An Environment for Interactive Parallel Programming with MPI and OpenMP

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Motivation and Project Goals

- Increasingly more students and fields of study are interested in parallel programming and data analysis
  - Learning success and motivation increase when effects of parallelism are experienced directly
  - Challenge: technical barriers

- Access to Linux systems via the command line, using a batch system, using many new dev tools, ...
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- OpenMP: de-facto standard for shared memory parallelization with threads and tasks
- MPI: de-facto standard for distributed memory message-passing parallelization

In [1]: #include <iostream>

In [2]: std::cout << "Test" << std::endl;
   Test

In [3]: #include <omp.h>
   #pragma clang load("/usr/lib/libomp.so")

In [4]: int r = 0;

In [5]: r = 0;
   #pragma omp parallel reduction(+:r)
   {
     r += omp_get_num_threads();
   }
   r

Out[5]: 16

- Interactive C++
- Enabling OpenMP
- OpenMP example: 4 threads
  - Reduction on variable r
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- Interactive demonstration of and experiment with key concepts of parallel programming

```cpp
In [19]:
#pragma omp parallel
#pragma omp single
{
    std::cout << "Hello from single" << std::endl;

    int a;
#pragma omp task depend(out: a)
    {
        std::cout << "Hello from task 1" << std::endl;
    }
#pragma omp task depend(in: a)
    {
        std::cout << "Hello from task 2" << std::endl;
    }
#pragma omp taskwait
    std::cout << "Hello after taskwait" << std::endl;
}
```

- OpenMP example: tasking
  - Two tasks
  - Ordered via `depend` clauses
  - Synchronized via `taskwait`
Interactive MPI

In [1]: #include <stdio.h>
   #include <mpi.h>

In [2]: void exchange_info() {
   int rank, size;
   MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);

   int other = 1 - rank;
   int data = rank;
   MPI_Send(&data, 1, MPI_INT, other, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
   MPI_Recv(&data, 1, MPI_INT, other, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, MPI_STATUS_IGNORE);
   printf("rank %d received %d from rank %d\n", rank, data, other);
}

In [3]: #executable mpi.x -- -lmpi
   MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);
   exchange_info();
   MPI_Finalize();

   Writing executable to mpi.x

In [4]: !mpiexec -np 2 ./mpi.x
   rank 0 received 1 from rank 1
   rank 1 received 0 from rank 0

- Enabling MPI
- Building an MPI program
- Executing an MPI program
Interactive Correctness Checking

- MUST / ThreadSanitizer: Correctness Checking of MPI / multi-threaded parallel programs
- Did you notice the problem in the code on the previous slide? It could potentially deadlock!

```
In [5]: !mustrun -np 2 ./mpi.x

[MUST] MUST configuration ... centralized checks with fall-back application crash handling (very slow)
[MUST] Information: overwriting old intermediate data in directory "/rwthfs/rz/cluster/home/jh366276/IkapP/must_temp"
[MUST] Generating P^nMPI configuration ... success
[MUST] Search for linked P^nMPI ... not found ... using LD_PRELOAD to load P^nMPI ... success
[MUST] Executing application:
  rank 0 received 1 from rank 1
  rank 1 received 0 from rank 0

ERROR: MUST detected a deadlock, detailed information is available in the MUST output file. You should either investigate details with a debugger or abort, the operation of MUST will stop from now.

After execution, see results in MUST_Output.html (.\MUST_Output.html)
```

- Executing an MPI program with MUST
- Explanation of possible error
- Detailed report w/ graphical explanation
Implementation
Cling & xeus-cling: C++ in Jupyter

- Cling: interactive C++ interpreter
  - Developed by CERN & Fermilab for the ROOT data analysis framework
  - Uses Clang to parse Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)
  - Invokes LLVM’s just-in-time (JIT) compilation & execution

- xeus-cling: C++ kernel for Jupyter
  - Sends code from notebook cells to Cling
  - Cling parses code and hands to JIT
  - Result is transferred back to user

More information: https://root.cern/cling/ (logo: CC BY 4.0)
https://xeus-cling.readthedocs.io/
Enabling OpenMP

- Clang supports OpenMP via `-fopenmp`
  - Add to arguments in `kernel.json`
  - Install LLVM OpenMP runtime next to Cling / xeus-cling

- Load OpenMP runtime in the notebook:
  - `#pragma cling load("libomp.so")`
  - `#include <omp.h>`

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More information: https://openmp.llvm.org/
Support for `[f]printf` in xeus-cling / 1

- Muscle memory for many HPC developers:
  - Use `[f]printf` instead of C++ streams (std::cout, std::cerr)
  - But output not redirected with xeus-cling ([jupyter-xeus/xeus-cling#112](https://jupyter-xeus/xeus-cling#112))

```
In [1]: printf("Hello FOSDEM!");
```

- Redirection worked fine with std::cout and std::cerr
  - Reason: Can replace buffer of C++ streams
Support for [f]printf in xeus-cling / 2

- Proposed solution: jupyter-xeus/xeus-cling#315
  - Inject custom implementation of [f]printf
  - Pass formatted string to std::cout, std::cerr, redirected to user
  - Merged 76 minutes after putting up the PR (issue had been open for more than 2 years)
Support for MPI Programs – inside JIT?

- MPI for distributed parallelism
  - Requires starting multiple processes
  - Naive approach: fork()

- Difficult for multiple reasons:
  - Communication with MPI library
    - Process discovery
    - Multiple MPI_Init + MPI_Finalize
    - Keep processes alive across cells?
  - Integration with Cling & Jupyter
    - Interpret new code in all processes?
  - Limited to one machine, no “distributed”
Support for MPI Programs – via Executables!

- Our approach: teach xeus-cling to dump executables
  - Define current cell as main()
  - Query current AST from Cling
  - Use clang::CodeGenerator to generate LLVM IR
  - Use LLVM backend to produce an object file
  - Link object file to an executable
- Implementation: around 200 lines of code interfacing the APIs

```
In [2]: %writeable mpi.x -- -lmpi
   MPI_Init(NULL, NULL);
   int rank;
   MPI_Comm rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
   printf("Hello from rank %d\n", rank);
   MPI_Finalize();

   Writing executable to mpi.x
```
Support for MPI Programs – Launching Executables

- Launch executable with mpiexec: business as usual!

```c
In [2]: 

%%executable mpi.x -- -lmpi
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int rank;
MPI_Comm_rank(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &rank);
printf("Hello from rank %d\n", rank);
MPI_Finalize();

Writing executable to mpi.x

In [3]: 

mpiexec -np 4 ./mpi.x

Hello from rank 1
Hello from rank 2
Hello from rank 3
Hello from rank 0
```
Interactive Correctness Analysis: ThreadSanitizer

- Instrumentation would be hard in JIT
  - Sanitizer output at process termination
  - Cannot instrument already generated code

- Feasible extension with support for dumping executables
  - Parse flags from the user
  - Enable sanitizer & debug information if requested

```python
In [2]: # executable tsan.x -- -fsanitize=thread
int a = 0;
auto t = std::thread([&] { a++; });
a++;
t.join();

Enabling instrumentation for ThreadSanitizer
Writing executable to tsan.x
```

```bash
In [3]: ./tsan.x
```

WARNING: ThreadSanitizer: data race (pid=623)
Write of size 4 at 0x7ffdc0d157c by main thread:
Interactive Correctness Analysis: ThreadSanitizer for OpenMP

- Extension to OpenMP:
  - “Archer” library part of the LLVM OpenMP runtime
  - Developed in collaboration between RWTH Aachen University and DoE labs
  - Makes OpenMP semantics available to ThreadSanitizer
    → Avoid false-positives

```python
In [2]: %executable tsan-omp.x -- -fopenmp -fsanitize=thread
int r = 0;
#pragma omp parallel num_threads(4) reduction(+:r)
{
    r +=omp_get_num_threads();
}
printf("r = %d\n", r);
Enabling instrumentation for ThreadSanitizer
Writing executable to tsan-omp.x
```

```bash
In [3]: !TSAN_OPTIONS='ignore_noninstrumented_modules=1' ./tsan-omp.x
r = 16
```
Interactive Correctness Analysis: MUST for MPI Programs

- MUST: runtime correctness analysis for MPI
  - Developed by TU Dresden and RWTH Aachen University
  - Checks for common classes of errors

More information: https://itc.rwth-aachen.de/must/

- Usage: replace mpiexec/mpirun by mustrun

```bash
In [4]: mustrun -np 4 ./mpi.x
```

```
[MUST] MUST configuration ... centralized checks with fall-back application crash handling (very slow)
[MUST] Information: overwriting old intermediate data in directory "/home/jovyan/must_temp"
[MUST] Weaver ... success
[MUST] Code generation ... success
[MUST] Build file generation ... success
[MUST] Configuring intermediate build ... success
[MUST] Building intermediate sources ... success
[MUST] Installing intermediate modules ... success
[MUST] Generating P"nMPI configuration ... success
[MUST] Search for linked P"nMPI ... not found ... using LD_PRELOAD to load P"nMPI ... success
[MUST] Executing application:
Hello from rank 1
Hello from rank 2
Hello from rank 3
Hello from rank 0
[MUST] Execution finished, inspect "/home/jovyan/MUST_Output.html"
```
Summary
• jupyter-based environment for interactive C/C++ OpenMP and MPI parallel programming
  • Developed with funding from IkapP project

• In use for teaching
  • Kubernetes-based infrastructure at jupyter.rwth-aachen.de (only for members of RWTH)
  • Live illustrations in lectures on
    • High-Performance Computing
    • Parallel and Data-centric Programming
  • Corresponding exercises can be done classically or in the new environment
  • Environment was designed without a pandemic in mind, but proved to be an excellent tool

• All components are open source, all patches got accepted