IRIS Power C User's Guide

Introduction

About This Guide

This guide describes how to use IRIS Power C™. It is written for software programmers/developers who want to make efficient use of the IRIX™ multiprocessors to execute code in parallel. This guide assumes that you understand how multiprocessors work and have a working knowledge of parallel programming.

For information on parallel programming, see "Reference Material," in this introduction.

What Is IRIS Power C?

IRIS Power C is a C compiler that automatically analyzes sequential code to determine where loops can run in parallel and then generates object code that can use multiple processors. It enables you to recompile existing serial C programs so that they run efficiently on multiprocessor computers without time−consuming hand recoding. Consequently, your original programs remain portable; you don't have to be concerned about the specifics of the system.

What Is the IRIS Power C Analyzer?

The IRIS Power C Analyzer (PCA) is a C code optimization preprocessor that detects potential parallelism in C code. PCA can insert explicit compiler directives that allow the data−independent code to run in parallel. You can use PCA with the C compiler or as a standalone product. Preparing code to run parallel (concurrentization) is not the only way PCA can improve the performance of your code. PCA optimizations include:

- Concurrentization
- Local variable identification
- Sum, dot−product, MAX and MIN reduction recognition
- Loop reordering
- Loop unrolling
- Induction variable recognition
- Global forward substitution
- Variable lifetime analysis
- Dead−code elimination
- Procedure in−lining
- Memory management

PCA's conversion process is designed to operate effectively without your intervention. You can send PCA−generated code directly to the compiler. In this sense, PCA is more a part of the compilation process than a standalone tool.

Document Overview

This guide contains the following chapters and appendices:

Chapter 1, "Compiling with IRIS Power C," explains the command−line options to use at analysis time to alter PCA defaults, such as instructing PCA to set optimization levels or enable/disable a feature.

Chapter 2, "How to Use IRIS Power C," describes how to compile programs with Power C, interpret the PCA listing files, and use Power C to run programs in parallel.

Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options," details the options to use to customize output, such as limiting the depth of an in−line expansion.

Chapter 4, "Power C Analyzer Directives," explains directives that give PCA additional information (about the input program) that PCA cannot determine.

Chapter 5, "Multiprocessing C Compiler Directives," describes how to use the multiprocessor C compiler to produce code that can run concurrently.

Chapter 6, "PCA Transformations," offers examples of PCA transformations of ordinary C code into explicit parallel syntax.

Chapter 7, "In−lining and Interprocedural Analysis," explains command−line options and in−line pragmas you can use to in−line functions or to perform Inter−procedural Analysis.

Chapter 8, "The PCA Listing," describes PCA's listings and messages to users.

Appendix A, "Improving PCA Performance," lists suggestions to use when customizing PCA for a particular program.

Appendix B, "Data−Dependence Analysis," describes data dependence analysis and explains how PCA uses this information to determine if a given loop can run safely in parallel.

Appendix C, "Run Time Environment Variables," describes the run time options available to control execution of your code.

Related Documentation

The following Silicon Graphics documents contain information relevant to Power C:

- *IRIX User's Reference Manual*, Mountain View, California, Silicon Graphics, Inc., 1989, document number 007−0606−052 (Documents user commands and utilities.)

Reference Material

Parallel Programming

- *Introduction to Parallel Programming*, Steven Brawer, San Diego, California, Academic Press, Inc., 1989 (ISBN 0−12−128470−0), describes general parallel programming concepts. Although the examples are in FORTRAN, most of the concepts described also relate to Power C.
- *Parallel Programming on Silicon Graphics Computer Systems*, Mountain View, California, Silicon Graphics, Inc., 1989, (part number 007−0770−010) documents parallel programming as implemented on Silicon Graphics multiprocessor computer systems.

Data Dependence

- *Advanced Compiler Optimization for Supercomputers*, David Padua and Michael Wolfe, Communications of the ACM, Volume 29, No. 12, December 1986.
- *Data Dependence and Its Application to Parallel Processing*, Michael Wolfe and Utpal Banerjee, International Journal of Parallel Programming, Volume 16, No. 2, April 1988.
- *Optimizing Supercompilers for Supercomputers*, Michael Wolfe, Ph.D. Thesis, Department of Computer Science, Report No. 82−1009, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, October, 1982.

Style Conventions

The conventions used in the guide help make information easy to access and understand. The following list defines the notation and syntax conventions:

italic	Indicates arguments in a command line that you must replace with a valid value. In text it is used to indicate commands, document titles, file names, glossary items, new terms, and variables.
`courier`	Indicates computer output and program listings.
`courier bold`	Indicates computer input and non−printing keys.
[ ]	Brackets enclose optional command arguments. Do not enter the brackets.
. . .	An ellipsis indicates that the preceding optional items can appear more than once in succession.

( )	Parentheses enclose items. Enter them exactly as shown.
{ }	Braces enclose items from which you must select exactly one. Do not enter the braces.
|	The vertical bar separates items from which you can choose one.

For example,

-optimize=*integer*

means that for the *optimize* option, you must substitute an integer representing the level of optimization you want, such as

-optimize=2

This guide uses lowercase letters for PCA command−line options; command−line options are not case sensitive. File name parameters, however, are case sensitive.

Chapter 1

Compiling with IRIS Power C

You can use IRIS Power C (PCA) in two ways:

- As a standalone analysis tool, *pca*(1) - Passing options directly to PCA and using it as a standalone analyzer are explained in **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options."**
- As a phase of the C Compiler, *cc*(1) - This chapter describes how to use Power C with the C compiler (*cc*) to produce code that runs in parallel. When you use Power C this way, you simply pass *pca* options to *cc*.

Table 1−1 lists the options you can pass to *cc*.

Option to cc	Function
-pca	Run Power C Analyzer (*pca*) and the multiprocessing compiler (*mpc*)
-pca list	All of the above plus generate a listing file
-pca keep	All of the above plus keep the *mp* source file
-WK,*options*	Pass options to *pca*
-mp	Run the multiprocessing compiler only

Table 1−1 Power C Options to *cc*

In many cases, you will invoke *pca* as an option to *cc*. You can also change the PCA default settings and pass options to *pca* as part of a *cc* compilation. To do this, just pass these options via the *-WK* mechanism. For more information on the *cc* compiler and the *-WK* options, refer to *cc*(1) in the *IRIX User's Reference Manual*.

1.1 Compiler Command−Line Syntax

The C compiler command−line syntax is:

```
cc [argument] −pca [list|keep] [−WK,−option[=value]
[,−option[=value]]...] filename.c
```

Each option and its description appears in **Table 1−2** .

Option	Description
cc	Invokes the C compiler that compiles, optimizes, assembles, and link edits the program.
argument	Passes an argument to *cc* (see *cc*(1) for the arguments and their descriptions).
-pca	Invokes the *pca* optimizer that concurrentizes C by restructuring certain parts of code and adding parallel programming directives where possible.
list	Produces the annotated *pca* listing file, *file.l*. The content of this file varies depending on the value of the *-lo* command−line option (see Section 3.5.4, "listoptions"). The default is to produce no listing file.
keep	Produces the file containing the concurrentized C source code, *file.m*, that is accepted by the compiler.

-WK,	Allows you to pass *pca* options on the command line. Do not insert a space between -*WK*, and the option(s). If you specify multiple options, separate each with a comma (,).
-*option*	Allows you to specify a *pca* command−line option listed in Table 1−3 and explained in Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options".
value	Sets a value for a command−line option (see Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options" for values).
filename.c	Uses the specified file as the C source file. The file name must have a *.c* suffix.

Table 1−2 Power C Command−Line Options to *cc*

For example, to compile a C program with *-pca* and the option *-lo=l*, enter:

```
cc −pca −WK,−lo=l prog.c
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The *-lo* (*listoptions*) option is described in **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options"** .

1.2 Generating a Listing File

You can generate several types of files when you compile your program. To generate a PCA listing file, use the *list* option. This option produces *file.l*, which contains the annotated *pca* listing of the parts of the program that can (and cannot) run in parallel on multiprocessors. **Chapter 2, "How to Use IRIS Power C,"** has an example of a listing file. The content of this file varies depending on the value of the *-lo* command−line option (see **Section 3.5.4, "listoptions"**). The default is to produce no listing file.

1.3 Generating mp Source and Listing Files

To generate a multiprocessing source file as well as a listing file, use the *keep* option. This option produces an intermediate file, *file.M*, that is accepted by the compiler. **Chapter 2, "How to Use IRIS Power C"** has an example of an intermediate multiprocessing source file.

1.4 Passing Options to PCA

To pass options to PCA, send the *-WK*, option to *cc*. The options are listed in **Table 1−3** .

Purpose	Long Name	Short Name	Default Value
Run code in parallel	concurrentize	conc	concurrentize
	noconcurrentize	nconc	concurrentize
	minconcurrent=*n*	mc=*n*	minconcurrent=1000
Optimize code	arclimit=*n*	arclm=*n*	arclimit=2000
	address_resolution_level=*n*	arl=*n*	arl=1
	limit=*n*	lm=*n*	limit=5000
	machine=*list*	ma=*list*	machine=s
	nomachine	nma	machine=s
	optimize=*n*	o=*n*	optimize=5
	roundoff=*n*	r=*n*	roundoff=0
	scalaropt=*n*	so=*n*	scalaropt=4
	syntax=[a|k]	sy=[a|k]	syntax=a
	unroll=*n*	ur=*n*	unroll=4
	unroll2=*n*	ur2=*n*	unroll2=100
In−lining and	inline[=*names*]	inl[=*names*]	(off)
Inter−procedure	ipa[=*names*]	ipa[=*names*]	(off)
Analysis	inline_create=*file*	incr=*file*	(off)
	ipa_create=*file*	ipacr=*file*	(off)
	inline_from_files=*list*	inff=*list*	current source
	inline_from_libraries=*list*	infl=*list*	file
	ipa_from_files=*list*	ipaff=*list*	(off)
	ipa_from_libraries=*list*	ipafl=*list*	current source

	inline_depth[=*n*]	ind[=*n*]	file
	inline_looplevel[=*n*]	inll[=*n*]	(off)
	ipa_looplevel[=*n*]	ipall[=*n*]	ind=2
	inline_manual	inm	inll=2
	ipa_manual	ipam	ipall=2
			(off)
			(off)
Input/Output	cmp=*file*	cmp=*file*	see text
	nocmp	ncmp	see text
	input[=*file*]	i[=*file*]	see text
	list=*file*	l=*file*	nolist
	nolist	nl	nolist
Listing	cmpoptions=*list*	cp=*list*	nocmpoptions
	nocmpoptions	ncp	nocmpoptions
	lines=*n*	ln=*n*	lines=55
	listoptions=*list*	lo=*list*	(no listing)
	listingwidth=<80|132>	lw=<80,132>	80
Memory Management	cacheline=*n*	chl=*n*	chl=64
	cachesize=*n*	chs=*n*	chs=64
	dpregisters=*n*	dpr=*n*	dpr=12
	fpregisters=*n*	fpr=*n*	fpr=12
	setassociativity=*n*	sasc=*n*	sasc=1
Invariant IF Floating	each_invariant_if_growth=*n*	eiifg=*n*	eiifg=20
	max_invariant_if_growth=*n*	miifg=*n*	miifg=500
Command Line Options for Portability	DOLLAR	P	off
	FLOAT	INLC	off
	SIGNED	STDIO	off
	VOLATILE		off
	PROCESSORS		P=0
	INLINE_AND_COPY		off
	STDIO		off

Table 1−3 PCA Command_line Options

For more information on the command−line options, see **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options"** . For in−lining and interprocedural analysis (IPA), see **Chapter 7, "In−lining and Interprocedural Analysis."**

1.5 Summary

This chapter described the *pca* options that you can pass to the *cc* compiler. You can also pass these options directly to PCA, and use it as a standalone analyzer. **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options"** explains each PCA option in detail and describes how to use the Analyzer.

Before turning to **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options"** however, continue with **Chapter 2, "How to Use IRIS Power C,"** which tells you how to interpret the *.L* and *.M* files, and explains how to use Power C to get more of a program to run in parallel.

Chapter 2

How to Use IRIS Power C

This chapter describes how to use IRIS Power C to get the maximum amount of code to run in parallel. You can use the Power C Analyzer either in conjunction with the *cc* compiler (as **Chapter 1, "Compiling with IRIS Power C"** explained) or as a standalone analyzer (as described in **Chapter 3, "PCA Command−Line Options"**).

What does PCA do to your code? It inserts directives into the code that tells the compiler to run loops in parallel. It does not change the logic of your program although, if requested, it will rewrite portions of the program to run faster. This chapter explains what happens to the code when you use *pca* and explains how to use *pca* as an analyzer.

The Power C Analyzer is a powerful tool that can:

- direct C code to run in parallel
- determine data dependencies
- distribute well−behaved loops and certain other code across multiprocessors
- optimize source code

Power C is neither an extension to the C language nor a way to concurrentize any arbitrary C program. Furthermore, if the Power C directives are removed or ignored, then the code becomes a valid serial program. This allows full source code compatibility with other non−multiprocessing systems.

2.1 Compiling Programs with PCA

This section explains some of the ways to use PCA and what happens during the stages of compilation. **Figure 2−1** shows the program flow through the C compiler. When you compile a program you have the option of specifying *-pca* (the Power C Analyzer and multiprocessing compiler) or *-mp* (the multiprocessing compiler only).