OPENMP IN AN ACCELERATED WORLD

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OpenMP is the *de facto* standard for Parallel programming on shared memory systems*

Wait! What’s this about shared memory?
Relaxed shared memory model** — extremely relaxed now with accelerators

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OpenMP has supported accelerators since version 4.0

OpenMP 4.5 added significant features to the accelerator support

OpenMP 5.0 is going to add even more features
many to make programming accelerators easier

This talk will concentrate on a few usability features present in TR6, OpenMP 5.0 preview.
CHALLENGES

OpenMP on Accelerators

Array of structures containing arrays (pointers)
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    char *p;
    int a;
} mystruct_t;
mystruct_t S;
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#pragma omp target map(S.p[:100])
{
    for (int i ... )
        DEF(S.p[i])
        foo(S);
}

free(S.p);

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        USE(S.p[i])
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Problem?
OPENMP TR6
Solutions to Challenges

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USER-DEFINED MAPPERS

Example

typedef struct mystruct {
    char *p;
    int a, len;
} mystruct_t;

mystruct_t S;
S.len = 100;
S.p = malloc(S.len);

#pragma omp declare mapper(mystruct_t s)\  
    use_by_default map(s, s.a, s.p[:s.len])
#pragma omp target data map(S)
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CHALLENGES
OpenMP on Accelerators

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Function availability
declare directive
FUNCTION AVAILABILITY

declare directive

#pragma omp declare target
int compute_plus( int ii, int jj) { return ii + jj;}
#pragma omp end declare target
...
#pragma omp declare target
int compute_mult_plus( int aa, int bb, int cc) {
    return compute_plus( aa*bb, cc);
}
#pragma omp end declare target
...
#pragma omp target
{
    compute_mult_plus( a, b, c );
}
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This does not work if function definition is in another file!
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Function availability
  declare directive

Data availability
  data clauses
  data directives
    local objects
    global objects
DATA AVAILABILITY

Data clauses

map([[map-type-modifier[,]] map-type : ] list)

map-type:
to
from
tofrom
alloc
release
delete

map-type-modifier:
always
DATA AVAILABILITY

data directives

#pragma omp target data clause[ [,] clause] ... ] new-line
structured-block

#pragma omp target enter data [ clause[ [,] clause]...] new-line

#pragma omp target exit data [ clause[ [,] clause]...] new-line

#pragma omp target update clause[ [,] clause] ... ] new-line

#pragma omp declare target ...

#pragma omp target ...
DATA AVAILABILITY

Example

```c
int a;
#pragma omp declare target (a)

int b;
#pragma omp declare target to(b)

int big_array[100000];
#pragma omp declare target link(big_array)

#pragma omp target map(to: a, b, big_array[100:300])
...

#pragma omp target map(always, to: a, b, big_array[100:300])
...
```

Data movement for a and b ignored!
Data moved and attached for big_array!

Data movement for a and b not ignored.
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Device Profiles
What requirements does the code have of the implementation?
DEVICE PROFILES

#pragma omp requires unified_address | unified_shared_memory

unified_address

Asserts that the program assumes a unified address space, all addresses are unique!

unified_shared_memory

Asserts that the program assumes all memory can be read by all processors. Likely no data clauses or directives in the code. Possible concern: Scalars are still firstprivate by default.
DATA AVAILABILITY

Example

int a;
int b;
int big_array[100000];

#pragma omp requires unified_shared_memory
...
#pragma omp target
...

Notice loss of big_array[100:300]
This may or may not be an issue, depending on how the system handles memory sharing
OPENMP ON ACCELERATORS
It’s getting easier!

PointerType Attachment
   Easier to use user-defined data types on the device

User-defined Mappers
   No possible to define named mappers which understand data structure that
   may be in unchangeable files.

Inferred Function Mapping
   No more need to add extra directives just to get linking to work correctly.

Device Profiles
   No more data directives when targeting machines that have shared memory.
   There will be a portability penalty! Does that matter?