OpenMP Task Parallelism (3A)

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Single

The **single** construct specifies that the associated structured block is **executed by only one** of the threads in the team (<u>not necessarily</u> the <u>master</u> thread), in the context of its **implicit task**.

The other threads in the team, which do not execute the block, wait at an **implicit barrier** at the end of the single construct <u>unless</u> a **nowait** clause is specified.

https://www.openmp.org/spec-html/5.0/openmpsu38.html

Single

denotes block of code to be <u>executed</u> by only one thread

- first thread to arrive is <u>chosen</u>
- implicit barrier <u>at end</u>

#pragma omp parallel				
{		a(0)	a(1)	c(0)
a(); #pragma omp single		a(2)	a(3)	c(1)
{ b();	chosen	a(4)	b	c(2)
} // threads wait here for single		a(8)		c(3)
c(); }				l

https://www.intel.com/content/dam/www/public/apac/xa/en/pdfs/ssg/Programming_with_OpenMP-Linux.pdf

Master

Denotes block of code to be executed only by the master thread No implicit barrier <u>at end</u>

#pragma omp parallel					
{					
a();					
#pragma omp master	master	a(0)	a(1)	b	c(0)
<pre>{ // if not master skip to next stmtp b();</pre>		a(2)	a(3)		c(1)
b();					-(-)
} {\)		a(4)			c(2)
c();		a(8)			c(3)
I		α(0)			C(3)

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Nowait (1)

In an omp parallel region, automatically wait for all threads to finish In an omp for loop, a synchronization point after the end of the loop



a	b	c(0)	c(1)	c(2)	d	Z	
	b	c(3)	c(4)	c(5)	d		
	b	c(6)	c(7)		d		
	b	c(8)	c(9)		d		

Nowait (2)

no thread will execute d() until all threads are done with the loop: However, if you do not need synchronization after the loop, you can disable it with nowait:



							_
а	b	c(0)	c(1)	c(2)	d	z	
	b	c(3)	c(4)	c(5)	d		
	b	c(6)	c(7)	d			
	b	c(8)	c(9)	d			

Nowait (3)

for a critical section after a loop, first wait for all threads to finish their loop iterations before letting any of the threads to enter a critical section:



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disable this waiting, so that some threads can start doing postprocessing early. This would make sense if, e.g., d() updates some global data structure based on what the thread computed in its own part of the parallel for loop:



Nowait (5)

Note that there is no synchronization point before the loop starts. If threads reach the for loop at different times, they can start their own part of the work as soon as they are there, without waiting for the other threads:



Single (1)

```
int main()
{
  int salaries1 = 0;
  int salaries2 = 0;
  for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
     salaries1 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company1);
  }
  std::cout << "Salaries1: " << salaries1 << std::endl;
  for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
  {
     salaries2 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company2);
  }
  std::cout << "Salaries2: " << salaries2 << std::endl;
  return 0;
}
```

http://jakascorner.com/blog/2016/06/omp-single.html

Single (2)

```
int salaries1 = 0;
int salaries2 = 0;
```

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(salaries1, salaries2)
{
    #pragma omp for reduction(+: salaries1)
    for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
    {
        salaries1 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company1);
    }
    std::cout << "Salaries1: " << salaries1 << std::endl;</pre>
```

```
#pragma omp for reduction(+: salaries2)
for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
{
    salaries2 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company2);
}
std::cout << "Salaries2: " << salaries2 << std::endl;</pre>
```



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}

Single (v1)

```
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+: salaries1)
for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
{
    salaries1 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company1);
}
std::cout << "Salaries1: " << salaries1 << std::endl;
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(+: salaries2)
for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
{
    salaries2 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company2);
}
std::cout << "Salaries2: " << salaries2 << std::endl;</pre>
```



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Single (v2)



http://jakascorner.com/blog/2016/06/omp-single.html

Single (v3)

}

}

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(salaries1, salaries2)
{
    #pragma omp for reduction(+: salaries1)
    for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
    {</pre>
```

salaries1 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company1);

```
#pragma omp single
```

```
std::cout << "Salaries1: " << <mark>salaries1</mark> << std::endl;
```

```
#pragma omp for reduction(+: salaries2)
```

```
for (int employee = 0; employee < 25000; employee++)
{
    salaries2 += fetchTheSalary(employee, Co::Company2);
}</pre>
```

std::cout << "Salaries2: " << salaries2 << std::endl;</pre>

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OpenMP Task (3A)

- Tasking was introduced in OpenMP 3.0
- Until then it was <u>impossible</u> to efficiently and easily implement **certain types of parallelism**
- the initial functionality was very **simple** by design
- note that tasks can be **nested**

https://www.openmp.org//wp-content/uploads/sc13.tasking.ruud.pdf

Developer

- Use a **pragma** to specify where the tasks are
- Assume that all tasks can be executed independently

OpenMP runtime system

- when a thread encounters a task construct, a new task is generated
- the **moment** of **execution** of the task is up to the **runtime system**
- execution can either be immediate or delayed
- **completion** of a task can be enforced through **task synchronization**

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The task pragma can be used to explicitly define a task.

Use the task pragma when you want to identify a block of code to be executed in parallel with the code outside the task region.

The task pragma can be useful for parallelizing <u>irregular algorithms</u> such as pointer chasing or recursive algorithms.

The task directive takes effect only if you specify the SMP compiler option.

Tasking – smp option

Symmetric Multi Processing

```
-qnosmp | -qsmp[=suboption[:suboption] [ ... ]]
```

specifies if and how parallelized object code is generated, according to suboption(s) specified:

http://ps-2.kev009.com/wisclibrary/vacpp/batch/ref/ruoptsmp.htm

Tasking – task region

task

a specific instance of executable code and its data environment that the OpenMP implementation can <u>schedule</u> for execution <u>by threads</u>.

task region

A region consisting of all code encountered during the execution of a task.

COMMENT: A **parallel region** consists of one or more **implicit task regions**.

implicit task

A task generated by an **implicit parallel region** or generated when a **parallel construct** is encountered during execution.

https://www.openmp.org/spec-html/5.0/openmpsu5.html

if you specify something as being parallel, OpenMP will create a 'block of work':

a section of code plus the data environment in which it occurred.

This block is set aside for execution at some later point.

The task mechanism allows you to do things that are hard or <u>impossible</u> with the loop and <u>section</u> constructs.

for instance, a loop traversing a linked list can be implemented with tasks:

```
x = f ();  // the variable x gets a value
pragma omp task {  // a task is created with the current value of x
  y = g(x);
}
z = h();  // the variable z gets a value
```

The thread that executes this code segment creates a task, which will later be executed, <u>probably</u> by a <u>different thread</u>. The exact timing of the execution of the task is up to a task scheduler, which <u>operates invisible</u> to the user.

Task example (1)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
{
  printf("A ");
  printf("race ");
  printf("car ");
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
}
$ cc -fast hello.c
$ ./a.out
A race car
$
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
{
  #pragma omp parallel {
    printf("A ");
    printf("race ");
    printf("car ");
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
}
$ cc -xopenmp -fast hello.c
$ export OMP NUM THREADS=2 $
./a.out
A race car A race car
                           or
  "A A race race car car" or
  "A race A car race car" or
```

"A race A race car car"

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OpenMP Task (3A)

Task example (2)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
  #pragma omp parallel {
    #pragma omp single {
      printf("A ");
      printf("race ");
      printf("car ");
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
$ cc -xopenmp –fast hello.c
$ export OMP NUM THREADS=2 $
./a.out
A race car
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
ł
  #pragma omp parallel {
    #pragma omp single {
      printf("A ");
      #pragma omp task { printf("race ");}
      #pragma omp task { printf("car "); }
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
$ cc -xopenmp -fast hello.c
$ export OMP NUM THREADS=2
$ ./a.out A race car
$ ./a.out A race car
$ ./a.out A car race
```

\$

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Task example (3)

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
  #pragma omp parallel
    #pragma omp single
                         - {
      printf("A ");
      #pragma omp task { printf("race ");}
      #pragma omp task { printf("car "); }
      printf("is fun to watch ");
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
$ cc -xopenmp -fast hello.c
$ export OMP NUM THREADS=2
$ ./a.out A is fun to watch race car
$ ./a.out A is fun to watch race car
$ ./a.out
          A is fun to watch car race
$
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
int main(intargc, char *argv[])
  #pragma omp parallel
    #pragma omp single {
      printf("A ");
      #pragma omp task { printf("race "); }
      #pragma omp task { printf("car "); }
      #pragma omp taskwait { printf("is fun to watch "); }
  printf("\n");
  return(0);
$ cc -xopenmp -fast hello.c
$ export OMP NUM THREADS=2
$./a.out
             A race car is fun to watch
```

- ./a.out A race car is fun to watch
- \$./a.out A race car is fun to watch
- \$./a.out A car race is fun to watch

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OpenMP Task (3A)



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With tasks it becomes possible to parallelize processes that did not fit the earlier OpenMP constructs.

For instance, if a certain operation needs to be applied to all elements of a **linked list**, you can have **one thread go down the list**, **#pragrma omp single generating a task** for each element of the list.

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single
{
    p = head of list(); // one t
    while(!end of list(p)) {
        #pragma omp task
        process(p); // a tas
        process(p); // one t
        p = next element(p); // the g
        // the tag
```

// one thread traverses the list

// a task is created,
// one for each element
// the generating thread goes on <u>without waiting</u>
// the tasks are <u>executed while</u> more are being <u>generated</u>.

```
p = head of list();
while(!end of list(p)) {
    #pragma omp task
    process(p);
    p = next element(p);
}
```

// one thread traverses the list

// a task is created,// one for each element// the generating thread goes on without waiting// the tasks are executed while more are being generated.

The way **tasks** and **threads** interact is <u>different</u> from the other worksharing constructs Typically, <u>one thread</u> will <u>generate</u> the <u>tasks</u>, adding them to a <u>queue</u>, from which <u>all threads</u> can <u>take</u> and <u>execute</u> them.



p = head of list(); while(!end of list(p)) { p = next element(p); } process(p1)
process(p2)
process(p3)

OpenMP Task (3A)



```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single
{
....
#pragma omp task
{ ... }
....
}
```

// A parallel region <u>creates</u> a team of **threads**;

// a single thread then creates the tasks,

 $\ensuremath{\textit{//}}\xspace$ adding them to a $\ensuremath{\textbf{queue}}\xspace$ that belongs to the team,

// and all the **threads** in that team

// (possibly including the one that generated the tasks)

Task Data (1)

Treatment of **data in a task** is somewhat subtle. a **task** gets <u>created</u> <u>at one time</u>, and <u>executed</u> <u>at another</u>.

if **shared data** is accessed, does the task see the **value** <u>at creation time</u> or <u>at execution time</u>?

In fact, both possibilities make sense depending on the application

The first rule is that **shared data** is <u>shared in the task</u>, but **private data** becomes <u>code fragments</u>.

In the first example:

Task Data (2)

```
int count = 100;
```

#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single

```
{
```

```
while (count>0) {
#pragma omp task
```

```
{
int countcopy = count;
if (count==50) {
    sleep(1);
    printf("%d,%d\n",count,countcopy);
} // end if
} // end task
```

count--;

- } // end while
- } // end single

the variable **count** declared outside the parallel region is therefore <u>shared</u>.

when the print statement is <u>executed</u>, all **tasks** will have been <u>generated</u>, and so **count** will be **zero**.

Thus, the output will likely be 0,50

Task Data (3)

#pragma omp parallel #pragma omp single

```
ł
```

```
int count = 100;
while (count>0) {
#pragma omp task
```

```
{
int countcopy = count;
if (count==50) {
    sleep(1);
    printf("%d,%d\n",count,countcopy);
  } // end if
} // end task
```

count--;

- } // end while
- } // end single

the count variable <u>private</u> to the thread creating the tasks, will be **firstprivate** in the task, preserving the value that was current when the task was created.

the **firstprivate** variable <u>initialized</u> by the original value when the parallel construct is encountered.

the **lastprivate** variable <u>updated</u> after the end of the parallel construct.

Task Dependency (1)

It is possible to put a partial ordering on tasks through use of the

```
#pragma omp task
x = f()
#pragma omp task
y = g(x)
```

it is conceivable that the second task is executed before the first, possibly leading to an incorrect result. This is remedied by specifying:

```
#pragma omp task depend(out:x)
x = f()
#pragma omp task depend(in:x)
y = g(x)
```

```
for i in [1:N]:
    x[0,i] = some_function_of(i)
    x[i,0] = some_function_of(i)
```

for i in [1:N]: for j in [1:N]: x[i,j] = x[i-1,j]+x[i,j-1]

Observe that the second loop nest is not amenable to OpenMP loop parallelism. Can you think of a way to realize the computation with OpenMP loop parallelism? Hint: you need to rewrite the code so that the same operations are done in a different order. Use tasks with dependencies to make this code parallel without any rewriting: the only change is to add OpenMP directives.

Task Dependency (3)

Tasks dependencies are used to indicated how two uses of one data item relate to each other. Since either use can be a read or a write, there are four types of dependencies.

[RaW (Read after Write)] The second task reads an item that the first task writes. The second task has to be executed after the first:

```
... omp task depend(OUT:x)
foo(x)
... omp task depend( IN:x)
foo(x)
```

[WaR (Write after Read)] The first task reads and item, and the second task overwrites it. The second task has to be executed second to prevent overwriting the initial value:

```
... omp task depend( IN:x)
foo(x)
... omp task depend(OUT:x)
foo(x)
```



Task Dependency (4)

[WaW (Write after Write)] Both tasks set the same variable. Since the variable can be used by an intermediate task, the two writes have to be executed in this order.

```
... omp task depend(OUT:x)
foo(x)
... omp task depend(OUT:x)
foo(x)
```

[RaR (Read after Read)] Both tasks read a variable.

Since neither tasks has an `out' declaration, they can run in either order.

```
... omp task depend(IN:x)
foo(x)
... omp task depend(IN:x)
foo(x)
```
even though the above segment looks like a linear set of statements, it is impossible to say when the code after the task directive will be executed. This means that the following code is incorrect:

x = f(); #pragma omp task { y = g(x); } z = h(y);

Explanation: when the statement computing z is executed, the task computing y has only been scheduled; it has not necessarily been executed yet.

Task Synchronization

In order to have a guarantee that a task is finished, you need the taskwait directive. The following creates two tasks, which can be executed in parallel, and then waits for the results:

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single
{
    while (!tail(p)) {
        p = p->next();
#pragma omp task
        process(p)
    }
#pragma omp taskwait
}
```

Task Synchronization

You can indicate task dependencies in several ways:

Using the **task wait** directive you can explicitly indicate the join of the <u>forked tasks</u>. The instruction after the **wait** directive will therefore be <u>dependent</u> on the <u>spawned tasks</u>.

The **taskgroup** directive, followed by a structured block, ensures <u>completion</u> of all tasks created in the block, even if recursively created.

Each OpenMP task can have a clause, indicating what **data dependency** of the task. By indicating what data is produced or absorbed by the tasks, the **scheduler** can construct the dependency graph for you.

Task group

a **task group** is a <u>code block</u> that can contain **task directives**;

all these **tasks** need to be <u>finished</u> <u>before</u> any statement <u>after</u> the block is executed.

A **task group** is somewhat similar to having a **taskwait** directive <u>after</u> the block.

The big difference is that that **taskwait** directive does <u>not</u> <u>wait</u> for **tasks** that are <u>recursively</u> <u>generated</u>, while a **taskgroup** does.

Taskloop (1)

The **taskloop** pragma is used to <u>specify</u> that the <u>iterations</u> of one or more associated <u>loops</u> are <u>executed</u> in <u>parallel</u> using OpenMP **tasks**.

The iterations are <u>distributed across tasks</u> that are <u>created</u> by the construct and <u>scheduled</u> to be executed.

https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSXVZZ_16.1.1/com.ibm.xlcpp1611.lelinux.doc/compiler_ref/prag_omp_taskloop.html

Taskloop (2)

The **taskloop** construct generates as many as 20 tasks. **num_tasks(20)**

The <u>iterations</u> of the for loop are <u>distributed</u> among the **tasks** generated for the **taskloop** construct.

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```
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```



Taskloop (3)

```
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single
#pragma omp taskloop num_tasks(20)
for (i=0; i<N; i++) {
    arr[i] = i*i;
}</pre>
```



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taskwait

<u>Completion</u> of a subset of all **explicit tasks** bound to a given **parallel** region may be specified through the use of the **taskwait** directive.

The **taskwait** directive specifies a **wait** on the <u>completion</u> of **child tasks** generated since the beginning of the current (implicit or explicit) task.

Note that the **taskwait** directive specifies a **wait** on the <u>completion</u> of <u>direct</u> **children tasks**, <u>not</u> all <u>descendant</u> **tasks**.

```
int main()
#include <stdio.h>
#include <omp.h>
                                                     int n = 10;
int fib(int n)
                                                     omp set dynamic(0);
 int i, j;
                                                     omp set num threads(4);
 if (n<2)
  return n;
                                                     #pragma omp parallel shared(n)
 else
  {
                                                      #pragma omp single
    #pragma omp task shared(i) firstprivate(n)
                                                      printf ("fib(%d) = %d\n", n, fib(n));
    i=fib(n-1);
                                                    }
    #pragma omp task shared(j) firstprivate(n)
    j=fib(n-2);
                                                    % CC -xopenmp -xO3 task example.cc
    #pragma omp taskwait
                                                    % a.out
    return i+j;
                                                   fib(10) = 55
```

The following C/C++ program illustrates how the OpenMP **task** and **taskwait** directives can be used to compute Fibonacci numbers recursively.

In the example, the **parallel** directive denotes a **parallel region** which will be executed by four threads.

In the **parallel** construct, the **single** directive is used to indicate that <u>only one</u> of the **threads** will execute the print statement that calls **fib**(n).



https://docs.oracle.com/cd/E19205-01/820-7883/6nj43o69j/index.html

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The call to **fib**(n) generates two **tasks**, indicated by the task directive.

One of the tasks computes **fib**(n-1) and the other computes **fib**(n-2), and the **return values** are added together to produce the value returned by **fib**(n).

Each of the calls to **fib**(n-1) and **fib**(n-2) will in turn generate two **tasks**.

tasks will be recursively generated until the argument passed to **fib**() is less than 2. #pragma omp task shared(i) firstprivate(n)
i=fib(n-1);

#pragma omp task shared(j) firstprivate(n)
j=fib(n-2);

#pragma omp taskwait
return i+j;

The **taskwait** directive ensures that the two **tasks** generated in an invocation of **fib**(n) are <u>completed</u> (that is. the tasks compute i and j) <u>before</u> that invocation of **fib**(n) returns.

Note that although <u>only one</u> **thread** executes the **single** directive and hence the call to **fib**(n), all four threads will participate in executing the tasks generated #pragma omp task shared(i) firstprivate(n)
i=fib(n-1);

#pragma omp task shared(j) firstprivate(n)
j=fib(n-2);

#pragma omp taskwait
return i+j;

taskloop

```
Int main (int argc, char* argv[])
{
     ***
     #pragma omp parallel
     {
          #pragrma omp single
          {
             fib(input);
          }
        }
        ***
}
```

```
Int fib(int n)
{
    if (n < 2) return n;
    int x, y;</pre>
```

```
#pragma omp task shared(x)
{
    x = fib(n-1);
}
#pragma omp task shared(y)
{
    y = fib(n-2);
}
#pragma omp taskwait;
{
    return x+y;
}
```

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