

Introduction to OpenMP

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Basic OpenMP Program


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    #include <omp.h>
#endif
```
int main(**int** argc, **char** *argv[]) { **#ifdef _OPENMP** // your code when OpenMP is present **#else** // your code when no OpenMP is present **#endif**

```
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int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
      // block of code executed in parallel
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Example: [openmp.c](file:///home/holgerob/daten/svn/dissemination/workshop/OpenMP/examples/openmp_c.html), [openmp_wtime.c](file:///home/holgerob/daten/svn/dissemination/workshop/OpenMP/examples/openmp_wtime_c.html)

Compiler Directive: **single**, **master**


```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    #pragma omp parallel
    {
      #pragma omp single
      // serial code executed by one thread
      #pragma omp master
      // serial code executed by master thread
    }
    return 0;
}
Example: openmp_single_master.c
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Compiler Directive: **parallel sections**


```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
   #pragma omp parallel sections
    {
     #pragma omp section
      // code block 1 executed in parallel
     #pragma omp section
      // code block 2 executed in parallel
    }
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openmp_section.c
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Example: [openmp_scope.c](file:///home/holgerob/daten/svn/dissemination/workshop/OpenMP/examples/openmp_scope_c.html)

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int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    #pragma omp parallel for
    for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
      // code for i-th iteration
    }
    return 0;
}
```
Example:

openmp for schedule.c, openmp for reduce.c

Compiler Directive: **task**

Directive task creates a task (unit of work)

- Task can be executed immediately
- **EXecution of the task can be defered**
- Task can be executed by any thread in the team
- Similar to parallel sections
- Avoids to many nested parallel regions
- Allows to parallelize irregular problems (e.g. recursive algorithms)

Example: openmp task.c, openmp task fibonacci.c

Outlook OpenMP 4.0

OpenMP 4.0 adds pragmas

- to support accelerators (e.g. Intel Xeon Phi, GPGPU)
- for SIMD (Single instuction multiple data)
- for custom data structures in reduction operations
- to cancel parallel execution

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