The OpenACC API 2.6

The OpenACC Application Program Interface describes a collection of compiler directives to specify loops and regions of code in standard C, C++ and Fortran to be offloaded from a host CPU to an attached accelerator device, providing portability across operating systems, host CPUs, and accelerators.

Most OpenACC directives apply to the immediately following structured block or loop; a structured block is a single statement or a compound statement (C and C++) or a sequence of statements (Fortran) with a single entry point at the top and a single exit at the bottom.
General Syntax
C/C++
#pragma acc directive [clause [[,] clause]...] new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc directive [clause [[,] clause]...] new-line

An OpenACC construct is an OpenACC directive and, if applicable, the immediately following statement, loop or structured block. Compute Construct

A compute construct is a parallel, kernels, or serial construct.

Parallel Construct
A parallel construct launches a number of gangs executing in parallel, where each gang may support multiple workers, each with vector or SIMD operations.

C/C++
#pragma acc parallel [clause [[,] clause]...] new-line
{ structured block }

FORTRAN
!$acc parallel [clause [[,] clause]...] new-line
structured block
!$acc end parallel

CLAUSES
if( condition )
default( none )
default( present )
device_type or dtype( [ * | device-type-list ] )
async [ (expression) ]
wait [ (expression-list) ]
num_gangs( expression )
num_workers( expression )
vector_length( expression )
reduction( operator: list )
private( list )
firstprivate( list )

See Compute Construct Clauses.

copy( list )
copyin( list )
copyout( list )
create( list )
no_create( list )
present( list )
deviceptr( list )
attach( list )

See Data Clauses; data clauses on the parallel construct modify the structured reference counts for the associated data.
Kernels Construct

A kernels construct surrounds loops to be executed on the device, typically as a sequence of kernel operations.

C/C++

#pragma acc kernels [clause [[, clause]…] new-line
{ structured block }

FORTRAN

!$acc kernels [clause [[, clause]…]
structured block
!$acc end kernels

CLAUSES

if ( condition )
default ( none )
default ( present )
device_type or dtype ( [* | device-type-list ] )
async ( [expression] )
wait ( [expression-list] )
num_gangs ( expression )
num_workers ( expression )
vector_length ( expression )

See Compute Construct Clauses.

copy ( list )
copyin ( list )
copyout ( list )
create ( list )
no_create ( list )
present ( list )
deviceptr ( list )
attach ( list )

See Data Clauses; data clauses on the kernels construct modify the structured reference counts for the associated data.

Serial Construct

A serial construct surrounds loops or code to be executed serially on the device.

C/C++

#pragma acc serial [clause [[, clause]…] new-line
{ structured block }

FORTRAN

!$acc serial [clause [[, clause]…]
structured block
!$acc end serial

CLAUSES

if ( condition )
default ( none )
default ( present )
device_type or dtype( [*| device-type-list ] )
async [(expression)]
wait [(expression-list)]
reduction( operator: list )
private( list )
firstprivate( list )

See Compute Construct Clauses.

copy( list )
copyin( list )
copyout( list )
create( list )
no_create( list )
present( list )
deviceptr( list )
attach( list )

See Data Clauses; data clauses on the serial construct modify the structured reference counts for the associated data.

**Compute Construct Clauses**

if( condition )
When the condition is nonzero or .TRUE. the compute region will execute on the device; otherwise, the encountering thread will execute the region.

default( none )
Prevents the compiler from implicitly determining data attributes for any variable used or assigned in the construct.

default( present )
Implicitly assume any non-scalar data not specified in a data clause is present.

device_type or dtype( [*| device-type-list ] )
May be followed by any of the clauses below. Clauses following device_type will apply only when compiling for the given device type(s). Clauses following device_type( * ) apply to all devices not named in another device_type clause. May appear more than once with different device types.

async [(expression)]
The compute region executes asynchronously with the encountering thread on the corresponding async queue. With no argument, the compute region will execute on the default async queue.

wait [(expression-list)]
The compute region will not begin execution until all actions on the corresponding async queue(s) are complete. With no argument, the compute region will wait on all async queues.

num_gangs( expression )
Controls how many parallel gangs are created.
num_workers( expression )
Controls how many workers are created in each gang.

vector_length( expression )
Controls the vector length on each worker.

reduction( operator: list )
A private copy of each variable in list is allocated for each gang. The values for all gangs are combined with the operator at the end of the parallel region. Valid C and C++ operators are +, *, max, min, &, |, ^, &&, ||. Valid Fortran operators are +, *, max, min, iand, ior, ieor, .and., .or., .eqv., .neqv.

private( list )
A copy of each variable in list is allocated for each gang.

firstprivate( list )
A copy of each variable in list is allocated for each gang and initialized with the value of the variable of the encountering thread.

Data Construct
A device data construct defines a region of the program within which data is accessible by the device.

C/C++
#pragma acc data [clause[, clause]...] new-line
{ structured block }

FORTRAN
!$acc data [clause[, clause]...] 
structured block
!$acc end data

CLASSES
if( condition )
When the condition is zero or .FALSE. no data will be allocated or moved to or from the device.

copy( list )
copyin( list )
copyout( list )
create( list )
no_create( list )
present( list )
deviceptr( list )
attach( list )

See Data Clauses; data clauses on the data construct modify the structured reference counts for the associated data.

Enter Data Directive
An enter data directive is used to allocate and move data to the device memory for the remainder of the program, or until a matching exit data directive deallocates the data.
C/C++
#pragma acc enter data [clause[][,] clause]…] new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc enter data [clause[][,] clause]…]

CLAUSES
if( condition )
When the condition is zero or .FALSE. no data will be allocated or moved to the device.

async [(expression)]
The data movement executes asynchronously with the encountering thread on the corresponding async queue. With no argument, data movement will execute on the default async queue.

wait [(expression-list)]
The data movement will not begin execution until all actions on the corresponding async queue(s) are complete. With no argument, the data movement will wait on all async queues.

copyin( list )
create( list )
attach( list )

See Data Clauses; data clauses on the enter data directive modify the dynamic reference counts for the associated data.

Exit Data Directive
For data that was created with the enter data directive, the exit data directive moves data from device memory and deallocates the memory.

C/C++
#pragma acc exit data [clause[][,] clause]…] new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc exit data [clause[][,] clause]…]

CLAUSES
if( condition )
When the condition is zero or .FALSE. no data will be moved from the device or deallocated.

async [(expression)]
The data movement executes asynchronously with the encountering thread on the corresponding async queue.

wait [(expression-list)]
The data movement will not begin execution until all actions on the corresponding async queue(s) are complete.

finalize
Sets the dynamic reference count to zero.

copyout( list )
delete( list )
detach( list )
See Data Clauses; data clauses on the exit data directive modify the dynamic reference counts for the associated data.

**Data Clauses**

The description applies to the clauses used on compute constructs, data constructs, and enter data and exit data directives. Data clauses may not follow a device_type clause. These clauses have no effect on a shared memory device.

**copy( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, declare

When entering the region, if the data in list is already present on the current device, the structured reference count is incremented and that copy is used. Otherwise, it allocates device memory and copies the values from the encountering thread and sets the structured reference count to one. When exiting the region, the structured reference count is decremented. If both reference counts are zero, the data is copied from device memory to the encountering thread and the device memory is deallocated.

**copyin( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, enter data, declare

When entering the region or at an enter data directive, if the data in list is already present on the current device, the appropriate reference count is incremented and that copy is used. Otherwise, it allocates device memory and copies the values from the encountering thread and sets the appropriate reference count to one. When exiting the region the structured reference count is decremented. If both reference counts are zero, the device memory is deallocated.

**copyout( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, exit data, declare

When entering the region, if the data in list is already present on the current device, the structured reference count is incremented and that copy is used. Otherwise, it allocates device memory and sets the structured reference count to one. At an exit data directive with no finalize clause or when exiting the region, the appropriate reference count is decremented. At an exit data directive with a finalize clause, the dynamic reference count is set to zero. In any case, if both reference counts are zero, the data is copied from device memory to the encountering thread and the device memory is deallocated.

**create( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, enter data, declare

When entering the region or at an enter data directive, if the data in list is already present on the current device, the appropriate reference count is incremented and that copy is used. Otherwise, it allocates device memory and sets the appropriate reference count to one. When exiting the region, the structured reference count is decremented. If both reference counts are zero, the device memory is deallocated.
**no_create( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data

When entering the region, if the data in list is already present on the current device, the structured reference count is incremented and that copy is used. Otherwise, no action is performed and any device code in the construct will use the local memory address for that data.

**delete( list )** exit data

With no **finalize** clause, the dynamic reference count is decremented. With a **finalize** clause, the dynamic reference count is set to zero. In either case, if both reference counts are zero, the device memory is deallocated.

**present( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, declare

When entering the region, the data must be present in device memory, and the structured reference count is incremented. When exiting the region, the structured reference count is decremented.

**deviceptr( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, declare

C and C++; the list entries must be pointer variables that contain device addresses, such as from **acc_malloc**. Fortran: the list entries must be dummy arguments, and must not have the pointer, allocatable or value attributes.

**attach( list )** parallel, kernels, serial, data, enter data

When entering the region or at an **enter data** directive, if the pointers in list are already attached to their targets, the attachment count is incremented. Otherwise, it attaches the device pointers to their device targets and sets the attachment count to one. When exiting the region, the attachment count is decremented, and if the count reaches zero, the pointers will be detached.

**detach( list )** exit data

With no **finalize** clause, the attachment count for the pointers in list are decremented. With a **finalize** clause, the attachment counts are set to zero. In either case, if the attachment count becomes zero, the pointers in list will be detached.

**Host Data Construct**

A **host_data** construct makes the address of device data available on the host.

**C/C++**

```c
#pragma acc host_data [clause[[], clause]...] new-line
{ structured block }
```

**FORTRAN**

```fortran
!$acc host_data [clause[[], clause]...]
structured block
!$acc end host_data
```

**CLAUSES**

**use_device( list )**

Directs the compiler to use the device address of any entry in list, for instance, when passing a variable to a procedure.
if(condition)
When the condition is zero or .FALSE., the device address will not be used.

if_present
If any entry in list is not present on the current device, the device address will not be used and no error will result.

Loop Construct
A loop construct applies to the immediately following loop or tightly nested loops, and describes the type of device parallelism to use to execute the iterations of the loop.

C/C++
#pragma acc loop [clause [,] clause]…] new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc loop [clause [,] clause]…]

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collapse( n )
Applies the associated directive to the following n tightly nested loops.

seq
Executes the loop or loops sequentially.

auto
Instructs the compiler to analyze the loop or loops to determine whether it can be safely executed in parallel, and if so, to apply gang, worker or vector parallelism.

independent
Specifies that the loop iterations are data-independent and can be executed in parallel, overriding compiler dependence analysis.

tile( expression-list )
With n expressions, specifies that the following n tightly nested loops should be split into n outer tile loops and n inner element loops, where the trip counts of the element loops are taken from the expression.

The first entry applies to the innermost element loop.

May be combined with one or two of gang, worker and vector clauses.

device_type or dtype( [*|device-type-list] )
May be followed by the gang, worker, vector, seq, auto, tile, and collapse clauses. Clauses following device_type will apply only when compiling for the given device type(s). May appear more than once with different device types.

private( list )
A copy of each variable in list is created for each thread that executes the loop or loops.
reduction( operator: list )
A private copy of each variable in list is allocated for each thread that executes the loop or loops. The values for all threads are combined with the operator at the end of the loops. See reduction clause in the Compute Construct clauses for valid operators.

LOOP CLAUSES WITHIN A PARALLEL CONSTRUCT OR ORPHANED LOOP DIRECTIVE

gang
Shares the iterations of the loop or loops across the gangs of the parallel region.

worker
Shares the iterations of the loop or loops across the workers of the gang.

vector
Executes the iterations of the loop or loops in SIMD or vector mode.

LOOP CLAUSES WITHIN KERNELS CONSTRUCT

gang [ (num_gangs)]
Executes the iterations of the loop or loops in parallel across at most num_gangs gangs.

worker [ (num_workers)]
Executes the iterations of the loop or loops in parallel across at most num_workers workers of a single gang.

vector [ (vector_length)]
Executes the iterations of the loop or loops in SIMD or vector mode, with a maximum vector_length.

Cache Directive
A cache directive may be added at the top of a partitioned loop. The elements or subarrays in the list are cached in the software-managed data cache.

C/C++
#pragma acc cache( list ) new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc cache( list )

Atomic Directive
The atomic construct ensures that a specific storage location is accessed or updated atomically, preventing simultaneous, conflicting reading and writing threads.

C/C++
#pragma acc atomic [ read | write | update | capture ] new-line

atomic-block
If no clause is specified, the update clause is assumed.
The atomic-block must be one of the following:

- **read** \( v = x; \)
- **write** \( x = \text{expr}; \)
- **update** \( \text{update-expr}; \)
- **capture** \( v = \text{update-expr}; \)

where update-expr is one of

- \( x++; \)
- \( x--; \)
- \( ++x; \)
- \( --x; \)
- \( x \text{ binop=} \text{expr}; \)
- \( x = x \text{ binop expr}; \)
- \( x = \text{expr binop x}; \)

**FORTRAN**

```fortran
!$acc atomic [ read | write | update | capture ] stmt-1 [stmt-2] !$acc end atomic ]
```

If no clause is specified, the **update** clause is assumed. The **end atomic** directive is required if stmt-2 is present. The statements allowed are:

- **read**
- **write**
- **update**
- **capture**

capture-stmt is

\( v = x \)

write-stmt is

\( x = \text{expr} \)

update-stmt is one of

- \( x = x \text{ operator expr} \)
- \( x = \text{expr operator x} \)
- \( x = \text{intrinsic\_proc}(x, \text{expr-list}) \)
- \( x = \text{intrinsic\_proc}(\text{expr-list}, x) \)

**Update Directive**

The update directive copies data between the memory for the encountering thread and the device. An update directive may appear in any data region, including an implicit data region.

**C/C++**

```c
#pragma acc update [ clause [ , clause]... ] new-line
```

**FORTRAN**

```fortran
!$acc update [ clause [ , clause]... ]
```
CLAUSES

self(list) or host(list)
Copies the data in list from the device to the encountering thread.

device(list)
Copies the data in list from the encountering thread to the device.

if(condition)
When the condition is zero or .FALSE., no data will be moved to or from the device.

if_present
Issue no error when the data is not present on the device.

async[expression]
The data movement will execute asynchronously with the encountering thread on the corresponding async queue.

wait[expression-list]
The data movement will not begin execution until all actions on the corresponding async queue(s) are complete.

Wait Directive
The wait directive causes the encountering thread to wait for completion of asynchronous device activities, or for asynchronous activities on one async queue to synchronize with one or more other async queues. With no expression, it will wait for all outstanding asynchronous regions or data movement.

C/C++
#pragma acc wait[expression-list] clause[,...] new-line

FORTRAN
!$acc wait[expression-list] clause[,...]

CLAUSE

async[expression]
Enqueue the wait operation on the associated device queue. The encountering thread may proceed without waiting.

Routine Directive
The routine directive tells the compiler to compile a procedure for the device and gives the execution context for calls to the procedure. Such a procedure is called a device routine.

C/C++
#pragma acc routine clause[,...] new-line
#pragma acc routine(name) clause[,...] new-line

Without a name, the routine directive must be followed immediately by a function definition or prototype.
FORTRAN

!$acc routine [clause [[,] clause]...]  
!$acc routine( name ) [clause [[,] clause]...]  

Without a name, the routine directive must appear in the specification part of a subroutine or function, or in the interface body of a subroutine or function in an interface block.

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**gang**  
Specifies that the procedure may contain a gang-shared loop, therefore calls to this procedure must appear outside any gang-shared loop. All gangs must call the procedure.

**worker**  
Specifies that the procedure may contain a worker-shared loop, therefore calls to this procedure must appear outside any worker-shared loop.

**vector**  
Specifies that the procedure may contain a vector-shared loop, therefore calls to this procedure must appear outside any vector-shared loop.

**seq**  
Specifies that the procedure has no device work-shared loops. A call to the procedure will be executed sequentially by the thread making the call.

**bind( name )**  
Specifies an alternate procedure name to use when compiling or calling the procedure on the device.

**bind( string )**  
Specifies a quoted string to use for the name when compiling or calling the procedure on the device.

**device_type** or **dtype( [ * | device-type-list ] )**  
See Compute Construct Clauses section for list of applicable clauses. Clauses following **device_type** will apply only when compiling for the given device type(s). Clauses following **device_type( * )** apply to all devices not named in another **device_type** clause.

**nohost**  
Specifies that a host version of the procedure should not be compiled.

**Global Data**  
C or C++ global, file static or extern objects, and Fortran module or common block variables or arrays that are used in device routines must appear in a declare directive in a create, copyin, device_resident or link clause.
**Implicit Data Region**
An implicit data region is created at the start of each procedure and ends after the last executable statement in that procedure.

**Declare Directive**
A `declare` directive is used to specify that data is to be allocated in device memory for the duration of the implicit data region of the program or subprogram.

C/C++

```c
#pragma acc declare [clause [,] clause]... new-line
```

FORTRAN

```fortran
!$acc declare [clause [,] clause]...
```

Data clauses are allowed.

**OTHER CLAUSES**
- `device_resident( list )`
  Specifies that the variables in `list` are to be allocated on the device for the duration of the implicit data region.
- `link( list )`
  For large global static data objects, specifies that a global link for each object in `list` is to be statically allocated on the device. Device memory for the object will be allocated when the object appears in a data clause, and the global link will be assigned.

**Runtime Library Routines**
Prototypes or interfaces for the runtime library routines, along with datatypes and enumeration types, are available as follows:

C/C++

```c
#include "openacc.h"
```

FORTRAN

```fortran
use openacc
```

**C AND FORTRAN ROUTINES**
In the following, `h_void*` is a `void*` pointer to host memory, and `d_void*` is a `void*` pointer to device memory.

- `acc_get_num_devices( devicetype )`
  Returns the number of devices of the specified type.

- `acc_set_device_type( devicetype )`
  Sets the device type to use for this host thread.

- `acc_get_device_type()`
  Returns the device type that is being used by this host thread.

- `acc_set_device_num( devicenum, devicetype )`
  Sets the device number to use for this host thread.

- `acc_get_device_num( devicetype )`
  Returns the device number that is being used by this host thread.
acc_get_property( devicenum, devicetype, property )
Returns an integer-valued property:
acc_property_memory
acc_property_free_memory

acc_get_property_string( devicenum, devicetype, property )
Returns a C string-valued property.

acc_get_property_string( devicenum, devicetype, property, retvalue )
Returns a Fortran string-valued property into the last argument:
acc_property_name
acc_property_vendor
acc_property_driver

acc_shutdown( devicetype )
Disconnects this host thread from the device.

acc_async_test( expression )
Returns nonzero or .TRUE. if all asynchronous activities on the async queue associated with the given expression have been completed; otherwise returns zero or .FALSE.

acc_async_test_all()
Returns nonzero or .TRUE. if all asynchronous activities have been completed; otherwise returns zero or .FALSE.

acc_wait( expression )
Waits until all asynchronous activities on the async queue associated with the given expression have been completed.

acc_wait_all()
Waits until all asynchronous activities have been completed.

acc_wait_async( expression, expression )
Enqueues a wait operation for the async queue associated with the first argument onto the async queue associated with the second argument.

acc_wait_all_async( expression )
Enqueues a wait operation for the all async queues onto the async queue associated with the expression.

acc_get_default_async()
Returns the async queue used by default when no queue is specified in an async clause.

acc_set_default_async( expression )
Sets the async queue associated with the expression as the default async queue used by default when no queue is specified on an async clause.

acc_on_device( devicetype )
In a compute region, this is used to take different execution paths depending on whether the program is running on a device or on the host.
`acc_malloc( size_t )`
Returns the address of memory allocated on the device.

`acc_free( d_void* )`
Frees memory allocated by `acc_malloc`.

`acc_map_data( h_void*, d_void*, size_t )`
Creates a new data lifetime for the host address, using the device data in the device address, with the data length in bytes.

`acc_unmap_data( h_void* )`
Unmaps the data lifetime previously created for the host address by `acc_map_data`.

`acc_deviceptr( h_void* )`
Returns the device pointer associated with a host address. Returns NULL if the host address is not present on the device.

`acc_hostptr( d_void* )`
Returns the host pointer associated with a device address. Returns NULL if the device address is not associated with a host address.

`acc_memcpy_to_device( d_void*, h_void*, size_t )`
`acc_memcpy_to_device_async( d_void*, h_void*, size_t, int )`
Copies data from the local thread memory to the device.

`acc_memcpy_from_device( h_void*, d_void*, size_t )`
`acc_memcpy_from_device_async( h_void*, d_void*, size_t, int )`
Copies data from the device to the local thread memory.

`acc_memcpy_device( d_void*, d_void*, size_t )`
`acc_memcpy_device_async( d_void*, d_void*, size_t, int )`
Copies data from one device memory location to another.

**DATA MOVEMENT ROUTINES**

The following data routines are called with C prototype:

`routine( h_void*, size_t )`
and in Fortran with interface:

```
subroutine routine( a )
type(*), dimension(..) :: a
```

```
subroutine routine( a, len )
type(*) :: a
integer :: len
```

The async versions are called with C prototype:

`routine_async( h_void*, size_t, int )`
and in Fortran with interface:

```fortran
subroutine routine_async( a, async )
type(*), dimension(..) :: a
    integer :: async
subroutine routine( a, len, async )
type(*) :: a
    integer :: len, async
```

**acc_copyin, acc_copyin_async**
Acts like an `enter data` directive with a `copyin` clause. Tests if the data is present, and if not allocates memory on and copies data to the current device. Increments the dynamic reference count.

**acc_create, acc_create_async**
Acts like an `enter data` directive with a `create` clause. Tests if the data is present, and if not allocates memory on the current device. Increments the dynamic reference count.

**acc_copyout, acc_copyout_async**
Acts like an `exit data` directive with a `copyout` and no `finalize` clause. Decrement the dynamic reference count. If both reference counts are zero, copies data from and deallocates memory on the current device.

**acc_copyout_finalize, acc_copyout_finalize_async**
Acts like an `exit data` directive with a `copyout` and `finalize` clause. Zeros the dynamic reference count. If both reference counts are zero, copies data from and deallocates memory on the current device.

**acc_delete, acc_delete_async**
Acts like an `exit data` directive with a `delete` and no `finalize` clause. Decrement the dynamic reference count. If both reference counts are zero, deallocates memory on the current device.

**acc_delete_finalize, acc_delete_finalize_async**
Acts like an `exit data` directive with a `delete` and a `finalize` clause. Zeros the dynamic reference count. If both reference counts are zero, deallocates memory on the current device.

**acc_update_device, acc_update_device_async**
Acts like an `update` directive with a `device` clause. Updates the corresponding device memory from the host memory.

**acc_update_self, acc_update_self_async**
Acts like an `update` directive with a `self` clause. Updates the host memory from the corresponding device memory.

**acc_is_present**
Tests whether the specified host data is present on the device. Returns nonzero or .TRUE. if the data is fully present on the device.
acc_attach( h_void** ),
acc_attach_async( h_void**, int )
Attaches the device copy of the pointer argument to its device
target, if it is not attached; otherwise increments the attachment
count.

acc_detach( h_void** ),
acc_detach_async( h_void**, int )
Decrements the attachment count of the pointer argument;
detaches the device copy of the pointer argument from its
device target if the count reaches zero.

acc_detach_finalize( h_void** ),
acc_detach_finalize_async( h_void**, int )
Sets the attachment count of the pointer argument to zero
and detaches the device copy of the pointer argument from its
device target.

Environment Variables

ACCDEVICE_TYPE device
The variable specifies the device type to which to connect.
This can be overridden with a call to acc_set_device_type.

ACCDEVICE_NUM num
The variable specifies the device number to which to connect.
This can be overridden with a call to acc_set_device_num.

Conditional Compilation
The _OPENACC preprocessor macro is defined to have value
yyyymm when compiled with OpenACC directives enabled. The
version described here has value 201711
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