

Intel® MPI Library Developer Reference for Linux* OS

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Documentation for older versions of the Intel® MPI Library are available for download only. For a list of available documentation downloads by product version, see Download Documentation for Intel Parallel Studio XE. To download the previous versions of Intel MPI Library documentation, refer to this page.

What's New

This Developer Reference provides you with the complete reference for the Intel MPI Library. It is intended to help a user fully utilize the Intel MPI Library functionality. For examples and detailed functionality description, please refer to the Intel MPI Library Developer Guide.

The following are some popular topics in the Intel MPI Library Developer Reference:

Command Reference

Command Reference provides reference information on compilation and runtime commands (mpirun, cpuinfo, impi_info) and describes how to use these commands.

Environment Variable Reference

Environment Variable Reference provides syntax, arguments, and descriptions for Fabrics Control, Tuning, Autotuning, Process Pinning, and I_MPI_ADJUST Family environment variables.

Global Options and Environment Variables for mpiexec.hydra

Describes the Global Options and provides Environment Variables used with the Hydra process manager.

mpitune_fast

mpitune_fast tunes the Intel MPI Library to the cluster configuration using the Autotuning functionality.

Mpitune Configuration Options

Tune your MPI application with the mpitune utility.

Introduction

This Developer Reference provides you with the complete reference for the Intel® MPI Library. It is intended to help an experienced user fully utilize the Intel MPI Library functionality. You can freely redistribute this document in any desired form.

Document Organization

| Section | Description |
|---|---|
| Section 1.Introduction | Introduces this document and the Intel MPI Library. |
| Section 2.Command Reference | Describes compilation and job startup commands and their options. |
| Section 3. Environment Variable Reference | Describes environment variables . |
| Section 4.Miscellaneous | Contains information not related to the sections above. |

Introducing Intel® MPI Library

Intel® MPI Library is a multi-fabric message passing library that implements the Message Passing Interface, v3.1 (MPI-3.1) specification. It provides a standard library across Intel® platforms that enable adoption of MPI-3.1 functions as their needs dictate.

Intel® MPI Library enables developers to change or to upgrade processors and interconnects as new technology becomes available without changes to the software or to the operating environment.

You can get the latest information for the Intel® MPI Library at https://software.intel.com/intel-mpi-library.

What's New

This page lists changes to the product that are reflected in the documentation. For a list of all changes, refer to the Release Notes.

Intel® MPI Library 2021.6 (Intel® oneAPI 2022.2)

- I MPI OFFLOAD enables all GPU features including Intel MPI GPU pinning
- Multi-rail support: I_MPI_MULTIRAIL enables multi-rail capability and is used to identify NICs serviced by the provider and to pick one on the same NUMA.

Intel® oneAPI 2021.5

- Converged release and release_mt libraries. All features previously available in release_mt only are available in release library.
- Added hcoll argument for I MPI COLL EXTERNAL.
- Added -prepend-timestamp option to Global Options topic.
- Added I MPI COLL DIRECT variable to I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables topic.

Intel® oneAPI 2021.4

• Changed the I MPI STARTUP MODE default value to pmi shm netmod.

Intel® oneAPI 2021.3

- Changed the default pinning order to bunch.
- Added new value for the I_MPI_SHM variable (icx).

Additionally, minor updates have been made to fix inaccuracies in the document and improve user experience.

Intel® oneAPI 2021.2

· No documentation changes.

Intel® oneAPI Gold

- Removed all content specific to Intel® Parallel Studio XE (see notice on title page).
- Added Intel® Ethernet 800 Series support.
- Added MPI + OpenMP offload examples.
- Added new algorithm for MPI_Sendrecv_replace (I_MPI_ADJUST_SENDRECV_REPLACE=2).
- Added I_MPI OFFLOAD variable to GPU Support topic.
- Reworked directory layout:
 - Removed intel64/.
 - Mpivars.[c]sh and mpi modulefile moved to env/.
 - Mpivars.[c]sh renamed to vars.[c]sh.
- · Removed deprecated symbolic links.
- Removed static libraries for debug configurations.

Notational Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document.

| This type style | Document names |
|--------------------------------|---|
| This type style | Hyperlinks |
| This type style | Commands, arguments, options, file names |
| THIS_TYPE_STYLE | Environment variables |
| <this style="" type=""></this> | Variables or placeholders for actual values |
| [items] | Optional items |
| { item item } | Selectable items separated by vertical bar(s) |

Related Information

Description of some of the Intel® MPI Library functionality is available in man1 pages: mpiexec.hydra, hydra_nameserver, and compiler wrappers.

The following related documents that might be useful to the user:

- Product Web Site
- Intel® MPI Library Support
- Intel® Cluster Tools Products
- Intel® Software Development Products

Command Reference



This section provides information on different command types and how to use these commands:

- Compilation Commands lists the available Intel® MPI Library compiler commands, related options, and environment variables.
- mpirun provides the description and examples for the mpirun command.
- mpiexec.hydra gives full information on the mpiexec.hydra command, its options, environment variables, and related features and utilities.
- cpuinfo provides the syntax, arguments, description and output examples for the cpuinfo utility.
- impi_info provides information on available environment variables.
- mpitune_fast provides information on configuration options for the mpitune fast utility.
- mpitune provides information on configuration options for the mpitune utility.

Compiler Commands

The following table lists the available Intel® MPI Library compiler commands with their underlying compilers and programming languages.

Intel MPI Library Compiler Wrappers

| Compiler Command | Default Compiler | Supported Languages |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Generic Compilers | | |
| mpicc | gcc, cc | С |
| mpicxx | g++ | C/C++ |
| mpifc | gfortran | Fortran77*/Fortran 95* |
| GNU* Compilers | | |
| mpigcc | gcc | С |
| mpigxx | g++ | C/C++ |
| mpif77 | gfortran | Fortran 77 |
| mpif90 | gfortran | Fortran 95 |
| Intel® Fortran, C++ Compile | rs | |
| mpiicc | icc | С |
| mpiicpc | icpc | C++ |
| mpiifort | ifort | Fortran77/Fortran 95 |

Notes on Compiler Commands

- Compiler commands are available only in the Intel MPI Library Software Development Kit (SDK).
- For the supported versions of the listed compilers, refer to the Intel® MPI Library System Requirements.
- To display mini-help of a compiler command, execute it without any parameters.
- Compiler wrapper scripts are located in the <install-dir>/bin directory, where <install-dir> is the Intel MPI Library installation directory.
- The environment settings can be established by sourcing the <install-dir>/env/vars.[c]sh script. To use a specific library configuration, pass one of the following arguments to the script to switch to the corresponding configuration: release or debug.
- Ensure that the corresponding underlying compiler is already in your PATH. If you use Intel® compilers, source the vars.sh script from the installation directory to set up the compiler environment.

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Compilation Command Options

-nostrip

Use this option to turn off the debug information stripping while linking the Intel® MPI Library statically.

-config=<name>

Use this option to source a compiler configuration file. The file should contain the environment settings to be used with the specified compiler.

Use the following naming convention for configuration files:

```
<install-dir>/etc/mpi<compiler>-<name>.conf
```

where:

- <compiler>={cc, cxx, f77, f90}, depending on the language compiled.
- <name> is the name of the underlying compiler with spaces replaced by hyphens; for example, the <name> value for cc -64 is cc--64.

-profile=profile_name>

Use this option to specify an MPI profiling library. $<profile_name>$ is the name of the configuration file (profile) that loads the corresponding profiling library. The profiles are taken from <install-dir>/etc.

The Intel MPI Library comes with several predefined profiles for the Intel® Trace Collector:

- <install-dir>/etc/vt.conf regular tracing library
- <install-dir>/etc/vtfs.conf fail-safe tracing library
- <install-dir>/etc/vtmc.conf correctness checking tracing library
- <install-dir>/etc/vtim.conf load imbalance tracing library

You can also create your own profile as conf. You can define the following environment variables in a configuration file:

- PROFILE PRELIB libraries (and paths) to load before the Intel MPI Library
- PROFILE POSTLIB libraries to load after the Intel MPI Library
- PROFILE INCPATHS C preprocessor arguments for any include files

For example, create a file myprof.conf with the following lines:

```
PROFILE_PRELIB="-L<path_to_myprof>/lib -lmyprof"
PROFILE_INCPATHS="-I<paths_to_myprof>/include"
```

Use the -profile=myprof option for the relevant compiler wrapper to select this new profile.

-t or -trace

Use the -t or -trace option to link the resulting executable file against the Intel® Trace Collector library. Using this option has the same effect as the -profile=vt option.

You can also use the <code>I_MPI_TRACE_PROFILE</code> environment variable to <code><profile_name></code> to specify another profiling library. For example, set <code>I_MPI_TRACE_PROFILE</code> to <code>vtfs</code> to link against the fail-safe version of the Intel Trace Collector.

To use this option, include the installation path of the Intel® Trace Collector in the VT_ROOT environment variable. Source the vars.[c]sh script provided in the Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector installation folder.

-trace-imbalance

Use the -trace-imbalance option to link the resulting executable file against the load imbalance tracing library of Intel Trace Collector. Using this option has the same effect as the -profile=vtim option.

To use this option, include the installation path of the Intel Trace Collector in the VT_ROOT environment variable. Source the vars.[c]sh script provided in the Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector installation folder.

-check mpi

Use this option to link the resulting executable file against the Intel® Trace Collector correctness checking library. The default value is libVTmc.so. Using this option has the same effect as the -profile=vtmc option.

You can also use the <code>I_MPI_CHECK_PROFILE</code> environment variable to <code><profile_name></code> to specify another checking library.

To use this option, include the installation path of the Intel Trace Collector in the VT_ROOT environment variable. Source the vars.[c]sh script provided in the Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector installation folder.

-ilp64

Use this option to enable partial ILP64 support. All integer arguments of the Intel MPI Library are treated as 64-bit values in this case.

-no ilp64

Use this option to disable the ILP64 support explicitly. This option must be used in conjunction with -i8 option of Intel® Fortran Compiler.

If you specify the -i8 option for the separate compilation with Intel Fortran Compiler, you still have to use the i8 or i1p64 option for linkage.

-dynamic_log

Use this option in combination with the -t option to link the Intel Trace Collector library dynamically. This option does not affect the default linkage method for other libraries.

To run the resulting programs, include \$VT ROOT/slib in the LD LIBRARY PATH environment variable.

-g

Use this option to compile a program in debug mode and link the resulting executable file against the debugging version of the Intel MPI Library. See I_MPI_DEBUG for information on how to use additional debugging features with the -g builds.

The optimized library is linked with the -g option by default.

Use vars. {sh|csh} [debug|debug mt] at runtime to load a particular libmpi.so configuration.

-link mpi=<arg>

Use this option to always link the specified version of the Intel MPI Library. See the I_MPI_LINK environment variable for detailed argument descriptions. This option overrides all other options that select a specific library .

Use vars. {sh|csh} [debug|debug mt] during runtime to load particular libmpi.so configuration.

-0

Use this option to enable compiler optimization.

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-fast

Use this option to maximize speed across the entire program. This option forces static linkage method for the Intel MPI Library.

This option is supported only by the mpiicc, mpiicpc, and mpiifort Intel® compiler wrappers.

-echo

Use this option to display everything that the command script does.

-show

Use this option to learn how the underlying compiler is invoked, without actually running it. Use the following command to see the required compiler flags and options:

```
$ mpiicc -show -c test.c
```

Use the following command to see the required link flags, options, and libraries:

```
$ mpiicc -show -o a.out test.o
```

This option is particularly useful for determining the command line for a complex build procedure that directly uses the underlying compilers.

-show env

Use this option to see the environment settings in effect when the underlying compiler is invoked.

-{cc,cxx,fc}=<compiler>

Use this option to select the underlying compiler. The tables below list the available LLVM and ILO compiler options and commands used to invoke them.

LLVM Compiler Options for Intel® oneAPI

| Language/Model | Product Name | Compiler Driver | Compiler Wrapper | Command | Example |
|----------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|------------|--|
| С | Intel [®] oneAPI DPC++/C++ Compiler | icx | mpiicc | -cc=icx | \$ mpiicc -cc=icx -c test.c |
| C++ | Intel [®] oneAPI DPC++/C++ C | icpx | mpiicpc | -cxx=icpx | <pre>\$ mpiicpc - cxx=icpx -c test.cpp</pre> |
| SYCL*/DPC++ | Intel [®] oneAPI DPC++/C++ Compiler | dpcpp | mpiicpc | -cxx=dpcpp | \$ mpiicpc - cxx=dpcpp - c test.cpp |
| Fortran | Intel [®] oneAPI Fortran Compiler | ifx | mpiifort | -fc=ifx | \$ mpiifort -fc=ifx -c test. |

NOTE Make sure that the wrapper name is in your PATH. Alternatively, you can specify the full path to the compiler.

-nofortbind, -nofortran

Use this option to disable mpiicc linking with Fortran bindings. This has the same effect as the I MPI FORT BIND variable.

-v

Use this option to print the compiler wrapper script version and its underlying compiler version.

-norpath

Use this option to disable rpath for the compiler wrapper for the Intel® MPI Library.

mpirun

Launches an MPI job and provides integration with job schedulers.

Syntax

mpirun <options>

Arguments

| <options></options> | mpiexec.hydra options as described in the |
|---------------------|---|
| | <pre>mpiexec.hydra section. This is the default operation</pre> |
| | mode. |

Description

Use this command to launch an MPI job. The mpirun command uses Hydra as the underlying process manager.

The mpirun command detects if the MPI job is submitted from within a session allocated using a job scheduler like Torque*, PBS Pro*, LSF*, Parallelnavi* NQS*, Slurm*, Univa* Grid Engine*, or LoadLeveler*. The mpirun command extracts the host list from the respective environment and uses these nodes automatically according to the above scheme.

In this case, you do not need to create a host file. Allocate the session using a job scheduler installed on your system, and use the mpirun command inside this session to run your MPI job.

Example

```
$ mpirun -n <# of processes> ./myprog
```

This command invokes the mpiexec.hydra command (Hydra process manager), which launches the myprog executable.

mpiexec.hydra

Launches an MPI job using the Hydra process manager.

Syntax

```
mpiexec.hydra<g-options> <l-options> <executable>
```

or

mpiexec.hydra<g-options> <l-options> <executable1> : <l-options> <executable2>

Arguments

| <g-options></g-options> | Global options that apply to all MPI processes |
|---------------------------|---|
| <i-options></i-options> | Local options that apply to a single argument set |
| <executable></executable> | ./a.out or path/ name of the executable file |

Description

Use the mpiexec.hydra utility to run MPI applications using the Hydra process manager.

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Use the first short command-line syntax to start all MPI processes of the <executable> with the single set of arguments. For example, the following command executes a.out over the specified processes and hosts:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -f <hostfile> -n <# of processes> ./a.out
```

where:

- <# of processes> specifies the number of processes on which to run the a.out executable
- <hostfile> specifies a list of hosts on which to run the a.out executable

Use the second long command-line syntax to set different argument sets for different MPI program runs. For example, the following command executes two different binaries with different argument sets:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -f <hostfile> -env <VAR1> <VAL1> -n 2 ./a.out : \
-env <VAR2> <VAL2> -n 2 ./b.out
```

NOTE You need to distinguish global options from local options. In a command-line syntax, place the local options after the global options.

Global Hydra Options

This section describes the global options of the Intel® MPI Library's Hydra process manager. Global options are applied to all arguments sets in the launch command. Argument sets are separated by a colon ':'.

-tune <filename>

Use this option to specify the file name that contains the tuning data in a binary format.

-usize <usize>

Use this option to set MPI UNIVERSE SIZE, which is available as an attribute of the MPI COMM WORLD.

| <size></size> | Define the universe size |
|-----------------|---|
| SYSTEM | Set the size equal to the number of cores passed to mpiexec through the |
| | hostfile or the resource manager. |
| INFINITE | Do not limit the size. This is the default value. |
| <value></value> | Set the size to a numeric value ≥ 0 . |

-hostfile <hostfile> or -f <hostfile>

Use this option to specify host names on which to run the application. If a host name is repeated, this name is used only once.

See also the I MPI HYDRA HOST FILE environment variable for more details.

NOTE Use the following options to change the process placement on the cluster nodes:

- Use the -perhost, -ppn, and -grr options to place consecutive MPI processes on every host using the round robin scheduling.
- Use the -rr option to place consecutive MPI processes on different hosts using the round robin scheduling.

-machinefile <machine file> or -machine <machine file>

Use this option to control process placement through a machine file. To define the total number of processes to start, use the -n option. For example:

```
$ cat ./machinefile
node0:2
node1:2
node0:1
```

-hosts-group

Use this option to set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes (like in Slurm* Workload Manager). For more details, see the I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-silent-abort

Use this option to disable abort warning messages.

For more details, see the I MPI SILENT ABORT environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-nameserver

Use this option to specify the nameserver in the hostname:port format.

For more details, see the I MPI HYDRA NAMESERVER environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-genv <ENVVAR> <value>

Use this option to set the <ENVVAR> environment variable to the specified <value> for all MPI processes.

-genvall

Use this option to enable propagation of all environment variables to all MPI processes.

-genvnone

Use this option to suppress propagation of any environment variables to any MPI processes.

NOTE The option does not work for localhost.

-genvexcl < list of env var names>

Use this option to suppress propagation of the listed environment variables to any MPI processes.

-genvlist < list >

Use this option to pass a list of environment variables with their current values. <1ist> is a comma separated list of environment variables to be sent to all MPI processes.

-pmi-connect <mode>

Use this option to choose the caching mode of process management interface (PMI) message. Possible values for <mode> are:

| <mode></mode> | The caching mode to be used |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| nocache | Do not cache PMI messages. |

| cache | Cache PMI messages on the local pmi_proxy management processes to minimize the number of PMI requests. Cached information is automatically propagated to child management processes. |
|------------|---|
| lazy-cache | cache mode with on-request propagation of the PMI information. |
| alltoall | Information is automatically exchanged between all pmi_proxy before any get request can be done. This is the default mode. |

See the I MPI HYDRA PMI CONNECT environment variable for more details.

-perhost <# of processes >, -ppn <# of processes >, or -grr <# of processes>

Use this option to place the specified number of consecutive MPI processes on every host in the group using round robin scheduling. See the I MPI PERHOST environment variable for more details.

NOTE When running under a job scheduler, these options are ignored by default. To be able to control process placement with these options, disable the <code>I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT</code> variable.

-rr

Use this option to place consecutive MPI processes on different hosts using the round robin scheduling. This option is equivalent to "-perhost 1". See the I MPI PERHOST environment variable for more details.

-trace [<profiling library>] or -t [<profiling library>]

Use this option to profile your MPI application with Intel® Trace Collector using the indicated cprofiling_library>. If you do not specify cprofiling_library>, the default profiling library libVT.so is used.

Set the I MPI JOB TRACE LIBS environment variable to override the default profiling library.

-trace-imbalance

Use this option to profile your MPI application with Intel® Trace Collector using the libVTim.so library.

-aps

Use this option to collect statistics from your MPI application using Application Performance Snapshot. The collected data includes hardware performance metrics, memory consumption data, internal MPI imbalance and OpenMP* imbalance statistics. When you use this option, a new folder <code>aps_result_<date>-<time></code> with statistics data is generated. You can analyze the collected data with the <code>aps</code> utility, for example:

```
$ mpirun -aps -n 2 ./myApp
$ aps aps_result_20171231_235959
```

NOTE

- 1. To use this option, set up the Application Performance Snapshot environment beforehand. See the tool's https://software.intel.com/content/www/us/en/develop/documentation/application-snapshot-user-guide/top.html*User Guide*.
- 2. If you use the options -trace or -check mpi, the -aps option is ignored.

-mps

Use this option to collect only MPI and OpenMP* statistics from your MPI application using Application Performance Snapshot. Unlike the <code>-aps</code> option, <code>-mps</code> doesn't collect hardware metrics. The option is equivalent to:

```
$ mpirun -n 2 aps -c mpi,omp ./myapp
```

-trace-pt2pt

Use this option to collect the information about point-to-point operations using Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector. The option requires that you also use the -trace option.

-trace-collectives

Use this option to collect the information about collective operations using Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector. The option requires that you also use the -trace option.

NOTE

Use the -trace-pt2pt and -trace-collectives to reduce the size of the resulting trace file or the number of message checker reports. These options work with both statically and dynamically linked applications.

-configfile <filename>

Use this option to specify the file $\langle filename \rangle$ that contains the command-line options with one executable per line. Blank lines and lines that start with '#' are ignored. Other options specified in the command line are treated as global.

You can specify global options in configuration files loaded by default (mpiexec.conf in <installdir>/etc, ~/.mpiexec.conf, and mpiexec.conf in the working directory). The remaining options can be specified in the command line.

-branch-count < num>

Use this option to restrict the number of child management processes launched by the Hydra process manager, or by each $pmi\ proxy$ management process.

See the I MPI HYDRA BRANCH COUNT environment variable for more details.

-pmi-aggregate or -pmi-noaggregate

Use this option to switch on or off, respectively, the aggregation of the PMI requests. The default value is -pmi-aggregate, which means the aggregation is enabled by default.

See the I MPI HYDRA PMI AGGREGATE environment variable for more details.

-gdb

Use this option to run an executable under GDB* (GNU debugger). You can use the following command:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -gdb -n <# of processes><executable>
```

-gdba <pid>

Use this option to attach the GNU* debugger to the existing MPI job. You can use the following command:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -gdba <pid>
```

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-nolocal

Use this option to avoid running the <executable> on the host where mpiexec.hydra is launched. You can use this option on clusters that deploy a dedicated main node for starting the MPI jobs and a set of dedicated compute nodes for running the actual MPI processes.

-hosts < nodelist>

Use this option to specify a particular <nodelist> on which the MPI processes should be run. For example, the following command runs the executable a.out on the hosts host1 and host2:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -n 2 -ppn 1 -hosts host1,host2 ./a.out
```

NOTE If <nodelist> contains only one node, this option is interpreted as a local option. See Local Options for details.

-iface <interface>

Use this option to choose the appropriate network interface. For example, if the IP emulation of your InfiniBand* network is configured to ib0, you can use the following command.

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -n 2 -iface ib0 ./a.out
```

See the I MPI HYDRA IFACE environment variable for more details.

-demux <mode>

Use this option to set the polling mode for multiple I/O. The default value is poll.

Arguments

| <spec></spec> | Define the polling mode for multiple I/O |
|---------------|--|
| poll | Set poll as the polling mode. This is the default value. |
| select | Set select as the polling mode. |

See the I_MPI_HYDRA_DEMUX environment variable for more details.

-enable-x or -disable-x

Use this option to control the Xlib* traffic forwarding. The default value is <code>-disable-x</code>, which means the Xlib traffic is not forwarded.

-l, -prepend-rank

Use this option to insert the MPI process rank at the beginning of all lines written to the standard output.

-ilp64

Use this option to preload the ILP64 interface.

-s <spec>

Use this option to direct standard input to the specified MPI processes.

Arguments

| <spec></spec> | Define MPI process ranks |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| all | Use all processes. |

| none | Do not direct standard output to any processes. |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <1>, <m>,<n></n></m> | Specify an exact list and use processes $<1>$, $$ and $$ only. The default value is zero. |
| <k>,<l>-<m>,<n></n></m></l></k> | Specify a range and use processes $< k>$, $< 1>$ through $< m>$, and $< n>$. |

-noconf

Use this option to disable processing of the mpiexec.hydra configuration files.

-ordered-output

Use this option to avoid intermingling of data outut from the MPI processes. This option affects both the standard output and the standard error streams.

NOTE When using this option, end the last output line of each process with the end-of-line \n' character. Otherwise the application may stop responding.

-path <directory>

Use this option to specify the path to the executable file.

-tmpdir <dir>

Use this option to set a directory for temporary files. See the I_MPI_TMPDIR environment variable for more details.

-version or -V

Use this option to display the version of the Intel® MPI Library.

-info

Use this option to display build information of the Intel® MPI Library. When this option is used, the other command line arguments are ignored.

-localhost

Use this option to explicitly specify the local host name for the launching node.

-rmk <RMK>

Use this option to select a resource management kernel to be used. Intel® MPI Library only supports pbs.

See the I MPI HYDRA RMK environment variable for more details.

-outfile-pattern <file>

Use this option to redirect stdout to the specified file.

-errfile-pattern <file>

Use this option to redirect stderr to the specified file.

-gpath <path>

Use this option to specify the path to the executable file.

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-gwdir <dir>

Use this option to specify the working directory in which the executable file runs.

-gumask <umask>

Use this option to perform the "umask <umask>" command for the remote executable file.

-gdb-ia

Use this option to run processes under Intel® architecture specific GNU* debugger.

-prepend-pattern

Use this option to specify the pattern that is prepended to the process output.

-prepend-timestamp

Use this option to prepend timestamp to stdout or stderr line.

-verbose or -v

Use this option to print debug information from mpiexec.hydra, such as:

- Service processes arguments
- Environment variables and arguments passed to start an application
- PMI requests/responses during a job life cycle

See the I MPI HYDRA DEBUG environment variable for more details.

-print-rank-map

Use this option to print out the MPI rank mapping.

-print-all-exitcodes

Use this option to print the exit codes of all processes.

-bootstrap
 bootstrap server>

Use this option to select a built-in bootstrap server to use. A bootstrap server is the basic remote node access mechanism that is provided by the system. Hydra supports multiple runtime bootstrap servers such as ssh, rsh, pdsh, fork, persist,slurm, ll, lsf, or sge to launch MPI processes. The default bootstrap server is ssh. By selecting slurm, ll, lsf, or sge, you use the corresponding srun, llspawn.stdio, blaunch, or qrsh internal job scheduler utility to launch service processes under the respective selected job scheduler (Slurm*, LoadLeveler*, LSF*, and SGE*).

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|--|
| ssh | Use secure shell. This is the default value. |
| rsh | Use remote shell. |
| pdsh | Use parallel distributed shell. |
| pbs | Use Torque* pbsdsh command. |
| pbsdsh | Alias for pbs bootstrap. |
| fork | Use fork call. |
| persist | Use Hydra persist server. See below for details. |
| slurm | Use Slurm* srun command. |

| 11 | Use LoadLeveler* llspawn.stdio command. |
|-----|---|
| lsf | Use LSF blaunch command. |
| sge | Use Univa* Grid Engine* qrsh command. |

See I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP for details.

-bootstrap-exec <bootstrap server>

Use this option to set the executable to be used as a bootstrap server. The default bootstrap server is ssh. For example:

See I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP for more details.

-bootstrap-exec-args <args>

Use this option to provide the additional parameters to the bootstrap server executable file.

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -bootstrap-exec-args <arguments> -n 2 ./a.out
```

For tight integration with the Slurm* scheduler (including support for suspend/resume), use the method outlined on the Slurm page here: http://www.schedmd.com/slurmdocs/mpi_guide.html#intel_mpi

See I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP EXEC EXTRA ARGS for more details.

-v6

Use this option to force using the IPv6 protocol.

Local Hydra Options

This section describes the local options of the Intel® MPI Library's Hydra process manager. Local options are applied only to the argument set they are specified in. Argument sets are separated by a colon ':'.

-n <number-of-processes>Or-np <number-of-processes>

Use this option to set the number of MPI processes to run with the current argument set.

-env <envar> <value>

Use this option to set the $\langle envar \rangle$ environment variable to the specified $\langle value \rangle$ for all MPI processes in the current argument set.

-envall

Use this option to propagate all environment variables in the current argument set. See the I MPI HYDRA ENV environment variable for more details.

-envnone

Use this option to suppress propagation of any environment variables to the MPI processes in the current argument set.

NOTE The option does not work for localhost.

Command Reference

-envexcl <list-of-envvar-names>

Use this option to suppress propagation of the listed environment variables to the MPI processes in the current argument set.

-envlist <list>

Use this option to pass a list of environment variables with their current values. <1ist> is a comma separated list of environment variables to be sent to the MPI processes.

-host <nodename>

Use this option to specify a particular <nodename> on which the MPI processes are to be run. For example, the following command executes a.out on hosts host1 and host2:

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -n 2 -host host1 ./a.out : -n 2 -host host2 ./a.out
```

-path <directory>

Use this option to specify the path to the <executable> file to be run in the current argument set.

-wdir <directory>

Use this option to specify the working directory in which the <executable> file runs in the current argument set.

gtool Options

-gtool

Use this option to launch such tools as Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE, Intel® Advisor, Valgrind*, and the GDB* (GNU Debugger) for the specified processes through the mpiexec.hydra and mpirun commands. An alternative to this option is the I_MPI GTOOL environment variable.

Syntax

-gtool "<command line for tool 1>:<ranks set 1>[=launch mode 1][@arch 1]; <command line
for tool 2>:<ranks set 2>[=exclusive][@arch 2]; ...; <command line for a tool n>:<ranks
set n>[=exclusive][@arch n]" <executable>

or:

\$ mpirun -n <# of processes> -gtool "<command line for tool 1>:<ranks set 1>[=launch mode 1][@arch 1]" -gtool "<command line for a tool 2>:<ranks set 2>[=launch mode 2] [@arch 2]" ... -gtool "<command line for a tool n>:<ranks set n>[=launch mode 3][@arch n]" <executable>

In the syntax, the separator ';' and the <code>-gtool</code> option are interchangeable.

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Parameters |
|----------------------|---|
| <rank set=""></rank> | Specify the range of ranks that are involved in the tool execution. Separate ranks with a comma or use the '-' symbol for a set of contiguous ranks. To run the tool for all ranks, use the all argument. |

| | NOTE If you specify incorrect rank index, the corresponding warning is printed and the tool continues working for valid ranks. |
|----------------|---|
| [=launch mode] | Specify the launch mode (optional). See below for the available values. |
| [@arch] | Specify the architecture on which the tool runs (optional). For a given < <i>rank set</i> >, if you specify this argument, the tool is launched only for the processes residing on hosts with the specified architecture. This parameter is optional. |

NOTE Rank sets cannot overlap for the same @arch parameter. Missing @arch parameter is also considered a different architecture. Thus, the following syntax is considered valid: -gtool "gdb:0-3=attach@to-3=attac

| [=launch mode] | Tool launch mode (optional). You can specify several values for each tool, which are separated with a comma ','. |
|----------------|---|
| exclusive | Specify this value to prevent the tool from launching for more than one rank per host. |
| attach | Specify this value to attach the tool from <code>-gtool</code> to the executable. If you use debuggers or other tools that can attach to a process in a debugger manner, you need to specify this value. This mode has been tested with debuggers only. |
| node-wide | Specify this value to apply the tool from <code>-gtool</code> to all ranks where the <code><rank set=""></rank></code> resides or for all nodes in the case of all ranks. That is, the tool is applied to a higher level than the executable (to the <code>pmi_proxy daemon</code>). |
| | Use the <code>-remote</code> argument for ranks to use the tool on remote nodes only. |

NOTE The tool attached to an MPI process may be executed without having access to stdin. To pass input to it, run a rank under the tool directly, for example: -gtool "gdb --args:0"

Examples

The following examples demonstrate different scenarios of using the -qtool option.

Example 1

Launch the Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE and Valgrind* through the mpirun command:

```
$ mpirun -n 16 -gtool "vtune -collect hotspots -analyze-system \
-r result1:5,3,7-9=exclusive@bdw;valgrind -log-file=log_%p:0,1,10-12@hsw" a.out
```

This command launches <code>vtune</code> for the processes that are run on the Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Broadwell. Only one copy of <code>vtune</code> is launched for each host, the process with the minimal index is affected. At the same time, <code>Valgrind*</code> is launched for all specified processes that are run on the Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Haswell. <code>Valgrind's</code> results are saved to the files <code>log <process ID></code>.

Example 2

Command Reference

Set different environment variables for different rank sets:

```
$ mpirun -n 16 -gtool "env VARIABLE1=value1 VARIABLE2=value2:3,5,7-9; env VARIABLE3=value3:0,11"
a.out
```

Example 3

Apply a tool for a certain process through the -machinefile option.

In this example, suppose ${\tt m}$ file has the following content:

```
$ cat ./m_file
hostname_1:2
hostname_2:3
hostname 3:1
```

The following command line demonstrates how to use the -machinefile option to apply a tool:

```
$ mpirun -n 6 -machinefile m_file -gtool "vtune -collect hotspots -analyze-system \
-r result1:5,3=exclusive@hsw;valgrind:0,1@bdw" a.out
```

In this example, the use of <code>-machinefie</code> option means that processes with indices 0 and 1 are located on the <code>hostname_1</code> machine, process 3 is located on the <code>hostname_2</code> machine, and process 5 - on the <code>hostname_3</code> machine. After that, <code>vtune</code> is applied only ranks 3 and 5 (since these ranks belong to different machines, the <code>exclusive</code> option matches both of them) in case if <code>hostname_2</code> and <code>hostname_3</code> machines have Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Haswell. At the same time, the Valgrind* tool is applied to both ranks allocated on <code>hostname_1</code> machine in case if it has Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Broadwell.

```
-gtoolfile <gtool_config_file>
```

Use this option to specify the <code>-gtool</code> parameters in a configuration file. All the same rules apply. Additionally, you can separate different command lines with section breaks.

For example, if gtool config file contains the following settings:

```
env VARIABLE1=value1 VARIABLE2=value2:3,5,7-9; env VARIABLE3=value3:0,11
env VARIABLE4=value4:1,12
```

The following command sets <code>VARIABLE1</code> and <code>VARIABLE2</code> for processes 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 and sets <code>VARIABLE3</code> for processes 0 and 11, while <code>VARIABLE4</code> is set for processes 1 and 12:

```
$ mpirun -n 16 -gtoolfile gtool_config_file a.out
```

NOTE The options and the environment variable <code>-gtool</code>, <code>-gtoolfile</code> and <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code> are mutually exclusive. The options <code>-gtool</code> and <code>-gtoolfile</code> are of the same priority and have higher priority than <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code>. The first specified option in a command line is effective and the second one is ignored. Therefore, use <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code> if you do not specify <code>-gtool</code> or <code>-gtoolfile</code>.

cpuinfo

Provides information on processors used in the system.

Syntax

```
cpuinfo [[-]<options>]
```

Arguments

| <pre><options></options></pre> | Sequence of one-letter options. Each option controls a specific part of the output data. |
|--------------------------------|--|
| g | General information about single cluster node shows: |

| | the processor product name the number of packages/sockets on the node core and threads numbers on the node and within each package SMT mode enabling |
|------|---|
| i | Logical processors identification table identifies threads, cores, and packages of each logical processor accordingly. |
| | Processor - logical processor number. ThreadId - unique processor identifier within a core. CoreId - unique core identifier within a package. PackageId - unique package identifier within a node. |
| d | Node decomposition table shows the node contents. Each entry contains the information on packages, cores, and logical processors. |
| | Package Id - physical package identifier. Cores Id - list of core identifiers that belong to this package. Processors Id - list of processors that belong to this package. This list order directly corresponds to the core list. A group of processors enclosed in brackets belongs to one core. |
| С | Cache sharing by logical processors shows information of sizes and processors groups, which share particular cache level. |
| | Size - cache size in bytes. Processors - a list of processor groups enclosed in the parentheses those share this cache or no sharing otherwise. |
| S | Microprocessor signature hexadecimal fields (Intel platform notation) show signature values: |
| | extended family extended model family model type stepping |
| f | Microprocessor feature flags indicate what features the microprocessor supports. The Intel platform notation is used. |
| n | Table shows the following information about NUMA nodes: |
| | NUMA Id - NUMA node identifier. Processors - a list of processors in this node. |
| | If the node has no processors, the node is not shown. |
| A | Equivalent to gidcsf |
| gidc | Default sequence |
| ? | Utility usage info |

Description

The <code>cpuinfo</code> utility prints out the processor architecture information that can be used to define suitable process pinning settings. The output consists of a number of tables. Each table corresponds to one of the single options listed in the arguments table.

NOTE

The architecture information is available on systems based on the Intel® 64 architecture.

The cpuinfo utility is available for both Intel microprocessors and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may provide only partial information about non-Intel microprocessors.

An example of the cpuinfo output:

```
$ cpuinfo -gdcs
==== Processor composition =====
Processor name : Intel(R) Xeon(R) X5570
Packages (sockets) : 2
Cores
                : 8
Processors (CPUs) : 8
Cores per package : 4
Threads per core : 1
==== Processor identification =====
Processor Thread Id. Core Id.
                                             Package Id.
0
               0
                               0
1
               0
                               0
                                               1
2
               0
                               1
                                               0
3
               0
                              1
                                               1
               0
                              2
                                               0
5
                               2
               0
               0
                               3
                              3
               0
==== Placement on packages =====
Package Id. Core Id. Processors
0
               0,1,2,3
                             0,2,4,6
                              1,3,5,7
1
               0,1,2,3
==== Cache sharing =====
Cache Size Processors
L1 32 KB no sharing
L2 256 KB no sharing
L3 8 MB (0,2,4,6)(1,3,5,7)
==== Processor Signature =====
| xFamily | xModel | Type | Family | Model | Stepping |
                                           1 5
                   | 0
                          | 6
```

impi_info

Provides information on available Intel® MPI Library environment variables.

Syntax

impi_info <options>

Arguments

| <pre><options></options></pre> | List of options. |
|--------------------------------|--|
| -a -all | Show all IMPI variables. |
| -h -help | Show a help message. |
| -v -variable | Show all available variables or description of the specified variable. |

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| -c -category | Show all available categories or variables of the specified |
|----------------|---|
| | category. |
| -e -expert | Show all expert variables. |

Description

The impi_info utility provides information on environment variables available in the Intel MPI Library. For each variable, it prints out the name, the default value, and the value data type. By default, a reduced list of variables is displayed. Use the _all option to display all available variables with their descriptions.

The example of the impi info output:

```
$ ./impi info
| NAME
                              | DEFAULT VALUE | DATA TYPE
_____
| I MPI THREAD SPLIT
                              1 0
                                          | MPI INT
| I MPI THREAD RUNTIME
                                          | MPI CHAR
                              none
| I MPI THREAD MAX
                              | -1
                                          | MPI INT
| I MPI THREAD ID KEY
                              | thread id
                                         | MPI CHAR
```

mpitune

Tunes the Intel® MPI Library parameters for the given MPI application.

Syntax

mpitune <options>

Arguments

| mpitune Options | Options |
|-------------------------------|--|
| -c config-file <file></file> | Specify a configuration file to run a tuning session. |
| -d dump-file <file></file> | Specify a file that stores the collected results. The option is used in the analyze mode. |
| -m mode {collect analyze} | Specify the mpitune mode. The supported modes are collect and analyze: |
| | the collect mode runs the tuning process and saves results in temporary files; the analyze mode transforms temporary files into a JSON-tree, which is used by the Intel MPI Library, and generates a table that represents algorithm values in a human-readable format. |
| -h help | Display the help message. |
| -v version | Display the product version. |

Description

The mpitune utility allows you to automatically adjust Intel MPI Library parameters, such as collective operation algorithms, to your cluster configuration or application.

The tuner iteratively launches a benchmarking application with different configurations to measure performance and stores the results of each launch. Based on these results, the tuner generates optimal values for the parameters being tuned.

NOTE Starting with the Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 4 release, you must specify two mpitune configuration files, which differ in their mode and dump-file fields. A simpler alternative may be to use one of the single configuration file templates shipped with the Intel MPI Library. In this case, you must use the command line to define the mode and dump-file fields.

- The -mode option defines one of two possible MPI tune modes: collect or analyze.
- The -dump-file option defines the path to the temporary files when in analyze mode. This path is returned by mpitune after the first iteration.

The configuration files should specify all tuner parameters, which are passed to the tuner with the -- config-file option. A typical configuration file consists of the main section, specifying generic options, and search space sections for specific library parameters (for example, for specific collective operations). To comment a line, use the hash symbol #. All configuration file examples are available at <installdir>/etc/tune_cfg. Please note that configuration files for Intel® MPI Benchmarks are already created.

The tuning process consists of two steps: data collection (the collect mode) and data analysis (the analyze mode):

```
$ mpitune -m collect -c <path-to-config-file2>
$ mpitune -m analyze -c <path-to-config-file1>
```

Another variant of the launch is:

```
$ mpitune -m analyze -c <path-to-config-file1>
```

where the path to the dump-file received in the first step is used in the config file with templates inside.

The tuning results are presented as a JSON tree and can be added to the library with the <code>I_MPI_TUNING</code> environment variable.

MPI Options Support

The following MPI options are available within the utility:

| MPI Options | Description |
|------------------------------|--|
| -f <filename></filename> | Specify a file containing host names. |
| -hosts <hostlist></hostlist> | Specify a comma-separated list of hosts. |
| -np < <i>value</i> > | Specify the number of processes. |

Examples

```
$ mpitune -np 2 -ppn 1 -hosts HOST1,HOST2 -m collect -c <path-to-config-file2>
$ mpitune -np 2 -ppn 1 -hosts HOST1,HOST2 -m analyze -c <path-to-config-file1>
```

Configuration File Format

All tuner parameters should be specified in two configuration files, passed to the tuner with the <code>--config-file</code> option. A typical configuration file consists of the main section, specifying generic options, and search space sections for specific library parameters (for example, for specific collective operations). Configuration files differ in mode and dump-file fields only. To comment a line, use the hash symbol #.

You can also specify MPI options to simplify mpitune usage. MPI options are useful for Intel® MPI Benchmarks that have special templates for mpitune located at $<install-dir>/etc/tune_cfg$. The templates require no changes in configuration files to be made.

For example, to tune the Bcast collective algorithm, use the following option:

```
$ mpitune -np 2 -ppn 2 -hosts HOST1 -m analyze -c <path-to-Bcast.cfg>
```

Experienced users can change configuration files to use this option for other applications.

Output Format

The tuner presents results in a JSON tree view (since the 2019 release), where the <code>comm_id=-1</code> layer is added automatically for each tree:

```
"coll=Reduce": {
  "ppn=2": {
    "comm size=2": {
      "comm id=-1": {
        "msg size=243": {
         "REDUCE=8": {}
        "msg size=319": {
         "REDUCE=11": {}
        "msg size=8192": {
          "REDUCE=8": {}
        "msg size=28383": {
          "REDUCE=9": {}
        "msg size=-1": {
          "REDUCE=1": {}
 }
}
```

To add the resulting JSON tree to the library, use the I MPI TUNING environment variable.

Old Output Format

The old output format is only valid for Intel MPI Library 2018 and prior versions:

```
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=2:0-0;1:1-64;2:65-509;1:510-8832;3:8833-0
```

Use the resulting variable value with the application launch to achieve performance gain.

See Also

MPI Tuning in the Developer Guide.

For available configuration options, refer to mpitune Configuration Options.

mpitune Configuration Options

Application Options

-app

Sets a template for the command line to be launched to gather tuning results. The command line can contain variables declared as @<var name>@. The variables are defined further on using other options.

For example:

```
-app: mpirun -np @np@ -ppn @ppn@ IMB-MPI1 -msglog 0:@logmax@ -npmin @np@ @func@
```

NOTE The application must produce output (in stdout or file or any other destination) that can be parsed by the tuner to pick the value to be tuned and other variables. See the <code>-app-regex</code> and <code>-app-regex-legend</code> options below for details.

-app-regex

Sets a regular expression to be evaluated to extract the required values from the application output. Use regular expression groups to assign the values to variables. Variables and groups associations are set using the <code>-app-regex-legend</code> option.

For example, to extract the #bytes and t max[usec] values from this output:

```
#bytes #repetitions t_min[usec] t_max[usec] t_avg[usec]
0 1000 0.06 0.06 0.06
1 1000 0.10 0.10 0.10
```

use the following configuration:

```
-app-regex: (\d+)\s+\d+\s+[\d.+-]+\s+([\d.+-]+)
```

-app-regex-legend

Specifies a list of variables extracted from the regular expression. Variables correspond to the regular expression groups. The tuner uses the last variable as the performance indicator of the launch. Use the -tree-opt to set the optimization direction of the indicator.

For example:

```
-app-regex-legend: size, time
```

-iter

Sets the number of iterations for each launch with a given set of parameters. Higher numbers of iterations increase accuracy of results.

For example: -iter: 3

Search Space Options

Use these options to define a search space, which is a set of combinations of Intel® MPI Library parameters that the target application uses for launches. The library parameters are generally configured using run-time options or environment variables.

NOTE A search space line can be very long, so line breaking is available for all the search space options. Use a backslash to break a line (see examples below).

-search

Defines the search space by defining variables declared with the -app option and by setting environment variables for the application launch.

For example:

```
-search: func=BCAST, \
np=4,ppn={1,4},{,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3]},logmax=5
```

The -app variables are defined as <var1>=<value1>[, <var2>=<value2>][,...]. The following syntax is available for setting values:

| Syntax | Description | Examples |
|--|--|--|
| <value></value> | Single value. Can be a number or a string. | 4 |
| { <value1>[,<value2>][,]}</value2></value1> | List of independent values. | {2,4} |
| [<start>,<end>[,<st ep>]]</st </end></start> | Linear range of values with the default step of 1. | $[1,8,2]$ — expands to $\{1,2,4,6,8\}$ |
| (<start>,<end>[,<st ep>])</st </end></start> | Exponential range with the default step of 2. | $(1,16)$ — expands to $\{1,2,4,8,16\}$ |

To set environment variables for the command launch, use the following syntax:

| Syntax | Description | Examples |
|---|---|---|
| <variable>=<value></value></variable> | Single variable definition. Any type of the syntax above can be used for the value: single values, lists or ranges. | I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=3 I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3] |
| {, <variable>=<value>}</value></variable> | A special case of the syntax above. When set this way, the variable default value is first used in an application launch. | <pre>{,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3] }</pre> |
| <pre><prefix>{<value1> [,<value2>][,]}</value2></value1></prefix></pre> | Multi-value variable definition. | <pre>I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE{=1,</pre> |
| [, < value2>][,]} | Prefix is a common part for all the values, commonly the variable name. | =2, (=9,_KN_RADIX=(2,8))} |
| | | See below for a more complete example. |
| | A value can be a singular value or a combination of values in the format: <pre><pre><pre><pre>(<value1>[, <value2>][,]). Prefix is optional and a value in the combination is a string, which can utilize the list and range syntax above.</value2></value1></pre></pre></pre></pre> | |

The following example shows a more complex option definition:

```
I MPI ADJUST BCAST\{=1,=2, (=9, \text{ KN RADIX}=(2,8)), (=\{10,11\}, \text{ SHM KN RADIX}=[2,8,2])\}
```

This directive consecutively runs the target application with the following environment variables set:

```
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=1
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=8
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=6
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=8
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=6
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=8
```

-search-excl

Excludes certain combinations from the search space. The syntax is identical to that of the <code>-search</code> option. For example:

```
-search-excl: I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST={1,2}

or

-search-excl: func=BCAST,np=4,ppn=1,I MPI ADJUST BCAST=1
```

-search-only

Defines a subset of the search space to search in. Only this subset is used for application launches. The syntax is identical to the -search option.

This option is useful for the second and subsequent tuning sessions on a subset of parameters from the original session, without creating a separate configuration file.

Output Options

Use these options to customize the output. The tuner can produce output of two types:

- table— useful for verifying the tuning results, contains values from all the application launches
- · tree— an internal output format, contains the optimal values

-table

Defines the layout for the resulting output table. The option value is a list of variables declared with the -app option, which are joined in colon-separated groups. Each group denotes a specific part of the table.

For example:

```
-table: func:ppn,np:size:*:time
```

The last group variables (time) are rendered in table cells. The second last group variables are used for building table columns (*, denotes all the variables not present the other variable groups). The third last group variables are used for building table rows (size). All other variable groups are used to make up the table label. Groups containing several variables are complex groups and produce output based on all the value combinations.

For example, the option definition above can produce the following output:

```
Label: "func=BCAST, ppn=2, np=2"
Legend:
set 0: ""
set 1: "I MPI ADJUST BCAST=1"
set 2: "I MPI ADJUST BCAST=2"
set 3: "I MPI ADJUST_BCAST=3"
Table:
          | set 0
                     | set 1
                                 | set 2 | set 3
"size=0" | "time=0.10" | "time=0.08" | "time=0.11" | "time=0.10"
          | "time=0.12" | "time=0.09" | "time=0.12" | "time=0.11"
                       | "time=0.10" |
              -----|----|
"size=4" | "time=1.12" | "time=1.11" | "time=1.94" | "time=1.72"
          | "time=1.35" | "time=1.18" | "time=1.97" | "time=1.81"
          | "time=1.38" | "time=1.23" | "time=2.11" | "time=1.89"
```

```
"size=8" | "time=1.21" | "time=1.10" | "time=1.92" | "time=1.72" | "time=1.36" | "time=1.16" | "time=2.01" | "time=1.75" | "time=1.37" | "time=1.17" | "time=2.24" | "time=1.87" | "time
```

Cells include only unique values from all the launches for the given parameter combination. The number of launches is set with the -iter option.

-table-ignore

Specifies the variables to ignore from the -table option definition.

-tree

Defines the layout for the resulting tree of optimal values of the parameter that is tuned (for example, collective operation algorithms). The tree is rendered as a JSON structure. The option value is a list of variables declared with the -app option, which are joined in colon-separated groups. Each group denotes a specific part of the tree. Groups containing several variables are complex groups and produce output based on all the value combinations.

Example:

```
-tree: func:ppn,np:size:*:time
```

The first two groups (func and ppn, np) make up the first two levels of the tree. The last group variables (time) are used as the optimization criteria and are not rendered. The second last group contains variables to be optimized (*, denotes all the variables not present the other variable groups). The third last group variables are used to split the search space into intervals based on the optimal values of parameters from the next group (for example, I MPI ADJUST operation > algorithm numbers).

For example, the option definition above can produce the following output:

This tree representation is an intermediate format of tuning results and is ultimately converted to a string that the library can understand. The conversion script is specified with -tree-postprocess option.

-tree-ignore

Specifies the variables to ignore from the -tree option definition.

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-tree-intervals

Specifies the maximum number of intervals where the optimal parameter value is applied. If not specified, any number of intervals is allowed.

-tree-tolerance

Specifies the tolerance level. Non-zero tolerance (for example, 0.03 for 3%) joins resulting intervals with the performance indicator value varying by the specified tolerance.

-tree-postprocess

Specifies an executable to convert the resulting JSON tree to a custom format.

-tree-opt

Specifies the optimization direction. The available values are max (default) and min.

-tree-file

Specifies a log file where the tuning results are saved.

-tree-view

Specify the mode to present the json-tree. The available values are "simple" and "default". The "default" mode enables an interpolation mechanism; the "simple" mode disables the interpolation mechanism. The resulting tree contains message sizes used during the launch.

-mode

Specifies the mpitune mode. The available values are "collect" for gathering data and "analyze" for converting this data to a JSON-tree. Note that the -mode field can be defined in the configuration file as macros @-mode@, although the real value must be defined in the command line.

-dump-file

Specifies the path for the dump-file, which is returned by mpitune after the first iteration. The first iteration can be initialized by way of "" (an nempty string). Note that the -dump-file field can be defined in the configuration file as macros @-dump-file@, although the real value must be defined in the command line.

mpitune_fast

This utility tunes the Intel® MPI Library to the cluster configuration using the Autotuning functionality.

Syntax

mpitune fast <options>

Arguments

| Options | Description |
|--|--|
| -c colls | Set custom collective operations to tune, delimited by commas. |
| -d results_dir <path-to-results-dir></path-to-results-dir> | Set custom directory for tuning results, host files, and logs. Default: the current working directory. |
| -h help | Display the help message. |
| -n < <i>n</i> > | Specify the number of nodes. This can be a commadelimited set of values to set up several launches. |
| -pd <path-to-performance-results-dir>,</path-to-performance-results-dir> | Set a custom directory for validation performance results. |

| Options | Description |
|---|---|
| perf_results_dir <path-to-performance- results-dir></path-to-performance- | <pre>Default: performance_results_<timestamp>.</timestamp></pre> |
| -ppn < <i>n</i> > | Specify the number of processes per node. This can be a comma-delimited set of values to set up several launches. |
| -val <path-to-tuning-file>,</path-to-tuning-file> | Run the tuning file validation cycle to validate the existing |
| validate <path-to-tuning-file></path-to-tuning-file> | tuning file. |

Description

The mpitune_fast utility allows you to automatically set up the Intel MPI Library and launch with Autotuning enabled and configured for your cluster configuration.

The tool iteratively launches the Intel® MPI Benchmarks utility with the proper autotuner environment and generates a .dat file with the tuning parameters for your cluster configuration.

After generation the tuning file, set it as I MPI TUNING BIN:

```
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=./tuning_results.dat
$ mpiexec <args>
```

Workload Managers Support

mpitune_fast supports Slurm and LSF workload managers. It automatically defines job allocated hosts and performs launches.

MPI Options Support

The following MPI options are available within the utility:

| Options | Description |
|--------------------------|--|
| -f <filename></filename> | Specify a file containing host names. |
| -hosts HOSTS,hosts | Set the host names, delimited by commas. Example:hosts |
| HOSTS | host1,host2 |

Example (default launch):

```
$ mpitune_fast -f ./hostfile
```

Example (customized launch):

```
$ mpitune fast -ppn 8,4,2,1 -f ./hostfile -c alltoall,allreduce,barrier
```

See Also

Autotuning

mpitune

MPI Tuning in the Intel MPI Library Developer Guide

For available configuration options, refer to mpitune Configuration Options.

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Environment Variable Reference

This section provides information on different variables:

- Compilation Environment Variables
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- Tuning Environment Variables
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- Environment Variables for Asynchronous Progress Control
- Environment Variables for Multi-EP
- Other Environment Variables

Compilation Environment Variables

I_MPI_{CC,CXX,FC,F77,F90}_PROFILE

Specify the default profiling library.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_CC_PROFILE=<profile-name>
I_MPI_CXX_PROFILE=<profile-name>
I_MPI_FC_PROFILE=<profile-name>
I_MPI_F77_PROFILE=<profile-name>
I_MPI_F90_PROFILE=<profile-name>
```

Argument

ofile-name>

Specify a default profiling library.

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific MPI profiling library to be used by default. This has the same effect as using <code>-profile=<profile-name></code> as an argument for <code>mpiicc</code> or another Intel® MPI Library compiler wrapper.

I_MPI_TRACE_PROFILE

Specify the default profile for the -trace option.

Syntax

I_MPI_TRACE_PROFILE=profile-name>

Argument

cprofile-name>

Specify a tracing profile name. The default value is ${\tt vt}$.

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific MPI profiling library to be used with the -trace option of mpiico or another Intel MPI Library compiler wrapper.

The I MPI {CC,CXX,F77,F90} PROFILE environment variable overrides I MPI TRACE PROFILE.

I MPI CHECK PROFILE

Specify the default profile for the -check mpi option.

Syntax

```
I MPI CHECK PROFILE=profile-name>
```

Argument

| <pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre></pre> | Specify the checking profile name. The default value is |
|--|---|
| | vtmc. |

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific MPI checking library to be used with the <code>-check_mpi</code> option to <code>mpiicc</code> or another Intel MPI Library compiler wrapper.

The I MPI {CC,CXX,F77,F90} PROFILE environment variable overrides I MPI CHECK PROFILE.

I_MPI_CHECK_COMPILER

Turn on/off compiler compatibility check.

Syntax

I_MPI_CHECK_COMPILER=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator. |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable checking the compiler. |
| disable no off 0 | Disable checking the compiler. This is the default value. |

Description

If I_MPI_CHECK_COMPILER is set to enable, the Intel MPI Library compiler wrapper checks the underlying compiler for compatibility. Normal compilation requires using a known version of the underlying compiler.

I_MPI_{CC,CXX,FC,F77,F90}

Set the path/name of the underlying compiler to be used.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_CC=<compiler>
I_MPI_CXX=<compiler>
I_MPI_FC=<compiler>
I_MPI_F77=<compiler>
I_MPI_F90=<compiler>
```

Arguments

| <compiler></compiler> | Specify the full path/name of compiler to be used. |
|-----------------------|--|
|-----------------------|--|

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific compiler to be used. Specify the full path to the compiler if it is not located in the search path.

NOTE Some compilers may require additional command line options.

NOTE The configuration file is sourced if it exists for a specified compiler. See -configfor details.

I_MPI_ROOT

Set the Intel MPI Library installation directory path.

Syntax

I MPI ROOT=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Specify the installation directory of the Intel MPI Library. |
|---------------|--|
|---------------|--|

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the installation directory of the Intel MPI Library.

NOTE If you are using the Visual Studio integration, you may need to use I MPI ONEAPI ROOT.

VT_ROOT

Set Intel® Trace Collector installation directory path.

Syntax

VT ROOT=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Specify the installation directory of the Intel Trace |
|---------------|---|
| | Collector. |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the installation directory of the Intel Trace Collector.

I_MPI_COMPILER_CONFIG_DIR

Set the location of the compiler configuration files.

Syntax

I_MPI_COMPILER_CONFIG_DIR=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Specify the location of the compiler configuration files. |
|---------------|---|
| | The default value is <install-dir>/etc</install-dir> |

Description

Set this environment variable to change the default location of the compiler configuration files.

I MPI LINK

Select a specific version of the Intel MPI Library for linking.

Syntax

I MPI LINK=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | Library Version |
|----------|--|
| opt | Multi-threaded optimized library (with the global lock). This is the default value |
| dbg | Multi-threaded debug library (with the global lock) |
| opt_mt | Multi-threaded optimized library (with per-object lock for the thread-split model) |
| dbg_mt | Multi-threaded debug library (with per-object lock for the thread-split model) |

Description

Set this variable to always link against the specified version of the Intel MPI Library.

I_MPI_DEBUG_INFO_STRIP-

Turn on/off the debug information stripping while linking applications statically.

Syntax

```
I MPI DEBUG INFO STRIP=<arg>
```

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| enable yes on 1 | Turn on. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Turn off |

Description

Use this option to turn on/off the debug information stripping while linking the Intel MPI Library statically. Debug information is stripped by default.

I_MPI_{C,CXX,FC,F}FLAGS

Set special flags needed for compilation.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_CFLAGS=<flags>
I_MPI_CXXFLAGS=<flags>
I_MPI_FCFLAGS=<flags>
I_MPI_FFLAGS=<flags>
```

Arguments

| <flags></flags> | Flag list |
|-----------------|-----------|
|-----------------|-----------|

Description

Use this environment variable to specify special compilation flags.

I_MPI_LDFLAGS

Set special flags needed for linking.

Syntax

I MPI LDFLAGS=<flags>

Arguments

| <flags></flags> | Flag list | |
|-----------------|-----------|--|
|-----------------|-----------|--|

Use this environment variable to specify special linking flags.

I_MPI_FORT_BIND

Disable mpiicc linking with Fortran bindings.

Syntax

```
I MPI FORT BIND=<arg>
```

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable linking. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Disable linking |

Description

By default, the mpiicc also links against the Fortran bindings even if Fortran is not used. Use this environment variable to change this default behavior. Has the same effect as the -nofortbind option.

Hydra Environment Variables

I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE

Set the host file to run the application.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA HOST FILE=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------------------|--|
| <hostsfile></hostsfile> | The full or relative path to the host file |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the hosts file.

I_MPI_HYDRA_HOSTS_GROUP

Set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_HYDRA_HOSTS_GROUP=<arg>
```

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Set a node range. | |
|-------------|-------------------|--|
|-------------|-------------------|--|

Description

Set this variable to be able to set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes (like in Slurm* Workload Manager). For example:

```
I MPI HYDRA HOSTS GROUP="hostA[01-05], hostB, hostC[01-05,07,09-11]"
```

You can set node ranges with the -hosts-group option.

I_MPI_HYDRA_DEBUG

Print out the debug information.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_HYDRA_DEBUG=<arg>
```

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Turn on the debug output |
| disable no off 0 | Turn off the debug output. This is the default value |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable the debug mode.

I_MPI_HYDRA_ENV

Control the environment propagation.

Syntax

```
I MPI HYDRA ENV=<arg>
```

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|---|
| all | Pass all environment to all MPI processes |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the environment propagation to the MPI processes. By default, the entire launching node environment is passed to the MPI processes. Setting this variable also overwrites environment variables set by the remote shell.

I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT

Set the timeout period for mpiexec.hydra.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT=<timeout>
I MPI MPIEXEC TIMEOUT=<timeout>
```

Argument

| <timeout></timeout> | Define mpiexec.hydra timeout period in seconds |
|---------------------|---|
| <n> ≥ 0</n> | The value of the timeout period. The default timeout value is zero, which |
| | means no timeout. |

Description

Set this environment variable to make mpiexec.hydra terminate the job in <timeout> seconds after its launch. The <timeout> value should be greater than zero. Otherwise the environment variable setting is ignored.

I_MPI_JOB_STARTUP_TIMEOUT

Set the mpiexec.hydra job startup timeout.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_JOB_STARTUP_TIMEOUT=<timeout>
```

Argument

| <timeout></timeout> | Define mpiexec.hydra startup timeout period in seconds |
|---------------------|---|
| <n> ≥ 0</n> | The value of the timeout period. The default timeout value is zero, which |
| | means no timeout. |

Description

Set this environment variable to make mpiexec.hydra terminate the job in <timeout> seconds if some processes are not launched. The <timeout> value should be greater than zero.

I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT_SIGNAL

Define the signal to be sent when a job is terminated because of a timeout.

Syntax

I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT_SIGNAL=<number>

Argument

| <number></number> | Define the signal number |
|-------------------|---|
| <n>> 0</n> | The signal number. The default value is $9 (SIGKILL)$ |

Description

Define a signal number to be sent to stop the MPI job if the timeout period specified by the I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT environment variable expires. If you set a signal number unsupported by the system, the mpiexec.hydra command prints a warning message and continues the task termination using the default signal number 9 (SIGKILL).

I_MPI_JOB_ABORT_SIGNAL

Define a signal to be sent to all processes when a job is terminated unexpectedly.

Syntax

I_MPI_JOB_ABORT_SIGNAL=<number>

Argument

| <number></number> | Define signal number |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| <n>> 0</n> | The default value is 9 (SIGKILL) |

Description

Set this environment variable to define a signal for task termination. If you set an unsupported signal number, mpiexec.hydra prints a warning message and uses the default signal 9 (SIGKILL).

I_MPI_JOB_SIGNAL_PROPAGATION

Control signal propagation.

Syntax

I MPI JOB SIGNAL PROPAGATION=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Turn on propagation |
| disable no off 0 | Turn off propagation. This is the default value |

Description

Set this environment variable to control propagation of the signals (SIGINT, SIGALRM, and SIGTERM). If you enable signal propagation, the received signal is sent to all processes of the MPI job. If you disable signal propagation, all processes of the MPI job are stopped with the default signal 9 (SIGKILL).

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP

Set the bootstrap server.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|---|
| ssh | Use secure shell. This is the default value |
| rsh | Use remote shell |
| pdsh | Use parallel distributed shell |
| pbsdsh | Use Torque* and PBS* pbsdsh command |
| fork | Use fork call |
| slurm | Use Slurm* srun command |
| 11 | Use LoadLeveler* llspawn.stdio command |
| lsf | Use LSF* blaunch command |
| sge | Use Univa* Grid Engine* qrsh command |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the bootstrap server.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_EXEC

Set the executable file to be used as a bootstrap server.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP EXEC=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <executable></executable> | The name of the executable file |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the executable file to be used as a bootstrap server.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_EXEC_EXTRA_ARGS

Set additional arguments for the bootstrap server.

Syntax

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_EXEC_EXTRA_ARGS=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <args></args> | Additional bootstrap server arguments |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify additional arguments for the bootstrap server.

NOTE If the launcher (blaunch, lsf, pdsh, pbsdsh) falls back to ssh, pass the arguments with the invocation of ssh.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_AUTOFORK

Control the usage of fork call for local processes.

I MPI HYDRA BOOTSTRAP AUTOFORK = <arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Use fork for the local processes. This is default value for ssh, rsh, ll, lsf, |
| | and pbsdsh bootstrap servers |
| disable no off 0 | Do not use fork for the local processes. This is default value for the sge |
| | bootstrap server |

Description

Set this environment variable to control usage of fork call for the local processes.

NOTE This option is not applicable to slurm and pdsh bootstrap servers.

I_MPI_HYDRA_RMK

Use the specified value as the resource management kernel to obtain data about available nodes, externally set process counts.

Syntax

I_MPI_HYDRA_RMK=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|--|
| <rmk></rmk> | Resource management kernel. The supported values are slurm, 11, 1sf, |
| | sge, pbs, cobalt. |

Description

Set this environment variable to use the resource management kernel.

I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_CONNECT

Define the processing method for PMI messages.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA PMI CONNECT=<value>

Argument

| <value></value> | The algorithm to be used |
|-----------------|--|
| nocache | Do not cache PMI messages |
| cache | Cache PMI messages on the local pmi_proxy management processes to |
| | minimize the number of ${\tt PMI}$ requests. Cached information is automatically |
| | propagated to child management processes. |
| lazy-cache | cache mode with on-demand propagation. |

| alltoall | Information is automatically exchanged between all pmi_proxy before any |
|----------|---|
| | get request can be done. This is the default value. |

Use this environment variable to select the PMI messages processing method.

I_MPI_PERHOST

Define the default behavior for the -perhost option of the mpiexec.hydra command.

Syntax

I MPI PERHOST=<value>

Argument

| <value></value> | Define a value used for -perhost by default |
|-----------------|---|
| integer > 0 | Exact value for the option |
| all | All logical CPUs on the node |
| allcores | All cores (physical CPUs) on the node. This is the default value. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the default behavior for the -perhost option. Unless specified explicitly, the -perhost option is implied with the value set in I MPI PERHOST.

NOTE

When running under a job scheduler, this environment variable is ignored by default. To control process placement with <code>I_MPI_PERHOST</code>, disable the <code>I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT</code> variable.

I_MPI_JOB_TRACE_LIBS

Choose the libraries to preload through the -trace option.

Syntax

I_MPI_JOB_TRACE_LIBS=<arg>

Argument

| Γ | <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|---|----------------|---|
| | t> | Blank separated list of the libraries to preload. The default value is ${\tt vt}$ |

Description

Set this environment variable to choose an alternative library for preloading through the -trace option.

I_MPI_JOB_CHECK_LIBS

Choose the libraries to preload through the -check mpi option.

Syntax

I MPI JOB CHECK LIBS=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Blank separated list of the libraries to preload. The default value is ${\tt vtmc}$ |

Set this environment variable to choose an alternative library for preloading through the -check mpi option.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT

Set the hierarchical branch count.

Syntax

I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT =<num>

Argument

| <num></num> | Number |
|-----------------|--|
| <n> >= 0</n> | The default value is 16. This value means that hierarchical structure is enabled if the number of nodes is more than 16. |
| | If I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT=0, then there is no hierarchical structure. |
| | If $I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT=-1$, then branch count is equal to default value. |

Description

Set this environment variable to restrict the number of child management processes launched by the mpiexec.hydra operation or by each pmi proxy management process.

I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_AGGREGATE

Turn on/off aggregation of the PMI messages.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA PMI AGGREGATE=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable PMI message aggregation. This is the default value. |
| disable no off 0 | Disable PMI message aggregation. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable/disable aggregation of PMI messages.

I_MPI_HYDRA_GDB_REMOTE_SHELL

Set the remote shell command to run the GDB debugger. This command uses the Intel® Distribution for GDB.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA GDB REMOTE SHELL=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|---|
| ssh | Secure Shell (SSH). This is the default value |
| rsh | Remote shell (RSH) |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the remote shell command to run the GNU* debugger on the remote machines. You can use this environment variable to specify any shell command that has the same syntax as SSH or RSH.

I_MPI_HYDRA_IFACE

Set the network interface.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA IFACE=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <network interface=""></network> | The network interface configured in your system |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the network interface to use. For example, use "-iface ib0", if the IP emulation of your InfiniBand* network is configured on ib0.

I_MPI_HYDRA_DEMUX

Set the demultiplexer (demux) mode.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA DEMUX=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|--|
| poll | Set poll as the multiple I/O demultiplexer ($demux$) mode engine. This is the default value. |
| select | Set select as the multiple I/O demultiplexer (demux) mode engine |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the multiple I/O demux mode engine. The default value is poll.

I_MPI_TMPDIR

Specify a temporary directory.

Syntax

I_MPI_TMPDIR=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|---------------|--|
| <path></path> | Temporary directory. The default value is /tmp |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify a directory for temporary files.

I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT

Specify whether to use the process-per-node placement provided by the job scheduler, or set explicitly.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT=<arg>
```

Argument

| <value></value> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Use the process placement provided by job scheduler. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Do not use the process placement provided by job scheduler |

Description

If the variable is set, the Hydra process manager uses the process placement provided by job scheduler (default). In this case the -ppn option and its equivalents are ignored. If you disable the variable, the Hydra process manager uses the process placement set with -ppn or its equivalents.

I_MPI_GTOOL

Specify the tools to be launched for selected ranks. An alternative to this variable is the -gtool option.

Syntax

I_MPI_GTOOL="<command line for a tool 1>:<ranks set 1>[=exclusive][@arch 1]; <command
line for a tool 2>:<ranks set 2>[=exclusive][@arch 2]; ...; <command line for a tool
n>:<ranks set n>[=exclusive][@arch n]"

Argument

| • | | |
|--|---|--|
| <arg></arg> | Parameters | |
| <pre><command-line-for-a-tool></command-line-for-a-tool></pre> | Specify a tool's launch command, including parameters. | |
| <rank set=""></rank> | Specify the range of ranks that are involved in the tool execution. Separate ranks with a comma or use the '-' symbol for a set of contiguous ranks. To run the tool for all ranks, use the all argument | |
| | NOTE If you specify incorrect rank index, the corresponding warning is printed and the tool continues working for valid ranks. | |
| [=exclusive] | Specify this parameter to prevent launching a tool for more than one rank per host. This parameter is optional. | |
| [@arch] | Specify the architecture on which the tool runs (optional). For a given $< rank $ $set>$, if you specify this argument, the tool is launched only for the processes residing on hosts with the specified architecture. This parameter is optional. | |

Description

Use this option to launch the tools such as Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE, Valgrind*, and GNU* Debugger for the specified processes.

Examples

The following command line examples demonstrate different scenarios of using the I_MPI_GTOOL environment variable.

Launch Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE and Valgrind* by setting the I_MPI_GTOOL environment variable:

```
$ export I_MPI_GTOOL="vtune -collect hotspots -analyze-system -r result1:5,3,7-9=exclusive@bdw;\
valgrind -log-file=log_%p:0,1,10-12@hsw"
$ mpiexec.hydra -n 16 a.out
```

This command launches <code>vtune</code> for the processes that are run on the Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Broadwell. Only one copy of <code>vtune</code> is launched for each host, the process with the minimal index is affected. At the same time, <code>Valgrind*</code> is launched for all specified processes that are run on the Intel® microarchitecture codenamed Haswell. <code>Valgrind's</code> results are saved to the files <code>log <process ID></code>.

Launch GDB by setting the I_MPI_GTOOL environment variable (for Intel® oneAPI, this launches the Intel® Distribution for GDB):

```
$ mpiexec.hydra -n 16 -genv I MPI GTOOL="gdb:3,5,7-9" a.out
```

Use this command to apply GDB to the given rank set.

NOTE The options and the environment variable <code>-gtool</code>, <code>-gtoolfile</code> and <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code> are mutually exclusive. The options <code>-gtool</code> and <code>-gtoolfile</code> are of the same priority and have higher priority than <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code>. The first specified option in a command line is effective and the second one is ignored. Therefore, use <code>I_MPI_GTOOL</code> if you do not specify <code>-gtool</code> or <code>-gtoolfile</code>.

I_MPI_HYDRA_TOPOLIB

Set the interface for topology detection.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA TOPOLIB=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------|--|
| hwloc | The hwloc* library functions are invoked for topology detection. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the interface for platform detection. The hwloc* interface is used by default, but you may explicitly set the variable to use the native Intel MPI Library interface:

I MPI HYDRA TOPOLIB=ipl.

I_MPI_PORT_RANGE

Specify a range of allowed port numbers.

Syntax

I MPI PORT RANGE=<range>

Argument

| <range></range> | String parameter |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <min>:<max></max></min> | Allowed port range |

Description

Set this environment variable to specify a range of the allowed port numbers for the Intel® MPI Library.

I_MPI_SILENT_ABORT

Control abort warning messages.

Syntax

I MPI SILENT ABORT=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Do not print abort warning message |
| disable no off 0 | Print abort warning message. This is the default value |

Set this variable to disable printing of abort warning messages. The messages are printed in case of the MPI Abort call.

You can also disable printing of these messages with the -silent-abort option.

I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER

Specify the nameserver.

Syntax

I MPI HYDRA NAMESERVER=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | String parameter |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <hostname>:<port></port></hostname> | Set the hostname and the port. |

Description

Set this variable to specify the nameserver for your MPI application in the following format:

```
I MPI HYDRA NAMESERVER = hostname:port
```

You can set the nameserver with the -nameserver option.

I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables

inclusive

I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>

Control collective operation algorithm selection.

Syntax

 $\label{local_problem} $$I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>="<presetid>[:<conditions>][;<presetid>:<conditions>[...]]"$$

Arguments

| <pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre> | Preset identifier | |
|--|---|--|
| >= 0 | Set a number to select the desired algorithm. The value 0 uses basic logic of the collective algorithm selection. | |
| <conditions></conditions> | A comma separated list of conditions. An empty list selects all message sizes and process combinations | |
| <1> | Messages of size <1> | |
| <1>- <m></m> | Messages of size from $<1>$ to $$, inclusive | |
| <1>@ | Messages of size $<1>$ and number of processes | |
| <1>- <m>@-<q></q></m> | Messages of size from $<1>$ to $$ and number of processes from to $$, | |

Description

Set this environment variable to select the desired algorithm(s) for the collective operation *<opname>* under particular conditions. Each collective operation has its own environment variable and algorithms.

Environment Variables, Collective Operations, and Algorithms

| Environment Variable | Collective Operation | Algorithms |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--|
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHER | MPI_Allgather | Recursive doubling Bruck's Ring Topology aware Gatherv + Bcast Knomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHERV | MPI_Allgatherv | Recursive doubling Bruck's Ring Topology aware Gatherv + Bcast |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE | MPI_Allreduce | Recursive doubling Rabenseifner's Reduce + Bcast Topology aware Reduce + Bcast Binomial gather + scatter Topology aware binominal gather + scatter Shumilin's ring Ring Knomial Topology aware SHM-based flat Topology aware SHM-based Knomial Topology aware SHM-based Knomial Topology aware SHM-based Knomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALL | MPI_Alltoall | Bruck's Isend/Irecv + waitall Pair wise exchange Plum's |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLV | MPI_Alltoallv | Isend/Irecv + waitall Plum's |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLW | MPI_Alltoallw | Isend/Irecv + waitall |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_BARRIER | MPI_Barrier | Dissemination Recursive doubling Topology aware dissemination Topology aware recursive doubling Binominal gather + scatter Topology aware binominal gather + scatter Topology aware SHM-based flat |

| Environment Variable | Collective Operation | Algorithms |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | 8. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial |
| | | Topology aware SHM-based Knary |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST | MPI_Bcast | 1. Binomial |
| | | 2. Recursive doubling |
| | | 3. Ring |
| | | Topology aware binomial |
| | | Topology aware recursive doubling |
| | | Topology aware ring |
| | | 7. Shumilin's |
| | | 8. Knomial |
| | | Topology aware SHM-based flat |
| | | Topology aware SHM-based Knomial |
| | | Topology aware SHM-based Knary |
| | | NUMA aware SHM-based (SSE4.2) |
| | | 13. NUMA aware SHM-based (AVX2) |
| | | 14. NUMA aware SHM-based (AVX512) |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_EXSCAN | MPI_Exscan | Partial results gathering Partial results gathering regarding layout of processes |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHER | MPI_Gather | 1. Binomial |
| | | 2. Topology aware binomial |
| | | 3. Shumilin's |
| | | 4. Binomial with segmentation |
| I MPI ADJUST GATHERV | MPI Gatherv | d. Hann |
| 1_1111_1150001_01111151(| | 1. Linear |
| | | Topology aware linear Knomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE_SCATTE | MPI_Reduce_scatter | 1. Recursive halving |
| R | | 2. Pair wise exchange |
| | | Recursive doubling |
| | | 4. Reduce + Scatterv |
| | | Topology aware Reduce + Scatterv |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE | MPI_Reduce | 1. Shumilin's |
| | | 2. Binomial |
| | | 3. Topology aware Shumilin's |
| | | 4. Topology aware binomial |
| | | 5. Rabenseifner's |

| Environment Variable | Collective Operation | Algorithms |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | 6. Topology aware Rabenseifner's 7. Knomial 8. Topology aware SHM-based flat 9. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial 10. Topology aware SHM-based Knary 11. Topology aware SHM-based binomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_SCAN | MPI_Scan | Partial results gathering Topology aware partial results gathering |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTER | MPI_Scatter | Binomial Topology aware binomial Shumilin's |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTERV | MPI_Scatterv | Linear Topology aware linear |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_SENDRECV_REPL ACE | MPI_Sendrecv_replace | Generic Uniform (with restrictions) |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHER | MPI_Iallgather | Recursive doubling Bruck's Ring |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHERV | MPI_Iallgatherv | Recursive doubling Bruck's Ring |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLREDUCE | MPI_Iallreduce | Recursive doubling Rabenseifner's Reduce + Bcast Ring (patarasuk) Knomial Binomial Reduce scatter allgather SMP Nreduce |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALL | MPI_Ialltoall | Bruck's Isend/Irecv + Waitall Pairwise exchange |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALLV | MPI_Ialltoallv | Isend/Irecv + Waitall |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALLW | MPI_Ialltoallw | Isend/Irecv + Waitall |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IBARRIER | MPI_Ibarrier | Dissemination |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IBCAST | MPI_Ibcast | Binomial Recursive doubling |

| Environment Variable | Collective Operation | Algorithms |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | Ring Knomial SMP Tree knominal Tree kary |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IEXSCAN | MPI_Iexscan | Recursive doubling SMP |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IGATHER | MPI_Igather | Binomial Knomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IGATHERV | MPI_Igatherv | Linear Linear ssend |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IREDUCE_SCATT ER | MPI_Ireduce_scatter | Recursive halving Pairwise Recursive doubling |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_IREDUCE | MPI_Ireduce | Rabenseifner's Binomial Knomial |
| i_MPI_ADJUST_ISCAN | MPI_Iscan | Recursive Doubling SMP |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ISCATTER | MPI_Iscatter | Binomial Knomial |
| I_MPI_ADJUST_ISCATTERV | MPI_Iscatterv | Linear |

The message size calculation rules for the collective operations are described in the table. In the following table, "n/a" means that the corresponding interval <1>-<m> should be omitted.

NOTE The I_MPI_ADJUST_SENDRECV_REPLACE=2 ("Uniform") algorithm can be used only in the case when datatype and objects count are the same across all ranks.

To get the maximum number (range) of presets available for each collective operation, use the <code>impi_info</code> command:

Message Collective Functions

| Collective Function | Message Size Formula |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| MPI_Allgather | recv_count*recv_type_size |

| Collective Function | Message Size Formula |
|---------------------|---|
| MPI_Allgatherv | total_recv_count*recv_type_size |
| MPI_Allreduce | count*type_size |
| MPI_Alltoall | send_count*send_type_size |
| MPI_Alltoallv | n/a |
| MPI_Alltoallw | n/a |
| MPI_Barrier | n/a |
| MPI_Bcast | count*type_size |
| MPI_Exscan | count*type_size |
| MPI_Gather | <pre>recv_count*recv_type_size if MPI_IN_PLACE is used, otherwise</pre> |
| | send_count*send_type_size |
| MPI_Gatherv | n/a |
| MPI_Reduce_scatter | total_recv_count*type_size |
| MPI_Reduce | count*type_size |
| MPI_Scan | count*type_size |
| MPI_Scatter | send_count*send_type_size if MPI_IN_PLACE is used, otherwise |
| | recv_count*recv_type_size |
| MPI_Scatterv | n/a |

Examples

Use the following settings to select the second algorithm for MPI Reduce operation:

```
I MPI ADJUST REDUCE=2
```

Use the following settings to define the algorithms for MPI_Reduce_scatter operation:

I MPI ADJUST REDUCE SCATTER="4:0-100,5001-10000;1:101-3200;2:3201-5000;3"

In this case. algorithm 4 is used for the message sizes between 0 and 100 bytes and from 5001 and 10000 bytes, algorithm 1 is used for the message sizes between 101 and 3200 bytes, algorithm 2 is used for the message sizes between 3201 and 5000 bytes, and algorithm 3 is used for all other messages.

I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST

Syntax

I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST=<presetid1>[-<presetid2>][,<presetid3>][,<presetid4><presetid5>]

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the set of algorithms to be considered by the Intel MPI runtime for a specified opname>. This variable is useful in autotuning scenarios, as well as tuning scenarios where users would like to select a certain subset of algorithms.

NOTE Setting an empty string disables autotuning for the <opname> collective.

I MPI COLL INTRANODE

Syntax

I MPI COLL INTRANODE=<mode>

Arguments

| <mode></mode> | Intranode collectives type |
|---------------|--|
| pt2pt | Use only point-to-point communication-based collectives |
| shm | Enables shared memory collectives. This is the default value |

Set this environment variable to switch intranode communication type for collective operations. If there is large set of communicators, you can switch off the SHM-collectives to avoid memory overconsumption.

I MPI COLL INTRANODE SHM THRESHOLD

Syntax

I MPI COLL INTRANODE SHM THRESHOLD=<nbytes>

Arguments

| <nbytes></nbytes> | Define the maximal data block size processed by shared memory collectives |
|-------------------|---|
| > 0 | Use the specified size. The default value is 16384 bytes. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the size of shared memory area available for each rank for data placement. Messages greater than this value will *not* be processed by SHM-based collective operation, but will be processed by point-to-point based collective operation. The value must be a multiple of 4096.

I MPI COLL EXTERNAL

Syntax

I MPI COLL EXTERNAL=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Description |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable the external collective operations functionality using available collectives libraries. |
| disable no off 0 | Disable the external collective operations functionality. This is the default value. |
| hcoll | Enable the external collective operations functionality using HCOLL library. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable external collective operations. For reaching better performance, use an autotuner after enabling I MPI COLL EXTERNAL. This process gets the optimal collectives settings.

To force external collective operations usage, use the following I MPI ADJUST values:

```
I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE=24, I_MPI_ADJUST_BARRIER=11, I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=16,
```

I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE=13, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHER=6, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALL=5,

I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLV=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_SCAN=3, I_MPI_ADJUST_EXSCAN=3,

I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHER=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHERV=4, I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTER=5,

I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTERV=4, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHERV=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLW=2,

I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE_SCATTER=6, I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE_SCATTER_BLOCK=4,

I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHER=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHERV=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_IGATHERV=3,

I MPI ADJUST IALLREDUCE=9, I MPI ADJUST IALLTOALLV=2, I MPI ADJUST IBARRIER=2,

I_MPI_ADJUST_IBCAST=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_IREDUCE=4.

For more information on HCOLL tuning, refer to NVIDIA* documentation.

I MPI COLL DIRECT

Syntax

I_MPI_COLL_DIRECT=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Description |
|-------------|---|
| on | Enable direct collectives. This is the default value. |
| off | Disable direct collectives. |

Description

Set this environment variable to control direct collectives usage. Disable this variable to eliminate OFI* usage for intra-node communications in case of shm:ofi fabric.

I_MPI_CBWR

Control reproducibility of floating-point operations results across different platforms, networks, and topologies in case of the same number of processes.

Syntax

I MPI CBWR=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | CBWR compatibility mode | Description |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| 0 | None | Do not use CBWR in a library-wide mode. CNR-safe communicators may be created with MPI_Comm_dup_with_info explicitly. This is the default value. |
| 1 | Weak mode | Disable topology aware collectives. The result of a collective operation does not depend on the rank placement. The mode guarantees results reproducibility across different runs on the same cluster (independent of the rank placement). |
| 2 | Strict mode | Disable topology aware collectives, ignore CPU architecture, and interconnect during algorithm selection. The mode guarantees results reproducibility across different runs on different clusters (independent of the rank placement, CPU architecture, and interconnection) |

Description

Conditional Numerical Reproducibility (CNR) provides controls for obtaining reproducible floating-point results on collectives operations. With this feature, Intel MPI collective operations are designed to return the same floating-point results from run to run in case of the same number of MPI ranks.

Control this feature with the <code>I_MPI_CBWR</code> environment variable in a library-wide manner, where all collectives on all communicators are guaranteed to have reproducible results. To control the floating-point operations reproducibility in a more precise and per-communicator way, pass the $\{"I_MPI_CBWR", "yes"\}\$ key-value pair to the <code>MPI_Comm_dup_with info call</code>.

NOTE

Setting the I_MPI_CBWR in a library-wide mode using the environment variable leads to performance penalty.

CNR-safe communicators created using $MPI_Comm_dup_with_info$ always work in the strict mode. For example:

```
MPI_Info hint;
MPI_Comm cbwr_safe_world, cbwr_safe_copy;
MPI_Info_create(&hint);
MPI_Info_set(hint, "I_MPI_CBWR", "yes");
MPI_Comm_dup_with_info(MPI_COMM_WORLD, hint, & cbwr_safe_world);
MPI_Comm_dup(cbwr_safe_world, & cbwr_safe_copy);
```

In the example above, both cbwr_safe_world and cbwr_safe_copy are CNR-safe. Use cbwr_safe_world and its duplicates to get reproducible results for critical operations.

Note that $\texttt{MPI_COMM_WORLD}$ itself may be used for performance-critical operations without reproducibility limitations.

Tuning Environment Variables

I MPI TUNING MODE

Select the tuning method.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING MODE=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Description |
|------------------|--|
| none | Disable tuning modes. This is the default value. |
| auto | Enable autotuner. |
| auto:application | Enable autotuner with application focused strategy (alias for auto). |
| auto:cluster | Enable autotuner without application specific logic. This is typically performed with the help of benchmarks (for example, IMB-MPI1) and proxy applications. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable the autotuner functionality and set the autotuner strategy.

I MPI TUNING BIN

Specify the path to tuning settings in a binary format.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING BIN=<path>

Argument

| <path></path> | A path to a binary file with tuning settings. By default, Intel® MPI Library uses |
|---------------|---|
| | the binary tuning file located at <\$I_MPI_ONEAPI_ROOT/etc>. |

Description

Set this environment variable to load tuning settings in a binary format.

I MPI TUNING BIN DUMP

Specify the file for storing tuning settings in a binary format.

Syntax

I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP=<filename>

Argument

| <filename></filename> | A file name of a binary that stores tuning settings. By default, the path is not |
|-----------------------|--|
| | specified. |

Description

Set this environment variable to store tuning settings in binary format.

I MPI TUNING

Load tuning settings in a JSON format.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING=<path>

Argument

| <path></path> | A path to a JSON file with tuning settings. |
|---------------|---|
|---------------|---|

Description

Set this environment variable to load tuning settings in a JSON format.

NOTE The tuning settings in the JSON format are produced by the mpitune utility.

By default, the Intel® MPI Library loads tuning settings in a binary format. If it is not possible, the Intel MPI Library loads the tuning file in a JSON format specified through the <code>I_MPI_TUNING</code> environment variable. Thus, to enable JSON tuning, turn off the default binary tuning: <code>I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=""</code>. If it is not possible to load tuning settings from a JSON file and in a binary format, the default tuning values are used.

You do not need to turn off binary or JSON tuning settings if you use I_MPI_ADJUST family environment variables. The algorithms specified with I_MPI_ADJUST environment variables always have priority over binary and JSON tuning settings.

See Also

- Autotuning
- Environment Variables for Autotuning

Autotuning

If an application spends significant time in MPI collective operations, tuning might improve its performance.

Tuning is very dependent on the specifications of the particular platform. Autotuner searches for the best possible implementation of a collective operation during application runtime. Each collective operation has its own presets, which consist of the algorithm and its parameters, that the autotuning function goes through and then evaluates the performance of each one. Once autotuning has evaluated the search space, it chooses the fastest implementation and uses it for the rest of the application runtime, and this improves application performance. The autotuner search space can be modified by the

I MPI ADJUST <opname> LIST variable (see I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables).

Autotuner determines the tuning parameters and makes them available for autotuning using <code>I_MPI_TUNING_MODE</code> and the <code>I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO</code> family environment variables to find the best settings (see Tuning Environment Variables and <code>I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO</code> Family Environment Variables).

NOTEI_MPI_TUNING_MODE and the I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO family environment variables support only Intel processors, and cannot be used on other platforms.

The collectives currently available for autotuning are: MPI_Allreduce, MPI_Bcast, MPI_Barrier, MPI_Reduce, MPI_Gather, MPI_Scatter, MPI_Alltoall, MPI_Allgatherv, MPI_Reduce_scatter, MPI_Reduce_scatter_block, MPI_Scan, MPI_Exscan, MPI_Iallreduce, MPI_Ibcast, MPI_Ibarrier, MPI_Ireduce, MPI_Igather, MPI_Iscatter, MPI_Ialltoall, MPI_Iallgatherv, MPI_Ireduce_scatter, MPI_Ireduce_scatter_block, MPI_Iscan, and MPI_Iexscan.

Using autotuner involves these steps:

1. Launch the application with autotuner enabled and specify the dump file that stores results:

```
I_MPI_TUNING_MODE=auto
```

I MPI TUNING BIN DUMP=<tuning-results.dat>

2. Launch the application with the tuning results generated at the previous step:

```
I MPI TUNING BIN= ./tuning-results.dat
```

Or use the -tune Hydra option.

If you experience performance issues, see I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO Family Environment Variables.

Examples

```
•$ export I_MPI_TUNING_MODE=auto
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_SYNC=1
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM=5
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP=<tuning_results.dat>
$ mpirun -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
•$ export I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=./tuning_results.dat
$ mpirun -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
```

NOTE To tune collectives on a communicator identified with the help of Application Performance Snapshot (APS), execute the following variable at step 1:

I MPI TUNING AUTO COMM LIST=comm id 1, ..., comm id n.

See Also

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO Family Environment Variables

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I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO Family Environment Variables

NOTE You must set I_MPI_TUNING_MODE to use any of the I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO family environment variables.

NOTE The I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO family environment variables support only Intel processors, and cannot be used on other platforms.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_STORAGE_SIZE

Define size of the per-communicator tuning storage.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO STORAGE SIZE=<size>

Argument

| <size></size> | Specify size of the communicator tuning storage. The |
|---------------|--|
| | default size of the storage is 512 Kb. |

Description

Set this environment variable to change the size of the communicator tuning storage.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM

Specify the number of autotuner iterations.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO ITER NUM=<number>

Argument

| <number></number> | Define the number of iterations. By default, it is 1. |
|-------------------|---|
|-------------------|---|

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the number of autotuner iterations. The greater iteration number produces more accurate results.

NOTE To check if all possible algorithms are iterated, make sure that the total number of collective invocations for a particular message size in a target application is at least equal the value of I MPI TUNING AUTO ITER NUM multiplied by the number of algorithms.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_WARMUP_ITER_NUM

Specify the number of warmup autotuner iterations.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_WARMUP_ITER_NUM=<number>
```

Argument

<number> Define the number of iterations. By default, it is 1.

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the number of autotuner warmup iterations. Warmup iterations do not impact autotuner decisions and allow to skip additional iterations, such as infrastructure preparation.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_SYNC

Enable the internal barrier on every iteration of the autotuner.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO SYNC=<arg>

Argument

<arg> Binary indicator

| enable yes on 1 | Align the autotuner with the IMB measurement approach. |
|------------------------|---|
| disable no off 0 | Do not use the barrier on every iteration of the autotuner. This is the default value. |

Set this environment variable to control the IMB measurement logic. Setting this variable to 1 may lead to overhead due to an additional MPI_Barrier call.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST

Control the scope of autotuning.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST=<comm_id_1, ..., comm_id_n>
```

Argument

| <pre><comm_id_n,></comm_id_n,></pre> | Specify communicators to be tuned. |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|

Description

Set this environment variable to specify communicators to be tuned using their unique id. By default, the variable is not specified. In this case, all communicators in the application are involved into the tuning process.

NOTE To get the list of communicators available for tuning, use the Application Performance Snapshot (APS) tool, which supports per communicator profiling starting with the 2019 Update 4 release. For example:

1. Source apsvars.sh:

```
$ source <path to aps>/apsvars.sh
```

2. Gather APS statistics:

```
$ export MPS_STAT_LEVEL=5
$ export APS_COLLECT_COMM_IDS=1
mpirun -aps -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -npmin 128 -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
```

3. Generate an APS report:

```
$ aps-report aps result 20190228/ -lfE
```

4. Get the results:

```
| Communicators used in the application | Communicator Id | Communicator Size | Time (Rank Average) (sec) | Ranks | 4611686018431582688 | 4 | 1.80 (0.45) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018429485552 | 2 | 0.51 (0.25) | 0,1 | 4611686018429485520 | 2 | 0.01 (0.00) | 0,1 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4611686018431582672 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 4 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) | 0,1,2,3 | 0.00 (0.00) |
```

5. Specify the communicators to be tuned:

```
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST=4611686018431582688
$ export MPS_STAT_LEVEL=5
$ export APS_COLLECT_COMM_IDS=1
$ export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO=1
$ mpirun -aps -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
```

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_DEFAULT

Mark all communicators with the default value.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_DEFAULT=<arg>
```

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Mark communicators. |
| disable no off 0 | Do not mark communicators. This is the default value. |

Description

Set this environment variable to mark all communicators in an application with the default value. In this case, all communicators will have the identical default comm_id equal to -1.

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I MPI TUNING AUTO COMM USER

Enable communicator marking with a user value.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO COMM USER=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable marking of communicators. |
| disable no off 0 | Disable marking of communicators. This is the default value. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable communicator marking with a user value. To mark a communicator in your application, use the MPI_Info object for this communicator that contains a record with the comm_id key. The key must belong the 0...UINT64 MAX range.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY

Control the iteration policy logic.

Syntax

MPI TUNING AUTO ITER POLICY=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Reduce the number of iterations with a message size increase after 64Kb (by half). This is the default value. |
| disable no off 0 | Use the <pre>I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM</pre> value. |
| | This value affects warmup iterations. |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the autotuning iteration policy logic.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY_THRESHOLD

Control the message size limit for the I MPI TUNING AUTO ITER POLICY environment variable.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO ITER POLICY THRESHOLD=<arg>

Argument

| <ara></ara> | Define the value. By default, it is 64KB. |
|-------------|---|
| | Define the value of a state, it is a more |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the message size limit for the autotuning iteration policy logic ($I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY$).

I MPI TUNING AUTO POLICY

Choose the best algorithm identification strategy.

Syntax

I MPI TUNING AUTO POLICY=<arg>

Argument

| <arg></arg> | Description |
|-------------|---|
| max | Choose the best algorithm based on a maximum time value. This is the default value. |

| min | Choose the best algorithm based on a minimum time value. |
|-----|---|
| avg | Choose the best algorithm based on an average time value. |

Set this environment variable to control the autotuning strategy and choose the best algorithm based on the time value across ranks involved into the tuning process.

Process Pinning

Use this feature to pin a particular MPI process to a corresponding set of CPUs within a node and avoid undesired process migration. This feature is available on operating systems that provide the necessary kernel interfaces.

This page describes the pinning process. You can simulate your pinning configuration using the Pinning Simulator for Intel MPI Library.

Processor Identification

The following schemes are used to identify logical processors in a system:

- System-defined logical enumeration
- Topological enumeration based on three-level hierarchical identification through triplets (package/socket, core, thread)

The number of a logical CPU is defined as the corresponding position of this CPU bit in the kernel affinity bit-mask. Use the <code>cpuinfo</code> utility, provided with your Intel MPI Library installation or the <code>cat /proc/cpuinfo</code> command to find out the logical CPU numbers.

The three-level hierarchical identification uses triplets that provide information about processor location and their order. The triplets are hierarchically ordered (package, core, and thread).

See the example for one possible processor numbering where there are two sockets, four cores (two cores per socket), and eight logical processors (two processors per core).

NOTE Logical and topological enumerations are not the same.

Logical Enumeration

| 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 | | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | |
|-----------|------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hierarchi | cal Levels | 5 | | | | | | | |
| Socket | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Core | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Thread | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Topologic | al Enume | eration | | | | | | | |
| opologic | ar Ename | 2 | | | | | | | _ |

Use the <code>cpuinfo</code> utility to identify the correspondence between the logical and topological enumerations. See Processor Information Utility for more details.

Default Settings

If you do not specify values for any process pinning environment variables, the default settings below are used. For details about these settings, see Environment Variables and Interoperability with OpenMP API.

- I MPI PIN=on
- I MPI PIN RESPECT CPUSET=on

- I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT HCA=on
- I MPI PIN CELL=unit
- I MPI PIN DOMAIN=auto:compact
- I MPI PIN ORDER=bunch

NOTE If hyperthreading is on, the number or processes on the node is greater than the number of cores and no one process pinning environment variable is set. For better performance, the "spread" order will automatically be used instead of the default "compact" order.

Environment Variables for Process Pinning

I MPI PIN

Turn on/off process pinning.

Syntax

```
I MPI PIN=<arg>
```

Arguments

Description

Set this environment variable to control the process pinning feature of the Intel® MPI Library.

I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST (I MPI PIN PROCS)

Define a processor subset and the mapping rules for MPI processes within this subset.

This environment variable is available for both Intel and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than it performs for non-Intel microprocessors.

Syntax Forms

```
I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=<value>
```

The environment variable value has three syntax forms:

- 1. clist>
- 2. [cset>][:[grain=<grain>][,shift=<shift>][,preoffset=<preoffset>]
 [,postoffset=<postoffset>]
- **3.** [<*procset*>] [:map=<*map*>]

The following paragraphs provide detailed descriptions for each of these syntax forms.

NOTE The postoffset keyword has offset alias.

NOTE The second form of the pinning procedure has three steps:

- 1. Circular shift of the source processor list on preoffset*grain value.
- 2. Round robin shift of the list derived on the first step on shift*grain value.
- **3.** Circular shift of the list derived on the second step on the postoffset*grain value.

NOTE The grain, shift, preoffset, and postoffset parameters have a unified definition style.

I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=proclist>

Arguments

| <pre><pre>clis</pre></pre> | A comma-separated list of logical processor numbers and/or ranges of processors. The process with the i-th rank is pinned to the i-th processor in the list. The number should not exceed the number of |
|----------------------------|---|
| t> | processors on a node. |
| <1> | Processor with logical number <1>. |
| <1>- <m></m> | Range of processors with logical numbers from <1> to <m>.</m> |
| <k>,<1>-</k> | Processors $\langle k \rangle$, as well as $\langle 1 \rangle$ through $\langle m \rangle$. |
| <m></m> | |

Syntax 2: [cset>][:[grain=<grain>][,shift=<shift>][,preoffset=

I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=[procset>][:[grain=<grain>][,shift=<shift>]
[,preoffset=<preoffset>][,postoffset=<postoffset>]

Arguments

| <pre><pre><pre><pre>></pre></pre></pre></pre> | Specify a processor subset based on the topological numeration. The default value is allcores. |
|--|--|
| all | All logical processors. Specify this subset to define the number of CPUs on a node. |
| allcores | All cores (physical CPUs). Specify this subset to define the number of cores on a node. This is the default value. |
| | If Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology is disabled, allcores equals to all. |
| allsocks | All packages/sockets. Specify this subset to define the number of sockets on a node. |
| <grain></grain> | Specify the pinning granularity cell for a defined $< procset >$. The minimal $< grain >$ value is a single element of the $< procset >$. The maximal $< grain >$ value is the number of $< procset >$ elements in a socket. The $< grain >$ value must be a multiple of the $< procset >$ value. Otherwise, the minimal $< grain >$ value is assumed. The default value is the minimal $< grain >$ value. |
| <shift></shift> | Specify the granularity of the round robin scheduling shift of the cells for the $procset>$. $$ is measured in the defined $$ units. The $$ value must be positive integer. Otherwise, no shift is performed. The default value is no shift, which is equal to 1 normal increment. |
| <pre><preoffse t=""></preoffse></pre> | Specify the circular shift of the processor subset $$ defined before the round robin shifting on the $$ value. The value is measured in the defined $$ value must be non-negative integer. Otherwise, no shift is performed. The default value is no shift. |
| <postoffs et></postoffs | Specify the circular shift of the processor subset $$ derived after round robin shifting on the $$ value. The value is measured in the defined $$ units. The $$ value must be non-negative integer. Otherwise no shift is performed. The default value is no shift. |

The following table displays the values for <grain>, <shift>, <preoffset>, and <postoffset> options:

| <n></n> | Specify an explicit value of the corresponding parameters. $\langle n \rangle$ is non-negative integer. |
|---------|---|
| fine | Specify the minimal value of the corresponding parameter. |

| core | Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units contained in one core. |
|------------------|--|
| cache1 | Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that share an L1 cache. |
| cache2 | Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that share an L2 cache. |
| cache3 | Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that share an L3 cache. |
| cache | The largest value among cache1, cache2, and cache3. |
| socket sock | Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units contained in one physical package/socket. |
| half mid | Specify the parameter value equal to socket/2. |
| third | Specify the parameter value equal to socket/3. |
| quarter | Specify the parameter value equal to socket/4. |
| octavo | Specify the parameter value equal to socket/8. |

Syntax 3: [<*procset*>] [:map=<*map*>]

I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=[procset>][:map=<map>]

Arguments

| <map></map> | The mapping pattern used for process placement. |
|-------------|---|
| bunch | The processes are mapped proportionally to sockets and the processes are ordered as close as possible on the sockets. |
| scatter | The processes are mapped as remotely as possible so as not to share common resources: FSB, caches, and core. |
| spread | The processes are mapped consecutively with the possibility not to share common resources. |

Description

Set the I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST environment variable to define the processor placement. To avoid conflicts with different shell versions, the environment variable value may need to be enclosed in quotes.

NOTE This environment variable is valid only if I MPI PIN is enabled.

The I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST environment variable has the following different syntax variants:

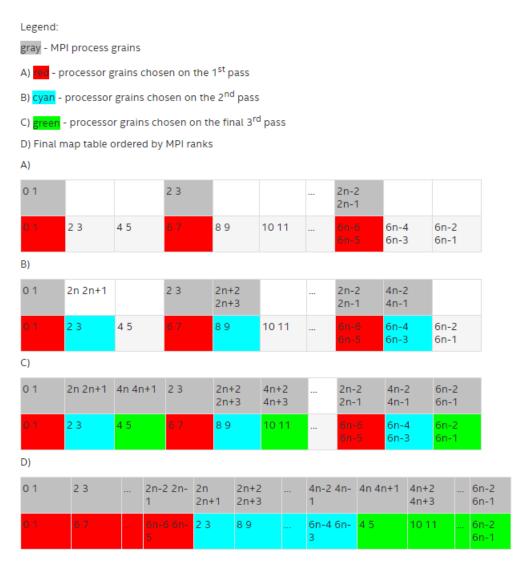
• Explicit processor list. This comma-separated list is defined in terms of logical processor numbers. The relative node rank of a process is an index to the processor list such that the i-th process is pinned on i-th list member. This permits the definition of any process placement on the CPUs.

For example, process mapping for I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=p0,p1,p2,...,pn is as follows:

| Rank on a node | 0 | 1 | 2 | n-1 | N | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----------|----|--|
| | | | | | | |
| Logical CPU | р0 | p1 | p2 | pn-1 | Pn | |

• grain/shift/offset mapping. This method provides circular shift of a defined grain along the processor list with steps equal to shift*grain and a single shift on offset*grain at the end. This shifting action is repeated shift times.

For example: grain = 2 logical processors, shift = 3 grains, offset = 0.



• Predefined mapping scenario. In this case, popular process pinning schemes are defined as keywords selectable at runtime. There are two such scenarios: bunch and scatter.

In the bunch scenario the processes are mapped proportionally to sockets as closely as possible. This mapping makes sense for partial processor loading. In this case, the number of processes is less than the number of processors.

In the scatter scenario the processes are mapped as remotely as possible so as not to share common resources: FSB, caches, and cores.

In the example, there are two sockets, four cores per socket, one logical CPU per core, and two cores per shared cache.



Examples

To pin the processes to CPU0 and CPU3 on each node globally, use the following command:

```
$ mpirun -genv I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=0,3 -n <number-of-processes><executable>
```

To pin the processes to different CPUs on each node individually (CPU0 and CPU3 on host1 and CPU0, CPU1 and CPU3 on host2), use the following command:

```
$ mpirun -host host1 -env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,3 -n <number-of-processes> <executable> : \
-host host2 -env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=1,2,3 -n <number-of-processes> <executable>
```

To print extra debugging information about process pinning, use the following command:

```
$ mpirun -genv I_MPI_DEBUG=4 -m -host host1 \
-env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,3 -n <number-of-processes> <executable> :\
-host host2 -env I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST=1,2,3 -n <number-of-processes> <executable>
```

NOTE If the number of processes is greater than the number of CPUs used for pinning, the process list is wrapped around to the start of the processor list.

I MPI PIN PROCESSOR EXCLUDE LIST

Define a subset of logical processors to be excluded for the pinning capability on the intended hosts.

Syntax

```
I MPI PIN PROCESSOR EXCLUDE LIST=proclist>
```

Arguments

| <pre><pre><pre><pre></pre></pre></pre></pre> | A comma-separated list of logical processor numbers and/or ranges of processors. |
|--|---|
| | Processor with logical number <1>. |
| - <m></m> | Range of processors with logical numbers from $<1>$ to $$. |
| <k>,<l>-<m></m></l></k> | Processors $\langle k \rangle$, as well as $\langle 1 \rangle$ through $\langle m \rangle$. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the logical processors that Intel® MPI Library does not use for pinning capability on the intended hosts. Logical processors are numbered as in /proc/cpuinfo.

I MPI PIN CELL

Set this environment variable to define the pinning resolution granularity. I_MPI_PIN_CELL specifies the minimal processor cell allocated when an MPI process is running.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_PIN_CELL=<cel1>
```

Arguments

| <cel1></cel1> | Specify the resolution granularity |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| unit | Basic processor unit (logical CPU) |
| core | Physical processor core |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the processor subset used when a process is running. You can choose from two scenarios:

- all possible CPUs in a node (unit value)
- all cores in a node (core value)

The environment variable has effect on both pinning types:

- one-to-one pinning through the <code>I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST</code> environment variable
- one-to-many pinning through the I MPI PIN DOMAIN environment variable

The default value rules are:

- If you use I MPI PIN DOMAIN, the cell granularity is unit.
- If you use I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST, the following rules apply:
 - When the number of processes is greater than the number of cores, the cell granularity is unit.
 - When the number of processes is equal to or less than the number of cores, the cell granularity is core.

NOTE The core value is not affected by the enabling/disabling of Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology in a system.

I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_CPUSET

Respect the process affinity mask.

Syntax

```
I MPI PIN RESPECT CPUSET=<value>
```

Arguments

| <value></value> | Binary indicator |
|--------------------|---|
| enable yes on | Respect the process affinity mask. This is the default value. |
| 1 | |
| disable no off | Do not respect the process affinity mask. |
| 0 | |

Description

If you set <code>I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_CPUSET=enable</code>, the Hydra process launcher uses job manager's process affinity mask on each intended host to determine logical processors for applying Intel MPI Library pinning capability.

If you set I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_CPUSET=disable, the Hydra process launcher uses its own process affinity mask to determine logical processors for applying Intel MPI Library pinning capability.

I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_HCA

In the presence of Infiniband architecture* host channel adapter (IBA* HCA), adjust the pinning according to the location of IBA HCA.

Syntax

I MPI PIN RESPECT HCA=<value>

Arguments

| <value></value> | Binary indicator |
|--------------------|--|
| enable yes on | Use the location of IBA HCA if available. This is the default value. |
| 1 | |
| disable no off | Do not use the location of IBA HCA. |
| 0 | |

Description

If you set <code>I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_HCA=enable</code>, the Hydra process launcher uses the location of IBA HCA on each intended host for applying Intel MPI Library pinning capability.

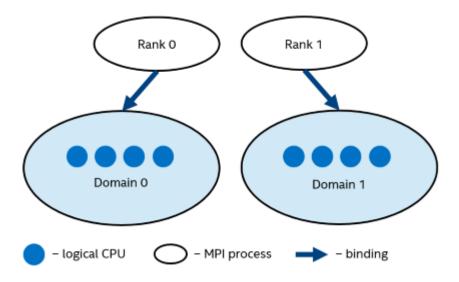
If you set <code>I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_HCA=disable</code>, the Hydra process launcher does not use the location of IBA HCA on each intended host for applying Intel MPI Library pinning capability.

Interoperability with OpenMP* API

I MPI PIN DOMAIN

Intel® MPI Library provides an additional environment variable to control process pinning for hybrid MPI/ OpenMP* applications. This environment variable is used to define a number of non-overlapping subsets (domains) of logical processors on a node, and a set of rules on how MPI processes are bound to these domains by the following formula: *one MPI process per one domain*. See the picture below.

Figure 1 Domain Example



Each MPI process can create a number of children threads for running within the corresponding domain. The process threads can freely migrate from one logical processor to another within the particular domain.

If the <code>I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN</code> environment variable is defined, then the <code>I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST</code> environment variable setting is ignored.

If the <code>I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN</code> environment variable is not defined, then MPI processes are pinned according to the <code>current</code> value of the <code>I MPI PIN PROCESSOR LIST</code> environment variable.

The I MPI PIN DOMAIN environment variable has the following syntax forms:

- Domain description through multi-core terms <mc-shape>
- Domain description through domain size and domain member layout <size>[:<1ayout>]
- Explicit domain description through bit mask <masklist>

The following tables describe these syntax forms.

Multi-Core Shape

I MPI PIN DOMAIN=<mc-shape>

| <mc-shape></mc-shape> | Define domains through multi-core terms. |
|-----------------------|--|
| core | Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular core. The number of domains on a node is equal to the number of cores on the node. |
| socket sock | Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular socket. The number of domains on a node is equal to the number of sockets on the node. This is the recommended value. |
| numa | Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular NUMA node. The number of domains on a machine is equal to the number of NUMA nodes on the machine. |
| node | All logical processors on a node are arranged into a single domain. |
| cache1 | Logical processors that share a particular level 1 cache are arranged into a single domain. |
| cache2 | Logical processors that share a particular level 2 cache are arranged into a single domain. |
| cache3 | Logical processors that share a particular level 3 cache are arranged into a single domain. |
| cache | The largest domain among cache1, cache2, and cache3 is selected. |

NOTE If Cluster on Die is disabled on a machine, the number of NUMA nodes equals to the number of sockets. In this case, pinning for I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN = numa is equivalent to pinning for I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN = socket.

Explicit Shape

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=<size>[:<layout>]

| <size></size> | Define a number of logical processors in each domain (domain size) |
|---------------|--|
| omp | The domain size is equal to the ${\tt OMP_NUM_THREADS}$ environment variable |
| | value. If the <code>OMP_NUM_THREADS</code> environment variable is not set, each node |
| | is treated as a separate domain. |
| auto | The domain size is defined by the formula size=#cpu/#proc, where #cpu |
| | is the number of logical processors on a node, and $\ensuremath{\texttt{\#proc}}$ is the number of |
| | the MPI processes started on a node |
| <n></n> | The domain size is defined by a positive decimal number $\langle n \rangle$ |

| <layout></layout> | Ordering of domain members. The default value is compact |
|-------------------|---|
| platform | Domain members are ordered according to their BIOS numbering (platform-depended numbering) |
| compact | Domain members are located as close to each other as possible in terms of common resources (cores, caches, sockets, and so on). This is the default value |
| scatter | Domain members are located as far away from each other as possible in terms of common resources (cores, caches, sockets, and so on) |

Explicit Domain Mask

I MPI PIN DOMAIN=<masklist>

| <masklist></masklist> | Define domains through the comma separated list of hexadecimal numbers (domain masks) |
|------------------------------------|--|
| [m ₁ ,,m _n] | For $< masklist >$, each m_i is a hexadecimail bit mask defining an individual domain. The following rule is used: the i^{th} logical processor is included into the domain if the corresponding mi value is set to 1. All remaining processors are put into a separate domain. BIOS numbering is used. |
| | NOTE To ensure that your configuration in <masklist> is parsed correctly, use square brackets to enclose the domains specified by the <masklist>. For example: I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=[55,aa]</masklist></masklist> |

NOTE These options are available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but they may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than they perform for non-Intel microprocessors.

To pin OpenMP* processes or threads inside the domain, the corresponding OpenMP feature (for example, the KMP AFFINITY environment variable for Intel® compilers) should be used.

NOTE The following configurations are effectively the same as if pinning is not applied:

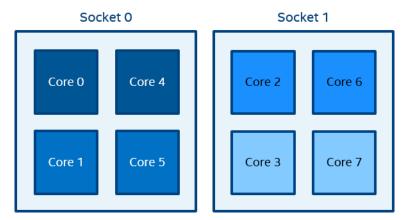
- If you set <code>I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=auto</code> and a single process is running on a node (for example, due to <code>I_MPI_PERHOST=1</code>)
- I MPI PIN DOMAIN=node

If you do not want the process to be migrated between sockets on a multi-socket platform, specify the domain size as I MPI PIN DOMAIN=socket or smaller.

You can also use $I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST$, which produces a single-cpu process affinity mask for each rank (the affinity mask is supposed to be automatically adjusted in presence of IBA* HCA).

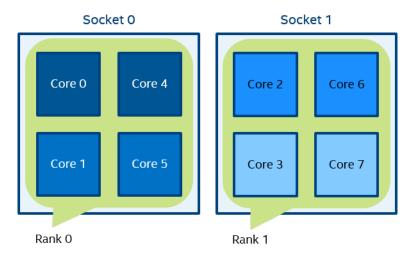
See the following model of a symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) node in the examples:

Figure 2 Model of a Node



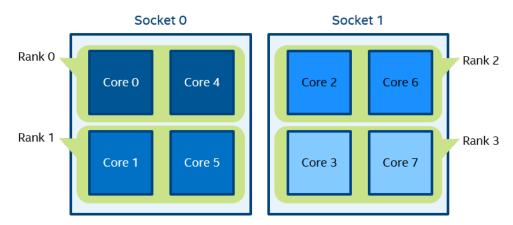
The figure above represents the SMP node model with a total of 8 cores on 2 sockets. Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology is disabled. Core pairs of the same color share the L2 cache.

Figure 3 mpi run -n 2 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN socket ./a.out



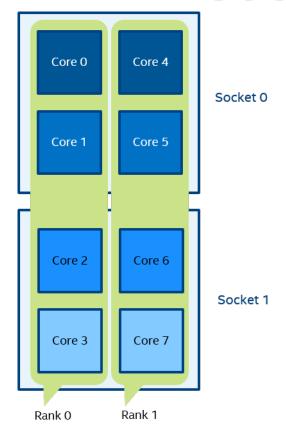
In Figure 3, two domains are defined according to the number of sockets. Process rank 0 can migrate on all cores on the 0-th socket. Process rank 1 can migrate on all cores on the first socket.

Figure 4 mpi run -n 4 -env I MPI PIN DOMAIN cache2 ./a.out



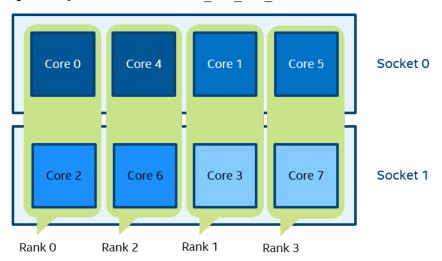
In Figure 4, four domains are defined according to the amount of common L2 caches. Process rank 0 runs on cores $\{0,4\}$ that share an L2 cache. Process rank 1 runs on cores $\{1,5\}$ that share an L2 cache as well, and so on.

Figure 5 mpi run -n 2 -env I MPI PIN DOMAIN 4:platform ./a.out



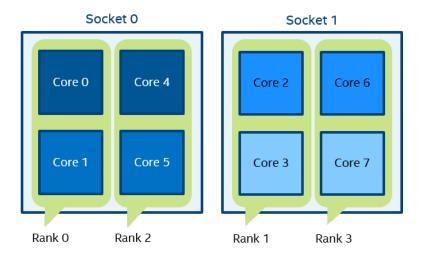
In Figure 5, two domains with size=4 are defined. The first domain contains cores $\{0,1,2,3\}$, and the second domain contains cores $\{4,5,6,7\}$. Domain members (cores) have consecutive numbering as defined by the platform option.

Figure 6 mpi run -n 4 -env I MPI PIN DOMAIN auto:scatter ./a.out



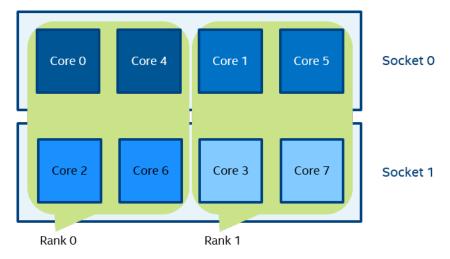
In Figure 6, domain size=2 (defined by the number of CPUs=8 / number of processes=4), scatter layout. Four domains $\{0,2\}$, $\{1,3\}$, $\{4,6\}$, $\{5,7\}$ are defined. Domain members do not share any common resources.

Figure 7 setenv OMP NUM THREADS=2 mpi run -n 4 -env I MPI PIN DOMAIN omp:platform ./a.out



In Figure 7, domain size=2 (defined by $OMP_NUM_THREADS=2$), platform layout. Four domains {0,1}, {2,3}, {4,5}, {6,7} are defined. Domain members (cores) have consecutive numbering.

Figure 8 mpi run -n 2 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN [55,aa] ./a.out



In Figure 8 (the example for <code>I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=<masklist></code>), the first domain is defined by the 55 mask. It contains all cores with even numbers $\{0,2,4,6\}$. The second domain is defined by the AA mask. It contains all cores with odd numbers $\{1,3,5,7\}$.

I_MPI_PIN_ORDER

Set this environment variable to define the mapping order for MPI processes to domains as specified by the $I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN$ environment variable.

Syntax

I MPI PIN ORDER=<order>

Arguments

| <order></order> | Specify the ranking order |
|-----------------|---|
| range | The domains are ordered according to the processor's BIOS numbering. This is a platform-dependent numbering. |
| scatter | The domains are ordered so that adjacent domains have minimal sharing of common resources, whenever possible. |

| compact | The domains are ordered so that adjacent domains share common resources as much as possible. |
|---------|--|
| spread | The domains are ordered consecutively with the possibility not to share common resources. |
| bunch | The processes are mapped proportionally to sockets and the domains are ordered as close as possible on the sockets. This is the default value. |

The optimal setting for this environment variable is application-specific. If adjacent MPI processes prefer to share common resources, such as cores, caches, sockets, FSB, use the compact or bunch values. Otherwise, use the scatter or spread values. Use the range value as needed. For detail information and examples about these values, see the Arguments table and the Example section of I MPI PIN ORDER in this topic.

The options scatter, compact, spread and bunch are available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but they may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than they perform for non-Intel microprocessors.

Examples

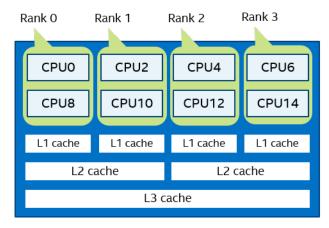
For the following configuration:

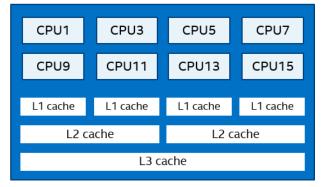
- Two socket nodes with four cores and a shared L2 cache for corresponding core pairs.
- 4 MPI processes you want to run on the node using the settings below.

Compact order:

I MPI PIN DOMAIN=2 I MPI PIN ORDER=compact

Figure 9 Compact Order Example

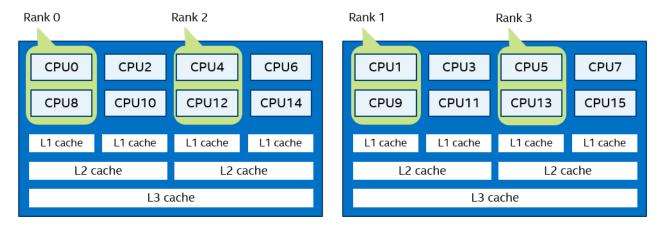




Scatter order:

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2 I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=scatter

Figure 10 Scatter Order Example

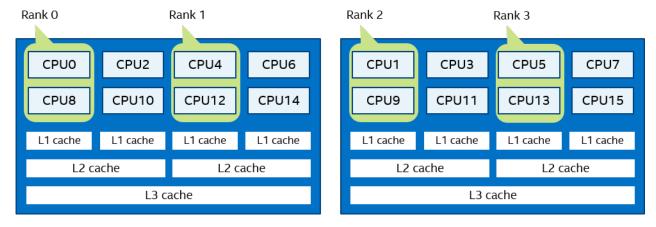


Spread order:

I MPI PIN DOMAIN=2 I MPI PIN ORDER=spread

NOTE For I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=spread, the order will be switched to 'compact' if there are not enough CPUs to emplace all domains.

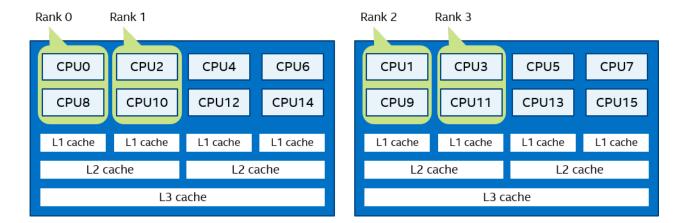
Figure 11 Spread Order Example



Bunch order:

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2 I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=bunch

Figure 12 Bunch Order Example



GPU Support

This section provides information about the following GPU devices support in Intel® MPI Library:

- 1. GPU pinning
- 2. GPU buffers support

These features require the Level-Zero* library to be installed on the nodes. All environment variables have $I_MPI_OFFLOAD_*$ prefix.

Current support is limited to Intel® GPUs only.

I_MPI_OFFLOAD

Set this environment variable to enable all GPU features.

Syntax

I MPI OFFLOAD=<value>

Arguments

| Value | Description |
|-------|---|
| 0 | Disabled (default value) |
| 1 | Auto. Intel MPI expects that libze_loader.so is already loaded and does not load it twice |
| | load it twice |
| 2 | Enabled. Intel MPI loads libze_loader.so |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable all GPU features such as GPU pinning and GPU buffers support, which give you ability to distribute devices between MPI ranks and provide a pointer of an offloaded memory to MPI functions.

I_MPI_OFFLOAD_LEVEL_ZERO_LIBRARY

Specify the name and full path to the Level-Zero library.

Syntax

I_MPI_OFFLOAD_LEVEL_ZERO_LIBRARY="<path>/<name>"

Arguments

<path> Full path to the Level-Zero library.

<name> Name of the Level-Zero library.

Set this environment variable to specify the name and full path to Level-Zero library. Set this variable if Level-Zero is not located in the default path. Default value: libze_loader.so.

Environment Variables for Fabrics Control

This section provides description of the general environment variables for controlling fabrics, as well as description of variables for controlling specific fabrics:

- Communication Fabrics Control
- Shared Memory Control
- OFI*-capable network fabrics

Communication Fabrics Control

I_MPI_FABRICS

Select the particular fabrics to be used.

Syntax

I_MPI_FABRICS=ofi | shm:ofi | shm

Arguments

| <fabric></fabric> | Define a network fabric. |
|-------------------|---|
| shm | Shared memory transport (used for intra-node communication only). |
| ofi | OpenFabrics Interfaces* (OFI)-capable network fabrics, such as Intel® Omni- |
| | Path Architecture, InfiniBand*, and Ethernet (through OFI API). |

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific fabric combination.

The default values are shm:ofi for the regular mode and ofi for the multiple endpoints mode. In the multiple endpoints mode, the default value ofi cannot be changed.

NOTE

This option is not applicable to slurm and pdsh bootstrap servers.

NOTE

DAPL, TMI, and OFA fabrics are deprecated.

Shared Memory Control

I_MPI_SHM

Select a shared memory transport to be used.

Syntax

I MPI SHM=<transport>

Arguments

<transport>
Define a shared memory transport solution.

| disable no off 0 | Do not use shared memory transport. |
|------------------------|---|
| auto | Select a shared memory transport solution automatically. |
| bdw_sse | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® microarchitecture code name Broadwell. The SSE4.2. instruction set is used. |
| bdw_avx2 | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® microarchitecture code name Broadwell. The AVX2 instruction set is used. |
| skx_sse | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Skylake. The CLFLUSHOPT and SSE4.2 instruction set is used. |
| skx_avx2 | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Skylake. The CLFLUSHOPT and AVX2 instruction set is used. |
| skx_avx512 | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Skylake. The CLFLUSHOPT and AVX512 instruction set is used. |
| knl_ddr | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® microarchitecture code name Knights Landing. |
| knl_mcdram | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® microarchitecture code name Knights Landing. Shared memory buffers may be partially located in the Multi-Channel DRAM (MCDRAM). |
| clx_sse | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake. The CLFLUSHOPT and SSE4.2 instruction set is used. |
| clx_avx2 | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake. The CLFLUSHOPT and AVX2 instruction set is used. |
| clx_avx512 | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake. The CLFLUSHOPT and AVX512 instruction set is used. |
| clx-ap | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake Advanced Performance. |
| icx | The shared memory transport solution tuned for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Ice Lake. |

Set this environment variable to select a specific shared memory transport solution.

Automatically selected transports:

- icx for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Ice Lake
- clx-ap for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake Advanced Performance
- bdw avx2 for Intel® microarchitecture code name Haswell, Broadwell and Skylake
- skx_avx2 for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Skylake
- ckx avx2 for Intel® Xeon® processors based on Intel® microarchitecture code name Cascade Lake
- knl mcdram for Intel® microarchitecture code name Knights Landing and Knights Mill
- bdw sse for all other platforms

The value of <code>I_MPI_SHM</code> depends on the value of <code>I_MPI_FABRICS</code> as follows: if <code>I_MPI_FABRICS</code> is <code>ofi</code>, <code>I_MPI_SHM</code> is disabled. If <code>I_MPI_FABRICS</code> is <code>shm:ofi</code>, <code>I_MPI_SHM</code> defaults to auto or takes the specified value.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_FWD_SIZE

Change the size of a shared memory forward cell.

Syntax

I MPI SHM CELL FWD SIZE=<nbytes>

Arguments

| <nbytes></nbytes> | The size of a shared memory forward cell in bytes |
|-------------------|--|
| > 0 | The default <nbytes> value depends on the transport used and should</nbytes> |
| | normally range from 64K to 1024K. |

Description

Forward cells are in-cache message buffer cells used for sending small amounts of data. Lower values are recommended. Set this environment variable to define the size of a forward cell in the shared memory transport.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_BWD_SIZE

Change the size of a shared memory backward cell.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_BWD_SIZE=<nbytes>

Arguments

| <nbytes></nbytes> | The size of a shared memory backward cell in bytes |
|-------------------|--|
| > 0 | The default <nbytes> value depends on the transport used and should</nbytes> |
| | normally range from 64K to 1024K. |

Description

Backward cells are out-of-cache message buffer cells used for sending large amounts of data. Higher values are recommended. Set this environment variable to define the size of a backwrad cell in the shared memory transport.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_EXT_SIZE

Change the size of a shared memory extended cell.

Syntax

I MPI SHM CELL EXT SIZE=<nbytes>

Arguments

| <nbytes></nbytes> | The size of a shared memory extended cell in bytes |
|-------------------|--|
| > 0 | The default <nbytes> value depends on the transport used and should</nbytes> |
| | normally range from 64K to 1024K. |

Description

Extended cells are used in the imbalanced applications when forward and backward cells are run out. An extended cell does not have a specific owner - it is shared between all ranks on the computing node. Set this environment variable to define the size of an extended cell in the shared memory transport.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_FWD_NUM

Change the number of forward cells in the shared memory transport (per rank).

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_FWD_NUM=<num>

Arguments

| <num></num> | The number of shared memory forward cells |
|-------------|---|
| > 0 | The default value depends on the transport used and should normally range |
| | from 4 to 16. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the number of forward cells in the shared memory transport.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_BWD_NUM

Change the number of backward cells in the shared memory transport (per rank).

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_BWD_NUM=<num>

Arguments

| <num></num> | The number of shared memory backward cells |
|-------------|---|
| > 0 | The default value depends on the transport used and should normally range from 4 to 64. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the number of backward cells in the shared memory transport.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_EXT_NUM_TOTAL

Change the total number of extended cells in the shared memory transport.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_EXT_NUM_TOTAL=<num>

Arguments

| <num></num> | The number of shared memory backward cells |
|-------------|--|
| > 0 | The default value depends on the transport used and should normally range from 2K to 8K. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the number of extended cells in the shared memory transport.

NOTE

This is not "per rank" number, it is total number of extended cells on the computing node.

I_MPI_SHM_CELL_FWD_HOLD_NUM

Change the number of hold forward cells in the shared memory transport (per rank).

Syntax

I MPI SHM CELL FWD HOLD NUM=<num>

Arguments

| <num></num> | The number of shared memory hold forward cells |
|-------------|---|
| > 0 | The default value depends on the transport used and must be less than |
| | I_MPI_SHM_CELL_FWD_NUM. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the number of forward cells in the shared memory transport a rank can hold at the same time. Recommended values are powers of two in the range between 1 and 8.

I MPI SHM MCDRAM LIMIT

Change the size of the shared memory bound to the multi-channel DRAM (MCDRAM) (size per rank).

Syntax

I MPI SHM MCDRAM LIMIT=<nbytes>

Arguments

| <nbytes></nbytes> | The size of the shared memory bound to MCDRAM per rank |
|-------------------|--|
| 1048576 | This is the default value. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define how much MCDRAM memory per rank is allowed for the shared memory transport. This variable takes effect with I MPI SHM=knl mcdram only.

I_MPI_SHM_SEND_SPIN_COUNT

Control the spin count value for the shared memory transport for sending messages.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_SEND_SPIN_COUNT=<count>

Arguments

| <count></count> | Define the spin count value. A typical value range is between 1 and 1000. |
|-----------------|---|
|-----------------|---|

Description

If the recipient ingress buffer is full, the sender may be blocked until this spin count value is reached. It has no effect when sending small messages.

I MPI SHM_RECV_SPIN_COUNT

Control the spin count value for the shared memory transport for receiving messages.

Syntax

I MPI SHM RECV SPIN COUNT=<count>

Arguments

Description

If the receive is non-blocking, this spin count is used only for safe reorder of expected and unexpected messages. It has no effect on receiving small messages.

I MPI SHM FILE PREFIX 4K

Change the mount point of the 4 KB pages size file system (tmpfs) where the shared memory files are created.

Syntax

I MPI SHM FILE PREFIX 4K=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Define the path to the existed mount point of the 4 KB pages size file system |
|---------------|---|
| | (tmpfs). By default, the path is not set. |

Set this environment variable to define a new path to the shared memory files. By default, the shared memory files are created at /dev/shm/.

This variable affects shared memory transport buffers and RMA windows.

Example

I MPI SHM FILE PREFIX 4K=/dev/shm/intel/

I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_2M

Change the mount point of the 2 MB pages size file system (hugetlbfs) where the shared memory files are created.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_2M=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Define the path to the existed mount point of the 2 MB pages size file system |
|---------------|---|
| | (hugetlbfs). By default, the path is not set. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable 2 MB huge pages on the Intel MPI Library.

The variable affects shared memory transport buffers. It may affect RMA windows as well if the windows size is greater than or equal to 2 MB.

Example

I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_2M=/dev/hugepages

NOTE

The root privileges are required to configure the huge pages subsystem. Contact your system administrator to obtain permission.

I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_1G

Change the mount point of the 1 GB pages size file system (hugetlbfs) where the shared memory files are created.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_1G=<path>

Arguments

| <path></path> | Define the path to the existed mount point of the 1 GB pages size file system |
|---------------|---|
| | (hugetlbfs). By default, the path is not set. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable 1 GB huge pages on the Intel MPI Library.

The variable affects shared memory transport buffers. It may affect RMA windows as well if the windows size is greater than or equal to 1 GB.

Example

```
I MPI SHM FILE PREFIX 1G=/dev/hugepages1G
```

NOTE

The root privileges are required to configure the huge pages subsystem. Contact your system administrator to obtain permission.

OFI*-capable Network Fabrics Control

I_MPI_OFI_PROVIDER

Define the name of the OFI provider to load.

Syntax

I MPI OFI PROVIDER=<name>

Arguments

| <pre><name></name></pre> The name of the OFI provider to load | <name></name> | The name of the OFI provider to load |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|---|---------------|--------------------------------------|

Description

Set this environment variable to define the name of the OFI provider to load. If you do not specify this variable, the OFI library chooses the provider automatically. You can check all available providers by using the <code>I_MPI_OFI_PROVIDER_DUMP</code> environment variable. If you set the wrong name for an available provider, use <code>FI_LOG_LEVEL=debug</code> to get a hint to set the name correctly.

I MPI OFI PROVIDER DUMP

Control the capability of printing information about all OFI providers and their attributes from an OFI library.

Syntax

I MPI OFI PROVIDER DUMP=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Print the list of all OFI providers and their attributes from an OFI library |
| disable no off 0 | No action. This is the default value |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the capability of printing information about all OFI providers and their attributes from an OFI library.

I_MPI_OFI_DRECV

Control the capability of the direct receive in the OFI fabric.

Syntax

I MPI OFI DRECV=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable direct receive. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Disable direct receive |

Description

Use the direct receive capability to block MPI_Recv calls only. Before using the direct receive capability, ensure that you use it for single-threaded MPI applications and check if you have selected OFI as the network fabric by setting I MPI FABRICS=ofi.

I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL

Control the usage of libfabric* shipped with the Intel® MPI Library.

Syntax

```
I MPI OFI LIBRARY INTERNAL=<arg>
```

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| enable yes on 1 | Use libfabric from the Intel MPI Library |
| disable no off 0 | Do not use libfabric from the Intel MPI Library |

Description

Set this environment variable to disable or enable usage of libfabric from the Intel MPI Library. The variable must be set before sourcing the <code>vars.sh</code> script.

Example

```
$ export I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL=1
$ source <installdir> /env/vars.sh
```

Setting this variable is equivalent to passing the -ofi internal option to the vars.sh script.

For more information, refer to the Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide, section Libfabric* Support.

I MPI OFI TAG DYNAMIC

Enable dynamic tag partitioning.

Syntax

```
I MPI OFI TAG DYNAMIC=<arg>
```

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable automatic OFI tag partitioning |
| disable no off 0 | Use static OFI tag layout. This is the default value |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable dynamic OFI Netmod tag partitioning based on the run configuration. You can use it to get larger MPI tag space or to improve scalability in large-scale runs.

Environment Variables for Memory Policy Control

Intel® MPI Library supports non-uniform memory access (NUMA) nodes with high-bandwidth (HBW) memory (MCDRAM) on Intel® Xeon Phi™ processors (codenamed Knights Landing). Intel® MPI Library can attach memory of MPI processes to the memory of specific NUMA nodes. This section describes the environment variables for such memory placement control.

I MPI HBW POLICY

Set the policy for MPI process memory placement for using HBW memory.

Syntax

I MPI HBW POLICY=<user memory policy>[,<mpi memory policy>][,<win allocate policy>]

In the syntax:

- <user memory policy> memory policy used to allocate the memory for user applications (required)
- <mpi memory policy> memory policy used to allocate the internal MPI memory (optional)
- <win_allocate policy> memory policy used to allocate memory for window segments for RMA operations (optional)

Each of the listed policies may have the values below:

Arguments

| <value></value> | The memory allocation policy used. |
|-----------------|--|
| hbw_preferred | Allocate the local HBW memory for each process. If the HBW memory is not available, allocate the local dynamic random access memory. |
| hbw_bind | Allocate only the local HBW memory for each process. |
| hbw_interleave | Allocate the HBW memory and dynamic random access memory on the local node in the round-robin manner. |

Description

Use this environment variable to specify the policy for MPI process memory placement on a machine with HBW memory.

By default, Intel MPI Library allocates memory for a process in local DDR. The use of HBW memory becomes available only when you specify the I MPI HBW POLICY variable.

Examples

The following examples demonstrate different configurations of memory placement:

• I MPI HBW POLICY=hbw bind, hbw preferred, hbw bind

Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications and window segments for RMA operations. Use the local HBW memory internally allocated in Intel® MPI Library first. If the HBW memory is not available, use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library.

• I MPI HBW POLICY=hbw bind, , hbw bind

Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications and window segments for RMA operations. Use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library.

• I MPI HBW POLICY=hbw bind, hbw preferred

Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications. Use the local HBW memory internally allocated in Intel MPI Library first. If the HBW memory is not available, use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library. Use the local DDR allocated in window segments for RMA operations.

I_MPI_BIND_NUMA

Set the NUMA nodes for memory allocation.

Syntax

I_MPI_BIND_NUMA=<value>

Arguments

| <value></value> | Specify the NUMA nodes for memory allocation. |
|-----------------|--|
| localalloc | Allocate memory on the local node. This is the default value. |
| Node_1,,Node_k | Allocate memory according to <code>I_MPI_BIND_ORDER</code> on the specified NUMA |
| | nodes. |

Set this environment variable to specify the NUMA node set that is involved in the memory allocation procedure.

I_MPI_BIND_ORDER

Set this environment variable to define the memory allocation manner.

Syntax

I MPI BIND ORDER=<value>

Arguments

| <value></value> | Specify the allocation manner. |
|-----------------|--|
| compact | Allocate memory for processes as close as possible (in terms of NUMA nodes), among the NUMA nodes specified in $I_MPI_BIND_NUMA$. This is the default value. |
| scatter | Allocate memory among the NUMA nodes specified in <code>I_MPI_BIND_NUMA</code> using the round-robin manner. |

Description

Set this environment variable to define the memory allocation manner among the NUMA nodes specified in I MPI BIND NUMA. The variable has no effect without I MPI BIND NUMA set.

I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE

Set this environment variable to control memory allocation for window segments.

Syntax

I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE=<value>

Arguments

| <value></value> | Specify the memory allocation behavior for window segments. |
|-----------------------------|--|
| localalloc | Allocate memory on the local node. This is the default value. |
| hbw_preferred | Allocate the local HBW memory for each process. If the HBW memory is not available, allocate the local dynamic random access memory. |
| hbw_bind | Allocate only the local HBW memory for each process. |
| hbw_interleave | Allocate the HBW memory and dynamic random access memory on a local node in the round-robin manner. |
| <numa id="" node=""></numa> | Allocate memory on the given NUMA node. |

Description

Set this environment variable to create window segments allocated in HBW memory with the help of the MPI Win allocate shared or MPI Win allocate functions.

MPI Info

You can control memory allocation for window segments with the help of an MPI_Info object, which is passed as a parameter to the MPI_Win_allocate or MPI_Win_allocate_shared function. In an application, if you specify such an object with the numa_bind_policy key, window segments are allocated in accordance with the value for numa_bind_policy. Possible values are the same as for I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE.

A code fragment demonstrating the use of MPI Info:

```
MPI_Info info;
...
MPI_Info_create( &info );
MPI_Info_set( info, "numa_bind_policy", "hbw_preferred" );
...
MPI Win allocate shared( size, disp unit, info, comm, &baseptr, &win );
```

NOTE

When you specify the memory placement policy for window segments, Intel MPI Library recognizes the configurations according to the following priority:

- 1. Setting of MPI Info.
- 2. Setting of I MPI HBW POLICY, if you specified <win allocate policy>.
- 3. Setting of I MPI BIND WIN ALLOCATE.

Environment Variables for Asynchronous Progress Control

I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS

Control the usage of progress threads.

Syntax

I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Binary indicator |
|------------------------|---|
| disable no off 0 | Disable asynchronous progress threads for each rank. This is the default value. |
| enable yes on 1 | Enable asynchronous progress threads. |

Description

Set this environment variable to enable asynchronous progress. If disabled, the <code>I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_*</code> knobs are ignored.

I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_THREADS

Control the number of asynchronous progress threads.

Syntax

```
I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS THREADS=<arg>
```

Arguments

| <nthreads></nthreads> | Define the number of progress threads. The default value |
|-----------------------|--|
| | is 1. |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the number of asynchronous progress threads for each rank.

I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_PIN

Control the asynchronous progress threads pinning.

Syntax

I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS PIN=<arg>

Arguments

| <arg></arg> | Comma-separated list of logical processors |
|---------------------|---|
| <cpu list=""></cpu> | Pin all progress threads of local processes to the listed |
| | CPUs. By default, N progress threads are pinned to the |
| | last N logical processors. |

Description

Set this environment variable to control pinning for all progress threads of local processes.

Example

```
I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_THREADS=3
I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_PIN="0,1,2,3,4,5"
```

In case of three MPI processes per node, progress threads of the first process are pinned to 0, 1, second are pinned to 2, 3, and third are pinned to 4, 5.

I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS ID KEY

Set the MPI info object key that is used to explicitly define the progress thread id for a communicator.

Syntax

I_MPI_ASYNC_PROGRESS_ID_KEY=<arg>

Arguments

| <key></key> | MPI info object key. The default value is thread_id. |
|-------------|--|
|-------------|--|

Description

Set this environment variable to control the MPI info object key that is used to define the progress thread id for a communicator. The progress thread id is used for work distribution between progress threads. By default, communication goes over the first progress thread.

NOTE

Exclude selected processors for progress threads from pinning of computational threads to avoid oversubscription of cores.

For more information and examples, refer to the Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide, section Asynchronous Progress Control.

Environment Variables for Multi-EP

I_MPI_THREAD_SPLIT

Syntax

I_MPI_THREAD_SPLIT=<value>

Arguments

| Value | Binary Indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| 0 no off disable | Disable the MPI_THREAD_SPLIT model support. This is the default value. |
| 1 yes on enable | Enable the MPI_THREAD_SPLIT model support. |

Description

Use this environment variable to control the $I_MPI_THREAD_SPLIT$ programming model.

For more information on MPI_THREAD_SPLIT, refer to the Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide, section MPI_THREAD_SPLIT Programming Model.

I_MPI_THREAD_RUNTIME

Syntax

I MPI THREAD RUNTIME=<value>

Arguments

| Value | Thread Runtime |
|---------|--|
| generic | Enable runtime support (for example, pthreads, TBB). This is the default value if OpenMP* cannot be detected at runtime. |
| openmp | Enable OpenMP runtime support. This is the default value if OpenMP is detected at runtime. |

Description

Use this environment variable to control threading runtime support.

NOTE: MPI THREAD SPLIT model support is enabled.

I_MPI_THREAD_MAX

Syntax

I MPI THREAD MAX=<int>

Arguments

| <int></int> | The maximum number of threads per rank. The default value is |
|-------------|--|
| | ${\tt omp_get_max_threads}$ () if <code>I_MPI_THREAD_RUNTIME</code> is set to openmp. |
| | The value is 1 otherwise |

Description

Use this environment variable to set the maximum number of threads to be used in each process concurrently.

I_MPI_THREAD_ID_KEY

Syntax

I_MPI_THREAD_ID_KEY=<string>

Arguments

| <string></string> | Define the MPI info object key. The default value is thread_id |
|-------------------|--|
|-------------------|--|

Description

Use this environment variable to set the MPI info object key that is used to explicitly define the logical thread $number\ thread\ id.$

Other Environment Variables

I_MPI_DEBUG

Print out debugging information when an MPI program starts running.

Syntax

I_MPI_DEBUG=<level>[,<flags>]

Arguments

| <level></level> | Indicate the level of debug information provided. |
|-----------------|--|
| 0 | Output no debugging information. This is the default value. |
| 1 | Output libfabric* version and provider. |
| 2 | Output information about the tuning file used. |
| 3 | Output effective MPI rank, pid and node mapping table. |
| 4 | Output process pinning information. |
| 5 | Output environment variables specific to the Intel® MPI Library. |
| > 5 | Add extra levels of debug information. |

| <flag< th=""><th>Comma-separated list of debug flags</th></flag<> | Comma-separated list of debug flags |
|---|--|
| s> | |
| pid | Show process id for each debug message. |
| tid | Show thread id for each debug message for multithreaded library. |
| time | Show time for each debug message. |
| datet | Show time and date for each debug message. |
| ime | |
| host | Show host name for each debug message. |
| level | Show level for each debug message. |
| scope | Show scope for each debug message. |
| line | Show source line number for each debug message. |
| file | Show source file name for each debug message. |
| nofun | Do not show routine name. |
| С | |
| noran | Do not show rank. |
| k | |
| nousr | Suppress warnings for improper use case (for example, incompatible combination of controls). |
| warn | |
| flock | Synchronize debug output from different process or threads. |
| nobuf | Do not use buffered I/O for debug output. |

Description

Set this environment variable to print debugging information about the application.

NOTE Set the same < level> value for all ranks.

You can specify the output file name for debug information by setting the <code>I_MPI_DEBUG_OUTPUT</code> environment variable.

Each printed line has the following format:

```
[<identifier>] <message>
```

where:

- <identifier> is the MPI process rank, by default. If you add the '+' sign in front of the <level> number, the <identifier> assumes the following format: rank#pid@hostname. Here, rank is the MPI process rank, pid is the UNIX* process ID, and hostname is the host name. If you add the '-' sign, <identifier> is not printed at all.
- <message> contains the debugging output.

The following examples demonstrate possible command lines with the corresponding output:

```
$ mpirun -n 1 -env I_MPI_DEBUG=2 ./a.out
...
[0] MPI startup(): shared memory data transfer mode
```

The following commands are equal and produce the same output:

```
$ mpirun -n 1 -env I_MPI_DEBUG=2,pid,host ./a.out
...
[0#1986@mpicluster001] MPI startup(): shared memory data transfer mode
```

NOTE Compiling with the -g option adds a considerable amount of printed debug information.

I_MPI_DEBUG_OUTPUT

Set output file name for debug information.

Syntax

```
I MPI DEBUG OUTPUT=<arg>
```

Arguments

| Argument | String Value |
|-------------------------|---|
| stdout | Output to stdout. This is the default value. |
| stderr | Output to stderr. |
| <file_name></file_name> | Specify the output file name for debug information (the maximum file name length is 256 symbols). |

Description

Set this environment variable if you want to split output of debug information from the output produced by an application. If you use format like &r, &p or &h, rank, process ID or host name is added to the file name accordingly.

I_MPI_DEBUG_COREDUMP

Controls core dump files generation in case of failure during MPI application execution.

Syntax

```
I MPI DEBUG COREDUMP=<arg>
```

Arguments

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|----------|------------------|
|----------|------------------|

| enable yes on 1 | Enable coredump files generation. |
|------------------|--|
| disable no off 0 | Do not generate coredump files. Default value. |

Set this environment variable to enable coredump files dumping in case of termination caused by segmentation fault. Available for both release and debug builds.

I_MPI_STATS

Collect MPI statistics from your application using Application Performance Snapshot.

Syntax

I MPI STATS=<level>

Arguments

| <level></level> | Indicate the level of statistics collected |
|-----------------|---|
| 1,2,3,4,5 | Specify the level to indicate amount of MPI statistics to be collected by Application Performance Snapshot (APS). |
| | The full description of levels is available in the official APS documentation. |

Description

Set this variable to collect MPI-related statistics from your MPI application using Application Performance Snapshot. The variable creates a new folder aps_result_<date>-<time> containing statistics data. To analyze the collected data, use the aps utility. For example:

```
$ export I_MPI_STATS=5
$ mpirun -n 2 ./myApp
$ aps-report aps_result_20171231_235959
```

I MPI STARTUP MODE

Select a mode for the Intel® MPI Library process startup algorithm.

Syntax

I MPI STARTUP MODE=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | String Value |
|----------------|---|
| pmi_shm | Use shared memory to reduce the number of PMI calls. |
| pmi_shm_netmod | Use the netmod infrastructure for address exchange logic in addition to PMI |
| | and shared memory. This is the default value. |

Description

The pmi_shm_netmod mode reduce the application startup time. The efficiency of the modes is more clearly observed with the higher -ppn value, while there is no improvement at all with -ppn 1.

I_MPI_PMI_LIBRARY

Specify the name to third party implementation of the PMI library.

Syntax

I MPI PMI LIBRARY=<name>

Arguments

| <pre></pre> <pre></pre> <pre>Full name of the third party PMI library</pre> |
|---|
|---|

Set I_MPI_PMI_LIBRARY to specify the name of third party PMI library. When you set this environment variable, provide full name of the library with full path to it.

Currently supported PMI versions: PMI1, PMI2

I_MPI_PMI_VALUE_LENGTH_MAX

Control the length of the value buffer in PMI on the client side.

Syntax

I MPI PMI VALUE LENGTH MAX=<length>

Arguments

| <length></length> | Define the value of the buffer length in bytes. |
|-------------------|--|
| <n> > 0</n> | The default value is -1, which means do not override the value received from |
| | <pre>the PMI_KVS_Get_value_length_max() function.</pre> |

Description

Set this environment variable to control the length of the value buffer in PMI on the client side. The length of the buffer will be the lesser of I MPI PMI VALUE LENGTH MAX and PMI KVS Get value length max().

I MPI OUTPUT CHUNK SIZE

Set the size of the stdout/stderr output buffer.

Syntax

I MPI OUTPUT CHUNK SIZE=<size>

Arguments

| <size></size> | Define output chunk size in kilobytes |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| <n>> 0</n> | The default chunk size value is 1 KB |

Description

Set this environment variable to increase the size of the buffer used to intercept the standard output and standard error streams from the processes. If the $\langle size \rangle$ value is not greater than zero, the environment variable setting is ignored and a warning message is displayed.

Use this setting for applications that create a significant amount of output from different processes. With the -ordered-output option of mpiexec.hydra, this setting helps to prevent the output from garbling.

NOTE Set the <code>I_MPI_OUTPUT_CHUNK_SIZE</code> environment variable in the shell environment before executing the <code>mpiexec.hydra/mpirun</code> command. Do not use the <code>-genv</code> or <code>-env</code> options for setting the <code><size></code> value. Those options are used only for passing environment variables to the MPI process environment.

I_MPI_REMOVED_VAR_WARNING

Print out a warning if a removed environment variable is set.

Syntax

I MPI REMOVED VAR WARNING=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Print out the warning. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Do not print the warning |

Description

Use this environment variable to print out a warning if a removed environment variable is set. Warnings are printed regardless of whether I MPI DEBUG is set.

I_MPI_VAR_CHECK_SPELLING

Print out a warning if an unknown environment variable is set.

Syntax

I MPI VAR CHECK SPELLING=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Print out the warning. This is the default value |
| disable no off 0 | Do not print the warning |

Description

Use this environment variable to print out a warning if an unsupported environment variable is set. Warnings are printed in case of removed or misprinted environment variables.

I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND

Specify the Intel® MPI Library configuration.

Syntax

I MPI LIBRARY KIND=<value>

Arguments

| Value | Description |
|---------|--|
| release | Multi-threaded optimized library (with the global lock). |
| | This is the default value |
| debug | Multi-threaded debug library (with the global lock) |

Description

Use this variable to set an argument for the <code>vars.[c]shscript</code>. This script establishes the Intel® MPI Library environment and enables you to specify the appropriate library configuration. To ensure that the desired configuration is set, check the <code>LD_LIBRARY_PATH</code> variable.

Example

```
$ export I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND=debug
```

Setting this variable is equivalent to passing an argument directly to the vars. [c] sh script:

Example

```
$ . <installdir>/bin/vars.sh release
```

I_MPI_PLATFORM

Select the intended optimization platform.

Syntax

I_MPI_PLATFORM=<platform>

Arguments

| <pre><platform></platform></pre> | Intended optimization platform (string value) |
|----------------------------------|---|
| auto | Use only with heterogeneous runs to determine the appropriate platform across all nodes. May slow down MPI initialization time due to collective operation across all nodes. |
| ivb | Optimize for the Intel [®] Xeon [®] Processors E3, E5, and E7 V2 series and other Intel [®] Architecture processors formerly code named Ivy Bridge. |
| hsw | Optimize for the Intel Xeon Processors E3, E5, and E7 V3 series and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Haswell. |
| bdw | Optimize for the Intel Xeon Processors E3, E5, and E7 V4 series and other Intel Architecture processors formerly code named Broadwell. |
| knl | Optimize for the Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor and coprocessor formerly code named Knights Landing. |
| skx | Optimize for the Intel Xeon Processors E3 V5 and Intel Xeon Scalable Family series, and other Intel Architecture processors formerly code named Skylake. |
| clx | Optimize for the 2nd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors, and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Cascade Lake. |
| clx-ap | Optimize for the 2nd Generation Intel Xeon Scalable Processors, and other Intel Architecture processors formerly code named Cascade Lake AP Note: The explicit $clx-ap$ setting is ignored if the actual platform is not Intel. |

Description

Set this environment variable to use the predefined platform settings. The default value is a local platform for each node.

The variable is available for both Intel and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may utilize additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than it utilizes for non-Intel microprocessors.

NOTE The values auto[:min], auto:max, and auto:most may increase the MPI job startup time.

I_MPI_MALLOC

Control the Intel® MPI Library custom allocator of private memory.

Syntax

I MPI MALLOC=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|----------|--|
| 1 | Enable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory. |
| | Use the Intel MPI custom allocator of private memory for MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem. |
| 0 | Disable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory. |

Use the system-provided memory allocator for $\mbox{MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI}$ Free $\mbox{mem.}$

Description

Use this environment variable to enable or disable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory for MPI Alloc mem/MPI Free mem.

By default, I MPI MALLOC is enabled if I MPI ASYNC PROGRESS and I MPI THREAD SPLIT are disabled.

NOTE If the platform is not supported by the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory, a system-provided memory allocator is used and the I MPI MALLOC variable is ignored.

I MPI SHM HEAP

Control the Intel® MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory.

Syntax

I MPI SHM HEAP=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|----------|--|
| 1 | Use the Intel MPI custom allocator of shared memory for MPI_Alloc_mem/ |
| | MPI_Free_mem. |
| 0 | Do not use the Intel MPI custom allocator of shared memory for |
| | MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem. |

Description

Use this environment variable to enable or disable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory for MPI Alloc mem/MPI Free mem.

By default, $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP$ is disabled. If enabled, it can improve performance of the shared memory transport because in that case it is possible to make only one memory copy operation instead of two copy-in/copy-out memory copy operations. If both $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP$ and I_MPI_MALLOC are enabled, the shared memory allocator is used first. The private memory allocator is used only when required volume of shared memory is not available.

Details

By default, the shared memory segment is allocated on tmpfs file system on the /dev/shm/ mount point. Starting from Linux kernel 4.7, it is possible to enable transparent huge pages on the shared memory. If Intel MPI Library shared memory heap is used, it is recommended to enable transparent huge pages on your system. To enable transparent huge pages on /dev/shm, please contact your system administrator or execute the following command:

```
sudo mount -o remount,huge=advise /dev/shm
```

In order to use another tmpfs mount point instead of /dev/shm/, use I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_4K, I_MPI_SH M_FILE_PREFIX_2M, and I_MPI_SHM_FILE_PREFIX_1G.

NOTE If your application does not use MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem directly, you can override standard malloc/calloc/realloc/free procedures by preloading the libmpi_shm_heap_proxy.so library:

```
export LD_PRELOAD=$I_MPI_ROOT/lib/libmpi_shm_heap_proxy.so
export I_MPI_SHM_HEAP=1
```

In this case, the malloc/calloc/realloc is a proxy for MPI_Alloc_mem and free is a proxy for MPI Free mem.

NOTE

If the platform is not supported by the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory, the $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP$ variable is ignored.

I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_VSIZE

Change the size (per rank) of virtual shared memory available for the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_VSIZE=<size>

Argument

| <size></size> | The size (per rank) of shared memory used in shared memory heap (in megabytes). |
|---------------|---|
| >0 | If shared memory heap is enabled for MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem, the default value is 4096. |

Description

Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory works with fixed size virtual shared memory. The shared memory segment is allocated on MPI Init and cannot be enlarged later.

The I MPI SHM HEAP VSIZE=0 completely disables the Intel MPI Library shared memory allocator.

I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_CSIZE

Change the size (per rank) of shared memory cached in the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory.

Syntax

I MPI SHM HEAP CSIZE=<size>

Argument

| <size></size> | The size (per rank) of shared memory used in Intel MPI Library shared memory allocator (in megabytes). |
|---------------|--|
| >0 | It depends on the available shared memory size and number of ranks. |
| | Normally, the size is less than 256. |

Description

Small values of I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_CSIZE may reduce overall shared memory consumption. Larger values of this variable may speed up MPI_Alloc mem/MPI_Free mem.

I MPI SHM HEAP OPT

Change the optimization mode of Intel MPI Library custom allocator of shared memory.

Syntax

I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_OPT=<mode>

Argument

| Mode | Optimization Mode |
|------|---|
| rank | In this mode, each rank has its own dedicated amount of shared memory. This is the default value when $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP=1$ |
| numa | In this mode, all ranks from NUMA-node use the same amount of shared memory. |

Description

It is recommended to use $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_OPT=rank$ when each rank uses the same amount of memory, and $I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_OPT=numa$ when ranks use significantly different amounts of memory.

Usually, the I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_OPT=rank works faster than I_MPI_SHM_HEAP_OPT=numa but the numa optimization mode may consume smaller volume of shared memory.

I MPI WAIT MODE

Control the Intel® MPI Library optimization for oversubscription mode.

Syntax

I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|----------|---|
| 0 | Optimize MPI application to work in the normal mode (1 rank on 1 CPU). This is the default value if the number of processes on a computation node is less than or equal to the number of CPUs on the node. |
| 1 | Optimize MPI application to work in the oversubscription mode (multiple ranks on 1 CPU). This is the default value if the number of processes on a computation node is greater than the number of CPUs on the node. |

Description

It is recommended to use this variable in the oversubscription mode.

I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD

Control the Intel® MPI Library thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time.

Syntax

I MPI THREAD YIELD=<arg>

Arguments

| Argument | Description |
|----------|---|
| 0 | Do nothing for thread yield during the busy wait (spin wait). This is the default value when <code>I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=0</code> |
| 1 | Do the pause processor instruction for <code>I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT</code> during the busy wait. |
| 2 | Do the <pre>shied_yield()</pre> system call for thread yield during the busy wait. |

| | This is the default value when <pre>I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=1</pre> |
|---|---|
| 3 | Do the usleep() system call for <code>I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP</code> number of microseconds for thread yield during the busy wait. |

I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=0 or I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=1 in the normal mode and I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=2 or I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=3 in the oversubscription mode.

I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT

Control the Intel® MPI Library pause count for the thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time.

Syntax

I MPI PAUSE COUNT=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Description |
|----------|---|
| >=0 | Pause count for thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time. |
| | The default value is 0. Normally, the value is less than 100. |

Description

This variable is applicable when <code>I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=1</code>. Small values of <code>I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT</code> may increase performance, while larger values may reduce energy consumption.

I_MPI_SPIN_COUNT

Control the spin count value.

Syntax

I MPI SPIN COUNT=<scount>

Argument

| <scount></scount> | Define the loop spin count when polling fabric(s). |
|-------------------|--|
| >=0 | The default <scount> value is equal to 1 when more than</scount> |
| | one process runs per processor/core. Otherwise the value |
| | equals 2000. The maximum value is equal to |
| | 2147483647. |

Description

Set the spin count limit. The loop for polling the fabric(s) spins <scount> times before the library releases the processes if no incoming messages are received for processing. Smaller values for <scount> cause the Intel® MPI Library to release the processor more frequently.

Use the <code>I_MPI_SPIN_COUNT</code> environment variable for tuning application performance. The best value for <scount> can be chosen on an experimental basis. It depends on the particular computational environment and application.

I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP

Control the Intel® MPI Library thread sleep microseconds timeout for thread yield customization while MPI busy wait progress.

Syntax

I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Description |
|----------|--|
| >=0 | Thread sleep microseconds timeout. The default value is 0. Normally, the value |
| | is less than 100. |

Description

This variable is applicable when <code>I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=3</code>. Small values of <code>I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT</code> may increase performance in the normal mode, while larger values may increase performance in the oversubscription mode

I MPI EXTRA FILESYSTEM

Control native support for parallel file systems.

Syntax

I_MPI_EXTRA_FILESYSTEM=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Binary Indicator |
|------------------------|--|
| enable yes on 1 | Enable native support for parallel file systems. |
| disable no off 0 | Disable native support for parallel file systems. This is the default value. |

Description

Use this environment variable to enable or disable native support for parallel file systems.

I MPI EXTRA FILESYSTEM FORCE

Syntax

I MPI EXTRA FILESYSTEM FORCE=<ufs|nfs|gpfs|panfs|lustre|daos>

Description

Force filesystem recognition logic. Setting this variable is equivalent to prefixing all paths in MPI-IO calls with the selected filesystem plus colon.

I_MPI_MULTIRAIL

Syntax

I MPI MULTIRAIL=<arg>

Argument

| Argument | Binary Indicator | |
|----------|---|--|
| 1 | Enable multi-rail capability. | |
| 0 | Disable multi-rail capability. This is the default value. | |

Description

Set this variable to enable multi-rail capability and identify NICs serviced by the provider. Pick this variable on the same NUMA.

Miscellaneous

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This topic provides the following information:

• Java* Bindings for MPI-2 Routines describes the Java language support by Intel® MPI Library.

Java* Bindings for MPI-2 Routines

Intel® MPI Library provides an experimental feature to enable support for Java* MPI applications. Intel MPI Library provides Java bindings for a subset of MPI-2 routines.

You can find all supported MPI routines in the table below. All the classes below belong to the mpi package.

NOTE

- For static methods, parameters fully correspond to the ones of C routines.
- For non-static methods, the object that calls the method corresponds to the OUT parameter of the original C routine.

Java* Bindings for MPI-2 Routines

| Java Class | Public Fields and Methods | Original C Routine |
|------------|--|--------------------------|
| MPI | static int Init(String[] args) | MPI_Init |
| | static void Finalize() | MPI_Finalize |
| | static double wTime() | MPI_Wtime |
| | <pre>static void abort(Comm comm, int errorCode)</pre> | MPI_Abort |
| | <pre>String getProcessorName()</pre> | MPI_Get_processor_name |
| Aint | <pre>static void getExtent(Datatype dt, Aint lb, Aint extent)</pre> | MPI_Type_get_extent |
| | <pre>static void getTrueExtent(Datatype dt, Aint true_lb, Aint true_extent)</pre> | MPI_Type_get_true_extent |
| | <pre>static void getAddress(long location, Aint address)</pre> | MPI_Get_address |
| | <pre>static void getContents(Datatype dt, int maxIntegers, int maxAddresses, int maxDatatypes, int[] integers, Aint[] addresses, Datatype[] datatypes)</pre> | MPI_Type_get_contents |
| Collective | static void allToAll(Object sendbuf, int sendcount, Datatype sendtype, Object recvbuf, int recvcount, Datatype recvtype, Comm comm) | MPI_Alltoall |

| Java Class | Public Fields and Methods | Original C Routine |
|------------|--|--------------------|
| | static void reduce(Object sendbuf, Object recvbuf, int count, Datatype type, Op op, int root, Comm comm) | MPI_Reduce |
| | <pre>static void bcast(Object buffer, int count, Datatype type, int root, Comm comm)</pre> | MPI_Bcast |
| | <pre>static void gather(Object sendBuffer, int sendCount, Datatype sendType, Object recvBuffer, int recvCount, Datatype recvType, int root, Comm comm)</pre> | MPI_Gather |
| | static void gatherv(Object sendBuffer, int sendCount, Datatype sendType, Object recvBuffer, Object recvCount, Object displs, Datatype recvType, int root, Comm comm) | MPI_Gatherv |
| | <pre>static void allGather(Object sendBuffer, int sendCount, Datatype sendType, Object recvBuffer, int recvCount, Datatype recvType, Comm comm)</pre> | MPI_Allgather |
| | static void allGatherv(Object sendBuffer, int sendCount, Datatype sendType, Object recvBuffer, Object recvCount, Object displs, Datatype recvType, Comm comm) | MPI_Allgatherv |
| | static void allReduce(Object sendbuf, Object recvbuf, int count, Datatype type, Op op, Comm comm) | MPI_Allreduce |
| | static void allToAllv(Object sendbuf, Object sendCount, Object sdispls, Datatype sendType, Object recvbuf, Object recvCount, Object rdispls, Datatype recvType, Comm comm) | MPI_Alltoallv |
| | static void reduceScatter(Object sendbuf, Object recvbuf, Object recvcounts, Datatype type, Op op, Comm comm) | MPI_Reduce_scatter |
| | static void scatter(Object sendBuffer, int sendCount, Datatype sendType, Object | MPI_Scatter |

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| | <pre>recvBuffer, int recvCount, Datatype recvType, int root, Comm comm)</pre> | |
| | static void scatterv(Object sendBuffer, Object sendCount, Object displs, Datatype sendType, Object recvBuffer, int recvCount, Datatype recvType, int | MPI_Scatterv |
| | root, Comm comm) static void barrier(Comm | MPI Barrier |
| | comm) | |
| Comm | Static field: Comm WORLD | MPI COMM WORLD |
| | Static field: Comm SELF | MPI COMM SELF |
| | <pre>int getSize()</pre> | MPI Comm size |
| | int getRank() | MPI Comm rank |
| | Comm create(Group group) | MPI Comm create |
| | static Comm create(Comm comm, Group group) | MPI_Comm_create |
| | Comm dup() | MPI Comm dup |
| | Comm split(int color, int key) | MPI_Comm_split |
| Group | Static field: int MPI PROC NULL | MPI PROC NULL |
| | Static field: int MPI_IDENT | MPI_IDENT |
| | Static field: int MPI_CONGRUENT | MPI_CONGRUENT |
| | Static field: int MPI_SIMILAR | MPI_SIMILAR |
| | Static field: int MPI_UNEQUAL | MPI_UNEQUAL |
| | Static field: Group WORLD | MPI_GROUP_WORLD |
| | <pre>void group(Comm comm)</pre> | MPI_Comm_group |
| | <pre>int getSize()</pre> | MPI_Group_size |
| | <pre>int getRank()</pre> | MPI_Group_rank |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_translate_ranks(i nt[] ranks1, Group group2, int[] ranks2)</pre> | MPI_Group_translate_ranks |
| | <pre>static int MPI_Group_translate_ranks(G roup group1, int[] ranks1, Group group2, int[] ranks2)</pre> | MPI_Group_translate_ranks |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_compare(Group group2)</pre> | MPI_Group_compare |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_union(Group group1, Group group2)</pre> | MPI_Group_union |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_intersection(Grou p group1, Group group2)</pre> | MPI_Group_intersection |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_difference(Group group1, Group group2)</pre> | MPI_Group_difference |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_incl(Group group, int n, int[] ranks)</pre> | MPI_Group_incl |
| | <pre>int MPI_Group_excl(Group group, int n, int[] ranks)</pre> | MPI_Group_excl |

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| Datatype | Static field: Datatype NULL | MPI_DATATYPE_NULL |
| | Static field: Datatype BYTE | MPI UINT8 T |
| | Static field: Datatype CHAR | MPI_CHAR |
| | Static field: Datatype SHORT | MPI INT16 T |
| | Static field: Datatype BOOLEAN | MPI UINT8 T |
| | Static field: Datatype INT | MPI INT32 T |
| | Static field: Datatype LONG | MPI INT64 T |
| | Static field: Datatype FLOAT | MPI FLOAT |
| | Static field: Datatype DOUBLE | MPI DOUBLE |
| | Static field: Datatype PACKED | MPI PACKED |
| | Static field: Datatype INT2 | MPI 2INT |
| | Static field: Datatype SHORT INT | MPI SHORT INT |
| | Static field: Datatype LONG INT | MPI LONG INT |
| | Static field: Datatype FLOAT INT | MPI FLOAT INT |
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| | Static field: Datatype DOUBLE_INT | MPI_DOUBLE_INT |
| | Static field: Datatype FLOAT_COMPLEX | MPI_C_FLOAT_COMPLEX |
| | Static field: Datatype DOUBLE_COMPLEX | MPI_C_DOUBLE_COMPLEX |
| | <pre>void contiguous(int count, Datatype type)</pre> | MPI_Type_contiguous |
| | void commit() | MPI Type commit |
| | <pre>int getTypeSize()</pre> | MPI_Type_size |
| | void free() | MPI Type free |
| | <pre>void vector(int count, int blockLength, int stride, Datatype baseType)</pre> | MPI_Type_vector |
| | void hvector(int count, int blockLength, int stride, Datatype oldType) | MPI_Type_create_hvector |
| | <pre>void indexed(int count, int[] blockLength, int[] displacement, Datatype oldType)</pre> | MPI_Type_indexed |
| | <pre>void hindexed(int count, int[] blockLength, Aint[] displacement, Datatype oldType)</pre> | MPI_Type_create_hindexed |
| | <pre>void struct(int count, int[] blockLength, Aint[] displacement, Datatype[] oldTypes)</pre> | MPI_Type_struct |
|)p | Static field: Op MPI_OP_NULL | MPI_OP_NULL |
| | Static field: Op MPI_MAX | MPI_MAX |
| | Static field: Op MPI MIN | MPI MIN |
| | Static field: Op MPI SUM | MPI SUM |
| | Static field: Op MPI PROD | MPI PROD |
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| | Static field: Op MPI_LAND Static field: Op MPI BAND | MPI_LAND MPI BAND |

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| | Static field: Op MPI_BOR | MPI_BOR |
| | Static field: Op MPI_LXOR | MPI_LXOR |
| | Static field: Op MPI_BXOR | MPI BXOR |
| | Static field: Op MPI MINLOC | MPI MINLOC |
| | Static field: Op MPI MAXLOC | MPI MAXLOC |
| | Op(UserFunction uf) | _ |
| | void | - |
| | setUserFunction(UserFunction userFunction) | |
| | <pre>void createOP(boolean commute)</pre> | MPI_Op_Create |
| UserFunction (abstract) | UserFunction(Datatype type, int length) | - |
| | <pre>void setInoutvec(ByteBuffer inoutvec)</pre> | - |
| | <pre>void setInvec(ByteBuffer invec)</pre> | - |
| | abstract void call(int type, int length) | - |
| PTP | | MPI_Send |
| | , | MPI_Send |
| | static Status recv(Buffer buf, int count, Datatype type, int source, int tag, Comm comm) | MPI_Recv |
| | , | MPI_Recv |
| | static Request isend(Buffer buffer, int count, Datatype type, int dest, int tag, Comm comm) | MPI_Isend |
| | <pre>static Request isend(<java array=""> buffer, int count, Datatype type, int dest, int tag, Comm comm)</java></pre> | MPI_Isend |
| | static Request irecv(Buffer buf, int count, Datatype type, int source, int tag, Comm comm) | MPI_Irecv |
| | static Request irecv(<java array=""> buf, int count, Datatype type, int source, int tag, Comm comm)</java> | MPI_Irecv |
| | static Status sendRecv(Buffer sendbuf, int sendcount, Datatype | MPI_Sendrecv |

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| | sendtype, int senddest, int sendtag, Buffer recvbuf, int recvcount, Datatype recvtype, int recvsource, int recvtag, Comm comm) | |
| Request | Status Wait() | MPI_Wait |
| | <pre>static Status[] waitAll(int count, Request[] reqs)</pre> | MPI_Waitall |
| | <pre>static Status waitAny(int count, Request[] reqs, int[] index)</pre> | MPI_Waitany |
| | <pre>static Status[] waitSome(int count, Request[] reqs, int[] outcount, int[] indexes)</pre> | MPI_Waitsome |
| | boolean test(Status status) | MPI_Test |

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