Overview

The Intel® MPI Library for Windows* OS is a multi-fabric message passing library based on ANL* MPICH3* and OSU* MVAPICH2* that implements the Message Passing Interface, version 3.1 (MPI-3.1) specification.

To receive technical support and updates, you need to register your Intel® Software Development Product. See section Technical Support.

Product Contents

The Intel® MPI Library Runtime Environment (RTO) contains the tools you need to run programs including Hydra services and supporting utilities, dynamic libraries, and documentation.

The Intel® MPI Library Development Kit (SDK) includes all of the Runtime Environment components plus include files and modules, interface libraries, debug libraries and test codes.

Related Products and Services


What's New

See https://software.intel.com/en-us/articles/intel-cluster-tools-deprecation-information for a current list of deprecated features

Intel® MPI Library 2017

- Support for the MPI-3.1 standard.
- Removed the SMPD process manager.
- Removed the SSHM support.
- Deprecated support for the Intel® microarchitectures older than the generation codenamed Sandy Bridge.
- Bug fixes and performance improvements.
- Documentation improvements.
- The MPI Tuner Tutorial is removed from the installation and is available online at https://software.intel.com/en-us/intel-software-technical-documentation

Intel® MPI Library 5.1 Update 3

- Deprecation list updated. New deprecations:
  - SSHM
  - SMPD
  - JMI
- New algorithms and selection mechanism for nonblocking collectives.
- Added I_MPI_BCAST_ADJUST_SEGMENT variable to control MPI_Bcast.
- Fixed long count support for some collective messages.
- Binding kit reworked with support for Intel(R) Many Integrated Core Architecture and support for ILP64 on third party compilers.

Intel® MPI Library 5.1 Update 2

- ILP64 support enhancements, support for MPI modules in Fortran 90.
Intel® MPI Library 5.1 Update 1

- Change the named-user licensing scheme. See more details in the Installation Instructions section of Intel® MPI Library Installation Guide.
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 5.1

- Added the Troubleshooting chapter to the Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide.
- Added the MPI_Pcontrol feature for internal statistics.
- Increased the possible space for MPI_TAG.
- Changed the default installation directory to C:\Program Files (x86)\IntelSWTools. See the README document for details.
- Bug fixes

**NOTE**: Intel® MPI Benchmarks is delivered as part of Intel® MPI Library. For the new features of Intel® MPI Benchmarks, see the What's New section in Intel® MPI Benchmarks README.

Intel® MPI Library 5.0 Update 3

- Support for the rename mechanism for the file, stats.txt, to avoid overwriting
- Native statistics collection can be controlled with MPI_Pcontrol
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 5.0 Update 2

- Enhancements to statistics gathering mode
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 5.0 Update 1

- Directory structure update. New shortcuts have been added to always point to the most recently installed version of the Intel® MPI Library
- Bug fixes, including:
  - Resolving problem where Hydra with -localroot causes pmi_proxy to only spawn on local host.
- Collective performance improvements
- Documentation update
- Man pages copyright updated
- Added support for -fopenmp in mpiicc, mpiicpc, and mpiifort
- Improved pinning under job schedulers

Intel® MPI Library 5.0

- Support for Hydra* process manager on Windows* OS by default
- Added option I_MPI_JOB_RESPECT_PROCESS_PLACEMENT to honor process placement from job schedulers
- All IA-32 architecture support has been removed
- Added debug information without private symbols to optimized libraries. Added .pdb files to get call stack when an application crashes.
- Implement the MPI-3 standard including but not limited to:
  - Non-blocking collective operations
  - Fast one-sided operations
  - Large counts for messages greater than 2GB
- Allow permuted entries in machine file when running a single instance of pmi-proxy
- Support for mixed operating systems in the Hydra* process manager
- Make the following changes to documentation:
  - Changed the Intel® MPI Library Getting Started Guide to Intel® MPI Library Developer Guide
  - Add the Intel® MPI Library Getting Started page
Add the tutorial: MPI Tuner for Intel® MPI Library

- Bug fixes
- Deprecate MPD and SMPD process managers

32 Bit Support of Intel® MPI Library & Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector

Inclusion of 32-bit binaries in the Intel® MPI Library and Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector products is being deprecated. If 32-bit support is required, we advise that you remain on Intel® MPI Library version 4.1 Updates and Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector version 8.1 Updates, which continue to include 32-bit binaries. The Intel® MPI Library 5.0 and Intel® Trace Analyzer and Collector 9.0 releases will not include 32-bit binaries. Many developers have already migrated to 64-bit implementations of both their applications and of Intel libraries and tools. If you have concerns about this deprecation, please send us feedback by submitting an issue at the Intel® Premier Customer Support site (http://premier.intel.com) as soon as possible with your contact information.

Intel® MPI Library 4.1 Update 3

- Intel® Xeon™ E5 V2 and Intel® Xeon™ E7 V2 family processors additional performance tuning
- New online documentation format
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 4.1 Update 2

- Intel® Xeon™ E5 V2 and Intel® Xeon™ E7 V2 family processors performance tuning
- Allow permuted entries in machine file when running a single instance of pmi-proxy
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 4.1 Update 1

- Intel® Xeon Phi™ offload model support
- Hydra* (Scalable process manager) support on Windows* OS (experimental)
- Microsoft* Network Direct support
- Bug fixes

Intel® MPI Library 4.1

- Support for the MPI-2.2 standard
- Backward compatibility with Intel MPI Library 4.0.x based applications
- New documentation in the HTML format
- Support for Intel® Composer XE 2013
- Support for clusters with different Intel® Architecture Processors
- Bug Fixes

Key features

This release of the Intel® MPI Library supports the following major features:

- MPI-1, MPI-2.2 and MPI-3.1 specification conformance with some limitations. See Special Features and Known Issues
- Support for any combination of the following interconnection fabrics:
  - Shared memory
  - RDMA-capable network fabrics through DAPL*, such as InfiniBand* and Myrinet*
  - Sockets, for example, TCP/IP over Ethernet*, Gigabit Ethernet*, and other interconnects
- (SDK only) Support for Intel® 64 architecture clusters using:
  - Intel® C++ Compiler version 15.0 through 17.0 and higher
  - Intel® Fortran Compiler version 15.0 through 17.0 and higher
  - Microsoft* Visual C++* Compilers
- (SDK only) C, C++, Fortran* 77 and Fortran 90 language bindings
- (SDK only) Dynamic linking
System Requirements

The following sections describe supported hardware and software.

**Supported Hardware**

Systems based on the Intel® 64 architecture, in particular:

- Intel® Core™ 2 processor family or higher
- Intel® Xeon® E5 v3 processor families recommended
- Intel® Xeon® E7 v2 processor families recommended
- 1 GB of RAM per core
- 2 GB of RAM per core recommended
- 1 GB of free hard disk space

**Supported Software**

**Operating Systems:**

- Systems based on the Intel® 64 architecture:
  - Microsoft® Windows® Server 2008
  - Microsoft® Windows® Server 2008 R2
  - Microsoft® Windows® Server 2012
  - Microsoft® Windows® Server 2012 R2
  - Microsoft® Windows® Server 2016
  - Microsoft® Windows 7®
  - Microsoft® Windows 8®
  - Microsoft® Windows 8.1®
  - Microsoft® Windows 10®

**SDK only) Compilers:**

- Intel® C++ Compiler 15.0 through 17.0 for Windows® OS
- Intel® Fortran Compiler 15.0 through 17.0 for Windows® OS
- Microsoft® Visual Studio 2012®
- Microsoft® Visual Studio 2013®
- Microsoft® Visual Studio 2015®
- Microsoft® Visual C++* Compilers

**Batch Systems:**

- Microsoft® job scheduler
- Altair® PBS Pro® 9.2 and higher

**Recommended InfiniBand Software:**

- Windows® OpenFabrics® (WinOF*) 2.0 or higher
- Windows® OpenFabrics® Enterprise Distribution (winOFED*) 3.2 RC1 or higher for Microsoft®
  Network Direct support
- Mellanox® WinOF* Rev 4.40 or higher

**Supported Languages**

- For Intel® Compilers: C, C++, Fortran 77, Fortran 90

**Installation Notes**

Launch the installer and follow the instructions. See Intel® MPI Library for Windows® OS Installation Guide for details.

**Using Intel® Software License Manager**

If you have purchased a "floating" license, see Intel® Software License Manager Getting Started Tutorial for information on how to install using a license file or license manager. This article also provides a source for the Intel® Software License Manager that can be installed on any of a wide variety of systems.

**Known Issues and Limitations**
• Cross-OS runs using ssh from a Windows* host fail. Two known workarounds exist:
  o Create a symlink on the Linux* host that looks identical to the Windows* path to pmi_proxy.
  o Start hydra_persist on the Linux* host in the background (hydra_persist &) and use –
    bootstrap service from the Windows* host. This requires that the Hydra service also
    be installed and started on the Windows* host.
• Support for Fortran 2008 is not yet implemented in Intel® MPI Library for Windows*.
• Switching on statistics gathering could result in increased time in MPI_Finalize.
• In order to run a mixed operating system job (Linux* and Windows*), all binaries must link to
  the same single or multithreaded MPI library. The single and multithreaded libraries are incompatible
  with each other and should not be mixed. Note that the pre-compiled binaries for the Intel® MPI
  Benchmarks are inconsistent (Linux* version links to multithreaded, Windows* version links to
  single threaded) and as such, at least one must be rebuilt to match the other.
• Intel® MPI Library 5.x for Windows* OS is binary compatible with the majority of Intel MPI Library
  4.1.x-based applications. Recompile your application only if you use:
  o MPI_Dist_graph_create, MPI_Dist_graph_create_adjacent,
    MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors, MPI_Dist_graph_neighbors_count,(C, C++, Fortran)
  o MPI::Get_address (C++ only)
• If communication between two existing MPI applications is established using the process
  attachment mechanism, the library does not control whether the same fabric has been selected
  for each application. This situation may cause unexpected applications behavior. Set the same
  I_MPI_FABRICS variable for each application to avoid this issue.
• (SDK only) Provide the msvcr71.dll library to the end user if your product redistributes the
  mpitune utility.
• (SDK only) The nmake utility does not work correctly if the path to the Intel® MPI Library compiler
  drivers contains spaces. For instance, C:\Program Files
    (x86)\IntelSWTools\MPI\<version>\bin\. Copy the Intel® MPI Library compiler drivers to
  another location to avoid this issue.
• Hydra process manager on Windows* OS has some known limitations such as:
  o Stdin redirection is not supported for the –bootstrap service option.
  o Signal handling support is restricted. It could result in hanging processes in memory in case
    of incorrect MPI job termination.
  o Cleaning up the environment after an abnormal MPI job termination by means of
    mpicleanup utility is not supported
• ILP64 is not supported by MPI modules for Fortran* 2008.

NOTE: Many routines in the libirc.lib library (linked with the Intel® MPI Library) are more optimized
for Intel microprocessors than for non-Intel microprocessors.

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documentation, and product errata.

There is an HPC and Intel® Cluster Tools Forum for HPC experts and enthusiasts to share their
knowledge, resources, and insights for the advancement of HPC solutions, cluster solutions, and the
computing architectures that implement them.

Submitting Issues

Before submitting a support issue, see the Intel® MPI Library for Windows* OS Developer Guide for details
on post-install testing to ensure that basic facilities are working.
When submitting a support issue to Intel® Premier Support, please provide specific details of your problem, including:

- The Intel® MPI Library package name and version information
- Host architecture
- Compiler(s) and versions
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- Specifics on how to reproduce problems. Include makefiles, command lines, small test cases, and build instructions. Use /test sources as test cases, when possible.

You can obtain version information for the Intel® MPI Library package in the file mpisupport.txt.

Steps to submit an issue

1. Go to https://premier.intel.com/
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6. Enter your question and complete the fields in the windows that follow to successfully submit the issue.

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