MPI_Status *status);
13 typedef int MPI_Grequest_free_function(void *extra_state);
14 typedef int MPI_Grequest_cancel_function(void *extra_state, int complete);
15
16 typedef int MPI_Datarep_extent_function(MPI_Datatype datatype,
17     MPI_Aint *file_extent, void *extra_state);
18 typedef int MPI_Datarep_conversion_function(void *userbuf,
19     MPI_Datatype datatype, int count, void *filebuf,
20     MPI_Offset position, void *extra_state);

```

ticket230-B.

### Fortran Bindings with mpif.h or the mpi Module

ticket230-B.

With the Fortran `mpi` module or `mpif.h`, here are examples of how each of the user-defined subroutines should be declared.

The user-function argument to `MPI_OP_CREATE` should be declared like this:

```

28 SUBROUTINE USER_FUNCTION(INVEC, INOUTVEC, LEN, [ticket252-W.]DATATYPE)
29     <type> INVEC(LEN), INOUTVEC(LEN)
30     INTEGER LEN, [ticket252-W.]DATATYPE

```

The copy and delete function arguments to `MPI_COMM_CREATE_KEYVAL` should be declared like these:

```

34 SUBROUTINE COMM_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION(OLDCOMM, COMM_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
35     ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
36     INTEGER OLDCOMM, COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR
37     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN,
38     ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
39     LOGICAL FLAG
40
41 SUBROUTINE COMM_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION(COMM, COMM_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
42     EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
43     INTEGER COMM, COMM_KEYVAL, IERROR
44     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE

```

The copy and delete function arguments to `MPI_WIN_CREATE_KEYVAL` should be declared like these:

```

SUBROUTINE WIN_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION(OLDWIN, WIN_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
    ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
    INTEGER OLDWIN, WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN,
        ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
    LOGICAL FLAG

```

```

SUBROUTINE WIN_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION(WIN, WIN_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
    EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    INTEGER WIN, WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE

```

The copy and delete function arguments to MPI\_TYPE\_CREATE\_KEYVAL should be declared like these:

```

SUBROUTINE TYPE_COPY_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION(OLDTYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, EXTRA_STATE,
    ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT, FLAG, IERROR)
    INTEGER OLDTYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE,
        ATTRIBUTE_VAL_IN, ATTRIBUTE_VAL_OUT
    LOGICAL FLAG

```

```

SUBROUTINE TYPE_DELETE_ATTR_[ticket250-V.]FUNCTION([ticket252-W.]DATATYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, ATTRIBUTE_VAL,
    EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
    INTEGER [ticket252-W.]DATATYPE, TYPE_KEYVAL, IERROR
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE

```

The handler-function argument to MPI\_COMM\_CREATE\_ERRHANDLER should be declared like this:

```

SUBROUTINE COMM_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(COMM, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER COMM, ERROR_CODE

```

The handler-function argument to MPI\_WIN\_CREATE\_ERRHANDLER should be declared like this:

```

SUBROUTINE WIN_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(WIN, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER WIN, ERROR_CODE

```

The handler-function argument to MPI\_FILE\_CREATE\_ERRHANDLER should be declared like this:

```

SUBROUTINE FILE_ERRHANDLER_FUNCTION(FILE, ERROR_CODE)
    INTEGER FILE, ERROR_CODE

```

The query, free, and cancel function arguments to MPI\_GREQUEST\_START should be declared like these:

```

1  SUBROUTINE GREQUEST_QUERY_FUNCTION(EXTRA_STATE, STATUS, IERROR)
2      INTEGER STATUS(MPI_STATUS_SIZE), IERROR
3      INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
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5  SUBROUTINE GREQUEST_FREE_FUNCTION(EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
6      INTEGER IERROR
7      INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
8
9  SUBROUTINE GREQUEST_CANCEL_FUNCTION(EXTRA_STATE, COMPLETE, IERROR)
10     INTEGER IERROR
11     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
12     LOGICAL COMPLETE
13

```

The extend and conversion function arguments to MPI\_REGISTER\_DATAREP should be declared like these:

```

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17 SUBROUTINE DATAREP_EXTENT_FUNCTION(DATATYPE, EXTENT, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
18     INTEGER DATATYPE, IERROR
19     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTENT, EXTRA_STATE
20
21 SUBROUTINE DATAREP_CONVERSION_FUNCTION(USERBUF, DATATYPE, COUNT, FILEBUF,
22     POSITION, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)
23     <TYPE> USERBUF(*), FILEBUF(*)
24     INTEGER COUNT, DATATYPE, IERROR
25     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) POSITION
26     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) EXTRA_STATE
27

```

### Fortran 2008 Bindings with the mpi\_f08 Module

With the Fortran `mpi_f08` module, the callback prototypes are:

The user-function argument to `MPI_Op_create` should be declared like this:

```

33     SUBROUTINE USER_FUNCTION(invec, inoutvec, len, datatype)
34     <type> :: invec(len), inoutvec(len)
35     INTEGER :: len
36     TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
37

```

The copy and delete function arguments to `MPI_Comm_create_keyval` should be declared according to:

```

39 ABSTRACT INTERFACE
40     SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_copy_attr_function(oldcomm, comm_keyval, extra_state,
41     attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
42     TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: oldcomm
43     INTEGER :: comm_keyval, ierror
44     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state, attribute_val_in,
45     attribute_val_out
46     LOGICAL flag
47

```

```

48 ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_delete_attr_function(comm, comm_keyval,
attribute_val, extra_state, ierror)
  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
  INTEGER :: comm_keyval, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: attribute_val, extra_state

```

The copy and delete function arguments to MPI\_Win\_create\_keyval should be declared according to:

ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_copy_attr_function(oldwin, win_keyval, extra_state,
attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
  TYPE(MPI_Win) :: oldwin
  INTEGER :: win_keyval, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state, attribute_val_in,
attribute_val_out
  LOGICAL flag

```

ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_delete_attr_function(win, win_keyval, attribute_val,
extra_state, ierror)
  TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win
  INTEGER :: win_keyval, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: attribute_val, extra_state

```

The copy and delete function arguments to MPI\_Type\_create\_keyval should be declared according to:

ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Type_copy_attr_function(oldtype, type_keyval, extra_state,
attribute_val_in, attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
  TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: oldtype
  INTEGER :: type_keyval, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state, attribute_val_in,
attribute_val_out
  LOGICAL flag

```

ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Type_delete_attr_function(datatype, type_keyval,
attribute_val, extra_state, ierror)
  TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
  INTEGER :: type_keyval, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: attribute_val, extra_state

```

The handler-function argument to MPI\_Comm\_create\_errhandler should be declared like this:

ABSTRACT INTERFACE

```

SUBROUTINE MPI_Comm_errhandler_function(comm, error_code)
  TYPE(MPI_Comm) :: comm
  INTEGER :: error_code

```



The handler-function argument to MPI\_Win\_create\_errhandler should be declared like this:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Win_errhandler_function(win, error_code)
    TYPE(MPI_Win) :: win
    INTEGER :: error_code
```

The handler-function argument to MPI\_File\_create\_errhandler should be declared like this:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_File_errhandler_function(file, error_code)
    TYPE(MPI_File) :: file
    INTEGER :: error_code
```

The query, free, and cancel function arguments to MPI\_Grequest\_start should be declared according to:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Grequest_query_function(extra_state, status, ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Status) :: status
    INTEGER :: ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state
```

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Grequest_free_function(extra_state, ierror)
    INTEGER :: ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state
```

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Grequest_cancel_function(extra_state, complete, ierror)
    INTEGER :: ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extra_state
    LOGICAL complete
```

The extend and conversion function arguments to MPI\_Register\_datarep should be declared according to:

```
ABSTRACT INTERFACE
  SUBROUTINE MPI_Datarep_extent_function(datatype, extent, extra_state,
    ierror)
    TYPE(MPI_Datatype) :: datatype
    INTEGER :: ierror
    INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) :: extent, extra_state
```

and like these:

```
SUBROUTINE DATAREP_CONVERSION_FUNCTION(userbuf, datatype, count, filebuf,
    position, extra_state, ierror)
  <TYPE> userbuf(*), filebuf(*)
  TYPE(MPI_Datatype) datatype
  INTEGER count, ierror
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) position
  INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) extra_state
```

## A.4 Fortran 2008 Bindings with the mpi\_f08 Module

### A.4.1 Point-to-Point Communication Fortran 2008 Bindings

MPI\_Bsend(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, ierror)

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, dest, tag
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Bsend\_init(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, request, ierror)

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, dest, tag
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(OUT) :: request
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Buffer\_attach(buffer, size, ierror)

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buffer
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: size
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Buffer\_detach(buffer\_addr, size, ierror)

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buffer_addr
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: size
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Cancel(request, ierror)

```
TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(IN) :: request
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Get\_count(status, datatype, count, ierror)

```
TYPE(MPI_Status), INTENT(IN) :: status
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: count
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Ibsend(buf, count, datatype, dest, tag, comm, request, ierror)

```
TYPE(*), DIMENSION(..) :: buf
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: count, dest, tag
TYPE(MPI_Datatype), INTENT(IN) :: datatype
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
TYPE(MPI_Request), INTENT(OUT) :: request
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
```

MPI\_Iprobe(source, tag, comm, flag, status, ierror)

```
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: source, tag
```

```

1      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 2
3      MPI_Comm_delete_attr(comm, comm_keyval, ierror)
4      TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
5      INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval
6      INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 7
8      MPI_Comm_dup(comm, newcomm, ierror)
9      TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
10     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(OUT) :: newcomm
11     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 12
13     MPI_COMM_DUP_FN(oldcomm, comm_keyval, extra_state, attribute_val_in,
14                     attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
15     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: oldcomm
16     INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval
17     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state,
18     attribute_val_in
19     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(OUT) :: attribute_val_out
20     LOGICAL, INTENT(OUT) :: flag
21     INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 22
23     MPI_Comm_free(comm, ierror)
24     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(INOUT) :: comm
25     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 26
27     MPI_Comm_free_keyval(comm_keyval, ierror)
28     INTEGER, INTENT(INOUT) :: comm_keyval
29     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 30
31     MPI_Comm_get_attr(comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val, flag, ierror)
32     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
33     INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval
34     INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(OUT) :: attribute_val
35     LOGICAL, INTENT(OUT) :: flag
36     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 37
38     MPI_Comm_get_name(comm, comm_name, resultlen, ierror)
39     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
40     CHARACTER(LEN=*), INTENT(OUT) :: comm_name
41     INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: resultlen
42     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 43
44     MPI_Comm_group(comm, group, ierror)
45     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
46     TYPE(MPI_Group), INTENT(OUT) :: group
47     INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
ticket-248T. 48
49     MPI_COMM_NULL_COPY_FN(oldcomm, comm_keyval, extra_state, attribute_val_in,
50                           attribute_val_out, flag, ierror)
51     TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: oldcomm
52     INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval

```

```

INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: extra_state,
attribute_val_in
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(OUT) :: attribute_val_out
LOGICAL, INTENT(OUT) :: flag
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_COMM_NULL_DELETE_FN(comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val, extra_state,
ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: attribute_val,
extra_state
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_rank(comm, rank, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: rank
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_remote_group(comm, group, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
TYPE(MPI_Group), INTENT(OUT) :: group
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_remote_size(comm, size, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: size
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_set_attr(comm, comm_keyval, attribute_val, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: comm_keyval
INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND), INTENT(IN) :: attribute_val
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_set_name(comm, comm_name, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
CHARACTER(LEN=*), INTENT(IN) :: comm_name
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_size(comm, size, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(OUT) :: size
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_split(comm, color, key, newcomm, ierror)
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(IN) :: comm
INTEGER, INTENT(IN) :: color, key
TYPE(MPI_Comm), INTENT(OUT) :: newcomm
INTEGER, OPTIONAL, INTENT(OUT) :: ierror
MPI_Comm_test_inter(comm, flag, ierror)

```

# Annex B

## Change-Log

This annex summarizes changes from the previous version of the MPI standard to the version presented by this document. 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 2.2 to Version 3.0

1. Section 2.3 on page 10, and Sections 16.2.1, 16.2.15, 16.2.16 on pages 544, 564, and 566.

The new `mpi_08` Fortran module is introduced.

2. Section 2.5.1 on page 12, Section 16.2.14 on page 563, Section 16.2.15 on page 564, and Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

Handles to opaque objects are defined as named types within the `mpi_08` Fortran module. The handle types are also available through the `mpi` Fortran module.

3. Section 2.5.2 on page 14, Section 3.2.6 on page 36, Section 7.5.4 on page 296, Section 7.5.5 on page 303, Section 10.3 on page 360, Section 10.3.3 on page 365, Section 12.2 on page 429, and Section 16.2.15 on page 564.

With the `mpi_f08` module, optional arguments through function overloading are used instead of `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`, `MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE`, `MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE`, and `MPI_UNWEIGHTED`.

4. Sections 2.5.4, 2.5.5 on pages 15, 16, Sections 16.2.1, 16.2.2, 16.2.3, 16.2.4, 16.2.5 on pages 544, 545, 546, 547, 550, and Sections 16.2.14, 16.2.15, 16.2.16 on pages 563, 564, 566.

Within the `mpi_08` Fortran module, choice buffers are defined as assumed-type and assumed-rank according to Fortran 2008, TR 29113 [35], and the compile-time constant `MPI_SUBARRAYS` is set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_SUPPORTED`. With this, Fortran subscript triplets can be used in nonblocking MPI operations; vector subscripts are not supported in nonblocking operations. If the compiler does not support this Fortran TR 29113 feature, the constant is set to `MPI_SUBARRAYS_NOT_SUPPORTED`.

5. Section 2.6.2 on page 18, Section 16.2.15 on page 564, and Section 16.2.16 on page 566. The `ierror` dummy arguments are `OPTIONAL` within the `mpi_08` Fortran module.

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6. Section 3.2.5 on page 34, Section 16.2.14 on page 563, Section 16.2.15 on page 564, Section 16.2.16 on page 566, and Section 16.3.5 on page 582.

Within the `mpi_08` Fortran module, the status is defined as `TYPE(MPI_Status)`. New conversion routines are added: `MPI_STATUS_F2F08`, `MPI_STATUS_F082F`, `MPI_Status_c2f08`, and `MPI_Status_f082c`,

7. Sections 4.1.10, 5.9.5, 5.9.7, 6.7.4, 6.8, 8.3.1, 8.3.2, 8.3.3, 15.1, 16.2.18 on pages 111, 186, 191, 276, 282, 327, 329, 331, 523, and 569. In some routines, the dummy argument names were changed, because they were identical to the Fortran keywords `TYPE` and `FUNCTION`. The new dummy argument names must be used because the `mpi` and `mpi_08` modules guarantee keyword-based actual argument lists. The argument name `type` was changed into `oldtype` in `MPI_TYPE_DUP`, and into `datatype` in the Fortran `USER_FUNCTION` of `MPI_OP_CREATE`, and in `MPI_TYPE_SET_ATTR`, `MPI_TYPE_GET_ATTR`, `MPI_TYPE_DELETE_ATTR`, `MPI_TYPE_SET_NAME`, `MPI_TYPE_GET_NAME`, `MPI_TYPE_MATCH_SIZE`, in the callback prototype definition `MPI_Type_delete_attr_function`, and the predefined callback function `MPI_TYPE_NULL_DELETE_FN`; function was changed into `user_fn` in `MPI_OP_CREATE`, into `comm_errhandler_fn` in `MPI_COMM_CREATE_ERRHANDLER`, into `win_errhandler_fn` in `MPI_WIN_CREATE_ERRHANDLER`, into `file_errhandler_fn` in `MPI_FILE_CREATE_ERRHANDLER`, into `handler_fn` in `MPI_ERRHANDLER_CREATE`. For consistency reasons, `INOUBUF` was changed into `INOUTBUF` in `MPI_REDUCE_LOCAL`, and `intracomm` into `newintracomm` in `MPI_INTERCOMM_MERGE`.

8. Section 8.2 on page 322.  
In Fortran with the `mpi` and `mpi_f08` modules, `MPI_ALLOC_MEM` now also supports `TYPE(C_PTR)` C-pointer instead of only returning an address-sized integer that may be usable together with non-standard Cray-pointer.

9. Section 16.2.7 on page 550, and Section 16.2.16 on page 566.  
Fortran `SEQUENCE` and `BIND(C)` derived application types can be used as buffers in MPI operations.

10. Section 16.2.8 on page 551 to Section 16.2.11 on page 561, Section 16.2.16 on page 566, and Section 16.2.17 on page 568.

The sections about Fortran optimization problems and their solution is partially rewritten and new methods are added, e.g., the use of the `TARGET` attribute. The Fortran routine `MPI_F_SYNC_REG` is added. To achieve a secure and portable programming interfaces, in Section 16.2.16, several requirements are defined for the combination of an MPI library and a Fortran compiler to be MPI-3.0 compliant.

11. Section 16.2.13 on page 561.

The use of the `mpif.h` Fortran include file is strongly discouraged.

12. Section 16.2.14 on page 563, and Section 16.2.16 on page 566.

The existing `mpi` Fortran module must implement compile-time argument checking.

13. Section 16.2.15 on page 564.

Within the `mpi_08` Fortran module, dummy arguments are declared with `INTENT=IN`, `OUT`, or `INOUT` as defined in the `mpi_08` interfaces.

14. Section 16.2.16 on page 566.  
This new section summarizes requirements that an MPI library together with a Fortran compiler is compliant to the MPI standard.
15. Section A.1.1, Table “*Predefined functions*” on page 604, Section A.1.3 on page 609, and Section A.4.4 on page 673.  
Within the new `mpi_f08` module, all callback prototype definitions are defined with explicit interfaces `PROCEDURE(MPI_...)`, except for the `user_fn` argument in `MPI_OP_CREATE` and for the `read_conversion_fn` and `write_conversion_fn` arguments in `MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP`.
16. Section A.1.3 on page 609.  
In some routines, the Fortran callback prototype names were changed from `..._FN` to `..._FUNCTION` to be consistent with the other language bindings.

## B.2 Changes from Version 2.1 to Version 2.2

1. Section 2.5.4 on page 15.  
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 17, Section 2.6.4 on page 19, and Section 16.1 on page 531.  
The C++ language bindings have been deprecated and may 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 42, Section 3.7.2 on page 53, Section 3.9 on page 76, and Section 5.1 on page 143.  
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 52.  
The Advice to users for `IBSEND` and `IRSEND` was slightly changed.
7. Section 3.7.3 on page 57.  
The advice to free an active request was removed in the Advice to users for `MPI_REQUEST_FREE`.



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