

Programming the OpenMP API

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History

- De-facto standard for Shared-Memory Parallelization.
- 1997: OpenMP 1.0 for FORTRAN
- 1998: OpenMP 1.0 for C and C++
- 1999: OpenMP 1.1 for FORTRAN
- 2000: OpenMP 2.0 for FORTRAN
- 2002: OpenMP 2.0 for C and C++
- 2005: OpenMP 2.5 now includes both programming languages.

- 05/2008: OpenMP 3.0
- 07/2011: OpenMP 3.1

- 07/2013: OpenMP 4.0
- 11/2015: OpenMP 4.5

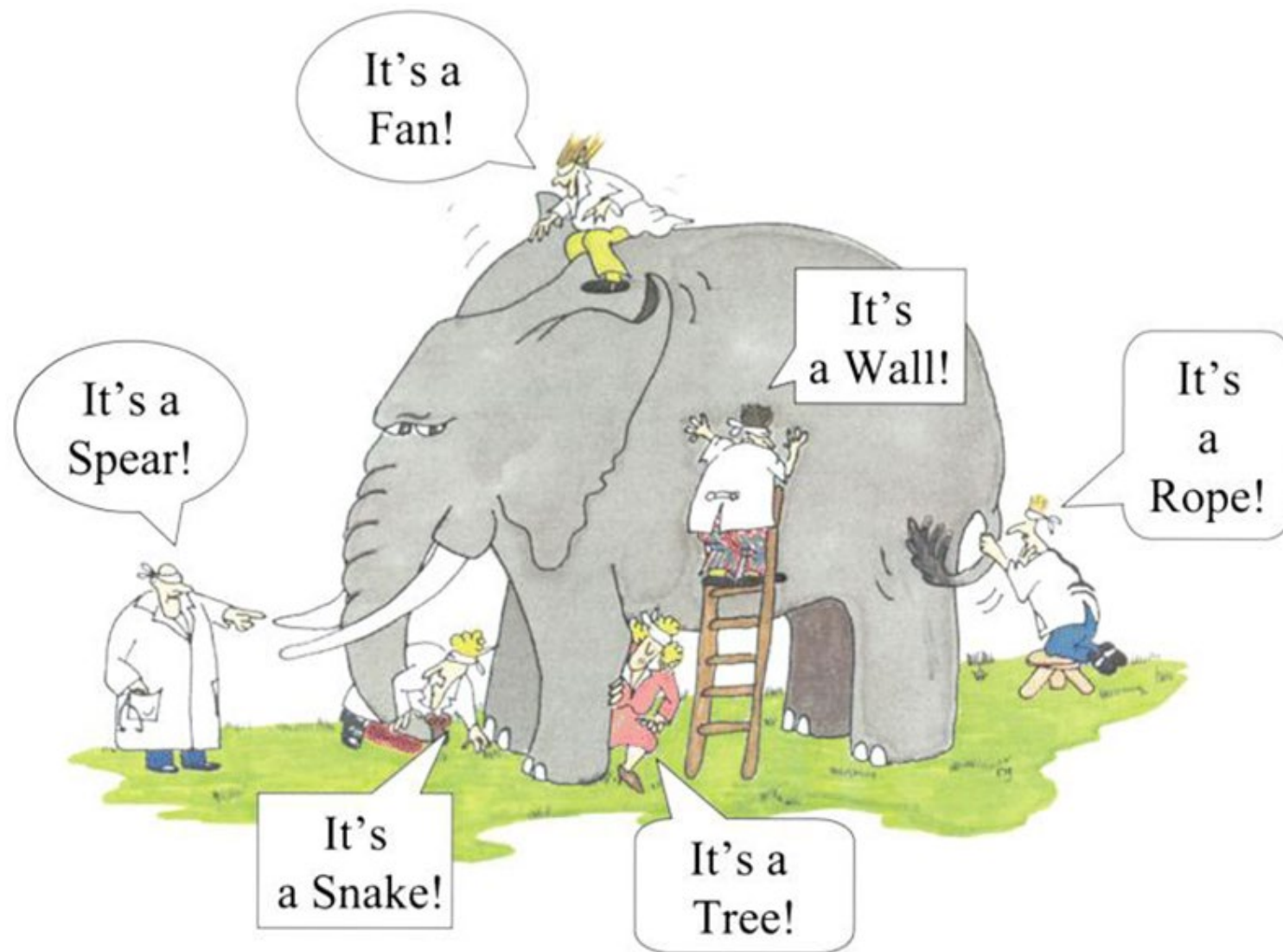
- 11/2018: OpenMP 5.0
- 11/2020: OpenMP 5.1
- 11/2021: OpenMP 5.2



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What is OpenMP?

- Parallel Region & Worksharing
- Tasking
- SIMD / Vectorization
- Accelerator Programming
- ...



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OpenMP 5.1 API Syntax Reference Guide

The OpenMP® API is a portable, scalable model that gives parallel programmers a simple and flexible interface for developing portable parallel applications in C/C++ and Fortran. OpenMP is suitable for a wide range of algorithms running on multicore nodes and chips, NUMA systems, GPUs, and other such devices attached to a CPU.

Functionality new/changed in OpenMP 5.1 is this color, [n.a.n] Sections in 5.1, • Deprecated in 5.1. Functionality new/changed in OpenMP 5.0 is this color, [n.a.n] Sections in 5.0, • Deprecated in 5.0.

Directives and Constructs

An OpenMP executable directive applies to the succeeding structured block. A structured block is an OpenMP construct or a block of executable statements with a single entry at the top and a single exit at the bottom. OpenMP directives except `simd` and any declarative directive may not appear in Fortran PURE procedures.

Variant directives

metadirective [2.3.4] [2.3.4]
A directive that can specify multiple directive variants, one of which may be conditionally selected to replace the `metadirective` based on the enclosing OpenMP content.

```
#pragma omp metadirective [clause [, clause] ...]
or
#pragma omp begin metadirective [clause [, clause] ...]
#pragma omp end metadirective
[!omp metadirective [clause [, clause] ...]
or
[!omp begin metadirective [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end metadirective
```

Informational and utility directives

requires [2.3.1] [2.4]
Specifies the features that an implementation must provide in order for the code to compile and to execute correctly.

```
#pragma omp requires clause [[ [, clause] ...]
[!omp requires clause [[ [, clause] ...]
```

error [2.3.4]
Instructs the compiler or runtime to display a message and to perform an error action.

```
#pragma omp error [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp error [clause [, clause] ...]
```

assumes and assume [2.3.2]
Provides invariants to the implementation that may be used for optimization purposes.

```
#pragma omp assumes clause [[ [, clause] ...]
or
#pragma omp begin assumes clause [[ [, clause] ...]
#pragma omp end assumes
or
#pragma omp assume clause [[ [, clause] ...]
[!omp assume clause [[ [, clause] ...]
```

parallel [2.4] [2.4]
Creates a team of OpenMP threads that execute the region.

```
#pragma omp parallel [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp parallel [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end parallel
[!omp parallel [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end parallel
```

sections [2.3.1] [2.3.1]
A non-iterative worksharing construct that contains a set of structured blocks that are to be distributed among and executed by the threads in a team.

```
#pragma omp section
[!omp section
[!omp end section
[!omp sections [nowait]
[!omp sections [nowait]
```

teams construct [2.3.1] [2.3.1]
Creates a league of initial teams where the initial thread of each team executes the region.

```
#pragma omp teams [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp teams [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end teams
[!omp teams [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end teams
```

single [2.3.1] [2.3.1]
Specifies that the associated structured block is executed by only one of the threads in the team.

```
#pragma omp single [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp single [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end single [nowait]
[!omp single [clause [, clause] ...]
[!omp end single [nowait]
```

private [list]
firstprivate [list]
shared [list]
reduction [default | reduction-identifier : list]
allocate [allocator : list]
default [data-sharing-attribute]
num_teams [lower-bound | upper-bound]
thread_limit [integer-expression]
thread_limit [color-integer-expression]

nothing [2.3.3]
Indicates explicitly that the intent is to have no effect.

```
#pragma omp nothing
[!omp nothing
```

no_op

```
#pragma omp no_op
```

depend [depend-modifier,] dependence type : [cyclic-|] list
is_device_ptr [list]
device [integer-expression]
nowait [clause-expression]
no_schedule [clause-expression]
device [color-integer-expression]
nowait [clause-expression]
no_schedule [color-integer-expression]

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Directives and Constructs (continued)

masked construct

masked [2.4] [2.4]
Specifies a structured block that is executed by a subset of the threads of the current team. [in 5.0, this is the `master` construct, in which `master` replaces `masked`.]

```
#pragma omp masked [filter[scalar-integer-expression]]
structured-block
[!omp masked [filter[scalar-integer-expression]]
structured-block
[!omp end masked
[!omp masked [filter[scalar-integer-expression]]
structured-block
[!omp end masked
```

workshare

workshare [2.10.2] [2.4.3]
Divides the execution of the enclosed structured block into separate units of work, each executed only once by one thread.

```
#pragma omp workshare
[!omp workshare
[!omp end workshare [nowait]
or
#pragma omp workshare
[!omp workshare
[!omp end workshare [nowait]
```

scope construct

scope [2.3.1]
Defines a structured block that is executed by all threads in a team but where additional OpenMP operations can be specified.

```
#pragma omp scope [clause [, clause] ...]
structured-block
[!omp scope [clause [, clause] ...]
structured-block
[!omp end scope [nowait]
or
#pragma omp scope [clause [, clause] ...]
structured-block
[!omp end scope [nowait]
```

worksharing constructs

sections [2.3.1] [2.3.1]
A non-iterative worksharing construct that contains a set of structured blocks that are to be distributed among and executed by the threads in a team.

```
#pragma omp section
[!omp section
[!omp end section
[!omp sections [nowait]
[!omp sections [nowait]
```

private [list]
firstprivate [list]
shared [list]
reduction [reduction-modifier,] reduction-identifier : list
allocate [allocator : list]
default [data-sharing-attribute]
num_threads [integer-expression]
thread_limit [integer-expression]
thread_limit [color-integer-expression]

workshare

workshare [2.10.2] [2.4.3]
Divides the execution of the enclosed structured block into separate units of work, each executed only once by one thread.

```
#pragma omp workshare
[!omp workshare
[!omp end workshare [nowait]
or
#pragma omp workshare
[!omp workshare
[!omp end workshare [nowait]
```

worksharing-loop construct

for and **do** [2.11.4] [2.4.2]
Specifies that the iterations of associated loops will be executed in parallel by threads in the team.

```
#pragma omp for [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp for [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end for [nowait]
or
#pragma omp do [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp do [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end do [nowait]
```

private [list]
firstprivate [list]
shared [list]
reduction [reduction-modifier,] reduction-identifier : list
allocate [allocator : list]
default [data-sharing-attribute]
num_threads [integer-expression]
thread_limit [integer-expression]
thread_limit [color-integer-expression]

simd and do simd

simd [2.11.5.1] [2.3.2]
Specifies that the iterations of associated loops will be executed in parallel by threads in the team and the iterations executed by each thread can also be executed concurrently using SIMD instructions.

```
#pragma omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end simd [nowait]
[!omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end simd [nowait]
```

declare simd [2.11.5.1] [2.3.3]
Applied to a function or a subroutine to enable the creation of one or more versions that can process multiple arguments using SIMD instructions from a single invocation in a SIMD loop.

```
#pragma omp declare simd [clause [, clause] ...]
function-definition-or-declaration
[!omp declare simd [proc-name] [clause [, clause] ...]
```

linear [linear-kind | linear-step]
aligned [argument-list | alignment]
uniform [argument-list]
inbranch
notinbranch

distributed loop constructs

distribute [2.11.4.1] [2.3.4.2]
Specifies loops which are executed by the initial teams.

```
#pragma omp distribute [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp distribute [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end distribute
```

private [list]
firstprivate [list]
shared [list]
reduction [reduction-modifier,] reduction-identifier : list
allocate [allocator : list]
default [data-sharing-attribute]
num_threads [integer-expression]
thread_limit [integer-expression]
thread_limit [color-integer-expression]

simd directives and constructs

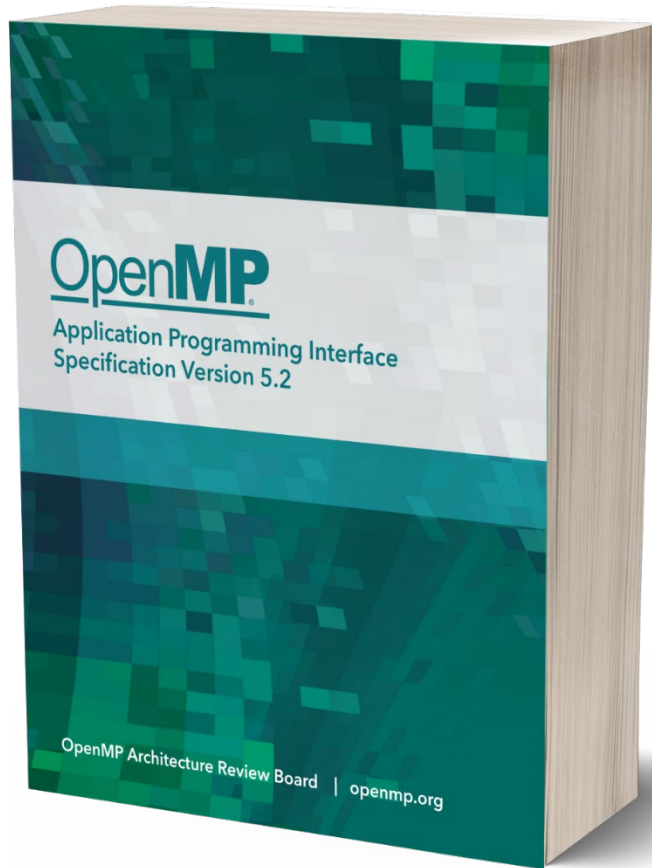
single [2.11.5.1] [2.3.3.1]
Applied to a loop to indicate that the loop can be transformed into a SIMD loop.

```
#pragma omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end simd [nowait]
[!omp simd [clause [, clause] ...]
loop-iter
[!omp end simd [nowait]
```

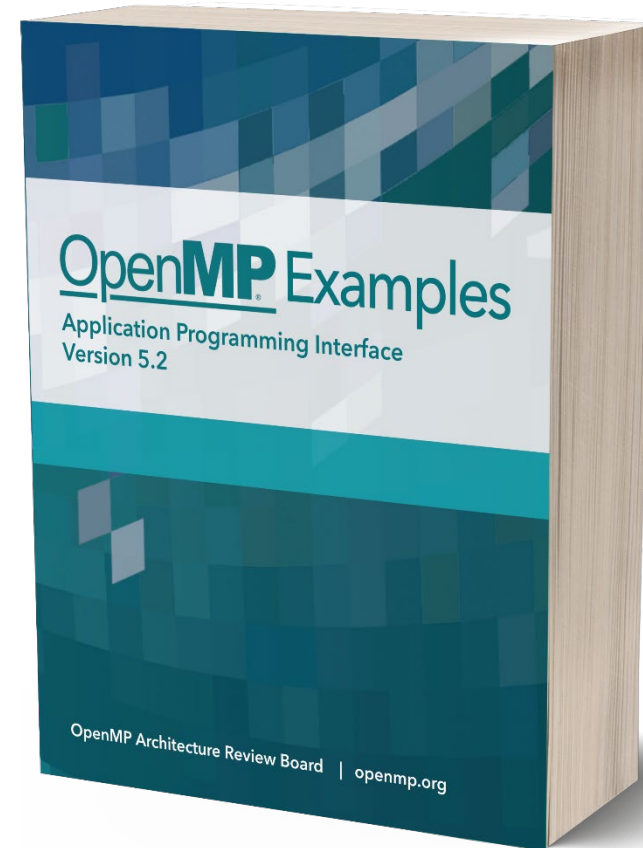
linear [linear-kind | linear-step]
aligned [list | alignment]
uniform [argument-list]
private [list]
inbranch
notinbranch
reduction [reduction-modifier,] reduction-identifier : list
allocate [allocator : list]
default [data-sharing-attribute]
num_threads [integer-expression]
thread_limit [integer-expression]
thread_limit [color-integer-expression]

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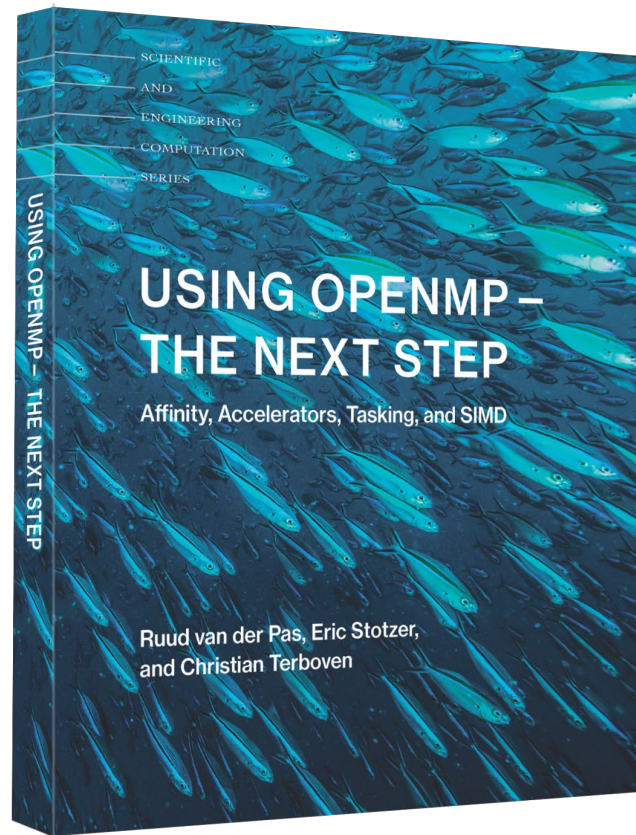


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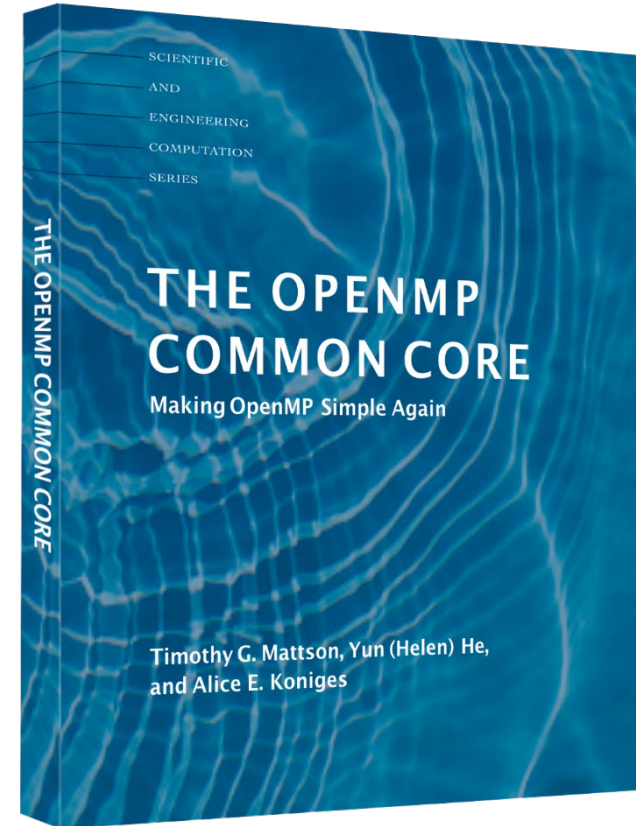


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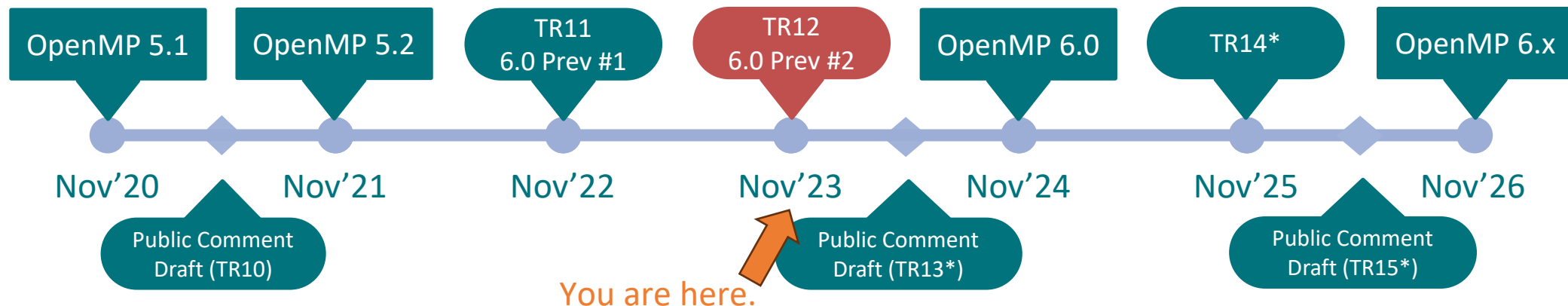


A new book about the OpenMP Common Core, 2019

OpenMP Roadmap

- Roadmap for the releases of the OpenMP API
 - 5-year cadence for major releases, one minor release in between
 - OpenMP 5.2 was an additional release before OpenMP version 6.0
 - (At least) one Technical Report (TR) with feature previews in every year

Version	Year
4.0	2013
5.0	2018
6.0	2024
7.0	2029

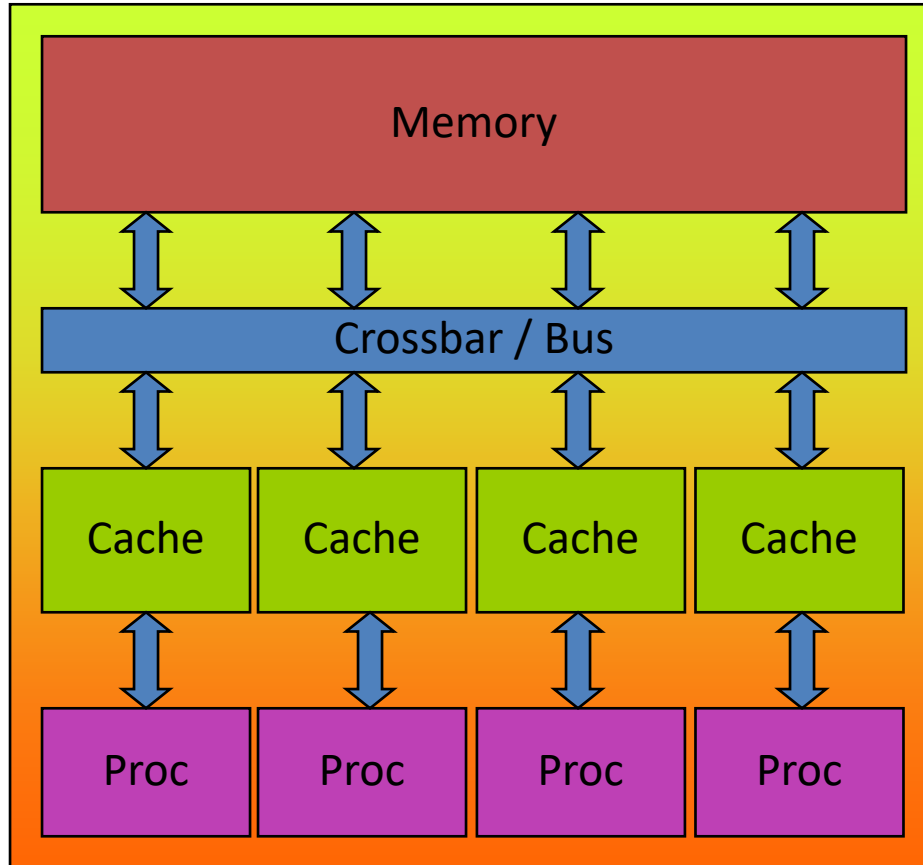


Programming the OpenMP API

Parallel Region

OpenMP's machine model

- OpenMP: Shared-Memory Parallel Programming Model.



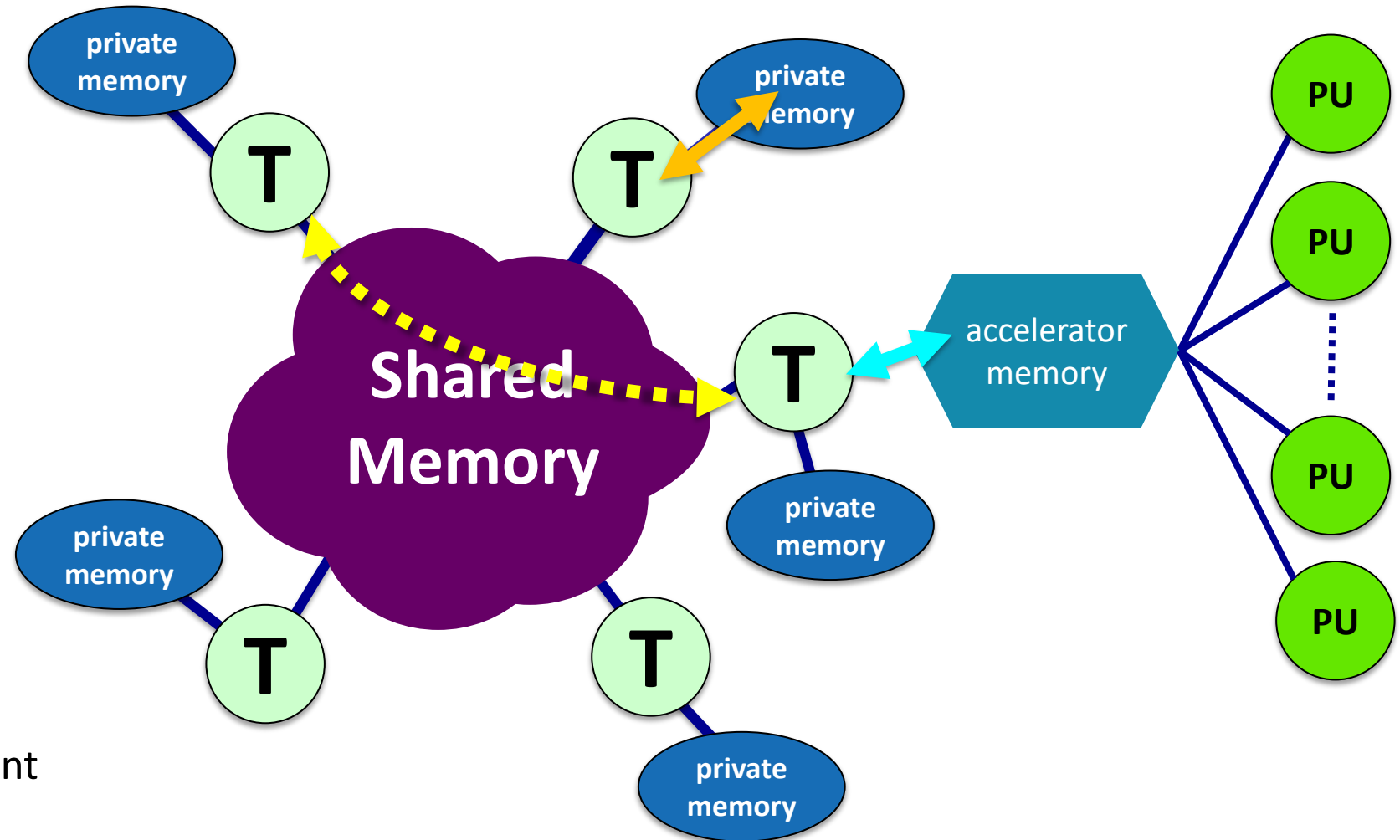
All processors/cores access a shared main memory.

Real architectures are more complex, as we will see later / as we

Parallelization in OpenMP employs multiple threads.

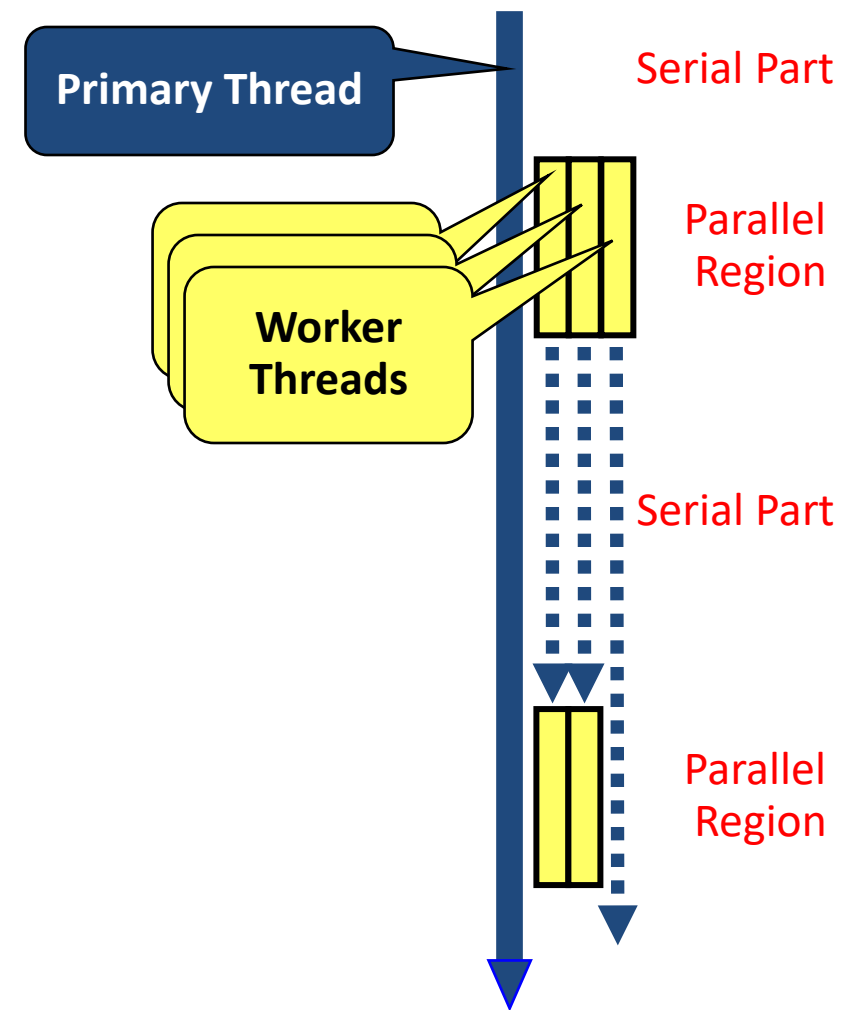
The OpenMP Memory Model

- All threads have access to the same, globally shared memory
- Data in private memory is only accessible by the thread owning this memory
- No other thread sees the change(s) in private memory
- Data transfer is through shared memory and is 100% transparent to the application



The OpenMP Execution Model

- OpenMP programs start with just one thread: the *Primary Thread*.
- *Worker* threads are spawned at *Parallel Regions*, together with the primary thread they form the *Team* of threads.
- In between *Parallel Regions* the *Worker* threads are put to sleep. The OpenMP *Runtime* takes care of all thread management work.
- Concept: *Fork-Join*.
- Allows for an incremental parallelization!



Parallel Region and Structured Blocks

- The parallelism has to be expressed explicitly.

C/C++

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
    ...
    structured block
    ...
}
```

Fortran

```
!$omp parallel
    ...
    structured block
    ...
!$omp end parallel
```

- *Structured Block*

- Exactly one entry point at the top
- Exactly one exit point at the bottom
- Branching in or out is not allowed
- Terminating the program is allowed (abort / exit)

- *Specification of number of threads:*

- Environment variable: OMP_NUM_THREADS=...
- Or: Via `num_threads` clause:
add `num_threads(num)` to the parallel construct

Starting OpenMP Programs on Linux

- From within a shell, global setting of the number of threads:

```
export OMP_NUM_THREADS=4  
./program
```

- From within a shell, one-time setting of the number of threads:

```
OMP_NUM_THREADS=4 ./program
```

Using OpenMP Compilers

Production Compilers w/ OpenMP Support

- GCC
- clang/LLVM
- Intel Classic and Next-gen Compilers
- AOCC, AOMP, ROCmCC
- IBM XL
- ... and many more

- See <https://www.openmp.org/resources/openmp-compilers-tools/> for a list

Compiling OpenMP

- Enable OpenMP via the compiler's command-line switches
 - GCC: `-fopenmp`
 - clang: `-fopenmp`
 - Intel: `-fopenmp` or `-qopenmp (classic)` or `-fiopenmp (next-gen)`
 - AOCC, AOCL, ROCmCC: `-fopenmp`
 - HPE/Cray CPE: `-homp`
 - IBM XL: `-qsmp=omp`
- Switches have to be passed to both compiler and linker:

```
$ gcc [...] -fopenmp -o matmul.o -c matmul.c
$ gcc [...] -fopenmp -o matmul matmul.o
$ ./matmul 1024
Sum of matrix (serial): 134217728.000000, wall time 0.413975, speed-up 1.00
Sum of matrix (parallel): 134217728.000000, wall time 0.092162, speed-up 4.49
```

Hello OpenMP World

Worksharing

For Worksharing

- If only the *parallel* construct is used, each thread executes the Structured Block.
- Program Speedup: *Worksharing*
- OpenMP's most common Worksharing construct: *for*

C/C++

```
int i;  
#pragma omp for  
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)  
{  
    a[i] = b[i] + c[i];  
}
```

Fortran

```
INTEGER :: i  
!$omp do  
DO i = 0, 99  
    a[i] = b[i] + c[i]  
END DO
```

- Distribution of loop iterations over all threads in a Team.
 - Scheduling of the distribution can be influenced.
- Loops often account for most of a program's runtime!

Worksharing illustrated

Pseudo-Code
Here: 4 Threads

Serial

```
do i = 0, 99
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```

Thread 1

```
do i = 0, 24
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```

Thread 2

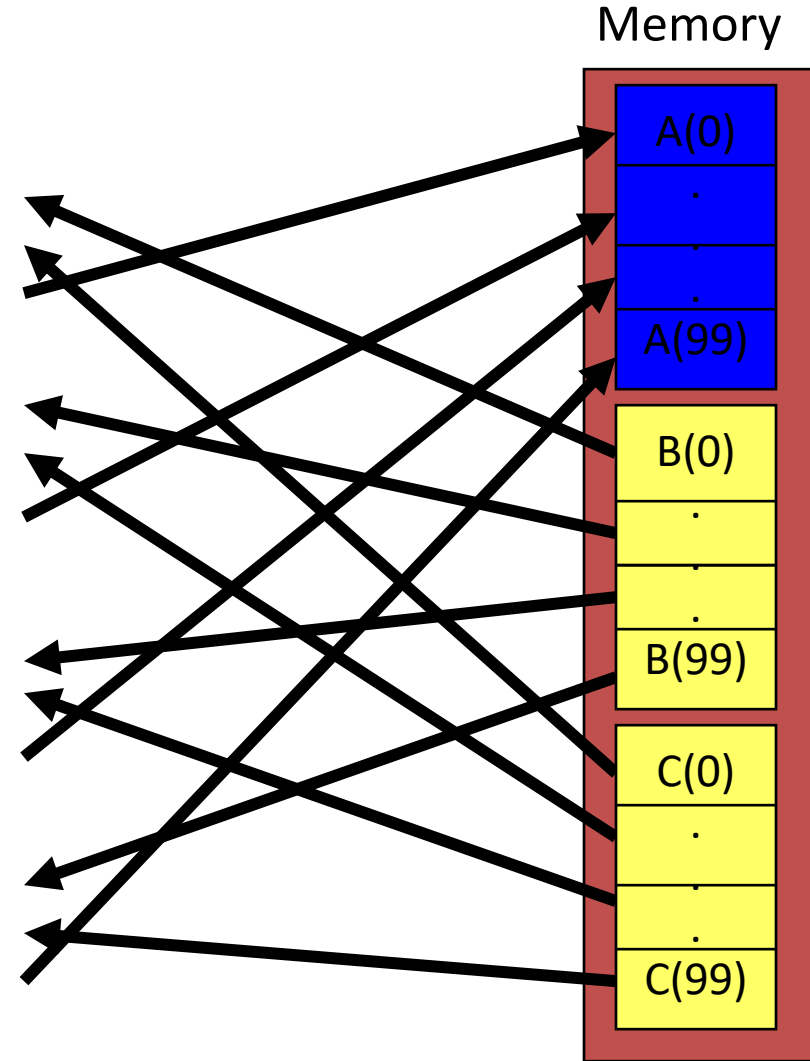
```
do i = 25, 49
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```

Thread 3

```
do i = 50, 74
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```

Thread 4

```
do i = 75, 99
  a(i) = b(i) + c(i)
end do
```



The Barrier Construct

- OpenMP `barrier` (implicit or explicit)
 - Threads wait until all threads of the current *Team* have reached the barrier

```
C/C++  
#pragma omp barrier
```

- All worksharing constructs contain an implicit barrier at the end

The Single Construct

C/C++

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

Fortran

```
!$omp single [clause]  
... structured block ...  
!$omp end single
```

- The `single` construct specifies that the enclosed structured block is executed by only one thread of the team.
 - It is up to the runtime which thread that is.
- Useful for:
 - I/O
 - Memory allocation and deallocation, etc. (in general: setup work)
 - Implementation of the single-creator parallel-executor pattern as we will see later...

The Master Construct is going to be removed with OpenMP 6.0 (2025)

C/C++

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

Fortran

```
!$omp master[clause]  
... structured block ...  
!$omp end master
```

- The `master` construct specified that the enclosed structured block is executed only by the primary thread of a team.
 - Note: The master construct was no worksharing construct and does not contain an implicit barrier at the end.
- Replacement: see the `masked` construct later on.

Vector Addition

Influencing the For Loop Scheduling / 1

- *for*-construct: OpenMP allows to influence how the iterations are scheduled among the threads of the team, via the *schedule* clause:
 - `schedule(static [, chunk])`: Iteration space divided into blocks of chunk size, blocks are assigned to threads in a round-robin fashion. If chunk is not specified: #threads blocks.
 - `schedule(dynamic [, chunk])`: Iteration space divided into blocks of chunk (not specified: 1) size, blocks are scheduled to threads in the order in which threads finish previous blocks.
 - `schedule(guided [, chunk])`: Similar to dynamic, but block size starts with implementation-defined value, then is decreased exponentially down to chunk.
- Default is `schedule(static)`.

Influencing the For Loop Scheduling / 2

■ Static Schedule

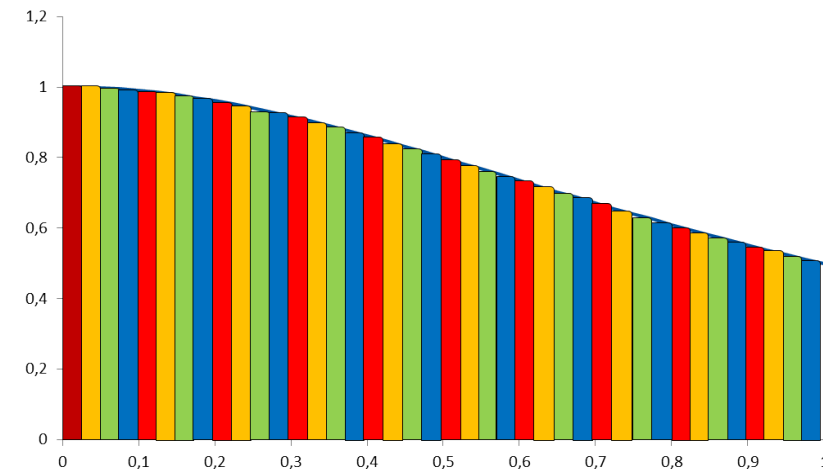
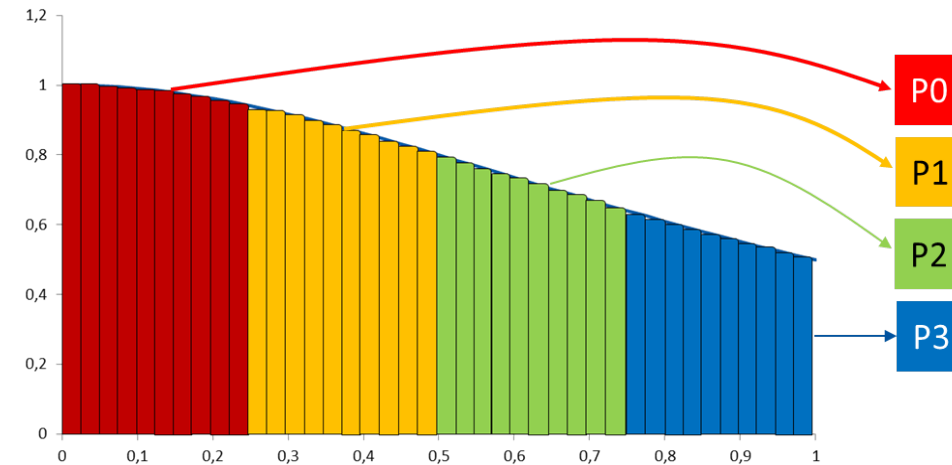
- `schedule(static [, chunk])`
- Decomposition
depending on chunksize
- Equal parts of size 'chunksize'
distributed in round-robin
fashion

■ Pros?

- No/low runtime overhead

■ Cons?

- No dynamic workload balancing



Influencing the For Loop Scheduling / 3

- Dynamic schedule
 - `schedule(dynamic [, chunk])`
 - Iteration space divided into blocks of chunk size
 - Threads request a new block after finishing the previous one
 - Default chunk size is 1
- Pros ?
 - Workload distribution
- Cons?
 - Runtime Overhead
 - Chunk size essential for performance
 - No NUMA optimizations possible

Synchronization Overview

- Can all loops be parallelized with `for`-constructs? No!
 - Simple test: If the results differ when the code is executed backwards, the loop iterations are not independent.
BUT: This test alone is not sufficient:

```
C/C++  
  
int i, int s = 0;  
  
#pragma omp parallel for  
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)  
{  
    s = s + a[i];  
}
```

- *Data Race*: If between two synchronization points at least one thread writes to a memory location from which at least one other thread reads, the result is not deterministic (race condition).

Synchronization: Critical Region

- A *Critical Region* is executed by all threads, but by only one thread simultaneously (*Mutual Exclusion*).

C/C++

```
#pragma omp critical (name)
{
    ... structured block ...
}
```

- Do you think this solution scales well?

C/C++

```
int i, s = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
{
    #pragma omp critical
        { s = s + a[i]; }
}
```

Scoping

Scoping Rules

- Managing the Data Environment is the challenge of OpenMP.
- *Scoping* in OpenMP: Dividing variables in *shared* and *private*:
 - *private*-list and *shared*-list on Parallel Region
 - *private*-list and *shared*-list on Worksharing constructs
 - General default is *shared* for Parallel Region, *firstprivate* for Tasks.
 - Loop control variables on *for*-constructs are *private*
 - Non-static variables local to Parallel Regions are *private*
 - *private*: A new uninitialized instance is created for the task or each thread executing the construct
 - *firstprivate*: Initialization with the value before encountering the construct
 - *lastprivate*: Value of last loop iteration is written back to the variable in the primary thread
 - Static variables are *shared*

Tasks are
introduced later

Privatization of Global/Static Variables

- Global / static variables can be privatized with the *threadprivate* directive
 - One instance is created for each thread
 - Before the first parallel region is encountered
 - Instance exists until the program ends
 - Does not work (well) with nested Parallel Region
 - Based on thread-local storage (TLS)
 - TlsAlloc (Win32-Threads), pthread_key_create (Posix-Threads), keyword `__thread` (GNU extension)

C/C++

```
static int i;  
#pragma omp threadprivate(i)
```

Fortran

```
SAVE INTEGER :: i  
!$omp threadprivate(i)
```

Privatization of Global/Static Variables

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<p>C/C++</p> <pre>static int i; #pragma omp threadprivate(i)</pre>	<p>Fortran</p> <pre>SAVE INTEGER :: i !\$omp threadprivate(i)</pre>
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Really: try to avoid the use of threadprivate and static variables!

Back to our example

C/C++

```
int i, s = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for
for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
{
    #pragma omp critical
    { s = s + a[i]; }
}
```


It's your turn: Make It Scale!

```
#pragma omp parallel
{

#pragma omp for
  for (i = 0; i < 99; i++)
  {
      s = s + a[i];
  }

} // end parallel
```

```
do i = 0, 99
  s = s + a(i)
end do
```



```
do i = 0, 24
  s = s + a(i)
end do
```

```
do i = 25, 49
  s = s + a(i)
end do
```

```
do i = 50, 74
  s = s + a(i)
end do
```

```
do i = 75, 99
  s = s + a(i)
end do
```


(done)

```

#pragma omp parallel
{
    double ps = 0.0;    // private variable

#pragma omp for
    for (i = 0; i < 99; i++)
    {
        ps = ps + a[i];
    }

#pragma omp critical
{
    s += ps;
}

} // end parallel

```

```

do i = 0, 99
    s = s + a(i)
end do

```



```

do i = 0, 24
    s1 = s1 + a(i)
end do
s = s + s1

```

```

do i = 25, 49
    s2 = s2 + a(i)
end do
s = s + s2

```

```

do i = 50, 74
    s3 = s3 + a(i)
end do
s = s + s3

```

```

do i = 75, 99
    s4 = s4 + a(i)
end do
s = s + s4

```

The Reduction Clause

- In a *reduction*-operation the operator is applied to all variables in the list. The variables have to be *shared*.
 - `reduction(operator:list)`
 - The result is provided in the associated reduction variable

C/C++

```
int i, s = 0;
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+:s)
for(i = 0; i < 99; i++)
{
    s = s + a[i];
}
```

- Possible reduction operators with initialization value:
`+` (0), `*` (1), `-` (0), `&` (~0), `|` (0), `&&` (1), `||` (0), `^` (0), `min` (largest number), `max` (least number)
- Remark: OpenMP also supports user-defined reductions (not covered here)

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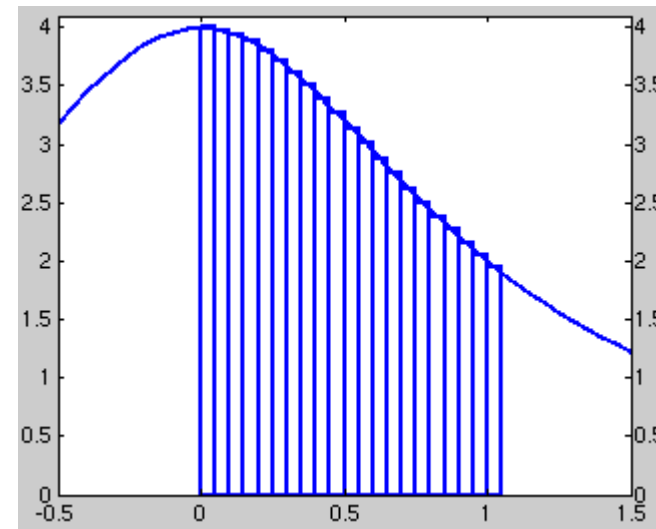
Example: Pi (1/2)

```
double f(double x)
{
    return (4.0 / (1.0 + x*x));
}

double CalcPi (int n)
{
    const double fH = 1.0 / (double) n;
    double fSum = 0.0;
    double fX;
    int i;

#pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        fX = fH * ((double)i + 0.5);
        fSum += f(fX);
    }
    return fH * fSum;
}
```

$$\pi = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{1+x^2}$$



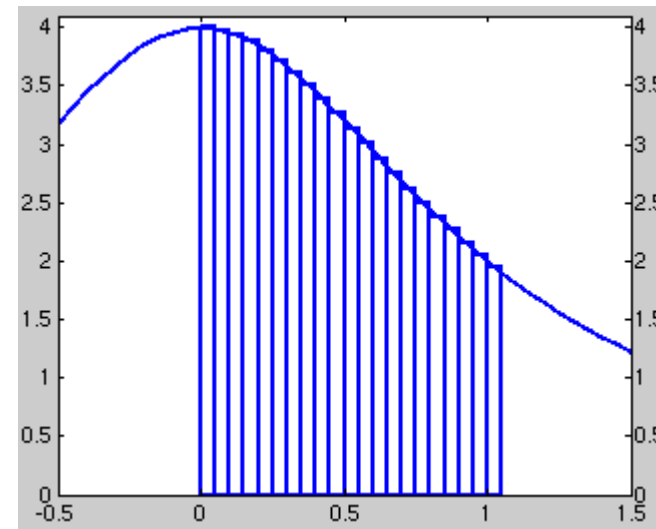
Example: Pi (2/2)

```
double f(double x)
{
    return (4.0 / (1.0 + x*x));
}
```

```
double CalcPi (int n)
{
    const double fH = 1.0 / (double) n;
    double fSum = 0.0;
    double fX;
    int i;
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for private(fX,i) reduction(+:fSum)
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        fX = fH * ((double)i + 0.5);
        fSum += f(fX);
    }
    return fH * fSum;
}
```

$$\pi = \int_0^1 \frac{4}{1+x^2}$$



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