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Chapter 1. OVERVIEW

The OpenACC Application Program Interface is a collection of compiler directives and runtime routines that allow you, the programmer, to specify loops and regions of code in standard C, C ++ and Fortran that you want offloaded from a host CPU to an attached accelerator, such as a GPU. The OpenACC API was designed and is maintained by an industry consortium. See the OpenACC website http://www.openacc.org for more information about the OpenACC API.

This Getting Started guide helps you prepare your system for using the PGI OpenACC implementation, and provides examples of how to write, build and run programs using the OpenACC directives. More information about the PGI OpenACC implementation is available at http://www.pgroup.com/openacc.

1.1. Terms and Definitions

Throughout this document certain terms have very specific meaning:

- ▶ OpenACC is a parallel programming standard describing a set of compiler directives which can be applied to standard C, C++, and Fortran to specify regions of code for offloading from a host CPU to an attached accelerator.
- A directive is, in C, a #pragma, or, in Fortran, a specially formatted comment statement that is interpreted by a compiler to augment information about or specify the behavior of the program. This document uses the term directives for either Fortran directive comments or C/C++ pragmas. Features specific to "Fortran directives" and "C pragmas" are called out as such
- ▶ PGCC, PGC++, and PGFORTRAN are the names of the PGI compiler products.
- ▶ pgcc, pgc++ and pgfortran are the names of the PGI compiler drivers. pgfortran may also be spelled pgf90 and pgf95. The PGI C++ compiler, named pgc++, uses GNU-compatible naming conventions.
- CUDA stands for Compute Unified Device Architecture; the CUDA environment from NVIDIA is a C-like programming environment used to explicitly control and program an NVIDIA GPU. OpenCL is the Open Compute Language, a standard C-like programming environment similar to CUDA that enables portable low-level general-purpose programming on GPUs and other accelerators. This programming language and model is supported by AMD for their GPUs.

LLVM is a compiler infrastructure. Under certain circumstances, PGI compilers may produce an intermediate representation of programs for use by LLVM compiler back-ends.

1.2. System Prerequisites

Using this release of PGI OpenACC API implementation requires the following:

- An x86 system running Linux, Microsoft Windows, or Apple OS X, or an OpenPOWER system running Linux. Information about the PGI-supported releases is available in the Compatibility and Installation section of the PGI website.
- For targeting GPUs:
 - **NVIDIA:** A CUDA-enabled NVIDIA GPU and an installed driver. For NVIDIA CUDA, the driver should be version 7 or later. (http://www.nvidia.com/cuda).
 - ▶ AMD: An OpenCL-enabled AMD GPU, and the AMD OpenCL drivers, version 13.30 or later(http://www.amd.com/drivers). AMD GPUs are not currently support on OpenPOWER systems.

1.3. Prepare Your System

To enable OpenACC, follow these steps:

- 1. Download the latest 16.9 packages from the Download page on the PGI website at http://www.pgroup.com/support/downloads.php.
- 2. Install the downloaded package.
- 3. Add the installed bin directory on your path.
- 4. Run pgaccelinfo to see that your GPU and drivers are properly installed and available. For NVIDIA, you should see output that looks something like the following:

```
CUDA Driver Version:
                                  NVIDIA UNIX x86 64 Kernel Module 346.29 Mon
NVRM version:
 Dec 15 21:03:01 PST 2014
Device Number:
Device Name:
                                  GeForce GTX 780
Global Memory Size: 3226
Number of Mail:
                                 3220897792
Number of Multiprocessors: 12
Number of SP Cores:
                                  2304
Number of DP Cores:
Concurrent Copy and Execution: Yes
Total Constant Memory:
Total Shared Memory per Block: 49152
                                 65536
Registers per Block:
Warp Size:
Maximum Threads per Block: 1024
Maximum Block Dimensions: 1024, 1024, 64
Maximum Grid Dimensions: 2147483647 x 6
                                2147483647 x 65535 x 65535
Maximum Memory Pitch:
                                  2147483647B
Texture Alignment:
```

```
Clock Rate:
Execution Timeout:
Integrated Device:
Can Map Host Memory:
Compute Mode:
Concurrent Kernels:
ECC Enabled:
Mo
Memory Clock Rate:
Mo
Memory Clock Rate:
Mo
Memory Bus Width:
L2 Cache Size:
Max Threads Per SMP:
Async Engines:
Unified Addressing:
Managed Memory:
Initialization time:
Current free memory:
Upload time (4MB):
Download bandwidth:
Download bandwi
```

5. For AMD, you should see output that looks something like the following:

```
OpenCL Platform:
                                                     AMD Accelerated Parallel Processing
 OpenCL Vendor:
                                                     Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.
 Device Number:
 Device Name:
                                                    Tahiti
                                                   Yes
 Available:
Available: Yes
Compiler Available: Yes
Board Name: ATI FirePro V (FireGL V) Graphics Adapter
Device Version: OpenCL 1.2 AMD-APP (1359.4)
Global Memory Size: 3079667712
Maximum Object Size: 1073741824
Global Cache Size: 16384
Free Memory: 3007650000
Max Clock (MHz):
                                                   950
Max Clock (MHz):
Compute Units:
SIMD Units:
                                                   2.8
 SIMD Units:
SIMD G.L.
SIMD Width:
GPU Cores: 1/92
Wavefront Width: 64
Constant Memory Size: 65536
Local Memory Size: 32768
Workgroup Size: 256
 ECC Support:
 PGI Compiler Option: -ta=radeon:tahiti
```

This tells you the driver version, the name of the GPU (or GPUs, if you have more than one), the available memory, the -ta command line flag to target this GPU, and so on.

1.4. Supporting Documentation and Examples

You may want to consult the latest OpenACC 2.0 specification, included with this release, for additional information. It is also available at the OpenACC website. Simple examples appear in Using OpenACC with the PGI Compilers.

Source code is included with this release as well in /opt/pgi/[os][-64]/2016/examples/openacc/

Chapter 2. USING OPENACC WITH THE PGI COMPILERS

The OpenACC directives are enabled by adding the -acc or the -ta=[target] flag to the PGI compiler command line. This release targets OpenACC to NVIDIA GPUs. [-ta=tesla] and Radeon discrete and integrated GPUs [-ta=radeon].

Refer to Implemented Features for a discussion about using OpenACC directives or the -acc flag with object files compiled with previous PGI releases using the PGI Accelerator directives.

This release includes partial support for the OpenACC 2.0 specification. Refer to Implemented Features for details about which features are supported in this release, and what features are coming in updates over the next few months.

2.1. OpenACC Directive Summary

PGI now supports the following OpenACC directives:

Parallel Construct

Defines the region of the program that should be compiled for parallel execution on the accelerator device.

Kernels Construct

Defines the region of the program that should be compiled into a sequence of kernels for execution on the accelerator device.

Data Directive

Defines data, typically arrays, that should be allocated in the device memory for the duration of the data region, whether data should be copied from the host to the device memory upon region entry, and copied from the device to host memory upon region exit.

Enter Data and Exit Data Directives

The Enter Data directive defines data, typically arrays, that should be allocated in the device memory for the duration of the program or until an exit data directive that deallocates the data, and whether data should be copied from the host to the device memory at the enter data directive.

The Exit Data directive defines data, typically arrays, that should be deallocated in the device memory, and whether data should be copied from the device to the host memory.

Host_Data Construct

Makes the address of device data available on the host.

Loop Directive

Describes what type of parallelism to use to execute the loop and declare loop-private variables and arrays and reduction operations. Applies to a loop which must appear on the following line.

Combined Parallel and Loop Directive

Is a shortcut for specifying a loop directive nested immediately inside an accelerator parallel directive. The meaning is identical to explicitly specifying a parallel construct containing a loop directive.

Combined Kernels and Loop Directive

Is a shortcut for specifying a loop directive nested immediately inside an accelerator kernels directive. The meaning is identical to explicitly specifying a kernels construct containing a loop directive.

Cache Directive

Specifies array elements or subarrays that should be fetched into the highest level of the cache for the body of a loop. Must appear at the top of (inside of) the loop.

Declare Directive

Specifies that an array or arrays are to be allocated in the device memory for the duration of the implicit data region of a function, subroutine, or program.

Specifies whether the data values are to be transferred from the host to the device memory upon entry to the implicit data region, and from the device to the host memory upon exit from the implicit data region.

Creates a visible device copy of the variable or array.

Update Directive

Used during the lifetime of accelerator data to update all or part of a host memory array with values from the corresponding array in device memory, or to update all or part of a device memory array with values from the corresponding array in host memory.

Routine Directive

Used to tell the compiler to compile a given procedure for an accelerator as well as the host. In a file or routine with a procedure call, the routine directive tells the implementation the attributes of the procedure when called on the accelerator.

As of PGI 14.9, an acc routine directive with no parallelism clause (gang, worker or vector) will be treated as if the seq clause were present.

Wait Directive

Specifies to wait until all operations on a specific device async queue or all async queues are complete.

For more information on each of these directives and which clauses they accept, refer to the *Using an Accelerator* section in the PGI Compiler User's Guide or the PGI Visual Fortran User's Guide.

2.2. CUDA Toolkit Version

The PGI Accelerator CPU+accelerator compilers with OpenACC and CUDA Fortran compilers support the CUDA 7.0 toolkit as the default. The compilers and tools also support the CUDA 7.5 and 8.0 toolkits.

To specify the version of the CUDA Toolkit that is targeted by the compilers, use one of the following properties:

In OpenACC Directives

```
For CUDA Toolkit 7.0: -ta=tesla:cuda7.0
For CUDA Toolkit 7.5: -ta=tesla:cuda7.5
For CUDA Toolkit 8.0: -ta=tesla:cuda8.0
```

For PGI Visual Fortran

```
Use the property: Fortran | Target Accelerators | Tesla: CUDA Toolkit
```

When Target NVIDIA Tesla is set to "Yes", you can specify the version of the CUDA Toolkit targeted by the compilers.

Default: The compiler selects the default CUDA Toolkit version, which is 7.0 for this release.

- 7.0: Specifies use of toolkit version 7.0.
- 7.5: Specifies use of toolkit version 7.5.
- 8.0: Specifies use of toolkit version 8.0.

Selecting one of these properties is equivalent to adding the associated switch to the PVF compilation and link lines:

```
-ta=tesla[:cuda7.0 | cuda7.5 | cuda8.0 ]
```

For CUDA Fortran Construct

```
For CUDA Toolkit 7.0: -Mcuda=cuda7.0
For CUDA Toolkit 7.5: -Mcuda=cuda7.5
For CUDA Toolkit 8.0: -Mcuda=cuda8.0
```

You may also specify a default version by adding a line to the siterc file in the installation bin/directory or to a file named .mypgirc in your home directory. For example, to specify CUDA Toolkit 7.5, add the following line to one of these files:

```
set DEFCUDAVERSION=7.5;
```

Support for CUDA Toolkit versions 6.5 and earlier has been removed.

For PGI Visual Fortran

```
Use the property: Fortran | Language | CUDA Fortran Toolkit
```

When Enable CUDA Fortran is set to "Yes", you can specify the version of the CUDA Toolkit targeted by the compilers.

Default: The compiler selects the default CUDA Toolkit version, which is 7.0 for this release

- 7.0: Specifies use of toolkit version 7.0. This is the default.
- 7.5: Specifies use of toolkit version 7.5.
- 7.5: Specifies use of toolkit version 8.0.

Selecting one of these properties is equivalent to adding the associated switch to the PVF compilation and link lines:

```
-Mcuda[=cuda7.0 | cuda7.5 | cuda8.0 ]
```

2.3. C Structs in OpenACC

Static arrays of struct and pointers to dynamic arrays of struct have long been supported with the PGI Accelerator compilers.

```
typedef struct{
    float x, y, z;
}point;
extern point base[1000];
void vecaddgpu( point *restrict r, int n ){
```

```
#pragma acc parallel loop present(base) copyout(r[0:n])
  for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) {
  r[i].x = base[i].x;
  r[i].y = sqrtf( base[i].y*base[i].y + base[i].z*base[i].z );
  r[i].z = 0;
  }
}</pre>
```

A pointer to a scalar struct is treated as a one-element array, and should be shaped as r [0:1].

PGI 14.4 and later releases include support for static arrays and pointers to dynamic arrays within a struct. In either case, the entire struct must be placed in device memory, by putting the struct itself in an appropriate data clause.

```
typedef struct{
    base[1000];
    int n;
    float *x, *y, *z;
}point;

extern point A;

void vecaddgpu() {
    #pragma acc parallel loop copyin(A) \
    copyout(A.x[0:A.n], A.y[0:A.n], A.z[0:A.n])
        for( int i = 0; i < A.n; ++i ) {
        A.x[i] = A.base[i];
        A.y[i] = sqrtf( A.base[i] );
        A.z[i] = 0;
        }
}</pre>
```

In this example, the struct A is copied to the device, which copies the static array member A.base and the scalar A.n. The dynamic members A.x, A.y and A.z are then copied to the device. The struct A should be copied before its dynamic members, either by placing the struct in an earlier data clause, or by copying or creating it on the device in an enclosing data region or dynamic data lifetime. If the struct is not present on the device when the dynamic members are copied, the accesses to the dynamic members, such as A.x[i], on the device will be invalid, because the pointer A.x will not get updated.

A pointer to a struct is treated as a single element array. If the struct also contains pointer members, you should copy the struct to the device, then create or copy the pointer members:

```
typedef struct{
    int n;
    float *x, *y, *z;
}point;

void vecaddgpu( point *A, float* base ) {
        #pragma acc parallel loop copyin(A[0:1]) \
        copyout(A->x[0:A->n], A->y[0:A->n], A->z[0:A->n]) \
        present(base[0:A->n])
        for( int i = 0; i < A->n; ++i ) {
        A->x[i] = base[i];
        A->y[i] = sqrtf( base[i] );
        A->z[i] = 0;
        }
}
```

Be careful when copying structs containing pointers back to the host. On the device, the pointer members will get updated with device pointers. If these pointers get copied back to the host struct, the pointers will be invalid on the host.

When creating or copying a struct on the device, the whole struct is allocated. There is no support for allocating a subset of a struct, or only allocating space for a single member.

Structs and pointer members can be managed using dynamic data directives as well:

```
typedef struct{
    int n;
    float *x, *y, *z;
 }point;
void move to device ( point *A ) {
    #pragma acc enter data copyin(A[0:1])
    #pragma acc enter data create(A-x[0:A-n], A-y[0:A-n], A-z[0:A-n])
void move from device ( point* A ) {
    \#pragma acc enter data copyout(A->x[0:A->n], A->y[0:A->n], A->z[0:A->n])
    #pragma acc enter data delete(A[0:1])
void vecaddgpu( point *A, float* base ) {
    #pragma acc parallel loop present(A[0:1]) \
present(A \rightarrow x[0:A \rightarrow n], A \rightarrow y[0:A \rightarrow n], A \rightarrow z[0:A \rightarrow n]) \
present(base[0:A->n])
   for( int i = 0; i < A->n; ++i ) {
A->x[i] = base[i];
A \rightarrow y[i] = sqrtf(base[i]);
A -> z[i] = 0;
```

2.4. C++ Classes in OpenACC

PGI 14.4 and later releases include support for C++ classes, including static array class members, member pointers to dynamic arrays, and member functions and operators. Usually, the class itself must be copied to device memory as well, by putting the class variable in a data clause outside the class, or the appropriately shaped this[0:1] reference in a data clause within the class. The entire class will be allocated in device memory.

```
// my managed vector datatype
template<typename elemtype> class myvector{
   elemtype* data;
    size t size;
public:
   myvector( size t size ) { // constructor
        size = size_;
        data = new elemtype[size];
    todev() { // move to device
        #pragma acc enter data copyin(this[0:1], data[0:size])
    fromdev() { // remove from device
        #pragma acc exit data delete( data[0:size], this[0:1])
   void updatehost() { // update host copy of data
        #pragma acc update self( data[0:size] )
   void updatedev() { // update device copy of data
        #pragma acc update device( data[0:size] )
    ~myvector(){ // destructor from host
       delete[] data;
```

```
inline elemtype & operator[] (int i) const { return data[i]; }
   // other member functions
};
```

In this class, this is copied to the device before data, so the pointer to data on the device will get updated. This is called an "attach" operation; the class myvector pointer data is attached to the device copy of the data vector.

Another class always creates device data along with host data:

```
// my managed host+device vector datatype
template<typename elemtype> class hdvector{
   elemtype* data;
   size_t size;
public:
   hdvector( size t size ) { // constructor
       size = size_;
       data = new elemtype[size];
        #pragma acc enter data copyin(this[0:1]) create(data[0:size])
   void updatehost(){ // update host copy of data
        #pragma acc update self( data[0:size] )
   void updatedev() { // update device copy of data
        #pragma acc update device( data[0:size] )
    ~hdvector() { // destructor from host
        #pragma acc exit data delete( data[0:size], this[0:1] )
       delete[] data;
   inline elemtype & operator[] (int i) const { return data[i]; }
   // other member functions
```

The constructor copies the class in, so the size value will get copied, and creates (allocates) the data vector.

A slightly more complex class includes a copy constructor that makes a copy of the data pointer instead of a copy of the data:

```
#include <openacc.h>
// my managed vector datatype
template<typename elemtype> class dupvector{
   elemtype* data;
   size_t size;
   bool iscopy;
public:
   dupvector( size t size ) { // constructor
       size = size ;
       data = new elemtype[size];
       iscopy = false;
        #pragma acc enter data copyin(this[0:1]) create(data[0:size])
   dupvector( const dupvector &copyof ) { // copy constructor
       size = copyof.size;
       data = copyof.data;
       iscopy = true;
       #pragma acc enter data copyin(this[0:1])
       acc attach( (void**)&data );
   void updatehost(){ // update host copy of data
        #pragma acc update self( data[0:size] )
   void updatedev() { // update device copy of data
        #pragma acc update device( data[0:size] )
    ~dupvector(){ // destructor from host
```

```
if(!iscopy){
          #pragma acc exit data delete( data[0:size] )
          delete[] data;
    }
     #pragma acc exit data delete( this[0:1] )
}
inline elemtype & operator[] (int i) const { return data[i]; }
// other member functions
};
```

We added a call to the PGI OpenACC runtime routine, acc_attach, in the copy constructor. This routine is a PGI addition to the OpenACC API; it takes the address of a pointer, translates the address of that pointer as well as the contents of the pointer, and stores the translated contents into the translated address on the device. In this case, it attaches the data pointer copied from the original class on the device to the copy of this class on the device.

In code outside the class, data can be referenced in compute clauses as normal:

```
dupvector<float> v = new dupvector<float>(n);
dupvector<float> x = new dupvector<float>(n);
...
#pragma acc parallel loop present(v,x)
for(int i = 0; i < n; ++i) v[i] += x[i];</pre>
```

This example shows references to the v and x classes in the parallel loop construct. The operator[] will normally be inlined. If it is not inlined or inlining is disabled, the compiler will note that the operator is invoked from within an OpenACC compute region and compile a device version of that operator. This is effectively the same as implying a #pragma acc routine seq above the operator. The same is true for any function in C++, be it a class member function or standalone function: if the function is called from within a compute region, or called from a function which is called within a compute region, and there is no #pragma acc routine, the compiler will treat it as if it was prefixed by #pragma acc routine seq. When you compile the file and enable -Minfo=accel, you will see this with the message:

```
T1 &dupvector<T1>::operator [](int) const [with T1=float]:
35, Generating implicit acc routine seq
```

In the above example, the loop upper bound is the simple variable n, not the more natural class member v.size. In this PGI release, the loop upper bound for a parallel loop or kernels loop must be a simple variable, not a class member. This limitation will be fixed in a future release.

The class variables appear in a present clause for the parallel construct. The normal default for a compute construct would be for the compiler to treat the reference to the class as present_or_copy. However, if the class instance were not present, copying just the class itself would not copy the dynamic data members, so would not provide the necessary behavior. Therefore, when refering to class objects in a compute construct, you should put the class in a present clause.

Class member functions may be explicitly invoked in a parallel loop:

```
template<typename elemtype> class dupvector{
    ...
    void inc1( int i, elemtype y ) {
        data[i] += y;
    }
}
...
#pragma acc parallel loop present(v,x)
```

```
for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) v.incl( i, x[i] );
```

As discussed above, the compiler will normally inline incl, when optimization is enabled, but will also compile a device version of the function since it is invoked from within a compute region.

A compute construct may contain compute constructs itself:

```
template<typename elemtype> class dupvector{
    ...
    void inc2( dupvector<elemtype> &y ) {
        int n = size;
        #pragma acc parallel loop gang vector present(this,y)
        for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) data[i] += y[i];
    }
}
...
    v.inc2( x );</pre>
```

Note again the loop upper bound of n, and the this and y classes in the present clause. A third example puts the parallel construct around the routine, but the loop itself within the routine. Doing this properly requires you to put an appropriate acc routine before the routine definition to call the routine at the right level of parallelism.

```
template<typename elemtype> class dupvector{
    ...
    #pragma acc routine gang
    void inc3( dupvector<elemtype> &y ){
        int n = size;
        #pragma acc loop gang vector
        for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) data[i] += y[i];
    }
}
...
#pragma acc parallel
    v.inc3( x );</pre>
```

When the inc3 is invoked from host code, it will run on the host incrementing host values. When invoked from within an OpenACC parallel construct, it will increment device values.

2.5. Fortran Derived Types in OpenACC

Static and allocatable arrays of derived type have long been supported with the PGI Accelerator compilers.

```
module mpoint
type point
    real :: x, y, z
end type
type(point) :: base(1000)
end module

subroutine vecaddgpu( r, n )
use mpoint
type(point) :: r(:)
integer :: n
!$acc parallel loop present(base) copyout(r(:))
do i = 1, n
    r(i)%x = base(i)%x
    r(i)%y = sqrt( base(i)%y*base(i)%y + base(i)%z*base(i)%z )
    r(i)%z = 0
```

```
enddo end subroutine
```

PGI 14.4 and later releases include support for array members of derived types, including static arrays and allocatable arrays within a derived type. In either case, the entire derived type must be placed in device memory, by putting the derived type itself in an appropriate data clause. For this release, the derived type variable itself must appear in a data clause, at least a present clause, for any compute construct that directly uses the derived type variable.

```
module mpoint
type point
   real :: base(1000)
    integer :: n
    real, allocatable, dimension(:) :: x, y, z
type(point) :: A
end module
subroutine vecaddqpu()
integer :: i
 !$acc parallel loop copyin(A) copyout(A%x,A%y,A%z)
 do i = 1, n
 A\%x(i) = A\%base(i)
 A%y(i) = sqrt(A%base(i))
 A%z(i) = 0
 enddo
end subroutine
```

In this example, the derived type A is copied to the device, which copies the static array member A%base and the scalar A%n. The allocatable array members A%x, A%y and A%z are then copied to the device. The derived type variable A should be copied before its allocatable array members, either by placing the derived type in an earlier data clause, or by copying or creating it on the device in an enclosing data region or dynamic data lifetime. If the derived type is not present on the device when the allocatable array members are copied, the accesses to the allocatable members, such as A%x(i), on the device will be invalid, because the hidden pointer and descriptor values in the derived type variable will not get updated.

Be careful when copying derived types containing allocatable members back to the host. On the device, the allocatable members will get updated to point to device memory. If the whole derived type gets copied back to the host, the allocatable members will be invalid on the host.

When creating or copying a derived type on the device, the whole derived type is allocated. There is no support for allocating a subset of a derived type, or only allocating space for a single member.

Derived types and allocatable members can be managed using dynamic data directives as well:

```
module mpoint
  type point
    integer :: n
    real, dimension(:), allocatable :: x, y, z
end type
contains
subroutine move_to_device( A )
  type(point) :: A
! Sacc enter data copyin(A)
! Sacc enter data create(A%x, A%y, A%z)
end subroutine
subroutine move_off_device( A )
  type(point) :: A
```

```
!$acc exit data copyout(A%x, A%y, A%z)
 !$acc exit data delete(A)
end subroutine
end module
subroutine vecaddgpu ( A, base )
use mpoint
type(point) :: A
real :: base(:)
integer :: i
 !$acc parallel loop present(A,base)
do i = 1, n
 A%x(i) = base(i)
 A%y(i) = sqrt(base(i))
 A\%z(i) = 0
enddo
end subroutine
```

Arrays of derived type, where the derived type contains allocatable members, have not been tested and should not be considered supported for this release. That important feature will be included in an upcoming release.

2.6. Fortran I/O

Starting in PGI 15.1, improvements have been made in the support of list-directed PRINT or WRITE statements to the default output unit (PRINT * or WRITE(*,*)). Before PGI 15.1, the output for PRINT or WRITE statements would likely be interleaved between different threads for each item on the PRINT or WRITE statement. That is, if a device kernel contains a PRINT statement, such as this one:

```
print *, 'index = ', i, j
```

the user would observe the character string 'index = ', one after the other from all threads, then the second item, the value of i, then the third item, j, and finally the end-of-line.

Unlike the usual C printf implementation, which prints out a whole line for each thread, there was no indication of which thread prints out which item, and in which order.

Now, starting with PGI 15.1, the PGI Fortran accelerator runtime, shared between CUDA Fortran and OpenACC for NVIDIA targets, buffers up the output and prints an entire line's worth in one operation. In PGI 15.1 through 15.4, the integer and character types were supported. Beginning in PGI 15.5, logical, real and complex types are also supported.

The underlying CUDA printf implementation limits the number of print statements in a kernel launch to 4096. Users should take this limit into account when making use of this feature.

Starting in PGI 15.5, print and write statements in device code are also supported when used with the LLVM code generator -ta=llvm, or -Mcuda=llvm, and in combination with the -mp compiler option.

2.6.1. OpenACC PRINT Example

Here is a short example printing character strings, integer, logical, and real data within an OpenACC compute region:

```
program t
integer(4) a(10000)
a = [ (1+i,i=1,10000) ]
```

```
!$acc kernels
do i = 1, 10000
  if (a(i)/3000*3000.eq.a(i)) print *," located ",i,a(i),i.gt.5000,a(i)/5.0
end do
!$acc end kernels
end
```

2.7. OpenACC Atomic Support

PGI 14.7 and later releases provides full support for atomics in accordance with the 2.0 spec. For example:

PGI 14.4 and later releases include support for CUDA-style atomic operations. The CUDA atomic names can be used in accelerator regions from Fortran, C, and C++. For example:

```
#pragma acc loop gang
  for (j = 0; j < n1 * n2; j += n2) {
        k = 0;
        #pragma acc loop vector reduction(+:k)
        for (i = 0; i < n2; i++)
              k = k + a[j + i];
        atomicAdd(x, k);
}</pre>
```

2.8. OpenACC Declare Data Directive for Global and Fortran Module Variables

PGI 14.7 and later releases support the OpenACC declare directive with the copyin, create and device_resident clauses for C global variables and Fortran module variables, for Teslatarget GPUs. This is primarily for use with the OpenACC routine directive and separate compilation. The data in the declare clauses are statically allocated on the device when the program attaches to the device. Data in a copyin clause will be initialized from the host data at that time. A program attaches to the device when it reaches its first data or compute construct, or when it calls the OpenACC acc_init routine.

In C, the example below uses a global struct and a global array pointer:

```
struct{
    float a, b;
}coef;
float* x;
#pragma acc declare create(coef,x)
. . .
#pragma acc routine seq
void modxi( int i ){
    x[i] *= coef.a;
```

```
void initcoef( float a, float b ){
   coef.a = a;
   coef.b = b;
   #pragma acc update device(coef)
}
...
void allocx( int n ) {
   x = (float*)malloc( sizeof(float)*n );
   #pragma acc enter data create(x[0:n])
}
...
void modx( int s, int e ) {
   #pragma acc parallel loop
   for( int i = s; i < e; ++i ) modxi(i);
}
</pre>
```

The declare create (coef, x) will statically allocate a copy of the struct coef and the pointer x on the device. In initcoef routine, the coefficients are assigned on the host, and the update directive copies those values to the device. The allocx routine allocates space for the x vector on the host, then uses an unstructured data directive to allocate that space on the device as well; because the x pointer is already statically present on the device, the device copy of x will be updated with the pointer to the device data as well. Finally, the parallel loop calls the routine modxi, which refers to the global x pointer and coef struct. When called on the host, this routine will access the global x and coef on the host, and when called on the device, such as in this parallel loop, this routine will access the global x pointer and coef struct on the device.

If the modxi routine were in a separate file, the declarations of coef and x would have the extern attribute, but otherwise the code would be the same, as shown below. Note that the acc declare create directive is still required in this file even though the variables are declared extern, to tell the compiler that these variables are available as externals on the device.

```
extern struct{
    float a, b;
}coef;
extern float* x;
#pragma acc declare create(coef,x)
. . .
#pragma acc routine seq
void modxi( int i ) {
    x[i] *= coef.a;
}
```

Because the global variable is present in device memory, it is also in the OpenACC runtime *present* table, which keeps track of the correspondence between host and device objects. This means that a pointer to the global variable can be passed as an argument to a routine in another file, which uses that pointer in a present clause. In the following example, the calling routine uses a small, statically-sized global coefficient array:

```
float xcoef[11] = { 1.0, 2.0, 1.5, 3.5, ... 9.0 };
#pragma acc declare copyin(xcoef)
...
extern void test( float*, float*, float*, n );
...
void caller( float* x, float* y, int n ) {
    #pragma acc data copy( x[0:n], y[0:n] )
    {
        ...
        test( x, y, xcoef, n );
        ...
```

```
}
```

The declare copyin directive tells the compiler to generate code to initialize the device array from the host array when the program attaches to the device. In another file, the procedure test is defined, and all of its array arguments will be already present on the device; x and y because of the data construct, and xcoef because it is statically present on the device.

In Fortran, module fixed-size variables and arrays, and module allocatable arrays which appear in declare directives at module scope will be available globally on the CPU as well as in device code. Module allocatable arrays that appear in a declare create, declare copyin or declare device_resident will be allocated in host memory as well as in device memory when they appear in an allocate statement. The compiler manages the actual pointer to the data and a descriptor that contains array lower and upper bounds for each dimension, and the device copy of the pointer will be set to point to the array in device memory.

The following example module contains one fixed size array and an allocatable array, both appearing in a declare create clause. The static array xstat will be available at any time inside accelerator compute regions or routines.

```
module staticmod
integer, parameter :: maxl = 100000
real, dimension(maxl) :: xstat
real, dimension(:), allocatable :: yalloc
!$acc declare create(xstat,yalloc)
end module
```

This module may be used in another file that allocates the yalloc array. When the allocatable array yalloc is allocated, it will be allocated both in host and device memory, and will then be available at any time in accelerator compute regions or routines.

```
subroutine allocit(n)
use staticmod
integer :: n
allocate( yalloc(n) )
end subroutine
```

In another module, these arrays may be used in a compute region or in an accelerator routine:

```
module useit
  use staticmod
contains
  subroutine computer( n )
  integer :: n
```

```
integer :: i
!$acc parallel loop
  do i = 1, n
    yalloc(i) = iprocess( i )
    enddo
end subroutine
real function iprocess( i )
!$acc routine seq
integer :: i
iprocess = yalloc(i) + 2*xstat(i)
end function
end module
```

2.9. C Examples

The simplest C example of OpenACC is a vector addition on the GPU:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
void vecaddgpu( float *restrict r, float *a, float *b, int n ) {
    \#pragma acc kernels loop copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n]) copyout(r[0:n])
    for ( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) r[i] = a[i] + b[i];
int main( int argc, char* argv[] ){
    int n; /* vector length */
    float * a; /* input vector 1 */
float * b; /* input vector 2 */
    float * r; /* output vector */
    float * e; /* expected output values */
    int i, errs;
    if( argc > 1 ) n = atoi( argv[1] ); else n = 100000; /* default vector length */
    if (n \le 0) n = 100000;
    a = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    b = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    r = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    e = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) {
          a[i] = (float)(i+1);
         b[i] = (float)(1000*i);
    /* compute on the GPU */
    vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n );
    /* compute on the host to compare */
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i ) e[i] = a[i] + b[i];
    /* compare results */
    errs = 0;
    for( i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
     if( r[i] != e[i] ){
     ++errs;
printf( "%d errors found\n", errs );
return errs;
```

The important part of this example is the routine <code>vecaddgpu</code>, which includes one OpenACC directive for the loop. This (<code>#pragma acc</code>) directive tells the compiler to generate a kernel for the following loop (<code>kernels loop</code>), to allocate and copy from the host memory into the GPU memory n elements for the vectors a and b before executing on the GPU, starting at a[0] and b[0] (<code>copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n])</code>), and to allocate n elements for the vector r before executing on

the GPU, and copy from the GPU memory out to the host memory those n elements, starting at r[0] (copyout (r[0:n])).

If you type this example into a file al.c, you can build it with this release using the command pgcc -acc al.c. The -acc flag enables recognition of the OpenACC pragmas and includes the OpenACC runtime library. This command generates the usual a .out executable file, and you run the program by running a .out as normal. You should see the output:

```
0 errors found
```

If instead you get the following output, then there is something wrong with your hardware installation or your GPU driver.

```
libcuda.so not found, exiting
Please check that the CUDA driver is installed and the shared object
is in the install directory or on your LD_LIBRARY_PATH.
```

You can enable additional output by setting environment variables. If you set the environment variable PGI_ACC_NOTIFY to 1, then the runtime prints a line of output each time you run a kernel on the GPU. For this program, you might get output that looks like:

```
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/al.c function=vecaddgpu
line=6 device=0 grid=782 block=128
0 errors found
```

The extra output tells you that the program launched a kernel for the loop at line 6, with a CUDA grid of size 391, and a thread block of size 256. If you set the environment variable PGI ACC NOTIFY to 3, the output will include information about the data transfers as well:

```
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=5 device=0 variable=b bytes=400000
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=5 device=0 variable=a bytes=400000
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=6 device=0 grid=782 block=128
download CUDA data file=/user/guest/a1.c function=vecaddgpu
line=7 device=0 variable=r bytes=400000
0 errors found
```

If you set the environment variable PGI_ACC_TIME to 1, the runtime summarizes the time taken for data movement between the host and GPU, and computation on the GPU. On Linux, you may need to set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable to include the /opt/pgi/linux86-64/16.9/lib directory. This release dynamically loads a shared object to implement the profiling feature, and the path to the library must be available. This option is only supported for 64-bit executables

For this program, you might get output similar to this:

```
0 errors found
Accelerator Kernel Timing data
/user/guest/a1.c
  vecaddgpu NVIDIA devicenum=0
    time(us): 598
    5: data copyin reached 2 times
        device time(us): total=315 max=161 min=154 avg=157
    6: kernel launched 1 times
        grid: [782] block: [128]
        device time(us): total=32 max=32 min=32 avg=32
        elapsed time(us): total=41 max=41 min=41 avg=41
    7: data copyout reached 1 times
        device time(us): total=251 max=251 min=251 avg=251
```

This tells you that the program entered one accelerator region and spent a total of about 598 microseconds in that region. It copied two arrays to the device, launched one kernel and brought one array back to the host.

You might also find it useful to enable the compiler feedback when you are writing your own OpenACC programs. This is enabled with the -Minfo flag. If you compile this program with the command pgcc -acc -fast -Minfo al.c, you get the output:

```
vecaddgpu:
    5, Generating present_or_copyout(r[0:n])
        Generating present_or_copyin(b[0:n])
        Generating present_or_copyin(a[0:n])
        Generating Tesla code
        Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
        6, Loop is parallelizable
        Accelerator kernel generated
        6, #pragma acc loop gang, vector(128) /* blockIdx.x threadIdx.x */
```

This tells you that the compiler generated three versions of the code, one for NVIDIA devices with compute capability 1.0 and higher (Tesla), and one for devices with compute capability 2.0 and higher (Fermi), and third for compute capability 3.0 and higher (Kepler). It also gives the *schedule* used for the loop; in this case, the schedule is gang, vector (128). This means the iterations of the loop are broken into vectors of 128, and the vectors executed in parallel by SMs or compute units of the GPU.

This output is important because it tells you when you are going to get parallel execution or sequential execution. If you remove the restrict keyword from the declaration of the dummy argument r to the routine <code>vecaddgpu</code>, the <code>-Minfo</code> output tells you that there may be dependences between the stores through the pointer r and the fetches through the pointers r and r.

```
6, Complex loop carried dependence of '*(b)' prevents parallelization
Complex loop carried dependence of '*(a)' prevents parallelization
Loop carried dependence of '*(r)' prevents parallelization
Loop carried backward dependence of '*(r)' prevents vectorization
Accelerator scalar kernel generated
```

The compiler generated a scalar kernel, which runs on one thread of one thread block, and which runs about 1000 times slower than the parallel kernel. For this simple program, the total time is dominated by GPU initialization, so you might not notice the difference in times, but in production mode you need parallel kernel execution to get acceptable performance.

For our second example, we modify the program slightly by replacing the data clauses on the kernels pragma with a present clause, and add a data construct surrounding the call to the vecaddgpu routine. The data construct moves the data across to the GPU in the main program. The present clause in the vecaddgpu routine tells the compiler to use the GPU copy of the data that has already been allocated on the GPU. If you run this program on the GPU with PGI_ACC_TIME set, you see that the kernel region now has no data movement associated with it. Instead, the data movement is all associated with the data construct in the main program.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

void vecaddgpu( float *restrict r, float *a, float *b, int n ){
    #pragma acc kernels loop present(r,a,b)
    for( int i = 0; i < n; ++i ) r[i] = a[i] + b[i];
}</pre>
```

```
int main( int argc, char* argv[] ){
       int n; /* vector length */
       float * a; /* input vector 1 */
float * b; /* input vector 2 */
       float * r; /* output vector */
       float * e; /* expected output values */
       int i, errs;
       if ( argc > 1 ) n = atoi( argv[1] );
       else n = 100000; /* default vector length */
       if (n \le 0) n = 100000;
       a = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       b = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       r = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       e = (float*)malloc( n*sizeof(float) );
       for(i = 0; i < n; ++i){
           a[i] = (float)(i+1);
           b[i] = (float)(1000*i);
       /* compute on the GPU */
       #pragma acc data copyin(a[0:n],b[0:n]) copyout(r[0:n])
           vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n );
       /* compute on the host to compare */
       for(i = 0; i < n; ++i) e[i] = a[i] + b[i];
       /* compare results */
       errs = 0;
       for (i = 0; i < n; ++i)
           if( r[i] != e[i] ){
           ++errs;
       printf( "%d errors found\n", errs );
       return errs;
```

2.10. Fortran Examples

The simplest Fortan example of OpenACC is a vector addition on the GPU.

2.10.1. Vector Addition on the GPU

The section contains two Fortan examples of vector addition on the GPU:

```
module vecaddmod
implicit none
contains
subroutine vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 real, dimension(:) :: r, a, b
 integer :: n
 integer :: i
!$acc kernels loop copyin(a(1:n),b(1:n)) copyout(r(1:n))
  do i = 1, n
   r(i) = a(i) + b(i)
  enddo
 end subroutine
end module
program main
use vecaddmod
implicit none
integer :: n, i, errs, argcount
real, dimension(:), allocatable :: a, b, r, e
```

```
character*10 :: arg1
 argcount = command argument count()
n = 1000000 ! default value
if( argcount = 1 ) then
 call get command argument( 1, arg1 )
 read(arg1, '(i)') n
 if (n \le 0) n = 100000
 endif
allocate( a(n), b(n), r(n), e(n))
 do i = 1, n
 a(i) = i
 b(i) = 1000*i
 enddo
 ! compute on the GPU
 call vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 ! compute on the host to compare
 do i = 1, n
 e(i) = a(i) + b(i)
  enddo
! compare results
 errs = 0
 do i = 1, n
 if (r(i) /= e(i)) then
   errs = errs + 1
 endif
print *, errs, ' errors found'
if( errs ) call exit(errs)
end program
```

The important part of this example is the subroutine vecaddgpu, which includes one OpenACC directive for the loop. This (!\$acc) directive tells the compiler to generate a kernel for the following loop (kernels loop), to allocate and copy from the host memory into the GPU memory n elements for the vectors a and b before executing on the GPU, starting at a(1) and b(1) (copyin(a(1:n),b(1:n)), and to allocate n elements for the vector r before executing on the GPU, and copy from the GPU memory out to the host memory those n elements, starting at r(1) (copyout (r(1:n)).

If you type this example into a file f1.f90, you can build it using the command pgfortran -acc f1.f90. The -acc flag enables recognition of the OpenACC pragmas and includes the OpenACC runtime library. This command generates the usual a.out executable file, and you run the program by running a.out as normal. You should see the output:

```
O errors found
```

If instead you get the following output, then there is something wrong with your hardware installation or your CUDA driver.

```
libcuda.so not found, exiting
Please check that the CUDA driver is installed and the shared object
is in the install directory or on your LD_LIBRARY_PATH.
```

You can enable additional output by setting environment variables. If you set the environment variable PGI_ACC_NOTIFY to 1, then the runtime prints a line of output each time you run a kernel on the GPU. For this program, you might get output that looks like:

```
launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu
line=9 device=0 grid=7813 block=128
0 errors found
```

The extra output tells you that the program launched a kernel for the loop at line 9, with a CUDA grid of size 7813, and a thread block of size 128. If you set the environment variable PGI ACC NOTIFY to 3, the output will include information about the data transfers as well:

```
upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=8 device=0 variable=b bytes=4000000 upload CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=8 device=0 variable=a bytes=4000000 launch CUDA kernel file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=9 device=0 grid=7813 block=128 download CUDA data file=/user/guest/f1.f90 function=vecaddgpu line=12 device=0 variable=r bytes=4000000 0 errors found
```

If you set the environment variable PGI_ACC_TIME to 1, the runtime summarizes the time taken for data movement between the host and GPU, and computation on the GPU. For this program, you might get output similar to this:

This tells you that the program entered one accelerator region and spent a total of about 2 milliseconds in that region. It copied two arrays to the device, launched one kernel and brought one array back to the host.

You might also find it useful to enable the compiler feedback when you are writing your own OpenACC programs. This is enabled with the -Minfo flag.

If you compile this program with the command pgfortran -acc -fast -Minfo f1.f90, you get the output:

```
vecaddgpu:
    8, Generating present_or_copyout(r(:n))
        Generating present_or_copyin(b(:n))
        Generating present_or_copyin(a(:n))
        Generating Tesla code
        Generating compute capability 1.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 2.0 binary
        Generating compute capability 3.0 binary
    9, Loop is parallelizable
        Accelerator kernel generated
        9, !$acc loop gang, vector(128) ! blockidx%x threadidx%x
```

This tells you that the compiler generated three versions of the code, one for NVIDIA devices with compute capability 1.0 and higher (Tesla), and one for devices with compute capability 2.0 and higher (Fermi), and one for devices with compute capability 3.0 and higher (Kepler). It also gives the schedule used for the loop; in this case, the schedule is gang, vector (128). This means the iterations of the loop are broken into vectors of 128, and the vectors executed in parallel by SMPs of the GPU. This output is important because it tells you when you are going to get parallel execution or sequential execution.

For our second example, we modify the program slightly by replacing the data clauses on the kernels pragma with a present clause, and add a data construct surrounding the call to the vecaddgpu subroutine. The data construct moves the data across to the GPU in the main program. The present clause in the vecaddgpu subroutine tells the compiler to use the GPU copy of the data that has already been allocated on the GPU. If you run this program on the GPU with PGI_ACC_TIME set, you see that the kernel region now has no data movement associated with it. Instead, the data movement is all associated with the data construct in the main program.

In Fortran programs, you don't have to specify the array bounds in data clauses if the compiler can figure out the bounds from the declaration, or if the arrays are assumed-shape dummy arguments or allocatable arrays.

```
module vecaddmod
implicit none
contains
subroutine vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
 real, dimension(:) :: r, a, b
 integer :: n
 integer :: i
!$acc kernels loop present(r,a,b)
 do i = 1, n
  r(i) = a(i) + b(i)
 enddo
end subroutine
end module
program main
use vecaddmod
implicit none
integer :: n, i, errs, argcount
real, dimension(:), allocatable :: a, b, r, e
character*10 :: arg1
argcount = command argument count()
n = 1000000 ! default value
if( argcount >= 1 )then
 call get command argument (1, arg1)
 read( arg1, '(i)') n
 if(n \le 0) n = 100000
endif
 allocate (a(n), b(n), r(n), e(n))
do i = 1, n
 a(i) = i
 b(i) = 1000*i
enddo
! compute on the GPU
!$acc data copyin(a,b) copyout(r)
  call vecaddgpu( r, a, b, n )
!$acc end data
! compute on the host to compare
do i = 1, n
 e(i) = a(i) + b(i)
enddo
 ! compare results
errs = 0
do i = 1, n
 if( r(i) /= e(i) )then
   errs = errs + 1
 endif
enddo
print *, errs, ' errors found'
if( errs ) call exit(errs)
end program
```

2.10.2. Multi-Threaded Program Utilizing Multiple Devices

This simple example shows how to run a multi-threaded host program that utilizes multiple devices.

```
! Compile with "pgfortran -mp -acc tman.f90 -lblas
! Set OMP NUM THREADS environment variable to run with
! up to 2 threads, currently.
use openacc
use omp lib
integer, parameter :: N = 10000
real*8 x(N), y(N), z
integer, allocatable :: offs(:)
real*8, allocatable :: zs(:)
real*8 ddot
! Max at 2 threads for now
nthr = omp get max threads()
if (nthr .gt. 2) nthr = 2
call omp_set_num_threads(nthr)
! Run on host
call random number(x)
call random number (y)
z = ddot(N, x, 1, y, 1)
print *,"Host Serial",z
! Attach each thread to a device
!$omp PARALLEL private(i)
     i = omp get thread num()
     call acc_set_device_num(i, acc_device_nvidia)
!$omp end parallel
! Break up the array into sections
nsec = N / nthr
allocate (offs (nthr), zs (nthr))
offs = (/(i*nsec, i=0, nthr-1)/)
zs = 0.0d0
! Decompose the problem across devices
!$omp PARALLEL private(i,j,z)
     i = omp_get_thread_num() + 1
     z = 0.0\overline{d}0
     !$acc kernels loop &
        copyin(x(offs(i)+1:offs(i)+nsec),y(offs(i)+1:offs(i)+nsec))
     do j = offs(i)+1, offs(i)+nsec

z = z + x(j) * y(j)
     end do
     zs(i) = z
!$omp end parallel
z = sum(zs)
print *,"Multi-Device Parallel",z
```

The program starts by having each thread call acc_set_device_num so each thread will use a different GPU. Within the computational OpenMP parallel region, each thread copies the data it needs to its GPU and proceeds.

2.11. Troubleshooting Tips and Known Limitations

This release of the PGI compilers does not implement the full OpenACC specification. For an explanation of what features are not yet implemented, refer to Chapter 3, Implemented Features.

The Linux CUDA driver will power down an idle GPU. This means if you are using a GPU with no attached display, or an NVIDIA Tesla compute-only GPU, and there are no open CUDA contexts, the GPU will power down until it is needed. Since it may take up to a second to power the GPU back up, you may experience noticeable delays when you start your program. When you run your program with the environment variable PGI_ACC_TIME set to 1, this time will appear as initialization time. If you are running many tests, or want to isolate the actual time from the initialization time, you can run the PGI utility pgcudainit in the background. This utility opens a CUDA context and holds it open until you kill it or let it complete.

This release has support for the async clause and wait directive. When you use asynchronous computation or data movement, you are responsible for ensuring that the program has enough synchronization to resolve any data races between the host and the GPU. If your program uses the async clause and wrong answers are occuring, you can test whether the async clause is causing problems by setting the environment variable PGI_ACC_SYNCHRONOUS to 1 before running your program. This action causes the OpenACC runtime to ignore the async clauses and run the program in synchronous mode.

Chapter 3. IMPLEMENTED FEATURES

This section lists the OpenACC features available in this release, and the features to be implemented in upcoming PGI releases.

3.1. In This Release

This release includes full support for the OpenACC 1.0 and 2.0 specifications except for the following OpenACC 2.0 features:

- Declare link
- Nested parallelism

3.2. Defaults

In this release, the default ACC_DEVICE_TYPE is acc_device_nvidia, just as the -acc compiler option targets -ta=tesla by default. The device types acc_device_default and acc_device_not_host behave the same as acc_device_nvidia. The device type can be changed using the environment variable or by a call to acc_set_device_type().

In this release, the default ACC_DEVICE_NUM is 0 for the acc_device_nvidia type, which is consistent with the CUDA device numbering system. For more information, refer to the pgaccelinfo output in Prepare Your System. The device number can be changed using the environment variable or by a call to acc set device num.

3.3. Environment Variables

This section summarizes the environment variables that PGI OpenACC supports. These environment variables are user-setable environment variables that control behavior of accelerator-enabled programs at execution. These environment variables must comply with these rules:

- The names of the environment variables must be upper case.
- The values of environment variables are case insensitive and may have leading and trailing white space.

The behavior is implementation-defined if the values of the environment variables change after the program has started, even if the program itself modifies the values.

The following table contains the environment variables that are currently supported and provides a brief description of each.

Table 1 Supported Environment Variables

Use this environment variable	To do this
PGI_ACC_TIME	Enables a lightweight profiler to measure data movement and accelerator kernel execution time and print a summary at the end of program execution.
PGI_ACC_PROFLIB	Enables 3rd party tools interface using the new profiler dynamic library interface.
PGI_ACC_NOTIFY	Writes out a line for each kernel launch and/or data movement. When set to an integer value, the value, is used as a bit mask to print information about kernel launches (value 1), data transfers (value 2), region entry/exit (value 4), wait operations or synchronizations with the device (value 8), and device memory allocates and deallocates (value 16).
PGI_ACC_SYNCHRONOUS	Disables asynchronous launches and data movement.
PGI_ACC_DEVICE_NUM = = ACC_DEVICE_NUM	Sets the default device number to use. PGI_ACC_DEVICE_NUM overrides ACC_DEVICE_NUM. Controls the default device number to use when executing accelerator regions. The value of this environment variable must be a nonnegative integer between zero and the number of devices attached to the host.
PGI_ACC_DEVICE_TYPE = = ACC_DEVICE_TYPE = = ACC_DEVICE	Sets the default device type to use. PGI_ACC_DEVICE_TYPE overrides ACC_DEVICE_TYPE. Controls which accelerator device to use when executing accelerator regions, if the program has been compiled to use more than one different type of device. The value of this environment variable is implementation-defined, and currently may be the string NVIDIA, TESLA, RADEON, or HOST
PGI_ACC_BUFFERSIZE	For NVIDIA CUDA devices, this defines the size of the pinned buffer used to transfer data between host and device.
PGI_ACC_GANGLIMIT	For NVIDIA CUDA devices, this defines the maximum number of gangs (CUDA thread blocks) that will be launched by a kernel.
PGI_ACC_DEV_MEMORY	For AMD GPUs, this sets the maximum buffer size of allocate. The runtime will allocate buffers of this size, then suballocate data within these buffers.

3.4. OpenACC Fortran API Extensions

This section summarizes the OpenACC 2.0 Fortran API extensions that PGI supports.

3.4.1. acc_malloc

The acc_malloc function returns a device pointer, in a variable of type(c_devptr), to newly allocated memory on the device. If the data can not be allocated, this function returns C_NULL_DEVPTR.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c devptr) function acc malloc (bytes)
```

where *bytes* is an integer which specifies the number of bytes requested.

3.4.2. acc free

The acc free subroutine frees memory previously allocated by acc malloc. It takes as an argument either a device pointer contained in an instance of derived type(c_devptr), or for convenience, a CUDA Fortran device array. In PGI Fortran, calling acc free (or cudaFree) with a CUDA Fortran device array that was allocated using the F90 allocate statement results in undefined behavior.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc free ( devptr )
    where devptr is an instance of derived type(c_devptr)
subroutine acc free ( dev )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array

3.4.3. acc map data

The acc map data routine associates (maps) host data to device data. The first argument is a host array, contiguous host array section, or address contained in a type(c_ptr). The second argument must be a device address contained in a type(c_devptr), such as would be returned from acc malloc or acc deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array.

There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc map data ( host, dev, bytes )
    where host is a host variable, array or starting array element
    dev is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array, or starting array element
    bytes is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)
subroutine acc_map_data ( host, dev )
    where host is a host array or contiguous host array section
    dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or array section which conforms to host
```

```
subroutine acc map data ( host, devptr, bytes )
```

where *host* is a host variable, array or starting array element *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c_devptr) bytes is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)

```
subroutine acc map data ( ptr, devptr, bytes )
```

where *ptr* is an instance of derived type(c_ptr) devptr is an instance of derived type(c_devptr) bytes is an integer which specifies the mapping length in bytes)

3.4.4. acc unmap data

The acc unmap data routine unmaps (or disassociates) the device data from the specified host

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc unmap data ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable that was mapped to device data in a previous call to acc_map_data.

3.4.5. acc_deviceptr

The acc_deviceptr function returns the device pointer, in a variable of type(c_devptr), mapped to a host address. The input argument is a host variable or array element that has an active lifetime on the current device. If the data is not present, this function returns C_NULL_DEVPTR.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c devptr) function acc deviceptr ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable or array element of any type, kind and rank.

3.4.6. acc_hostptr

The acc_hostptr function returns the host pointer, in a variable of type(c_ptr), mapped to a device address. The input argument is a device address, such as would be returned from acc_malloc or acc_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
type(c ptr) function acc hostptr ( dev )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array

```
type(c ptr) function acc hostptr ( devptr )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c_devptr)

3.4.7. acc_is_present

The acc_is_present function returns .true. or .false. depending on whether a host variable or array region is present on the device.

There are two supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
logical function acc_is_present ( host )
```

where *host* is a host variable of any type, kind, and rank, or a contiguous array section of intrinsic type.

```
logical function acc is present ( host, bytes )
```

where *host* is a host variable of any type, kind, and rank.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the data to check.

3.4.8. acc_memcpy_to_device

The acc_memcpy_to_device routine copies data from local memory to device memory. The source address is a host array, contiguous array section, or address contained in a type(c_ptr). The destination address must be a device address, such as would be returned from acc_malloc or acc_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array.

There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc memcpy to device ( dev, src, bytes )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array or starting array element.

src is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_to_device ( dev, src )
```

where dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or contiguous array section.

src is a host array or array section which conforms to dev.

```
subroutine acc memcpy to device ( devptr, src, bytes )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c_devptr).

src is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

```
subroutine acc memcpy to device ( devptr, ptr, bytes )
```

where *devptr* is an instance of derived type(c_devptr).

ptr is an instance of derived type(c_ptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes.

3.4.9. acc_memcpy_from_device

The acc_memcpy_from_device routine copies data from device memory to local memory. The source address must be a device address, such as would be returned from acc_malloc, acc_deviceptr, or a CUDA Fortran device array. The source address is a host array, contiguous array section, or address contained in a type(c_ptr).

There are four supported call formats in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc memcpy from device ( dest, dev, bytes )
```

where *dest* is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

dev is a CUDA Fortran device variable, array or starting array element.

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

```
subroutine acc_memcpy_from_device ( dest, dev )
```

where *dest* is a host array or contiguous array section.

dev is a CUDA Fortran device array or array section which conforms to dest subroutine.

```
subroutine acc memcpy from device ( dest, devptr, bytes )
```

where *dest* is a host variable, array, or starting array element.

devptr is an instance of derived type(c_devptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

```
subroutine acc memcpy from device ( ptr, devptr, bytes )
```

where *ptr* is an instance of derived type(c_ptr).

devptr is an instance of derived type(c_devptr).

bytes is an integer which specifies the length of the copy in bytes)

3.4.10. acc_get_cuda_stream

The acc_get_cuda_stream function returns the CUDA stream value which corresponds to an OpenACC async queue. The input argument is an async number or a pre-defined value such as acc_async_sync. This call is only supported on NVIDIA platforms.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
integer(acc_handle_kind) function acc_get_cuda_stream ( async )
```

where async is a user-defined or pre-defined async value.

3.4.11. acc set cuda stream

The acc_set_cuda_stream subroutine sets the CUDA stream value for an OpenACC async queue on the current device. The input arguments are an async number and a stream. This call is only supported on NVIDIA platforms.

There is one supported call format in PGI Fortran:

```
subroutine acc_set_cuda_stream ( async, stream )
```

where async and stream are integers of acc_handle_kind.

3.5. Known Limitations

This section includes the known limitations to OpenACC directives. PGI plans to support these features in a future release, though separate compilation and extern variables for Radeon will be deferred until OpenCL 2.0 is released.

3.5.1. ACC routine directive Limitations

- The routine directive has limited support on AMD radeon. Separate compilation is not supported on radeon, and selecting the option -ta=radeon disables the rdc suboption for -ta=tesla.
- Extern variables may not be used with acc routine procedures.
- In Fortran, only functions that return integer or real values are supported with acc routine.
- In C and C++, only int, float, double, or void functions are supported with acc routine.
- Reductions in procedures with acc routine are not supported.
- Fortran assumed-shape arguments are not yet supported.

3.5.2. Known Limitations

This release does not support targeting another accelerator device after acc_shutdown has been called.

3.6. Interactions with Optimizations

This section discusses interactions with compiler optimizations that programmers should be aware of.

3.6.1. Interactions with Inlining

Procedure inlining may be enabled in several ways. User-controlled inlining is enabled using the <code>-Minline</code> flag, or with <code>-Mextract=lib</code>: and <code>-Minline=lib</code>: flags. For C and C++, compiler-controlled inlining is enabled using the <code>-Mautoinline</code> or <code>-fast</code> flags. Interprocedural analysis can also control inlining using the <code>-Mipa=inline</code> option. Inlining is a performance optimization by removing the overhead of the procedure call, and by specializing and optimizing the code of the inlined procedure at the point of the call site.



As of the PGI 16.3 release, -Mipa has been disabled on Windows.

When a procedure containing a compute construct (acc parallel or acc kernels) is inlined into an acc data construct, the compiler will use the data construct clauses to optimize data movement between the host and device. In some cases, this can produce different answers, when the host and device copies of some variable are different. For instance, the data construct may specify a data clause for a scalar variable or a Fortran common block that contains a scalar variable. The compute construct in the inlined procedure will now see that the scalar variable is present on the device, and will use the device copy of that variable. Before inlining, the compute construct may have used the default firstprivate behavior for that scalar variable, which would use the host value for the variable.

- ► The wait clause on OpenACC directives is not supported.
- The async clause on the wait directive is not supported.
- ▶ The device type clause is not supported on any directive.

3.7. In Future Releases

The following OpenACC features are not implemented in this release. They will be in future releases.

- Declare link
- Nested parallelism

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