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Installation and User's Guide to MPICH, a Portable Implementation of MPI Version 1.2.7 The ch_p4mpd device for Workstation Networks and Clusters

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Abstract

MPI (Message-Passing Interface) is a standard specification for message-passing libraries. MPICH is a portable implementation of the full MPI-1 specification for a wide variety of parallel and distributed computing environments. MPICH contains, along with the MPI library itself, a programming environment for working with MPI programs. The programming environment includes a portable startup mechanism, several profiling libraries for studying the performance of MPI programs, and an X interface to all of the tools. This document describes how to install and use the MPICH implementation of MPI.

This document describes how to obtain, install, and use MPICH [12], the portable implementation of the MPI Message-Passing Standard. This document describes version 1.2.7.

1 Introduction

MPICH is a freely available implementation of the MPI standard that runs on a wide variety of systems. The details of the MPICH implementation are described in [12]; related papers include [9] and [10].

MPICH is no longer being developed; the current release may be the last release of MPICH. A new version of MPI, MPICH2, is available from www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich2. This all-new implementation of MPI includes all of both MPI-1 and MPI-2. If you believe you have found a bug in MPICH, we recommend that you try MPICH2 (we'll probably recommend that when you send in a bug report).

Major Features of MPICH:

- Full MPI 1.2 compliance, *including* cancel of sends.
- MPMD programs (see Section 3.3) and heterogeneous clusters are supported.
- The MPI-2 standard C++ bindings are available for the MPI-1 functions.
- Both Fortran 77 and Fortran 90 bindings, including both 'mpif.h' and an MPI module.
- A Windows NT version is available as open source. The installation and use for this version is different; this manual covers only the Unix version of MPICH.
- Supports a wide variety of environments, including clusters of SMPs and massively parallel computers.
- Follows many (but not all) of GNU-recommended build and install targets, including VPATH.
- Parts of MPI-2 are also supported:
  - Most of MPI-IO is supported through the ROMIO implementation (See 'romio/README' for details).
  - Support for MPI_INIT_THREAD (but only for MPI_THREAD_SINGLE and MPI_THREAD_FUNNELLED).

  - Miscellaneous new `MPI_Info` and `MPI_Datatype` routines.

- `MPICH` also includes components of a parallel programming environment, including
  - Tracing and logfile tools based on the MPI profiling interface, including a scalable logfile format (SLOG).
  - Parallel performance visualization tools (`upshot` and `jumpshot`).
  - Extensive correctness and performance tests.
  - Both large and small application examples.

1.1 Features of recent releases

Version 1.2.7 of `MPICH` is primarily a bug fix and increased portability release, particularly for Linux-based clusters.

This is primarily a bug-fix release. New users should use MPICH2 (`www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich2`) instead of MPICH. As of version 1.2.7 of MPICH and version 1.0 of MPICH2, the only major feature supported in MPICH but not in MPICH2 is heterogenity; that is, support for a single MPI application running on systems that use different data representations (e.g., a mixture of IA32 and IA64 systems).

New and improved in 1.2.7:

- Numerous ROMIO changes, primarily to support MPICH-2 but including a number of bug fixes and more support for PVFS.
- Numerous MPE changes, primarily to improve support for MPICH-2, but including new features and a more robust build process.
- Improvements to the code that releases SYS V IPC resources on exit (these are used in the `ch_shmem` device and in the `ch_p4` device when shared memory support is requested).
- Numerous MPICH-G2 changes, including support for `MPI_Comm_connect` and `MPI_Comm_accept` from Fortran and support for the `mpicxx` script for compiling C++ programs.
- Fixed support for `gnuplotps` and `gnuploteps` in the `mpptest` performance test program.
- Improved support for `MPI_STATUS_IGNORE`. However, users looking for MPI-2 features such as this should switch to MPICH2.
- Added support to the `ch_p4` device for usernames containing more than nine characters.

New and improved in 1.2.6:

- Improved build for Mac OSX, including use of the IBM compilers

- Many small fixes
- Additional improvements to the collective algorithms

New and improved in 1.2.5:

- Updated Globus2 device for Globus 2.2 or later
- Improved SLOG and Jumpshot
- New collective algorithms
- Better handling of startup in the `ch_p4` device.

New and improved in 1.2.4:

- Added support for the POSIX `sched_yield` call. This significantly increases the performance of the `ch_shmem` device and `ch_p4` device when `-comm=shared` is chosen, when there are more total processes (including operating system and other user processes) than processors on a node. This is now the default where available. However, when there are fewer processes than processors, lower latencies can be achieved by configuring with `--disable-yield`.
- The option `--with-common-prefix=dir` can be used to set the directory path for installing tools such as `upshot` and `jumpshot` that are independent of the MPICH device. For example,

```
configure --with-device=ch_p4 --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.4/ch_p4 \
    --with-common-prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.4
make
make install
configure --with-device=ch_p4mpd  --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.4/ch-p4mpd \
    --with-common-prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.4
```

- Added `CYGWIN_NT` to known architectures.
- Added more support for the MPI-2 feature `MPI_STATUS_NULL`.
- Fixed several bugs in the flow control code that could cause programs to hang.
- Many improvements to the MPICH-NT version.
- A bug in the `autoconf` macro `AC_CHECK_HEADER` has been fixed; this caused `configure` to conclude that header files were not available even though they were.
- Fixes for NETBSD (usc code in `ch_p4`)

New and improved in 1.2.3:

- Reorganized manuals, arranged by device and including a frequently asked questions section.

- Further improvements to the `ch_p4mpd` device.
- Improvements to the SMP support in the `ch_p4` device, thanks to Pete Wykcoff.
- Support for IA64 systems running Linux and for Mac OS X.
- Support for version 2 of Globus in the `globus2` device.
- Many bug fixes and code improvements. See `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/r1_2_3changes.html` for a complete list of changes.

New and improved in 1.2.2:

- A greatly improved `ch_p4mpd` device.
- Improved support for assorted Fortran 77 and Fortran 90 compilers, including compile-time evaluation of Fortran constants used in the `MPICH` implementation.
- An improved `globus2` device, providing better performance.
- A new `bproc` mode for the `ch_p4` device supports Scyld Beowulfs.
- Many TCP performance improvements for the `ch_p4` and `ch_p4mpd` devices, as well as
- Many bug fixes and code improvements. See `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/r1_2_2changes.html` for a complete list of changes.

1.2 Choosing the correct device and release

`MPICH` is designed to be ported and optimized for a variety of systems though implementations of an *abstract device interface* (ADI). Many different implementations of the ADI exist; each is called a *device*.

Workstation Networks, Beowulf Clusters, and Individual Workstations. The important devices are `ch_p4` and `ch_p4mpd`. The `ch_p4` device is the most general and supports SMP nodes, MPMD programs, and heterogeneous collections of systems. The `ch_p4mpd` device supports only homogenous clusters of uniprocessors, but provides for far faster and more scalable startup.

Grids. The `globus2` device uses Globus (`www.globus.org`) to provide a grid-enabled implementation of MPI. This device is appropriate for collections of systems on which Globus is installed.

Symmetric Multiprocessors. The `ch_shmem` device is appropriate for a single shared-memory system, such as a SGI Origin or Sun E10000. This device uses shared memory to pass messages between processes, and makes use of facilities provided by the operating system such as System V shared memory or anonymous mmap regions for data and System V semaphores or OS-specific mutex routines for synchronization. The `ch_lfshmem` device is a version of `ch_shmem` that uses a lock-free approach and that

we developed for the NEC SX-4 [9]. The `ch_shmem` is appropriate for most systems; the `ch_lfshmem` requires special assembly language coding but can be ported to most systems. However, the `ch_lfshmem` supports only the NEC SX-4.

Massively Parallel Processors (MPPs). `MPICH` was originally developed to provide an implementation of MPI for many of the massively parallel processors, each of which had its own, propritary, message-passing system. We still include the devices `ch_meiko`, `ch_nx` and `ch_mpl` with `MPICH` releases, though most of these systems have now disappeared.

Others. `MPICH` was designed to enable other groups to use it when developing their own MPI implementations. Both vendors and research groups have used `MPICH` as the basis for their implementation. One important one in the cluster environment is `MPICH-GM`, for Myrinet switch-connected clusters; it is available directly from Myricom.

To make it easier to build and use `MPICH`, customized versions of this manual are constructured for each major device.

1.3 Citations and References

The name `MPICH` is derived from MPI and Chameleon; Chameleon both because `MPICH` can run (adapt its color) on a wide range of environments and because the initial implementation of `MPICH` used the Chameleon [16] message-passing portability system. `MPICH` is pronounced "Em Pee Eye See Aych," not "Emm Pitch." The proper references for `MPICH` are the paper in the journal *Parallel Computing* [12] and this manual [11]. BibTeX versions of these citations are available at `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/mpich-prefer-ref.html`.

2 Quick Start

Here is a set of steps for setting up and minimally testing `MPICH`. Details and instructions for a more thorough tour of `MPICH`'s features, including installing, validating, benchmarking, and using the performance evaluation tools, are given in the following sections.

2.1 Downloading `MPICH`

The first step is to download `MPICH` and install any necessary patches.

1. The easiest way to get `MPICH` is to use the web page `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/download.html`; you can also use anonymous ftp from `ftp.mcs.anl.gov` in directory '`pub/mpi`'. Get the file '`mpich.tar.gz`'. (If that file is too big, try getting the pieces from `pub/mpi/mpisplit` and `cat`ting them together.)

2. Unpack the '`mpich.tar.gz`' file into a build directory. We recommend using a locally mounted partition rather than an NFS (network file system) partition. For example, on many systems, '`/tmp`' or '`/sandbox`' are locally mounted. Make sure that there is

enough space available (100MB should be more than enough). To unpack, assuming that '`mpich.tar.gz`' has been downloaded into '`/tmp`', use

```
% cd /tmp
% tar zxovf mpich.tar.gz
```

If your `tar` does not accept the `z` option, use

```
% cd /tmp
% gunzip -c mpich.tar.gz | tar zxovf -
```

3. Apply any patches. Check the web page `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/buglist-tbl.html` for any patches that need to be applied. Normally, versions of `MPICH` that already have these important patches applied are available; they are indicated by a fourth number in the release name (e.g., 1.2.2.3). But in some cases, a patch is made available early. The patch page has instructions on applying the patches.

Now you are ready to build `MPICH`.

2.2 Configuring, Making, and Installing

Before you can use `MPICH`, you must configure and make it. For the `ch_p4mpd` device, you must also install it. The configuration process analyzes your system and determines the correct options and settings; it also creates the '`Makefile`'s that are used to make `MPICH`.

1. Decide where you want to install `MPICH`. This step is not strictly necessary (except in the case of the `ch_p4mpd` device); however, installing `MPICH` (which can be done without any privilages in a user directory) both makes it easier to manage updates to `MPICH` and allows you to reduce the amount disk space that `MPICH` takes up, since the installed version contains only the libraries, header files, documentation, and supporting programs. We recommend an install path that contains the version number of `MPICH`. For example, if you are installing `MPICH` for others to use, and you have the required access rights, you could choose '`/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/`'. If you are installing it just for your own use, you could use something like '`/home/me/software/mpich-1.2.7`'.

2. Invoke `configure` with the appropriate `prefix` and specify the `ch_p4mpd` device:

   ```
   % ./configure --with-device=ch_p4mpd --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7
   ```

   Section 4.1 discusses the options that can be given to `configure` to customize `MPICH`.

   The output of `configure` is piped to `tee`; this program both writes the output to the file specified by its argument (here '`c.log`') and to standard output. If you have trouble with the `configure` or `make` step, the file '`c.log`' will help identify any problems.

3. Make `MPICH`:

```
% make |& tee make.log
```

This may take a while, depending on the load on your system and on your file server, it may take anywhere from a few minutes to an hour or more.

4. For the `ch_p4mpd` device, you now need to do

```
make install
```

Then it will be convenient to add the `bin` subdirectory of the install directory to your PATH. This will make available the commands for building programs, running them, and for managing the `mpd` daemons. For many shells, you can do this with

```
setenv PATH <installdir>/bin:$PATH
```

2.3 Running examples

1. Start the MPD daemons. This is described in detail in Section 4.9.2; however, to start running on your local machine, you can do the following:

   (a) Create an '`.mpd.conf`' file in your home directory. This contains a password used only for the mpd system. Use the following steps

```
cd
touch .mpd.conf
chmod og-rw .mpd.conf
echo "password=mympdpassword" >> .mpd.conf
```

   where `mympdpassword` is a password that you have chosen that is different from any other passwords that you use (e.g., do not use your login password!). The other steps make sure that the file is created in your home directory and that it has the correct permissions.

   (b) Start an mpd demon:

```
mpd -b &
```

   This starts an mpd demon in the background (no standard output or error).

   At this point, you are ready to run programs, even ones with multiple processes, on the current machine.

2. (Optional) Build and run a simple test program:

```
% cd examples/basic
% make cpi
% ../../bin/mpirun -np 4 cpi
```

   At this point you have run an MPI program on your system. If you have trouble, see Section 6.

3. (Optional) Put the distribution through its complete acceptance test (See Section 4.10 for how to do this).

4. (Optional) If you wish to install MPICH in a public place so that others may use it, use

   ```
   % make install
   ```

   to install MPICH into the directory specified by the --prefix option to configure. Installation will consist of an 'include', 'lib', 'bin', 'sbin', 'www', and 'man' directories and a small 'examples' directory. Should you wish to remove the installation, you can run the script sbin/mpiuninstall. This step is required in the case of the ch_p4mpd device.

5. (Optional) At this point you can announce to your users how to compile and run MPI programs, using the installation you have just built in '/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/' (or wherever you have installed it). See Section 3 for commands they can use. They can also copy the 'Makefile' in '/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/examples' and adapt it for their own use.

2.4 Sample MPI programs

The MPICH distribution contains a variety of sample programs, which are located in the MPICH source tree. Most of these will work with any MPI implementation, not just MPICH.

examples/basic contains a few short programs in Fortran, C, and C++ for testing the simplest features of MPI.

examples/test contains multiple test directories for the various parts of MPI. Enter "make testing" in this directory to run our suite of function tests.

examples/perftest Performance benchmarking programs. See the script runmpptest for information on how to run the benchmarks. These are relatively sophisticated.

mpe/contrib/mandel A Mandelbrot program that uses the MPE graphics package that comes with mpich. It should work with any other MPI implementation as well, but we have not tested it. This is a good demo program if you have a fast X server and not too many processes.

mpe/contrib/mastermind A program for solving the Mastermind puzzle in parallel. It can use graphics (gmm) or not (mm).

Additional examples from the book *Using MPI* [13] are available at www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/using. Tutorial material on MPI can also be found at www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi.

3 Programming Tools

The MPICH implementation comes with a variety of tools for building, running, debugging, and analyzing MPI programs. This section details these tools.

3.1 Compiling, linking, and running programs

The `MPICH` implementation provides four commands for compiling and linking C (`mpicc`), C++ (`mpicxx`), Fortran 77 (`mpif77`), and Fortran 90 (`mpif90`) programs.

Use these commands just like the usual C, Fortran 77, C++, or Fortran compilers. For example,

```
mpicc -c foo.c
mpif77 -c foo.f
mpicxx -c foo.cxx
mpif90 -c foo.f90
```

and

```
mpicc -o foo foo.o
mpif77 -o foo foo.o
mpicxx -o foo foo.o
mpif90 -o foo foo.o
```

Commands for the linker may include additional libraries. For example, to use routines from the C math library library, use

```
mpicc -o foo foo.o -lm
```

Combining compilation and linking in a single command, as shown here,

```
mpicc -o foo foo.c
mpif77 -o foo foo.f
mpicxx -o foo foo.cxx
mpif90 -o foo foo.f
```

may also be used (on most systems).

Note that while the suffixes `.c` for C programs and `.f` for Fortran-77 programs are standard, there is no consensus for the suffixes for C++ and Fortran-90 programs. The ones shown here are accepted by many but not all systems. `MPICH` tries to determine the accepted suffixes, but may not always be able to.

Earlier versions of MPICH used `mpiCC` to compile C++ programs. However, on some operating systems, such as Mac OS X, filenames that differ only in case, such as '`mpicc`' and '`mpiCC`', refer to the same file. To avoid problems caused when scripts and Makefiles that use the MPICH compilation scripts are ported to such systems, we have chnaged to using only `mpicxx` for compiling and linking C++ programs. We also encourage users to use '`.cxx`' or '`.cc`' as the file extension for C++ programs rather than '`.C`' (because it is the same as '`.c`' on OS X) or '`.cpp`' (because some applications use that suffix for files created with the C preprocessor).

You can override the choice of compiler by specifying the environment variable `MPICH_CC`, `MPICH_F77`, `MPICH_CCC`, or `MPICH_F90`. However, be warned that this will work only if the alternate compiler is compatible with the default one (by compatible, we mean that is uses the same sizes for all datatypes and layouts, and generates object code that can be used with the `MPICH` libraries). If you wish to override the linker, use the environment variables `MPICH_CLINKER`, `MPICH_F77LINKER`, `MPICH_CCLINKER`, or `MPICH_F90LINKER`.

If you want to see the commands that would be used without actually running them, add the command line argument `-show`.

In addition, the following special options are supported for accessing some of the features of the MPE environment for monitoring MPI calls from within an application:

-mpilog Build version that generates MPE log files.

-mpitrace Build version that generates traces.

-mpianim Build version that generates real-time animation.

These are described in more detail in Section 3.5.

3.1.1 Compiling and Linking without the Scripts

In some cases, it is not possible to use the scripts supplied by `MPICH` for compiling and linking programs. For example, another tool may have its own compilation scripts. In this case, you can use `-compile_info` and `-link_info` to have the `MPICH` compilation scripts indicate the compiler flags and linking libraries that are required for correct operation of the `MPICH` routines. For example, when using the `ch_shmem` device on Solaris systems, the library `thread` (`-lthread`) must be linked with the application. If the `thread` library is not provided, the application will still link, but essential routines will be replaced with dummy versions contained within the Solaris C library, causing the application to fail.

For example, to determine the flags used to compile and link C programs, you can use these commands, whose output for the `ch_p4` device on a Linux workstation is shown.

```
% mpicc -compile_info
cc -DUSE_STDARG -DHAVE_STDLIB_H=1 -DHAVE_STRING_H=1 -DHAVE_UNISTD_H=1
-DHAVE_STDARG_H=1 -DUSE_STDARG=1 -DMALLOC_RET_VOID=1
-I/usr/local/mpich/include -c

% mpicc -link_info
cc -DUSE_STDARG -DHAVE_STDLIB_H=1 -DHAVE_STRING_H=1 -DHAVE_UNISTD_H=1
-DHAVE_STDARG_H=1 -DUSE_STDARG=1 -DMALLOC_RET_VOID=1
-L/usr/local/mpich/lib -lmpich
```

3.2 Running programs with `mpirun`

To run an MPI program, use the `mpirun` command, which is located in '`/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/bin`'. For almost all systems, you can use the command

```
mpirun -np 4 a.out
```

to run the program 'a.out' on four processors. The command `mpirun -help` gives you a complete list of options, which may also be found in Appendix E.

On exit, `mpirun` returns the status of one of the processes, usually the process with rank zero in `MPI_COMM_WORLD`.

3.2.1 Running MPICH Jobs under MPD

Because the MPD daemons are already in communication with one another before the job starts, job startup is much faster than with the `ch_p4` device. The program `mpirun` runs in a separate (non-MPI) process that starts the MPI processes running the specified executable. It serves as a single-process representative of the parallel MPI processes in that signals sent to it, such as `^Z` and `^C` are conveyed by the MPD system to all the processes. The output streams `stdout` and `stderr` from the MPI processes are routed back to the `stdout` and `stderr` of `mpirun`. As in most MPI implementations, `mpirun`'s `stdin` is routed to the `stdin` of the MPI process with rank 0. The `mpirun` command for the `ch_p4mpd` device has a number of special command-line arguments.

`-np <num>` Run the program with `<num>` processes. This will be the size of `MPI_COMM_WORLD` at startup. The machines on which the processes will run are determined by the ring of MPD daemons.

`-s` Close `stdin`. This allows the `mpirun` command to be run in the background without suspending in a way for `tty` input.

`-g <size>` Start `<size>` processes under each MPD daemon, up until the number of processes specified with the `-np` argument have been started.

`-m <file>` Treat '`<file>`' as a list of machines on which to start the processes. It is important that MPD daemons already be running on those machines. An alternate method is to use the `-MPDLOC-` argument. If you run a job with

```
mpirun -np 8 a.out -MPDLOC- node1 node2 node3 node4
```

then two copies of `a.out` will be run on each of the specified machines. For large numbers of machines, a compact form can be used. For example

```
mpirun -np 80 a.out -MPDLOC- node%d:1-40,61-100
```

runs on the machines `node1` ... `node40`, `node61`, ... `node100`.

`-wdir <directory>` Make '`<directory>`' the working directory for the application processes.

`-jidfile <file>` Write the job id for the job into '`<file>`'.

`-whole` The collection and merging of `stdout` is by default done in a way that maximizes efficiency. The disadvantage is that sometimes lines of output from different processes can be interleaved on the same line. With this argument the user guarantees that all program output sent to `stdout` is followed by a newline character, and especially that the last line of output is terminated by a newline character. In this case the processes that collect output will wait for the newlines before forwarding output, thus ensuring that lines are kept separate. If this argument is specified and the condition is not met, then the program may hang.

`-l` Label lines of `stdout` and `stderr` output with the rank of the process that does it. Either with this option or without it, all `stdout` and `stderr` output from the application processes is routed back to the `stdout` and `stderr` of the `mpirun` process itself.

`-1` By default, the first application process is started on the same node that `mpirun` is run on. With this option the first process is started on the machine where the next MPD daemon in the ring is running. This option allows you, for example, to run `mpirun` on a "login" or "development" node on your cluster but to start all the application processes on "computation" nodes.

`-y` Perform certain initialization required by a job using Myrinet for communication inside the cluster.

If you type `mpirun` with no arguments, a short version of this information is displayed:

```
% mpirun
Usage: mpirun <args> executable <args_to_executable>
Arguments are:
  [-np num_processes_to_run] (required)
  [-help] (this message)
  [-s]  (close stdin; can run in bkgd w/o tty input problems)
  [-g group_size]  (start group_size procs per mpd)
  [-m machine_file]  (filename for allowed machines)
  [-l]  (line labels; unique id for each process's output
  [-1]  (do NOT start first process locally)
  [-y]  (run as Myrinet job)
  [-whole]  (stdout is guaranteed to stay in whole lines)
  [-wdir dirname] (set wording directory for application)
  [-jidfile file] (place job id in file file)
```

3.2.2 Passing Environment Variables to Programs under MPD

By default, the `mpirun` program only passes a few environment variables to the program. This speeds program startup, particularly since in most cases, few applications require environment variables. However, for those that do (including the `MPE_LOG_FORMAT` variable used to control the format of MPE logfiles), `mpirun` supports the command line argument `-MPDENV-`. This causes `mpirun` and MPD to start processes with the environment variables listed after `-MPDENV-`. For example,

```
mpirun -np N cpilog -MPDENV- MPE_LOG_FORMAT=SLOG
```

3.3 MPMD Programs

It is possible to run a parallel program with different executables with several of the devices including the `ch_p4`, `ch_mpl`, and `globus2` devices. It is not possible to do this with the `ch_shmem` or `ch_p4mpd` devices. This style of parallel programming is often called MPMD for "multiple program multiple data". In many cases, it is easy to convert a MPMD program into a single program that uses the rank of the process to invoke a different routine; doing so makes it easier to start parallel programs and often to debug them. If converting a MPMD program to a SPMD (single program multiple data, not to be confused with single *instruction* multiple data, or SIMD) is not feasible, then you can run MPMD programs using `MPICH`. However, you will not be able to use `mpirun` to start the programs; instead, you will need to follow the instructions for each device.

3.4 Debugging

Debugging parallel programs is notoriously difficult. Parallel programs are subject not only to the usual kinds of bugs but also to new kinds having to do with timing and synchronization errors. Often, the program "hangs," for example when a process is waiting for a message to arrive that is never sent or is sent with the wrong tag. Parallel bugs often disappear precisely when you adds code to try to identify the bug, which is particularly frustrating. In this section we discuss several approaches to parallel debugging.

3.4.1 The `printf` Approach

Just as in sequential debugging, you often wish to trace interesting events in the program by printing trace messages. Usually you wish to identify a message by the rank of the process emitting it. This can be done explicitly by putting the rank in the trace message. As noted above, using the "line labels" option (`-l`) with `mpirun` in the `ch_p4mpd` device in `MPICH` adds the rank automatically.

3.4.2 Error handlers

The MPI Standard specifies a mechanism for installing one's own error handler, and specifies the behavior of two predefined ones, `MPI_ERRORS_RETURN` and `MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL`. As part of the `MPE` library, we include two other error handlers to facilitate the use of command-line debuggers such as `dbx` in debugging MPI programs.

```
MPE_Errors_call_dbx_in_xterm
MPE_Signals_call_debugger
```

These error handlers are located in the `MPE` directory. A configure option (`-mpedbg`) includes these error handlers into the regular MPI libraries, and allows the command-line argument `-mpedbg` to make `MPE_Errors_call_dbx_in_xterm` the default error handler (instead of `MPI_ERRORS_ARE_FATAL`).

3.4.3 Starting jobs with a debugger

The `-dbg=<name of debugger>` option to `mpirun` causes processes to be run under the control of the chosen debugger. For example, enter

```
mpirun -dbg=gdb or mpirun -dbg=gdb a.out
```

invokes the `mpirun_dbg.gdb` script located in the '`mpich/bin`' directory. This script captures the correct arguments, invokes the `gdb` debugger, and starts the first process under `gdb` where possible. There are five debugger scripts; `ddd`, `gdb`, `xxgdb`, `ddd`, and `totalview`. These may need to be edited depending on your system. There is another debugger script for `dbx`, but this one will always need to be edited as the debugger commands for `dbx` varies between versions. You can also use this option to call another debugger; for example, `-dbg=mydebug`. All you need to do is write a script file, '`mpirun_dbg.mydebug`', which follows the format of the included debugger scripts, and place it in the '`mpich/bin`' directory. More information on using the Totalview debugger with `MPICH` can be found in Section 3.4.6.

3.4.4 Starting the debugger when an error occurs

It is often convenient to have a debugger start when a program detects an error. If `MPICH` was configured with the option `--enable-mpedbg`, then adding the command-line option `-mpedbg` to the program will cause `MPICH` to attempt to start a debugger (usually `dbx` or `gdb`) when an error that generates a signal (such as `SIGSEGV`) occurs. For example,

```
mpirun -np 4 a.out -mpedbg
```

If you are not sure if your `MPICH` provides this service, you can use `-mpiversion` to see if `MPICH` was built with the `--enable-mpedbg` option. This feature may not be available with all devices.

3.4.5 Attaching a debugger to a running program

On workstation clusters, you can often attach a debugger to a running process. For example, the debugger `dbx` often accepts a process id (pid) which you can get by using the `ps` command. The form may be either

```
dbx a.out 1234
```

or

```
dbx -pid 1234 a.out
```

where `1234` is the process id[1].

[1] The unnecessary changes in the command syntax for programs such as `dbx` contributes to the poor state of software.

To do this with gdb, start gdb and at its prompt do

```
file a.out
attach 1234
```

One can also attach the TotalView debugger to a running program (See Section 3.4.6 below).

3.4.6 Debugging MPI programs with TotalView

TotalView© [20] is a powerful, commercial-grade, portable debugger for parallel and multithreaded programs, available from Etnus (http://www.etnus.com/). TotalView understands multiple MPI implementations, including MPICH. By "understand" is meant that if you have TotalView installed on your system, it is easy to start your MPICH program under the control of TotalView, even if you are running on multiple machines, manage your processes both collectively and individually through TotalView's convenient GUI, and even examine internal MPICH data structures to look at message queues [5]. The general operation model of TotalView will be familiar to users of command-line-based debuggers such as gdb or dbx.

Starting an MPICH program under TotalView control. To start a parallel program under TotalView control, use

```
totalview mpirun
```

and select Processes/Startup Parameters from the TotalView menu system. Then you can enter the mpirun arguments in the window that pops up. For example you would enter

```
-np 4 cpi
```

TotalView will come up and you can start the program by typing 'G'. A window will come up asking whether you want to stop processes as they execute MPI_Init. You may find it more convenient to say "no" and instead to set your own breakpoint after MPI_Init (see Section 3.4.6). This way when the process stops it will be on a line in your program instead of somewhere inside MPI_Init.

Attaching to a running program. TotalView can attach to a running MPI program, which is particularly useful if you suspect that your code has deadlocked. To do this start TotalView with no arguments, and then press 'N' in the root window. This will bring up a list of the processes that you can attach to. When you dive through the initial MPICH process in this window TotalView will also acquire all of the other MPICH processes (even if they are not local). See the TotalView manual for more details of this process.

Debugging with TotalView. You can set breakpoints by clicking in the left margin on a line number. Most of the TotalView GUI is self-explanatory. You select things with the left mouse button, bring up an action menu with the middle button, and "dive" into functions, variables, structures, processes, etc., with the right button. Pressing `cntl-?` in any TotalView window brings up help relevant to that window. In the initial TotalView window it brings up general help. The full documentation (The TotalView *User's Guide*) is available from the Etnus web site.

You switch from viewing one process to the next with the arrow buttons at the top-right corner of the main window, or by explicitly selecting (left button) a process in the root window to re-focus an existing window onto that process, or by diving (right button) through a process in the root window to open a new window for the selected process. All the keyboard shortcuts for commands are listed in the menu that is attached to the middle button. The commands are mostly the familiar ones. The special one for MPI is the '`m`' command, which displays message queues associated with the process.

Note also that if you use the MPI-2 function `MPI_Comm_set_name` on a communicator, TotalView will display this name whenever showing information about the communicator, making it easier to understand which communicator is which.

3.4.7 Using `mpigdb`

The `ch_p4mpd` device version of MPICH features a "parallel debugger" that consists simply of multiple copies of the `gdb` debugger, together with a mechanism for redirecting `stdin`. The `mpigdb` command is a version of `mpirun` that runs each user process under the control of `gdb` and also takes control of `stdin` for `gdb`. The '`z`' command allows you to direct terminal input to any specified process or to broadcast it to all processes. We demonstrate this by running the π example under this simple debugger.

```
donner% mpigdb -np 5 cpi                # default is stdin bcast
(mpigdb) b 29                           # set breakpoint for all
0-4: Breakpoint 1 at 0x8049e93: file cpi.c, line 29.
(mpigdb) r                              # run all
0-4: Starting program: /home/lusk/mpich/examples/basic/cpi
0: Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0xbffffa84) at cpi.c:29
1-4: Breakpoint 1, main (argc=1, argv=0xbffffa74) at cpi.c:29
0-4: 29     n = 0;                      # all reach breakpoint
(mpigdb) n                              # single step all
0: 38               if (n==0) n=100; else n=0;
1-4: 42         MPI_Bcast(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
(mpigdb) z 0                            # limit stdin to rank 0
(mpigdb) n                              # single step process 0
0: 40               startwtime = MPI_Wtime();
(mpigdb) n                              # until  caught up
0: 42           MPI_Bcast(&n, 1, MPI_INT, 0, MPI_COMM_WORLD);
(mpigdb) z                              # go back to bcast stdin
(mpigdb) n                              # single step all
                ...                     # until interesting spot
```

```
(mpigdb) n
0-4: 52                 x = h * ((double)i - 0.5);
(mpigdb) p x                              # bcast print command
0: $1 = 0.0050000000000000001             # 0's value of x
1: $1 = 0.014999999999999999              # 1's value of x
2: $1 = 0.025000000000000001              # 2's value of x
3: $1 = 0.035000000000000003              # 3's value of x
4: $1 = 0.044999999999999998              # 4's value of x
(mpigdb) c                                # continue all
0: pi is approximately 3.141600986923, Error is 0.000008333333
0-4: Program exited normally.
(mpigdb) q                                # quit
donner%
```

If the debugging process hangs (no `mpigdb` prompt) because the current process is waiting for action by another process, `ctl-C` (Control-C) will bring up a menu that allows you to switch processes. The `mpigdb` is not nearly as advanced as TotalView, but it is often useful, and it is freely distributed with MPICH.

3.5 Log and tracefile tools

The MPE libraries that are distributed with `MPICH` contain several libraries for either logging information about the execution of each MPI call to a file for later analysis or for tracing each call as it occurs. These libraries may be accessed by simply providing a command line argument to the compilation scripts; further, this needs only be done when linking the program. For example, to create a log file of a program such as `cpi`, the following steps are needed:

```
mpicc -c cpi.c
mpicc -o cpi -mpilog cpi.o
```

The log file will be written to a file with the name '`cpi.clog`' or '`cpi.slog`', depending on the value of the environment variable `MPE_LOG_FORMAT` (clog is the default). The logfile can be graphically displayed using the Jumpshot program, described in Section 3.5.1.

Another tool of interest is FPMPI [7]; this tool reports a summary of all MPI calls, providing information about message lenghts, communication patterns.

3.5.1 Jumpshot

Jumpshot is a program for displaying logfiles produced using the MPE logging libraries. Jumpshot is described in more detail in the *MPE Installation and User's manual* [4]. Jumpshot is a Java program and requires a functioning Java environment. You can view a logfile such as '`cpi.clog`' in the example above by using

```
logviewer cpi.clog
```

There are several available log formats and `logviewer` selects the version of jumpshot appropriate for a particular logfile. See the MPE manual, distributed along with this manual, for more details.

3.6 Execution tracing

Execution tracing is easily accomplished using the `-mpitrace` command line argument while linking:

```
mpicc -c cpi.c
mpicc -o cpi -mpitrace cpi.o
```

3.7 Performance measurements

The '`mpich/examples/perftest`' directory contains a sophisticated tool for measuring latency and bandwidth for `MPICH` on your system. Simply change to the `mpich/examples/perftest` directory and do

```
make
mpirun -np 2 mpptest -gnuplot > out.gpl
```

The file '`out.gpl`' will then contain the necessary `gnuplot` commands. The file '`mppout.gpl`' will contain the data. To view the data with `gnuplot`, use:

```
gnuplot out.gpl
```

or use

```
load 'out.gpl'
```

from within `gnuplot`. Depending on your environment and version of `gnuplot`, you may need to start `gnuplot` first and issue the command `set terminal x11` before executing '`load 'out.gpl'`'. You can use

```
gnuplot
set term postscript eps
set output "foo.eps"
load 'out.gpl'
```

to create an Encapsulated Postscript graph such as the one in Figure 1.

The programs `mpptest` and `goptest` have a wide variety of capabilities; the option `-help` will list them. For example, `mpptest` can automatically pick message lengths to discover any sudden changes in behavior and can investigate the ability to overlap communication with computation. These programs are written using MPI, and may be used with *any*

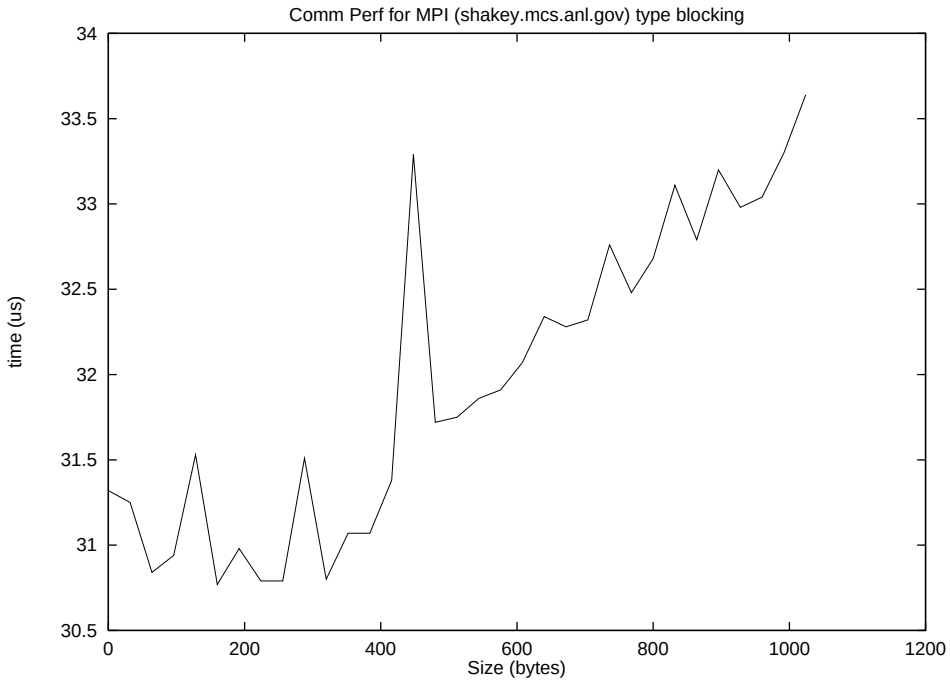

Figure 1: Sample output from `mpptest`

MPI implementation, not just `MPICH`. (See the `configure` file in the '`examples/perftest`' directory.) More information is available at `http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpptest`.

Benchmarking can be very tricky. Some common benchmarking errors are discussed at `http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpptest/hownot.html`. The paper [15] discusses these issues at more length.

4 Details

This section covers details that you should not normally need. Read this section if you need more detailed control over configuring, building, installing, or operating `MPICH`.

4.1 Configure options

The configure script documents itself in the following way. If you type

```
configure -usage
```

you will get a complete list of arguments and their meanings; these are also shown in Appendix D. The most important options are

`--prefix=dir` The installation prefix. `configure` understands all of the usual GNU installation directory arguments, including `--libdir` and `--mandir`. We recommend that all users specify an installation directory with `--prefix`.

`--with-device=devname` Set the `MPICH` device to use. `devname` must be the name of one of the directories in the '`mpid`' directory, such as `ch_p4`, `ch_shmem`, `globus2`, or `ch_p4mpd`.

`--enable-g` Add the `-g` option to the compile scripts. This is a prerequisite for using most debuggers, including `dbx`, and `gdb`. It is also needed for `mpigdb`.

`--enable-debug` Turn on support for the Totalview© Debugger. This allows Totalview to display information on message queues.

`--enable-sharedlib` Build both static and shared libraries for `MPICH`. This supports only a few systems, including those using `gcc` (e.g., most Linux Beowulf systems).

`-automountfix=program` This is sometimes necessary for systems with automounter problems (see Section 4.6.2).

In addition, `configure` makes use of environment variables such as `MAKE`, `CC`, `FC`, `CFLAGS`, and `FFLAGS`.

Normally, you should use `configure` with as few arguments as you can. If you leave all arguments off, `configure` will usually guess the correct architecture (`arch`) unless you are in a cross-compiling environment, and will usually choose an appropriate device (`device`) as well. Where TCP/IP is an appropriate mechanism for communication, the TCP device (`ch_p4`) will be chosen by default.

4.1.1 MPI and PMPI routines

The MPI standard requires that each routine be available with both the MPI and PMPI prefix; for example, `MPI_Send` and `PMPI_Send`. `MPICH` attempts to use *weak symbols* to provide this feature; this reduces the size of the `MPICH` library. You can force `MPICH` to make separate libraries for the MPI and PMPI versions by adding the configure option `--disable-weak-symbols`:

```
configure --disable-weak-symbols ...
```

Some MPI routines are implemented in terms of other MPI routines. For example, in `MPICH`, `MPI_Bcast` is implemented using `MPI_Send`. When weak symbols are used, even the PMPI versions of the routines are implemented using the MPI (not PMPI) versions. If you want the PMPI routines to only use the PMPI routines, use `--disable-weak-symbols` when configuring `MPICH`. Note that this behavior may change in later releases.

4.1.2 Configuring `MPICH` for use with threads

The `MPICH` implementation of MPI is not threadsafe. It may, however, be possible to use `MPICH` in a threaded application as long as all `MPICH` calls are made by a single thread. An example of this is OpenMP used for loop parallelism, combined with MPI.

4.1.3 Signals

In general, users should avoid using signals with MPI programs. The manual page for `MPI_Init` describes the signals that are used by the MPI implementation; these should not be changed by the user.

Because Unix does not chain signals, there is the possibility that several packages will attempt to use the same signal, causing the program to fail. For example, by default, the `ch_p4` device uses `SIGUSR1`; some thread packages also use `SIGUSR1`.

In a few cases, you can change the signal *before* calling `MPI_Init`. In those cases, your signal handler will be called after the `MPICH` implementation acts on the signal. For example, if you want to change the behavior of `SIGSEGV` to print a message, you can establish such a signal handler before calling `MPI_Init`. With devices such as the `ch_p4` device that handle `SIGSEGV`, this will cause your signal handler to be called after `MPICH` processes it (this is what it means to chain signals — each part of the application is given the opportunity to respond to the signal.).

4.2 Alternate C Compilers

More and more systems, particularly clusters, come with multiple compilers. In many cases, you can build `MPICH` using just one of these compilers and then allow users to use their favorite compiler when building their code. In many cases, no extra steps are needed. Users can simply use the command-line argument `-cc` or the environment variable `MPICH_CC` to specify a different compiler.

Unfortunately, this won't always work. For example, in some cases, different libraries may be needed by different compilers when linking programs. Some compilers may need different options to support ANSI/ISO C. In particular, support for the longer datatypes such as `long long` and `long double` may rely on runtime library support routines that are specific to each compiler. For C and C++, you can create a file with the name '`mpicc-<compilename>.conf`', e.g., '`mpicc-gcc.conf`' or '`mpicc-pgcc.conf`', that contains any specifications that are needed by the `mpicc` command. `mpicxx` uses '`mpicxx-<name>.conf`'. These files must be created by hand, starting from the file '`mpichlib.conf`' that is created in the '`mpich/util`' directory by the `MPICH configure`. The simplest way to create each file is to use `configure`:

```
setenv CC cc
configure --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7
make
make install
cp util/mpichlib.conf /usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/etc/mpicc-cc.conf
setenv CC gcc
configure --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7
make
cp util/mpichlib.conf /usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/etc/mpicc-gcc.conf
```

In this example, the default value of `sysconfdir`, `$prefix/etc`, is used.

For example, if MPICH was built with cc as the compiler but a user wanted to use gcc instead, either the commands

```
setenv MPICH_CC gcc
mpicc ...
```

or

```
mpicc -config=gcc ...
```

would case mpicc to load 'mpich-gcc.conf' and use the appropriate definitions.

4.3 Fortran Compilers

MPICH provides support for both Fortran 77 and Fortran 90. Because MPICH is implemented in C, using MPICH from Fortran can sometimes require special options. This section discusses some of the issues. Note that configure tries to determine the options needed to support Fortran. You need the information in this section only if you have problems. Section 4.3.6 discusses how to support multiple Fortran compilers (e.g., g77 and pgf77) with a single MPICH installation.

4.3.1 What if there is no Fortran compiler?

The configure program should discover that there is no Fortran compiler. You can force configure to not build the Fortran parts of the code with the option --disable-f77. In this case, only the C programs will be built and tested.

4.3.2 Fortran 90

During configuration, a number of Fortran 90-specific arguments can be specified. See the output of configure -help. In particular, when using the NAG Fortran 90 compiler, you should specify -f90nag.

4.3.3 Fortran 77 and Fortran 90

Selecting Fortran 90 with Fortran 77 should be done only when the two compilers are compatible, supporting the same datatypes and calling conventions. In particular, if the Fortran 90 compiler supports an 8-byte integer type, the Fortran 77 compiler must support integer*8 (this is needed by the MPI-IO routines for the value of MPI_OFFSET_KIND). In addition, both compilers must support the same functions for accessing the command line, and the code for those commands must reside in the same library. If the two Fortran compilers are not compatible, you should either select the Fortran 90 compiler as both the Fortran 77 and Fortran 90 compiler (relying on the upward compatibility of Fortran), or build two separate configurations of MPICH. For example,

```
setenv FC f90
setenv F90 f90
configure
```

will use `f90` for both Fortran 77 and Fortran 90 programs. In many systems, this will work well. If there are reasons to have separate Fortran 90 and Fortran 77 builds, then execute the following commands (where `MPICH` is to be installed into the directory '`/usr/local`'):

```
setenv FC f77
configure --disable-f90 -prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/f77-nof90
make
make install

setenv FC f90
setenv F90 f90
configure -prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/f90
make
make install
```

This sequence of commands will build and install two versions of `MPICH`. An alternative approach that installs only a single version of `MPICH` is decribed in Section 4.3.6.

4.3.4 Fortran 90 Modules

If `configure` finds a Fortran 90 compiler, by default `MPICH` will try to create a Fortran 90 module for MPI. In fact, it will create two versions of an `mpi` module: one that includes only the MPI routines that do not take "choice" arguments and one that does include choice argument. A choice argument is an argument that can take any datatype; typically, these are the buffers in MPI communication routines such as `MPI_Send` and `MPI_Recv`.

The two different modules can be accessed with the `-nochoice` and `-choice` option to `mpif90`. The choice version of the module supports a limited set of datatypes (numeric scalars and numeric one- and two-dimensional arrays). This is an experimental feature; please send mail to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov` if you have any trouble. Neither of these modules offer full "extended Fortran support" as defined in the MPI-2 standard.

The reason for having two versions of the MPI module is that it is very difficult to provide a completely correct module that includes all of the functions with choice arguments. As it is, on many systems, the size of the Fortran 90 module to handle the routines with choice arguments will be larger than the entire C version of the MPI library. If you are uninterested in the Fortran 90 MPI module, or you wish to keep the installed version of `MPICH` small, you can turn off the creation of the Fortran 90 MPI module with the configure option `--disable-f90modules`.

4.3.5 Configuring with the Absoft Fortran Compiler

The Absoft compiler can be told to generate external symbols that are uppercase, lowercase, and lowercase with a trailing underscore (the most common case for other Unix Fortran

compilers), or use mixed case (an extension of Fortran, which is only monocase). Each of these choices requires a *separate* MPICH configure and build step. MPICH has been tested in the mode where monocase names are generated; this case is supported because only this case supports common (and necessary for MPICH) extensions such as getarg and iargc. By default, MPICH forces the Absoft compiler to use lowercase; this matches most Unix Fortran compilers. MPICH will find the appropriate versions of getarg and iargc for this case. Because the examples and the test suite assume that the Fortran compiler is case-insensitive; the Fortran library produced by MPICH will only work with source code that uses monocase (either upper or lower) for all MPI calls.

In addition, you may need to use -N90 if you use character data, because the MPICH Fortran interface expects the calling convention used by virtually all Unix Fortran systems (Cray UNICOS is handled separately). If you are building shared libraries, you will also need to set the environment variable FC_SHARED_OPT to none.

Early versions of the Absoft compiler could not handle multiple -I options. If you have trouble with this, you should get an update from Absoft.

4.3.6 Configuring for Multiple Fortran Compilers

In some environments, there are several different Fortran compilers, all of which define Fortran datatypes of the same size, and which can be used with the same C libraries. These compilers may make different choices for Fortran name mappings (e.g., the external format of the names given to the linker) and use different approaches to access the command line. This section describes how to configure MPICH to support multiple Fortran compilers. However, if any of these steps fails, the best approach is to build a separate MPICH installation for each Fortran compiler.

The first step is to configure MPICH with the --with-flibname option. For example, if one of the compilers is g77, use

```
setenv F77 g77
./configure --with-flibname=mpich-g77 ... other options ...
```

After you build, test, *and install* this version of MPICH, you can configure support for additional Fortran compilers as follows:

1. Change directory to 'src/fortran'
2. Execute

```
setenv F77 pgf77
./configure --with-mpichconfig --with-flibname=mpich-pgf77
make clean
make
make install-alt
```

To use a particular Fortran compiler, either select it on the mpif77 command line with the -config=name option (e.g., -config=pgf77) or by selecting a particular mpif77 command (e.g., mpif77-pgf77).

4.4 C++

The C++ support in MPICH has been provided by Indiana University (this group was formerly at the University of Notre Dame), and uses its own configure process (it also supports other MPI implementations). This version supports only the MPI-1 functions, and does not include support for the MPI-2 functions such as I/O or the functions for manipulating MPI_Info. Questions, comments, suggestions, and requests for additional information should be sent to mpi2cpp-devel@osl.iu.edu. Bug reports should also be sent to mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov. More information is available at the web site http://www.osl.iu.edu/research/mpi2c++/.

Use the environment variable CXX to specify an alternate C++ compiler.

4.5 Using Shared Libraries

Shared libraries can help reduce the size of an executable. This is particularly valuable on clusters of workstations, where the executable must normally be copied over a network to each machine that is to execute the parallel program. However, there are some practical problems in using shared libraries; this section discusses some of them and how to solve most of those problems. Shared libraries are not supported from C++.

In order to build shared libraries for MPICH, you must have configured and built MPICH with the --enable-sharedlib option. Because each Unix system and in fact each compiler uses a different and often incompatible set of options for creating shared objects and libraries, MPICH may not be able to determine the correct options. MPICH understands Solaris, GNU gcc (on most platforms, including Linux and Solaris), and IRIX. Information on building shared libraries on other platforms should be sent to mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov.

Once the shared libraries are built, you must tell the MPICH compilation and linking commands to use shared libraries (the reason that shared libraries are not the default will become clear below). You can do this either with the command line option -shlib or by setting the environment variable MPICH_USE_SHLIB to yes. For example,

```
mpicc -o cpi -shlib cpi.c
```

or

```
setenv MPICH_USE_SHLIB yes
mpicc -o cpi cpi.c
```

Using the environment variable MPICH_USE_SHLIB allows you to control whether shared libraries are used without changing the compilation commands; this can be very useful for projects that use makefiles.

Running a program built with shared libraries can be tricky. If you have trouble, particular if programs will either not start or start and issue error messages about missing libraries, see Section 6.4.

4.6 File System Issues

Most users do not need to worry about file systems. However, there are two issues: using NFS (the Network File System) with MPI-IO and using NFS with some automounters. These issues are covered in the next two sections.

4.6.1 NFS and MPI-IO

To use MPI-IO multihost on NFS file systems, NFS should be version 3, and the shared NFS directory must be mounted with the "no attribute caching" (noac) option set (the directory cannot be automounted). If NFS is not mounted in this manner, the following error could occur:

```
MPI_Barrier: Internal MPI error: No such file or directory
File locking messages
```

In order to reconfigure NFS to handle MPI-IO properly, the following sequence of steps are needed (root permission required):

1. confirm you are running NFS version 3

   ```
   rpcinfo -p `hostname` | grep nfs

   for example, there should be a '3' in the second column
   fire >rpcinfo -p fire | grep nfs
   100003    3   udp   2049  nfs
   ```

2. edit '`/etc/fstab`' for each NFS directory read/written by MPI-IO on each machine used for multihost MPI-IO. The following is an example of a correct fstab entry for /epm1:

   ```
   root >grep epm1 /etc/fstab
   gershwin:/epm1 /rmt/gershwin/epm1 nfs bg,intr,noac 0 0
   ```

   If the "noac" option is not present, add it and then remount this directory on each of the machines that will be used to share MPI-IO files.

   ```
   root >umount /rmt/gershwin/epm1
   root >mount /rmt/gershwin/epm1
   ```

3. confirm that the directory is mounted noac

   ```
   root >grep gershwin /etc/mnttab
   gershwin:/epm1 /rmt/gershwin/epm1 nfs
   noac,acregmin=0,acregmax=0,acdirmin=0,acdirmax=0 0 0 899911504
   ```

Turning off of attribute caching may reduce performance of MPI-IO applications as well as other applications using this directory. The load on the machine where the NFS directory is hosted will increase.

4.6.2 Dealing with automounters

Automounters are programs that dynamically make file systems available when needed. While this is very convenient, many automounters are unable to recognize the file system names that the automounter itself generates.[2] For example, if a user accesses a file '`/home/me`', the automounter may discover that it needs to mount this file system, and does so in '`/tmp_mnt/home/me`'. Unfortunately, if the automounter on a different system is presented with '`/tmp_mnt/home/me`' instead of '`/home/me`', it may not be able to find the file system. This would not be such a problem if commands like `pwd` returned '`/home/me`' instead of '`/tmp_mnt/home/me`'; unfortunately, it is all too easy to get a path that the automounter should, but does not, recognize.

To deal with this problem, `configure` allows you to specify a filter program when you configure with the option `-automountfix=PROGRAM`, where `PROGRAM` is a filter that reads a file path from standard input, makes any changes necessary, and writes the output to standard output. `mpirun` uses this program to help it find necessary files. By default, the value of `PROGRAM` is

```
sed -e s@/tmp_mnt/@/@g
```

This uses the `sed` command to strip the string `/tmp_mnt` from the file name. Simple `sed` scripts like this may be used as long as they do not involve quotes (single or double) or use `%` (these will interfere with the shell commands in configure that do the replacements). If you need more complex processing, use a separate shell script or program.

As another example, some systems will generate paths like

```
/a/thishost/root/home/username/....
```

which are valid only on the machine `thishost`, but also have paths of the form

```
/u/home/username/....
```

that are valid everywhere. For this case, the configure option

```
-automountfix='sed -e s@/a/.\*/home@/u/home@g'
```

will make sure that `mpirun` gets the proper filename.

4.7 Building `MPICH`

Once `configure` has determined the features of your system, all you have to do now is

```
make
```

[2] Yes, this is nonsensical.

This will clean all the directories of previous object files (if any), compile both profiling and non-profiling versions of the source code, including Romio and the C++ interface, build all necessary libraries, and link both a sample Fortran program and a sample C program as a test that everything is working. If anything goes wrong, check Section 6 to see if there is anything said there about your problem. If not, follow the directions in Section 6.2 for submitting a bug report. To simplify checking for problems, it is a good idea to use

```
make |& tee make.log
```

Specific (non-default) targets can also be made. See the '`Makefile`' to see what they are.

After running this `make`, the size of the distribution will be about 45 Megabytes (depending on the particular machine it is being compiled for and the selected options), before building any of the examples or the extensive test library. The '`Makefile`'s are built for the various example subdirectories, but the example programs themselves have to be made "by hand".

4.8 Installing `MPICH` for Others to Use

This step is optional. However, if you are installing `MPICH`, you should make sure that you specified the directory into which `MPICH` is to be installed when you configure `MPICH` by using the `-prefix` option. For example, if you plan to install `MPICH` into '`/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/`', then you should configure with the option `-prefix='/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/'`. If there is any possibility at all that you will build `MPICH` for several systems and/or devices, you should include that information in the prefix. For example, by using

```
-prefix='/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4',
```

you can later add

```
-prefix='/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4smp'
```

for a version that is built with the configure option `-comm=shared` (suitable for clusters of symmetric multiprocessors, hence the "smp" in the directory name). Once you have tested all parts of the MPI distribution, you may install `MPICH` into a publically available directory, and disseminate information for other users, so that everyone can use the shared installation. To install the libraries and include files in a publicly available place, change to the top-level `MPICH` directory, and do

```
make install
```

The `man` pages will have been copied with the installation, so you might want to add '`/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/man`' to the default system `MANPATH`.

It is possible to specify the directory into which `MPICH` should be installed after building `MPICH` by setting the value of `PREFIX` when executing the installation step:

```
make install PREFIX=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7
```

However, some features, particularly the ability of Totalview to show MPICH message queues, will work only if MPICH is configured with the prefix set to the installation directory. For the ch_p4mpd device, it is necessary to specify the install directory at configure time.

A good way to handle multiple releases of MPICH is to install them into directories whose names include the version number and then set a link from mpi to that directory. For example, if the current version is 1.2.7, the installation commands to install into '/usr/local' are

```
make install PREFIX=/usr/local/mpi-1.2.7
rm /usr/local/mpi
ln -s /usr/local/mpi-1.2.7 /usr/local/mpi
```

The script 'bin/mpiinstall' provides more control over the installation of MPICH (in fact, make install just runs this script). For example, you can change the protection of the files when they are installed with the options -mode=nnnn (for regular files) and -xmode=nnnn (for executables and directories). You can set the directory into which the man pages will be placed with -manpath=<path>. The option -help shows the full set of options for mpiinstall.

You can test the installation by using the configure in 'mpich/examples/test'. For example, if you have installed MPICH into '/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/' for architecture solaris and device ch_p4, execute

```
cd examples/test
./configure -mpichpath=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4/bin
make testing
```

The test codes in the 'mpich/examples/test' directory may be used with *any* implementation of MPI, not just the MPICH implementation.

4.8.1 User commands

The commands mpirun, mpicc, mpif77, mpicxx, and mpif90 should be in the user's search path. Note that if several architectures and/or MPICH devices are supported, it is important that the correct directory be added to the user's path. These are installed into the 'bin' directory. If multiple architectures or devices are being used, be sure that the installation path distinguishes these. For example, if both the ch_p4 and ch_shmem devices are built on a Solaris system, set the installation prefix to include these names:

-prefix='/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4', and

-prefix='/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_shmem'

respectively. Alternately, set the prefix to '/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/' and set the execprefix to

'/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4' and

'/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_shmem'

respectively. That is, use a configure command of the form

```
./configure --prefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7 \
            --execprefix=/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/solaris/ch_p4
```

4.8.2 Installing documentation

The MPICH implementation comes with several kinds of documentation. Installers are encouraged to provide site-specific information, such as the location of the installation (particularly if it is not in '/usr/local/mpich-1.2.7/').

4.8.3 Man pages

A complete set of Unix man pages for the MPICH implementation are in 'mpich/man'. 'man/man1' contains the commands for compiling, linking, and running MPI programs; 'man/man3' contains the MPI routines; 'man/man4' contains the MPE routines, and 'man/man5' contains the MPID routines (these are for the low-level part of the MPICH implementation, are not of interest to users).

4.8.4 Examples

Users often prefer working from example 'Makefile's and programs. The directory that is installed in the 'examples' directory contains a C and Fortran version of the 'pi' program, along with a 'Makefile.in'. Other examples there include a simple parallel I/O program and an MPI program written using the C++ bindings for the MPI functions. Users may be interested in some of the examples that are in the source tree, also in the 'examples' directory.

4.9 Using the MPD System Daemons with the ch_p4mpd device

The new MPD system, together with its advantages in speed of startup and management of stdio is described in detail in [2, 3]. Here we briefly discuss the installation process.

4.9.1 Installation

To build MPICH with the ch_p4mpd device, configure MPICH with

```
configure --with-device=ch_p4mpd -prefix=<installdir> <other options>
```

It is particularly important to specifiy an install directory with the prefix argment (unless you want to use the default installation directory, which is /usr/local), since the ch_p4mpd device must be installed before use.

If you intend to run the MPD daemons as root, then you must configure with `--enable-root` as well. Then it will be possible for multiple users to use the same set of MPD daemons to start jobs.

After configuration, the usual

```
make
make install
```

will install `MPICH` and the MPD executables in the `<installdir>/bin` directory, which should be added to your path.

4.9.2 Starting and Managing the MPD Daemons

Running MPI programs with the `ch_p4mpd` device assumes that the `mpd` daemon is running on each machine in your cluster. In this section we describe how to start and manage these daemons. The `mpd` and related executables are built when you build and install `MPICH` after configuring with

```
--with-device=ch_p4mpd -prefix=<prefix directory> <other options>
```

and are found in `<prefix-directory>/bin`, which you should ensure is in your path.

To start an MPD daemon, use the command

```
mpd &
```

(this is installed in the `<prefix-directory>/bin` directory; if you have not added that directory to your path, just give the full pathname). This will start an MPD daemon on the current machine and send any diagnostic information to standard output. Before running this command, you must have created a '`.mpd.conf`' file as discussed below. To make real use of the MPD system, you need to start a daemon on each machine. You can do this by logging into each machine that you want to run MPI programs on and the running `mpd` with options that specify the host that the first `mpd` is running on a the port that it is using. For example, the following example starts an `mpd` on host shakey and then, using `ssh`, starts another `mpd` on host terra. Note that the `mpdtrace` command is used to find the port that the first `mpd` is using. For concreteness, this example also assumes that `MPICH` is installed in '`/usr/local/mpich`'.

```
# Start the initial mpd
% mpd &
# Get the port
% mpdtrace
mpdtrace: shakey_39182:  lhs=shakey_39182  rhs=shakey_39182  rhs2=shakey_39182 gen=1
% ssh -n terra /usr/local/mpich/bin/mpd -h shakey -p 39182 &
```

If you cannot use a remote shell command such as `rsh` or `ssh`, you can do the same by logging into each node and running the mpd command. In the above example, this might look like

```
% rlogin terra
Password: xxxxxxxxxxx
% /usr/local/mpich/bin/mpd -h shakey -p 39182 &
% logout
```

If you do have a working remote shell program, you can use a shell loop to start the processes on the remote machines. For example, if you have a list of nodes in the file '`machines`', then you could use (assuming that you are using `csh`):

```
foreach host (`cat machines`)
    ssh -n $host /usr/local/mpich/bin/mpd -h shakey -p 39182 &
end
```

to start the MPD daemons on all of your machines.

There is also a simple script, `startdaemons`, that can be used or modified for your environment, to do some of this automatically.

At any time you can see what `mpd`s are running by using `mpdtrace`.

When daemons are started, they enter the ring one by one. At this time authentication is required of each new daemon. Authentication is managed by a password stored in a configuration file called '`.mpd.conf`' in the user's home directory. (If the MPD system is configured with `ENABLE_ROOT`, then the configuration file should be '`/etc/mpd.conf`'. The permissions on '`.mpd.conf`' must be set so that the file is writeable and readable only by the user. The format of a configuration file is as follows:

```
# this is a comment
  password=56rtG9
```

Other keywords are available, corresponding to the arguments for `mpd`. In this file they are of primary benefit to those setting up systems in which the order in which the mpd's come up and the availability of certain ports can be guaranteed. If you are running the `mpd`'s as a user then the above is all you need in your `.mpd.conf` file.

An `mpd` is identified by its host and a port. A number of commands are used to manage the ring of `mpd`s:

`mpdhelp` prints this information

`mpdcleanup` deletes Unix socket files '`/tmp/mpd.*`' if necessary.

`mpdtrace` causes each `mpd` in the ring to respond with a message identifying itself and its neighbors.

`mpdringtest count` sends a message around the ring "count" times and times it

`mpdshutdown mpd_id` shuts down the specified `mpd`; `mpd_id` is specified as `host_portnum`.

`mpdallexit` causes all `mpd`s to exit gracefully.

`mpdlistjobs` lists active jobs managed by `mpd`s in ring.

`mpdkilljob job_id` aborts the specified job.

Several options control the behavior of the daemons, allowing them to be run either by individual users or by `root` without conflicts. The current set of command-line options comprises the following:

`-h <host to connect to>`

`-p <port to connect to>`

`-c` allow console (the default)

`-n` don't allow console

`-d <debug (0 or 1)>`

`-w <working directory>`

`-l <listener port>` use this port instead of obtaining one dynamically (useful when running mpd as root)

`-b` background; daemonize (disconnects stdout, stderr)

`-e` don't let this `mpd` start processes, unless root

`-t` echo listener port at startup

The `-n` option allows multiple `mpd`s to be run on a single host by disabling the console on the second and subsequent daemons.

4.10 Thorough Testing

The '`examples/test`' directory contains subdirectories of small programs that systematically test a large subset of the MPI functions. The command

```
make testing
```

in the `MPICH` directory will cause these programs to be compiled, linked, executed, and their output to be compared with the expected output. Linking all these test programs takes up considerable space, so you might want to do

```
make clean
```

in the test directory afterwards. The individual parts of MPI (point-to-point, collective, topology, etc.) can be tested separately by

```
make testing
```

in the separate subdirectories for `examples/test`.

If you have a problem, first check the troubleshooting guides and the lists of known problems. If you still need help, send detailed information to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`.

4.11 Internationalization

MPICH has support for providing error messages in different languages. This makes use of the X/Open message catalog services, which are a standard way of providing multi-language support. This multi-language support is often called NLS, for National Language Support. MPICH comes with error messages in US English; additional languages will be provided as we get the translations (if you wish to provide one, please send mail to mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov). More precisely, MPICH uses an English version that uses the ISO Latin-1 character set (ISO8859-1). We expect to provide other versions that also use the Latin-1 character set, subject to getting translations of the messages.

To create a new message catalog, copy the file 'mpich.En_US.msg' to 'mpich.mylanguage.msg' and translate the entries. The value of 'mylanguage' should match the ones used for your system; for example, 'mpich.De_DE.msg' for German. Many systems put their NLS files in '/usr/lib/nls/msg'; you can also check the value of the environment variable NLSPATH on your system. Note that some systems provide the routines and programs to support NLS, but do not make use of it and do not provide a initial NLSPATH value.

For emacs users, check the Emacs info under "European Display". The commands

```
M-x standard-display-european
M-x iso-accents-mode
```

can be used to input most European languages. You can also load 'iso-transl' and use C-x 8 to compose characters (this sets the high bit in the character). MPICH does not support languages that require multi-byte character sets (such as Japanese). However, the only changes needed are in the file 'src/env/errmsg.c'; if you are interested in developing a multi-byte character set version, please let us know.

By default, MPICH uses the value of 'NLSPATH' to find the message catalogs. If this fails, it tries 'MPICHNLSPATH', and if that fails, it uses English language versions that are coded into the library.

The catalogs are not, however, installed into these directories. Instead, you will find them in the library directory for a particular architecture; for example, 'mpich/rs6000/lib'.

5 Documentation

This distribution of MPICH comes with complete man pages for the MPI routines, commands for compiling and linking MPI programs, and the MPE extensions. The 'mpich/www' directory contains HTML versions of the man pages for MPI and MPE. The 'mpich/doc' directory contains this *Installation and User's Guide*. All documentation is also available on the web at www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/docs.html.

Information about MPI is available from a variety of sources. Some of these, particularly WWW pages, include pointers to other resources.

- The Standard itself:

  - As a Technical report [6].
  - As Postscript and HTML at `www.mpi-forum.org`, for both MPI-1 and MPI-2.
  - As a journal article in the Fall 1994 issue of the Journal of Supercomputing Applications [17] for MPI-1 and as a journal article in the International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications in 1998.

- MPI Forum discussions
  - The MPI Forum email discussions and both current and earlier versions of the Standard are available from `www.netlib.org`. MPI-2 discussions are available at `www.mpi-forum.org`.

- Books:
  - *Using MPI: Portable Parallel Programming with the Message-Passing Interface, Second Edition*, by Gropp, Lusk, and Skjellum [13].
  - *Using MPI-2: Advanced Features of the Message-Passing Interface*, by Gropp, Lusk, and Thakur [14].
  - *MPI—The Complete Reference: Volume 1, The MPI Core*, by Snir, et al. [19].
  - *MPI—The Complete Reference: Volume 2, The MPI-2 Extensions*, by Gropp, et al. [8].
  - *Parallel Programming with MPI*, by Peter S. Pacheco [18].

- Newsgroup:
  - `comp.parallel.mpi`

- Mailing lists:
  - `mpi-comments@mpi-forum.org`: The MPI Forum discussion list.
  - `mpi-impl@mcs.anl.gov`: The implementors' discussion list.
  - `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov` is the address to which you should report problems with `mpich`.

- Implementations available from the web:
  - `MPICH` is available from `http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich` or by anonymous `ftp` from `ftp.mcs.anl.gov` in the directory '`pub/mpi/mpich`', file '`mpich.tar.gz`'.
  - Links to other implementations are available at `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/implementations.html`.

- Test code repository:
  - `ftp://ftp.mcs.anl.gov/pub/mpi/mpi-test`

6 In Case of Trouble

This section describes some of the problems that you may run into and some solutions, along with information on submitting bug reports.

6.1 Things to try first

If something goes wrong, the first thing to do is to check the output of `configure` or `make` for some obvious problem, such as an improperly specified compiler or inadequate disk space. Next, check the web page `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/buglist-tbl.html` for any recent patches that may fix your problem. After that, check Section 6.3 for common problems. If you still can't find a solution to your problem, submit a bug report and we will try to help you.

6.2 Submitting bug reports

Send any problem that you can not solve by checking this section to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`.

Please include:

- The version of `MPICH` (e.g., 1.2.7)
- The output of running your program with the `-mpiversion` argument (e.g., `mpirun -np 1 a.out -mpiversion`)
- The output of

  ```
  uname -a
  ```

  for your system. If you are on an SGI system, also

  ```
  hinv
  ```

- The files '`config.log`' and '`src/fortran/config.log`'.
- If the problem is with a script such as `configure` or `mpirun`, run the script with the `-echo` argument (e.g., `mpirun -echo -np 4 a.out`).

If you have more than one problem, please send them in separate messages; this simplifies our handling of problem reports.

The rest of this section contains some information on trouble-shooting `MPICH`. Some of these describe problems that are peculiar to some environments and give suggested work-arounds. Each section is organized in question and answer format, with questions that relate to more than one environment (workstation, operating system, etc.) first, followed by questions that are specific to a particular environment. Problems with workstation clusters are collected together as well. To make it easier to find solutions, the most common problems are described first.

6.3 The Most Common Problems

This section describes some of the most common problems encountered when building and using `MPICH`. See also Section A which covers frequently asked questions, including some additional problems.

Connection Refused. This problem may be caused by Internet security settings on your system that restrict the number and frequency of interprocess connection operations. Check with your systems administrator. Linux users (depending on the Linux distribution) should try running the following commands:

```
iptables --list
ipchains --list
```

Look for any limits, restrictions on source or destination ports, or limits on `syn` (a type of TCP packet used in establishing connections). If you find such limits, study your security documentation and decide how you want to modify the security settings. We normally recommend that a cluster be placed behind a firewall rather than having each cluster node limit the use of TCP.

Also check the file '`/etc/inetd.conf`' to ensure that it allow more processes per minute for `rsh`. See the FAQ entry (Appendix A) on "`poll: protocol failure during circuit creation`".

Missing symbols when linking. The most common source of missing symbols is a failure of the `MPICH` configure step to determine how to pass command line arguments to Fortran. Check the output of the configure step for any error messages or warnings about building the Fortran libraries. If you do not require Fortran, reconfigure `MPICH` using the configure option `--disable-f77` and remake `MPICH`. If you need Fortran and cannot figure out how to make `MPICH` work with Fortran, send a bug report to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`.

Another common problem with programs that mix Fortran and C is missing libraries. The `MPICH` configure attempts to determine the libraries that are necessary when linking C with Fortran, but may miss some. There are additional suggestions for this problem in Section 6.9.

`SIGSEGV.` Any message that mentions `SIGSEGV` is refering to a "segmentation violation" during program execution. This is usually due to an error in the user's program, such as an array overwrite or use of an uninitialized variable in referencing storage.

6.4 Troubleshooting Shared Libraries

Shared libraries provide a useful and powerful tool for speeding linking and execution of programs. However, the implementation of shared libraries in most operating systems leaves much to be desired. This section covers some of the problems and workarounds for them.

Some (most?) systems *do not remember* where the shared library was found when the executable was linked![3] Instead, they depend on finding the shared library in either a default location (such as '`/lib`') or in a directory specified by an environment variable such as `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` or by a command line argument such as `-R` or `-rpath` (more on this below). The `MPICH` configure tests for this and will report whether an executable built with shared libraries remembers the location of the libraries. It also attemps to use a compiler

[3]There is a reason for this unfortunate choice that has to do with distributing executables linked with shared libraries. However, the capability to save the location should be provided, at least as an option, by the linker.

command line argument to force the executable to remember the location of the shared library.

If you need to set an environment variable to indicate where the MPICH shared libraries are, you need to ensure that both the process that you run mpirun from and any processes that mpirun starts gets the enviroment variable. The easiest way to do this is to set the environment variable within your '.cshrc' (for csh or tcsh users) or '.profile' (for sh and ksh users) file.

However, setting the environment variable within your startup scripts can cause problems if you use several different systems. For example, you may have a single '.cshrc' file that you use with both an SGI (IRIX) and Solaris system. You do not want to set the LD_LIBRARY_PATH to point the SGI at the Solaris version of the MPICH shared libraries[4]. Instead, you would like to set the environment variable before running mpirun:

```
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH ${LD_LIBRARY_PATH}:/usr/local/mpich/lib/shared
mpirun -np 4 cpi
```

Unfortunately, this won't always work. Depending on the method that mpirun and MPICH use to start the processes, the environment variable may not be sent to the new process. This will cause the program to fail with a message like

```
ld.so.1: /home/me/cpi: fatal: libpmpich.so.1.0: open failed: No such
file or directory
Killed
```

Some devices support starting new processes with the current environment; check the documentation for mpirun (Section 3.2).

An alternative to using LD_LIBRARY_PATH and the secure server is to add an option to the link command that provides the path to use in searching for shared libraries. Unfortunately, the option that you would like is "append this directory to the search path" (such as you get with -L). Instead, many compilers provide only "replace the search path with this path."[5] For example, some compilers allow -Rpath:path:...:path to specify a replacement path. Thus, if both MPICH and the user provide library search paths with -R, one of the search paths will be lost. mpicc and friends could check for -R options and create a unified version, but they do not do this. You can, however, provide a complete search path yourself if your compiler supports an option such as -R.

The preceeding may sound like a lot of effort to go to, and in some ways it is. For large clusters, however, the effort will be worth it: programs will start faster and more reliably, because there is less network and file system traffic.

[4] You can make '.cshrc' check for the kind of system that you are running on and pick the paths appropriately. This isn't as flexible as the approach of setting the environment variable from the running shell.

[5] Even though the linker may provide the "append to search path" form.

6.5 Other Problems

The following items describe miscellaneous problems that we have encountered. These may help solve less common problems.

6.6 Problems configuring

6.6.1 General

1. **Q:** Configure reports that floating point is not commutative! How do I fix it?

   A: Check your compiler's documentation. On RS/6000's, the `-qnomaf` (no multiply-add floating point) option. On some other systems, intermediate results may be stored in 80-bit registers (Intel CPUs do this); this can also lead to inconsistent rounding. You may be able to force the compiler to round to 64 bits.

6.6.2 Linux

1. **Q:** The configure step issues the message:

   ```
   checking that the compiler f77 runs... no
   Fortran compiler returned non-zero return code
   Output from test was
   f2ctmp_conftest.f:
      MAIN main:
   ```

   A: This is probably caused by a problem in the Fortran compiler in older versions of Linux. The `f77` command in Linux was often a shell script that uses the `f2c` program to convert the Fortran program to C, and then compile it with the C compiler. In many versions of Linux, this script has an error that causes a non-zero return code even when the compilation is successful.

   To fix this problem, you need a corrected `f77` script. If you can edit the script yourself, change the last 3 lines from

   ```
   case $cOPT in 2) $CC $G -o $OUTF $OFILES -lf2c -lm;; esac
   rc=$?
   exit $rc
   ```

   to

   ```
   case $cOPT in 2) $CC $G -o $OUTF $OFILES -lf2c -lm;; esac
   rc=$?
   trap 0
   exit $rc
   ```

2. **Q:** The link test fails on Linux with messages like

```
overtake.o(.text+0x59): undefined reference to 'MPI_COMM_WORLD'
overtake.o(.text+0x81): undefined reference to 'MPI_COMM_WORLD'
...
```

A: This is probably caused by a problem in the Fortran compiler in Linux. In some early versions of Linux, the `f77` command in Linux is often a shell script that uses the `f2c` program to convert the Fortran program to C, and then compile it with the C compiler. In many versions of Linux, this script has an error that causes a non-zero return code even when the compilation is successful.

To fix this problem, you need a corrected `f77` script. If you can edit the script yourself, change the last 3 lines from

```
case $cOPT in 2) $CC $G -o $OUTF $OFILES -lf2c -lm;; esac
rc=$?
exit $rc
```

to

```
case $cOPT in 2) $CC $G -o $OUTF $OFILES -lf2c -lm;; esac
rc=$?
trap 0
exit $rc
```

3. **Q:** During the configure step, messages like

```
/homes/me/mpich/configure: 134956160: Permission denied
```

sometimes appear. What is wrong?

A: This is a bug in the Linux (actually GNU) `sh` shell. The shell is attempting to create a file with the name '`/tmp/t<processid>-sh`' (e.g., '`/tmp/t11203-sh`'), but was unable to. This may happen if '`/tmp`' is full; however, it can also happen when the shell created the same file for another user days before. (You can see this happen by running `configure` under `strace -f`). The only fix is to have your systems administrator clean old files out of '`/tmp`'.

6.7 Problems building `MPICH`

6.7.1 General

1. **Q:** When running make on `MPICH`, I get this error:

```
ar: write error: No such file or directory
*** Error code 1
```

I've looked, and all the files are accessible and have the proper permissions.

A: Check the amount of space in '`/tmp`'. This error is sometimes generated when there is insufficient space in '`/tmp`' to copy the archive (this is a step that `ar` takes when updating a library). The command `df /tmp` will show you how much space is available. Try to insure that at least twice the size of the library is available.

2. **Q:** When running make on MPICH, I get errors when executing ranlib.

   A: Many systems implement ranlib with the ar command, and they use the '/tmp' directory by default because it "seems" obvious that using '/tmp' would be faster ('/tmp' is often a local disk). Unfortunately, some systems have ridiculously small '/tmp' partitions, making any use of '/tmp' very risky. In some cases, the ar commands used by MPICH will succeed because they use the l option—this forces ar to use the local directory instead of '/tmp'. The ranlib command, on the other hand, may use '/tmp' and cannot be fixed.

   In some cases, you will find that the ranlib command is unnecessary. In these cases, you can reconfigure with -noranlib. If you must use ranlib, either reduce the space used in '/tmp' or increase the size of the '/tmp' partition (your system administrator will need to do this). There should be at least 20–30 MBytes free in '/tmp'.

3. **Q:** When doing the link test, the link fails and does not seem to find any of the MPI routines:

```
  /homes/me/mpich/IRIX32/ch_p4/bin/mpicc -o overtake overtake.o test.o
ld: WARNING 126: The archive /homes/me/mpich/IRIX32/ch_p4/lib/libmpi.a
  defines no global symbols. Ignoring.
ld: WARNING 84: /usr/lib/libsun.a is not used for resolving any symbol.
ld: ERROR 33: Unresolved data symbol "MPI_COMM_WORLD" -- 1st referenced
  by overtake.o.
ld: ERROR 33: Unresolved text symbol "MPI_Send" -- 1st referenced by
  overtake.o.
...
```

   A: Check that the ar and ranlib programs are compatible. One site installed the Gnu ranlib in such a way that it would be used with the vendors ar program, with which it was incompatible. Use the -noranlib option to configure if this is the case.

6.7.2 Workstation Networks

1. **Q:** When building MPICH, the make fails with errors like this:

```
making p4 in directory lib
        make  libp4.a
        cc -Aa -g -I../include -I../../../../include   -c p4_globals.c
cc: "/usr/include/netinet/in.h", line 69: error 1000: Unexpected symbol: "u_long".
cc: "/usr/include/netinet/in.h", line 127: error 1000: Unexpected symbol: "u_short".
```

   etc.

   A: The problem here is that the system (not MPICH) include files are incompatible with your choice of compiler. Check to see if cc is aliased (in C shell, do alias cc). If it is, either unalias it or set the environment variable CC to the full path for the compiler. To get the full path, do

```
unalias cc
setenv CC `which cc`
```

   and then reconfigure.

6.7.3 Cray T3D

1. **Q:** When linking I get

```
mppldr-133 cf77: CAUTION
    Unsatisfied external references have been encountered.

Unsatisfied external references
Entry name      Modules referencing entry

GETARG (equivalenced to $USX1)
                MPIR_GETARG
```

A: You may have specified the Fortran compiler with the `F77` environment variable or the `-fc` argument to configure. The `MPICH` Fortran implemenation of MPI uses a common Fortran extension, `GETARG`, to get the command line arguments. Most Fortran runtime systems support this, but Cray uses `call pxfgetarg(i,s,len(s),ierr)` instead. You can change the file '`src/env/farg.f`' manually to call the correct routine (but note that configure builds a new '`farg.f`' from '`farg.f.in`' each time that it is run).

`MPICH` now attempts to determine the correct names of the routines to access the command line. If you find that `MPICH` fails to determine the names correctly, please send a bug report to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`.

6.7.4 SGI

1. **Q:** The build on an SGI Power Challenge fails with

```
Signal: SIGSEGV in Back End Driver phase.
> ### Error:
> ### Signal SIGSEGV in phase Back End Driver -- processing aborted
> f77 ERROR:  /usr/lib64/cmplrs/be died due to signal 4
> f77 ERROR:  core dumped
> *** Error code 2 (bu21)
> *** Error code 1 (bu21)
> *** Error code 1 (bu21)
```

A: Our information is that setting the environment variable `SGI_CC` to `-ansi` will fix this problem.

2. **Q:** The build on an SGI with architecture `IRIXN32` fails with

```
cc: Warning: -c should not be used with ucode -O3 -o32
             on a single file; use -j instead to get inter-module
             optimization.
```

A: Amazingly, the standard `-c` option is *not valid* for the SGI compilers when both `-O3` and `-n32` are specified. This is a "feature" of the SGI compiler, and there is no way to work around this for `MPICH` (other than a massive and non-portable rewrite of all the '`Makefile`'s). Your only option is to not use the `-O3` option.

6.7.5 Linux

1. **Q:** The link test failed on Linux with

```
...
cc  -o overtake overtake.o test.o -L/usr/local/mpich/LINUX/ch_p4/lib
-lmpi
overtake.o(.text+0x71): undefined reference to 'MPI_COMM_WORLD'
overtake.o(.text+0x82): undefined reference to 'MPIR_I_DOUBLE'
overtake.o(.text+0xe1): undefined reference to 'MPI_COMM_WORLD'
...
```

   A: We have been informed that there is a error in the `f77` script in some versions of Linux which causes this problem. Try either getting a patch for the `f77` script or reconfiguring with `-nof77`.

2. **Q:** The build fails for the `ch_p4` device when using the Compaq C compiler.

   A: There is an incompatibility with the system include files (not the `MPICH` include files). If you can modify '`/usr/include/rpc/xdr.h`', add the following near the top of that file:

```
#if defined(__DECC) || defined(__DECCXX)
typedef long int int64_t;
#endif
```

6.7.6 Compaq ULTRIX and Tru64

1. **Q:** When trying to build, the `make` aborts early during the cleaning phase:

```
amon:MPICH/mpich>make clean
        /bin/rm -f *.o *~ nupshot
*** Error code 1
```

   A: This is a bug in the shell support on some Compaq ULTRIX systems. You may be able to work around this with

```
setenv PROG_ENV SYSTEM_FIVE
```

   Configuring with `-make=s5make` may also work.

6.8 Problems in testing

The `MPICH` test suite, in '`examples/test`', performs a fairly complete test of an MPI implementation. If there is an error, it usually indicates a problem with the implementation of MPI; if you encounter such a problem, please report it to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`. However, there are a few exceptions that are described here.

6.8.1 General

1. **Q:** The test '`pt2pt/structf`' fails with

   ```
   0 - Error in MPI_ADDRESS : Invalid argument: Address of location
   given to MPI_ADDRESS does not fit in Fortran integer
   [0] Aborting program!
   ```

   A: This is not an error; it is a gap in the MPI-1 definition that is fixed in MPI-2 (with the routine `MPI_Get_address`. This indicates that Fortran integers are not large enough to hold an address. This does indicate that MPI programs written in Fortran should not use the `MPI_Address` function on this system.

2. **Q:** The test '`env/timers`' fails with

   ```
   Timer around sleep(1) did not give 1 second; gave 0.399949
   ```

   A: The low-level software that `MPICH` uses probably makes use of the `SIGALRM` signal, thus denying it to the user's program. This is not an error (the standard permits systems to make use of any signals) though it is unfortunate.

6.9 Problems compiling or linking Fortran programs

6.9.1 General

1. **Q:** When linking the test program, the following message is generated:

   ```
   f77 -g -o secondf secondf.o -L/usr/local/mpich/lib -lmpich
   invalid option -L/usr/local/mpich/lib
   ld: -lmpich: No such file or directory
   ```

   A: This `f77` program does not accept the `-L` command to set the library search path. Some systems provide a shell script for `f77` that is very limited in its abilities. To work around this, use the full library path instead of the `-L` option:

   ```
   f77 -g -o secondf secondf.o /usr/local/mpich/lib/libmpich.a
   ```

   As of the `MPICH` 1.2.0 release, the `MPICH` configure attempts to find the correct option for indicating library paths to the Fortran compiler. If you find that the `MPICH` configure has made an error, please submit a bug report to `mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov`.

2. **Q:** When linking Fortran programs, I get undefined symbols such as

   ```
   f77  -c secondf.f
   secondf.f:
    MAIN main:
   f77  -o secondf secondf.o -L/home/mpich/lib/solaris/ch_shmem -lmpich
   Undefined                       first referenced
    symbol                             in file
   ```

```
getdomainname
/home/mpich/lib/solaris/ch_shmem/libmpi .a(shmempriv.o)
ld: fatal: Symbol referencing errors. No output written to secondf
```

There is no problem with C programs.

A: This means that your C compiler is providing libraries for you that your Fortran compiler is not providing. Find the option for the C compiler and for the Fortran compilers that indicate which library files are being used (alternately, you may find an option such as `-dryrun` that shows what commands are being used by the compiler). Build a simple C and Fortran program and compare the libraries used (usually on the `ld` command line). Try the ones that are present for the C compiler and missing for the Fortran compiler. `MPICH` attempts to determine these libraries for you. If you have trouble, send a bug report and include the contents of the file '`mpich/src/fortran/config.log`'.

3. **Q:** When trying to compile Fortran code with a Fortran 90 or Fortran 95 compiler, I get error messages like

```
Error: foo.f, line 30: Inconsistent datatype for argument 1 in MPI_SEND
```

A: The Fortran language requires that in two calls to the same subroutine, the types of arguments must be the same. That is, if you called `MPI_SEND` with a `REAL` buffer as the first argument and then called it with an `INTEGER` buffer as the first argument, a Fortran compiler can consider this an error. Few Fortran 77 compilers would complain about this; more Fortran 90 and Fortran 95 compilers check for this. There are two solutions. One is to use the MPI module (in the "choice" version: use the `-choicemod` option for `mpif90`); the other is to use an option to tell the Fortran 90 compiler to allow argument mismatches. For example, the argument `-mismatch` will cause the NAG Fortran compilers to allow mismatched arguments. Using the MPI module is the preferred approach.

Fortran 77 users may sometimes see a similar message, particularly with later versions of `g77`. The option `-Wno-globals` will suppress these warning messages.

6.10 Problems Linking C Programs

6.10.1 General

1. **Q:** When linking programs, I get messages about `__builtin_saveregs` being undefined.

A: You may have a system on which C and Fortran compilers are incompatible (for example, using `gcc` and the vendor's Fortran compiler). If you do not plan to use Fortran, the easiest fix is to rebuild with the `-nof77` option to configure.

You should also look into making your C compiler compatible with your Fortran compiler. Because this is very dependent on the specific system and compilers that you are using, you may need to find a local expert who can help you.

The easiest but ugliest possibility is use `f2c` to convert Fortran to C, then use the C compiler to compile everything. If you take this route, remember that *every* Fortran routine has to be compiled using `f2c` and the C compiler.

Alternatively, you can use various options (check the man pages for your compilers) to see what libraries that add when they link. Add those libraries to the link line for the *other* compiler. If you find a workable set of libraries, edit the appropriate scripts (e.g., `mpicc`) to include the necessary libraries. `MPICH` attempts to find all the libaries that you need but is not always successful.

6.10.2 HPUX

1. **Q:** When linking on HPUX, I get an error like this:

```
cc -o pgm pgm.o -L/usr/local/mpich/lib/hpux/ch_p4 -lmpich  -lm
/bin/ld: Unsatisfied symbols:
sigrelse (code)
sigset (code)
sighold (code)
*** Error code 1
```

A: You need to add the link option `-lV3`. The `ch_p4` device uses the System V signals on the HP; these are provided in the '`V3`' library.

6.10.3 LINUX

1. **Q:** When linking a Fortran program, I get

```
Linking:
foo.o(.data+0x0): undefined reference to `pmpi_wtime_'
```

A: This is a bug in the `pgf77` compiler (which is itself a workaround for a bug in the LINUX `ld` command). You can fix it by either adding `-lpmpich` to the link line or modifying the '`mpif.h`' to remove the `external pmpi_wtime, pmpi_wtick` statement.

The `MPICH` configure attempts to determine if `pmpi_wtime` and `pmpi_wtick` can be declared in '`mpif.h`' and removes them if there is a problem. If this happens and you use `pmpi_wtime` or `pmpi_wtick` in your program, you will need to declare them as functions returning `double precision` values.

6.11 Problems starting programs

6.11.1 General

1. **Q:** When trying to start a program with

```
mpirun -np 2 cpi
```

either I get an error message or the program hangs.

A: On some systems such as IBM SPs, there are many mutually exclusive ways to run parallel programs; each site can pick the approach(es) that it allows. The script `mpirun` tries one of the more common methods, but may make the wrong choice. Use the `-v` or `-t` option to `mpirun` to see how it is trying to run the program, and then compare this with the site-specific instructions for using your system. You may need to adapt the code in `mpirun` to meet your needs. See also the next question.

2. **Q:** When trying to run a program with, e.g., `mpirun -np 4 cpi`, I get

```
usage : mpirun [options] <executable> [<dstnodes>] [-- <args>]
```

or

```
mpirun [options] <schema>
```

A: You have a command named `mpirun` for a different implementation of MPI in your path ahead of the `MPICH` version. Execute the command

```
which mpirun
```

to see which command named `mpirun` was actually found. The fix is to either change the order of directories in your path to put the `MPICH` version of `mpirun` first, or to define an alias for `mpirun` that uses an absolute path. For example, in the csh shell, you might do

```
alias mpirun /usr/local/mpich/bin/mpirun
```

to set `mpirun` to the `MPICH` version.

3. **Q:** When I try to run a program on more than one processor, I get an error message

```
mpirun -np 2 cpi
/home/me/cpi: error in loading shared libraries: libcxa.so.1:
cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

There is no trouble running on one processor.

A: This means that some shared library used by the system cannot be found on remote processors. There are two possibilities:

(a) The shared libraries are not installed on the remote processor. To fix this, have your system administrators install the libraries.

(b) The shared libraries are not in the default path. This can happen if the path is in an environment variable that is set in your current shell but that is not part of your default or remote shell environment. The fix in this case is harder, because you must communicate the location of the shared library to the executable (a major deficiency in most Unix shared-library designs is that executables do not, by default, remember where a shared library was found when linking). The

simplest fix may be to have your system administrators place the necessary shared libraries into one of the directories that is searched by default. If this is not possible, then you will need to help the compiler and linker out.

Many linkers provide a way to specify the search path for shared libraries. The trick is to (a) pass this command to the linker program and (b) specify all of the libraries that are needed.

For example, on Linux systems, the linker command to specify the shared library search path is `-rpath path`, e.g., `-rpath /usr/lib:/usr/local/lib`. To pass this command to the linker through the Intel C compiler `icc`, the command `-Qoption,link,-rpath,path` is used. By default, the Linux linker looks in '`/usr/lib`' and the directories specified by the environment variable `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`. Thus, to force the linker to include the path to the shared library, you can use

```
mpicc -o cpi cpi -Qoption,link,-rpath,$LD_LIBRARY_PATH:/usr/lib
```

If this works, then consider editing the value of `LDFLAGS` in the compiler scripts (e.g., `mpicc`) to include this option.

Unfortunately, each compiler has a different way of passing these arguments to the linker, and each linker has a different set of arguments for specifying the shared library search path. You will need to check the documentation for your system to find this options.

4. **Q:** When attempting to run `cpilog` I get the following message:

```
ld.so.1: cpilog: fatal: libX11.so.4: can't open file: errno 2
```

A: The X11 version that `configure` found isn't properly installed. This is a common problem with Sun/Solaris systems. One possibility is that your Solaris machines are running slightly different versions. You can try forcing static linking (-Bstatic on Solaris).

Alternately, consider adding these lines to your '`.login`' (assuming C shell):

```
setenv OPENWINHOME /usr/openwin
setenv LD_LIBRARY_PATH /opt/SUNWspro/lib:/usr/openwin/lib
```

(you may want to check with your system administrator first to make sure that the paths are correct for your system). Make sure that you add them *before* any line like

```
if ($?USER == 0 || $?prompt == 0) exit
```

5. **Q:** My program fails when it tries to write to a file.

A: If you opened the file *before* calling `MPI_INIT`, the behavior of MPI (not just the `MPICH` implementation of MPI) is undefined. In the `ch_p4` device, only process zero (in `MPI_COMM_WORLD`) will have the file open; the other processes will not have opened the file. Move the operations that open files and interact with the outside world to after `MPI_INIT` (and before `MPI_FINALIZE`).

6. **Q:** Programs seem to take forever to start.

   A: This can be caused by any of several problems. On systems with dynamically-linked executables, this can be caused by problems with the file system suddenly getting requests from many processors for the dynamically-linked parts of the executable (this has been measured as a problem with some DFS implementations). You can try statically linking your application.

6.11.2 Workstation Networks

1. **Q:** When I use `mpirun`, I get the message `Permission denied`.

   A: See Section 6.3.

2. **Q:** When I use `mpirun`, I get the message `Try again`.

   A: If you see something like this

   ```
   % mpirun -np 2 cpi
   Try again.
   ```

   it means that you were unable to start a remote job with the remote shell command on some machine, even though you would normally be able to. This may mean that the destination machine is very busy, out of memory, or out of processes. The man page for `rshd` may give you more information.

   The only fix for this is to have your system administrator look into the machine that is generating this message.

3. **Q:** When running the `ch_p4` device, I get error messages of the form

   ```
   stty: TCGETS: Operation not supported on socket
   ```

   or

   ```
   stty: tcgetattr: Permission denied
   ```

   or

   ```
   stty: Can't assign requested address
   ```

   A: This means that one of your login startup scripts (i.e., '`.login`' and '`.cshrc`' or '`.profile`') contains an unguarded use of the `stty` or `tset` program. For C shell users, one typical fix is to check for the variables `TERM` or `PROMPT` to be initialized. For example,

   ```
   if ($?TERM) then
       eval `tset -s -e^\? -k^U -Q -I $TERM`
   endif
   ```

   Another solution is to see if it is appropriate to add

```
if ($?USER == 0 || $?prompt == 0) exit
```

near the top of your '`.cshrc`' file (but *after* any code that sets up the runtime environment, such as library paths (e.g., `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`)).

4. **Q:** When running the `ch_p4` device and running either the `tstmachines` script to check the machines file or the `MPICH` tests, I get messages about unexpected output or differences from the expected output. I also get extra output when I run programs. MPI programs do seem to work, however.

   A: This means that one of your login startup scripts (i.e., '`.login`' and '`.cshrc`' or '`.profile`' or '`.bashrc`') contains an unguarded use of some program that generates output, such as `fortune` or even `echo`. For C shell users, one typical fix is to check for the variables `TERM` or `PROMPT` to be initialized. For example,

   ```
   if ($?TERM) then
       fortune
   endif
   ```

   Another solution is to see if it is appropriate to add

   ```
   if ($?USER == 0 || $?prompt == 0) exit
   ```

   near the top of your '`.cshrc`' file (but *after* any code that sets up the runtime environment, such as library paths (e.g., `LD_LIBRARY_PATH`)).

5. **Q:** Occasionally, programs fail with the message

   ```
   poll: protocol failure during circuit creation
   ```

   A: You may see this message if you attempt to run too many MPI programs in a short period of time. For example, in Linux and when using the `ch_p4` device (without the secure server or ssh), `MPICH` may use `rsh` to start the MPI processes. Depending on the particular Linux distribution and verison, there may be a limit of as few as 40 processes per minute. When running the `MPICH` test suite or starting short parallel jobs from a script, it is possible to exceed this limit.

   To fix this, you can do one of the following:

   (a) Wait a few seconds between running parallel jobs. You may need to wait up to a minute.

   (b) Modify '`/etc/inetd.conf`' to allow more processes per minute for `rsh`. For example, change

   ```
   shell stream tcp nowait root /etc/tcpd2 in.rshd
   ```

   to

   ```
   shell stream tcp nowait.200 root /etc/tcpd2 in.rshd
   ```

   (c) Use the `ch_p4mpd` device or the secure server option of the `ch_p4` device instead. Neither of these relies on `inetd`.

6. **Q:** When using `mpirun` I get strange output like

   ```
   arch: No such file or directory
   ```

   A: This is usually a problem in your '`.cshrc`' file. Try the shell command

   ```
   which hostname
   ```

   If you see the same strange output, then your problem is in your '`.cshrc`' file. You may have some code in your '`.cshrc`' file that assumes that your shell is connected to a terminal.

7. **Q:** When I try to run my program, I get

   ```
   p0_4652:  p4_error: open error on procgroup file (procgroup): 0
   ```

   A: This indicates that the `mpirun` program either did not create the expected input file needed to run the program or that the file was not found. The most likely reason is that the `mpirun` command is trying to run a program built with device `ch_p4` as a shared memory (`ch_shmem`) or other device.

   Try the following:

   Run the program using `mpirun` and the `-t` argument:

   ```
   mpirun -t -np 1 foo
   ```

   This should show what `mpirun` would do (`-t` is for testing). Or you can use the `-echo` argument to see exactly what `mpirun` is doing:

   ```
   mpirun -echo -np 1 foo
   ```

   Depending on the choice made by the installer of `MPICH`, you should select the device-specific version of `mpirun` over a "generic" version. We recommend that the installation prefix include the device name, for example, '`/usr/local/mpich/solaris/ch_p4`'.

   If the file is created, you may be having trouble with the file system. When used with `mpirun`, the `ch_p4` device requires that the procgroup file be readable from the initial process (the one that will have rank zero in `MPI_COMM_WORLD`).

8. **Q:** When trying to run a program I get this message:

   ```
   icy%  mpirun -np 2 cpi -mpiversion
   icy: icy: No such file or directory
   ```

   A: The problem is that '`/usr/lib/rsh`' is not the remote shell program. Try the following:

   ```
   which rsh
   ls /usr/*/rsh
   ```

You probably have '/usr/lib' in your path ahead of '/usr/ucb' or '/usr/bin'. This picks the 'restricted' shell instead of the 'remote' shell. The easiest fix is to just remove '/usr/lib' from your path (few people need it); alternately, you can move it to after the directory that contains the 'remote' shell rsh.

Another choice would be to add a link in a directory earlier in the search path to the remote shell. For example, I have '/home/gropp/bin/solaris' early in my search path; I could use

```
cd /home/gropp/bin/solaris
ln -s /usr/bin/rsh  rsh
```

there (assuming that '/usr/bin/rsh' is the remote shell).

9. **Q:** When trying to run a program I get this message:

   ```
   trying normal rsh
   ```

   A: You are using a version of the remote shell program that does not support the `-l` argument. Reconfigure `MPICH` with `-rshnol` and rebuild `MPICH`. You may suffer some loss of functionality if you try to run on systems where you have different user names. You might also try using `ssh`.

10. **Q:** When I run my program, I get messages like

    ```
    | ld.so: warning: /usr/lib/libc.so.1.8 has older revision than expected 9
    ```

    A: You are trying to run on another machine with an out-dated version of the basic C library. Unfortunately, some manufacturers do not make the shared libraries compatible between minor (or even maintenance) releases of their software. You need to have you system administrator bring the machines to the same software level.

    One temporary fix that you can use is to add the link-time option to force static linking instead of dynamic linking for system libraries. For some Sun workstations, the option is `-Bstatic`.

11. **Q:** Programs never get started. Even `tstmachines` hangs.

    A: Check first that `rsh` works at all. For example, if you have workstations `w1` and `w2`, and you are running on `w1`, try

    ```
    rsh w2 true
    ```

    This should complete quickly. If it does not, try

    ```
    rsh w1 true
    ```

    (that is, use `rsh` to run `true` on the system that you are running on). If you get `Permission denied`, see the help on that. If you get

    ```
    krcmd: No ticket file (tf_util)
    rsh: warning, using standard rsh: can't provide Kerberos auth data.
    ```

then your system has a faulty installation of `rsh`. Some FreeBSD systems have been observed with this problem. Have your system administrator correct the problem (often one of an inconsistent set of `rsh/rshd` programs).

12. **Q:** My programs seem to hang in `MPI_Init`.

    A: There are a number of ways that this can happen:

    (a) One of the workstations you selected to run on is dead (try '`tstmachines`' if you are using the `ch_p4` device)

    (b) You linked with the FSU pthreads package; this has been reported to cause problems, particularly with the system `select` call that is part of Unix and is used by `MPICH`.

    Another is if you use the library '`-ldxml`' (extended math library) on Compaq Alpha systems. This has been observed to cause `MPI_Init` to hang. No workaround is known at this time; contact Compaq for a fix if you need to use MPI and '`-ldxml`' together.

    The root of this problem is that the `ch_p4` device uses `SIG_USR1`, and so any library that also uses this signal can interfere with the operation of `MPICH` if it is using `ch_p4`. You can rebuild `MPICH` to use a different signal by using the configure argument `--with-device=ch_p4:-listener_sig=SIGNAL_NAME` and remaking `MPICH`.

13. **Q:** Sometimes, I get the error

    ```
    Exec format error. Wrong Architecture.
    ```

    A: You are probably using NFS (Network File System). NFS can fail to keep files updated in a timely way; this problem can be caused by creating an executable on one machine and then attempting to use it from another. Usually, NFS catches up with the existence of the new file within a few minutes. You can also try using the `sync` command. `mpirun` in fact tries to run the `sync` command, but on many systems, `sync` is only advisory and will not guarentee that the file system has been made consistent.

14. **Q:** There seem to be two copies of my program running on each node. This doubles the memory requirement of my application. Is this normal?

    A: Yes, this is normal. In the `ch_p4` implementation, the second process is used to dynamically establish connections to other processes. With Version 1.1.1 of `MPICH`, this functionality can be placed in a separate thread on many architectures, and this second process will not be seen. To enable this, use the option `-p4_opts=-threaded_listener` on the `configure` command line for `MPICH`.

15. **Q:** `MPI_Abort` sometimes doesn't work in the `ch_p4` device. Why?

    A: Currently (Version 1.2.7) a process detects that another process has aborted only when it tries to send or receive a message, and the aborting process is one that it has communicated with in the past. Thus it is possible for a process busy with computation not to notice that one of its peers has issued an `MPI_Abort`, although for many common communication patterns this does not present a problem. This will be fixed in a future release.

6.11.3 IBM RS6000

1. **Q:** When trying to run on an IBM RS6000 with the `ch_p4` device, I got

   ```
   % mpirun -np 2 cpi
   Could not load program /home/me/mpich/examples/basic/cpi
   Could not load library libC.a[shr.o]
   Error was: No such file or directory
   ```

   A: This means that `MPICH` was built with the `xlC` compiler but that some of the machines in your '`util/machines/machines.rs6000`' file do not have `xlC` installed. Either install `xlC` or rebuild `MPICH` to use another compiler (either `xlc` or `gcc`; `gcc` has the advantage of never having any licensing restrictions).

6.11.4 IBM SP

1. **Q:** When starting my program on an IBM SP, I get this:

   ```
   $ mpirun -np 2 hello
   ERROR: 0031-124  Couldn't allocate nodes for parallel execution.  Exiting ...
   ERROR: 0031-603  Resource Manager allocation for task: 0, node:
   me1.myuniv
   .edu, rc = JM_PARTIONCREATIONFAILURE
   ERROR: 0031-635  Non-zero status -1 returned from pm_mgr_init
   ```

   A: This means that either `mpirun` is trying to start jobs on your SP in a way different than your installation supports or that there has been a failure in the IBM software that manages the parallel jobs (all of these error messages are from the IBM `poe` command that `mpirun` uses to start the MPI job). Contact your system administrator for help in fixing this situation. You system administrator can use

   ```
   dsh -av "ps aux | egrep -i 'poe|pmd|jmd'"
   ```

   from the control workstation to search for stray IBM POE jobs that can cause this behavior. The files `/tmp/jmd_err` on the individual nodes may also contain useful diagnostic information.

2. **Q:** When trying to run on an IBM SP, I get the message from `mpirun`:

   ```
   ERROR: 0031-214  pmd: chdir </a/user/gamma/home/mpich/examples/basic>
   ERROR: 0031-214  pmd: chdir </a/user/gamma/home/mpich/examples/basic>
   ```

   A: These are messages from tbe IBM system, not from `mpirun`. They may be caused by an incompatibility between POE, the automounter (especially the AMD automounter) and the shell, especially if you are using a shell other than `ksh`. There is no good solution; IBM often recommends changing your shell to `ksh`!

3. **Q:** When trying to run on an IBM SP, I get this message:

```
ERROR: 0031-124  Less than 2 nodes available from pool 0
```

A: This means that the IBM POE/MPL system could not allocate the requested nodes when you tried to run your program; most likely, someone else was using the system. You can try to use the environment variables `MP_RETRY` and `MP_RETRYCOUNT` to cause the job to wait until the nodes become available. Use `man poe` to get more information.

4. **Q:** When running on an IBM SP, my job generates the message

   ```
   Message number 0031-254 not found in Message Catalog.
   ```

   and then dies.

   A: If your user name is eight characters long, you may be experiencing a bug in the IBM POE environment. The only fix at the time this was written was to use an account whose user name was seven characters or less. Ask your IBM representative about PMR 4017X (poe with userids of length eight fails) and the associated APAR IX56566.

6.12 Programs fail at startup

6.12.1 General

1. **Q:** With some systems, you might see

   ```
   /lib/dld.sl: Bind-on-reference call failed
   /lib/dld.sl: Invalid argument
   ```

   (This example is from HP-UX), or

   ```
   ld.so: libc.so.2: not found
   ```

   (This example is from SunOS 4.1; similar things happen on other systems).

   A: The problem here is that your program is using shared libraries, and the libraries are not available on some of the machines that you are running on. To fix this, relink your program without the shared libraries. To do this, add the appropriate command-line options to the link step. For example, for the HP system that produced the errors above, the fix is to use `-Wl,-Bimmediate` to the link step. For Solaris, the appropriate option is `-Bstatic`.

6.12.2 Workstation Networks

1. **Q:** I can run programs using a small number of processes, but once I ask for more than 4–8 processes, I do not get output from all of my processes, and the programs never finish.

   A: We have seen this problem with installations using AFS. The remote shell program, `rsh`, supplied with some AFS systems limits the number of jobs that can use standard output. This seems to prevent some of the processes from exiting as well, causing the job to hang. There are four possible fixes:

(a) Use a different `rsh` command. You can probably do this by putting the directory containing the non-AFS version first in your `PATH`. This option may not be available to you, depending on your system. At one site, the non-AFS version was in '`/bin/rsh`'.

(b) Use the secure server (`serv_p4`). See the discussion in the Users Guide.

(c) Redirect all standard output to a file. The MPE routine `MPE_IO_Stdout_to_file` may be used to do this.

(d) Get a fixed `rsh` command. The likely source of the problem is an incorrect usage of the `select` system call in the `rsh` command. If the code is doing something like

```
int mask;
mask |= 1 << fd;
select( fd+1, &mask, ... );
```

instead of

```
fd_set mask;
FD_SET(fd,&mask);
select( fd+1, &mask, ... );
```

then the code is incorrect (the `select` call changed to allow more than 32 file descriptors many years ago, and the `rsh` program (or programmer!) hasn't changed with the times).

A fourth possiblity is to get an AFS version of `rsh` that fixes this bug. As we are not running AFS ourselves, we do not know whether such a fix is available.

2. **Q:** Not all processes start.

   A: This can happen when using the `ch_p4` device and a system that has extremely small limits on the number of remote shells you can have. Some systems using "Kerberos" (a network security package) allow only three or four remote shells; on these systems, the size of `MPI_COMM_WORLD` will be limited to the same number (plus one if you are using the local host).

   The only way around this is to try the secure server; this is documented in the `MPICH` installation guide. Note that you will have to start the servers "by hand" since the `chp4_servs` script uses remote shell to start the servers.

6.13 Programs fail after starting

6.13.1 General

1. **Q:** I use `MPI_Allreduce`, and I get different answers depending on the number of processes I'm using.

   A: The MPI collective routines may make use of associativity to achieve better parallelism. For example, an

```
MPI_Allreduce( &in, &out, MPI_DOUBLE, 1, ... );
```

might compute

$$(((((((a+b)+c)+d)+e)+f)+g)+h)$$

or it might compute

$$((a+b)+(c+d))+((e+f)+(g+h)),$$

where $a, b, \ldots$ are the values of `in` on each of eight processes. These expressions are equivalent for integers, reals, and other familar objects from mathematics but are *not* equivalent for datatypes, such as floating point, used in computers. The association that MPI uses will depend on the number of processes, thus, you may not get exactly the same result when you use different numbers of processes. Note that you are not getting a wrong result, just a different one (most programs assume the arithmetic operations are associative). All processes do get the same result from a single call to `MPI_Allreduce`.

2. **Q:** My Fortran program fails with a BUS error.

   A: The C compiler that `MPICH` was built with and the Fortran compiler that you are using have different alignment rules for variables of type like `DOUBLE PRECISION`. For example, the GNU C compiler `gcc` may assume that all `double`s are aligned on eight-byte boundaries, but the Fortran language requires only that `DOUBLE PRECISION` align with `INTEGER`s, which may be four-byte aligned.

   There is no good fix. Consider rebuilding `MPICH` with a C compiler that supports weaker data alignment rules. Some Fortran compilers will allow you to force eight-byte alignment for `DOUBLE PRECISION` (for example, `-dalign` or `-f` on some Sun Fortran compilers); note though that this may break some correct Fortran programs that exploit Fortran's storage association rules.

   Some versions of `gcc` may support `-munaligned-doubles`; `MPICH` should be rebuilt with this option if you are using `gcc`, version 2.7 or later. `MPICH` attemps to detect and use this option where available.

3. **Q:** I'm using `fork` to create a new process, or I'm creating a new thread, and my code fails.

   A: The `MPICH` implementation is not thread safe and does not support either fork or the creation of new processes. Note that the MPI specification is thread safe, but implementations are not required to be thread safe. At this writing, few implementations are thread-safe, primarily because this reduces the performance of the MPI implementation (you at least need to check to see if you need a thread lock, actually getting and releasing the lock is even more expensive).

   The `MPICH` implementation supports the `MPI_Init_thread` call; with this call, new in MPI-2, you can find out what level of thread support the MPI implementation supports. As of version 1.2.0 of `MPICH`, only `MPI_THREAD_SINGLE` is supported. We believe that version 1.2.0 and later support `MPI_THREAD_FUNNELED`, and some users have used `MPICH` in this mode (particularly with OpenMP), but we have not rigourously tested `MPICH` for this mode. Future versions of `MPICH` will support `MPI_THREAD_MULTIPLE`.

   Q: C++ programs execute global destructors (or constructors) more times than expected. For example:

```
class Z {
public:
  Z()  { cerr << "*Z" << endl; }
  ~Z() { cerr << "+Z" << endl; }
};

Z z;

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);
  MPI_Finalize();
}
```

when running with the `ch_p4` device on two processes executes the destructor twice for each process.

A: The number of processes running before `MPI_Init` or after `MPI_Finalize` is not defined by the MPI standard; you can not rely on any specific behavior. In the `ch_p4` case, a new process is `fork`ed to handle connection requests; it terminates with the end of the program.

You can use the threaded listener with the `ch_p4` device, or use the `ch_p4mpd` device instead. Note, however, that this code is not portable because it relies on behavior that the MPI standard does not specify.

6.13.2 HPUX

1. **Q:** My Fortran programs seem to fail with `SIGSEGV` when running on HP workstations.

   A: Try compiling and linking the Fortran programs with the option `+T`. This *may* be necessary to make the Fortran environment correctly handle interrupts used by `MPICH` to create connections to other processes.

6.13.3 LINUX

1. **Q:** Processes fail with messages like

   ```
   p0_1835:  p4_error: Found a dead connection while looking for messages: 1
   ```

   A: What is happening is that the TCP implementation on this platform is deciding that the connection has "failed" when it really hasn't. The current `MPICH` implementation assumes that the TCP implementation will not close connections and has no code to reanimate failed connections. Future versions of `MPICH` will work around this problem.

   In addition, some users have found that the single processor Linux kernel is more stable than the SMP kernel.

6.13.4 Workstation Networks

1. **Q:** My job runs to completion but exits with the message

```
Timeout in waiting for processes to exit.  This may be due to a defective
rsh program (Some versions of Kerberos rsh have been observed to have this
problem).
This is not a problem with P4 or mpich but a problem with the operating
environment.  For many applications, this problem will only slow down
process termination.
```

   What does this mean?

   A: If anything causes the rundown in `MPI_Finalize` to take more than about 5 minutes, it becomes suspicious of the `rsh` implementation. The `rsh` used with some Kerberos installations assumed that `sizeof(FD_SET) == sizeof(int)`. This meant that the `rsh` program assumed that the largest FD value was 31. When a program uses `fork` to create processes that launch `rsh`, while maintaining the stdin, stdout, and stderr to the forked process, this assumption is no longer true, since the FD that `rsh` creates for the socket may be greater than 31 if there are enough processes running. When using such a broken implementation of `rsh`, the symptom is that jobs never terminate because the `rsh` jobs are waiting (with select) for the socket to close.

   The `ch_p4mpd` device eliminates this problem.

6.14 Trouble with Input and Output

6.14.1 General

1. **Q:** I want output from `printf` to appear immediately.

   A: This is really a feature of your C and/or Fortran runtime system. For C, consider

```
setbuf( stdout, (char *)0 );
```

   or

```
setvbuf( stdout, NULL, _IONBF, 0 );
```

6.14.2 Workstation Networks

1. **Q:** I want standard output (`stdout`) from each process to go to a different file.

   A: `MPICH` has no built-in way to do this. In fact, it prides itself on gathering the stdouts for you. You can do one of the following:

   (a) Use Unix built-in commands for redirecting `stdout` from inside your program (`dup2`, etc.). The MPE routine `MPE_IO_Stdout_to_file`, in '`mpe/src/mpe_io.c`', shows one way to do this. Note that in Fortran, the approach of using `dup2` will work only if the Fortran `PRINT` writes to `stdout`. This is common but by no means universal.

(b) Write explicitly to files instead of to `stdout` (use `fprintf` instead of `printf`, etc.). You can create the file name from the process's rank. This is the most portable way.

6.14.3 HP-UX

1. **Q:** When trying to run `upshot` under HP-UX, I get error messages like

   ```
   set: Variable name must begin with a letter.
   ```

   or

   ```
   upshot: syntax error at line 35: `(' unexpected
   ```

   A: Your version of HP-UX limits the shell names to very short strings. `Upshot` is a program that is executed by the `wish` shell, and for some reason HP-UX is both refusing to execute in this shell and then trying to execute the `upshot` program using your current shell (e.g., '`sh`' or '`csh`'), instead of issuing a sensible error message about the command name being too long. There are two possible fixes:

   (a) Add a link with a much shorter name, for example

   ```
   ln -s /usr/local/tk3.6/bin/wish /usr/local/bin/wish
   ```

   Then edit the `upshot` script to use this shorter name instead. This may require root access, depending on where you put the link.

   (b) Create a regular shell program containing the lines

   ```
   #! /bin/sh
   /usr/local/tk3.6/bin/wish -f /usr/local/mpi/bin/upshot
   ```

   (with the appropriate names for both the '`wish`' and '`upshot`' executables).

   Also, file a bug report with HP. At the very least, the error message here is wrong; also, there is no reason to restrict general shell choices (as opposed to login shells).

6.15 Special debugging arguments

These are undocumented, and some require configure options to have been specified (like `-mpipktsize` and `-chmemdebug`). The option `-mpiversion` is useful for finding out how your installation of `MPICH` was configured and exactly what version it is. The options include:

-mpedbg If an error occurs, start `xterm`s attached to the process that generated the error. Requires the `MPICH` be configured with `-mpedbg` and works on only some workstations systems.

-mpiversion Print out the version and configuration arguements for the `MPICH` implementation being used.

These arguments are provided to the program, not to `mpirun`. For example,

```
mpirun -np 2 a.out -mpiversion
```

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Appendices

A Frequently Asked Questions

The web page `www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/faq.html` contains answers for many frequently asked questions. This section contains the same information as that web site.

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A.1 Introduction

MPICH is a freely available, portable implementation of MPI, the Standard for message-passing libraries.

A.2 Installing MPICH

Building and installing MPICH often requires only

```
./configure --prefix=/home/me/mpich
make
make install
```

where the value of the `--prefix` argument to configure is the directory in which MPICH should be installed. See the *Installation Guide* for more detailed instructions.

A.3 Using MPICH

Information on using MPICH can be found in the Installation and Users' Guide. There are versions of this guide for each MPICH device; make sure that you read the one the applies to your device. You can find out which device is installed by running a simple MPI program with the option -mpiversion:

```
mpirun -np 1 a.out -mpiversion
```

All of the guides are available at `http://www.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/mpich/docs.html` .

A.4 Permission Denied

Question:
When I use mpirun, I get the message `Permission denied`, `connection reset by peer`, or `poll: protocol failure in circuit setup` when trying to run `MPICH`.

Answer:
If you see something like this

```
% mpirun -np 2 cpi
Permission denied.
```

(or `connection reset by peer` or `poll: protocol failure in circuit setup`) when using the `ch_p4` device, it probably means that you do not have permission to use rsh to start processes. The script tstmachines can be used to test this. For example, if the architecture type (the -arch argument to configure) is sun4, then try

```
tstmachines sun4
```

If this fails, then you may need a '`.rhosts`' or '`/etc/hosts.equiv`' file (you may need to see your system administrator) or you may need to use the p4 server. Another possible problem is the choice of the remote shell program; some systems have several. Check with your systems administrator about which version of rsh or remsh you should be using.

If your system allows a '`.rhosts`' file, do the following:

- Create a file .rhosts in your home directory
- Change the protection on it to user read/write only: chmod og-rwx .rhosts.
- Add one line to the .rhosts file for each processor that you want to use. The format is

```
host username
```

For example, if your username is doe and you want to user machines a.our.org and b.our.org, your .rhosts file should contain

```
a.our.org doe
b.our.org doe
```

Note the use of fully qualified host names (some systems require this).

On networks where the use of .rhosts files is not allowed, (such as the one in MCS at Argonne), you should use the p4 server to run on machines that are not trusted by the machine that you are initiating the job from.

Finally, you may need to use a non-standard rsh command within `MPICH`. `MPICH` must be reconfigured with `-rsh=command_name`, and perhaps also with `-rshnol` if the remote shell command does not support the `-l` argument. Systems using Kerberos and/or AFS may need this.

A.5 Notes on getting MPICH running Under Linux

Introduction The purpose of this document is to describe the steps necessary to allow MPICH processes to be started and to communicate with one another. The installation that we are focusing on is a RedHat 7.2 installation with medium security (the default). While other distributions will certainly vary, this is a good example of the sorts of problems that one might run across.

There are three methods for starting MPICH processes that are typically used on clusters today. These are rsh, ssh, and mpd.

We will first describe getting the rsh service working. We will include rlogin in this process because it is helpful for testing. Next we will describe getting ssh working and enabling the ssh-agent to allow for logins without password typing. Finally we will discuss issues related to process communication in MPICH and firewalls.

Enabling rsh By default the rsh server is not installed, and it is necessary for use of the rsh service in starting MPICH processes. The rsh server, in.rshd, is part of the rsh-server RPM. This RPM is located on the first disc of the RedHat 7.2 distribution. The rlogin server, in.rlogind, is also included in this package.

The xinetd server controls the availability of the rsh and rlogin services. This server is installed by default, but by default rsh and rlogin services are disabled. To enable these services, you must edit the files '`/etc/xinetd.d/rsh`' and '`/etc/xinetd.d/rlogin`'. Here is the rsh file as it looks by default:

```
# default: on
# description: The rshd server is the server for the rcmd(3) routine and, \
#       consequently, for the rsh(1) program.  The server provides \
#       remote execution facilities with authentication based on \
#       privileged port numbers from trusted hosts.
service shell
{
        socket_type             = stream
        wait                    = no
        user                    = root
        log_on_success          += USERID
        log_on_failure          += USERID
        server                  = /usr/sbin/in.rshd
        disable                 = yes
}
```

You must enable the service by changing "disable = yes" to "disable = no". The same must be done to the rlogin config file to enable that service.

At this point the xinetd daemon must be restarted to register these changes:

```
/etc/rc.d/init.d/xinetd restart
```

At this point you should receive a "Permission denied." if you attempt a command such as "rsh localhost hostname" as a non-root user (or as root for that matter).

To allow users to rsh without passwords you need to edit '`/etc/hosts.equiv`', the system-wide host file for rsh and rlogin. This file should hold hostnames of machines that you would like users to be able to start MPICH processes from. For example, simply adding:

```
localhost.localdomain
```

Should allow users to perform the command "rsh localhost hostname" successfully. Likewise adding other hostnames will allow users on those hosts to rsh to this host.

However, there is another catch! By default (with medium security) packet filtering is enabled as well, and this will prevent users from remote hosts from connecting to this machine using the rsh or rlogin services. This packet filter, or firewall, is administered using the ipchains package (which is installed by default).

The firewall configuration is written out by a program called lokkit at installation time (I think). The configuration is stored in '`/etc/sysconfig/ipchains`' and by default looks like this:

```
# Firewall configuration written by lokkit
# Manual customization of this file is not recommended.
# Note: ifup-post will punch the current nameservers through the
#       firewall; such entries will *not* be listed here.
:input ACCEPT
:forward ACCEPT
:output ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth0 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth1 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 -d 0/0 -i lo -j ACCEPT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 6000:6009 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 7100 -y -j REJECT
```

While an in-depth discussion of ipchains rules is outside the context of this document, it's worth talking about how this works a bit. First, the rules are applied in order from top of the list to the bottom of the list. The argument to -j says what to do if a packet matches; it's usually either ACCEPT (let the packet in), or REJECT (toss it out). If a packet makes it through the entire list then the default policy is applied. In this case the default policy is ACCEPT.

The following line tells the packet filter to allow all localhost (-i lo) traffic to pass unmolested:

```
-A input -s 0/0 -d 0/0 -i lo -j ACCEPT
```

This line blocks all new TCP connections going to ports 0-1023, which is the range of most services, including rsh/rlogin:

```
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -y -j REJECT
```

We're going to modify this file to allow rsh and rlogin traffic.

```
# Firewall configuration written by lokkit
# Manual customization of this file is not recommended.
# Note: ifup-post will punch the current nameservers through the
#       firewall; such entries will *not* be listed here.
:input ACCEPT
:forward ACCEPT
:output ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth0 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth1 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 -d 0/0 -i lo -j ACCEPT
#
# New rules for rlogin/rsh traffic, incoming or outgoing
#
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 513 -b -j ACCEPT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 514 -b -j ACCEPT
#
# End of new rules
#
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 6000:6009 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 7100 -y -j REJECT
```

At this point users on remote systems with accounts on this system should be able to rsh/rlogin to this machine without using a password.

Enabling ssh Enabling ssh is somewhat easier.

First the ssh server, sshd, must be installed. This is part of the openssh-server RPM. This RPM is located on the first disc of the RedHat 7.2 distribution.

Once the server is installed, it must be started:

```
/etc/rc.d/init.d/sshd start
```

The service will be automatically started on reboot.

At this point ssh on the localhost should work, although a password will still be required. However, our firewall rules will be preventing connections from other machines.

We again modify '`/etc/sysconfig/ipchains`', this time to allow ssh traffic in and out. See the above section for a discussion of what we are doing here.

```
# Firewall configuration written by lokkit
# Manual customization of this file is not recommended.
# Note: ifup-post will punch the current nameservers through the
#       firewall; such entries will *not* be listed here.
:input ACCEPT
:forward ACCEPT
:output ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth0 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth1 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 -d 0/0 -i lo -j ACCEPT
#
# New rules for ssh traffic, incoming or outgoing
#
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 22 -b -j ACCEPT
#
# End of new rules
#
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 6000:6009 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 7100 -y -j REJECT
```

At this point users on remote systems should be able to ssh into the machine, but they will still need a password.

Users should set up a private/public authentication key pair in order for ssh to operate without passwords. This process is documented in the installation guide, but a summary of the steps for RH7.2 will be included here.

First run the "ssh-keygen -t rsa" application to create the private/public key pair. By default this will create the files '`~/.ssh/id_rsa`' and '`~/.ssh/id_rsa.pub`'. Use a password.

Next place the public key ('`~.ssh/id_rsa.pub`') in the file '`~/.ssh/authorized_keys`'. If more than one machine is going to be used, then this key must be put in the '`~/.ssh/authorized_keys`' file on each machine. The permissions on the .ssh directory should be set to 700; otherwise the sshd may choose to not accept the keys.

This will allow you to connect using rsa keys rather than simple UNIX passwords. The next step is to enable an SSH agent so that you do not need to repeatedly type your password.

The agent is started with "`ssh-agent <cmd>`". Typically `<cmd>` is `$SHELL`, so that your default shell is started. The agent will then handle authentication on your behalf any time you attempt to use ssh from this shell. To give the ssh-agent your password, type "ssh-add". This will query you for the passphrase that accompanies your rsa key.

Once you have completed this, you will be able to ssh to other systems on which your key is authorized without typing a password.

Interprocess communication MPICH processes use the standard UNIX mechanisms for allocating ports for intercommunication. Using this mechanism processes are given ports in the range of 1024–65535.

Unfortunately for us, the default firewall configuration blocks some port ranges that our MPICH processes might be given to use for communication. This leads to a situation where MPICH applications will occasionally fail to communicate (when they happen to get the wrong port value).

We're going to modify the ipchains configuration file to remove lines disabling ranges of ports that our processes might use for intercommunication.

The two default rules of interest are the following:

```
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 6000:6009 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 7100 -y -j REJECT
```

The first blocks incoming TCP connections to ports 6000-6009 (often used by X), while the second blocks incoming TCP connections to port 7100 (often used by the X font server).

We simply remove these rules:

```
# Firewall configuration written by lokkit
# Manual customization of this file is not recommended.
# Note: ifup-post will punch the current nameservers through the
#       firewall; such entries will *not* be listed here.
:input ACCEPT
:forward ACCEPT
:output ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth0 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 67:68 -d 0/0 67:68 -p udp -i eth1 -j ACCEPT
-A input -s 0/0 -d 0/0 -i lo -j ACCEPT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -y -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 0:1023 -j REJECT
-A input -p udp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 2049 -j REJECT
#
# Removed these rules to eliminate chance of MPICH comm. failure
#
# -A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 6000:6009 -y -j REJECT
```

```
# -A input -p tcp -s 0/0 -d 0/0 7100 -y -j REJECT
#
# End of removed rules
#
```

This modification, in conjunction with one to allow process startup, should prepare your system for MPICH jobs.

A.6 poll: protocol failure during circuit creation

You may see this message if you attempt to run too many MPI programs in a short period of time. For example, in Linux and when using the `ch_p4` device (without the secure server or ssh), `MPICH` uses rsh to start the MPI processes. Depending on the particular Linux distribution and verison, there may be a limit of as few as 40 processes per minute. When running the `MPICH` test suite or starting short parallel jobs from a script, it is possible to exceed this limit.

To fix this, you can do one of the following:

1. Wait a few seconds between running parallel jobs. You may need to wait up to a minute.
2. Modify '`/etc/inetd.conf`' to allow more processes per minute for `rsh`. For example, change

   ```
   shell stream tcp nowait root /etc/tcpd2 in.rshd
   ```

   to

   ```
   shell stream tcp nowait.200 root /etc/tcpd2 in.rshd
   ```

3. Use the `ch_p4mpd` device or the secure server option of the `ch_p4` device instead. Neither of these relies on `inetd`.

A.7 Using SSH

The secure shell (ssh) may be used with the `ch_p4` device, but requires careful setup. See *configuring with* ***`ssh`*** in the *Installation and User's* manual.

Make sure that `ssh` is set up to *not* require a password. The command

```
ssh -n `hostname` date
```

should return the date without any prompts for passwords. See the installation manual if you have problems.

A.8 Mac OS X and hostname

Under Mac OS X, the hostname handling is unusual. The hostname that the `hostname` command or the `gethostname` function return is determined by the name set in the "Sharing preference" pane. If this name contains a space, you may get only the leading part of the name, upto but not including the first space. This name is stored in the file `/etc/hostconfig`. MPICH, for the `ch_p4` and `ch_p4mpd` device, needs a sensible name returned by both `gethostname` and `hostname`. If you are using a single machine in a standalone configuration, the easiest option is to change the name of the machine in `/etc/hostconfig` to `localhost` (use `sudo`). If you wish to use another name, you need to make the name in `/etc/hostconfig` match the name in the `NetInfo` database.

Thanks to Victor Eijkhout for this information.

A.9 SIGSEGV

If your program fails with

```
p4_error: interrupt SIGSEGV
```

the problem is probably not with MPI. Instead, check for program bugs including

1. Array overwrites or accesses beyond array bounds. Be particularly careful of `a[size]` in C, where `a` is declared as `int a[size]`.
2. Invalid pointers, including null pointers.
3. Missing or mismatched parameters to subroutines or functions. Fortran users should check that all MPI calls include the integer error return parameter and that any status variable is dimensioned as an array of size `MPI_STATUS_SIZE`.

A.10 semop lock failed

When running the `ch_p4` device with SMP support (`-comm=shared`), you may occasionally see the message

```
"p1_13043:  p4_error: OOPS: semop lock failed"
```

To fix this, try running the script `cleanipcs` that is included with MPICH. You can also use the command `ipcs` to list the shared memory and semaphore resources that are in use on a node. This can help you track down resources that are held by a different user that are preventing your MPI program from running.

A.11 Compiler Switches

Normally, you should let `configure` determine compiler switches. However, you can use the configure options `-cflags=...` and `-fflags=...` to specify special flags. See also *compiler switches*.

A.12 C++ Builds Fail

If the C++ build fails with messages about ambiquities in the definitions, try reconfiguring and rebuilding with the –without-profiling options to the C++ configure. In later versions of MPICH, a different C++ interface will be provided that should fix this problem.

A.13 Fortran programs give errors about mismatched types

Some Fortran compilers will complain if a subroutine is passed arguments of different types in the same parameter position. For example, if `MPI_Bcast` is used with an integer in one place and a double precision value in another, you may see

```
Argument #1 of 'mpi_bcast' is one type at (2) but is some other type at (1)
```

This is a strict interpretation of the Fortran standard. To fix this, you will need to tell the compiler to allow this usage. For the GNU g77 compiler, add the command-line option `-Wno-globals`, as in

```
mpif77 -Wno-globals mycode.f
```

An alternative is to use a Fortran 90 or Fortran 95 compiler with the MPI module instead of the '`mpif.h`' header file.

A.14 Missing Symbols When Linking

If you get errors about missing symbols, such as

```
mpicc  -o overtake overtake.o test.o
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: MPIR_F_TRUE
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: .MPIR_InitFortranDatatypes
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: MPIR_F_FALSE
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: .MPIR_InitFortran
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: MPIR_I_DCOMPLEX
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: .MPIR_Free_Fortran_dtes
ld: 0711-317 ERROR: Undefined symbol: .MPIR_Free_Fortran_keyvals
```

this usually indicates an error in the `make` process. For some reason, the Fortran part (which is where these symbols come from) is particularly fragile. To fix this, try the following steps:

```
cd src/fortran/src
make clean
make
ar ../../../lib/libmpich.a *.o
ranlib ../../../lib/libmpich.a
```

If weak symbols are not supported, then *in addition*, do these additional steps:

```
make clean
make profile
ar ../../../lib/libpmpich.a *.o
ranlib ../../../lib/libpmpich.a
```

The problem is that some versions of make have logic errors that cause them to create files but not to act on them; this causes make to build the object file but then fail to include it in the archive. The above steps should work around this problem.

A.15 Warning messages while building MPICH

Some compilers may generate a large number of warnings of the form

```
"commreq_free.c", line 70: warning #187: use of "=" where "==" may have been intended
```

There is nothing wrong with these statements. The compiler is warning about a legal, but often misused, feature of the C language. The statements have been crafted so that most compilers recognize that the "=" was used intentionally; unfortunately, some compilers insists on warning about this valid use of C and provide no way to indicate to the compiler that the warning is unnecessary.

A.16 MPMD (Multiple Program Multiple Data) Programs

MPICH, depending on the device, supports MPMD programs. However, the `mpirun` script currently does not support MPMD programs. For the `ch_p4` device, the user must create a procgroup file and invoke the program that will have rank zero in `MPI_COMM_WORLD` with the command-line option `-p4pg filename`. See the *Installation and User's Guide* for more information.

A.17 Reporting problems and support

1. First, check *the list of known bugs and patches* for the problem you are seeing.
2. Also check the troubleshooting guides in the *Installation and Users guides*.
3. If that doesn't help, send mail to *mpi-bugs@mcs.anl.gov*.

A.18 Algorithms used in MPICH

1. Does MPICH use IP Multicast for `MPI_Bcast`?

   No. In principle, MPICH could use multicast, but in practice this would be very difficult. To start with, IP multicast is unreliable; additional code to make it reliable needs to be added. In fact, there is an effort to provide a reliable multicast, built ontop of the unreliable multicast. The second problem is that not all systems allow user programs (or *any* program) to perform an IP multicast. In fact, that is the

case for the systems that we have been developing on. Thus, we will always need the point-to-point version. There is a fairly easy way to replace any collective routine in MPI, but no-one has offered us a multicast-based `MPI_Bcast` yet...

A.19 Jumpshot and X11

Jumpshot relies on the AWT/Swing toolkit to perform its graphics operations. We have noticed some problems with AWT/Swing and X11 window system support on some PC's running Windows. In particular, the combination of SecureCRT and Exceed or SecureCRT and Xfree86 often have problems (sometimes serious, including hangs and crashes). For now, the only workaround is to use OpenSSH and Xfree86 (with Cygwin) if possible when using a Windows PC.

B History of `MPICH`

`MPICH` was developed during the MPI standards process to provide feedback to the MPI Forum on implementation and usability issues. With the release of the MPI standard, `MPICH` was designed to provide an implementation of the MPI standard that could replace the proprietary message-passing systems on the massively parallel computers of the day, such as the Intel Paragon, IBM SP, and TMC CM5. `MPICH` used an early version of the abstract device interface (ADI), based on the Chameleon [16] portability system, to provide a light-weight implementation layer. To enable development on desktop systems, a device layered on top of the P4 [1] system was used. Over time, other devices were developed; as systems have vanished (e.g., the TMC CM5 and the Ncube), these devices have been dropped from our distribution. Because `MPICH` used P4 for workstation networks, `MPICH` has supported both MIMD programming and heterogeneous clusters from the very beginning.

Because `MPICH` was designed to enable ports to other systems, many parallel computer vendors and research groups have used `MPICH` as the basis for their implementation. Many users are now familar only with the version of `MPICH` that uses the `ch_p4` device for workstation and Beowulf clusters. However, `MPICH` continues to support other systems and continues to serve as a platform for research into MPI implementations.

C File Manifest

This section briefly describes the files and directories at the top level of the `MPICH` source tree.

`COPYRIGHT` Copyright statement. This code is free but not public domain. It is copyrighted by the University of Chicago and Mississippi State University.

`Makefile.in` Template for the '`Makefile`', which will be produced when you run `configure`.

`MPI-2-C++` The C++ system from Notre Dame. It includes the C++ bindings for the MPI-1 functions.

`README` Basic information and instructions for configuring.

`aclocal.m4` Used for building '`configure`' from '`configure.in`'; not needed for most installations. The file '`aclocal_tcl.m4`' is included by '`aclocal.m4`'.

`ccbugs` Directory for programs that test the C compiler during configuration, to make sure that it will be able to compile the system.

`configure` The script that you run to create Makefiles throughout the system.

`configure.in` Input to `autoconf` that produces `configure`.

`doc` Assorted tools for producing documentation, together with this manual.

`examples` Directory containing further directories of example MPI programs. Of particular note are `basic`, with a few small examples to try first, `test`, with a test suite for exercising `MPICH`, and `perftest`, containing benchmarking code.

`include` The include files, both user and system.

`bin` Contains the programs and executable scripts, such as `mpicc` and `mpirun`, used to build and run MPI programs.

`man` Man pages for `MPI`, `MPE`, and internal routines.

`mpe` The source code for the `MPE` extensions for logging and X graphics. The `contrib` directory contains examples. Best are the `mandel` and `mastermind` subdirectories. The `profiling` subdirectory contains the profiling subsystem, including a system for automatically generating the "wrappers" for the MPI profiling interface. MPE also includes the performance visualization programs, such as `jumpshot` (see Section 3.5.1).

`mpid` The source code for the various "devices" that customize `MPICH` for a particular machine, operating system, and environment.

`romio` The ROMIO parallel I/O system, which includes an implementation of most of the MPI-2 parallel I/O standard.

`src` The source code for the portable part of `MPICH`. There are subdirectories for the various parts of the MPI specification.

`util` Utility programs and files.

`www` HTML versions of the `man` pages.

D Configure Usage

The command `configure -help` will print out

```
Configuring with args --help
Configuring MPICH Version 1.2.3 (pre-alpha) of : 2001/08/20 18:08:23
Usage: ./configure [--with-arch=ARCH_TYPE] [--with-comm=COMM_TYPE]
            [--with-device=DEVICE]
```

```
            [--with-mpe] [--without-mpe]
            [--disable-f77] [--disable-f90] [--with-f90nag] [--with-f95nag]
            [--disable-f90modules]
            [--disable-gencat] [--disable-doc]
            [--enable-cxx ] [--disable-cxx]
            [--enable-mpedbg] [--disable-mpedbg]
            [--enable-devdebug] [--disable-devdebug]
            [--enable-debug] [--disable-debug]
            [--enable-traceback] [--disable-traceback]
            [--enable-long-long] [--disable-long-long]
            [--enable-long-double] [--disable-long-double]
            [-prefix=INSTALL_DIR]

            [-c++[=C++_COMPILER] ] [noc++]
            [-opt=OPTFLAGS]
            [-cc=C_COMPILER] [-fc=FORTRAN_COMPILER]
            [-clinker=C_LINKER] [-flinker=FORTRAN_LINKER]
            [-c++linker=CC_LINKER]
            [-cflags=CFLAGS] [-fflags=FFLAGS] [-c++flags=CCFLAGS]
            [-optcc=C_OPTFLAGS] [-optf77=F77_OPTFLAGS]
            [-f90=F90_COMPILER] [-f90flags=F90_FLAGS]
            [-f90inc=INCLUDE_DIRECTORY_SPEC_FORMAT_FOR_F90]
            [-f90linker=F90_LINKER]
            [-f90libpath=LIBRARY_PATH_SPEC_FORMAT_FOR_F90]
            [-lib=LIBRARY] [-mpilibname=MPINAME]
            [-mpe_opts=MPE_OPTS]
            [-make=MAKEPGM ]
            [-memdebug] [-ptrdebug] [-tracing] [-dlast]
            [-listener_sig=SIGNAL_NAME]
            [-cross]
            [-adi_collective]
            [-automountfix=AUTOMOUNTFIX]
            [-noranlib] [-ar_nolocal]
            [-rsh=RSHCOMMAND] [-rshnol]
            [-noromio] [-file_system=FILE_SYSTEM]
            [-p4_opts=P4_OPTS]
where
   ARCH_TYPE       = the type of machine that MPI is to be configured for
   COMM_TYPE       = communications layer or option to be used
   DEVICE          = communications device to be used
   INSTALL_DIR     = directory where MPI will be installed (optional)
   MPE_OPTS        = options to pass to the mpe configure
   P4_OPTS         = options to pass to the P4 configure (device=ch_p4)
   C++_COMPILER    = default is to use xlC, g++, or CC (optional)
   OPTFLAGS        = optimization flags to give the compilers (e.g. -g)
   CFLAGS          = flags to give C compiler
   FFLAGS          = flags to give Fortran compiler
   MAKEPGM         = version of make to use
   LENGTH          = Length of message at which ADI switches from short
                     to long message protocol
   AUTOMOUNTFIX    = Command to fix automounters
   RSHCOMMAND      = Command to use for remote shell
   MPILIBNAME      = Name to use instead of mpich in the name of the MPI
                     library.  If set, libMPILIBNAME will be used instead
```

```
                    or libmpich.  This can be used on systems with
                    several different MPI implementations.
   FILE_SYSTEM     = name of the file system ROMIO is to use.  Currently
                    supported values are nfs, ufs, pfs (Intel),
                    piofs (IBM), hfs (HP), sfs (NEC), and xfs (SGI).
   SIGNAL_NAME     = name of the signal for the P4 (device=ch_p4) device to
                    use to indicate that a new connection is needed.  By
                    default, it is SIGUSR1.

All arguments are optional, but if 'arch', 'comm', or 'prefix' arguments
are provided, there must be only one.  'arch' must be specified before
'comm' if they both appear.

Packages that may be included with MPICH

--with-device=name     - Use the named device for communication.  Known
                         names include ch_p4, ch_mpl, ch_shmem, and globus2.
                         If not specified, a default is chosen.  Special
                         options for the device are specified after the
                         device name, separated by a colon.  E.g.,
                         --with-device=globus2:-flavor=mpi,nothreads
--with-romio[=OPTIONS] - Use ROMIO to provide MPI-I/O from MPI-2 (default).
                         The options include -file_system=FSTYPE, where
                         fstype can be any combination of nfs, ufs,
                         pfs (intel), piofs (IBM), hfs (HP), sfs (NEC), and
                         xfs (SGI), combined with '+'.  If romio is not
                         included, the Fortran 90 modules cannot be built.
--with-mpe             - Build the MPE environment (default)
--with-f90nag          - Choose the NAG f90 compiler for Fortran
                         (preliminary version intended for use *instead*
                         of a Fortran 77 compiler)
--with-f95nag          - Choose the NAG f95 compiler for Fortran
--with-cross=file      - Use the file for cross compilation. The file
                         should contain assignments of the form
                            CROSS_SIZEOF_INT=4
                         for each cross compilation variable.  The command
                            egrep 'CROSS_[A-Z_]*=' configure | sed 's/=.*//g'
                         will list each variable.

You can use --without-<featurename> to turn off a feature (except for
device).
Options for device ch_lfshmem:
--with-device=ch_lfshmem[:-usesysv]
The option '-usesysv' applies to the ch_shmem device, and causes the device
to attempt and use System V shared memory and semaphore routines, rather
than what would be chosen by default (often mmap or a system-specific method).

Options for device ch_meiko:
--with-device=ch_meiko

Options for device ch_mpl:
--with-device=ch_mpl

Options for device ch_p4:
```

```
./configure: ./mpid/ch_p4/setup_ch_p4: Permission denied

Options for device ch_p4mpd:
--with-device=ch_p4mpd[:-listener_sig=SIGNALNAME][-dlast][-socksize=BYTES]

The option '-listener_sig' applies to the ch_p4mpd device, and changes the
signal that is used to signal that a new connection should be made.  By
default, SIGUSR1 is used.

The option '-dlast' causes the p4 device to remember the last few debugging
messages, printing them out only when the job terminates abnormally.

The option '-socksize' changes the size of the socket buffers used.

Options for device ch_shmem:
--with-device=ch_shmem[:-usesysv]
The option '-usesysv' applies to the ch_shmem device, and causes the device
to attempt and use System V shared memory and semaphore routines, rather
than what would be chosen by default (often mmap or a system-specific method).

Options for device globus:
--with-device=globus[:-globusdir=GLOBUSDIR]
'-globusdir=GLOBUS' allows one to specify the location of an installed
version of Globus.  You can acquire Globus from http://www.globus.org ."

Options for device globus2:
*# GLOBUS_INSTALL_PATH must be set

Features that may be included with MPICH

--enable-c++          - Build C++ interfaces to the MPI-1 routines
                        (default)
--enable-f77          - Build Fortran 77 interfaces to the MPI
                        routines (default)
--enable-weak-symbols - Use weak symbols for MPI/PMPI routines.  This uses
                        weak symbols, if available, for the profiling
                        interface (default)
--enable-debug        - Enable support for debuggers to access message
                        queues
--enable-traceback    - Enable printing of a call stack when MPI and the
                        user's program is built with certain compilers
                        (currently only some versions of gcc are supported).
--enable-mpedbg       - Enable the -mpedbg command-line argument (e.g.,
                        errors can start an xterm running a debugger).
                        Only works with some workstation systems.
--enable-sharedlib    - Attempt to build shared libraries.  Static
--enable-sharedlib=dir  libraries are always built.  If a directory is
                        specified, the shared libraries will be placed in
                        that directory.  This can be used to place the
                        shared libraries in a uniform location in local
                        disks on a cluster.
--enable-f90modules   - Build Fortran 90 module support (default if a
                        Fortran 90 or 95 compiler is found).  If ROMIO
                        is not built, no Fortran 90 modules will be built.
```

```
The following are intended for MPI implementors and debugging of configure
--enable-strict       - Try and build MPICH using strict options in Gnu gcc
--enable-echo         - Cause configure to echo what it does
--enable-devdebug     - Enable debugging code in the ADI.

You can use --disable-<featurename> to turn off a feature.

Notes on configure usage:

The suggestions for GNU configure usage suggest that configure not be used
to build different tools, only controlling some basics of the features
enabled or the packages included.  Our use of configure does not follow
these rules because configure is too useful but we need the flexibility
that allows the user to produce variations of MPICH.

More notes on command-line parameters:

You can select a different C and Fortran compiler by using the '-cc' and
'fc' switches.  The environment variables 'CC' and 'FC' can also provide
values for these but their settings may be overridden by the configure
script.  Using '-cc=$CC -fc=$FC' will force configure to use those
compilers.

The option '-opt' allows you to specify optimization options for the
compilers (both C and Fortran).  For example, '-opt=-O' chooses optimized
code generation on many systems.  '-optcc' and '-optf77' allow you to
specify options for just the C or Fortran compilers.  Use -cflags and
-fflags for options not related to optimization.

Note that the '-opt' options are not passed to the 'mpicc', 'mpif77',
'mpiCC', and 'mpif90' scripts.  The '-opt' options are used only in
building MPICH.

The option '-lib' allows you to specify the location of a library that
may be needed by a particular device.  Most devices do NOT need this
option; check the installation instructions for those that might.

The option '-make' may be used to select an alternate make program.  For
example, to make use of VPATH builds (building in one directory with the
source in a different directory), -make=gnumake may be required.

The option '--disable-short-longs' may be used to suppress support for
the C types 'long long' (a common extension) and 'long double' (ANSI/ISO C)
when they are the same size as 'long' and 'double' respectively.  Some
systems allow these long C types, but generate a warning message when
they are used; this option may be used to suppress these messages (and
support for these types). '--disable-long-long' disables just 'long long';
'--disable-long-double' disables just 'long double'.

The option '-ar_nolocal' prevents the library archive command from
attempting to use the local directory for temporary space.  This option
should be used when (a) there isn't much space (less than 20 MB)
available in the partition where MPICH resides and (b) there is enough
space in /tmp (or wherever ar places temporary files by default).
```

The option '-noranlib' causes the 'ranlib' step (needed on some systems to build an object library) to be skipped. This is particularly useful on systems where 'ranlib' is optional (allowed but not needed; because it is allowed, configure chooses to use it just in case) but can fail (some 'ranlib's are implemented as scripts using 'ar'; if they don't use the local directory, they can fail (destroying the library in the process) if the temporary directory (usually '/tmp') does not have enough space. This has occured on some OSF systems.

The option '-rsh' allows you to select an alternative remote shell command (by default, configure will use 'rsh' or 'remsh' from your 'PATH'). If your remote shell command does not support the '-l' option (some AFS versions of 'rsh' have this bug), also give the option '-rshnol'. These options are useful only when building a network version of MPICH (e.g., '--with-device=ch_p4').

Special Tuning Options:

There are a number of options for tuning the behavoir of the ADI (Abstract Device Interface) which is the low-level message-passing interface. These should NOT be used unless you are sure you know what you are doing.

The option '-pkt_size=LENGTH' allows you to choose the message length at which the ADI (Abstract Device Interface) switches from its short to long message format. LENGTH must be positive.

The option '-adi_collective' allows the ADI to provide some collective operations in addition to the basic point-to-point operations. Currently, most systems do not support this option (it is ignored) and on the others it has not been extensively tested.

Options for Experts:

The option '-memdebug' enables extensive internal memory debugging code. This should be used only if you are trying to find a memory problem (it can be used to help find memory problems in user code as well). Running programs with the option '-mpidb memdump' will produce a summary, when 'MPI_Finalize' is called, of all unfreed memory allocated my MPI. For example, a user-created datatype that was not later freed would be reported.

The option '-tracing' enables tracing of internal calls. This should be used only for debugging the MPICH implementation itself.

The option '-dlast' enables tracing of the most recent operations performed by the device. These can be output when a signal (like SIGINT), error, or call to a special routine occurs. There is a performance penalty for this option, but it can be very useful for implementors attempting to debug problems.

Sample Configure Usage:

To make for running on Sun's running Solaris with ch_p4 as the device,

```
 and with the installation directory equal to the current directory:

  ./configure --with-device=ch_p4 --with-arch=solaris
  make

Known devices are
        ch_nx     (native Intel NX calls),
        ch_mpl    (native IBM EUI or MPL calls),
        ch_p4     (p4)
        ch_p4mpd  (p4 with the MPD startup system)
        globus2   (Globus: globus_io/vMPI)
        ch_meiko  (for Meiko CS2, using NX compatibility library),
        ch_shmem  (for shared memory systems, such as SMPs),
        ch_lfshmem(for shared memory systems, such as SMPs; uses
                   lock-free message buffers),
        ch_cenju3 (native NEC Cenju-3 calls)

The following devices were supported with ADI-1, but are currently
unsupported.  Please contact us if you are interested in helping us
support these devices:
        meiko     (for Meiko CS2, using elan tport library), and
        nx        (for Intel Paragon),
        t3d          (for the Cray T3D, using Cray shmem library).
        ch_nc     (native nCUBE calls, requires -arch=ncube),
        ch_cmmd   (native TMC CM-5 CMMD calls)
These are no longer distributed with the MPICH distribution.

Known architectures include (case is important)
        alpha     (Compaq alpha)
        CRAY      (CRAY XMP, YMP, C90, J90, T90)
        cray_t3d  (CRAY T3D)
        EWS_UX_V  (NEC EWS4800/360AD Series workstation.  Untested.)
        freebsd   (PC clones running FreeBSD)
        hpux      (HP UX)
        intelnx   (Intel i860 or Intel Delta)
        IRIX      (synonym for sgi)
        IRIX32    (IRIX with 32bit objects -32)
        IRIXN32   (IRIX with -n32)
        IRIX64    (IRIX with 64bit objects)
        ksr       (Kendall Square KSR1 and KSR2)
        LINUX     (PC clones running LINUX)
        LINUX_ALPHA (Linux on Alpha processors)
        meiko     (Meiko CS2)
        netbsd    (PC clones running NetBSD)
        paragon   (Intel Paragon)
        rs6000    (AIX for IBM RS6000)
        sgi       (Silicon Graphics IRIX 4.x, 5.x or 6.x)
        sgi5      (Silicon Graphics IRIX 5.x on R4400's, for the MESHINE)
        solaris   (Solaris)
        solaris86 (Solaris on Intel platforms)
        sppux     (SPP UX)
        sun4      (SUN OS 4.x)
        SX_4_float0
                  (NEC SX-4; Floating point format float0
```

```
                          Conforms IEEE 754 standard.
                 C:       sizeof (int)     = 4; sizeof (float) = 4
                 FORTRAN: sizeof (INTEGER) = 4; sizeof (REAL)  = 4)
      SX_4_float1
                (NEC SX-4; Floating point format float1
                          IBM floating point format.
                 C:       sizeof (int)     = 4; sizeof (float) = 4
                 FORTRAN: sizeof (INTEGER) = 4; sizeof (REAL)  = 4)
      SX_4_float2
                (NEC SX-4; Floating point format float2
                          CRAY floating point format.
                 C:       sizeof (int)     = 4; sizeof (float) = 8
                 FORTRAN: sizeof (INTEGER) = 8; sizeof (REAL)  = 8)
                 !!! WARNING !!! This version will not run
                                 together with FORTRAN routines.
                                 sizeof (INTEGER) != sizeof (int)
      SX_4_float2_int64
                 (NEC SX-4; Floating point format float2 and
                           64-bit int's)
                  C:       sizeof (int)     = 8; sizeof (float) = 8
                  FORTRAN: sizeof (INTEGER) = 8; sizeof (REAL)  = 8)
      tflops    (Intel TFLOPS)
      UXPM      (UXP/M. Untested.)
      uxpv      (uxp/v. Untested.)

   Others may be recognized.

Special notes:

For SGI (--with-arch=IRIX) multiprocessors running the ch_p4 device, use
-comm=ch_p4 to disable the use of the shared-memory p4 communication
device, and -comm=shared to enable the shared-memory p4 communication
device.  The default is to enable the shared-memory communication device.
```

E Mpirun Usage

The options for `mpirun` as shown by `mpirun -help`, are (note that not all options are supported by all devices). Depending on the specific device, the output of `mpirun -help` may differ; the following is for the `globus2` device.

```
mpirun [mpirun_options...] <progname> [options...]

  mpirun_options:
    -arch <architecture>
            specify the architecture (must have matching machines.<arch>
            file in /usr/local/mpich/bin/machines) if using the execer
    -h      This help
    -machine <machine name>
            use startup procedure for <machine name>
```

```
mpirun [mpirun_options...] <progname> [options...]

  mpirun_options:
    -arch <architecture>
            specify the architecture (must have matching machines.<arch>
            file in /usr/local/mpich/bin/machines) if using the execer
    -h      This help
    -machine <machine name>
            use startup procedure for <machine name>
              paragon
              p4
              sp1
              ibmspx
              anlspx
              sgi_mp
              ipsc860
              inteldelta
              cray_t3d
              execer
              smp
              symm_ptx
    -machinefile <machine-file name>
            Take the list of possible machines to run on from the
            file <machine-file name>. This is a list of all available
            machines; use -np <np> to request a specific number of machines.
    -np <np>
            specify the number of processors to run on
    -nodes <nodes>
            specify the number of nodes to run on (for SMP systems;
            only ch_mpl device supports this)
    -nolocal
            don't run on the local machine (only works for ch_p4 jobs)
    -all-cpus, -allcpus
            Use all available CPUs on all the nodes.
    -all-local
            Run all processes on the master node.
    -exclude <list>
            Exclude nodes in a colon delimited list.
    -map <list>
            Use the colon delimited list to specify which rank
            runs on which nodes.
    -stdin filename
            Use filename as the standard input for the program.  This
            is needed for programs that must be run as batch jobs, such
            as some IBM SP systems and Intel Paragons using NQS (see
            -paragontype below).
            use
                  -stdin /dev/null
            if there is no input and you intend to run the program in the
            background.  An alternate is to redirect standard input from
            /dev/null, as in
                  mpirun -np 4 a.out < /dev/null
    -t      Testing - do not actually run, just print what would be
            executed
```

```
-v      Verbose - throw in some comments
-dbg    The option '-dbg' may be used to select a debugger.  For example,
        -dbg=gdb invokes the mpirun_dbg.gdb script located in the
        'mpich/bin' directory.  This script captures the correct arguments,
        invokes the gdb debugger, and starts the first process under gdb
        where possible.  There are 4 debugger scripts; gdb, xxgdb, ddd,
        totalview.  These may need to be edited depending on your system.
        There is another debugger script for dbx, but this one will always
        need to be edited as the debugger commands for dbx varies between
        versions.  You can also use this option to call another debugger;
        for example, -dbg=mydebug.  All you need to do is write a script
        file, 'mpirun_dbg.mydebug', which follows the format of the
        included debugger scripts, and place it in the mpich/bin directory.
-ksq    Keep the send queue. This is useful if you expect later
        to attach totalview to the running (or deadlocked) job, and
        want to see the send queues. (Normally they are not maintained
        in a way which is visible to the debugger).

Options for the globus2 device:

With the exception of -h, these are the only mpirun options supported
by the globus device.

-machinefile <machine-file name>
        Take the list of possible machines to run on from the
        file <machine-file name>
-np <np>
        specify the number of processors to run on
-dumprsl - display the RSL string that would have been
          used to submit the job.  using this option
          does not run the job.
-globusrsl <globus-rsl-file name>
        <globus-rsl-file name> must contain a Globus RSL
        string.  When using this option all other mpirun options
        are ignored.


Special Options for Batch Environments:

-mvhome Move the executable to the home directory.  This
        is needed when all file systems are not cross-mounted
        Only used by anlspx
-mvback files
        Move the indicated files back to the current directory.
        Needed only when using -mvhome; has no effect otherwise.
-maxtime min
        Maximum job run time in minutes.  Used only
        by anlspx.  Default value is $max_time minutes.
-nopoll Do not use a polling-mode communication.
```

```
        Available only on IBM SPs.

Special Options for IBM SP2:

-cac name
        CAC for ANL scheduler.  Used only by anlspx.
        If not provided will choose some valid CAC.
```

On exit, `mpirun` returns a status of zero unless `mpirun` detected a problem, in which case it returns a non-zero status.

When using the `ch_p4` device, multiple architectures may be handled by giving multiple `-arch` and `-np` arguments. For example, to run a program on 2 sun4s and 3 rs6000s, with the local machine being a sun4, use

```
mpirun -arch sun4 -np 2 -arch rs6000 -np 3 program
```

This assumes that program will run on both architectures. If different executables are needed, the string '%a' will be replaced with the arch name. For example, if the programs are `program.sun4` and `program.rs6000`, then the command is

```
mpirun -arch sun4 -np 2 -arch rs6000 -np 3 program.%a
```

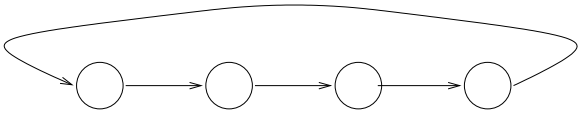
If instead the executables are in different directories; for example, '`/tmp/me/sun4`' and '`/tmp/me/rs6000`', then the command is

```
mpirun -arch sun4 -np 2 -arch rs6000 -np 3 /tmp/me/%a/program
```

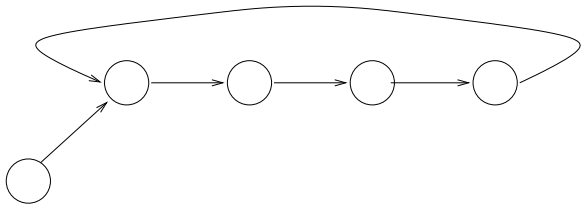
It is important to specify the architecture with `-arch` *before* specifying the number of processors. Also, the *first* `arch` command must refer to the processor on which the job will be started. Specifically, if `-nolocal` is *not* specified, then the first `-arch` must refer to the processor from which mpirun is running.

F How the Daemons Work

Once the daemons are started they are connected in a ring: A "console" process (`mpirun`,



`mpdtrace`, `mpdallexit`, etc.) can connect to any mpd, which it does by using a Unix named socket set up in '`/tmp`' by the local mpd. If it is an `mpirun` process, it requests that a number of processes be started, starting at the machine given by `-MPDLOC-` as described above. The location defaults to the mpd `next` in the ring after the one contacted by the console. Then the following events take place.



- The mpd's fork that number of `manager` processes (the executable is called `mpdman` and is located in the '`mpich/mpid/mpd`' directory). The managers are forked consecutively by the mpd's around the ring, wrapping around if necessary.
- The managers form themselves into a ring, and fork the application processes, called *clients*.
- The console disconnects from the mpd and reconnects to the first manager. `stdin` from `mpirun` is delivered to the client of manager 0.
- The managers intercept standard I/O fro the clients, and deliver command-line arguments and the environment variables that were specified on the `mpirun` command. The sockets carrying `stdout` and `sdterr` form a tree with manager 0 at the root.

At this point the situation looks something like Figure 2. When the clients need to contact

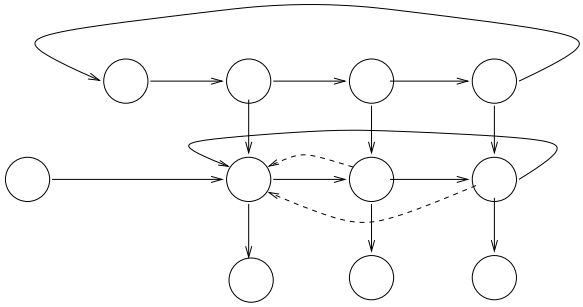


Figure 2: Mpds with console, managers, and clients

each other, they use the managers to find the appropriate process on the destination host. The `mpirun` process can be suspended, in which case it and the clients are suspended, but the mpd's and managers remain executing, so that they can unsuspend the clients when `mpirun` is unsuspended. Killing the `mpirun` process kills the clients and managers.

The same ring of mpd's can be used to run multiple jobs from multiple consoles at the same time. Under ordinary circumstances, there still needs to be a separate ring of mpd's for each user. For security purposes, each user needs to have a '`.mpdpasswd`' file in the user's home directory, readable only by the user, containing a password. This file is read when the `mpd` is started. Only `mpd`'s that know this password can enter a ring of existing `mpd`'s.

A new feature is the ability to configure the mpd system so that the daemons can be run as root. To do this, after configuring `MPICH` you need to reconfigure in the '`mpid/mpd`' directory with `--enable-root` and remake. Then `mpirun` should be installed as a `setuid`

program. Multiple users can use the same set of `mpd`'s, which are run as root, although their `mpirun`, managers, and clients will be run as the user who invoked `mpirun`.

G Deprecated Features

During the development of `MPICH`, various features were developed for the installation and use of `MPICH`. Some of these have been superceeded by newer features that are described above. This section archives the documentation on the deprecated features.

G.1 Getting Tcl, Tk, and wish

These software packages are available by anonymous `ftp` from `ftp.scriptics.com/pub/tcl/tcl\_old`. They are needed only for the `upshot` and `nupshot` programs; you do not need them in order to install `MPICH`. If you cannot find them at `ftp.scriptics.com`, copies of Tcl and Tk are available at `ftp://ftp.mcs.anl.gov/mpi/tcltk`.

You should get `tcl7.3.tar.Z` and `tk3.6.tar.Z` (and patch `tk3.6p1.patch`). Later versions of both Tcl and Tk are incompatible with these and do not work with `nupshot`. The `upshot` program has been modified to work with either Tk 3.6 or Tk 4.0. `Upshot` may work with later versions, but we are no longer tracking the changes to Tcl/Tk.

It is necessary that the `wish` program be accessible to users; the other parts of Tcl and Tk do not need to be installed (but make sure that everything that `wish` itself needs is installed).

To build Tcl and Tk, we recommend the following approach:

1. Fetch the compressed tar files and the patch file into an empty directory, preferably in a local (not NFS) file system such as '`/tmp`' (but make sure that you have enough space in that file system; xxx should be adequate).

2. Unpack the tar files:

```
gunzip -c tcl7.3.tar.Z | tar xf -
gunzip -c tk3.6.tar.Z | tar xf -
```

3. Apply the patch to Tk:

```
cd tk3.6
patch -p 1 < ../tk3.6p1patch
cd ..
```

   (Note that the instructions say to use `patch -p`; newer versions of patch require an argument and the correct value in this case is one; other versions of patch will want `-p1` (no space between p and the one).)

4. Configure Tcl. Pick an installation directory that clearly indicates the Tcl and Tk versions. For example, to build Tcl to install into '`/usr/local/tcl73tk36`', use

```
cd tcl7.6
./configure -prefix=/usr/local/tcl73tk36
```

5. Build and install Tcl. Before you execute the `make install` step, make sure that the directory specified in the `-prefix` argument to `configure` exists.

```
mkdir /usr/local/tcl73tk36
make
make install
```

6. Configure, build, and install Tk. Use the same installation directory for Tk that you used for Tcl:

```
cd ../tcl7.6
./configure -prefix=/usr/local/tcl73tk36
make
make install
```

This will provide you with a Tcl and Tk installation that can be used with the Tcl and Tk tools provided with `MPICH`. If you have installed these into a non-standard location (such as the one used above), you can set the environment variable `TCL73TK36_DIR` to the location used as the prefix in the configure commands:

```
setenv TCL73TK36_DIR /usr/local/tcl73tk36
```

This will allow `MPICH` to find these versions of Tcl and Tk. We no longer use or recommend Tcl/Tk because of the lack of compatibility between versions of Tcl/Tk.

G.2 Obsolete Systems

To `configure` for the Intel Paragon, use

```
configure --with-device=ch_nx --with-arch=paragon
```

Two troubleshootings tip for the Paragon are

1. **Q:** I got the following messages when I tried to build on the Paragon:

```
PGC-W-0115-Duplicate standard type (init.c: 576)
PGC/Paragon Paragon Rel R5.0: compilation completed with warnings
PGC-W-0115-Duplicate standard type (init.c: 576)
PGC/Paragon Paragon Rel R5.0: compilation completed with warnings
```

A: This is because the compiler doesn't handle `long long` but doesn't reject it either. It causes no harm.

2. **Q:** I get errors compiling or running Fortran programs.

   A:

   Fortran programs will need to use a *absolute* path for the '`mpif.h`' include file, due to a bug in the `if77` compiler (it searches include directories in the wrong order).

A troubleshooting tip for the older Intel i860 system is

1. **Q:** The link test fails on an Intel i860 with

```
    icc  -o overtake overtake.o test.o -L/mpich/lib/intelnx/  -lmpi  -lnode
/usr/ipsc/XDEV/i860/bin/ld860: Error: undefined symbol '_MPI_Keyval_create'
/usr/ipsc/XDEV/i860/bin/ld860: Fatal: no output file created
```

   A: You are probably building `MPICH` on an old 386 running System V release 2. This version of Unix has very severe limitations on the length of filenames (more severe than we are willing to cater to). The specific problem here is that the name of the file '`mpich/src/context/keyval_create.c`' is too long for this system, and was not properly archived. You best bet is to build `MPICH` on a different, more modern system (for example, a Sun running SunOS or Solaris).

G.3 More detailed control over compiling and linking

Much of `MPICH`'s portability is handled throught the careful construction of system-dependant Makefiles by the `configure` program. This is fine for installing `MPICH`, but what can you do when you are building a new application? For simple applications, the `mpicc` and `mpif77` commands may be the simplest way to build a new application. For more complex codes, we recommend taking a sample '`Makefile.in`' file, for example, in '`mpich/examples/test/pt2pt`'. Modify those parts that are are relavent, such as the `EXECS` and specific program targets. To create a '`Makefile`', just execute

```
mpireconfig Makefile
```

(`mpireconfig` is in the same directory as `mpirun`). This generates a new '`Makefile`' from '`Makefile.in`', with the correct parameters for the `MPICH` that was installed.

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