

# OpenMP

- A higher level interface for threads programming <http://www.openmp.org>
- Parallelization via source code annotations
- All major compilers support it, including gnu
- Gcc 4.8 supports OpenMP version 3.1  
<https://gcc.gnu.org/wiki/openmp>
- Compare with explicit threads programming

```
#pragma omp parallel private(i)
                shared(n)
{
#pragma omp for
for(i=0; i < n; i++)
    work(i);
}
```

```
i0 = $TID*n/$nthreads;
i1 = i0 + n/$nthreads;
for (i=i0; i< i1; i++)
    work(i);
```

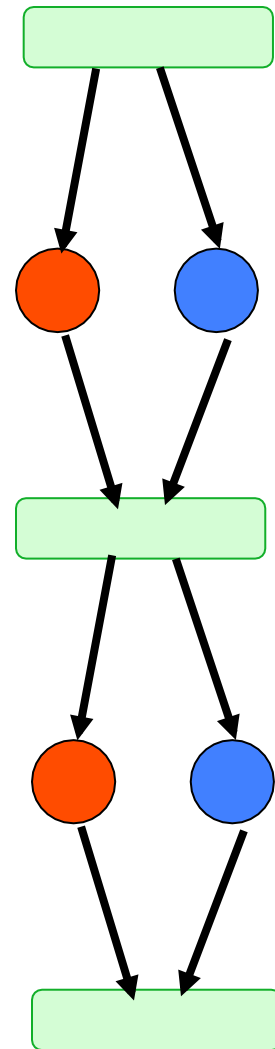
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**Another Model for Parallelism: OpenMP**

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# OpenMP's Fork-Join Model

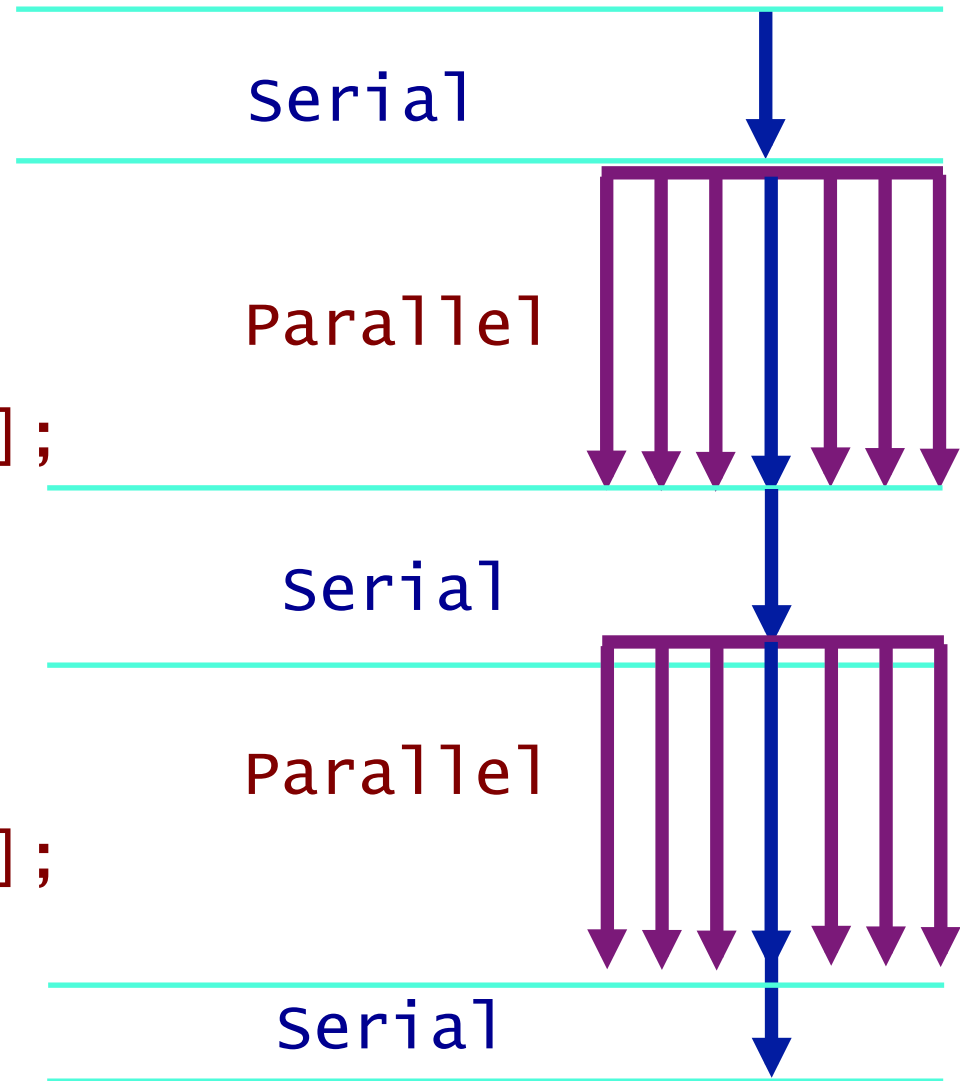
- A program begins life as a single thread
- Enter a parallel region, spawning a team of threads
- The lexically enclosed program statements execute in parallel by all team members
- When we reach the end of the scope...
  - The team of threads synchronize at a barrier and are disbanded; they enter a wait state
  - Only the initial thread continues
- Thread teams can be created and disbanded many times during program execution, but this can be costly
- A clever compiler can avoid many thread creations and joins



# Fork join model with loops

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```
cout << "Serial\n";  
N = 1000;  
#pragma omp parallel{  
#pragma omp for  
for (i=0; i<N; i++)  
    A[i] = B[i] + C[i];  
#pragma omp single  
M = A[N/2];  
#pragma omp for  
for (j=0; j<M; j++)  
    p[j] = q[j] - r[j];  
}  
Cout << "Finish\n";
```



# Loop parallelization

- The translator automatically generates appropriate local loop bounds
- Also inserts any needed barriers
- We use private/shared clauses to distinguish thread private from global data
- Handles irregular problems
- Decomposition can be static or dynamic

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(Keys) private(i) reduction(&:done)
for i = OE; i to N-2 by 2
    if (Keys[i] > Keys[i+1]) swap Keys[i] ↔ Keys[i+1]; done *= false; }
end do
return done;
```

# Another way of annotating loops

- These are equivalent

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for
    for (int i=1; i< N-1; i++)
        a[i] = (b[i+1] - b[i-1])/2h
}
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for
for (int i=1; i< N-1; i++)
    a[i] = (b[i+1] - b[i-1])/2h
```

# Variable scoping

- Any variables declared outside a parallel region are shared by all threads
- Variables declared inside the region are private
- **Shared** & **private** declarations override defaults, also usefule as documentation

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    double a[N], b[N], c[N];  
    int i;  
    #pragma omp parallel for shared(a,b,c,N) private(i)  
        for (i=0; i < N; i++)  
            a[i] = b[i] = (double) i;  
    #pragma omp parallel for shared(a,b,c,N) private(i)  
        for (i=0; i<N; i++)  
            c[i] = a[i] + sqrt(b[i]);  
}
```

## Dealing with loop carried dependences

- OpenMP will dutifully parallelize a loop when you tell it to, even if doing so “breaks” the correctness of the code

```
int* fib = new int[N];  
fib[0] = fib[1] = 1;  
#pragma omp parallel for  
num_threads(2) for (i=2; i<N; i++)  
    fib[i] = fib[i-1]+ fib[i-2];
```

- Sometimes we can restructure an algorithm, as we saw in odd/even sorting
- OpenMP may warn you when it is doing something unsafe, but not always



# Why dependencies prevent parallelization

- Consider the following loops

```
#pragma omp parallel
{
#pragma omp for nowait
for (int i=1; i< N-1; i++)
    a[i] = (b[i+1] - b[i-1])/2h
#pragma omp for
for (int i=N-2; i>0; i--)
    b[i] = (a[i+1] - a[i-1])/2h
}
```

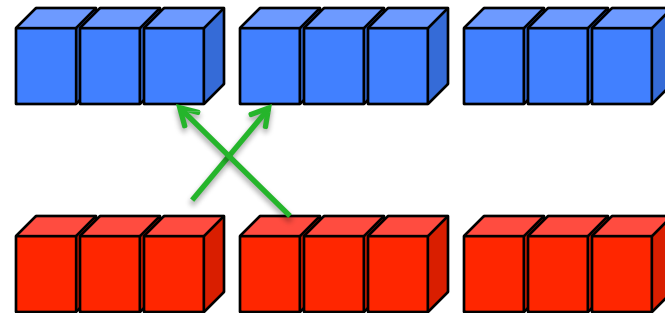


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    b[i] = (a[i+1] - a[i-1])/2h
}
```



- Results will be incorrect because the array  $a[ ]$ , in loop #2, *depends* on the outcome of loop #1 (a *true dependence*)
  - We don't know when the threads finish
  - OpenMP doesn't define the order that the loop iterations will be incorrect

# Barrier Synchronization in OpenMP

- To deal with true- and anti-dependences, OpenMP inserts a barrier (by default) between loops:

```
for (int i=0; i < N-1; i++)  
    a[i] = (b[i+1] - b[i-1])/2h  
BARRIER  
for (int i=N-1; i >= 0; i--)  
    b[i] = (a[i+1] - a[i-1])/2h
```



- No thread may pass the barrier until all have arrived hence loop 2 may not write into b until loop 1 has finished reading the old values
- Do we need the barrier in this case? Yes

```
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BARRIER?  
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    c[i] = a[i]/2;
```



# Which loops can OpenMP parallelize, assuming there is a barrier before the start of the loop?

A. 1 & 2

B. 1 & 3

C. 3 & 4

D. 2 & 4

E. All the loops

All arrays have at least N elements

1. for  $i = 1$  to  $N-1$   
     $A[i] = A[i] + B[i-1];$

2. for  $i = 0$  to  $N-2$   
     $A[i+1] = A[i] + 1;$

3. for  $i = 0$  to  $N-1$  step 2  
     $A[i] = A[i-1] + A[i];$

4. for  $i = 0$  to  $N-2$ {  
     $A[i] = B[i];$   
     $C[i] = A[i] + B[i];$   
     $E[i] = C[i+1];$   
}

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}

# How would you parallelize loop 2 by hand?



1. for  $i = 1$  to  $N-1$   
 $A[i] = A[i] + B[i-1];$
2. for  $i = 0$  to  $N-2$   
 $A[i+1] = A[i] + 1;$

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for i = 0 to N-2  
    A[i+1] = A[i] + 1;
```



```
for i = 0 to N-2  
    A[i+1] = A[0] + i;
```

# To ensure correctness, where must we remove the nowait clause?

- A. Between loops 1 and 2
- B. Between loops 2 and 3
- C. Between both loops
- D. None

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(a,b,c) private(i)
  for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    c[i] = (double) i
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(c) private(i) nowait
  for (i=1; i<N; i+=2)
    c[i] = c[i] + c[i-1]
```

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared(c) private(i) nowait
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    c[i] = c[i] + c[i-1]
```

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    c[i] = c[i] + c[i-1]
```

# Exercise: removing data dependencies

- How can we split this loop into 2 loops so that each loop parallelizes, and the result is correct?

🕸 B initially:            0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7

🕸 B on 1 thread:        7   7   7   7 11 12 13 14

```
#pragma omp parallel for shared (N,B)
for i = 0 to N-1
```

```
  B[i] += B[N-1-i];
```

```
B[0] += B[7],    B[1] += B[6],    B[2] += B[5]
```

```
B[3] += B[4],    B[4] += B[3],    B[5] += B[2]
```

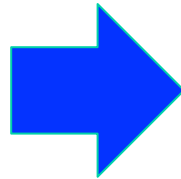
```
B[6] += B[1],    B[7] += B[0]
```



## Splitting a loop

- For iterations  $i=N/2+1$  to  $N$ ,  $B[N-i]$  reference newly computed data
- All others reference “old” data
- B initially:        0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7
- Correct result:    7   7   7   7   11 12 13 14

```
for i = 0 to N-1  
    B[i] += B[N-i];
```



```
#pragma omp parallel  
for ... nowait  
for i = 0 to N/2-1  
    B[i] += B[N-1-i];  
for i = N/2+1 to N-1  
    B[i] += B[N-1-i];
```

# Reductions in OpenMP

- In some applications, we reduce a collection of values down to a single global value
  - Taking the sum of a list of numbers
  - Decoding when Odd/Even sort has finished
- OpenMP avoids the need for an explicit serial section

```
int Sweep(int *Keys, int N, int OE, )  
bool done = true;  
#pragma omp parallel for reduction(&:done)  
    for (int i = OE; i < N-1; i+=2) {  
        if (Keys[i] > Keys[i+1]){  
            Keys[i] ↔ Keys[i+1];  
            done &= false;  
        }  
    } //All threads 'and' their done flag into a local variable  
    // and store the accumulated value into the global  
return done;  
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# Which functions may we use in a reduction?

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$$a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_{n-1}$$

B. Subtract

$$a_0 - a_1 - \dots - a_{n-1}$$

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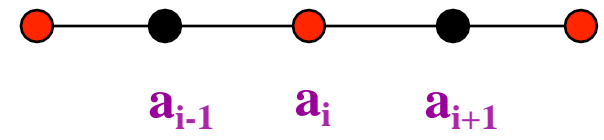
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# Odd-Even sort in OpenMP

```

for s = 1 to MaxIter do
    done = Sweep(Keys, N, 0);
    done &= Sweep(Keys, N, 1);
    if (done) break;
end do
int Sweep(int *Keys, int N, int OE){
    bool done=true;
    #pragma omp parallel for shared(Keys) private(i) reduction(&:done)
    for (i = OE; i < N-1; i+=2) {
        if (Keys[i] > Keys[i+1]){
            int tmp = Keys[i];
            Keys[i] = Keys[i+1];
            Keys[i+1] = tmp;
            done *= false;
        }
    }
    return done;
}

```



-n 8Mi, -i 200, -f 50

P=1	P=2	P=4	P=8
6.09s	3.51s	2.78s	2.78s

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}
```

# Another way of annotating loops

- These are equivalent
- Why don't we need to declare private(i)?

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(a,b)
{
#pragma omp for schedule(static)
    for (int i=1; i< N-1; i++)
        a[i] = (b[i+1] - b[i-1])/2h
}
```

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# The No Wait clause

- Removes the barrier after an omp for loop
- Why are the results incorrect?
  - ⌘ We don't know when the threads finish
  - ⌘ OpenMP doesn't define the order that the loop iterations will be incorrect

```
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```

# Parallelizing a nested loop with OpenMP

- Not all implementations can parallelize inner loops
- We parallelize the outer loop index

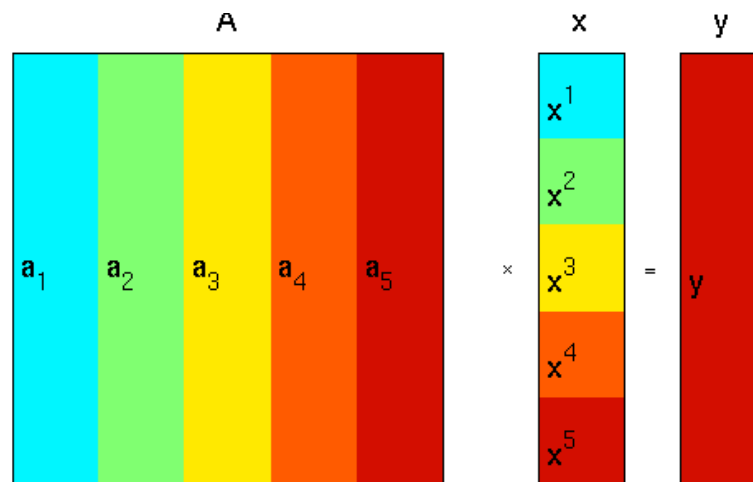
```
#pragma omp parallel private(i) shared(n)
  #pragma omp for
  for(i=0; i < n; i++)
    for(j=0; j < n; j++) {
       $V[i,j] = (u[i-1,j] + u[i+1,j] + u[i,j-1] + u[i,j+1] - h^2 f[i,j])/4$ 
    }
}
```

- Generated code

```
mymin = 1 + ($TID * n/NT),    mymax = mymin + n/NT-1
for(i=mymin; i < mymax; i++)
  for(j=0; j < n; j++)
     $V[i,j] = (u[i-1,j] + u[i+1,j] + u[i,j-1] + u[i,j+1] - h^2 f[i,j])/4$ 
  Barrier();
```

0
1
2
3

# An application: Matrix Vector Multiplication

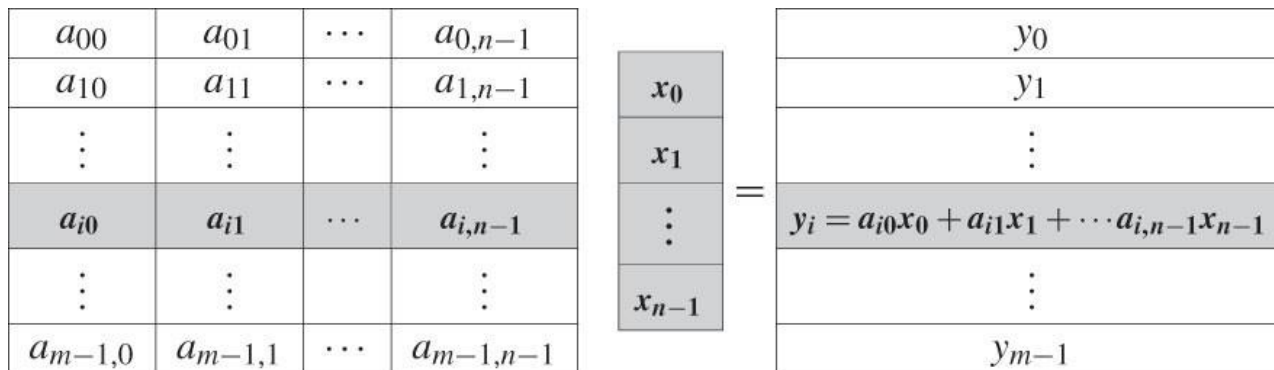
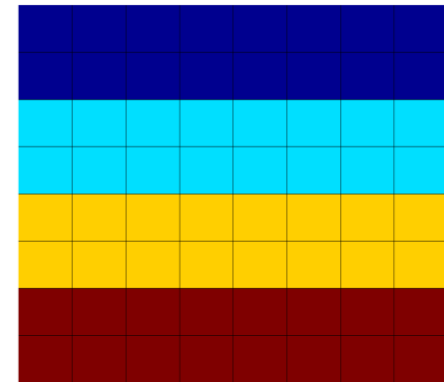


# Application: Matrix Vector Multiplication

```

double **A, *x, *y; // GLOBAL
#pragma omp parallel shared(A,x,N)
#pragma omp for
    for (i=0; i<N; i++){
        y[i] = 0.0;
        for (j=0; j<N; j++){
            y[i] += A[i][j] * x[j];
        }
    }

```

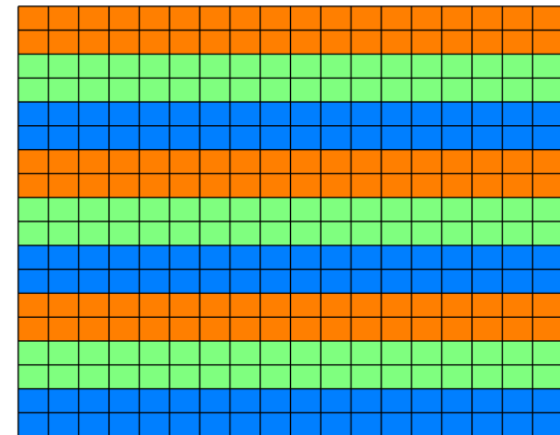
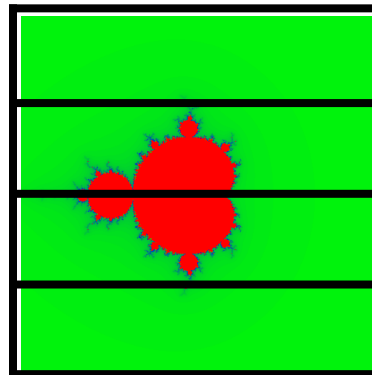




# Support for load balancing in OpenMP

- OpenMP supports Block Cyclic decompositions with chunk size

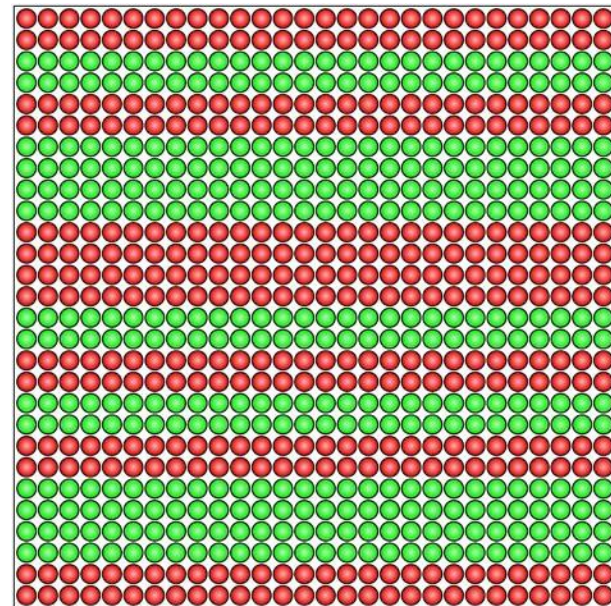
```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(static, 2)
for ( int i = 0; i < n; i++ ) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++ ){
        do
             $z = z^2 + c$ 
        while (|z| < 2 )
    }
}
```



# OpenMP supports self scheduling

- Adjust task granularity with a chunksize

```
#pragma omp parallel for schedule(dynamic, 2)
for( int i = 0; i < n; i++ ) {
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++ ){
        do
             $z = z^2 + c$ 
        while (|z| < 2 )
    }
}
```



# Iteration to thread mapping in OpenMP

```
#pragma omp parallel shared(N, iters) private(i)  
#pragma omp for  
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)  
    iters[i] = omp_get_thread_num();
```

N = 9, # of openMP threads = 3 (no schedule)

0 0 0 1 1 1 2 2 2

N = 16, # of openMP threads = 4, schedule(static,2)

0 0 1 1 2 2 3 3 0 0 1 1 2 2 3 3

N=9: 0 0 1 1 2 2 0 0 1

# Initializing Data in OpenMP

- We allocate heap storage outside a parallel region
- But we should initialize it inside a parallel region
- Important on NUMA systems, which account for most servers <http://goo.gl/ao02CO>

```
double **A;  
A =(double**) malloc(sizeof(double*)*N + sizeof(double)*N*N);  
assert(A);
```

```
#pragma omp parallel private(j) shared(A,N)  
for(j=0;j<N;j++)  
    A[j] = (double*)(A+N) + j*N;
```

```
#pragma omp parallel private(i,j) shared(A,N)  
for ( j=0; j<N; j++ )  
    for ( i=0; i<N; i++ )  
        A[i][j] = 1.0 / (double) (i+j-1);
```

# OpenMP is also an API

- But we don't use this lower level interface unless necessary
- *Parallel for* is much easier to use

```
#ifdef _OPENMP
#include <omp.h>
#endif
int tid=0, nthrds,1;
#pragma omp parallel
{
#ifdef _OPENMP
    tid = omp_get_thread_num(); gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/libgomp
    nthrds = omp_get_num_threads();
#endif
    int i0=(n/nthrds)*tid, i1=i0+n/nthrds;
    for(i=i0; i < i1; i++)
        work(i);
}
```

## Summary: what does OpenMP accomplish for us?

- Higher level interface simplifies the programmer's model
- Spawn and join threads, “Outlining” code into a thread function
- Handles synchronization and partitioning
- If it does all this, why do you think we need to have a lower level threading interface?

