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MPI assumes, implicitly, the existence of an environment in which an application runs. It does not provide "operating system" services, such as ^a general ability to query what processes are running, to kill arbitrary processes, to find out properties of the runtime environment (how many processors, how much memory, etc.).

Complex interaction of an MPI application with its runtime environment should be done through an environment-specific API. An example of such an API would be the PVM task and machine management routines — pvm_addhosts, pvm_config, pvm_tasks, etc., possibly modified to return an MPI (group,rank) when possible. A Condor or PBS API would be another possibility.

At some low level, obviously, MPI must be able to interact with the runtime system, but the interaction is not visible at the application level and the details of the interaction are not specified by the MPI standard.

In many cases, it is impossible to keep environment-specific information out of the MPI interface without seriously compromising MPI functionality. To permit applications to take advantage of environment-specific functionality, many MPI routines take an info argument that allows an application to specify environment-specific information. There is ^a tradeoff between functionality and portability: applications that make use of info are not portable.

MPI does not require the existence of an underlying "virtual machine" model, in which there is ^a consistent global view of an MPI application and an implicit "operating system" managing resources and processes. For instance, processes spawned by one task may not be visible to another; additional hosts added to the runtime environment by one process may not be visible in another process; tasks spawned by different processes may not be automatically distributed over available resources.

Interaction between MPI and the runtime environment is limited to the following areas:

• When ^a process spawns ^a child process, it may optionally use an info argument to tell the runtime environment where or how to start the process. This extra information may be opaque to MPI.

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MPI assumes, implicitly, the existence of an environment in which an application runs. It does not provide "operating system" services, such as ^a general ability to query what processes are running, to kill arbitrary processes, to find out properties of the runtime environment (how many processors, how much memory, etc.).

Complex interaction of an MPI application with its runtime environment should be done through an environment-specific API. An example of such an API would be the PVM task and machine management routines — pvm_addhosts, pvm_config, pvm_tasks, etc., possibly modified to return an MPI (group,rank) when possible. A Condor or PBS API would be another possibility.

At some low level, obviously, MPI must be able to interact with the runtime system, but the interaction is not visible at the application level and the details of the interaction are not specified by the MPI standard.

In many cases, it is impossible to keep environment-specific information out of the MPI interface without seriously compromising MPI functionality. To permit applications to take advantage of environment-specific functionality, many MPI routines take an info argument that allows an application to specify environment-specific information. There is ^a tradeoff between functionality and portability: applications that make use of info are not portable.

MPI does not require the existence of an underlying "virtual machine" model, in which there is ^a consistent global view of an MPI application and an implicit "operating system" managing resources and processes. For instance, processes spawned by one task may not be visible to another; additional hosts added to the runtime environment by one process may not be visible in another process; tasks spawned by different processes may not be automatically distributed over available resources.

Interaction between MPI and the runtime environment is limited to the following areas:

- A process may start new processes with MPI_COMM_SPAWN and MPI_COMM_SPAWN_MULTIPLE.
- When ^a process spawns ^a child process, it may optionally use an info argument to tell the runtime environment where or how to start the process. This extra information may be opaque to MPI.

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The maxprocs argument MPI tries to spawn maxprocs processes. If it is unable to spawn maxprocs processes, it raises an error of class MPI_ERR_SPAWN.

An implementation may allow the info argument to change the default behavior, such that if the implementation is unable to spawn all maxprocs processes, it may spawn ^a smaller number of processes instead of raising an error. In principle, the info argument may specify an arbitrary set ${m_i : 0 \le m_i \le m}$ maxprocs} of allowed values for the number of processes spawned. The set $\{m_i\}$ does not necessarily include the value maxprocs. If an implementation is able to spawn one of these allowed numbers of processes,

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A spawn call with the default behavior is called hard. A spawn call for which fewer than maxprocs processes may be returned is called soft. See Section [10.3.4](#page-32-0) on page [303](#page-32-0) for more information on the soft key for info.

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Advice to users. MPI_COMM_GET_PARENT returns a handle to a single intercommunicator. Calling MPI_COMM_GET_PARENT ^a second time returns ^a handle to the same intercommunicator. Freeing the handle with MPI_COMM_DISCONNECT or MPI_COMM_FREE will cause other references to the intercommunicator to become invalid (dangling). Note that calling MPI_COMM_FREE on the parent communicator is not useful. (End of advice to users.) Rationale. The desire of the Forum was to create ^a constant α

MPI_COMM_PARENT similar to MPI_COMM_WORLD. Unfortunately such ^a constant cannot be used (syntactically) as an argument to MPI_COMM_DISCONNECT, which is explicitly allowed. (End of rationale.)

10.3.3 Starting Multiple Executables and Establishing Communication

While MPI_COMM_SPAWN is sufficient for most cases, it does not allow the spawning of multiple binaries, or of the same binary with multiple sets of arguments. The following routine spawns multiple binaries or the same binary with multiple sets of arguments, establishing communication with them and placing them in the same MPI_COMM_WORLD.

MPI_COMM_SPAWN_MULTIPLE(count, array_of_commands, array_of_argv, array_of_maxprocs, array_of_info, root, comm, intercomm, array_of_errcodes) 20 21 22

Agreeing on ^a rendezvous point always involves ^a third party. The third party may itself provide the rendezvous point or may communicate rendezvous information from server to client. Complicating matters might be the fact that ^a client doesn't really care what server it contacts, only that it be able to get in touch with one that can handle its request. 6

Ideally, MPI can accommodate ^a wide variety of run-time systems while retaining the ability to write simple portable code. The following should be compatible with MPI:

- The server resides at ^a well-known internet address host:port.
- The server prints out an address to the terminal, the user gives this address to the client program.
- The server places the address information on ^a nameserver, where it can be retrieved with an agreed-upon name.
- The server to which the client connects is actually ^a broker, acting as ^a middleman between the client and the real server.

MPI does not require ^a nameserver, so not all implementations will be able to support all of the above scenarios. However, MPI provides an optional nameserver interface, and is compatible with external name servers.

A port_name is ^a system-supplied string that encodes ^a low-level network address at which a server can be contacted. Typically this is an IP address and a port number, but an implementation is free to use any protocol. The server establishes ^a port_name with the MPI_OPEN_PORT routine. It accepts ^a connection to ^a given port with MPI_COMM_ACCEPT. A client uses port_name to connect to the server.

By itself, the port name mechanism is completely portable, but it may be clumsy to use because of the necessity to communicate port_name to the client. It would be more convenient if a server could specify that it be known by an *application-supplied* service_name so that the client could connect to that service_name without knowing the port_name.

An MPI implementation may allow the server to publish ^a (port_name, service_name) pair with MPI_PUBLISH_NAME and the client to retrieve the port name from the service name with MPI_LOOKUP_NAME. This allows three levels of portability, with increasing levels of functionality.

- 1. Applications that do not rely on the ability to publish names are the most portable. Typically the port_name must be transferred "by hand" from server to client.
- 2. Applications that use the MPI_PUBLISH_NAME mechanism are completely portable among implementations that provide this service. To be portable among all implementations, these applications should have ^a fall-back mechanism that can be used when names are not published.
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Advice to implementors. Since the user may type in **port_name** by hand, it is useful to choose ^a form that is easily readable and does not have embedded spaces. (End of advice to implementors.)

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10.4.4 Name Publishing

The routines in this section provide a mechanism for publishing names. A (service name, port_name) pair is published by the server, and may be retrieved by ^a client using the service_name only. An MPI implementation defines the *scope* of the service_name, that is, the domain over which the service_name can be retrieved. If the domain is the empty set, that is, if no client can retrieve the information, then we say that name publishing is not supported. Implementations should document how the scope is determined. Highquality implementations will give some control to users through the info arguments to name publishing functions. Examples are given in the descriptions of individual functions.

MPI_PUBLISH_NAME(service_name, info, port_name)

Advice to implementors. In some cases, an MPI implementation may use a name service that ^a user can also access directly. In this case, ^a name published by MPI could easily conflict with ^a name published by ^a user. In order to avoid such conflicts, 46 47 48

314 CHAPTER 10. PROCESS CREATION AND MANAGEMENTprintf("enter por^t name: "); gets(name); MPI_Comm_connect(name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm); Ocean/Atmosphere - Relies on Name PublishingIn this example, the "ocean" application is the "server" side of a coupled ocean-atmosphere climate model. It assumes that the MPI implementation publishes names. MPI_Open_port(MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Publish_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Comm_accept(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm); /* do something with intercomm */ MPI_Unpublish_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); On the client side: MPI_Lookup_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Comm_connect(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm);Simple Client-Server Example. This is ^a simple example; the server accepts only ^a single connection at ^a time and serves that connection until the client requests to be disconnected. The server is ^a single process. Here is the server. It accepts ^a single connection and then processes data until itreceives ^a message with tag ¹. ^A message with tag ⁰ tells the server to exit. #include "mpi.h" int main(int argc, char **argv) {MPI Comm client: MPI_Status status; char port_name[MPI_MAX_PORT_NAME]; double buf[MAX_DATA]; int size, again; MPI_Init(&argc, &argv); MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size); if (size != 1) error(FATAL, "Server too big"); MPI_Open_port(MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); printf("server available at %s\n",port_name); while (1) { MPI_Comm_accept(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &client); $again = 1$; while (again) { 121316171819212223 2425273031323536394041444548314 CHAPTER 10. PROCESS CREATION AND MANAGEMENTprintf("enter por^t name: "); gets(name); MPI_Comm_connect(name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm); Ocean/Atmosphere - Relies on Name PublishingIn this example, the "ocean" application is the "server" side of a coupled ocean-atmosphere climate model. It assumes that the MPI implementation publishes names. MPI_Open_port(MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Publish_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Comm_accept(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm); /* do something with intercomm */ MPI_Unpublish_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); On the client side: MPI_Lookup_name("ocean", MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); MPI_Comm_connect(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_SELF, &intercomm);Simple Client-Server Example. This is ^a simple example; the server accepts only ^a single connection at ^a time and serves that connection until the client requests to be disconnected. The server is ^a single process. Here is the server. It accepts ^a single connection and then processes data until itreceives ^a message with tag ¹. ^A message with tag ⁰ tells the server to exit. #include "mpi.h" int main(int argc, char **argv) {MPI Comm client: MPI_Status status; char port_name[MPI_MAX_PORT_NAME]; double buf[MAX_DATA]; int size, again; MPI_Init(&argc, &argv); MPI_Comm_size(MPI_COMM_WORLD, &size); if (size != 1) error(FATAL, "Server too big"); MPI_Open_port(MPI_INFO_NULL, port_name); printf("server available at %s\n",port_name); while (1) { MPI_Comm_accept(port_name, MPI_INFO_NULL, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD, &client); $again = 1;$ while (again) { 2348 10 111213 14 1516171819 20212223 2425 2627 28 29303132 33 34353637 38394041 42 434445 46 4748

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Message-passing communication achieves two effects: communication of data from sender to receiver; and *synchronization* of sender with receiver. The RMA design separates these two functions. Three communication calls are provided: MPI_PUT (remote write), MPI_GET (remote read) and MPI_ACCUMULATE (remote update). A larger number of synchronization calls are provided that support different synchronization styles. The design is similar to that of weakly coherent memory systems: correct ordering of memory accesses has to be imposed by the user, using synchronization calls; the implementation can delay communication operations until the synchronization calls occur, for efficiency.

The design of the RMA functions allows implementors to take advantage, in many cases, of fast communication mechanisms provided by various ^platforms, such as coherent or noncoherent shared memory, DMA engines, hardware-supported put/get operations, communication coprocessors, etc. The most frequently used RMA communication mechanisms can be layered on top of message-passing. However, support for asynchronous communication agents (handlers, threads, etc.) is needed, for certain RMA functions, in ^a distributed memory environment.

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destination=target; in ^a get operation, source=target and destination=origin.

MPI_WIN_CREATE(base, size, disp_unit, info, comm, win)

Rationale. The window size is specified using an address sized integer, so as to allow windows that span more than ⁴ GB of address space. (Even if the ^physical memorysize is less than ⁴ GB, the address range may be larger than ⁴ GB, if addresses are

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The info argument provides optimization hints to the runtime about the expected usage pattern of the window. The following info key is predefined:

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Advice to users. A window can be created in any part of the process memory. However, on some systems, the performance of windows in memory allocated by MPI_ALLOC_MEM (Section 8.2, page 262) will be better. Also, on some systems, performance is improved when window boundaries are aligned at "natural" boundaries (word, double-word, cache line, page frame, etc.). (End of advice to users.)

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MPI::Group MPI::Win::Get_group() const

MPI_WIN_GET_GROUP returns ^a duplicate of the group of the communicator used to create the window. associated with win. The group is returned in group.

11.3 Communication Calls

MPI supports three RMA communication calls: MPI_PUT transfers data from the caller memory (origin) to the target memory; MPI_GET transfers data from the target memory to the caller memory; and MPI_ACCUMULATE updates locations in the target memory, e.g. by adding to these locations values sent from the caller memory. These operations are nonblocking: the call initiates the transfer, but the transfer may continue after the call returns. The transfer is completed, both at the origin and at the target, when ^a subsequent *synchronization* call is issued by the caller on the involved window object. These synchronization calls are described in Section [11.4](#page-62-0), page [333.](#page-62-0)

The local communication buffer of an RMA call should not be updated, and the local communication buffer of ^a get call should not be accessed after the RMA call, until the subsequent synchronization call completes.

Rationale. The rule above is more lenient than for message-passing, where we do not allow two concurrent sends, with overlapping send buffers. Here, we allow two concurrent puts with overlapping send buffers. The reasons for this relaxation are

- 1. Users do not like that restriction, which is not very natural (it prohibits concurrent reads).
- 2. Weakening the rule does not prevent efficient implementation, as far as we know.
- 3. Weakening the rule is important for performance of RMA: we want to associate one synchronization call with as many RMA operations is possible. If puts from overlapping buffers cannot be concurrent, then we need to needlessly add synchronization points in the code.

(End of rationale.)

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The calls use general datatype arguments to specify communication buffers at the origin and at the target. Thus, ^a transfer operation may also gather data at the source and scatter it at the destination. However, all arguments specifying both communication buffers are provided by the caller.

For all three calls, the target process may be identical with the origin process; i.e., ^a process may use an RMA operation to move data in its memory.

MPI::Group MPI::Win::Get_group() const

MPI_WIN_GET_GROUP returns ^a duplicate of the group of the communicator used to create the window. associated with win. The group is returned in group.

11.3 Communication Calls

MPI supports three RMA communication calls: MPI_PUT transfers data from the caller memory (origin) to the target memory; MPI_GET transfers data from the target memory to the caller memory; and MPI_ACCUMULATE updates locations in the target memory, e.g. by adding to these locations values sent from the caller memory. These operations are nonblocking: the call initiates the transfer, but the transfer may continue after the call returns. The transfer is completed, both at the origin and at the target, when ^a subsequent *synchronization* call is issued by the caller on the involved window object. These synchronization calls are described in Section [11.4](#page-62-0), page [333](#page-62-0).

The local communication buffer of an RMA call should not be updated, and the local communication buffer of ^a get call should not be accessed after the RMA call, until the subsequent synchronization call completes.

Rationale. The rule above is more lenient than for message-passing, where we do not allow two concurrent sends, with overlapping send buffers. Here, we allow two concurrent puts with overlapping send buffers. The reasons for this relaxation are

- 1. Users do not like that restriction, which is not very natural (it prohibits concurrent reads).
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Transfers origin_count successive entries of the type specified by the origin_datatype, starting at address origin_addr on the origin node to the target node specified by the win, target_rank pair. The data are written in the target buffer at address target_addr $=$ window_base $+$ target_disp \times disp_unit, where window_base and disp_unit are the base address and window displacement unit specified at window initialization, by the target process.

The target buffer is specified by the arguments target count and target datatype.

The data transfer is the same as that which would occur if the origin process executed a send operation with arguments origin addr, origin count, origin datatype, target rank, tag, comm, and the target process executed ^a receive operation with arguments target_addr, target_count, target_datatype,_source,_tag,_comm,_where_target_addr is the target buffer address computed as explained above, and comm is ^a communicator for the group of win.

The communication must satisfy the same constraints as for ^a similar message-passing communication. The target_datatype may not specify overlapping entries in the target buffer. The message sent must fit, without truncation, in the target buffer. Furthermore, the target buffer must fit in the target window.

The target_datatype argument is ^a handle to ^a datatype object defined at the origin process. However, this object is interpreted at the target process: the outcome is as if the target datatype object was defined at the target process, by the same sequence of calls used to define it at the origin process. The target datatype must contain only relative displacements, not absolute addresses. The same holds for get and accumulate.

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The performance of ^a put transfer can be significantly affected, on some systems, from the choice of window location and the shape and location of the origin and target buffer: transfers to ^a target window in memory allocated by MPI_ALLOC_MEM may be much faster on shared memory systems; transfers from contiguous buffers will be faster on most, if not all, systems; the alignment of the communication buffers may also impact performance. (End of advice to users.)

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      CALL MPI_TYPE_COMMIT(otype(i), ierr)
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    END DO
    ! this part does the assignment itself
    CALL MPI WIN FENCE(0, win, ierr)
    DO i=1,pCALL MPI_GET(A, 1, otype(i), i-1, 0, 1, ttype(i), win, ierr)
     END DO
    CALL MPI WIN FENCE(0, win, ierr)
    CALL MPI_WIN_FREE(win, ierr)
    DO i=1,p
      CALL MPI_TYPE_FREE(otype(i), ierr)
      CALL MPI_TYPE_FREE(ttype(i), ierr)
    END DO
    RETURN
    END
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    USE MPI
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    REAL A(m), B(m)INTEGER win, ierr
    INTEGER (KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) lowerbound, sizeofreal
    CALL MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT(MPI_REAL, lowerbound, sizeofreal, ierr)
    CALL MPI_WIN_CREATE(B, m*sizeofreal, sizeofreal, MPI_INFO_NULL, &
                         comm, win, ierr)
    CALL MPI WIN FENCE(0, win, ierr)
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ORIGIN PROCESS 1

lock

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put

. unlock

memory executed put

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lock

ORIGIN PROCESS 2

> **. .**

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unlock

Figure 11.3: Passive target communication. Dashed arrows represent synchronizations (ordering of events).

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ORIGIN PROCESS 2

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INTEGER ASSERT, WIN, IERROR

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void MPI::Win::Fence(int assert) const

The MPI call MPI_WIN_FENCE(assert, win) synchronizes RMA calls on win. The call is collective on the group of win. All RMA operations on win originating at ^a ^given process and started before the fence call will complete at that process before the fence call returns. They will be completed at their target before the fence call returns at the target. RMA operations on win started by ^a process after the fence call returns will access their target window only after MPI_WIN_FENCE has been called by the target process.

The call completes an RMA access epoc^h if it was preceded by another fence call and the local process issued RMA communication calls on win between these two calls. The call completes an RMA exposure epoc^h if it was preceded by another fence call and the local window was the target of RMA accesses between these two calls. The call starts an RMA access epoc^h if it is followed by another fence call and by RMA communication calls issued between these two fence calls. The call starts an exposure epoc^h if it is followed by another fence call and the local window is the target of RMA accesses between these two fence calls. Thus, the fence call is equivalent to calls to ^a subset of post, start, complete, wait. 212223242526272829

^A fence call usually entails ^a barrier synchronization: ^a process completes ^a call to MPI_WIN_FENCE only after all other processes in the group entered their matching call. However, ^a call to MPI_WIN_FENCE that is known not to end any epoc^h (in particular, ^a call with assert ⁼ MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE) does not necessarily act as ^a barrier.

The assert argument is used to provide assertions on the context of the call that maybe used for various optimizations. This is described in Section [11.4.4](#page-73-0). A value of assert $=$ 0 is always valid.

Advice to users. Calls to MPI_WIN_FENCE should both precede and follow calls to put, get or accumulate that are synchronized with fence calls. (End of advice tousers.)

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MPI_Win_complete(win);

The call to MPI_WIN_COMPLETE does not return until the put call has completed at the origin; and the target window will be accessed by the put operation only after thecall to MPI_WIN_START has matched a call to MPI_WIN_POST by the target process. This still leaves much choice to implementors. The call to MPI_WIN_START can block until the matching call to MPI_WIN_POST occurs at all target processes. One can also have implementations where the call to MPI_WIN_START is nonblocking, but the call to MPI_PUT blocks until the matching call to MPI_WIN_POST occurred; or implementations where the first two calls are nonblocking, but the call to MPI_WIN_COMPLETE blocks until the call to MPI_WIN_POST occurred; or even implementations where all three calls can complete before any target process called MPI_WIN_POST — the data put must be buffered, in this last case, so as to allow the put to complete at the origin ahead of its completion at the target. However, once the call to MPI_WIN_POST is issued, the sequence above must complete, without further dependencies. MPI_WIN_POST(group, assert, win)IN group group of origin processes (handle) INassert program assertion (integer) INwin window object (handle) int MPI_Win_post(MPI_Group group, int assert, MPI_Win win) MPI_WIN_POST(GROUP, ASSERT, WIN, IERROR) INTEGER GROUP, ASSERT, WIN, IERROR void MPI::Win::Post(const MPI::Group& group, int assert) const Starts an RMA exposure epoc^h for the local window associated with win. Only processes in group should access the window with RMA calls on win during this epoch. Each process in group must issue ^a matching call to MPI_WIN_START. MPI_WIN_POST does not block. MPI_WIN_WAIT(win)INwin window object (handle) int MPI_Win_wait(MPI_Win win) MPI_WIN_WAIT(WIN, IERROR) INTEGER WIN, IERROR void MPI::Win::Wait() const Completes an RMA exposure epoch started by a call to MPI_WIN_POST on win. This call matches calls to MPI_WIN_COMPLETE(win) issued by each of the origin processes that were granted access to the window during this epoch. The call to MPI_WIN_WAIT will block until all matching calls to MPI_WIN_COMPLETE have occurred. This guarantees that all these origin processes have completed their RMA accesses to the local window. When the call returns, all these RMA accesses will have completed at the target window. 1235678101112131415161718192021 $\bf 22$ 2324252627 28 2930313233 3435363738394041 42434445 4647

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MPI_WIN_POST(group,0,win) initiate ^a nonblocking send with tag tag0 to each process in 48

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Completes an RMA access epoc^h started by ^a call to MPI_WIN_LOCK(...,win). RMA operations issued during this period will have completed both at the origin and at the target when the call returns.

Locks are used to protect accesses to the locked target window effected by RMA calls issued between the lock and unlock call, and to protect local load/store accesses to ^a locked local window executed between the lock and unlock call. Accesses that are protected by an exclusive lock will not be concurrent at the window site with other accesses to the same window that are lock protected. Accesses that are protected by ^a shared lock will not be concurrent at the window site with accesses protected by an exclusive lock to the same window.

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- update_boundary(A);45
- MPI_Win_fence((MPI_MODE_NOPUT [|] MPI_MODE_NOPRECEDE), win); 46
- for(i=0; ⁱ < fromneighbors; i++) 47
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with the local update of the core by the update_core call. In order to get similar overlap with put communication we would need to use separate windows for the core and for the boundary. This is required because we do not allow local stores to be concurrent with puts on the same, or on overlapping, windows.

Example 11.8 Same code as in Example [11.6,](#page-75-0) rewritten using post-start-complete-wait.

Example 11.10 A checkerboard, or double buffer communication pattern, that allows more computation/communication overlap. Array A0 is updated using values of array A1, and vice versa. We assume that communication is symmetric: if process ^A gets data from process B, then process B gets data from process A. Window wini consists of array Ai.

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11.6 Error Handling

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Figure 11.5: Schematic description of window

The MPI_WIN_FENCE or MPI_WIN_WAIT call that completes the transfer from public copy to private copy (6) is the same call that completes the put or accumulate operation in the window copy (2, 3). If ^a put or accumulate access was synchronized with ^a lock, then the update of the public window copy is complete as soon as the updating process executed MPI_WIN_UNLOCK. On the other hand, the update of private copy in the process memory may be delayed until the target process executes ^a synchronization call on that window (6). Thus, updates to process memory can always be delayed until the process executes ^a suitable synchronization call. Updates to ^a public window copy can also be delayed until the window owner executes ^a synchronization call, if fences or post-start-complete-wait synchronization is used. Only when lock synchronization is used does it becomes necessary to update the public window copy, even if the window owner does not execute any relatedsynchronization call. 36373839404142434445 4647

^{3.} If an RMA operation is completed at the origin by ^a call to MPI_WIN_COMPLETE then the operation is completed at the target by the matching call to MPI_WIN_WAITby the target process.

^{4.} If an RMA operation is completed at the origin by ^a call to MPI_WIN_UNLOCK then the operation is completed at the target by that same call to MPI_WIN_UNLOCK.

^{5.} An update of ^a location in ^a private window copy in process memory becomes visible in the public window copy at latest when an ensuing call to MPI_WIN_POST, MPI_WIN_FENCE, or MPI_WIN_UNLOCK is executed on that window by the windowowner.

^{6.} An update by ^a put or accumulate call to ^a public window copy becomes visible in the private copy in process memory at latest when an ensuing call to MPI_WIN_WAIT, MPI_WIN_FENCE, or MPI_WIN_LOCK is executed on that window by the windowowner.

The rules above also define, by implication, when an update to ^a public window copy becomes visible in another overlapping public window copy. Consider, for example, two overlapping windows, win1 and win2. A call to MPI_WIN_FENCE(0, win1) by the window owner makes visible in the process memory previous updates to window win1 by remote processes. A subsequent call to MPI_WIN_FENCE(0, win2) makes these updates visible in the public copy of win2.

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A correct program must obey the following rules.

- 1. A location in ^a window must not be accessed locally once an update to that location has started, until the update becomes visible in the private window copy in process memory.
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- 3. A put or accumulate must not access ^a target window once ^a local update or ^a put or accumulate update to another (overlapping) target window have started on ^a location in the target window, until the update becomes visible in the public copy of the window. Conversely, ^a local update in process memory to ^a location in ^a window must not start once ^a put or accumulate update to that target window has started, until the put or accumulate update becomes visible in process memory. In both cases, the restriction applies to operations even if they access disjoint locations in the window.

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Advice to users. A user can write correct programs by following the following rules:

- fence: During each period between fence calls, each window is either updated by put or accumulate calls, or updated by local stores, but not both. Locations updated by put or accumulate calls should not be accessed during the same period (with the exception of concurrent updates to the same location by accumulate calls). Locations accessed by get calls should not be updated during the same period.
- post-start-complete-wait: A window should not be updated locally while being posted, if it is being updated by put or accumulate calls. Locations updated by put or accumulate calls should not be accessed while the window is posted 46 47 48

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Assume, in the last example, that the order of the post and start calls is reversed, at each process. Then, the code may deadlock, as each process may block on the start call, waiting for the matching post to occur. Similarly, the program will deadlock, if the order of the complete and wait calls is reversed, at each process.

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query_fn function computes the status that should be returned for the generalized request. The status also includes information about successful/unsuccessful cancellation of the request (result to be returned by MPI_TEST_CANCELLED).

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void MPI::Grequest::Complete()

The call informs MPI that the operations represented by the generalized request request are complete (see definitions in Section 2.4). A call to MPI_WAIT(request, status) will return and ^a call to MPI_TEST(request, flag, status) will return flag=true only after ^a call to MPI_GREQUEST_COMPLETE has declared that these operations are complete.

MPI imposes no restrictions on the code executed by the callback functions. However, new nonblocking operations should be defined so that the general semantic rules about MPI calls such as MPI_TEST, MPI_REQUEST_FREE, or MPI_CANCEL still hold. For example, all these calls are supposed to be local and nonblocking. Therefore, the callback functions query_fn, free_fn, or cancel_fn should invoke blocking MPI communication calls only if the context is such that these calls are guaranteed to return in finite time. Once MPI_CANCEL is invoked, the cancelled operation should complete in finite time, irrespective of the state of other processes (the operation has acquired "local" semantics). It should either succeed, or fail without side-effects. The user should guarantee these same properties for newly defined operations.

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void MPI::Status::Set_cancelled(bool flag)

If flag is set to true then ^a subsequent call to MPI_TEST_CANCELLED(status, flag) will also return flag $=$ true, otherwise it will return false.

Advice to users. Users are advised not to reuse the status fields for values other than those for which they were intended. Doing so may lead to unexpected results when using the status object. For example, calling MPI_GET_ELEMENTS may cause an error if the value is out of range or it may be impossible to detect such an error. The extra_state argument provided with ^a generalized request can be used to return information that does not logically belong in status. Furthermore, modifying the values in ^a status set internally by MPI, e.g., MPI_RECV, may lead to unpredictable results and is strongly discouraged. (End of advice to users.)

12.4 MPI and Threads

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LOGICAL FLAG

void MPI::Status::Set_cancelled(bool flag)

If flag is set to true then ^a subsequent call to MPI_TEST_CANCELLED(status, flag) will also return flag $=$ true, otherwise it will return false.

Advice to users. Users are advised not to reuse the status fields for values other than those for which they were intended. Doing so may lead to unexpected results when using the status object. For example, calling MPI_GET_ELEMENTS may cause an error if the value is out of range or it may be impossible to detect such an error. The extra_state argument provided with ^a generalized request can be used to return information that does not logically belong in status. Furthermore, modifying the values in ^a status set internally by MPI, e.g., MPI_RECV, may lead to unpredictable results and is strongly discouraged. (End of advice to users.)

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MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE Multiple threads may call MPI, with no restrictions.

These values are monotonic; i.e., MPI_THREAD_SINGLE < MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED < MPI_THREAD_SERIALIZED < MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE.

Different processes in MPI_COMM_WORLD may require different levels of thread support.

The call returns in provided information about the actual level of thread support that will be provided by MPI. It can be one of the four values listed above.

The level(s) of thread support that can be provided by MPI_INIT_THREAD will depend on the implementation, and may depend on information provided by the user before the program started to execute (e.g., with arguments to mpiexec). If possible, the call will return provided $=$ required. Failing this, the call will return the least supported level such that provided \geq required (thus providing a stronger level of support than required by the user). Finally, if the user requirement cannot be satisfied, then the call will return in provided the highest supported level.

A thread compliant MPI implementation will be able to return provided ⁼ MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE. Such an implementation may always return provided ⁼ MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE, irrespective of the value of required. At the other extreme, an MPI library that is not thread compliant may always return

provided ⁼ MPI_THREAD_SINGLE, irrespective of the value of required.

A call to MPI_INIT has the same effect as ^a call to MPI_INIT_THREAD with ^a required $=$ MPI $_$ THREAD $_$ SINGLE.

Vendors may provide (implementation dependent) means to specify the level(s) of thread support available when the MPI program is started, e.g., with arguments to mpiexec. This will affect the outcome of calls to MPI_INIT and MPI_INIT_THREAD. Suppose, for example, that an MPI program has been started so that only MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE is available. Then MPI_INIT_THREAD will return provided ⁼ MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE, irrespective of the value of required; ^a call to MPI_INIT will also initialize the MPI thread support level to MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE. Suppose, on the other hand, that an MPI program has been started so that all four levels of thread support are available. Then, ^a call to MPI_INIT_THREAD will return provided ⁼ required; on the other hand, ^a call to MPI_INIT will initialize the MPI thread support level to MPI_THREAD_SINGLE. 29 31

Rationale. Various optimizations are possible when MPI code is executed singlethreaded, or is executed on multiple threads, but not concurrently: mutual exclusion code may be omitted. Furthermore, if only one thread executes, then the MPI library can use library functions that are not thread safe, without risking conflicts with user threads. Also, the model of one communication thread, multiple computation threads fits many applications well, e.g., if the process code is a sequential Fortran/ $C/C++$ program with MPI calls that has been parallelized by ^a compiler for execution on an SMP node, in ^a cluster of SMPs, then the process computation is multi-threaded, but MPI calls will likely execute on ^a single thread.

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Chapter 13

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The MPI_MODE_SEQUENTIAL mode allows an implementation to optimize access to some sequential devices (tapes and network streams). It is erroneous to attempt nonsequential access to ^a file that has been opened in this mode. Specifying MPI_MODE_APPEND only guarantees that all shared and individual file pointers are positioned at the initial end of file when MPI_FILE_OPEN returns. Subsequent positioning of file pointers is application dependent. In particular, the implementation does not ensure that all writes are appended. Errors related to the access mode are raised in the class MPI_ERR_AMODE. The info argument is used to provide information regarding file access patterns and file system specifics (see Section [13.2.8](#page-111-0), page [382\)](#page-111-0). The constant MPI_INFO_NULL can be used when no info needs to be specified. Advice to users. Some file attributes are inherently implementation dependent (e.g., file permissions). These attributes must be set using either the info argument or facilities outside the scope of MPI. (End of advice to users.) Files are opened by default using nonatomic mode file consistency semantics (see Section [13.6.1](#page-149-0), page [420\)](#page-149-0). The more stringent atomic mode consistency semantics, required for atomicity of conflicting accesses, can be set using MPI_FILE_SET_ATOMICITY. 13.2.2 Closing ^a File MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh)

The modes MPI_MODE_RDONLY, MPI_MODE_RDWR, MPI_MODE_WRONLY, MPI_MODE_CREATE, and MPI_MODE_EXCL have identical semantics to their POSIX counterparts [\[29\]](#page-298-0). Exactly one of MPI_MODE_RDONLY, MPI_MODE_RDWR, or MPI_MODE_WRONLY, must be specified. It is erroneous to specify MPI_MODE_CREATE or MPI_MODE_EXCL in conjunction with MPI_MODE_RDONLY; it is erroneous to specify MPI_MODE_SEQUENTIAL

The MPI_MODE_DELETE_ON_CLOSE mode causes the file to be deleted (equivalent to

The MPI_MODE_UNIQUE_OPEN mode allows an implementation to optimize access by eliminating the overhead of file locking. It is erroneous to open ^a file in this mode unless

Advice to users. For MPL_MODE_UNIQUE_OPEN, not opened elsewhere includes both inside and outside the MPI environment. In particular, one needs to be aware of potential external events which may open files (e.g., automated backup facilities). When MPI_MODE_UNIQUE_OPEN is specified, the user is responsible for ensuring that

INOUT fh file handle (handle) int MPI_File_close(MPI_File *fh) MPI_FILE_CLOSE(FH, IERROR) INTEGER FH, IERROR

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MPI::Info MPI::File::Get_info() const

MPI_FILE_GET_INFO returns ^a new info object containing the hints of the file associated with fh. The current setting of all hints actually used by the system related to this open file is returned in info_used. If no such hints exist, ^a handle to ^a newly created info object is returned that contains no key/value pair. The user is responsible for freeing info_used via MPI_INFO_FREE.

Advice to users. The info object returned in info_used will contain all hints currently active for this file. This set of hints may be greater or smaller than the set of hints passed in to MPI_FILE_OPEN, MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW, and MPI_FILE_SET_INFO, as the system may not recognize some hints set by the user, and may recognize other hints that the user has not set. (*End of advice to users.*)

Reserved File Hints

Some potentially useful hints (info key values) are outlined below. The following key values are reserved. An implementation is not required to interpret these key values, but if it does interpret the key value, it must provide the functionality described. (For more details on "info," see Section [9,](#page-16-1) page [287.](#page-16-1))

These hints mainly affect access patterns and the layout of data on parallel I/O devices. For each hint name introduced, we describe the purpose of the hint, and the type of the hint value. The "[SAME]" annotation specifies that the hint values provided by all participating processes must be identical; otherwise the program is erroneous. In addition, some hints are context dependent, and are only used by an implementation at specific times (e.g., file_perm is only useful during file creation).

access_style (comma separated list of strings): This hint specifies the manner in which the file will be accessed until the file is closed or until the access_style key value is altered. The hint value is ^a comma separated list of the following: read_once, write_once, read_mostly, write_mostly, sequential, reverse_sequential, and random.

collective_buffering (boolean) [SAME]: This hint specifies whether the application may benefit from collective buffering. Collective buffering is an optimization performed on collective accesses. Accesses to the file are performed on behalf of all processes in the group by ^a number of target nodes. These target nodes coalesce small requests into large disk accesses. Legal values for this key are true and false. Collective buffering parameters are further directed via additional hints: cb block size, cb buffer size, and cb_nodes.

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These hints mainly affect access patterns and the layout of data on parallel I/O devices. For each hint name introduced, we describe the purpose of the hint, and the type of the hint value. The "[SAME]" annotation specifies that the hint values provided by all participating processes must be identical; otherwise the program is erroneous. In addition, some hints are context dependent, and are only used by an implementation at specific times (e.g., file_perm is only useful during file creation).

- access_style (comma separated list of strings): This hint specifies the manner in which the file will be accessed until the file is closed or until the access_style key value is altered. The hint value is ^a comma separated list of the following: read_once, write_once, read_mostly, write_mostly, sequential, reverse_sequential, and random.
- collective_buffering (boolean) [SAME]: This hint specifies whether the application may benefit from collective buffering. Collective buffering is an optimization performed on collective accesses. Accesses to the file are performed on behalf of all processes in the group by ^a number of target nodes. These target nodes coalesce small requests into large disk accesses. Legal values for this key are true and false. Collective buffering parameters are further directed via additional hints: cb block size, cb buffer size, and cb_nodes.
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The etype always specifies the data layout in the file. If etype is ^a portable datatype (see Section 2.4, page 11), the extent of etype is computed by scaling any displacements in the datatype to match the file data representation. If etype is not ^a portable datatype, no scaling is done when computing the extent of etype. The user must be careful when using nonportable etype^s in heterogeneous environments; see Section [13.5.1,](#page-141-0) page [412](#page-141-0) for further details.

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The user is responsible for ensuring that all nonblocking requests and split collective operations on fh have been completed before calling MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW—otherwise, the call to MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW is erroneous.

MPI_FILE_GET_VIEW(fh, disp, etype, filetype, datarep)

MPI_FILE_GET_VIEW returns the process's view of the data in the file. The current value of the displacement is returned in disp. The etype and filetype are new datatypes with typemaps equal to the typemaps of the current etype and filetype, respectively.

The data representation is returned in datarep. The user is responsible for ensuring that datarep is large enough to hold the returned data representation string. The length of ^a data representation string is limited to the value of MPI_MAX_DATAREP_STRING.

In addition, if ^a portable datatype was used to set the current view, then the corresponding datatype returned by MPI_FILE_GET_VIEW is also a portable datatype. If etype or filetype are derived datatypes, the user is responsible for freeing them. The etype and filetype returned are both in ^a committed state.

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int count,

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STATUS, IERROR)

MPI::Request MPI::File::Iwrite_at(MPI::Offset offset, const void* buf, int count, const MPI::Datatype& datatype)

<type> BUF(*)

! eleventh real word in the file.

parameter (bufsize=10)

integer bufsize, req1, req2

call MPI_WAIT(req1, status1, call MPI_WAIT(req2, status2,

tics:

MPI_Datatype datatype,

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- the offset is defined to be the current value of the MPI-maintained shared file pointer,
- the effect of multiple calls to shared file pointer routines is defined to behave as if the calls were serialized, and 47 48

MPI_FILE_SEEK_SHARED updates the shared file pointer according to whence, which has the following possible values: 47 48

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• MPI_SEEK_SET: the pointer is set to offset • MPI_SEEK_CUR: the pointer is set to the current pointer position ^plus offset • MPI_SEEK_END: the pointer is set to the end of file ^plus offset MPI_FILE_SEEK_SHARED is collective; all the processes in the communicator group associated with the file handle fh must call MPI_FILE_SEEK_SHARED with the same values for offset and whence. The offset can be negative, which allows seeking backwards. It is erroneous to seek to^a negative position in the view. MPI_FILE_GET_POSITION_SHARED(fh, offset)INfh file handle (handle) OUT offset offset of shared pointer (integer) int MPI_File_get_position_shared(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset *offset) MPI_FILE_GET_POSITION_SHARED(FH, OFFSET, IERROR) INTEGER FH, IERROR INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND) OFFSET MPI::Offset MPI::File::Get_position_shared() const MPI_FILE_GET_POSITION_SHARED returns, in offset, the current position of the shared file pointer in etype units relative to the current view. Advice to users. The offset can be used in a future call to MPI_FILE_SEEK_SHARED using whence ⁼ MPI_SEEK_SET to return to the current position. To set the displacement to the current file pointer position, first convert offset into an absolute byteposition using MPI_FILE_GET_BYTE_OFFSET, then call MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW with
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- • On any MPI process, each file handle may have at most one active split collective operation at any time.
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- Begin calls are collective over the group of processes that participated in the collective open and follow the ordering rules for collective calls.
- End calls are collective over the group of processes that participated in the collective open and follow the ordering rules for collective calls. Each end call matches the preceding begin call for the same collective operation. When an "end" call is made, exactly one unmatched "begin" call for the same operation must precede it.
- An implementation is free to implement any split collective data access routine using the corresponding blocking collective routine when either the begin call (e.g., MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN) or the end call (e.g., MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END) is issued. The begin and end calls are provided to allow the user and MPI implementation to optimize the collective operation.
- Split collective operations do not match the corresponding regular collective operation. For example, in ^a single collective read operation, an MPI_FILE_READ_ALL on one process does not match an MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN/ MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END pair on another process.
- Split collective routines must specify a buffer in both the begin and end routines. By specifying the buffer that receives data in the end routine, we can avoid many (though not all) of the problems described in "A Problem with Register Optimization," Section [16.2.2](#page-195-1), page [466.](#page-195-1)
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The arguments for these routines have the same meaning as for the equivalent collective versions (e.g., the argument definitions for MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN and MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END are equivalent to the arguments for MPI_FILE_READ_ALL). The begin routine (e.g., MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_BEGIN) begins ^a split collective operation that, when completed with the matching end routine (i.e., MPI_FILE_READ_ALL_END) produces the result as defined for the equivalent collective routine (i.e., MPI_FILE_READ_ALL).

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MPI supports multiple data representations: "native," "internal," and "external32." An implementation may support additional data representations. MPI also supports userdefined data representations (see Section [13.5.3,](#page-144-1) page [415](#page-144-1)). The "native" and "internal" data representations are implementation dependent, while the "external32" representation is common to all MPI implementations and facilitates file interoperability. The data representation is specified in the *datarep* argument to MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW.

Advice to users. MPI is not guaranteed to retain knowledge of what data representation was used when ^a file is written. Therefore, to correctly retrieve file data, an MPI application is responsible for specifying the same data representation as was used to create the file. (End of advice to users.)

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Advice to users. One can logically think of the file as if it were stored in the memory of ^a file server. The etype and filetype are interpreted as if they were defined at this file server, by the same sequence of calls used to define them at the calling process. If the data representation is "native", then this logical file server runs on the same architecture as the calling process, so that these types define the same data layout on the file as they would define in the memory of the calling process. If the etype and filetype are portable datatypes, then the data layout defined in the file is the same as would be defined in the calling process memory, up to ^a scaling factor. The routine MPI_FILE_GET_FILE_EXTENT can be used to calculate this scaling factor. Thus, two equivalent, portable datatypes will define the same data layout in the file, even in ^a heterogeneous environment with "internal", "external32", or user defined data representations. Otherwise, the etype and filetype must be constructed so that their typemap and extent are the same on any architecture. This can be achieved if they have an explicit upper bound and lower bound (defined either using MPI_LB and MPI_UB markers, or using MPI_TYPE_CREATE_RESIZED). This condition must also be fulfilled by any datatype that is used in the construction of the etype and filetype, if this datatype is replicated contiguously, either explicitly, by ^a call to 11 12 13 14 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

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The size of the predefined datatypes returned from MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_REAL, MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_COMPLEX, and MPI_TYPE_CREATE_F90_INTEGER are defined Advice to implementors. When converting ^a larger size integer to ^a smaller size integer, only the less significant bytes are moved. Care must be taken to preserve the sign bit value. This allows no conversion errors if the data range is within the range of the smaller size integer. (End of advice to implementors.) 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

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Table 13.2: "external32" sizes of predefined datatypes

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Rationale. Passing the conversion function ^a position and one datatype for the transfer allows the conversion function to decode the datatype only once and cache an internal representation of it on the datatype. Then on subsequent calls, the conversion function can use the position to quickly find its ^place in the datatype and continue storing converted data where it left off at the end of the previous call. (End of rationale.)

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The predefined constant MPI_CONVERSION_FN_NULL may be used as either write_conversion_fn or read_conversion_fn. In that case, MPI will not attempt to invoke write_conversion_fn or read_conversion_fn, respectively, but will perform the requested data access using the native data representation.

An MPI implementation must ensure that all data accessed is converted, either by using ^a filebuf large enough to hold all the requested data items or else by making repeated calls to the conversion function with the same datatype argument and appropriate values for position.

An implementation will only invoke the callback routines in this section (read_conversion_fn, write_conversion_fn, and dtype_file_extent_fn) when one of the read or write routines in Section [13.4,](#page-116-0) page [387](#page-116-0), or MPI FILE GET TYPE EXTENT is called by the user. dtype_file_extent_fn will only be passed predefined datatypes employed by the user. The conversion functions will only be passed datatypes equivalent to those that the user has passed to one of the routines noted above.

The conversion functions must be reentrant. User defined data representations are restricted to use byte alignment for all types. Furthermore, it is erroneous for the conversion functions to call any collective routines or to free datatype.

The conversion functions should return an error code. If the returned error code has ^a value other than MPI_SUCCESS, the implementation will raise an error in the class MPI_ERR_CONVERSION.

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In general, using the same data representation name when writing and reading ^a file does not guarantee that the representation is compatible. Similarly, using different representation names on two different implementations may ^yield compatible representations.

Compatibility can be obtained when "external32" representation is used, although precision may be lost and the performance may be less than when "native" representation is used. Compatibility is guaranteed using "external32" provided at least one of the following conditions is met.

• The data access routines directly use types enumerated in Section [13.5.2](#page-143-0), page [414,](#page-143-0) that are supported by all implementations participating in the I/O. The predefined type used to write ^a data item must also be used to read ^a data item.

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• In the case of Fortran ⁹⁰ programs, the programs participating in the data accesses obtain compatible datatypes using MPI routines that specify precision and/or range (Section [16.2.5](#page-199-1), page [470\)](#page-199-1).

• For any ^given data item, the programs participating in the data accesses use compatible predefined types to write and read the data item.

User-defined data representations may be used to provide an implementation compatiblity with another implementation's "native" or "internal" representation.

Advice to users. Section [16.2.5](#page-199-1), page [470](#page-199-1), defines routines that support the use of matching datatypes in heterogeneous environments and contains examples illustratingtheir use. (End of advice to users.)

13.6 Consistency and Semantics

13.6.1 File Consistency

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User-defined data representations may be used to provide an implementation compatiblity with another implementation's "native" or "internal" representation.

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13.6.9 File Size

The size of ^a file may be increased by writing to the file after the current end of file. The size may also be changed by calling MPI size changing routines, such as MPI_FILE_SET_SIZE. A call to ^a size changing routine does not necessarily change the file size. For example, calling MPI_FILE_PREALLOCATE with ^a size less than the current size does not change the size.

Consider ^a set of bytes that has been written to ^a file since the most recent call to ^a size changing routine, or since MPI_FILE_OPEN if no such routine has been called. Let the high byte be the byte in that set with the largest displacement. The file size is the larger of

• One ^plus the displacement of the high byte.

• The size immediately after the size changing routine, or MPI_FILE_OPEN, returned.

When applying consistency semantics, calls to MPI_FILE_SET_SIZE and MPI_FILE_PREALLOCATE are considered writes to the file (which conflict with operations that access bytes at displacements between the old and new file sizes), and MPI_FILE_GET_SIZE is considered ^a read of the file (which overlaps with all accesses to the file).

Advice to users. Any sequence of operations containing the collective routines MPI_FILE_SET_SIZE and MPI_FILE_PREALLOCATE is ^a write sequence. As such, sequential consistency in nonatomic mode is not guaranteed unless the conditions in Section [13.6.1,](#page-149-0) page [420](#page-149-0), are satisfied. (*End of advice to users.*)

File pointer update semantics (i.e., file pointers are updated by the amount accessed) are only guaranteed if file size changes are sequentially consistent.

Advice to users. Consider the following example. Given two operations made by separate processes to ^a file containing 100 bytes: an MPI_FILE_READ of 10 bytes and an MPI_FILE_SET_SIZE to 0 bytes. If the user does not enforce sequential consistency between these two operations, the file pointer may be updated by the amount requested (10 bytes) even if the amount accessed is zero bytes. (End of advice to users.)

13.6.10 Examples

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The examples in this section illustrate the application of the MPI consistency and semantics guarantees. These address

- conflicting accesses on file handles obtained from ^a single collective open, and
- all accesses on file handles obtained from two separate collective opens.

The simplest way to achieve consistency for conflicting accesses is to obtain sequential consistency by setting atomic mode. For the code below, process 1 will read either 0 or 10 integers. If the latter, every element of ^b will be ⁵. If nonatomic mode is set, the results of the read are undefined.


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for (i=0; i<10; i++)a[i] = 5:
     MPI_File_open( MPI_COMM_WORLD, "workfile",
                    MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh0 ) ;
    MPI_File_set_view( fh0, 0, MPI_INT, MPI_INT, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL ) ;
    MPI File set atomicity( fh0, TRUE ) ;
    MPI File write at(fh0, 0, a, 10, MPI INT, &status) ;
    /* MPI_Barrier( MPI_COMM_WORLD ) ; */
    /* Process 1 */
    int b[10] ;
     int TRUE = 1;
     MPI_File_open( MPI_COMM_WORLD, "workfile",
                    MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh1 ) ;
    MPI_File_set_view( fh1, 0, MPI_INT, MPI_INT, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL ) ;
    MPI_File_set_atomicity( fh1, TRUE ) ;
    /* MPI_Barrier( MPI_COMM_WORLD ) ; */
     MPI_File_read_at(fh1, 0, b, 10, MPI_INT, &status) ;
     A user may guarantee that the write on process 0 precedes the read on process 1 by imposingtemporal order with, for example, calls to MPI_BARRIER.
          Advice to users. Routines other than MPI_BARRIER may be used to impose temporal
          order. In the example above, process 0 could use MPI_SEND to send a 0 byte message,
          received by process 1 using MPI_RECV. (End of advice to users.)
         Alternatively, a user can impose consistency with nonatomic mode set:
     /* Process 0 */
     int i, a[10] ;
     for (i=0:i<10:i++)a[i] = 5:
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                    MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh0 ) ;
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                                                                                                                 MPI_File_set_view( fh0, 0, MPI_INT, MPI_INT, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI File set atomicity( fh0, TRUE ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI File write at(fh0, 0, a, 10, MPI INT, &status) ;
                                                                                                                /* MPI_Barrier( MPI_COMM_WORLD ) ; */
                                                                                                                /* Process 1 */int b[10] ;
                                                                                                                int TRUE = 1;
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_open( MPI_COMM_WORLD, "workfile",
                                                                                                                                MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fh1 ) ;
                                                                                                                MPI_File_set_view( fh1, 0, MPI_INT, MPI_INT, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_set_atomicity( fh1, TRUE ) ;
                                                                                                                /* MPI_Barrier( MPI_COMM_WORLD ) ; */
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_read_at(fh1, 0, b, 10, MPI_INT, &status) ;
                                                                                                                 A user may guarantee that the write on process 0 precedes the read on process 1 by imposingtemporal order with, for example, calls to MPI_BARRIER.
                                                                                                                      Advice to users. Routines other than MPI_BARRIER may be used to impose temporal
                                                                                                                      order. In the example above, process 0 could use MPI_SEND to send a 0 byte message,
                                                                                                                      received by process 1 using MPI_RECV. (End of advice to users.)
                                                                                                                     Alternatively, a user can impose consistency with nonatomic mode set:
                                                                                                                 /* Process 0 */
                                                                                                                 int i, a[10] ;
                                                                                                                 for (i=0:i<10:i++)a[i] = 5:
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_open( MPI_COMM_WORLD, "workfile",
                                                                                                                                MPI_MODE_RDWR | MPI_MODE_CREATE, MPI_INFO_NULL, &fhO ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_set_view( fh0, 0, MPI_INT, MPI_INT, "native", MPI_INFO_NULL ) ;
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                                                                                                                 MPI File sync( fh0 ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI_Barrier( MPI_COMM_WORLD ) ;
                                                                                                                 MPI_File_sync( fh0 ) ;
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                                                                                                                MPI_File_sync( fh1 ) ;
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as ^a temporally synchronizing function. When using such an implementation, the "sync-barrier-sync" construct above can be replaced by ^a single "sync." The results of using such code with an implementation for which MPI_FILE_SYNC is not temporally synchronizing is undefined. (End of advice to users.)

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      sponding request complete routine. Thus, executing either the read before the write, or the
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     MPI_Wait(&reqs[0], &status) ;
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Like communicators, each file handle has an error handler associated with it. The MPI I/O error handling routines are defined in Section 8.3, page 264.

When MPI calls ^a user-defined error handler resulting from an error on ^a particular file handle, the first two arguments passed to the file error handler are the file handle and the error code. For I/O errors that are not associated with ^a valid file handle (e.g., in

}

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}
/* DOUBLE-BUFFER epilog:
 * wait for final write to complete.
 */
MPI_File_write_all_end(fh, write_buf_ptr, &status);
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/* buffer cleanup */ free(buffer1); free(buffer2);

13.9.2 Subarray Filetype Constructor

Figure 13.5: Example local array filetype for process 1

Assume we are writing out ^a 100x100 2D array of double precision floating point numbers that is distributed among 4 processes such that each process has ^a block of 25 columns (e.g., process 0 has columns $0-24$, process 1 has columns $25-49$, etc.; see Figure [13.4](#page-162-0)). To create the filetypes for each process one could use the following C program (see Section 4.1.3 on page 87):

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- 2. ensure that those MPI functions that are not replaced may still be linked into an executable image without causing name clashes.
- 3. document the implementation of different language bindings of the MPI interface if they are layered on top of each other, so that the profiler developer knows whether she must implement the profile interface for each binding, or can economise by implementing it only for the lowest level routines.
- 4. where the implementation of different language bindings is done through ^a layered approac^h (e.g. the Fortran binding is ^a set of "wrapper" functions that call the C implementation), ensure that these wrapper functions are separable from the rest of the library.

This separability is necessary to allow ^a separate profiling library to be correctly implemented, since (at least with Unix linker semantics) the profiling library must contain these wrapper functions if it is to perform as expected. This requirement allows the person who builds the profiling library to extract these functions from the original MPI library and add them into the profiling library without bringing along any other unnecessary code.

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Provided that an MPI implementation meets the requirements above, it is possible for the implementor of the profiling system to intercept all of the MPI calls that are made by the user program. She can then collect whatever information she requires before calling the underlying MPI implementation (through its name shifted entry points) to achieve the desired effects.

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MPI_PCONTROL(LEVEL) INTEGER LEVEL, ...

14.4 Examples

trivially be achieved thus static int totalBytes; static double totalTime;

int extent;

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14.4.1 Profiler Implementation

be explicitly called by the user.

• level==0 Profiling is disabled.

MPI_PCONTROL(level, . . .)

IN level Profiling level

we request the following meanings for certain values of level.

output without having to modify their source code at all.

to link exactly the same code against the standard MPI library.

• level==1 Profiling is enabled at ^a normal default level of detail.

MPI libraries themselves make no use of this routine, and simply return immediately to the user code. However the presence of calls to this routine allows ^a profiling package to

Since MPI has no control of the implementation of the profiling code, we are unable to specify precisely the semantics that will be provided by calls to MPI_PCONTROL. This vagueness extends to the number of arguments to the function, and their datatypes.

However to provide some level of portability of user codes to different profiling libraries,

The provision of MPI_PCONTROL as ^a no-op in the standard MPI library allows them to modify their source code to obtain more detailed profiling information, but still be able

Suppose that the profiler wishes to accumulate the total amount of data sent by the MPI_SEND function, along with the total elapsed time spent in the function. This could

int MPI_SEND(void * buffer, const int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, int dest, int tag, MPI_comm comm)

double tstart = MPI_Wtime(); $/*$ Pass on all the arguments $*/$

• level==2 Profile buffers are flushed. (This may be ^a no-op in some profilers). • All other values of level have profile library defined effects and additional arguments. We also request that the default state after MPI_INIT has been called is for profiling to be enabled at the normal default level. (i.e. as if MPI_PCONTROL had just been called with the argument 1). This allows users to link with a profiling library and obtain profile

int MPI_Pcontrol(const int level, ...)

void MPI::Pcontrol(const int level, ...)

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438 CHAPTER 14. PROFILING INTERFACE $int result$ = PMPI Send(buffer,count,datatype,dest,tag,comm); MPI_Type_size(datatype, &extent); /* Compute size */ totalBytes += count*extent; totalTime $+=$ MPI Wtime() - tstart: $/*$ and time $*/$ return result; }14.4.2 MPI Library ImplementationOn ^a Unix system, in which the MPI library is implemented in C, then there are various possible options, of which two of the most obvious are presented here. Which is betterdepends on whether the linker and compiler support weak symbols. Systems with Weak SymbolsIf the compiler and linker support weak external symbols (e.g. Solaris 2.x, other system V.4 machines), then only ^a single library is required through the use of #pragma weak thus #pragma weak MPI_Example ⁼ PMPI_Example int PMPI_Example(/* appropriate args */) {/* Useful content */ }The effect of this #pragma is to define the external symbol MPI_Example as ^a weak definition. This means that the linker will not complain if there is another definition of the symbol (for instance in the profiling library), however if no other definition exists, then the linker will use the weak definition. Systems Without Weak SymbolsIn the absence of weak symbols then one possible solution would be to use the ^C macropre-processor thus#ifdef PROFILELIB#ifdef STDC # ifdef _STDC__ # define FUNCTION(name) P##name # else # define FUNCTION(name) P/**/name endif #else# define FUNCTION(name) name #endifEach of the user visible functions in the library would then be declared thus438 CHAPTER 14. PROFILING INTERFACE $int result$ = PMPI Send(buffer,count,datatype,dest,tag,comm); MPI_Type_size(datatype, &extent); /* Compute size */ totalBytes += count*extent; totalTime $+=$ MPI Wtime() - tstart; $/*$ and time $*/$ return result; }14.4.2 MPI Library ImplementationOn ^a Unix system, in which the MPI library is implemented in C, then there are various possible options, of which two of the most obvious are presented here. Which is betterdepends on whether the linker and compiler support weak symbols. Systems with Weak SymbolsIf the compiler and linker support weak external symbols (e.g. Solaris 2.x, other system V.4 machines), then only ^a single library is required through the use of #pragma weak thus #pragma weak MPI_Example ⁼ PMPI_Example int PMPI_Example(/* appropriate args */) {/* Useful content */ }The effect of this #pragma is to define the external symbol MPI_Example as ^a weak definition. This means that the linker will not complain if there is another definition of the symbol (for instance in the profiling library), however if no other definition exists, then the linker will use the weak definition. Systems Without Weak SymbolsIn the absence of weak symbols then one possible solution would be to use the ^C macropre-processor thus#ifdef PROFILELIB
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int FUNCTION(MPI_Example)(/* appropriate args */)

/* Useful content */

}

{

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Associates the new error handler errorhandler with communicator comm at the calling

process. Note that an error handler is always associated with the communicator.

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Rationale. Providing ^a lightweight set of MPI objects that correspond to the basic MPI types is the best fit to MPI's implicit object-based design; methods can be supplied for these objects to realize MPI functionality. The existing C bindings can be used in $C++$ programs, but much of the expressive power of the $C++$ language is forfeited. On the other hand, while ^a comprehensive class library would make user programming more elegant, such ^a library it is not suitable as ^a language binding for MPI since ^a binding must provide ^a direct and unambiguous mapping to the specified functionality of MPI. (End of rationale.)

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baz_comm = bar_comm;

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bool MPI::<CLASS>::operator==(const MPI::<CLASS>& data) const bool MPI::<CLASS>::operator!=(const MPI::<CLASS>& data) const The member function operator==() returns true only when the handles reference the same internal MPI object, false otherwise. operator! = () returns the boolean complement of operator==(). However, since the Status class is not ^a handle to an underlying MPI object, it does not make sense to compare Status instances. Therefore, the operator==() and operator!=() functions are not defined on the Status class. Constants Constants are singleton objects and are declared const. Note that not all globally defined MPI objects are constant. For example, MPI::COMM_WORLD and MPI::COMM_SELF are not const. 16.1.6 C++ Datatypes Table [16.1](#page-183-0) lists all of the C++ predefined MPI datatypes and their corresponding C and C++ datatypes, Table [16.2](#page-183-1) lists all of the Fortran predefined MPI datatypes and their corresponding Fortran 77 datatypes. Table [16.3](#page-184-0) lists the C++ names for all other MPI datatypes. MPI::BYTE and MPI::PACKED conform to the same restrictions as MPI_BYTE and MPI_PACKED, listed in Sections 3.2.2 on page 27 and Sections 4.2 on page 120, respectively. The following table defines groups of MPI predefined datatypes: C integer: MPI::INT, MPI::LONG, MPI::SHORT, MPI::UNSIGNED_SHORT, MPI::UNSIGNED, MPI::UNSIGNED_LONG, MPI::_LONG_LONG, MPI::UNSIGNED_LONG_LONG, MPI::SIGNED_CHAR, MPI::UNSIGNED_CHAR Fortran integer: MPI::INTEGER Floating point: MPI::FLOAT, MPI::DOUBLE, MPI::REAL,

> MPI::DOUBLE_PRECISION, MPI::LONG_DOUBLE

Example 16.3 Example using assignment operator. In this example,

alias for MPI::COMM_WORLD. But bar_comm is created with ^a call to

MPI::Intracomm foo_comm, bar_comm, baz_comm;

Comparison The comparison operators are prototyped as follows:

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MPI::Intracomm::Dup() and is therefore ^a different communicator than foo_comm (and thus different from MPI::COMM_WORLD). baz_comm becomes an alias for bar_comm. If one of bar_comm or baz_comm is freed with MPI_COMM_FREE it will be set to MPI::COMM_NULL. The state of the other handle will be undefined — it will be invalid, but not necessarily set

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MPI::TWOINT MPI::SHORT

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MPI::INTEGER1 MPI::INTEGER2 MPI::INTEGER4 MPI::INTEGER8 MPI::REAL4 MPI::REAL8 MPI::REAL16

optional types (e.g., MPI::INTEGER8).

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MPI::MAX, MPI::MIN MPI::SUM, MPI::PROD

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MPI::ERRORS_THROW_EXCEPTIONS for use with the Set_errhandler() member functions. MPI::ERRORS_THROW_EXCEPTIONS can only be set or retrieved by C++ functions. If ^a non-C++ program causes an error that invokes the MPI::ERRORS_THROW_EXCEPTIONS error handler, the exception will pass up the calling stack until $C++$ code can catch it. If there is no C_{++} code to catch it, the behavior is undefined. In a multi-threaded environment or if ^a non-blocking MPI call throws an exception while making progress in the background, the behavior is implementation dependent.

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A third level of Fortran support is envisioned, but is deferred to future standardization efforts. In the rest of this section, "Fortran" shall refer to Fortran ⁹⁰ (or its successor) unless qualified.

1. Basic Fortran Support An implementation with this level of Fortran support provides the original Fortran bindings specified in MPI-1, with small additional require-ments specified in Section [16.2.3.](#page-197-0)

2. Extended Fortran Support An implementation with this level of Fortran support provides Basic Fortran Support ^plus additional features that specifically supportFortran 90, as described in Section [16.2.4.](#page-198-1)

^A compliant MPI-2 implementation providing ^a Fortran interface must provide Extended Fortran Support unless the target compiler does not support modules or KIND parameterized types.

16.2.2 Problems With Fortran Bindings for MPI

This section discusses ^a number of problems that may arise when using MPI in ^a Fortran program. It is intended as advice to users, and clarifies how MPI interacts with Fortran. It does not add to the standard, but is intended to clarify the standard.

As noted in the original MPI specification, the interface violates the Fortran standard in several ways. While these cause few problems for Fortran ⁷⁷ programs, they become more significant for Fortran ⁹⁰ programs, so that users must exercise care when using new Fortran ⁹⁰ features. The violations were originally adopted and have been retained because they are important for the usability of MPI. The rest of this section describes the potential problems in detail. It supersedes and replaces the discussion of Fortran bindings in theoriginal MPI specification (for Fortran 90, not Fortran 77).

The following MPI features are inconsistent with Fortran 90.

1. An MPI subroutine with ^a choice argument may be called with different argument types.

2. An MPI subroutine with an assumed-size dummy argument may be passed an actual scalar argument.

3. Many MPI routines assume that actual arguments are passed by address and that arguments are not copied on entrance to or exit from the subroutine.

4. An MPI implementation may read or modify user data (e.g., communication buffers used by nonblocking communications) concurrently with ^a user program that is executing outside of MPI calls.

5. Several named "constants," such as MPI_BOTTOM, MPI_IN_PLACE,

MPI_STATUS_IGNORE, MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE, MPI_ERRCODES_IGNORE,

MPI_ARGV_NULL, and MPI_ARGVS_NULL are not ordinary Fortran constants and require ^a special implementation. See Section 2.5.4 on page ¹⁴ for more information.

6. The memory allocation routine MPI_ALLOC_MEM can't be usefully used in Fortran mithaut a language automian that allows the allocated management a has accepted mith without ^a language extension that allows the allocated memory to be associated with^a Fortran variable.

MPI-1 contained several routines that take address-sized information as input or return address-sized information as output. In ^C such arguments were of type MPI_Aint and in Fortran of type INTEGER. On machines where integers are smaller than addresses, these routines can lose information. In MPI-2 the use of these functions has been deprecated and they have been replaced by routines taking INTEGER arguments of KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND. ^A number of new MPI-2 functions also take INTEGER arguments of non-default KIND. See Section 2.6 on page ¹⁵ and Section 4.1.1 on page ⁷⁹ for more information.

All MPI functions with choice arguments associate actual arguments of different Fortran datatypes with the same dummy argument. This is not allowed by Fortran 77, and in Fortran 90 is technically only allowed if the function is overloaded with ^a different function for each type. In C, the use of void* formal arguments avoids these problems.

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It is also technically illegal in Fortran to pass ^a scalar actual argument to an array dummy argument. Thus the following code fragment may generate an error since the buf argument to MPI_SEND is declared as an assumed-size array <type> buf(*).

Advice to users. In the event that you run into one of the problems related to type checking, you may be able to work around it by using ^a compiler flag, by compiling separately, or by using an MPI implementation with Extended Fortran Support as described in Section [16.2.4](#page-198-0). An alternative that will usually work with variables local to ^a routine but not with arguments to ^a function or subroutine is to use the EQUIVALENCE statement to create another variable with ^a type accepted by the compiler. (End of advice to users.)

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In Fortran 90, user data is not necessarily stored contiguously. For example, the array section $A(1:N:2)$ involves only the elements of A with indices 1, 3, 5, The same is true for ^a pointer array whose target is such ^a section. Most compilers ensure that an array that is ^a dummy argument is held in contiguous memory if it is declared with an explicit shape $(e.g., B(N))$ or is of assumed size $(e.g., B(*))$. If necessary, they do this by making a copy of the array into contiguous memory. Both Fortran 77 and Fortran 90 are carefully worded to allow such copying to occur, but few Fortran ⁷⁷ compilers do it.[1](#page-192-0)

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Special Constants

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In Fortran the implementation of these special constants may require the use of language constructs that are outside the Fortran standard. Using special values for the constants (e.g., by defining them through parameter statements) is not possible because an implementation cannot distinguish these values from legal data. Typically these constants are implemented as predefined static variables (e.g., ^a variable in an MPI-declared COMMON block), relying on the fact that the target compiler passes data by address. Inside the subroutine, this address can be extracted by some mechanism outside the Fortran standard (e.g., by Fortran extensions or by implementing the function in C).

Fortran 90 Derived Types

MPI does not explicitly support passing Fortran 90 derived types to choice dummy arguments. Indeed, for MPI implementations that provide explicit interfaces through the mpⁱ module ^a compiler will reject derived type actual arguments at compile time. Even when no explicit interfaces are given, users should be aware that Fortran 90 provides no guarantee of sequence association for derived types or arrays of derived types. For instance, an array of ^a derived type consisting of two elements may be implemented as an array of the first elements followed by an array of the second. Use of the SEQUENCE attribute may help here, somewhat.

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MPI_WAIT on ^a concurrent thread modifies buf between the invocation of MPI_IRECV and the finish of MPI_WAIT. But the compiler cannot see any possibility that buf can be changed after MPI_IRECV has returned, and may schedule the load of buf earlier than typed in the source. It has no reason to avoid using ^a register to hold buf across the call to MPI_WAIT. It also may reorder the instructions as in the case on the right.

To prevent instruction reordering or the allocation of ^a buffer in ^a register there are two possibilities in portable Fortran code:

• The compiler may be prevented from moving ^a reference to ^a buffer across ^a call to an MPI subroutine by surrounding the call by calls to an external subroutine with the buffer as an actual argument. Note that if the intent is declared in the external subroutine, it must be OUT or INOUT. The subroutine itself may have an empty body, but the compiler does not know this and has to assume that the buffer may be altered. For example, the above call of MPI_RECV might be replaced by

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double precision ^x 36

real(KIND(0.0d0)) ^x

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One datatype is required for each representation supported by the compiler. To be backward compatible with the interpretation of these types in MPI-1, we assume that the nonstandard declarations REAL*n, INTEGER*n, always create ^a variable whose representation is of size ⁿ. All these datatypes are predefined.

The following functions allow ^a user to obtain ^a size-specific MPI datatype for any intrinsic Fortran type.

This function returns the size in bytes of the machine representation of the given variable. It is ^a generic Fortran routine and has ^a Fortran binding only.

Advice to users. This function is similar to the C and C_{++} sizes operator but behaves slightly differently. If given an array argument, it returns the size of the base element, not the size of the whole array. (End of advice to users.)

Rationale. This function is not available in other languages because it would not be useful. (End of rationale.)

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                    case 8: *rtype = MPI_REAL8; return MPI_SUCCESS;
                    default: error(...);
                 }
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           }
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This may not work in ^a heterogeneous environment if the value of size is not the same on process 1 and process 0. There should be no problem in ^a homogeneous environment. To communicate in ^a heterogeneous environment, there are at least four options. The first is to declare variables of default type and use the MPI datatypes for these types, e.g., declare ^a variable of type REAL and use MPI_REAL. The second is to use selected_real_kind or selected_int_kind and with the functions of the previous section. The third is to declare ^a variable that is known to be the same size on all architectures (e.g., selected_real_kind(12) on almost all compilers will result in an 8-byte representation). The fourth is to carefully check representation size before communication. This may require explicit conversion to ^a variable of size that can be communicated and handshaking between sender and receiver to agree on ^a size. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Note finally that using the "external32" representation for I/O requires explicit attention to the representation sizes. Consider the following code: real(selected_real_kind(5)) x(100) call MPI_SIZEOF(x, size, ierror) call MPI_TYPE_MATCH_SIZE(MPI_TYPECLASS_REAL, size, xtype, ierror) if (myrank .eq. 0) then call MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_SELF, 'foo', $\&$ MPI_MODE_CREATE+MPI_MODE_WRONLY, & MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror) call MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(fh, 0, xtype, xtype, 'external32', & MPI_INFO_NULL, ierror) call MPI_FILE_WRITE(fh, x, 100, xtype, status, ierror) call MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh, ierror) endif call MPI_BARRIER(MPI_COMM_WORLD, ierror) if (myrank .eq. 1) then call MPI_FILE_OPEN(MPI_COMM_SELF, 'foo', MPI_MODE_RDONLY, & MPI_INFO_NULL, fh, ierror) call MPI_FILE_SET_VIEW(fh, 0, xtype, xtype, 'external32', & MPI_INFO_NULL, ierror) call MPI_FILE_WRITE(fh, x, 100, xtype, status, ierror) call MPI_FILE_CLOSE(fh, ierror) endif 22

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16.3 Language Interoperability

16.3.1 Introduction

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It is highly desirable that the solution for interlanguage interoperability be extendableto new languages, should MPI bindings be defined for such languages.

16.3.2 Assumptions

We assume that conventions exist for programs written in one language to call routines written in another language. These conventions specify how to link routines in different languages into one program, how to call functions in ^a different language, how to pass arguments between languages, and the correspondence between basic data types in different languages. In general, these conventions will be implementation dependent. Furthermore, not every basic datatype may have ^a matching type in other languages. For example, C/C++ character strings may not be compatible with Fortran CHARACTER variables. However, we assume that ^a Fortran INTEGER, as well as ^a (sequence associated) Fortran array of INTEGERs, can be passed to ^a ^C or C++ program. We also assume that Fortran, C, and C++ have address-sized integers. This does not mean that the default-size integers are the same size as default-sized pointers, but only that there is some way to hold (and pass) ^a ^C address in ^a Fortran integer. It is also assumed that INTEGER(KIND=MPI_OFFSET_KIND)can be passed from Fortran to ^C as MPI_Offset.

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16.3.3 Initialization

A call to MPI_INIT or MPI_INIT_THREAD, from any language, initializes MPI for execution in all languages.

Advice to users. Certain implementations use the (inout) argc, argv arguments of the $C/C++$ version of MPI_INIT in order to propagate values for argc and argv to all executing processes. Use of the Fortran version of MPI_INIT to initialize MPI may result in ^a loss of this ability. (End of advice to users.) The function MPI_INITIALIZED returns the same answer in all languages. The function MPI_FINALIZE finalizes the MPI environments for all languages.

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The MPI environment is initialized in the same manner for all languages by MPI_INIT. E.g., MPI_COMM_WORLD carries the same information regardless of language: same processes, same environmental attributes, same error handlers.

Information can be added to info objects in one language and retrieved in another.

Advice to users. The use of several languages in one MPI program may require the use of special options at compile and/or link time. (End of advice to users.)

Advice to implementors. Implementations may selectively link language specific MPI libraries only to codes that need them, so as not to increase the size of binaries for codes that use only one language. The MPI initialization code need perform initialization for ^a language only if that language library is loaded. (End of advice to implementors.)

16.3.4 Transfer of Handles

Handles are passed between Fortran and C or C++ by using an explicit C wrapper to convert Fortran handles to C handles. There is no direct access to C or C_{++} handles in Fortran. Handles are passed between C and C++ using overloaded C++ operators called from C++ code. There is no direct access to C++ objects from C.

The type definition MPI_Fint is provided in $C/C++$ for an integer of the size that matches a Fortran INTEGER; usually, MPI Fint will be equivalent to int.

The following functions are provided in C to convert from ^a Fortran communicator handle (which is an integer) to ^a C communicator handle, and vice versa. See also Section 2.6.5 on page 21.

MPI_Comm MPI_Comm_f2c(MPI_Fint comm)

If comm is ^a valid Fortran handle to ^a communicator, then MPI_Comm_f2c returns ^a valid C handle to that same communicator; if comm ⁼ MPI_COMM_NULL (Fortran value), then MPI_Comm_f2c returns ^a null C handle; if comm is an invalid Fortran handle, then MPI_Comm_f2c returns an invalid C handle.

MPI_Fint MPI_Comm_c2f(MPI_Comm comm)

The function MPI_Comm_c2f translates ^a C communicator handle into ^a Fortran handle to the same communicator; it maps ^a null handle into ^a null handle and an invalid handle into an invalid handle.

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The same approach can be used for all other MPI functions. The call to MPI_xxx_f2c (resp. MPI_xxx_c2f) can be omitted when the handle is an OUT (resp. IN) argument, rather than INOUT.

Rationale. The design here provides ^a convenient solution for the prevalent case, where ^a C wrapper is used to allow Fortran code to call ^a C library, or C code to call ^a Fortran library. The use of C wrappers is much more likely than the use of Fortran wrappers, because it is much more likely that ^a variable of type INTEGER can be passed to C, than ^a C handle can be passed to Fortran.

Returning the converted value as ^a function value rather than through the argument list allows the generation of efficient inlined code when these functions are simple (e.g., the identity). The conversion function in the wrapper does not catch an invalid handle argument. Instead, an invalid handle is passed below to the library function, which, presumably, checks its input arguments. (*End of rationale.*)

C and C++ The C++ language interface provides the functions listed below for mixedlanguage interoperability. The token <CLASS> is used below to indicate any valid MPI opaque handle name (e.g., Group), except where noted. For the case where the $C++$ class corresponding to <CLASS> has derived classes, functions are also provided for converting between the derived classes and the C MPI_<CLASS>.

The following function allows assignment from a C MPI handle to a C_{++} MPI handle.

MPI::<CLASS>& MPI::<CLASS>::operator=(const MPI_<CLASS>& data)

The constructor below creates ^a C++ MPI object from ^a C MPI handle. This allows the automatic promotion of a C MPI handle to a C_{++} MPI handle.

MPI::<CLASS>::<CLASS>(const MPI_<CLASS>& data)

Example 16.14 In order for a C program to use a $C++$ library, the $C++$ library must export ^a C interface that provides appropriate conversions before invoking the underlying C_{++} library call. This example shows a C interface function that invokes a C_{++} library call with a C communicator; the communicator is automatically promoted to a C_{++} handle when the underlying C++ function is invoked.

^f_status is ^a valid Fortran status, but not the Fortran value of MPI_STATUS_IGNORE or MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE, then MPI_Status_f2c returns in ^c_status ^a valid ^C status with

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the same communication buffer is accessed, and the same representation conversion is performed, if needed. All predefined datatypes can be used in datatype constructors in any language. If ^a datatype is committed, it can be used for communication in any language.

MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE, or if f_status is not ^a valid Fortran status, then the call is erroneous. The C status has the same source, tag and error code values as the Fortran status, and returns the same answers when queried for count, elements, and cancellation. The conversion function may be called with ^a Fortran status argument that has an undefined error field, in which case the value of the error field in the C status argument is undefined. Two global variables of type MPI_Fint*, MPI_F_STATUS_IGNORE and MPI_F_STATUSES_IGNORE are declared in mpi.h. They can be used to test, in C, whether f_status is the Fortran value of MPI_STATUS_IGNORE or MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE, respectively. These are global variables, not C constant expressions and cannot be used in ^places where C requires constant expressions. Their value is defined only between the calls to MPI_INIT and MPI_FINALIZE and should not be changed by user code. To do the conversion in the other direction, we have the following: int MPI_Status_c2f(MPI_Status *c_status, MPI_Fint *f_status) This call converts ^a C status into ^a Fortran status, and has ^a behavior similar to MPI_Status_f2c. That is, the value of ^c_status must not be either MPI_STATUS_IGNORE or MPI_STATUSES_IGNORE. Advice to users. There is not ^a separate conversion function for arrays of statuses, since one can simply loop through the array, converting each status. (End of advice to users.) Rationale. The handling of MPI STATUS IGNORE is required in order to layer libraries with only ^a C wrapper: if the Fortran call has passed MPI_STATUS_IGNORE, then the C wrapper must handle this correctly. Note that this constant need not have the same value in Fortran and C. If MPI_Status_f2c were to handle MPI_STATUS_IGNORE, then the type of its result would have to be MPI Status**, which was considered an inferior solution. (End of rationale.) 16.3.6 MPI Opaque Objects Unless said otherwise, opaque objects are "the same" in all languages: they carry the same information, and have the same meaning in both languages. The mechanism described in the previous section can be used to pass references to MPI objects from language to language. An object created in one language can be accessed, modified or freed in another language. We examine below in more detail, issues that arise for each type of MPI object. Datatypes Datatypes encode the same information in all languages. E.g., a datatype accessor like MPI_TYPE_GET_EXTENT will return the same information in all languages. If ^a datatype defined in one language is used for ^a communication call in another language, then the

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As for addresses, new functions are provided that manipulate Fortran address sized attributes, and have the same functionality as the old functions in $C/C++$. These functions are described in Section 6.7, page 221. Users are encouraged to use these new functions.

MPI supports two types of attributes: address-valued (pointer) attributes, and integer valued attributes. C and C++ attribute functions put and get address valued attributes. Fortran attribute functions put and get integer valued attributes. When an integer valued attribute is accessed from C or $C++$, then MPI_xxx_get_attr will return the address of (a pointer to) the integer valued attribute. When an address valued attribute is accessed from Fortran, then MPI_xxx_GET_ATTR will convert the address into an integer and return the result of this conversion. This conversion is lossless if new style attribute functions are used, and an integer of kind MPI_ADDRESS_KIND is returned. The conversion may cause truncation if deprecated attribute functions are used.

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 $/*$ C code $*/$

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A.1 Defined Values and Handles

A.1.1 Defined Constants

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Datatype Matching Constants _TYPECLASS_COMPLEX MPI::TYPECLASS_COMPLEX _TYPECLASS_INTEGER MPI::TYPECLASS_INTEGER_TYPECLASS_REAL MPI::TYPECLASS_REAL

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INTEGER WIN, WIN_KEYVAL, IERROR INTEGER(KIND=MPI_ADDRESS_KIND) ATTRIBUTE_VAL, EXTRA_STATE

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int MPI_Comm_create_errhandler(MPI_Comm_errhandler_fn *function,

MPI_Errhandler *errhandler)

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int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status) int MPI_File_read_at(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)

int MPI_File_get_group(MPI_File fh, MPI_Group *group) int MPI_File_get_info(MPI_File fh, MPI_Info *info_used) int MPI_File_get_position(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset *offset) int MPI_File_get_position_shared(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset *offset) int MPI_File_get_size(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset *size) int MPI_File_get_type_extent(MPI_File fh, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Aint *extent) int MPI_File_get_view(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset *disp, MPI_Datatype *etype, MPI_Datatype *filetype, char *datarep) int MPI_File_iread_at(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI_File_iread(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI_File_iread_shared(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI File iwrite at(MPI File fh, MPI Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI_File_iwrite(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI_File_iwrite_shared(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Request *request) int MPI_File_open(MPI_Comm comm, char *filename, int amode, MPI_Info info, MPI_File *fh) int MPI_File_preallocate(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset size) int MPI_File_read_all_begin(MPI_File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype) int MPI_File_read_all_end(MPI_File fh, void *buf, MPI_Status *status) int MPI File read all(MPI File fh, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status) int MPI_File_read_at_all_begin(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype) int MPI_File_read_at_all_end(MPI_File fh, void *buf, MPI_Status *status) int MPI_File_read_at_all(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status) int MPI_File_read_at(MPI_File fh, MPI_Offset offset, void *buf, int count, MPI_Datatype datatype, MPI_Status *status)

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MPI_RECV(BUF, COUNT, DATATYPE, SOURCE, TAG, COMM, STATUS, IERROR)

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MPI_REGISTER_DATAREP(DATAREP, READ_CONVERSION_FN, WRITE_CONVERSION_FN, DTYPE_FILE_EXTENT_FN, EXTRA_STATE, IERROR)

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const Aint array_of_displacements[]) const

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void Get_error_string(int errorcode, char* name, int& resultlen)

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};

 $\langle\texttt{CLASS}\rangle$::operator MPI_ $\langle\texttt{CLASS}\rangle$ () const

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