

OpenACC

API 2.6

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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]...]

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

present(list)
deviceptr(list)
attach(list)

```
!$acc parallel [clause [[,] clause]...]
structured block
!$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 )
```

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
```

if(condition)

```
CLAUSES
```

```
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 )
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
```

CLAUSES

```
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.

final ize

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++

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

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]...]

CLAUSES

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 that 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++

atomic-block

If no clause is specified, the **update** clause is assumed.

The atomic-block must be one of the following:

```
atomic-block
<u>clause</u>
read
         \vee = x;
write x = expr;
update update-expr;
capture v = update-expr;
          { update-expr; v = x; }
           \{v = x; update-expr; \}
          \{ v = x; x = expr; \}
```

where update-expr is one of

```
x++; x--; ++x; --x;
x binop= expr;
x = x binop expr;
x = expr binop x;
```

FORTRAN

clause

```
!$acc atomic [ read | write | update | capture ]
[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:

stmt-2

```
read
                 capture-stmt
    write
                write-stmt
    update
                update-stmt
    capture
                update-stmt
                                 capture-stmt
                 capture-stmt
                                 update-stmt
                 capture-stmt write-stmt
capture-stmt is
 V = X
write-stmt is
 x = expr
update-stmt is one of
 x = x operator expr
 x = expr operator x
```

stmt-1

Update Directive

 $x = intrinsic_proc(x, expr-list)$ $x = intrinsic_proc(expr-list, x)$

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.

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

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 [[,] clause]...]
new-line

FORTRAN

!\$acc wait [(expression-list)] [clause [[,] 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[[,] clause]...] new-line
#pragma acc routine(name) [clause[[,] 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.

CLAUSE

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++

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

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++

#include "openacc.h"

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 gueue 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 )
```

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:

```
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. Decrements 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. Decrements 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

ACC_DEVICE_TYPE device

The variable specifies the device type to which to connect.

This can be overridden with a call to acc_set_device_type.

ACC_DEVICE_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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