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1 Introduction


On completing the Intel® Parallel Studio XE installation process, locate the getstart*.htm file in the documentation_2016 folder under the target installation path. This file is a documentation map to navigate to various information resources of the Intel® Parallel Studio XE.

2 Product Contents

The table below shows which Intel® Software Development Tools are present in each edition of Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2016.
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| Intel® Cluster Checker 3.0 (For Linux OS only) | 3.0 | getstarted.pdf |
| Intel® Data Analytics Acceleration Library (Intel® DAAL) | 2016 | get_started.htm |
| Intel® Fortran Compiler / Intel® Visual Fortran Compiler | 16.0 | get_started_wf.htm for Windows OS  
get_started_lf.htm for Linux OS |
| Intel® Inspector XE | 2016 | documentation_inspector.htm |
| Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives (Intel® IPP) | 9.0 | get_started.htm |
| Intel® Math Kernel Library (Intel® MKL) | 11.3 | get_started.html |
| Intel® MPI Benchmarks | 4.1 | Readme_IMB.txt  
IMB_Users_Guide.htm |
| Intel® MPI Library | 5.1 Update 1 | get_started.htm |
| Intel® Threading Building Blocks (Intel® TBB) | 4.4 | get_started.html |
| Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector | 9.1 Update 1 | get_started.htm |
| Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE | 2016 | get_started.html |
| Intel-provided Debug Solutions | | See below for additional information. |
| Microsoft Visual Studio Shell* for Intel® Visual Fortran (For Windows OS; installs only on the master node) | | See below for additional information. |

### 2.1 Additional Information for Intel-provided Debug Solutions


### 2.2 Additional Information for Microsoft Visual Studio Shell* for Intel® Visual Fortran

A Fortran-only Integrated Development Environment (IDE) based on Microsoft Visual Studio Shell 2013* is provided for systems that do not have a supported Microsoft Visual Studio installed. Installation of the Fortran IDE has the following additional requirements:
3 What’s New
This section highlights important changes from the previous product version. For more information on what is new in each component, please read the individual component release notes. The latest documentation for all components can be found at https://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-parallel-studio-xe-support/documentation.

Changes since Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2015 Update 3:

- All components updated to current versions.
- Support for Windows 10*
- Support for Microsoft Visual Studio 2015*
- IA-32 host installation support is deprecated.
- Visual Studio* 2010 support is deprecated.
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux* 5.0 support is deprecated.
- Fedora* 20 support removed
- Debian* 6 support removed
- Documentation updates.
- Intel® Data Analytics Acceleration Library (Intel® DAAL):
  - New component Intel® DAAL added to Composer Edition
- Added support in some components for Intel® AVX-512 instructions for Intel® Many Integrated Core Architecture (Intel® MIC Architecture) used by Intel® Xeon Phi™ Processor and Coprocessor (code name Knights Landing)

Changes since Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2015 Update 2:

- All components updated to current versions.
- Release Notes for all editions combined into single document.
- License changes, see section 5.1 for details.
- Directory structure changes, see section 5.2 for more information.
- Intel® Data Analytics Acceleration Library (Intel® DAAL):
- Intel® Cluster Checker:
- Intel® Advisor XE can now assist with vectorization and display compiler messages on the source. See https://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-advisor-xe for details.

Changes since Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2015 Update 1 Cluster Edition:
- All components updated to current versions.
- Intel® C++ and Fortran Compiler:
  - Support added for Fedora* 21
- Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives:
  - Support added for Fedora* 21
- Intel® Math Kernel Library:
  - Support added for Fedora* 21
- Intel® MPI Library:
  - Support for GPFS added via I_MPI_EXTRA_FILESYSTEM.
  - Support added for pbsdsh.
  - If stats.txt is detected, it is renamed to avoid overwriting.
  - Bug fixes
- Intel® Threading Building Blocks
  - Support added for Fedora* 21
- Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector:
  - Support for OpenMP* regions
  - Bug fixes
  - MPI Performance Snapshot (MPS) 9.0.3 Preview:
    - Support for Intel® Many Integrated Core Architecture (Intel® MIC Architecture).
    - Improved accuracy of Intel® MPI Library native statistics.
    - Statistics are now collected using the -mps option for mpirun. See Collecting Statistics.
    - Reduced memory consumption.
- Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE:
  - GPU Architecture Diagram
  - “TSX Hotspots” analysis.
  - “Bandwidth” analysis improvements.
  - GPU Profiling on Linux*
  - EBS with stacks for RT kernel and RT applications.
  - Driverless EBS with stacks via Perf.

Changes since Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2015 Cluster Edition:
- All components updated to current versions.
- Improved the custom install directory process.
- Intel® Advisor XE:
  - Incorporated new Intel® Cilk™ Plus overheads.
- Intel® C++ and Fortran Compiler:
  - Support for Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions 512 instructions for IA-32 and Intel® 64 architectures in 15.0.1.
  - First update with Japanese Localization
• Intel® Inspector XE:
  o Added support for DWARF Version 4 symbolics.
  o New uninitialized memory error detection algorithm that uses deeper analysis method to substantially reduce the number of false positives.
  o Major performance improvement in threading error analysis.
• Intel® Integrated Performance Primitives:
  o Added additional optimization for the newest Intel® Atom™ and 4th generation Intel® Core™ (code-named Haswell) processors.
  o Fixed a number of known issues in the previous release.
• Intel® Math Kernel Library:
  o Introduced support for Intel® Advanced Vector Extensions 512 (Intel® AVX-512) on Intel® Xeon® processors for Windows* and Linux* versions of Intel MKL. This is in addition to the current support for Intel® AVX-512 instructions for Intel® Many Integrated Core Architecture (Intel® MIC Architecture)
  o BLAS: improved optimizations for Intel® AVX and AVX2
  o LAPACK: Introduced support for LAPACK version 3.5
  o FFT: Introduced Automatic Offload mode for 1D Batch FFT on Intel® Many Integrated Core Architecture (Intel® MIC Architecture)
  o Cluster FFT: Improved performance of Hybrid (OpenMP+MPI) mode
  o Parallel Direct Sparse Solver for Clusters: Added support for many factorization steps with the same reordering (maxfct > 1)
  o Intel MKL PARDISO: Added support for Shur complement, including return of explicit Shur complement matrix and solving the system through Shur complement
  o VML: introduced new Environment variable, MKL_VML_MODE to control the accuracy behavior
• Intel® MPI Library:
  o The Intel® MPI Library now defaults to linking with the multi-threaded optimized library.
  o Single copy intra-node communication using Linux* supported cross memory attach (CMA).
  o Added gtool option for running external tools.
• Intel® Threading Building Blocks
  o The ability to split blocked_ranges in a proportion, used by affinity_partitioner since version 4.2 Update 4, became a formal extension of the Range concept.
  o More checks for an incorrect address to release added to the debug version of the memory allocator.
  o Different kind of solutions for each TBB example were merged.
• Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector:
  o MPI Performance Snapshot.
  o Intel® Trace Analyzer GUI available on OS*X.
• Intel® VTune™ Amplifier XE:
o Support for Intel® Xeon® processor E5 v3 family, including General Exploration, Bandwidth, and TSX Exploration analysis.
o Support for the Intel® microarchitecture code name Broadwell, including General Exploration analysis.
o Spin and Overhead Time metrics classified by reasons for OpenMP* analysis.

4 System Requirements

4.1 Processor Requirements

Systems based on Intel® 64 architecture:

Intel® Core™ processor family or higher

Intel® Xeon® E5 v3 processor families recommended

Intel® Xeon® E7 v3 processor families recommended

NOTE: It is assumed that the processors listed above are configured into homogeneous clusters. For Windows* OS, only processors based on the Intel® 64 architecture are supported.

4.2 Disk Space Requirements

100 GB of disk space (minimum)

NOTE: During the installation process, the installer may need up to 12 GB of temporary disk storage to manage the intermediate installation files.

4.3 Operating System Requirements

The operating systems listed below are supported by all components on Intel® 64 Architecture. Individual components may support additional operating systems and architecture configurations. See the individual component release notes for full details.

- Intel® Cluster Ready
- Debian* 7.0, 8.0
- Fedora* 21, 22
- Red Hat Enterprise Linux* 5, 6, 7
- SUSE Linux Enterprise Server* 11, 12
- Ubuntu* 12.04 LTS, 13.10, 14.04 LTS, 15.04
- Microsoft* Windows* 7, 8.x, 10

The Intel® MPI Library and Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector are supported on Intel® Cluster Ready systems and HPC versions of the listed versions of Microsoft* Windows* Server. These components are not supported on Ubuntu non-LTS systems.
IA-32 support has been removed from the Intel® MPI Library and Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector. Other components of Intel® Parallel Studio XE Cluster Edition still support IA-32 on the listed operating systems.

Support for Microsoft® Windows XP® has been removed from Intel® Parallel Studio XE.

Intel® Cluster Ready is an applications platform architecture standard for Linux® OS clusters. Please convey to your users the Linux® OS platform needed for your MPI application with:

This application has been verified to run correctly on Linux® OS clusters that conform to the Intel® Cluster Ready platform architecture. Each Intel® Cluster Ready system is shipped and tested with a diagnostic tool: Intel® Cluster Checker. Please see the Intel® Cluster Checker Getting Started Guide for information on how to use this tool.

For more information on Intel® Cluster Ready and on the alliance of partner vendors, please visit [http://www.intel.com/go/cluster](http://www.intel.com/go/cluster).

4.4 Memory Requirements
2 GB RAM (minimum)

4.5 Additional Software Requirements
Development for a 32-bit on a 64-bit host may require optional library components (ia32-libs, lib32gcc1, lib32stdc++-6, libc6-dev-i386, gcc-multilib, g++-multilib) to be installed from your Linux distribution.

5 Installation Notes
If you have installed Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2016 Beta, please remove this before installing Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2016. Otherwise installation will not proceed correctly.

For instructions on installing and uninstalling the Intel® Parallel Studio XE Cluster Edition on Linux® OS and Windows® OS, see the Installation Guide (Install_Guide.htm).

The installation of the product requires a valid license file or serial number. If you are evaluating the product, you can also choose the "Evaluate this product (no serial number required)" option during installation.

To begin installation on Linux®, first unpack the installation tarball into a writeable directory of your choice using the command:

tar -xzvf name-of-downloaded-file

Then change the directory (cd) to the directory containing the unpacked files and begin the installation using the command:
Command line: ./install.sh

GUI: ./install_GUI.sh

When on Linux, please do not run the install script as a background process (i.e. running 
“./install.sh &”). This is not supported.

To being installation on Windows*, after downloading your product, double-click on the
executable file (.EXE) to begin installation.

Then for both Windows* and Linux*, follow the prompts to complete installation.

Note that there are several different downloadable files available, each providing different
combinations of components. Please read the download web page carefully to determine which
file is appropriate for you.

You do not need to uninstall previous versions or updates before installing a newer version –
the new version will coexist with the older versions. However, it should be noted that when
installing updates to a major release Intel Parallel Studio XE common files, documentation, and
samples as well as the product components Intel® Advisor XE, Intel® Inspector XE, and Intel®
VTune™ Amplifier XE belonging to that major release will be updated.

To uninstall on Linux*, removing the product should be done by the same user who installed it
(root or a non-root user). If sudo was used to install, it must be used to uninstall as well. It is not
possible to remove the compilers while leaving any of the performance libraries installed.

1. Open a terminal window and set default (cd) to any folder outside <install-dir>
2. Type the command: <install-dir>/parallel_studio_xe_2016.<n>.<pkg>/uninstall.sh for a command-
   line uninstall or <install-dir>/parallel_studio_xe_2016.<n>.<pkg>/uninstall-GUI.sh for a GUI
   uninstall.
3. Follow the prompts
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to remove additional platforms or versions

To uninstall on Windows*, use the Windows Control Panel “Add or Remove Products” applet
to change which product components are installed or to remove the product.

5.1 License Changes
The ‘named-user’ license provisions in the Intel software EULA (available as ‘EULA.rtf’ or
‘EULA.txt’ in the same product directory as this release note) changed to only allow the software
to be installed on up to three systems, tracked by the system host ID. In order to install on
another system after you have reached this limit, you will need to release an old system host ID
from the registration system.
As an additional consequence to this change as well as some changes to the license design, you will need an updated license to use the production version of Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2016. Additional information is provided [here](http://intel.ly/1Nn2GjV). If you have further questions or concerns, please contact [Technical Support](mailto:). 

### 5.2 Installation Folders

In an effort to improve and more tightly unify the user experience when using multiple compilers and libraries from multiple Intel® Software Development Tools, the directory layout has changed in this release of Intel® Parallel Studio XE. This directory structure should remain stable for the next future major release. If you have questions, please see this explained in more detail at [http://intel.ly/1Nn2GjV](http://intel.ly/1Nn2GjV).

### 5.3 Online Installation

The electronic installation package for Intel® Parallel Studio XE now offers as an alternative a smaller installation package that dynamically downloads and then installs packages selected to be installed. This requires a working internet connection and potentially a proxy setting if you are behind an internet proxy. Full packages are provided alongside where you download this online install package if a working internet connection is not available. The online installer may be downloaded and saved as an executable file which can then be launched from the command line.

### 5.4 Storing Online Installer Download Content

The online installer stores the downloaded content in the form-factor of the standard install package which can then be copied and reused offline on other systems. The default download location is `<Program Files>`\Intel\Download on Windows or `/tmp/<UID>`. This location may be changed with the online installer command line option `--download-dir [FOLDER]`. The online installer also supports a download only mode which allows the user to create a package without installation. This mode is enabled with the `--download-only` command line option.

### 5.5 Silent Install

For information on automated or “silent” install capability, please see [http://intel.ly/nKrzhv](http://intel.ly/nKrzhv)

#### 5.5.1 Support of Non-Interactive Custom Installation

Intel® Parallel Studio XE 2016 supports the saving of user install choices during an ‘interactive’ install in a configuration file that can then be used for silent installs. This configuration file is created when the following option is used from the command line install:

- `--duplicate=config_file_name`: it specifies the configuration file name. If full path file name is specified, the `--download-dir` is ignored and the installable package will be created under the directory where configuration file is.
- `--download-dir=dir_name`: optional, it specifies where the configuration file will be created. If this option is omitted, the installation package and the configuration file will be created under the default download directory:
Windows: %Program Files%\Intel\Download\<package_id>
Linux: /tmp/<UID>/<package_id>

For example: w_ccompexe_online_2016.0.0XX.exe --
duplicate=ic16_install_config.ini --download-dir=
"C:\temp\custom_pkg_ic16"

The configuration file and installable package will be created under
“C:\temp\custom_pkg_ic16”.

5.6 Using a License Server
If you have purchased a "floating" license, see http://intel.ly/pjGfwC for information on how to
install using a license file or license server. This article also provides a source for the Intel®
License Server that can be installed on any of a wide variety of systems.

6 Documentation
The documentation index file getstart*.html provides more information about Intel® Parallel
Studio XE.

Note: Some hyperlinks in HTML documents may not work when you use Internet Explorer. Try
using another browser, such as Chrome or FireFox, or right-click the link, select Copy shortcut,
and paste the link into a new Internet Explorer window.

7 Issues and Limitations
1. When installing the Linux* packages via RPM, the installation will fail due to dependency
errors, such as:

    intel-comp-l-all-common-031 = 16.0 is needed by intel-comp-l-all-
    031-16.0.0-0.i486

    In order to install via rpm, use

    rpm -uv --nodeps [RPMs_to_install]

    Where [RPMs_to_install] is either individual RPMs to be installed or a wildcard
    representation of all RPMs to install. This will allow installation to proceed normally.

2. When attempting to source the psxevars.csh script in csh, the following error message is
returned:

    then: then/endif not found.
Use tcsh instead of csh as a workaround for this error.

3. There have been situations where during the installation process, /tmp has been filled up. We recommend that you have at least 12 GB of free space in /tmp when installing the Intel® Parallel Studio XE. Also, the installer script install.sh has the command-line options:

   -t [FOLDER]

   or

   --tmp-dir [FOLDER]

   where [FOLDER] is a directory path, which can direct the use of intermediate storage to another disk partition referenced by [FOLDER]. [FOLDER] should be a non-shared storage location on each node of the cluster. Note that [FOLDER] should also contain at least 12 GB of free space.

4. On Linux* OS, if any software component of the Intel® Parallel Studio XE is detected as pre-installed on the head node, that software component will not be processed by the installer. There is a similar problem on Windows* OS in the ‘Modify’ mode. For Windows* OS, if some software component of the Intel® Parallel Studio XE is pre-installed on the head node using the installer, that software component will not be installed on the compute nodes of the cluster. For either Linux* OS or Windows* OS, if you already installed some of the software components only on the head node, and you want to install them on the other nodes using the installer, you need to uninstall such components from the head node manually before starting the installer.

5. If you use the Intel® MPI Library command mpirun with the Intel® Inspector XE as follows:

   mpirun -f ./mpd.hosts -nolocal -ppn 1 -n 4 inspxe-cl -c ti2 -r
   r003_{mpirank} `pwd`/inspxe_mpirank.exe inspxe-cl -c mi2 -r
   r000_{mpirank} `pwd`/inspxe_mpirank.exe

   where the above command line is collecting two types of instrumentation data (ti2 and mi2), and you encounter a run-time error that may look as follows:

   HYDU_create_process (.\util\launch\launch.c:94): execvp error on file r000_{mpirank} (No such file or directory)

   In this case, you can use the mpiexec command in lieu of the mpirun command:

   mpiexec -nolocal -ppn 1 -n 4 inspxe-cl -c ti2 -r
   /shared/cluster_common/inspector_test/cluster/r003_{mpirank}
'pwd'/inspxe_mpirank.exe inspxe-cl -c mi2 -r r000_{mpirank}
inspxe_mpirank.exe

where /shared/cluster_common/inspector_test/cluster/r003_{mpirank}
is a shared path for collecting ti2 instrumentation data.

Alternatively, you can create a Bourne* Shell or C Shell script that contains
instrumentation information that may look as follows:

inspxe-cl -c ti2 -r
/shared/cluster_common/inspector_test/cluster/r003_{mpirank}
`pwd'/inspxe_mpirank.exe inspxe-cl -c mi2 -r r000_{mpirank}
inspxe_mpirank.exe

Using Bourne* Shell syntax, the script might be called run.sh, where it is used with the
mpirun command in the following manner:

mpirun -ppn 1 -n 4 ./run.sh

You also need to remove the -nolocal command-line option because the -f
<hosts_file> option was not specified, and therefore all processes are started locally.

6. Intel® Parallel Studio XE for Windows* OS requires the creation and use of symbolic
   links for installation of the Intel® software product components. If you have a File
Allocation Table (FAT32) file system deployed on your Windows* OS platform, these
symbolic links cannot be created and the integrity of the Intel® Parallel Studio XE
installation is compromised.

7. For Intel® MIC Architecture, Intel® MPI Library supports only Intel® Xeon Phi™
coprocessor.

   This release of the Intel® MPI Library for Linux* OS does not support the MPD process
manager for Intel® Xeon Phi™ coprocessor.

   Intel® MPI Library for Linux* OS supports multiple DAPL* providers for communication
between the host and the Intel® Xeon Phi™ coprocessor and between several Intel®
Xeon Phi™ coprocessors inside one node.
Currently supported providers are DAPL over InfiniBand* Architecture and DAPL over
Intel® Symmetric Communication Interface (Intel® SCI). This feature requires using
symbolic names in the host file.

8. Intel® Software Manager will always install to either /opt or $HOME on Linux* OS even
   if a custom installation path is chosen. This can slow installation when the destination
folder is a slow NFS shared folder, even if locally hosted.
9. Coarray Fortran (CAF) with Intel® Fortran Compiler 14 is incompatible with Intel® MPI Library 5.0. If using CAF, ensure that either Intel® Fortran Compiler 15 or higher is used, or use a 4.x version of Intel® MPI Library.

10. The product is fully supported on Ubuntu* and Debian* Linux distributions for IA-32 and Intel® 64 architecture systems as noted above under System Requirements. Due to a restriction in the licensing software, however, it is not possible to use the Trial License feature when evaluating IA-32 components on an Intel® 64 architecture system under Ubuntu or Debian. This affects using a Trial License only. Use of serial numbers, license files, floating licenses or other license manager operations, and off-line activation (with serial numbers) is not affected. If you need to evaluate IA-32 components of the product on an Intel® 64 architecture system running Ubuntu or Debian, please visit the Intel® Software Evaluation Center (http://intel.ly/nJS8y8) to obtain an evaluation serial number.

11. Intel® Inspector XE 2016 and Intel® Advisor XE 2016 do not support Windows 10* or Microsoft Visual Studio 2015* in the initial release of Intel® Parallel Studio XE. Support is planned for Update 1 of each component.

12. Installation of the Fortran-only Integrated Development Environment (IDE) based on Microsoft Visual Studio Shell 2013* may cause the system to reboot. The reboot is a rare condition, but it has been observed on Windows 8* systems which needed to have Windows updates applied. Normally this can be recovered from by installing the Windows updates and starting the installation again.

8 Technical Support
Your feedback is very important to us. To receive technical support for the tools provided in this product and technical information including FAQ's and product updates, you need to register for an Intel® Premier Support account at the Intel® Registration Center.

NOTE: Registering for support varies for release product or pre-release products (alpha, beta, etc.) – only released software products have support web pages at http://software.intel.com/sites/support/.

To register for an account, please visit the Intel® Registration Center website at http://www.intel.com/software/products/registrationcenter/index.htm. If you have forgotten your password, please email a request to: quadsupport@mailbox.intel.com. Please do not email your technical issue to this email address.

The product support web site, located under the SUPPORT tab of the http://www.intel.com/go/clustertools product page, provides top technical issues, FAQs & Known Issues, Documentation and Training, and product errata. For more information, and to connect with the Intel HPC community, visit the Intel® Clusters and HPC Technology forum: https://software.intel.com/en-us/forums/intel-clusters-and-hpc-technology.
8.1 Submitting Issues

To submit an issue via the Intel® Premier Support website, please perform the following steps:

1. Ensure that Java® and JavaScript® are enabled in your browser.
2. Go to https://premier.intel.com/.
3. Type in your Login and Password. Both are case-sensitive.
4. Accept the "Confidentiality Statement" if prompted. You will only have to do this the first time you log in.
5. Click the "Submit Issue" button in the upper right corner.
6. Search for a product (e.g. "Parallel Studio XE") and select from the dynamic drop-down list. Hit Next.
7. Complete the fields and enter a description of your issue. You may attach a log file or a reproducer at this time. Hit Next.
8. Review the text you have entered and hit Submit.

Follow these guidelines when forming your problem report or product suggestion:

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