The GNU OpenMP Implementation

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Introduction 1

Introduction

This manual documents the usage of libgomp, the GNU implementation of the $\overline{\text{OpenMP}}$ Application Programming Interface (API) for multi-platform shared-memory parallel programming in C/C++ and Fortran.

1 Enabling OpenMP

To activate the OpenMP extensions for C/C++ and Fortran, the compile-time flag -fopenmp must be specified. This enables the OpenMP directive #pragma omp in C/C++ and !\$omp directives in free form, c\$omp, *\$omp and !\$omp directives in fixed form, !\$ conditional compilation sentinels in free form and c\$, *\$ and !\$ sentinels in fixed form, for Fortran. The flag also arranges for automatic linking of the OpenMP runtime library (Chapter 2 [Runtime Library Routines], page 5).

A complete description of all OpenMP directives accepted may be found in the OpenMP Application Program Interface manual, version 2.5.

2 Runtime Library Routines

The runtime routines described here are defined by section 3 of the OpenMP specifications in version 2.5.

Control threads, processors and the parallel environment.

Initialize, set, test, unset and destroy simple and nested locks.

Portable, thread-based, wall clock timer.

2.1 omp_get_dynamic - Dynamic teams setting

Description:

This function returns true if enabled, false otherwise. Here, true and false represent their language-specific counterparts.

The dynamic team setting may be initialized at startup by the OMP_DYNAMIC environment variable or at runtime using omp_set_dynamic. If undefined, dynamic adjustment is disabled by default.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_dynamic();

Fortran:

Interface: logical function omp_get_dynamic()

See also: Section 2.8 [omp_set_dynamic], page 7, Section 3.1 [OMP_DYNAMIC], page 13

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.8.

2.2 omp_get_max_threads - Maximum number of threads

Description:

Return the maximum number of threads used for parallel regions that do not use the clause num_threads.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_max_threads();

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_get_max_threads()

See also: Section 2.10 [omp_set_num_threads], page 8, Section 2.8 [omp_set_dynamic],

page 7

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.3.

2.3 omp_get_nested - Nested parallel regions

Description:

This function returns true if nested parallel regions are enabled, false otherwise. Here, true and false represent their language-specific counterparts.

Nested parallel regions may be initialized at startup by the OMP_NESTED environment variable or at runtime using omp_set_nested. If undefined, nested parallel regions are disabled by default.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_nested();

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_get_nested()

See also: Section 2.9 [omp_set_nested], page 8, Section 3.2 [OMP_NESTED], page 13

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.10.

2.4 omp_get_num_procs - Number of processors online

Description:

Returns the number of processors online.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_num_procs();

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_get_num_procs()

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.5.

2.5 omp_get_num_threads - Size of the active team

Description:

The number of threads in the current team. In a sequential section of the program omp_get_num_threads returns 1.

The default team size may be initialized at startup by the OMP_NUM_THREADS environment variable. At runtime, the size of the current team may be set either by the NUM_THREADS clause or by omp_set_num_threads. If none of the above were used to define a specific value and OMP_DYNAMIC is disabled, one thread per CPU online is used.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_num_threads();

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_get_num_threads()

See also: Section 2.2 [omp_get_max_threads], page 5, Section 2.10 [omp_set_num_threads],

page 8, Section 3.3 [OMP_NUM_THREADS], page 13

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.2.

2.6 omp_get_thread_num - Current thread ID

Description:

Unique thread identification number. In a sequential parts of the program, omp_get_thread_num always returns 0. In parallel regions the return value varies from 0 to omp_get_max_threads-1 inclusive. The return value of the master thread of a team is always 0.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_get_thread_num();

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_get_thread_num()

See also: Section 2.2 [omp_get_max_threads], page 5

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.4.

2.7 omp_in_parallel - Whether a parallel region is active

Description:

This function returns true if currently running in parallel, false otherwise. Here, true and false represent their language-specific counterparts.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_in_parallel();

Fortran:

Interface: logical function omp_in_parallel()

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.6.

2.8 omp_set_dynamic - Enable/disable dynamic teams

Description:

Enable or disable the dynamic adjustment of the number of threads within a team. The function takes the language-specific equivalent of true and false, where true enables dynamic adjustment of team sizes and false disables it.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_set_dynamic(int);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_set_dynamic(set)

integer, intent(in) :: set

See also: Section 3.1 [OMP_DYNAMIC], page 13, Section 2.1 [omp_get_dynamic], page 5

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.7.

2.9 omp_set_nested - Enable/disable nested parallel regions

Description:

Enable or disable nested parallel regions, i.e., whether team members are allowed to create new teams. The function takes the language-specific equivalent of true and false, where true enables dynamic adjustment of team sizes and false disables it.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_set_dynamic(int);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_set_dynamic(set)

integer, intent(in) :: set

See also: Section 3.2 [OMP_NESTED], page 13, Section 2.3 [omp_get_nested], page 6

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.9.

2.10 omp_set_num_threads - Set upper team size limit

Description:

Specifies the number of threads used by default in subsequent parallel sections, if those do not specify a num_threads clause. The argument of omp_set_num_threads shall be a positive integer.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_set_num_threads(int);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_set_num_threads(set)

integer, intent(in) :: set

See also: Section 3.3 [OMP_NUM_THREADS], page 13, Section 2.5

 $[omp_get_num_threads], \quad page \quad 6, \quad Section \quad 2.2 \quad [omp_get_max_threads],$

page 5

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.2.1.

2.11 omp_init_lock - Initialize simple lock

Description:

Initialize a simple lock. After initialization, the lock is in an unlocked state.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_init_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_init_lock(lock)

integer(omp_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.15 [omp_destroy_lock], page 10

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.1.

2.12 omp_set_lock - Wait for and set simple lock

Description:

Before setting a simple lock, the lock variable must be initialized by omp_init_lock. The calling thread is blocked until the lock is available. If the lock is already held by the current thread, a deadlock occurs.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_set_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_set_lock(lock)

integer(omp_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.11 [omp_init_lock], page 8, Section 2.13 [omp_test_lock], page 9, Sec-

tion 2.14 [omp_unset_lock], page 9

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.3.

2.13 omp_test_lock - Test and set simple lock if available

Description:

Before setting a simple lock, the lock variable must be initialized by omp_init_lock. Contrary to omp_set_lock, omp_test_lock does not block if the lock is not available. This function returns true upon success,false otherwise. Here, true and false represent their language-specific counterparts.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_test_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_test_lock(lock)

logical(omp_logical_kind) :: omp_test_lock
integer(omp_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.11 [omp_init_lock], page 8, Section 2.12 [omp_set_lock], page 9, Sec-

tion 2.12 [omp_set_lock], page 9

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.5.

2.14 omp_unset_lock - Unset simple lock

Description:

A simple lock about to be unset must have been locked by omp_set_lock or omp_test_lock before. In addition, the lock must be held by the thread calling omp_unset_lock. Then, the lock becomes unlocked. If one ore more threads attempted to set the lock before, one of them is chosen to, again, set the lock for itself.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_unset_lock(omp_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_unset_lock(lock)

integer(omp_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.12 [omp_set_lock], page 9, Section 2.13 [omp_test_lock], page 9

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.4.

2.15 omp_destroy_lock - Destroy simple lock

Description:

Destroy a simple lock. In order to be destroyed, a simple lock must be in the unlocked state.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_destroy_lock(omp_lock_t *);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_destroy_lock(lock)

integer(omp_lock_kind), intent(inout) :: lock

See also: Section 2.11 [omp_init_lock], page 8

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.2.

2.16 omp_init_nest_lock - Initialize nested lock

Description:

Initialize a nested lock. After initialization, the lock is in an unlocked state and the nesting count is set to zero.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_init_nest_lock(omp_nest_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_init_nest_lock(lock)

integer(omp_nest_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.20 [omp_destroy_nest_lock], page 12

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.1.

$2.17 \text{ omp_set_nest_lock} - Wait for and set simple lock}$

Description:

Before setting a nested lock, the lock variable must be initialized by omp_init_nest_lock. The calling thread is blocked until the lock is available. If the lock is already held by the current thread, the nesting count for the lock in incremented.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_set_nest_lock(omp_nest_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_set_nest_lock(lock)

integer(omp_nest_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.16 [omp_init_nest_lock], page 10, Section 2.19 [omp_unset_nest_lock],

page 11

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.3.

2.18 omp_test_nest_lock - Test and set nested lock if available

Description:

Before setting a nested lock, the lock variable must be initialized by omp_init_nest_lock. Contrary to omp_set_nest_lock, omp_test_nest_lock does not block if the lock is not available. If the lock is already held by the current thread, the new nesting count is returned. Otherwise, the return value equals zero.

C/C++:

Prototype: int omp_test_nest_lock(omp_nest_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: integer function omp_test_nest_lock(lock)

integer(omp_integer_kind) :: omp_test_nest_lock
integer(omp_nest_lock_kind), intent(inout) :: lock

See also: Section 2.11 [omp_init_lock], page 8, Section 2.12 [omp_set_lock], page 9, Sec-

tion 2.12 [omp_set_lock], page 9

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.5.

2.19 omp_unset_nest_lock - Unset nested lock

Description:

A nested lock about to be unset must have been locked by omp_set_nested_lock or omp_test_nested_lock before. In addition, the lock must be held by the thread calling omp_unset_nested_lock. If the nesting count drops to zero, the lock becomes unlocked. If one ore more threads attempted to set the lock before, one of them is chosen to, again, set the lock for itself.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_unset_nest_lock(omp_nest_lock_t *lock);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_unset_nest_lock(lock)

integer(omp_nest_lock_kind), intent(out) :: lock

See also: Section 2.17 [omp_set_nest_lock], page 10

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.4.

2.20 omp_destroy_nest_lock - Destroy nested lock

Description:

Destroy a nested lock. In order to be destroyed, a nested lock must be in the unlocked state and its nesting count must equal zero.

C/C++:

Prototype: void omp_destroy_nest_lock(omp_nest_lock_t *);

Fortran:

Interface: subroutine omp_destroy_nest_lock(lock)

integer(omp_nest_lock_kind), intent(inout) :: lock

See also: Section 2.11 [omp_init_lock], page 8

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.3.2.

2.21 omp_get_wtick - Get timer precision

Description:

Gets the timer precision, i.e., the number of seconds between two successive clock ticks.

C/C++:

Prototype: double omp_get_wtick();

Fortran:

Interface: double precision function omp_get_wtick()

See also: Section 2.22 [omp_get_wtime], page 12

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.4.2.

2.22 omp_get_wtime - Elapsed wall clock time

Description:

Elapsed wall clock time in seconds. The time is measured per thread, no guarantee can bee made that two distinct threads measure the same time. Time is measured from some "time in the past". On POSIX compliant systems the seconds since the Epoch (00:00:00 UTC, January 1, 1970) are returned.

C/C++:

Prototype: double omp_get_wtime();

Fortran:

Interface: double precision function omp_get_wtime()

See also: Section 2.21 [omp_get_wtick], page 12

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 3.4.1.

3 Environment Variables

The variables OMP_DYNAMIC, OMP_NESTED, OMP_NUM_THREADS and OMP_SCHEDULE are defined by section 4 of the OpenMP specifications in version 2.5, while GOMP_CPU_AFFINITY and GOMP_STACKSIZE are GNU extensions.

3.1 OMP_DYNAMIC - Dynamic adjustment of threads

Description:

Enable or disable the dynamic adjustment of the number of threads within a team. The value of this environment variable shall be TRUE or FALSE. If undefined, dynamic adjustment is disabled by default.

See also: Section 2.8 [omp_set_dynamic], page 7

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 4.3

3.2 OMP_NESTED - Nested parallel regions

Description:

Enable or disable nested parallel regions, i.e., whether team members are allowed to create new teams. The value of this environment variable shall be TRUE or FALSE. If undefined, nested parallel regions are disabled by default.

See also: Section 2.9 [omp_set_nested], page 8

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 4.4

3.3 OMP_NUM_THREADS - Specifies the number of threads to use

Description:

Specifies the default number of threads to use in parallel regions. The value of this variable shall be positive integer. If undefined one thread per CPU online is used.

See also: Section 2.10 [omp_set_num_threads], page 8

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, section 4.2

3.4 OMP_SCHEDULE - How threads are scheduled

Description:

Allows to specify schedule type and chunk size. The value of the variable shall have the form: type[,chunk] where type is one of static, dynamic or guided. The optional chunk size shall be a positive integer. If undefined, dynamic scheduling and a chunk size of 1 is used.

Reference: OpenMP specifications v2.5, sections 2.5.1 and 4.1

3.5 GOMP_CPU_AFFINITY - Bind threads to specific CPUs

Description:

A patch for this extension has been submitted, but was not yet applied at the time of writing.

Reference: GCC Patches Mailinglist GCC Patches Mailinglist

3.6 GOMP_STACKSIZE - Set default thread stack size

Description:

Set the default thread stack size in kilobytes. This is in opposition to pthread_attr_setstacksize which gets the number of bytes as an argument. If the stacksize can not be set due to system constraints, an error is reported and the initial stacksize is left unchanged. If undefined, the stack size is system dependent.

Reference: GCC Patches Mailinglist, GCC Patches Mailinglist

4 The libgomp ABI

The following sections present notes on the external ABI as presented by libgomp. Only maintainers should need them.

4.1 Implementing MASTER construct

```
if (omp_get_thread_num () == 0)
block
```

Alternately, we generate two copies of the parallel subfunction and only include this in the version run by the master thread. Surely that's not worthwhile though...

4.2 Implementing CRITICAL construct

Without a specified name,

```
void GOMP_critical_start (void);
void GOMP_critical_end (void);
```

so that we don't get COPY relocations from libgomp to the main application.

With a specified name, use omp_set_lock and omp_unset_lock with name being transformed into a variable declared like

```
omp_lock_t gomp_critical_user_<name> __attribute__((common))
```

Ideally the ABI would specify that all zero is a valid unlocked state, and so we wouldn't actually need to initialize this at startup.

4.3 Implementing ATOMIC construct

The target should implement the __sync builtins.

```
Failing that we could add

void GOMP_atomic_enter (void)

void GOMP_atomic_exit (void)
```

which reuses the regular lock code, but with yet another lock object private to the library.

4.4 Implementing FLUSH construct

Expands to the __sync_synchronize builtin.

4.5 Implementing BARRIER construct

```
void GOMP_barrier (void)
```

4.6 Implementing THREADPRIVATE construct

In _most_ cases we can map this directly to __thread. Except that OMP allows constructors for C++ objects. We can either refuse to support this (how often is it used?) or we can implement something akin to .ctors.

Even more ideally, this ctor feature is handled by extensions to the main pthreads library. Failing that, we can have a set of entry points to register ctor functions to be called.

4.7 Implementing PRIVATE clause

In association with a PARALLEL, or within the lexical extent of a PARALLEL block, the variable becomes a local variable in the parallel subfunction.

In association with FOR or SECTIONS blocks, create a new automatic variable within the current function. This preserves the semantic of new variable creation.

4.8 Implementing FIRSTPRIVATE LASTPRIVATE COPYIN and COPYPRIVATE clauses

Seems simple enough for PARALLEL blocks. Create a private struct for communicating between parent and subfunction. In the parent, copy in values for scalar and "small" structs; copy in addresses for others TREE_ADDRESSABLE types. In the subfunction, copy the value into the local variable.

Not clear at all what to do with bare FOR or SECTION blocks. The only thing I can figure is that we do something like

```
#pragma omp for firstprivate(x) lastprivate(y)
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
   body;
which becomes
{
   int x = x, y;
   // for stuff
   if (i == n)
       y = y;
}</pre>
```

where the "x=x" and "y=y" assignments actually have different uids for the two variables, i.e. not something you could write directly in C. Presumably this only makes sense if the "outer" x and y are global variables.

COPYPRIVATE would work the same way, except the structure broadcast would have to happen via SINGLE machinery instead.

4.9 Implementing REDUCTION clause

The private struct mentioned in the previous section should have a pointer to an array of the type of the variable, indexed by the thread's $team_id$. The thread stores its final value into the array, and after the barrier the master thread iterates over the array to collect the values.

4.10 Implementing PARALLEL construct

```
#pragma omp parallel
    {
        body;
    }
becomes
    void subfunction (void *data)
    {
```

```
use data;
body;
}

setup data;
GOMP_parallel_start (subfunction, &data, num_threads);
subfunction (&data);
GOMP_parallel_end ();
void GOMP_parallel_start (void (*fn)(void *), void *data, unsigned num_threads)
```

The FN argument is the subfunction to be run in parallel.

The *DATA* argument is a pointer to a structure used to communicate data in and out of the subfunction, as discussed above with respect to FIRSTPRIVATE et al.

The NUM_THREADS argument is 1 if an IF clause is present and false, or the value of the NUM_THREADS clause, if present, or 0.

The function needs to create the appropriate number of threads and/or launch them from the dock. It needs to create the team structure and assign team ids.

```
void GOMP_parallel_end (void)
```

Tears down the team and returns us to the previous omp_in_parallel() state.

4.11 Implementing FOR construct

```
#pragma omp parallel for
    for (i = lb; i <= ub; i++)
      body;
becomes
     void subfunction (void *data)
      long _s0, _e0;
      while (GOMP_loop_static_next (&_s0, &_e0))
        long _e1 = _e0, i;
        for (i = _s0; i < _e1; i++)
          body;
      GOMP_loop_end_nowait ();
    }
    GOMP_parallel_loop_static (subfunction, NULL, 0, 1b, ub+1, 1, 0);
     subfunction (NULL);
    GOMP_parallel_end ();
     #pragma omp for schedule(runtime)
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
      body;
becomes
      long i, _s0, _e0;
      if (GOMP_loop_runtime_start (0, n, 1, &_s0, &_e0))
          long _e1 = _e0;
           for (i = _s0, i < _e0; i++)
         } while (GOMP_loop_runtime_next (&_s0, _&e0));
```

```
GOMP_loop_end ();
}
```

Note that while it looks like there is trickyness to propagating a non-constant STEP, there isn't really. We're explicitly allowed to evaluate it as many times as we want, and any variables involved should automatically be handled as PRIVATE or SHARED like any other variables. So the expression should remain evaluable in the subfunction. We can also pull it into a local variable if we like, but since its supposed to remain unchanged, we can also not if we like.

If we have SCHEDULE(STATIC), and no ORDERED, then we ought to be able to get away with no work-sharing context at all, since we can simply perform the arithmetic directly in each thread to divide up the iterations. Which would mean that we wouldn't need to call any of these routines.

There are separate routines for handling loops with an ORDERED clause. Bookkeeping for that is non-trivial...

4.12 Implementing ORDERED construct

```
void GOMP_ordered_start (void)
void GOMP_ordered_end (void)
```

4.13 Implementing SECTIONS construct

```
A block as
```

```
#pragma omp sections
       #pragma omp section
       stmt1;
       #pragma omp section
       stmt2;
       #pragma omp section
       stmt3;
becomes
    for (i = GOMP_sections_start (3); i != 0; i = GOMP_sections_next ())
       switch (i)
         {
         case 1:
           stmt1;
           break:
         case 2:
           stmt2:
           break;
         case 3:
           stmt3:
           break;
    GOMP_barrier ();
```

4.14 Implementing SINGLE construct

A block like

```
#pragma omp single
      body;
    }
becomes
    if (GOMP_single_start ())
      body;
    GOMP_barrier ();
while
    #pragma omp single copyprivate(x)
becomes
    datap = GOMP_single_copy_start ();
    if (datap == NULL)
      {
        body;
        data.x = x;
        GOMP_single_copy_end (&data);
      }
      x = datap -> x;
    GOMP_barrier ();
```

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Users of free software systems can boost the pace of development by encouraging forafee distributors to donate part of their selling price to free software developers—the Free Software Foundation, and others.

The way to convince distributors to do this is to demand it and expect it from them. So when you compare distributors, judge them partly by how much they give to free software development. Show distributors they must compete to be the one who gives the most.

To make this approach work, you must insist on numbers that you can compare, such as, "We will donate ten dollars to the Frobnitz project for each disk sold." Don't be satisfied with a vague promise, such as "A portion of the profits are donated," since it doesn't give a basis for comparison.

Even a precise fraction "of the profits from this disk" is not very meaningful, since creative accounting and unrelated business decisions can greatly alter what fraction of the sales price counts as profit. If the price you pay is \$50, ten percent of the profit is probably less than a dollar; it might be a few cents, or nothing at all.

Some redistributors do development work themselves. This is useful too; but to keep everyone honest, you need to inquire how much they do, and what kind. Some kinds of development make much more long-term difference than others. For example, maintaining a separate version of a program contributes very little; maintaining the standard version of a program for the whole community contributes much. Easy new ports contribute little, since someone else would surely do them; difficult ports such as adding a new CPU to the GNU Compiler Collection contribute more; major new features or packages contribute the most.

By establishing the idea that supporting further development is "the proper thing to do" when distributing free software for a fee, we can assure a steady flow of resources into making more free software.

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