

OpenMP Tasks: New Features in 5.0

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Some 5.0 Tasking Features

- **Iterator syntax for clauses and its use in depend clause**
 - Expands to multiple values in a range
 - Expected to have more uses in future
- **Task affinity based on data locations, similar to dependences**
 - Unlike dependences, is a hint and does not impose ordering constraints
 - Can use iterators in this clause also
- **The mutexinoutset dependence type**
 - Enables a set of inout tasks to commute but not execute concurrently
- **Allow the depend clause on the taskwait construct**
- **Allow any l-value in the depend clause**

More 5.0 Tasking Features

- **Depend objects**
 - Portable representation of a task dependence
 - New construct to initialize, update, and destroy
 - Can then be supplied to the depend clause
- **Detached tasks**
 - Decouples completion of a task from completion of its structured block
 - Creates an event handle that can be passed in function calls
 - Calling `omp_fulfill_event` routine on a handle completes the task
 - Enables asynchronous interoperation with other programming models like CUDA and MPI

Reductions and Scans

- **Reductions over tasks**
 - Scoped using `task_reduction` clause on `taskgroup` construct or `reduction` clause on `taskloop` construct
 - Can also specify a task modifier in the reduction clause on a parallel or worksharing region to reduce over tasks in the region
 - Specify `in_reduction` clause on any task, target or `taskloop` construct to participate in the reduction
- **Bonus: Parallel prefix scan (not a tasking feature)**
 - `scan` directive in a loop / loop nest
 - `inscanf` modifier on the reduction clause
 - Can specify inclusive or exclusive

Example: Target Task in Reduction

```
int x = 0;

#pragma omp taskgroup task_reduction(+:x)
{
    #pragma omp target in_reduction(+:x) nowait    // offload
    ...
    #pragma omp target in_reduction(+:x) nowait    // offload
    ...
    #pragma omp task in_reduction(+:x)           // exec. on host
    ...
}

// combined value of x available at this point
```