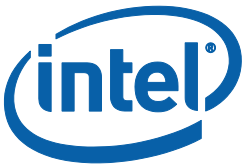


Intel® MPI Library for Windows* OS

Developer Reference

1. Introduction

This *Developer Reference* provides you with the complete reference for the Intel® MPI Library. It is intended to help an experienced user fully utilize the Intel MPI Library functionality. You can freely redistribute this document in any desired form.

1.1. Introducing Intel® MPI Library

Intel® MPI Library is a multi-fabric message passing library that implements the Message Passing Interface, v3.1 (MPI-3.1) specification. It provides a standard library across Intel® platforms that enable adoption of MPI-3.1 functions as their needs dictate.

Intel® MPI Library enables developers to change or to upgrade processors and interconnects as new technology becomes available without changes to the software or to the operating environment.

You can get the latest information of Intel® MPI Library at https://software.intel.com/intel-mpi-library.

1.2. What's New

This document reflects the updates for Intel® MPI Library 2019 Update 5 release for Windows* OS:

The following latest changes in this document were made:

Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 5

- Added `I_MPI_WAIT_MODE`, `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD`, `I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT`, `I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP` to Other Environment Variables.
- Added `I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST`, `I_MPI_COLL_EXTERNAL` to I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables.
- Updated Autotuning and Tuning Environment Variables.

Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 4

- Added new Autotuning functionality description and environment variables to Environment Variables for Autotuning.
- Added new variables `I_MPI_TUNING`, `I_MPI_TUNING_BIN`, and `I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP` to Tuning Environment Variables.
- Added arguments for `I_MPI_PLATFORM` in Other Environment Variables.
- Added new `-tune`, `-hosts-group` options to Global Options.
- Added new environment variables `I_MPI_JOB_STARTUP_TIMEOUT`, `I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER` to Hydra Environment Variables
- Added new transports to `I_MPI_SHM` in Shared Memory Control.
- Removed `-unmask` and `-gumask` options.

Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 3

- Added new option `-norpath` to Compilation Command Options.

- Added new options `-silent-abort`, `-nameserver` and environment variables `I_MPI_SILENT_ABORT`, `I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER` to Hydra Environment Variables.
- Added new variables `I_MPI_MALLOC`, `I_MPI_EXTRA_FILE_SYSTEM` to Other Environment Variables.
- Updated the `-validate` option description.
- Added new argument for the `-s` *<spec>* option.
- Removed the `-whoami` option.
- Removed 14 outdated variables from I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables.

Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 2

- Bug fixes.

Intel MPI Library 2019 Update 1

- Added new variable `I_MPI_CBWR` to I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables.
- Restored `I_MPI_PLATFORM` and `I_MPI_PLATFORM_CHECK` (Other Environment Variables).
- Adjusted description of the `-configfile` option in Global Options and `-wdir` option in Local Options.
- Added new variable `I_MPI_VAR_CHECK_SPELLING` to Other Environment Variables.
- Added new variable `I_MPI_HYDRA_SERVICE_PORT` to Hydra Environment Variables.
- Renamed Process Pinning to Main Thread Pinning for more accuracy.

Intel MPI Library 2019

- Document overhaul to align with supported functionality.
- Removed the `I_MPI_HARD_FINALIZE`, `I_MPI_MIC`, `I_MPI_ENV_PREFIX_LIST`, `I_MPI_TUNE`*, `I_MPI_ENV_PREFIX_LIST`, `I_MPI_JOB_FAST_STARTUP`, `I_MPI_FALLBACK`, `I_MPI_DAPL`*, `I_MPI_LARGE_SCALE_THRESHOLD`, `I_MPI_OFA`*, `I_MPI_TCP`*, `I_MPI_TMI`* environment variables.
- Removed the `-hostos` option from Local Options.
- Added the `I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL` environment variable to OFI-capable Network Fabrics Control.
- Added an option for setting `MPI_UNIVERSE_SIZE` to Global Options.
- Added new collective operations to I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables.
- Added new variables `I_MPI_SHM_CELL_EXT_SIZE` and `I_MPI_SHM_CELL_EXT_NUM_TOTAL` to Shared Memory Control.
- Added impi_info utility.
- Updated mpitune utility.

Intel MPI Library 2018 Update 3

- Added new algorithms for `I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE` to I_MPI_ADJUST Family.

Intel MPI Library 2018 Update 2

- Improved shm performance with collective operations (`I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD`).
- Bug fixes .

Intel MPI Library 2018 Update 1

- Minor changes.

Intel MPI Library 2018

- Removed support of the Intel® Xeon Phi™ coprocessors (formerly code named Knights Corner)

- Changes in environment variables:
    - `I_MPI_DAPL_TRANSLATION_CACHE` is now disabled by default

Intel MPI Library 2017 Update 2

- Added the environment variable `I_MPI_HARD_FINALIZE` in Other Environment Variables.

Intel MPI Library 2017 Update 1

- Topology-aware collective communication algorithms support (I_MPI_ADJUST Family).
- Added a new algorithm for `I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHER` and related environment variable `I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHER_SEGMENT` (I_MPI_ADJUST Family).
- Added the environment variable `I_MPI_PORT_RANGE` in Hydra Environment Variables.

Intel MPI Library 2017

- Document layout changes.

1.3. Notational Conventions

The following conventions are used in this document.

This type style	Document or product names
This type style	Hyperlinks
`This type style`	Commands, arguments, options, file names
`THIS_TYPE_STYLE`	Environment variables
`<this type style>`	Placeholders for actual values
`[ items ]`	Optional items
`{ item | item }`	Selectable items separated by vertical bar(s)

1.4. Related Information

The following related documents that might be useful to the user:

- Product Web Site
- Intel® MPI Library Support
- Intel® Cluster Tools Products
- Intel® Software Development Products

2. Command Reference

2.1. Compilation Commands

The following table lists the available Intel® MPI Library compiler commands with their underlying compilers and programming languages.

Intel® MPI Library Compiler Wrappers

Compiler Command	Underlying Compiler	Supported Language(s)
Common Compilers		
mpicc.bat	cl.exe	C
mpicxx.bat	cl.exe	C++
mpifc.bat	ifort.exe	Fortran 77/Fortran 95
Microsoft* Visual C++* Compilers		
`mpicl.bat`	cl.exe	C/C++
Intel® Fortran, C++ Compilers		
`mpiicc.bat`	icl.exe	C
mpiicpc.bat	icl.exe	C++
mpiifort.bat	ifort.exe	Fortran 77/Fortran 95

NOTES:

- Compiler commands are available only in the Intel® MPI Library Software Development Kit (SDK).
- For the supported versions of the listed compilers, refer to the *Release Notes*.
- Compiler wrapper scripts are located in the `<installdir>\intel64\bin` directory.
- The environment settings can be established by running the `<installdir>\intel64\bin\mpivars.bat` script. If you need to use a specific library configuration, you can pass one of the following arguments to the `mpivars.bat` script to switch to the corresponding configuration: `release` or `debug` . The ordinary multi-threaded optimized library is chosen by default .Alternatively, you can use the `I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND` environment variable to specify a configuration and source the script without arguments.
- Ensure that the corresponding underlying compiler is already in your `PATH`. If you use the Intel® Compilers, run the `compilervars.bat` script from the installation directory to set up the compiler environment.
- To display mini-help of a compiler command, execute it without any parameters.

2.1.1. Compilation Command Options

-profile=<*profile_name*>

Use this option to specify an MPI profiling library. <*profile_name*> is the name of the configuration file (profile) that loads the corresponding profiling library. The profiles are taken from <*installdir*>\<*arch*>\etc.

You can create your own profile as <*installdir*>\<*arch*>\etc\<*profile_name*>.conf. You can define the following environment variables in a configuration file:

- PROFILE_PRELIB – libraries (and paths) to load before the Intel® MPI Library
- PROFILE_POSTLIB – libraries to load after the Intel® MPI Library
- PROFILE_INCPATHS – C preprocessor arguments for any include files

For example, create a file <*installdir*>\<*arch*>\etc\myprof.conf with the following lines:

```
SET PROFILE_PRELIB=<path_to_myprof>\lib\myprof.lib
SET PROFILE_INCPATHS=-I"<paths_to_myprof>\include"
```

Use the -profile=myprof option for the relevant compiler wrapper to select this new profile.

-t or -trace

Use the -t or -trace option to link the resulting executable file against the Intel® Trace Collector library.

To use this option, include the installation path of the Intel® Trace Collector in the VT_ROOT environment variable. Source the itacvars.bat script provided in the Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector installation folder.

-check_mpi

Use this option to link the resulting executable file against the Intel® Trace Collector correctness checking library. The default value is libVTmc.so.

To use this option, include the installation path of the Intel® Trace Collector in the VT_ROOT environment variable. Source the itacvars.bat script provided in the Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector installation folder.

-ilp64

Use this option to enable partial ILP64 support. All integer arguments of the Intel MPI Library are treated as 64-bit values in this case.

-no_ilp64

Use this option to disable the ILP64 support explicitly. This option must be used in conjunction with -i8 option of Intel® Fortran Compiler.

NOTE

If you specify the -i8 option for the Intel® Fortran Compiler, you still have to use the ilp64 option for linkage.

-link_mpi=<*arg*>

Use this option to always link the specified version of the Intel® MPI Library. See the I_MPI_LINK environment variable for detailed argument descriptions. This option overrides all other options that select a specific library, such as -Zi.

/Zi, /Z7 or /ZI

Use these options to compile a program in debug mode and link the resulting executable against the debugging version of the Intel® MPI Library. See `I_MPI_DEBUG` for information on how to use additional debugging features with the `/Zi`, `/Z7`, `/ZI` or `debug` builds.

NOTE

The `/ZI` option is only valid for C/C++ compiler.

-O

Use this option to enable compiler optimization.

Setting this option triggers a call to the `libirc` library. Many of those library routines are more highly optimized for Intel microprocessors than for non-Intel microprocessors.

-echo

Use this option to display everything that the command script does.

-show

Use this option to learn how the underlying compiler is invoked, without actually running it. Use the following command to see the required compiler flags and options:

```
> mpiicc -show -c test.c
```

Use the following command to see the required link flags, options, and libraries:

This option is particularly useful for determining the command line for a complex build procedure that directly uses the underlying compilers.

-show_env

Use this option to see the environment settings in effect when the underlying compiler is invoked.

-{cc, cxx, fc}=<*compiler*>

Use this option to select the underlying compiler.

For example, use the following command to select the Intel® C++ Compiler:

```
> mpiicc -cc=icl.exe -c test.c
```

For this to work, `icl.exe` should be in your `PATH`. Alternatively, you can specify the full path to the compiler.

NOTE

This option works only with the `mpiicc.bat` and the `mpifc.bat` commands.

-v

Use this option to print the compiler wrapper script version.

-norpath

Use this option to disable rpath for the compiler wrapper for the Intel® MPI Library.

2.2. mpiexec

Launches an MPI job using the Hydra process manager.

Syntax

`mpiexec <g-options> <l-options> <executable>`

or

`mpiexec <g-options> <l-options> <executable1> : <l-options> <executable2>`

Arguments

<g-options>	Global options that apply to all MPI processes
<l-options>	Local options that apply to a single argument set
<executable>	`<name>.exe` or `path\name` of the executable file

Description

Use the `mpiexec` utility to run MPI applications using the Hydra process manager.

Use the first short command-line syntax to start all MPI processes of the *<executable>* with the single set of arguments. For example, the following command executes `test.exe` over the specified processes and hosts:

```
> mpiexec -f <hostfile> -n <# of processes> test.exe
```

where:

- *<# of processes>* specifies the number of processes on which to run the `test.exe` executable
- *<hostfile>* specifies a list of hosts on which to run the `test.exe` executable

Use the second long command-line syntax to set different argument sets for different MPI program runs. For example, the following command executes two different binaries with different argument sets:

```
> mpiexec -f <hostfile> -env <VAR1> <VAL1> -n 2 prog1.exe : ^
-env <VAR2> <VAL2> -n 2 prog2.exe
```

NOTE

You need to distinguish global options from local options. In a command-line syntax, place the local options after the global options.

2.2.1. Global Options

This section describes the global options of the Intel® MPI Library's Hydra process manager. Global options are applied to all arguments sets in the launch command. Argument sets are separated by a colon ':'.

-tune *<filename>*

Use this option to specify the file name that contains the tuning data in a binary format.

-usize *<usize>*

Use this option to set `MPI_UNIVERSE_SIZE`, which is available as an attribute of the `MPI_COMM_WORLD`.

<size>	Define the universe size

SYSTEM	Set the size equal to the number of cores passed to mpiexec through the hostfile or the resource manager.
INFINITE	Do not limit the size. This is the default value.
<value>	Set the size to a numeric value ≥ 0.

-hostfile *<hostfile>* or -f *<hostfile>*

Use this option to specify host names on which to run the application. If a host name is repeated, this name is used only once.

See also the I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE environment variable for more details.

NOTE

Use the -perhost, -ppn, -grr, and -rr options to change the process placement on the cluster nodes.

- Use the -perhost, -ppn, and -grr options to place consecutive MPI processes on every host using the round robin scheduling.
- Use the -rr option to place consecutive MPI processes on different hosts using the round robin scheduling.

-machinefile *<machine file>* or -machine *<machine file>*

Use this option to control process placement through a machine file. To define the total number of processes to start, use the -n option. For example:

```
> type machinefile
node0:2
node1:2
node0:1
```

-hosts-group

Use this option to set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes (like in Slurm* Workload Manager).

For more details, see the I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-silent-abort

Use this option to disable abort warning messages.

For more details, see the I_MPI_SILENT_ABORT environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-nameserver

Use this option to specify the nameserver in the hostname:port format.

For more details, see the I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER environment variable in Hydra Environment Variables.

-genv *<ENVVAR> <value>*

Use this option to set the *<ENVVAR>* environment variable to the specified *<value>* for all MPI processes.

-genvall

Use this option to enable propagation of all environment variables to all MPI processes.

-genvnone

Use this option to suppress propagation of any environment variables to any MPI processes.

NOTE

The option does not work for localhost.

-genvexcl *<list of env var names>*

Use this option to suppress propagation of the listed environment variables to any MPI processes.

-genvlist *<list>*

Use this option to pass a list of environment variables with their current values. *<list>* is a comma separated list of environment variables to be sent to all MPI processes.

-pmi-connect *<mode>*

Use this option to choose the caching mode of process management interface (PMI) message. Possible values for *<mode>* are:

<mode>	The caching mode to be used
`nocache`	Do not cache PMI messages.
`cache`	Cache PMI messages on the local `pmi_proxy` management processes to minimize the number of PMI requests. Cached information is automatically propagated to child management processes.
`lazy-cache`	`cache` mode with on-request propagation of the PMI information.
`alltoall`	Information is automatically exchanged between all `pmi_proxy` before any get request can be done. This is the default mode.

See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_CONNECT` environment variable for more details.

-perhost *<# of processes >*, -ppn *<# of processes >*, or -grr *<# of processes>*

Use this option to place the specified number of consecutive MPI processes on every host in the group using round robin scheduling. See the `I_MPI_PERHOST` environment variable for more details.

NOTE

When running under a job scheduler, these options are ignored by default. To be able to control process placement with these options, disable the `I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT` variable.

-rr

Use this option to place consecutive MPI processes on different hosts using the round robin scheduling. This option is equivalent to "`-perhost 1`". See the `I_MPI_PERHOST` environment variable for more details.

-trace-pt2pt

Use this option to collect the information about point-to-point operations using Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector. The option requires that your application be linked against the Intel® Trace Collector profiling library.

-trace-collectives

Use this option to collect the information about collective operations using Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector. The option requires that your application be linked against the Intel® Trace Collector profiling library.

NOTE

Use the `-trace-pt2pt` and `-trace-collectives` to reduce the size of the resulting trace file or the number of message checker reports. These options work with both statically and dynamically linked applications.

-configfile *<filename>*

Use this option to specify the file *<filename>* that contains the command-line options with one executable per line. Blank lines and lines that start with '#' are ignored. Other options specified in the command line are treated as global.

You can specify global options in configuration files loaded by default (`mpiexec.conf` in `<installdir>/intel64/etc`, `~/.mpiexec.conf`, and `mpiexec.conf` in the working directory). The remaining options can be specified in the command line.

-branch-count *<num>*

Use this option to restrict the number of child management processes launched by the Hydra process manager, or by each `pmi_proxy` management process.

See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT` environment variable for more details.

-pmi-aggregate or -pmi-noaggregate

Use this option to switch on or off, respectively, the aggregation of the PMI requests. The default value is `-pmi-aggregate`, which means the aggregation is enabled by default.

See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_AGGREGATE` environment variable for more details.

-nolocal

Use this option to avoid running the *<executable>* on the host where `mpiexec` is launched. You can use this option on clusters that deploy a dedicated master node for starting the MPI jobs and a set of dedicated compute nodes for running the actual MPI processes.

-hosts *<nodelist>*

Use this option to specify a particular *<nodelist>* on which the MPI processes should be run. For example, the following command runs the executable `a.out` on the hosts `host1` and `host2`:

```
> mpiexec -n 2 -ppn 1 -hosts host1,host2 test.exe
```

NOTE

If *<nodelist>* contains only one node, this option is interpreted as a local option. See Local Options for details.

-iface *<interface>*

Use this option to choose the appropriate network interface. For example, if the IP emulation of your InfiniBand* network is configured to `ib0`, you can use the following command.

```
> mpiexec -n 2 -iface ib0 test.exe
```

See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_IFACE` environment variable for more details.

-l, -prepend-rank

Use this option to insert the MPI process rank at the beginning of all lines written to the standard output.

-s *<spec>*

Use this option to direct standard input to the specified MPI processes.

Arguments

<spec>	Define MPI process ranks
`all`	Use all processes.
none	Do not direct standard output to any processes.
`<l>,<m>,<n>`	Specify an exact list and use processes *<l>*, *<m>* and *<n>* only. The default value is zero.
`<k>,<l>-<m>,<n>`	Specify a range and use processes *<k>*, *<l>* through *<m>*, and *<n>*.

-noconf

Use this option to disable processing of the `mpiexec.hydra` configuration files.

-ordered-output

Use this option to avoid intermingling of data output from the MPI processes. This option affects both the standard output and the standard error streams.

NOTE

When using this option, end the last output line of each process with the end-of-line '`\n`' character. Otherwise the application may stop responding.

-path *<directory>*

Use this option to specify the path to the executable file.

-version or -V

Use this option to display the version of the Intel® MPI Library.

-info

Use this option to display build information of the Intel® MPI Library. When this option is used, the other command line arguments are ignored.

-delegate

Use this option to enable the domain-based authorization with the delegation ability. See User Authorization for details.

-impersonate

Use this option to enable the limited domain-based authorization. You will not be able to open files on remote machines or access mapped network drives. See User Authorization for details.

-localhost

Use this option to explicitly specify the local host name for the launching node.

-localroot

Use this option to launch the root process directly from `mpiexec` if the host is local. You can use this option to launch GUI applications. The interactive process should be launched before any other process in a job. For example:

```
> mpiexec -n 1 -host <host2> -localroot interactive.exe : -n 1 -host <host1>
background.exe
```

-localonly

Use this option to run an application on the local node only. If you use this option only for the local node, the Hydra service is not required.

-register

Use this option to encrypt the user name and password to the registry.

-remove

Use this option to delete the encrypted credentials from the registry.

-validate [-host <hostname>]

Validate the encrypted credentials for the current user.

-map *<drive:\\host\share>*

Use this option to create network mapped drive on nodes before starting executable. Network drive will be automatically removed after the job completion.

-mapall

Use this option to request creation of all user created network mapped drives on nodes before starting executable. Network drives will be automatically removed after the job completion.

-logon

Use this option to force the prompt for user credentials.

-noprompt

Use this option to suppress the prompt for user credentials.

-port/-p

Use this option to specify the port that the service is listening on. See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_SERVICE_PORT` environment variable for more details.

-verbose or -v

Use this option to print debug information from `mpiexec`, such as:

- Service processes arguments
- Environment variables and arguments passed to start an application
- PMI requests/responses during a job life cycle

See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_DEBUG` environment variable for more details.

-print-rank-map

Use this option to print out the MPI rank mapping.

-print-all-exitcodes

Use this option to print the exit codes of all processes.

2.2.2. Local Options

This section describes the local options of the Intel® MPI Library's Hydra process manager. Local options are applied only to the argument set they are specified in. Argument sets are separated by a colon ':'.

-n *<# of processes>* or -np *<# of processes>*

Use this option to set the number of MPI processes to run with the current argument set.

-env *<ENVVAR> <value>*

Use this option to set the *<ENVVAR>* environment variable to the specified *<value>* for all MPI processes in the current argument set.

-envall

Use this option to propagate all environment variables in the current argument set. See the `I_MPI_HYDRA_ENV` environment variable for more details.

-envnone

Use this option to suppress propagation of any environment variables to the MPI processes in the current argument set.

NOTE

The option does not work for localhost.

-envexcl *<list of env var names>*

Use this option to suppress propagation of the listed environment variables to the MPI processes in the current argument set.

-envlist *<list>*

Use this option to pass a list of environment variables with their current values. `<list>` is a comma separated list of environment variables to be sent to the MPI processes.

-host *<nodename>*

Use this option to specify a particular `<nodename>` on which the MPI processes are to be run. For example, the following command executes `test.exe` on hosts `host1` and `host2`:

```
> mpiexec -n 2 -host host1 test.exe : -n 2 -host host2 test.exe
```

-path *<directory>*

Use this option to specify the path to the `<executable>` file to be run in the current argument set.

-wdir *<directory>*

Use this option to specify the working directory in which the `<executable>` file runs in the current argument set.

```

```

2.3. cpuinfo

Provides information on processors used in the system.

Syntax

```
cpuinfo [[-]<options>]
```

Arguments

`<options>`	Sequence of one-letter options. Each option controls a specific part of the output data.
`g`	General information about single cluster node shows: • the processor product name • the number of packages/sockets on the node • core and threads numbers on the node and within each package • SMT mode enabling

`i`	Logical processors identification table identifies threads, cores, and packages of each logical processor accordingly. • *Processor* - logical processor number. • *Thread Id* - unique processor identifier within a core. • *Core Id* - unique core identifier within a package. • *Package Id* - unique package identifier within a node.
`d`	Node decomposition table shows the node contents. Each entry contains the information on packages, cores, and logical processors. • *Package Id* - physical package identifier. • *Cores Id* - list of core identifiers that belong to this package. • *Processors Id* - list of processors that belong to this package. This list order directly corresponds to the core list. A group of processors enclosed in brackets belongs to one core.
`c`	Cache sharing by logical processors shows information of sizes and processors groups, which share particular cache level. • Size - cache size in bytes. • Processors - a list of processor groups enclosed in the parentheses those share this cache or no sharing otherwise.
`s`	Microprocessor signature hexadecimal fields (Intel platform notation) show signature values: • extended family • extended model • family • model • type • stepping
`f`	Microprocessor feature flags indicate what features the microprocessor supports. The Intel platform notation is used.
`A`	Equivalent to `gidcsf`
`gidc`	Default sequence
`?`	Utility usage info

Description

The `cpuinfo` utility prints out the processor architecture information that can be used to define suitable process pinning settings. The output consists of a number of tables. Each table corresponds to one of the single options listed in the arguments table.

NOTE

The architecture information is available on systems based on the Intel® 64 architecture.

The `cpuinfo` utility is available for both Intel microprocessors and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may provide only partial information about non-Intel microprocessors.

An example of the `cpuinfo` output:

```
> cpuinfo -gdcs
=====  Processor composition  =====
Processor name    : Intel(R) Xeon(R)  X5570
Packages(sockets) : 2
Cores             : 8
Processors(CPUs)  : 8
Cores per package : 4
Threads per core  : 1
=====  Processor identification  =====
Processor       Thread Id.      Core Id.        Package Id.
0               0               0               0
1               0               0               1
2               0               1               0
3               0               1               1
4               0               2               0
5               0               2               1
6               0               3               0
7               0               3               1
=====  Placement on packages  =====
Package Id.     Core Id.        Processors
0               0,1,2,3         0,2,4,6
1               0,1,2,3         1,3,5,7
=====  Cache sharing  =====
Cache   Size            Processors
L1      32  KB          no sharing
L2      256 KB          no sharing
L3      8   MB          (0,2,4,6)(1,3,5,7)
=====  Processor Signature  =====
 _________ ________ ______ ________ _______ ___________
| xFamily | xModel | Type | Family | Model | Stepping |
|_________|________|______|________|_______|___________|
| 00      | 1      | 0    | 6      | a     | 5        |
|_________|________|______|________|_______|___________|
```

2.4. impi_info

Provides information on available Intel® MPI Library environment variables.

Syntax

`impi_info <options>`

Arguments

`<options>`	List of options.
`-a | -all`	Show all IMPI variables.

`-h	-help`	Show a help message.
`-v	-variable`	Show all available variables or description of the specified variable.
`-c	-category`	Show all available categories or variables of the specified category.

Description

The `impi_info` utility provides information on environment variables available in the Intel MPI Library. For each variable, it prints out the name, the default value, and the value data type. By default, a reduced list of variables is displayed. Use the `-all` option to display all available variables with their descriptions.

The example of the `impi_info` output:

```
> impi_info
| NAME                                  | DEFAULT VALUE | DATA TYPE   |
=========================================================================
| I_MPI_THREAD_SPLIT                    | 0             | MPI_INT     |
| I_MPI_THREAD_RUNTIME                  | none          | MPI_CHAR    |
| I_MPI_THREAD_MAX                      | -1            | MPI_INT     |
| I_MPI_THREAD_ID_KEY                   | thread_id     | MPI_CHAR    |
```

2.5. mpitune

Tunes the Intel® MPI Library parameters for the given MPI application.

Syntax

`mpitune <options>`

Arguments

<mpitune options>	**List of options.**
`-c	--config-file <file>`	Specify a configuration file to run a tuning session.
`-d	--dump-file <file>`	Specify a file that stores the collected results. The option is used in the analyze mode.
`-m	--mode {collect	analyze}`	Specify the `mpitune` mode. The supported modes are collect and analyze: • the collect mode runs the tuning process and saves results in temporary files; • the analyze mode transforms temporary files into a JSON-tree, which is used by the Intel® MPI Library, and generates a table that represents algorithm values in a human-readable format.
`-tree-view {default	simple}`	Specify the mode to present the json-tree : • the default mode enables interpolation mechanism; • the simple mode disables interpolation mechanism. The resulting tree will contain message sizes used during the launch.

`-h | --help`	Display the help message.
`-v | --version`	Display the product version.

Description

The `mpitune` utility allows you to automatically adjust Intel MPI Library parameters, such as collective operation algorithms, to your cluster configuration or application.

The tuner iteratively launches a benchmarking application with different configurations to measure performance and stores the results of each launch. Based on these results, the tuner generates optimal values for the parameters that are being tuned.

NOTE

Starting the Intel® MPI Library Update 4 release, `mpitune` requires two configuration files to be specified. Configuration files differ in mode and dump-file fields.

All tuner parameters should be specified in two configuration files, passed to the tuner with the `--config-file` option. All configuration file examples are available at `<installdir>/etc/tune_cfg`. Please note that configuration files for Intel® MPI Benchmarks are already created.

The tuning process consists of two steps: data collection (the `collect` mode) and data analysis (the analyze mode):

```
> mpitune –m analyze –c /path/to/config_file1
> mpitune –m collect –c /path/to/config_file2
```

The tuning results are presented as a JSON tree and can be added to the library with the `I_MPI_TUNING` environment variable.

MPI options support

The following MPI options are available within the utility:

<MPI options>	**List of options.**
`-f <filename>`	Specify a file containing host names.
`-hosts <hostlist>`	Specify a comma-separated list of hosts.
`-np <value>`	Specify the number of processes.
`-ppn <n>`	Specify the number of processes per node.

For example:

```
> mpitune –np 2 –ppn 1 –hosts HOST1,HOST2 –m analyze –c /path/to/config_file1
> mpitune –np 2 –ppn 1 –hosts HOST1,HOST2 –m collect –c /path/to/config_file2
```

See Also

Developer Guide, section *Analysis and Tuning > MPI Tuning.*

2.5.1. mpitune Configuration Options

Application Options

-app

Sets a template for the command line to be launched to gather tuning results. The command line can contain variables declared as `@<var_name>@`. The variables are defined further on using other options.

For example:

```
-app: mpirun -np @np@ -ppn @ppn@ IMB-MPI1 -msglog 0:@logmax@ -npmin @np@ @func@
```

NOTE

The application must produce output (in `stdout` or file or any other destination) that can be parsed by the tuner to pick the value to be tuned and other variables. See the `-app-regex` and `-app-regex-legend` options below for details.

-app-regex

Sets a regular expression to be evaluated to extract the required values from the application output. Use regular expression groups to assign the values to variables. Variables and groups associations are set using the `-app-regex-legend` option.

For example, to extract the `#bytes` and `t_max[usec]` values from this output:

```
#bytes #repetitions  t_min[usec]  t_max[usec]  t_avg[usec]
0      1000          0.06         0.06         0.06
1      1000          0.10         0.10         0.10
```

use the following configuration:

```
-app-regex: (\d+)\s+\d+\s+[\d.+-]+\s+([\d.+-]+)
```

-app-regex-legend

Specifies a list of variables extracted from the regular expression. Variables correspond to the regular expression groups. The tuner uses the last variable as the performance indicator of the launch. Use the `-tree-opt` to set the optimization direction of the indicator.

For example:

```
-app-regex-legend: size,time
```

-iter

Sets the number of iterations for each launch with a given set of parameters. Higher numbers of iterations increase accuracy of results.

For example:

```
-iter: 3
```

Search Space Options

Use these options to define a search space, which is a set of combinations of Intel® MPI Library parameters that the target application uses for launches. The library parameters are generally configured using run-time options or environment variables.

NOTE

A search space line can be very long, so line breaking is available for all the search space options. Use a backslash to break a line (see examples below).

-search

Defines the search space by defining variables declared with the `-app` option and by setting environment variables for the application launch.

For example:

```
-search: func=BCAST, \
         np=4,ppn={1,4},{,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3]},logmax=5
```

The `-app` variables are defined as `<var1>=<value1>[,<var2>=<value2>][,...]`. The following syntax is available for setting values:

Syntax	Description	Examples
<value>	Single value. Can be a number or a string.	4
{<value1>[,<value2>][,...]}	List of independent values.	{2,4}
[<start>,<end>[,<step>]]	Linear range of values with the default step of `1`.	`[1,8,2]` – expands to `{1,2,4,6,8}`
(<start>,<end>[,<step>])	Exponential range with the default step of `2`.	`(1,16)` – expands to `{1,2,4,8,16}`

To set environment variables for the command launch, use the following syntax:

Syntax	Description	Examples
`<variable>=<value>`	Single variable definition. Any type of the syntax above can be used for the value: single values, lists or ranges.	`I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=3` `I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3]`
`{,<variable>=<value>}`	A special case of the syntax above. When set this way, the variable default value is first used in an application launch.	`{,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=[1,3]}`
`<prefix>{<value1>[,<value2>][,...]}`	Multi-value variable definition. Prefix is a common part for all the values, commonly the variable name. A value can be a singular value or a combination of values in the format: `<prefix>(<value1>[,<value2>][,...])`. Prefix is optional and a value in the combination is a string, which can utilize the list and range syntax above.	`I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE{=1,=2,(=9,_KN_RADIX=(2,8))}` See below for a more complete example.

The following example shows a more complex option definition:

```
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST{=1,=2,(=9,_KN_RADIX=(2,8)),(={10,11},_SHM_KN_RADIX=[2,8,2])}
```

This directive consecutively runs the target application with the following environment variables set:

```
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=1
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=9,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_KN_RADIX=8
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=6
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=10,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=8
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=2
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=4
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=6
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=11,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST_SHM_KN_RADIX=8
```

-search-excl

Excludes certain combinations from the search space. The syntax is identical to that of the `-search` option. For example:

```
-search-excl: I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST={1,2}
```

or

```
-search-excl: func=BCAST,np=4,ppn=1,I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=1
```

-search-only

Defines a subset of the search space to search in. Only this subset is used for application launches. The syntax is identical to the `-search` option.

This option is useful for the second and subsequent tuning sessions on a subset of parameters from the original session, without creating a separate configuration file.

Output Options

Use these options to customize the output. The tuner can produce output of two types:

- table – useful for verifying the tuning results, contains values from all the application launches
- tree – an internal output format, contains the optimal values

-table

Defines the layout for the resulting output table. The option value is a list of variables declared with the `-app` option, which are joined in colon-separated groups. Each group denotes a specific part of the table.

For example:

```
-table: func:ppn,np:size:*:time
```

The last group variables (`time`) are rendered in table cells. The second last group variables are used for building table columns (`*`, denotes all the variables not present the other variable groups). The third last group variables are used for building table rows (`size`). All other variable groups are used to make up the table label. Groups containing several variables are complex groups and produce output based on all the value combinations.

For example, the option definition above can produce the following output:

```
Label: "func=BCAST,ppn=2,np=2"


Legend:
set 0: ""
set 1: "I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=1"
set 2: "I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=2"
set 3: "I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=3"
Table:
           | set 0       | set 1       | set 2       | set 3
-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------
"size=0"   | "time=0.10" | "time=0.08" | "time=0.11" | "time=0.10"
           | "time=0.12" | "time=0.09" | "time=0.12" | "time=0.11"
           |             | "time=0.10" |             |
-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------
"size=4"   | "time=1.12" | "time=1.11" | "time=1.94" | "time=1.72"
           | "time=1.35" | "time=1.18" | "time=1.97" | "time=1.81"
           | "time=1.38" | "time=1.23" | "time=2.11" | "time=1.89"
-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------
"size=8"   | "time=1.21" | "time=1.10" | "time=1.92" | "time=1.72"
           | "time=1.36" | "time=1.16" | "time=2.01" | "time=1.75"
           | "time=1.37" | "time=1.17" | "time=2.24" | "time=1.87"
-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------

...
```

Cells include only unique values from all the launches for the given parameter combination. The number of launches is set with the `-iter` option.

-table-ignore

Specifies the variables to ignore from the `-table` option definition.

-tree

Defines the layout for the resulting tree of optimal values of the parameter that is tuned (for example, collective operation algorithms). The tree is rendered as a JSON structure. The option value is a list of variables declared with the `-app` option, which are joined in colon-separated groups. Each group denotes a specific part of the tree. Groups containing several variables are complex groups and produce output based on all the value combinations.

Example:

```
-tree: func:ppn,np:size:*:time
```

The first two groups (`func` and `ppn,np`) make up the first two levels of the tree. The last group variables (`time`) are used as the optimization criteria and are not rendered. The second last group contains variables to be optimized (`*`, denotes all the variables not present the other variable groups). The third last group variables are used to split the search space into intervals based on the optimal values of parameters from the next group (for example, `I_MPI_ADJUST_<operation>` algorithm numbers).

For example, the option definition above can produce the following output:

```
{
    "func=BCAST":
    {
        "ppn=1,np=4":
        {
            "size=0":
                {"I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST": "3"},
            "size=64":
```

```
                {"I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST": "1"},

            "size=512":

                {"I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST": "2"},

            ...
        }
    }
}
```

This tree representation is an intermediate format of tuning results and is ultimately converted to a string that the library can understand. The conversion script is specified with `-tree-postprocess` option.

-tree-ignore

Specifies the variables to ignore from the `-tree` option definition.

-tree-intervals

Specifies the maximum number of intervals where the optimal parameter value is applied. If not specified, any number of intervals is allowed.

-tree-tolerance

Specifies the tolerance level. Non-zero tolerance (for example, 0.03 for 3%) joins resulting intervals with the performance indicator value varying by the specified tolerance.

-tree-postprocess

Specifies an executable to convert the resulting JSON tree to a custom format.

-tree-opt

Specifies the optimization direction. The available values are `max` (default) and `min`.

-tree-file

Specifies a log file where the tuning results are saved.

3. Environment Variable Reference

3.1. Compilation Environment Variables

I_MPI_{CC,CXX,FC,F77,F90}_PROFILE

Specify the default profiling library.

Syntax

`I_MPI_CC_PROFILE=<profile_name>`

`I_MPI_CXX_PROFILE=<profile_name>`

`I_MPI_FC_PROFILE=<profile_name>`

`I_MPI_F77_PROFILE=<profile_name>`

`I_MPI_F90_PROFILE=<profile_name>`

Arguments

`<profile_name>`	Specify a default profiling library.

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific MPI profiling library to be used by default. This has the same effect as using `-profile=<profile_name>` as an argument for `mpiicc` or another Intel® MPI Library compiler wrapper.

I_MPI_{CC,CXX,FC,F77,F90}

Set the path/name of the underlying compiler to be used.

Syntax

`I_MPI_CC=<compiler>`

`I_MPI_CXX=<compiler>`

`I_MPI_FC=<compiler>`

`I_MPI_F77=<compiler>`

`I_MPI_F90=<compiler>`

Arguments

`<compiler>`	Specify the full path/name of compiler to be used.

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific compiler to be used. Specify the full path to the compiler if it is not located in the search path.

NOTE

Some compilers may require additional command line options.

I_MPI_ROOT

Set the Intel® MPI Library installation directory path.

Syntax

`I_MPI_ROOT=<path>`

Arguments

<path>	Specify the installation directory of the Intel® MPI Library

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the installation directory of the Intel® MPI Library.

VT_ROOT

Set Intel® Trace Collector installation directory path.

Syntax

`VT_ROOT=<path>`

Arguments

<path>	Specify the installation directory of the Intel® Trace Collector

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the installation directory of the Intel® Trace Collector.

I_MPI_COMPILER_CONFIG_DIR

Set the location of the compiler configuration files.

Syntax

`I_MPI_COMPILER_CONFIG_DIR=<path>`

Arguments

<path>	Specify the location of the compiler configuration files. The default value is *<installdir>**<arch>*\etc

Description

Set this environment variable to change the default location of the compiler configuration files.

I_MPI_LINK

Select a specific version of the Intel® MPI Library for linking.

Syntax

`I_MPI_LINK=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Version of library

`opt`	Multi-threaded optimized library. This is the default value
`dbg`	Multi-threaded debug library

Description

Set this variable to always link against the specified version of the Intel® MPI Library.

3.2. Hydra Environment Variables

I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE

Set the host file to run the application.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_HOST_FILE=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
<hostsfile>	The full or relative path to the host file

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the hosts file.

I_MPI_HYDRA_HOSTS_GROUP

Set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_HOSTS_GROUP=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Set a node range.

Description

Set this variable to be able to set node ranges using brackets, commas, and dashes (like in Slurm* Workload Manager). For example:

```
I_MPI_HYDRA_HOSTS_GROUP="hostA[01-05],hostB,hostC[01-05,07,09-11]"
```

You can set node ranges with the `-hosts-group` option.

I_MPI_HYDRA_DEBUG

Print out the debug information.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_DEBUG=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator
enable | yes | on | 1	Turn on the debug output
disable | no | off | 0	Turn off the debug output. This is the default value

Description

Set this environment variable to enable the debug mode.

I_MPI_HYDRA_ENV

Control the environment propagation.

Syntax

I_MPI_HYDRA_ENV=*<arg>*

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
all	Pass all environment to all MPI processes

Description

Set this environment variable to control the environment propagation to the MPI processes. By default, the entire launching node environment is passed to the MPI processes. Setting this variable also overwrites environment variables set by the remote shell.

I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT

Set the timeout period for mpiexec.

Syntax

I_MPI_JOB_TIMEOUT=*<timeout>*

I_MPI_MPIEXEC_TIMEOUT=*<timeout>*

Arguments

<timeout>	Define mpiexec timeout period in seconds
<n> ≥ 0	The value of the timeout period. The default timeout value is zero, which means no timeout.

Description

Set this environment variable to make mpiexec terminate the job in *<timeout>* seconds after its launch. The *<timeout>* value should be greater than zero. Otherwise the environment variable setting is ignored.

NOTE

Set this environment variable in the shell environment before executing the mpiexec command. Setting the variable through the -genv and -env options has no effect.

I_MPI_JOB_STARTUP_TIMEOUT

Set the `mpiexec` job startup timeout.

Syntax

`I_MPI_JOB_STARTUP_TIMEOUT=<timeout>`

Arguments

<timeout>	Define `mpiexec` startup timeout period in seconds
<n> ≥ 0	The value of the timeout period. The default timeout value is zero, which means no timeout.

Description

Set this environment variable to make `mpiexec` terminate the job in *<timeout>* seconds if some processes are not launched. The *<timeout>* value should be greater than zero.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP

Set the bootstrap server.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
`service`	Use hydra service agent

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the bootstrap server.

NOTE

Set the `I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP` environment variable in the shell environment before executing the `mpiexec` command. Do not use the `-env` option to set the *<arg>* value. This option is used for passing environment variables to the MPI process environment.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_EXEC

Set the executable file to be used as a bootstrap server.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_BOOTSTRAP_EXEC=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
<executable>	The name of the executable file

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the executable file to be used as a bootstrap server.

NOTE

I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_CONNECT

Define the processing method for PMI messages.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_CONNECT=<value>`

Arguments

<value>	The algorithm to be used
`nocache`	Do not cache PMI messages
`cache`	Cache `PMI` messages on the local `pmi_proxy` management processes to minimize the number of `PMI` requests. Cached information is automatically propagated to child management processes.
`lazy-cache`	`cache` mode with on-demand propagation.
`alltoall`	Information is automatically exchanged between all `pmi_proxy` before any get request can be done. This is the default value.

Description

Use this environment variable to select the PMI messages processing method.

I_MPI_PERHOST

Define the default behavior for the `-perhost` option of the `mpiexec` command.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PERHOST=<value>`

Arguments

<value>	Define a value used for `-perhost` by default
`integer > 0`	Exact value for the option
`all`	All logical CPUs on the node
`allcores`	All cores (physical CPUs) on the node. This is the default value.

Description

Set this environment variable to define the default behavior for the `-perhost` option. Unless specified explicitly, the `-perhost` option is implied with the value set in `I_MPI_PERHOST`.

NOTE

When running under a job scheduler, this environment variable is ignored by default. To be able to control process placement with `I_MPI_PERHOST`, disable the `I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT` variable.

I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT

Set the hierarchical branch count.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_BRANCH_COUNT =<num>`

Arguments

<num>	Number
<n> >= 0	• The default value is -1 if less than 128 nodes are used. This value also means that there is no hierarchical structure • The default value is 32 if more than 127 nodes are used

Description

Set this environment variable to restrict the number of child management processes launched by the `mpiexec` operation or by each `pmi_proxy` management process.

I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_AGGREGATE

Turn on/off aggregation of the PMI messages.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_PMI_AGGREGATE=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Enable PMI message aggregation. This is the default value.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Disable PMI message aggregation.

Description

Set this environment variable to enable/disable aggregation of PMI messages.

I_MPI_HYDRA_IFACE

Set the network interface.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_IFACE=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
<network interface>	The network interface configured in your system

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the network interface to use. For example, use "`-iface ib0`", if the IP emulation of your InfiniBand* network is configured on `ib0`.

I_MPI_TMPDIR

Specify a temporary directory.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TMPDIR=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	String parameter
<path>	Temporary directory. The default value is `/tmp`

Description

Set this environment variable to specify a directory for temporary files.

I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT

Specify whether to use the process-per-node placement provided by the job scheduler, or set explicitly.

Syntax

`I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT=<arg>`

Arguments

<value>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Use the process placement provided by job scheduler. This is the default value
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not use the process placement provided by job scheduler

Description

If the variable is set, the Hydra process manager uses the process placement provided by job scheduler (default). In this case the `-ppn` option and its equivalents are ignored. If you disable the variable, the Hydra process manager uses the process placement set with `-ppn` or its equivalents.

I_MPI_PORT_RANGE

Specify a range of allowed port numbers.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PORT_RANGE=<range>`

Arguments

<range>	String parameter
<min>:<max>	Allowed port range

Description

Set this environment variable to specify a range of the allowed port numbers for the Intel® MPI Library.

I_MPI_HYDRA_SERVICE_PORT

Set the port on which the hydra service is installed.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_SERVICE_PORT=<int>`

Arguments

<int>	Define the port number

Description

Set this environment variable to inform `mpiexec`, on which port the hydra service is installed. Use this variable if you want to run a number of services on different ports.

To be able to run a number of hydra services, follow these steps:

1. Start `cmd` and run hydra services:

```
> start hydra_service -p <port1> -d
> start hydra_service -p <port2> -d
```

2. Set the environment variable to choose the service to be used:

```
set I_MPI_HYDRA_SERVICE_PORT=”port2”
```

3. Run `mpiexec` as usual

I_MPI_SILENT_ABORT

Control abort warning messages.

Syntax

`I_MPI_SILENT_ABORT=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Do not print abort warning message
`disable | no | off | 0`	Print abort warning message. This is the default value

Description

Set this variable to disable printing of abort warning messages. The messages are printed in case of the MPI_Abort call.

You can also disable printing of these messages with the `-silent-abort` option.

I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER

Specify the nameserver.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER=<arg>`

Argument

`<arg>`	String parameter
`<hostname>:<port>`	Set the hostname and the port.

Description

Set this variable to specify the nameserver for your MPI application in the following format:

```
I_MPI_HYDRA_NAMESERVER = hostname:port
```

You can set the nameserver with the `-nameserver` option.

3.3. I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables

I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>

Control collective operation algorithm selection.

Syntax

`I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>="<algid>[:<conditions>][;<algid>:<conditions>[...]]"`

Arguments

`<algid>`	Algorithm identifier
`>= 0`	The default value of zero selects the optimized default settings

`<conditions>`	A comma separated list of conditions. An empty list selects all message sizes and process combinations
`<l>`	Messages of size `<l>`
`<l>-<m>`	Messages of size from `<l>` to `<m>`, inclusive
`<l>@<p>`	Messages of size `<l>` and number of processes `<p>`
`<l>-<m>@<p>-<q>`	Messages of size from `<l>` to `<m>` and number of processes from `<p>` to `<q>`, inclusive

Description

Set this environment variable to select the desired algorithm(s) for the collective operation `<opname>` under particular conditions. Each collective operation has its own environment variable and algorithms.

Environment Variables, Collective Operations, and Algorithms

Environment Variable	Collective Operation	Algorithms

I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHER	MPI_Allgather	1. Recursive doubling 2. Bruck's 3. Ring 4. Topology aware Gatherv + Bcast 5. Knomial
I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHERV	MPI_Allgatherv	1. Recursive doubling 2. Bruck's 3. Ring 4. Topology aware Gatherv + Bcast
I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE	MPI_Allreduce	1. Recursive doubling 2. Rabenseifner's 3. Reduce + Bcast 4. Topology aware Reduce + Bcast 5. Binomial gather + scatter 6. Topology aware binominal gather + scatter 7. Shumilin's ring 8. Ring 9. Knomial 10. Topology aware SHM-based flat 11. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial 12. Topology aware SHM-based Knary
I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALL	MPI_Alltoall	1. Bruck's 2. Isend/Irecv + waitall 3. Pair wise exchange 4. Plum's
I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLV	MPI_Alltoallv	1. Isend/Irecv + waitall 2. Plum's

I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLW	MPI_Alltoallw	Isend/Irecv + waitall
I_MPI_ADJUST_BARRIER	MPI_Barrier	1. Dissemination 2. Recursive doubling 3. Topology aware dissemination 4. Topology aware recursive doubling 5. Binominal gather + scatter 6. Topology aware binominal gather + scatter 7. Topology aware SHM-based flat 8. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial 9. Topology aware SHM-based Knary
I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST	MPI_Bcast	1. Binomial 2. Recursive doubling 3. Ring 4. Topology aware binomial 5. Topology aware recursive doubling 6. Topology aware ring 7. Shumilin's 8. Knomial 9. Topology aware SHM-based flat 10. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial 11. Topology aware SHM-based Knary 12. NUMA aware SHM-based (SSE4.2) 13. NUMA aware SHM-based (AVX2) 14. NUMA aware SHM-

		based (AVX512)
I_MPI_ADJUST_EXSCAN	MPI_Exscan	1. Partial results gathering 2. Partial results gathering regarding layout of processes
I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHER	MPI_Gather	1. Binomial 2. Topology aware binomial 3. Shumilin's 4. Binomial with segmentation
I_MPI_ADJUST_GATHERV	MPI_Gatherv	1. Linear 2. Topology aware linear 3. Knomial
I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE_SCATTER	MPI_Reduce_scatter	1. Recursive halving 2. Pair wise exchange 3. Recursive doubling 4. Reduce + Scatterv 5. Topology aware Reduce + Scatterv
I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE	MPI_Reduce	1. Shumilin's 2. Binomial 3. Topology aware Shumilin's 4. Topology aware binomial 5. Rabenseifner's 6. Topology aware Rabenseifner's 7. Knomial 8. Topology aware SHM-based flat 9. Topology aware SHM-based Knomial 10. Topology aware SHM-

		based Knary 11. Topology aware SHM-based binomial
`I_MPI_ADJUST_SCAN`	`MPI_Scan`	1. Partial results gathering 2. Topology aware partial results gathering
`I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTER`	`MPI_Scatter`	1. Binomial 2. Topology aware binomial 3. Shumilin's
`I_MPI_ADJUST_SCATTERV`	`MPI_Scatterv`	1. Linear 2. Topology aware linear
I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHER	MPI_Iallgather	1. Recursive doubling 2. Bruck's 3. Ring
I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLGATHERV	MPI_Iallgatherv	1. Recursive doubling 2. Bruck's 3. Ring
I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLREDUCE	MPI_Iallreduce	1. Recursive doubling 2. Rabenseifner's 3. Reduce + Bcast 4. Ring (patarasuk) 5. Knomial 6. Binomial 7. Reduce scatter allgather 8. SMP 9. Nreduce
I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALL	MPI_Ialltoall	1. Bruck's 2. Isend/Irecv + Waitall 3. Pairwise exchange

I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALLV	MPI_Ialltoallv	Isend/Irecv + Waitall
I_MPI_ADJUST_IALLTOALLW	MPI_Ialltoallw	Isend/Irecv + Waitall
I_MPI_ADJUST_IBARRIER	MPI_Ibarrier	Dissemination
I_MPI_ADJUST_IBCAST	MPI_Ibcast	1. Binomial 2. Recursive doubling 3. Ring 4. Knomial 5. SMP 6. Tree knominal 7. Tree kary
I_MPI_ADJUST_IEXSCAN	MPI_Iexscan	1. Recursive doubling 2. SMP
I_MPI_ADJUST_IGATHER	MPI_Igather	1. Binomial 2. Knomial
I_MPI_ADJUST_IGATHERV	MPI_Igatherv	1. Linear 2. Linear ssend
I_MPI_ADJUST_IREDUCE_SCATTER	MPI_Ireduce_scatter	1. Recursive halving 2. Pairwise 3. Recursive doubling
I_MPI_ADJUST_IREDUCE	MPI_Ireduce	1. Rabenseifner's 2. Binomial 3. Knomial
I_MPI_ADJUST_ISCAN	MPI_Iscan	1. Recursive Doubling 2. SMP
I_MPI_ADJUST_ISCATTER	MPI_Iscatter	1. Binomial 2. Knomial
I_MPI_ADJUST_ISCATTERV	MPI_Iscatterv	Linear

The message size calculation rules for the collective operations are described in the table. In the following table, "n/a" means that the corresponding interval *<l>-<m>* should be omitted.

Message Collective Functions

Collective Function	Message Size Formula
`MPI_Allgather`	`recv_count*recv_type_size`
`MPI_Allgatherv`	`total_recv_count*recv_type_size`
`MPI_Allreduce`	`count*type_size`
`MPI_Alltoall`	`send_count*send_type_size`
`MPI_Alltoallv`	n/a
`MPI_Alltoallw`	n/a
`MPI_Barrier`	n/a
`MPI_Bcast`	`count*type_size`
`MPI_Exscan`	`count*type_size`
`MPI_Gather`	`recv_count*recv_type_size` if `MPI_IN_PLACE` is used, otherwise `send_count*send_type_size`
`MPI_Gatherv`	n/a
`MPI_Reduce_scatter`	`total_recv_count*type_size`
`MPI_Reduce`	`count*type_size`
`MPI_Scan`	`count*type_size`
`MPI_Scatter`	`send_count*send_type_size` if `MPI_IN_PLACE` is used, otherwise `recv_count*recv_type_size`
`MPI_Scatterv`	n/a

Examples

Use the following settings to select the second algorithm for `MPI_Reduce` operation:
`I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE=2`

Use the following settings to define the algorithms for `MPI_Reduce_scatter` operation:
`I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE_SCATTER="4:0-100,5001-10000;1:101-3200,2:3201-5000;3"`

In this case. algorithm 4 is used for the message sizes between 0 and 100 bytes and from 5001 and 10000 bytes, algorithm 1 is used for the message sizes between 101 and 3200 bytes, algorithm 2 is used for the message sizes between 3201 and 5000 bytes, and algorithm 3 is used for all other messages.

I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST

Syntax

`I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST=<algid1>[-<algid2>][,<algid3>][,<algid4>-<algid5>]`

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the comma-separated list of ranges. The list has to be ordered.

I_MPI_COLL_INTRANODE

Syntax

```
I_MPI_COLL_INTRANODE=<mode>
```

Arguments

<mode>	Intranode collectives type
pt2pt	Use only point-to-point communication-based collectives
shm	Enables shared memory collectives. This is the default value

Description

Set this environment variable to switch intranode communication type for collective operations. If there is large set of communicators, you can switch off the SHM-collectives to avoid memory overconsumption.

I_MPI_COLL_INTRANODE_SHM_THRESHOLD

Syntax

```
I_MPI_COLL_INTRANODE_SHM_THRESHOLD=<nbytes>
```

Arguments

<nbytes>	Define the maximal data block size processed by shared memory collectives.
> 0	Use the specified size. The default value is 16384 bytes.

Description

Set this environment variable to define the size of shared memory area available for each rank for data placement. Messages greater than this value will *not* be processed by SHM-based collective operation, but will be processed by point-to-point based collective operation. The value must be a multiple of 4096.

I_MPI_COLL_EXTERNAL

Syntax

```
I_MPI_COLL_EXTERNAL=<arg>
```

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator.
enable | yes | on | 1	Enable the external collective operations functionality.
disable | no | off | 0	Disable the external collective operations functionality. This is the default value.

Description

Set this environment variable to enable external collective operations. The mechanism allows to enable HCOLL. The functionality enables the following collective operations: `I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLREDUCE=24, I_MPI_ADJUST_BARRIER=11, I_MPI_ADJUST_BCAST=16, I_MPI_ADJUST_REDUCE=13, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLGATHER=6, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALL=5, I_MPI_ADJUST_ALLTOALLV=5`.

I_MPI_CBWR

Control reproducibility of floating-point operations results across different platforms, networks, and topologies in case of the same number of processes.

Syntax

`I_MPI_CBWR=<arg>`

Arguments

`<arg>`	CBWR compatibility mode	Description
`0`	None	Do not use CBWR in a library-wide mode. CNR-safe communicators may be created with MPI_Comm_dup_with_info explicitly. This is the default value.
`1`	Weak mode	Disable topology aware collectives. The result of a collective operation does not depend on the rank placement. The mode guarantees results reproducibility across different runs on the same cluster (independent of the rank placement).
`2`	Strict mode	Disable topology aware collectives, ignore CPU architecture, and interconnect during algorithm selection. The mode guarantees results reproducibility across different runs on different clusters (independent of the rank placement, CPU architecture, and interconnection)

Description

Conditional Numerical Reproducibility (CNR) provides controls for obtaining reproducible floating-point results on collectives operations. With this feature, Intel MPI collective operations are designed to return the same floating-point results from run to run in case of the same number of MPI ranks.

Control this feature with the I_MPI_CBWR environment variable in a library-wide manner, where all collectives on all communicators are guaranteed to have reproducible results. To control the floating-point operations reproducibility in a more precise and per-communicator way, pass the {“I_MPI_CBWR”, “yes”} key-value pair to the MPI_Comm_dup_with_info call.

NOTE

Setting the I_MPI_CBWR in a library-wide mode using the environment variable leads to performance penalty.

CNR-safe communicators created using MPI_Comm_dup_with_info always work in the strict mode. For example:

```
MPI_Info hint;

MPI_Comm cbwr_safe_world, cbwr_safe_copy;

MPI_Info_create(&hint);
```

```
MPI_Info_set(hint, "I_MPI_CBWR", "yes");

MPI_Comm_dup_with_info(MPI_COMM_WORLD, hint, & cbwr_safe_world);

MPI_Comm_dup(cbwr_safe_world, & cbwr_safe_copy);
```

In the example above, both cbwr_safe_world and cbwr_safe_copy are CNR-safe. Use cbwr_safe_world and its duplicates to get reproducible results for critical operations.

Note that MPI_COMM_WORLD itself may be used for performance-critical operations without reproducibility limitations.

3.4. Tuning Environment Variables

3.4.1. Tuning Environment Variables

I_MPI_TUNING_MODE

Select the tuning method.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_MODE=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Description
none	Disable tuning modes. This is the default value.
auto	Enable autotuner.
auto:application	Enable autotuner with application focused strategy (alias for auto).
auto:cluster	Enable autotuner without application specific logic. This is typically performed with the help of benchmarks (for example, IMB-MPI1) and proxy applications.

Description

Set this environment variable to enable the autotuner functionality and set the autotuner strategy.

I_MPI_TUNING_BIN

Specify the path to tuning settings in a binary format.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=<path>`

Argument

<path>	A path to a binary file with tuning settings. By default, Intel® MPI Library uses the binary tuning file located at <$I_MPI_ROOT/intel64/etc>.

Description

Set this environment variable to load tuning settings in a binary format.

I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP

Specify the file for storing tuning settings in a binary format.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP=<filename>`

Argument

<filename>	A file name of a binary that stores tuning settings. By default, the path is not specified.

Description

Set this environment variable to store tuning settings in a binary format.

I_MPI_TUNING

Load tuning settings in a JSON format.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING=<path>`

Argument

<path>	A path to a JSON file with tuning settings.

Description

Set this environment variable to load tuning settings in a JSON format.

NOTE

The tuning settings in the JSON format are produced by the mpitune utility.

By default, Intel® MPI library loads tuning settings in a binary format. If it is not possible, Intel MPI Library loads the tuning file in a JSON format specified through the `I_MPI_TUNING` environment variable.

Thus, to enable JSON tuning, turn off the default binary tuning: `I_MPI_BIN=""`. If it is not possible to load tuning settings from a JSON file and in a binary format, the default tuning values are used.

You do not need to turn off binary or JSON tuning settings if you use `I_MPI_ADJUST` family environment variables. The algorithms specified with `I_MPI_ADJUST` environment variables always have priority over binary and JSON tuning settings.

See Also

Autotuning

Environment Variables for Autotuning

3.4.2. Autotuning

Autotuning

Tuning greatly depends on specification of the platform it is performed on. We carefully verify the tuning parameters on a limited set of platforms and provide the most effective ways for their tuning. A full list of the platforms supported with the `I_MPI_TUNING_MODE` environment variable is available in Tuning Environment

Variables. The variable has no effect on the rest of platfroms. For such platforms, use I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO Family Environment Variables directly to find the best settings.

The autotuner functionality allows to automatically find the best algorithms for collective operations . The autotuner search space can be modified by `I_MPI_ADJUST_<opname>_LIST` variables from I_MPI_ADJUST Family Environment Variables.

The collectives that are currently available for autotuning: `MPI_Allreduce, MPI_Bcast, MPI_Barrier, MPI_Reduce, MPI_Gather, MPI_Scatter, MPI_Alltoall, MPI_Allgatherv, MPI_Reduce_scatter_block, MPI_Scan, MPI_Exscan`.

To get started with the tuner, follow these steps:

1. Launch the application with the autotuner enabled and specify the dump file, which stores results:

```
I_MPI_TUNING_MODE=auto
I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP=<tuning_results.dat>
```

2. Launch the application with the tuning results generated at the previous step:

```
I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=<tuning_results.dat>
```

3. Or use the `-tune` Hydra option.
4. If you experience performance issues, see Environment Variables for Autotuning.

For example:

1.

```
> export I_MPI_TUNING_MODE=auto
> export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_SYNC=1
> export I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM=5
> export I_MPI_TUNING_BIN_DUMP=./tuning_results.dat
> mpirun -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
```

3.

```
> export I_MPI_TUNING_BIN=./tuning_results.dat
> mpirun -n 128 -ppn 64 IMB-MPI1 allreduce -iter 1000,800 -time 4800
```

NOTE

To tune collectives on a communicator identified with the help of Application Performance Snapshot (APS), execute the following variable at step 1: `I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST=comm_id_1, … , comm_id_n`.

See Also

Environment Variables for Autotuning

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO Family Environment Variables

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_STORAGE_SIZE

Define size of the per-communicator tuning storage.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_STORAGE_SIZE=<size>`

Argument

<size>	Specify size of the communicator tuning storage. The default size of the storage is 512 Kb.

Description

Set this environment variable to change the size of the communicator tuning storage.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM

Specify the number of autotuner iterations.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM=<number>`

Argument

<number>	Define the number of iterations. By default, it is 1.

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the number of autotuner iterations. The greater iteration number produces more accurate results.

NOTE

To check if all possible algorithms are iterated, make sure that the total number of collective invocations for a particular message size in a target application is at least equal the value of `I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM` multiplied by the number of algorithms.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_WARMUP_ITER_NUM

Specify the number of warmup autotuner iterations.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_WARMUP_ITER_NUM=<number>`

Argument

<number>	Define the number of iterations. By default, it is 1.

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the number of autotuner warmup iterations. Warmup iterations do not impact autotuner decisions and allow to skip additional iterations, such as infrastructure preparation.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_SYNC

Enable the internal barrier on every iteration of the autotuner.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_SYNC=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Align the autotuner with the IMB measurement approach.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not use the barrier on every iteration of the autotuner. This is the default value.

Description

Set this environment variable to control the IMB measurement logic. Setting this variable to 1 may lead to overhead due to an additional MPI_Barrier call.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST

Control the scope of autotuning.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_LIST=`*<comm_id_1, ..., comm_id_n>*

Argument

<comm_id_n, ...>	Specify communicators to be tuned.

Description

Set this environment variable to specify communicators to be tuned using their unique id. By default, the variable is not specified. In this case, all communicators in the application are involved into the tuning process.

NOTE

To get the list of communicators available for tuning, use the Application Performance Snapshot (APS) tool, which supports per communicator profiling starting the 2019 Update 4 release.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_DEFAULT

Mark all communicators with the default value.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_DEFAULT=`*<arg>*

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Mark communicators.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not mark communicators. This is the default value.

Description

Set this environment variable to mark all communicators in an application with the default value. In this case, all communicators will have the identical default comm_id equal to -1.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_USER

Enable communicator marking with a user value.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_COMM_USER=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Enable marking of communicators.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Disable marking of communicators. This is the default value.

Description

Set this environment variable to enable communicator marking with a user value. To mark a communicator in your application, use the MPI_Info object for this communicator that contains a record with the comm_id key. The key must belong the `0...UINT64_MAX` range .

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY

Control the iteration policy logic.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Reduce the number of iterations with a message size increase after 64Kb (by half). This is the default value.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Use the `I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_NUM` value. This value affects warmup iterations.

Description

Set this environment variable to control the autotuning iteration policy logic.

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY_THRESHOLD

Control the message size limit for the `I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY` environment variable.

Syntax

`I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY_THRESHOLD=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Define the value. By default, it is 64KB.

Description

Set this environment variable to control the message size limit for the autotuning iteration policy logic (I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_ITER_POLICY).

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_POLICY

Choose the best algorithm identification strategy.

Syntax

I_MPI_TUNING_AUTO_POLICY=<*arg*>

Argument

<*arg*>	Description
max	Choose the best algorithm based on a maximum time value. This is the default value.
min	Choose the best algorithm based on a minimum time value.
avg	Choose the best algorithm based on an average time value.

Description

Set this environment variable to control the autotuning strategy and choose the best algorithm based on the time value across ranks involved into the tuning process.

3.5. Main Thread Pinning

Use this feature to pin a particular MPI thread to a corresponding CPU within a node and avoid undesired thread migration. This feature is available on operating systems that provide the necessary kernel interfaces.

3.5.1. Processor Identification

The following schemes are used to identify logical processors in a system:

- System-defined logical enumeration
- Topological enumeration based on three-level hierarchical identification through triplets (package/socket, core, thread)

The number of a logical CPU is defined as the corresponding position of this CPU bit in the kernel affinity bit-mask. Use the cpuinfo utility, provided with your Intel MPI Library installation to find out the logical CPU numbers.

The three-level hierarchical identification uses triplets that provide information about processor location and their order. The triplets are hierarchically ordered (package, core, and thread).

See the example for one possible processor numbering where there are two sockets, four cores (two cores per socket), and eight logical processors (two processors per core).

NOTE

Logical and topological enumerations are not the same.

Logical Enumeration

0	4	1	5	2	6	3	7

Hierarchical Levels

Socket	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Core	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Thread	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Topological Enumeration

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Use the `cpuinfo` utility to identify the correspondence between the logical and topological enumerations. See Processor Information Utility for more details.

3.5.2. Default Settings

If you do not specify values for any main thread pinning environment variables, the default settings below are used. For details about these settings, see Environment Variables and Interoperability with OpenMP API.

- `I_MPI_PIN=on`
- `I_MPI_PIN_MODE=pm`
- `I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_CPUSET=on`
- `I_MPI_PIN_RESPECT_HCA=on`
- `I_MPI_PIN_CELL=unit`
- `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=auto:compact`
- `I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=compact`

3.5.3. Environment Variables for Main Thread Pinning

I_MPI_PIN

Turn on/off main thread pinning.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Enable main thread pinning. This is the default value
`disable | no | off | 0`	Disable main thread pinning

Description

Set this environment variable to control the main thread pinning feature of the Intel® MPI Library.

I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST (I_MPI_PIN_PROCS)

Define a processor subset and the mapping rules for MPI main threads within this subset.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=<value>`

The environment variable value has the following syntax forms:

1. `<proclist>`
2. `[ <procset> ][:[grain= <grain> ][,shift= <shift> ][,preoffset= <preoffset> ][,postoffset= <postoffset> ]`
3. `[ <procset> ][:map= <map> ]`

The following paragraphs provide detail descriptions for the values of these syntax forms.

NOTE

The `postoffset` keyword has `offset` alias.

NOTE

The second form of the pinning procedure has three steps:

1. Cyclic shift of the source processor list on `preoffset*grain` value.
2. Round robin shift of the list derived on the first step on `shift*grain` value.
3. Cyclic shift of the list derived on the second step on the `postoffset*grain` value.

NOTE

The `grain`, `shift`, `preoffset`, and `postoffset` parameters have a unified definition style.

This environment variable is available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than it performs for non-Intel microprocessors.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=<proclist>`

Arguments

`<proclist>`	A comma-separated list of logical processor numbers and/or ranges of processors. The main thread with the i-th rank is pinned to the i-th processor in the list. The number should not exceed the amount of processors on a node.
`<l>`	Processor with logical number `<l>` .
`<l>-<m>`	Range of processors with logical numbers from `<l>` to `<m>` .
`<k>,<l>-<m>`	Processors `<k>` , as well as `<l>` through `<m>` .

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=[<procset>][:[grain=<grain>][,shift=<shift>][,preoffset=<preoffset>][,postoffset=<postoffset>]`

Arguments

<procset>	Specify a processor subset based on the topological numeration. The default value is `allcores`.
`all`	All logical processors. Specify this subset to define the number of CPUs on a node.
`allcores`	All cores (physical CPUs). Specify this subset to define the number of cores on a node. This is the default value. If Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology is disabled, `allcores` equals to `all`.
`allsocks`	All packages/sockets. Specify this subset to define the number of sockets on a node.

<grain>	Specify the pinning granularity cell for a defined *<procset>* . The minimal *<grain>* value is a single element of the *<procset>* . The maximal *<grain>* value is the number of *<procset>* elements in a socket. The *<grain>* value must be a multiple of the *<procset>* value. Otherwise, the minimal *<grain>* value is assumed. The default value is the minimal *<grain>* value.
<shift>	Specify the granularity of the round robin scheduling shift of the cells for the *<procset>* . *<shift>* is measured in the defined *<grain>* units. The *<shift>* value must be positive integer. Otherwise, no shift is performed. The default value is no shift, which is equal to `1` normal increment.
<preoffset>	Specify the cyclic shift of the processor subset *<procset>* defined before the round robin shifting on the *<preoffset>* value. The value is measured in the defined *<grain>* units. The *<preoffset>* value must be non-negative integer. Otherwise, no shift is performed. The default value is no shift.
<postoffset>	Specify the cyclic shift of the processor subset *<procset>* derived after round robin shifting on the *<postoffset>* value. The value is measured in the defined *<grain>* units. The *<postoffset>* value must be non-negative integer. Otherwise no shift is performed. The default value is no shift.

The following table displays the values for <grain>, <shift>, <preoffset>, and <postoffset> options:

<n>	Specify an explicit value of the corresponding parameters. *<n>* is non-negative integer.
`fine`	Specify the minimal value of the corresponding parameter.
`core`	Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units contained in one core.
`cache1`	Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that share an L1 cache.
`cache2`	Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that share an L2 cache.
`cache3`	Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units that

	share an L3 cache.
`cache`	The largest value among `cache1`, `cache2`, and `cache3`.
`socket | sock`	Specify the parameter value equal to the amount of the corresponding parameter units contained in one physical package/socket.
`half | mid`	Specify the parameter value equal to `socket/2`.
`third`	Specify the parameter value equal to `socket/3`.
`quarter`	Specify the parameter value equal to `socket/4`.
`octavo`	Specify the parameter value equal to `socket/8`.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=[<procset>][:map=<map>]`

Arguments

<map>	The mapping pattern used for main thread placement.
`bunch`	The main threads are mapped as close as possible on the sockets.
`scatter`	The main threads are mapped as remotely as possible so as not to share common resources: FSB, caches, and core.
`spread`	The main threads are mapped consecutively with the possibility not to share common resources.

Description

Set the `I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST` environment variable to define the processor placement. To avoid conflicts with different shell versions, the environment variable value may need to be enclosed in quotes.

NOTE

This environment variable is valid only if `I_MPI_PIN` is enabled.

The `I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST` environment variable has the following different syntax variants:

- Explicit processor list. This comma-separated list is defined in terms of logical processor numbers. The relative node rank of a main thread is an index to the processor list such that the i-th main thread is pinned on i-th list member. This permits the definition of any main thread placement on the CPUs.

  For example, main thread mapping for `I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=p0,p1,p2,...,pn` is as follows:

Rank on a node	0	1	2	...	n-1	N
Logical CPU	p0	p1	p2	...	pn-1	Pn

- `grain/shift/offset` mapping. This method provides cyclic shift of a defined `grain` along the processor list with steps equal to `shift*grain` and a single shift on `offset*grain` at the end. This shifting action is repeated `shift` times.

For example: grain = 2 logical processors, shift = 3 grains, offset = 0.

Legend:

gray - MPI main thread grains

A) red - processor grains chosen on the 1st pass

B) cyan - processor grains chosen on the 2nd pass

C) green - processor grains chosen on the final 3rd pass

D) Final map table ordered by MPI ranks

A)

0 1			2 3			...	2n-2 2n-1		
0 1	2 3	4 5	6 7	8 9	10 11	...	6n-6 6n-5	6n-4 6n-3	6n-2 6n-1

B)

0 1	2n 2n+1		2 3	2n+2 2n+3		...	2n-2 2n-1	4n-2 4n-1	
0 1	2 3	4 5	6 7	8 9	10 11	...	6n-6 6n-5	6n-4 6n-3	6n-2 6n-1

C)

0 1	2n 2n+1	4n 4n+1	2 3	2n+2 2n+3	4n+2 4n+3	...	2n-2 2n-1	4n-2 4n-1	6n-2 6n-1
0 1	2 3	4 5	6 7	8 9	10 11	...	6n-6 6n-5	6n-4 6n-3	6n-2 6n-1

D)

0 1	2 3	...	2n-2 2n-1	2n 2n+1	2n+2 2n+3	...	4n-2 4n-1	4n 4n+1	4n+2 4n+3	...	6n-2 6n-1
0 1	6 7	...	6n-6 6n-5	2 3	8 9	...	6n-4 6n-3	4 5	10 11	...	6n-2 6n-1

- Predefined mapping scenario. In this case popular main thread pinning schemes are defined as keywords selectable at runtime. There are two such scenarios: `bunch` and `scatter`.

In the `bunch` scenario the main threads are mapped proportionally to sockets as closely as possible. This mapping makes sense for partial processor loading. In this case the number of main threads is less than the number of processors.

In the `scatter` scenario the main threads are mapped as remotely as possible so as not to share common resources: FSB, caches, and cores.

In the example, there are two sockets, four cores per socket, one logical CPU per core, and two cores per shared cache.

Legend:

gray - MPI main threads

cy an - 1st socket processors

gre en - 2nd socket processors

Same color defines a processor pair sharing a cache

0	1	2			3	4		
0	1	2	3		4	5	6	7

`bunch` scenario for 5 processes

0	4	2	6		1	5	3	7
0	1	2	3		4	5	6	7

`scatter` scenario for full loading

Examples

To pin the main thread to CPU0 and CPU3 on each node globally, use the following command:

```
> mpiexec -genv I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,3 -n <# of main
threads>
<executable>
```

To pin the main thread to different CPUs on each node individually (CPU0 and CPU3 on host1 and CPU0, CPU1 and CPU3 on host2), use the following command:

```
> mpiexec -host host1 -env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,3 -n <# of
main threads> <executable> :^
-host host2 -env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=1,2,3 -n <# of main
threads> <executable>
```

To print extra debug information about the main thread pinning, use the following command:

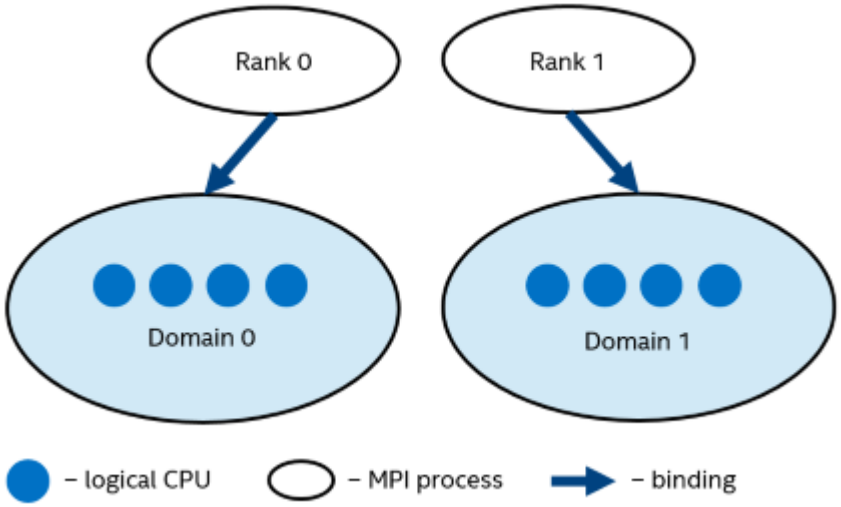
```
> mpiexec -genv I_MPI_DEBUG=4 -m -host host1 -env
I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=0,3 -n <# of main threads> <executable> :^
-host host2 -env I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST=1,2,3 -n <# of main
threads> <executable>
```

3.5.4. Interoperability with OpenMP* API

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN

Intel® MPI Library provides an additional environment variable to control main thread pinning for hybrid MPI/OpenMP* applications. This environment variable is used to define a number of non-overlapping subsets (domains) of logical processors on a node, and a set of rules on how MPI processes are bound to these domains by the following formula: *one MPI process per one domain*. See the picture below.

Figure 1 Domain Example



Each MPI process can create a number of children threads for running within the corresponding domain. The process threads can freely migrate from one logical processor to another within the particular domain.

If the `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN` environment variable is defined, then the `I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST` environment variable setting is ignored.

If the `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN` environment variable is not defined, then MPI main threads are pinned according to the current value of the `I_MPI_PIN_PROCESSOR_LIST` environment variable.

The `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN` environment variable has the following syntax forms:

- Domain description through multi-core terms *<mc-shape>*
- Domain description through domain size and domain member layout *<size>[:<layout>]*
- Explicit domain description through bit mask *<masklist>*

The following tables describe these syntax forms.

Multi-core Shape

`I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=`*<mc-shape>*

<mc-shape>	Define domains through multi-core terms.
`core`	Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular core. The number of domains on a node is equal to the number of cores on the node.
`socket | sock`	Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular socket. The number of domains on a node is equal to the number of sockets on the node. This is the recommended value.
`numa`	Each domain consists of the logical processors that share a particular NUMA node. The number of domains on a machine is equal to the number of NUMA nodes on the machine.
`node`	All logical processors on a node are arranged into a single domain.
`cache1`	Logical processors that share a particular level 1 cache are arranged into a single domain.

cache2	Logical processors that share a particular level 2 cache are arranged into a single domain.
cache3	Logical processors that share a particular level 3 cache are arranged into a single domain.
cache	The largest domain among cache1, cache2, and cache3 is selected.

NOTE

If Cluster on Die is disabled on a machine, the number of NUMA nodes equals to the number of sockets. In this case, pinning for I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN = numa is equivalent to pinning for I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN = socket.

Explicit Shape

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=*<size>[:<layout>]*

<size>	Define a number of logical processors in each domain (domain size)
omp	The domain size is equal to the OMP_NUM_THREADS environment variable value. If the OMP_NUM_THREADS environment variable is not set, each node is treated as a separate domain.
auto	The domain size is defined by the formula size=#cpu/#proc, where #cpu is the number of logical processors on a node, and #proc is the number of the MPI processes started on a node
<n>	The domain size is defined by a positive decimal number *<n>*

<layout>	Ordering of domain members. The default value is compact
platform	Domain members are ordered according to their BIOS numbering (platform-depended numbering)
compact	Domain members are located as close to each other as possible in terms of common resources (cores, caches, sockets, and so on). This is the default value
scatter	Domain members are located as far away from each other as possible in terms of common resources (cores, caches, sockets, and so on)

Explicit Domain Mask

I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=*<masklist>*

<masklist>	Define domains through the comma separated list of hexadecimal numbers (domain masks)
[m_1,...,m_n]	For <masklist>, each m_i is a hexadecimail bit mask defining an individual domain. The following rule is used: the i^{th} logical processor is included into the domain if the corresponding mi value is set to 1. All remaining processors are put into a separate domain. BIOS numbering is used. **NOTE** To ensure that your configuration in <masklist> is parsed correctly, use square brackets to

	enclose the domains specified by the `<masklist>`. For example: `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=[55,aa]`

NOTE

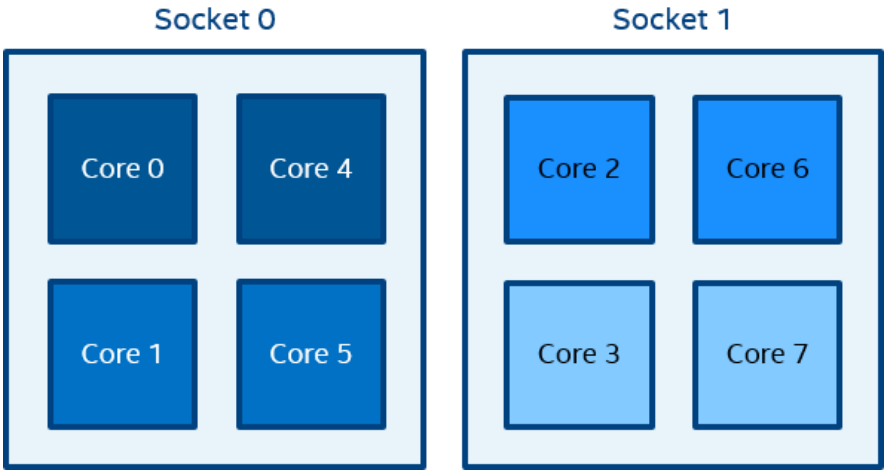
These options are available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but they may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than they perform for non-Intel microprocessors.

NOTE

To pin OpenMP* processes or threads inside the domain, the corresponding OpenMP feature (for example, the `KMP_AFFINITY` environment variable for Intel® compilers) should be used.

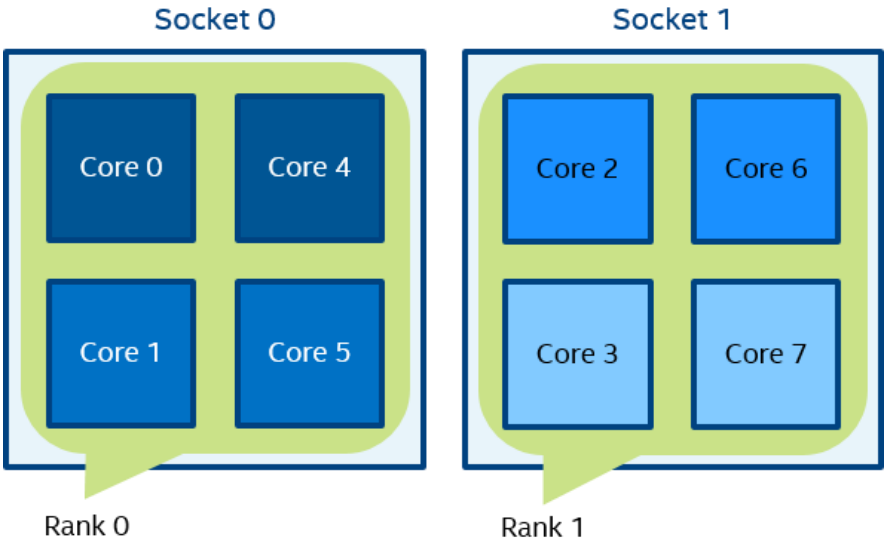
See the following model of a symmetric multiprocessing (SMP) node in the examples:

Figure 2 Model of a Node



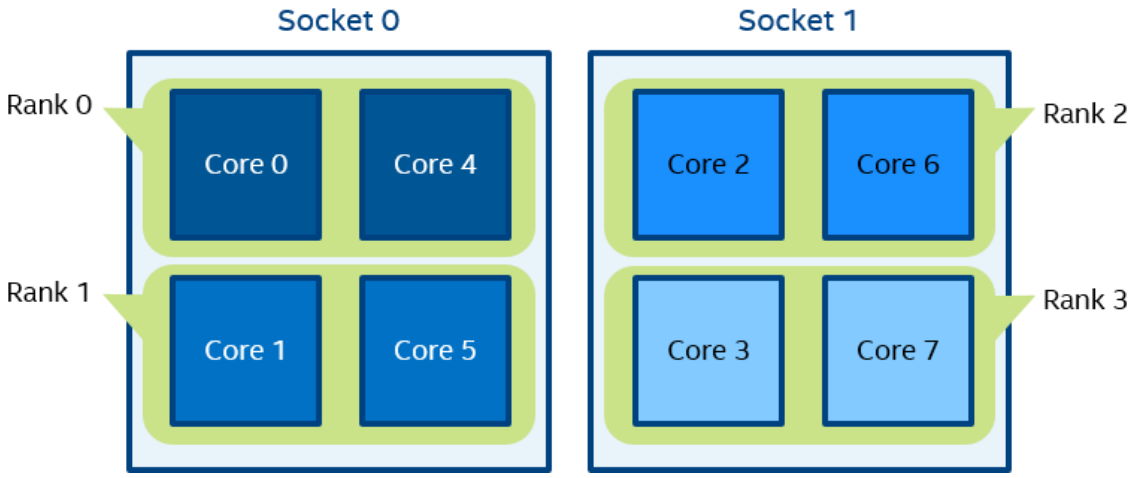
The figure above represents the SMP node model with a total of 8 cores on 2 sockets. Intel® Hyper-Threading Technology is disabled. Core pairs of the same color share the L2 cache.

Figure 3 `mpiexec -n 2 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN socket test.exe`



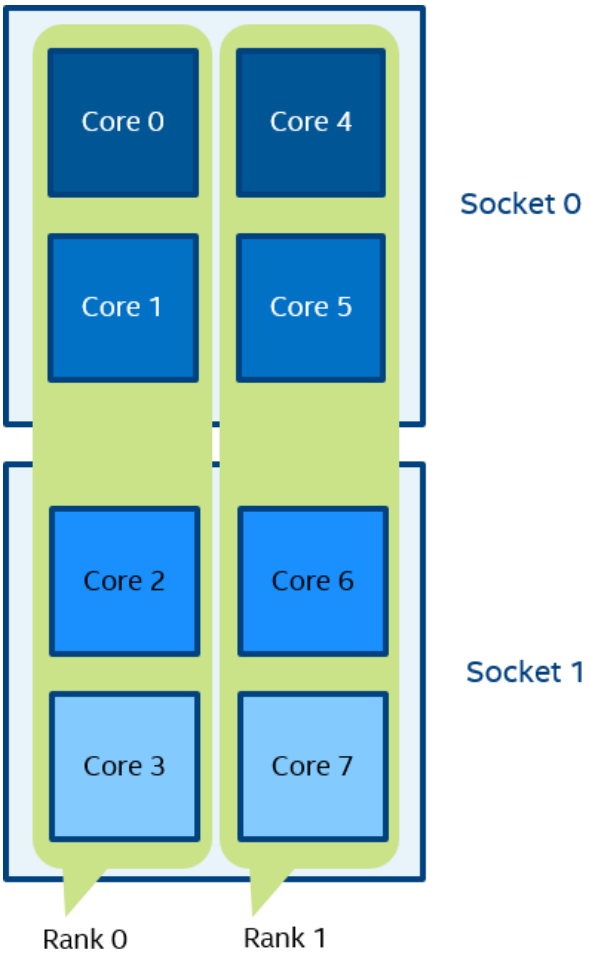
In Figure 3, two domains are defined according to the number of sockets. Process rank 0 can migrate on all cores on the 0-th socket. Process rank 1 can migrate on all cores on the first socket.

Figure 4 `mpiexec -n 4 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN cache2 test.exe`



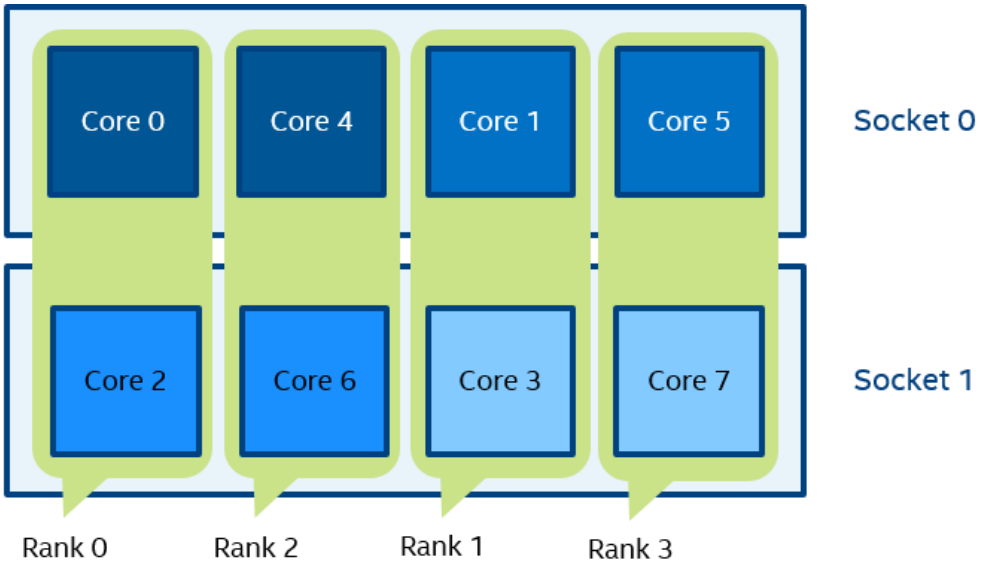
In Figure 4, four domains are defined according to the amount of common L2 caches. Process rank 0 runs on cores {0,4} that share an L2 cache. Process rank 1 runs on cores {1,5} that share an L2 cache as well, and so on.

Figure 5 `mpiexec -n 2 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN 4:platform test.exe`



In Figure 5, two domains with size=4 are defined. The first domain contains cores {0,1,2,3}, and the second domain contains cores {4,5,6,7}. Domain members (cores) have consecutive numbering as defined by the `platform` option.

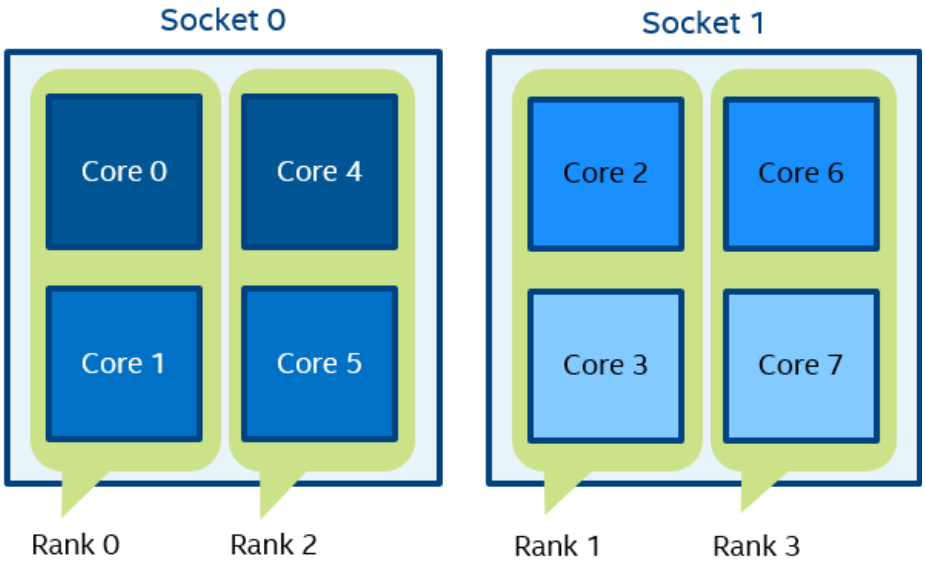
Figure 6 `mpiexec -n 4 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN auto:scatter test.exe`



In Figure 6, domain size=2 (defined by the number of CPUs=8 / number of processes=4), `scatter` layout. Four domains {0,2}, {1,3}, {4,6}, {5,7} are defined. Domain members do not share any common resources.

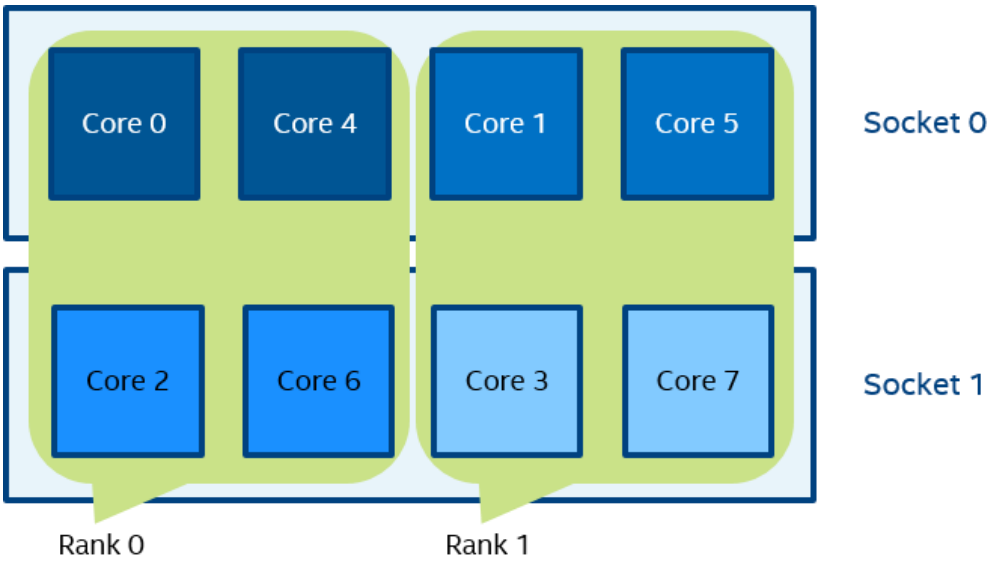
Figure 7 `set OMP_NUM_THREADS=2`

```
mpiexec -n 4 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN omp:platform test.exe
```



In Figure 7, domain size=2 (defined by `OMP_NUM_THREADS=2`), `platform` layout. Four domains {0,1}, {2,3}, {4,5}, {6,7} are defined. Domain members (cores) have consecutive numbering.

Figure 8 `mpiexec -n 2 -env I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN [55,aa] test.exe`



In Figure 8 (the example for `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=<masklist>`), the first domain is defined by the 55 mask. It contains all cores with even numbers {0,2,4,6}. The second domain is defined by the AA mask. It contains all cores with odd numbers {1,3,5,7}.

I_MPI_PIN_ORDER

Set this environment variable to define the mapping order for MPI processes to domains as specified by the `I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN` environment variable.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=<order>`

Arguments

`<order>`	Specify the ranking order
`range`	The domains are ordered according to the processor's BIOS numbering. This is a platform-dependent numbering
`scatter`	The domains are ordered so that adjacent domains have minimal sharing of common resources
`compact`	The domains are ordered so that adjacent domains share common resources as much as possible. This is the default value
`spread`	The domains are ordered consecutively with the possibility not to share common resources
`bunch`	The processes are mapped proportionally to sockets and the domains are ordered as close as possible on the sockets

Description

The optimal setting for this environment variable is application-specific. If adjacent MPI processes prefer to share common resources, such as cores, caches, sockets, FSB, use the `compact` or `bunch` values. Otherwise, use the `scatter` or `spread` values. Use the `range` value as needed. For detail information and examples about these values, see the Arguments table and the Example section of `I_MPI_PIN_ORDER` in this topic.

The options `scatter`, `compact`, `spread` and `bunch` are available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but they may perform additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than they perform for non-Intel microprocessors.

Examples

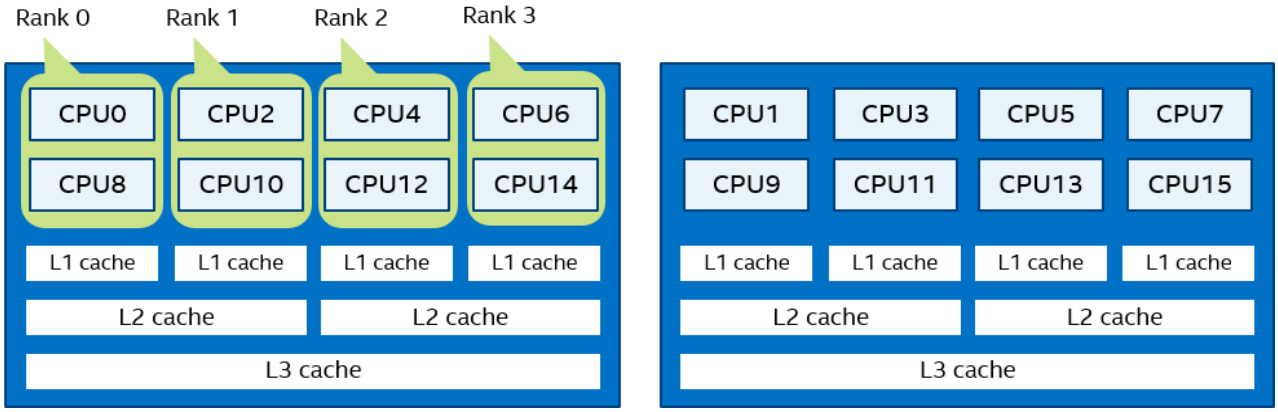
For the following configuration:

- Two socket nodes with four cores and a shared L2 cache for corresponding core pairs.
- 4 MPI processes you want to run on the node using the settings below.

Compact order:

```
I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2
I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=compact
```

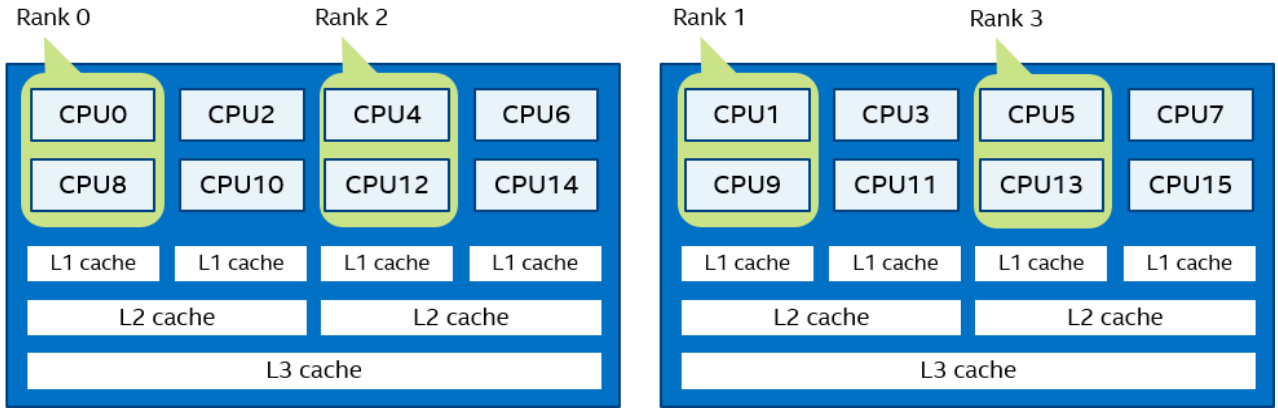
Figure 9 Compact Order Example



Scatter order:

```
I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2
I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=scatter
```

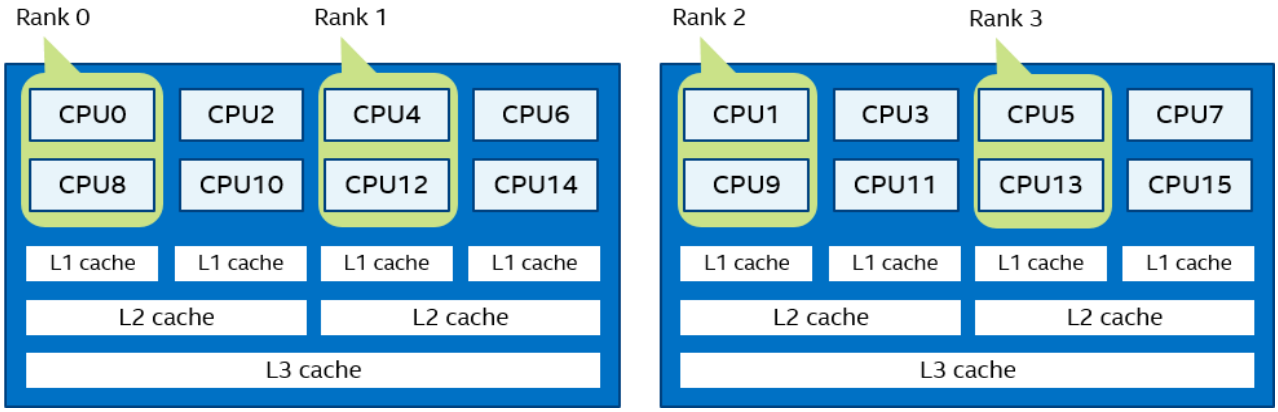
Figure 10 Scatter Order Example



Spread order:

```
I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2
I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=spread
```

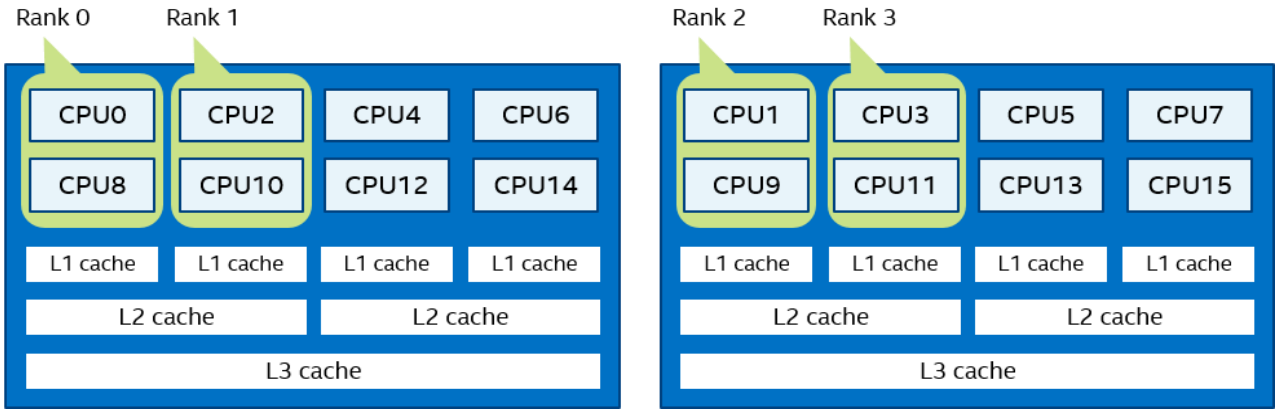
Figure 11 Spread Order Example



Bunch order:

```
I_MPI_PIN_DOMAIN=2
I_MPI_PIN_ORDER=bunch
```

Figure 12 Bunch Order Example



3.6. Environment Variables for Fabrics Control

3.6.1. Communication Fabrics Control

I_MPI_FABRICS

Select the particular fabrics to be used.

Syntax

```
I_MPI_FABRICS=ofi | shm
```

Arguments

<fabric>	Define a network fabric.
`shm`	Shared memory transport (used for intra-node communication only).
`ofi`	OpenFabrics Interfaces* (OFI)-capable network fabrics, such as Intel® True Scale Fabric, Intel® Omni-Path Architecture, InfiniBand*, and Ethernet (through OFI API).

Description

Set this environment variable to select a specific fabric combination.

NOTE

This option is not applicable to `slurm` and `pdsh` bootstrap servers.

3.6.2. OFI*-capable Network Fabrics Control

I_MPI_OFI_DRECV

Control the capability of the direct receive in the OFI fabric.

Syntax

`I_MPI_OFI_DRECV=<arg>`

Arguments

`<arg>`	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Enable direct receive. This is the default value
`disable | no | off | 0`	Disable direct receive

Description

Use the direct receive capability to block `MPI_Recv` calls only. Before using the direct receive capability, ensure that you use it for single-threaded MPI applications and check if you have selected OFI as the network fabric by setting `I_MPI_FABRICS=ofi`.

I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL

Control the usage of libfabric* shipped with the Intel® MPI Library.

Syntax

`I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL=<arg>`

Arguments

`<arg>`	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Use libfabric from the Intel MPI Library
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not use libfabric from the Intel MPI Library

Description

Set this environment variable to disable or enable usage of libfabric from the Intel MPI Library. The variable must be set before sourcing the `mpivars.bat` script.

Example

```
> set I_MPI_OFI_LIBRARY_INTERNAL=1
> call <installdir>\intel64\bin\mpivars.bat
```

Setting this variable is equivalent to passing the `-ofi_internal` option to the `mpivars.bat` script.

For more information, refer to the Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide, section *Running Applications > Libfabric* Support.*

3.7. Environment Variables for Memory Policy Control

Intel® MPI Library supports non-uniform memory access (NUMA) nodes with high-bandwidth (HBW) memory (MCDRAM) on Intel® Xeon Phi™ processors (codenamed Knights Landing). Intel® MPI Library can attach memory of MPI processes to the memory of specific NUMA nodes. This section describes the environment variables for such memory placement control.

I_MPI_HBW_POLICY

Set the policy for MPI process memory placement for using HBW memory.

Syntax

`I_MPI_HBW_POLICY=<user memory policy>[,<mpi memory policy>][,<win_allocate policy>]`

In the syntax:

- `<user memory policy>` - memory policy used to allocate the memory for user applications (required)
- `<mpi memory policy>` - memory policy used to allocate the internal MPI memory (optional)
- `<win_allocate policy>` - memory policy used to allocate memory for window segments for RMA operations (optional)

Each of the listed policies may have the values below:

Arguments

`<value>`	The memory allocation policy used.
`hbw_preferred`	Allocate the local HBW memory for each process. If the HBW memory is not available, allocate the local dynamic random access memory.
`hbw_bind`	Allocate only the local HBW memory for each process.
`hbw_interleave`	Allocate the HBW memory and dynamic random access memory on the local node in the round-robin manner.

Description

Use this environment variable to specify the policy for MPI process memory placement on a machine with HBW memory.

By default, Intel MPI Library allocates memory for a process in local DDR. The use of HBW memory becomes available only when you specify the `I_MPI_HBW_POLICY` variable.

Examples

The following examples demonstrate different configurations of memory placement:

- `I_MPI_HBW_POLICY=hbw_bind,hbw_preferred,hbw_bind`

  Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications and window segments for RMA operations. Use the local HBW memory internally allocated in Intel® MPI Library first. If the HBW memory is not available, use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library.
- `I_MPI_HBW_POLICY=hbw_bind,,hbw_bind`

  Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications and window segments for RMA operations. Use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library.
- `I_MPI_HBW_POLICY=hbw_bind,hbw_preferred`

  Only use the local HBW memory allocated in user applications. Use the local HBW memory internally allocated in Intel MPI Library first. If the HBW memory is not available, use the local DDR internally allocated in Intel MPI Library. Use the local DDR allocated in window segments for RMA operations.

I_MPI_BIND_NUMA

Set the NUMA nodes for memory allocation.

Syntax

`I_MPI_BIND_NUMA=<value>`

Arguments

`<value>`	Specify the NUMA nodes for memory allocation.
`localalloc`	Allocate memory on the local node. This is the default value.
`Node_1,…,Node_k`	Allocate memory according to `I_MPI_BIND_ORDER` on the specified NUMA nodes.

Description

Set this environment variable to specify the NUMA node set that is involved in the memory allocation procedure.

I_MPI_BIND_ORDER

Set this environment variable to define the memory allocation manner.

Syntax

`I_MPI_BIND_ORDER=<value>`

Arguments

`<value>`	Specify the allocation manner.
`compact`	Allocate memory for processes as close as possible (in terms of NUMA nodes), among the NUMA nodes specified in `I_MPI_BIND_NUMA`. This is the default value.
`scatter`	Allocate memory among the NUMA nodes specified in `I_MPI_BIND_NUMA` using the round-robin manner.

Description

Set this environment variable to define the memory allocation manner among the NUMA nodes specified in `I_MPI_BIND_NUMA`. The variable has no effect without `I_MPI_BIND_NUMA` set.

I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE

Set this environment variable to control memory allocation for window segments.

Syntax

`I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE=<value>`

Arguments

`<value>`	Specify the memory allocation behavior for window segments.
`localalloc`	Allocate memory on the local node. This is the default value.

`hbw_preferred`	Allocate the local HBW memory for each process. If the HBW memory is not available, allocate the local dynamic random access memory.
`hbw_bind`	Allocate only the local HBW memory for each process.
`hbw_interleave`	Allocate the HBW memory and dynamic random access memory on a local node in the round-robin manner.
`<NUMA node id>`	Allocate memory on the given NUMA node.

Description

Set this environment variable to create window segments allocated in HBW memory with the help of the `MPI_Win_allocate_shared` or `MPI_Win_allocate` functions.

MPI_Info

You can control memory allocation for window segments with the help of an `MPI_Info` object, which is passed as a parameter to the `MPI_Win_allocate` or `MPI_Win_allocate_shared` function. In an application, if you specify such an object with the `numa_bind_policy` key, window segments are allocated in accordance with the value for `numa_bind_policy`. Possible values are the same as for `I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE`.

A code fragment demonstrating the use of `MPI_Info`:

```
MPI_Info info;
...
MPI_Info_create( &info );
MPI_Info_set( info, "numa_bind_policy", "hbw_preferred" );
...
MPI_Win_allocate_shared( size, disp_unit, info, comm, &baseptr, &win );
```

NOTE

When you specify the memory placement policy for window segments, Intel MPI Library recognizes the configurations according to the following priority:

1. Setting of `MPI_Info`.
2. Setting of `I_MPI_HBW_POLICY`, if you specified `<win_allocate policy>`.
3. Setting of `I_MPI_BIND_WIN_ALLOCATE`.

3.8. Other Environment Variables

I_MPI_DEBUG

Print out debugging information when an MPI program starts running.

Syntax

`I_MPI_DEBUG=<level>[,<flags>]`

Arguments

`<level>`	Indicate the level of debug information provided

`0`	Output no debugging information. This is the default value.
`1,2`	Output libfabric* version and provider.
`3`	Output effective MPI rank, `pid` and node mapping table.
`4`	Output process pinning information.
`5`	Output environment variables specific to Intel® MPI Library.
`> 5`	Add extra levels of debug information.

`<flags>`	Comma-separated list of debug flags
`pid`	Show process id for each debug message.
`tid`	Show thread id for each debug message for multithreaded library.
`time`	Show time for each debug message.
`datetime`	Show time and date for each debug message.
`host`	Show host name for each debug message.
`level`	Show level for each debug message.
`scope`	Show scope for each debug message.
`line`	Show source line number for each debug message.
`file`	Show source file name for each debug message.
`nofunc`	Do not show routine name.
`norank`	Do not show rank.
`flock`	Synchronize debug output from different process or threads.
`nobuf`	Do not use buffered I/O for debug output.

Description

Set this environment variable to print debugging information about the application.

NOTE

Set the same `<level>` value for all ranks.

You can specify the output file name for debug information by setting the `I_MPI_DEBUG_OUTPUT` environment variable.

Each printed line has the following format:

`[<identifier>] <message>`

where:

- `<identifier>` is the MPI process rank, by default. If you add the '+' sign in front of the `<level>` number, the `<identifier>` assumes the following format: `rank#pid@hostname`. Here, `rank` is the MPI process rank, `pid` is the process ID, and `hostname` is the host name. If you add the '–' sign, `<identifier>` is not printed at all.
- *`<message>`* contains the debugging output.

The following examples demonstrate possible command lines with the corresponding output:

```
> mpiexec -n 1 -env I_MPI_DEBUG=2 test.exe
...
[0] MPI startup(): shared memory data transfer mode
```

The following commands are equal and produce the same output:

```
> mpiexec -n 1 -env I_MPI_DEBUG=+2 test.exe
> mpiexec -n 1 -env I_MPI_DEBUG=2,pid,host test.exe
...
[0#1986@mpicluster001] MPI startup(): shared memory data transfer mode
```

NOTE

Compiling with the `/Zi`, `/ZI` or `/Z7` option adds a considerable amount of printed debug information.

I_MPI_DEBUG_OUTPUT

Set output file name for debug information.

Syntax

`I_MPI_DEBUG_OUTPUT=<arg>`

Arguments

`<arg>`	String value
`stdout`	Output to `stdout`. This is the default value.
`stderr`	Output to `stderr`.
`<file_name>`	Specify the output file name for debug information (the maximum file name length is 256 symbols).

Description

Set this environment variable if you want to split output of debug information from the output produced by an application. If you use format like *`%r`*, *`%p`* or *`%h`*, rank, process ID or host name is added to the file name accordingly.

I_MPI_NETMASK

Choose the network interface for MPI communication over sockets.

Syntax

`I_MPI_NETMASK=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Define the network interface (string parameter)
<interface_mnemonic>	Mnemonic of the network interface: `ib` or `eth`
`ib`	Select IPoIB*
`eth`	Select Ethernet. This is the default value
<network_address>	Network address. The trailing zero bits imply netmask
<network_address/netmask>	Network address. The *<netmask>* value specifies the netmask length
<list of interfaces>	A colon separated list of network addresses or interface mnemonics

Description

Set this environment variable to choose the network interface for MPI communication over sockets in the `sock` and `ssm` communication modes. If you specify a list of interfaces, the first available interface on the node will be used for communication.

Examples

1. Use the following setting to select the IP over InfiniBand* (IPoIB) fabric:

   `I_MPI_NETMASK=ib`

   `I_MPI_NETMASK=eth`
2. Use the following setting to select a particular network for socket communications. This setting implies the `255.255.0.0` netmask:

   `I_MPI_NETMASK=192.169.0.0`
3. Use the following setting to select a particular network for socket communications with netmask set explicitly:

   `I_MPI_NETMASK=192.169.0.0/24`
4. Use the following setting to select the specified network interfaces for socket communications:

   `I_MPI_NETMASK=192.169.0.5/24:ib0:192.169.0.0`

NOTE

If the library cannot find any suitable interface by the given value of `I_MPI_NETMASK`, the value will be used as a substring to search in the network adapter's description field. And if the substring is found in the description, this network interface will be used for socket communications. For example, if `I_MPI_NETMASK=myri` and the description field contains something like Myri-10G adapter, this interface will be chosen.

```
$ export I_MPI_STATS=5
$ mpirun -n 2 ./myApp
$ aps-report aps_result_20171231_235959
```

I_MPI_REMOVED_VAR_WARNING

Print out a warning if a removed environment variable is set.

Syntax

`I_MPI_REMOVED_VAR_WARNING=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Print out the warning. This is the default value
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not print the warning

Description

Use this environment variable to print out a warning if a removed environment variable is set. Warnings are printed regardless of whether `I_MPI_DEBUG` is set.

I_MPI_VAR_CHECK_SPELLING

Print out a warning if an unknown environment variable is set.

Syntax

`I_MPI_VAR_CHECK_SPELLING=<arg>`

Arguments

<arg>	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Print out the warning. This is the default value
`disable | no | off | 0`	Do not print the warning

Description

Use this environment variable to print out a warning if an unsupported environment variable is set. Warnings are printed in case of removed or misprinted environment variables.

I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND

Specify the Intel® MPI Library configuration.

Syntax

`I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND=<value>`

Arguments

<value>	Binary indicator
`release`	Multi-threaded optimized library. This is the default value
`debug`	Multi-threaded debug library

Description

Use this variable to set an argument for the `mpivars.[c]sh` script. This script establishes the Intel® MPI Library environment and enables you to specify the appropriate library configuration. To ensure that the desired configuration is set, check the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` variable.

Example

```
> export I_MPI_LIBRARY_KIND=debug
```

Setting this variable is equivalent to passing an argument directly to the `mpivars.[c]sh` script:

Example

```
> <installdir>\intel64\bin\mpivars.bat release
```

I_MPI_PLATFORM

Select the intended optimization platform.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PLATFORM=<platform>`

Arguments

<platform>	Intended optimization platform (string value)
`auto[:min]`	Optimize for the oldest supported Intel® Architecture Processor across all nodes
`auto:max`	Optimize for the newest supported Intel® Architecture Processor across all nodes
`auto:most`	Optimize for the most numerous Intel® Architecture Processor across all nodes. In case of a tie, choose the newer platform
`ivb`	Optimize for the Intel® Xeon® Processors E3, E5, and E7 V2 series and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Ivy Bridge
`hsw`	Optimize for the Intel® Xeon® Processors E3, E5, and E7 V3 series and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Haswell
`bdw`	Optimize for the Intel® Xeon® Processors E3, E5, and E7 V4 series and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Broadwell
`knl`	Optimize for the Intel® Xeon Phi™ processor and coprocessor formerly code named Knights Landing
`skx`	Optimize for the Intel® Xeon® Processors E3 V5 and Intel® Xeon® Scalable Family series, and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Skylake
`clx`	Optimize for the 2nd Generation Intel® Xeon® Scalable Processors, and other Intel® Architecture processors formerly code named Cascade Lake

Description

Set this environment variable to use the predefined platform settings. The default value is a local platform for each node.

The variable is available for both Intel® and non-Intel microprocessors, but it may utilize additional optimizations for Intel microprocessors than it utilizes for non-Intel microprocessors.

NOTE

The values `auto[:min]`, `auto:max`, and `auto:most` may increase the MPI job startup time.

I_MPI_MALLOC

Control the Intel® MPI Library custom allocator of private memory.

Syntax

`I_MPI_MALLOC=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
`1`	Enable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory. Use the Intel MPI custom allocator of private memory for MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem.
`0`	Disable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory. Use the system-provided memory allocator for MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem.

Description

Use this environment variable to enable or disable the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory for MPI_Alloc_mem/MPI_Free_mem.

By default, `I_MPI_MALLOC` is enabled for `release` and `debug` Intel MPI library configurations and disabled for `release_mt` and `debug_mt` configurations.

NOTE

If the platform is not supported by the Intel MPI Library custom allocator of private memory, a system-provided memory allocator is used and the `I_MPI_MALLOC` variable is ignored.

I_MPI_WAIT_MODE

Control the Intel® MPI Library optimization for oversubscription mode.

Syntax

`I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=<arg>`

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<arg>	Binary indicator
`0`	Optimize MPI application to work in the normal mode (1 rank on 1 CPU)
`1`	Optimize MPI application to work in the oversubscription mode (multiple ranks on 1 CPU). This is the default value if a number of process-per-node is less than a number of CPU on the node. In other

	cases, 1 is the default.

Description

It is recommended to use this variable in the oversubscription mode.

I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD

Control the Intel® MPI Library thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time.

Syntax

`I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Binary indicator
0	Do nothing for thread yield during the busy wait (spin wait). This is the default value when `I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=0`
1	Do the `pause` processor instruction for `I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT` during the busy wait.
2	Do the `SwitchToThread()` system call for thread yield during the busy wait. This is the default value when `I_MPI_WAIT_MODE=1`
3	Do the `Sleep()` system call for `I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP` number of milliseconds for thread yield during the busy wait.

Description

It is recommended to use `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=0` or `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=1` in the normal mode and `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=2` or `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=3` in the oversubscription mode.

I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT

Control the Intel® MPI Library pause count for the thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time.

Syntax

`I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT=<arg>`

Argument

<arg>	Description
>=0	Pause count for thread yield customization during MPI busy wait time. The default value is 0. Normally, the value is less than 100.

Description

This variable is applicable when `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=1`. Small values of `I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT` may increase performance, while larger values may reduce energy consumption.

I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP

Control the Intel® MPI Library thread sleep milliseconds timeout for thread yield customization while MPI busy wait progress.

Syntax

`I_MPI_THREAD_SLEEP=<arg>`

Argument

`<arg>`	Description
`>=0`	Thread sleep microseconds timeout. The default value is 0. Normally, the value is less than 100.

Description

This variable is applicable when `I_MPI_THREAD_YIELD=3`. Small values of `I_MPI_PAUSE_COUNT` may increase performance in the normal mode, while larger values may increase performance in the oversubscription mode

I_MPI_EXTRA_FILE_SYSTEM

Control native support for parallel file systems.

Syntax

`I_MPI_EXTRA_FILE_SYSTEM=<arg>`

Argument

`<arg>`	Binary indicator
`enable | yes | on | 1`	Enable native support for parallel file systems.
`disable | no | off | 0`	Disable native support for parallel file systems.

Description

Use this environment variable to enable or disable native support for parallel file systems.

4. Miscellaneous

4.1. User Authorization

Intel® MPI Library supports several authentication methods under Windows* OS:

I_MPI_AUTH_METHOD

Select a user authorization method.

Syntax

`I_MPI_AUTH_METHOD=<method>`

Arguments

<method>	Define the authorization method
`password`	Use the password-based authorization. This is the default value.
`delegate`	Use the domain-based authorization with delegation ability.
`impersonate`	Use the limited domain-based authorization. You will not be able to open files on remote machines or access mapped network drives.

Description

Set this environment variable to select a desired authorization method. If this environment variable is not defined, `mpiexec` uses the password-based authorization method by default. Alternatively, you can change the default behavior by using the `-delegate` or `-impersonate` options.

For more details, see the *Developer Guide*, section *Installation and Prerequisites > User Authorization*.

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