

How to Write Code to Survive the Many-Core Revolution?

Pushed by the pace of innovation in the many-core technologies, including graphic processing units (GPUs), the processor landscape is moving fast.

As a consequence of the processor frequency stagnation, in 2013-2014, the number of parallel cores in general-purpose processors will be comparable to the number of cores contained in NVIDIA[™] GPUs in 2007.

By being a high level model, directive-based approaches like HMPP[™] abstract the programming of many-core applications, keep them **hardware independent** and **ensure their portability** across new generations of hardware.



HMPP, a Directive-based Multi-language and Multi-target Programming Model



Based on a set of **OpenMP™-like directives** that **preserve legacy codes**, HMPP fully leverages the performance offered by most of today's stream processors. You keep your software **independent** from hardware targets **while preparing for future architectures** (Sandy Bridge, MIC, AMD Fusion, NVIDIA Denver...).

Complementary to **OpenMP** and **MPI™**, HMPP lets you **incrementally develop or port** existing applications to manycore without the complexity associated with many-core programming.

Pioneer in the directive-based approach with its HMPP flagship product, CAPS also delivers software development tools, solutions and expertise that help organizations to adapt the way their applications are developed in order to benefit from the performance of many-core architectures.

What You Get with HMPP

- Ge With one source code, target multiple many-core architectures
- Bistribute computation over CPU and GPU cores (Multi-GPU)
 - Ge High performance with optimized data management
 - Interoperability with libraries
 - Protect your software investment by using an Open Standard



A Directive-based Programming Model for C/C++/FORTRAN

HMPP directives are **meta-information** added in the application source code that **do not change the semantic of the original code**. They address the **remote execution** (RPC) of functions or regions of code on GPUs and many-core accelerators as well as **the transfer of data** to and from the target device memory.

HMPP offers an **incremental way** of migrating applications by first **declaring** and **generating** kernels of critical computations, then by **managing data transfers** and finally by **optimizing kernel performance and data synchronization**.

A Source-to-source Compiler with CUDA and OpenCL Back-ends

HMPP is complementary to existing parallel APIs (OpenMP or MPI).

From the HMPP annotated application, HMPP separately compiles the native host application and the GPU accelerated codelet functions as software plugins so that CPU code does not require any compiler change.

The codelets are translated in **NVIDIA CUDA** and **OpenCL** languages by the HMPP back-ends and compiled with the hardware vendor tools, leveraging existing SDKs.

HMPP offers a mechanism to obtain **interoperability between user's code and highly optimized libraries** such as cuFFT...



10 REASONS to Use **Directives**

Preserve serial code

Incremental programming reduces risk and cost

Do not commit to a hardware platform-specific dialect

> Use a standardized approach (e.g. OpenHMPP)

Focus on highlighting parallelism, not its implementation

Do not require changing the coding base language

Avoid mixing languages

Allow to keep a unique source code

Do not create dependencies on a runtime library

Ease interaction between application and computer science people

A Runtime to Manage Data & Workload Distribution

Linked with the HMPP runtime, the native host application is able to **execute standalone** or to load and run the **targeted codelet libraries** when GPUs are present and available.

HMPP runtime scales to multi-GPUs and is free of use.

Supported Platforms and Compilers

Linux

Compilers:

- Intel 11 1+
- GNU gcc 4.1+
- GNU gfortran 4.3+
- Open64 4.2+
- PGI 10.0+
- SUN 12.1+
- Absoft Pro Fortran 11.0+

Operating Systems: - Debian 5.0+

- RedHat Entreprise
- Linux 5.3+
- OpenSuse 11.xSLES 11.0
- Ubuntu 9.10 & 10.04
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Compilers:



- Visual Studio 2008 SP1 IDE
- Absoft Pro Fortran 11.1.2+

Operating Systems:

- Microsoft Windows HPC Server 2008 R2
- Windows 7

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