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Kokkos Best Practices – Integrating Kokkos into Your Project

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Getting started with Kokkos

Part 1:

Integrate Kokkos into your CMake project

Part 2:

Initialize the Kokkos execution environment and start using it



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Part 1:

Integrate Kokkos into your CMake project

Building Kokkos

A little historical context

The Dark Ages (Kokkos 2.X)

Generated GNU Makefiles

Users have to write their own
FindKokkos.cmake module



GNU Make

The Middle Ages (Kokkos 3.X)

CMake

TriBITS

Generated GNU Makefiles



CMake

Today (Kokkos 4.X)

CMake

find_package()
add_subdirectory()

TriBITS gone

GNU Makefiles deprecated

How to integrate Kokkos into your CMake project (1/3)

External Kokkos (Recommended for most users)

Kokkos provides a `Kokkos::kokkos` target.

It automatically handles

- Include directories
- Link libraries
- Compiler options
- Etc.

```
find_package(Kokkos 4.2 REQUIRED CONFIG)  
target_link_libraries(MyTarget PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

```
> cmake -DKokkos_ROOT=/path/to/kokkos -B builddir
```

How to integrate Kokkos into your CMake project (2/3)

Embedded Kokkos

via `add_subdirectory()` and Git Submodules

```
> git submodule add -b 4.5.01 \
  https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos.git \
  tpls/kokkos
> git commit -m 'Adding Kokkos v4.5.1 as a submodule'
```

```
add_subdirectory(tpls/kokkos)
target_link_libraries(MyTarget PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

via `FetchContent`

```
include(FetchContent)
FetchContent_Declare(Kokkos
  URL
  https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/releases/download/4.5.01/kokkos-4.5.01.tar.gz
  URL_HASH
  SHA256=52d003ffbbe05f30c89966e4009c017efb1662b02b2b73190670d3418719564c
)
FetchContent_MakeAvailable(Kokkos)
target_link_libraries(MyTarget PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

How to integrate Kokkos into your CMake project (3/3)

Supporting Both External and Embedded Kokkos

Control with:

CMAKE_DISABLE_FIND_PACKAGE_Kokkos:

Set to TRUE to force the use of the embedded Kokkos, even if an external installation is found.

CMAKE_REQUIRE_FIND_PACKAGE_Kokkos:

Set to TRUE to require an external Kokkos installation. The build will fail if Kokkos is not found.

Kokkos_ROOT:

Specify the directory where CMake should search for Kokkos when using `find_package()`.

```
find_package(Kokkos CONFIG)
```

```
if(Kokkos_FOUND)
```

```
  message(STATUS
```

```
    "Found Kokkos: ${Kokkos_DIR} (version \"${Kokkos_VERSION}\")")
```

```
else()
```

```
  message(STATUS
```

```
    "Kokkos not found externally. Fetching via FetchContent.")
```

```
  include(FetchContent)
```

Same as previous
slide

```
  FetchContent_Declare(Kokkos URL
```

```
    https://github.com/kokkos/kokkos/archive/refs/tags/4.4.01.tar.gz
```

```
)
```

```
  FetchContent_MakeAvailable(Kokkos)
```

```
endif()
```

```
target_link_libraries(MyTarget PRIVATE Kokkos::kokkos)
```

Part 2: Initialize the Kokkos execution environment and start using it

Include Kokkos Initialize/finalize

1. Include the header file.
2. Initialize Kokkos before you use it.
3. Finalize after you are done.

Similar to what you do with MPI

```
#include <mpi.h>
MPI_Init
MPI_Finalize
```

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
```

```
  Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);
```

```
  {
    Kokkos::View<int*> v("v", 5);
    Kokkos::parallel_for("fill", 5,
      KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) { v(i) = i; });
    int r;
    Kokkos::parallel_reduce("accumulate", 5,
      KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, int& partial_r) {
        partial_r += v(i);
      }, r);
    KOKKOS_ASSERT(r == 10);
  }
```

```
  Kokkos::finalize();
```

```
  return 0;
```

```
}
```

Using Kokkos with MPI

Initialize **MPI first** and **then Kokkos**.

Kokkos intelligently detects the MPI environment and automatically maps processes to available local GPUs using a round-robin method.

You can change the strategy by passing a command-line `--kokkos-map-device-id-by "random"` or by setting an environment variable

```
KOKKOS_MAP_DEVICE_ID_BY="random"
```

Or you can force the GPU selection via

```
--kokkos-device-id=2 or KOKKOS_DEVICE_ID=2
```

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {  
    MPI_Init(&argc, &argv);  
    Kokkos::initialize(argc, argv);  
    {  
        // ...  
    }  
    Kokkos::finalize();  
    MPI_Finalize();  
    return 0;  
}
```

Programmatically passing initialization settings

Use InitializationSettings to define the settings for initializing Kokkos programmatically without having to call the two-parameter form (argc and argv)

Each setting has a corresponding

- set_*
- has_*
- get_*

member functions.

```
if (!settings.has_device_id())
    settings.set_device_id(1);

printf("Device ID: %d\n",
       settings.get_device_id());
```

```
int main() {
    Kokkos::initialize(
        Kokkos::InitializationSettings()
            .set_disable_warnings(true)
            .set_map_device_id_by("random")
            .set_num_threads(1)
    );

    // ...

    Kokkos::finalize();
}
```

RAII-style execution environment scope guards

RAII = Resource Acquisition Is Initialization

ScopeGuard calls `Kokkos::initialize` with the provided arguments in the constructor and `Kokkos::finalize` in the destructor.

```
#include <Kokkos_Core.hpp>
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    Kokkos::ScopeGuard exec_env(argc, argv);

    Kokkos::View<int*> v("v", 5);
    Kokkos::parallel_for("fill", 5,
        KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i) { v(i) = i; });
    int r;
    Kokkos::parallel_reduce("accumulate", 5,
        KOKKOS_LAMBDA(int i, int& partial_r) {
            partial_r += v(i);
        }, r);
    KOKKOS_ASSERT(r == 10);

    return 0;
} // v::~View() is called before finalize()
  // exec_env::~ScopeGuard() called
```

What if you don't get to write main()

Initialize if not already initialized (LAST RESORT)

When users of your library are not aware that it uses Kokkos underneath the hood.

Detect if Kokkos was initialized and initialize if you must. You are then responsible for finalizing.

```
void initialize_if_necessary() {
    static bool once = [] {
        assert(!Kokkos::is_finalized());
        if (!Kokkos::is_initialized()) {
            Kokkos::initialize();
            std::atexit(Kokkos::finalize);
        }
        return true;
    }();
    assert(Kokkos::is_initialized());
}
```

Acquire/release resources

When Kokkos being initialized is a precondition for using your library; but you need to manage some resources that potentially persist across successive API calls.

```
void ensure_is_initialized() {
    static bool once = [] {
        assert(Kokkos::is_initialized());
        // acquire resources
        Kokkos::push_finalize_hook([]() {
            // release resources
        });
        return true;
    }();
    assert(!Kokkos::is_finalized());
}
```

The End

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