MPI Kick Start

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Installing Open MPI under Linux and Mac OS X

I installed Open MPI under Debian 5.0 and Mac OS X 10.6.8. Here are the steps:

- 1. Download latest stable release of open mpi from http://www.open-mpi.org/software/ompi/v1.4/downloads/openmpi-1.4.4.tar.gz
- 2. Type these commands to build Open MPI with default settings (if want to change defaults, find and read the Open MPI installation guide)

tar -xvf openmpi-1.4.4.tar.gz ./configure make all install

3. Now, go to the directory openmpi-1.4.4/examples to compile the examples

Type "make" Three examples will be build: hello_c.c, ring_c.c and connectivity_c.c Run hello_c by typing "mpiexec -n 2 ./hello_c"

If you get the error "mpicc: error while loading shared libraries: libopen-pal.so.0: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory", run the command "ldconfig" (as root) to update the shared library bindings (for more info: http://linux.die.net/man/8/ldconfig)

How to compile your code with Open MPI:

mpicc -g your_code.c -o your_program

How to run your code with Open MPI:

mpiexec -n NUM_PROCESSORS ./your_program

Installing MPICH2 under Windows

I installed MPICH2 under Windows XP, here are the steps:

- 1. Install .NET framework 3.5
- 2. Install MinGW (I did not try with Cygwin, you may try)
- 3. Download MPICH2 from http://www.mcs.anl.gov/research/projects/mpich2/ (I installed "MPICH2 Windows IA32 (binary)")
- 4. Add C:\Program Files\MPICH2\bin to the PATH (assuming you installed it in the default location)
- 5. Open command line, and go to C:\Program Files\MPICH2\examples to test your installation
- 6. Type "mpiexec -n 3 cpi.exe" to run the sample program. You will get a response like this: "user credentials needed to launch process"
- 7. Type your Windows username and Windows password, the sample program will run.
- 8. In order not to enter credentials every time you run mpiexec, you can register your username and password by command "mpiexec -register"

How to compile your code with MPICH2:

gcc -L"C:\Program Files\MPICH2\lib" -I"C:\Program Files\MPICH2\include"
your_code.c -lmpi

How to run your code with MPICH2:

mpiexec -n NUM_PROCESSORS ./your_program