## Package ‘RcppParallel’

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**Description** High level functions for parallel programming with 'Rcpp'. For example, the 'parallelFor()' function can be used to convert the work of a standard serial ``for'' loop into a parallel one and the 'parallelReduce()' function can be used for accumulating aggregate or other values.

**Depends** R (>= 3.0.2)  
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RcppParallel-package  Parallel programming tools for Rcpp

Description

High level functions for doing parallel programming with Rcpp. For example, the parallelFor function can be used to convert the work of a standard serial "for" loop into a parallel one and the parallelReduce function can be used for accumulating aggregate or other values.

The high level interface enables safe and robust parallel programming without direct manipulation of operating system threads. On Windows, OS X, and Linux systems the underlying implementation is based on Intel TBB (Threading Building Blocks). On other platforms a less-performant fallback implementation based on the TinyThread library is used.

For additional documentation see the package website at: http://rcppcore.github.io/RcppParallel.

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RcppParallel.package.skeleton  Create a skeleton for a new package depending on RcppParallel

Description

RcppParallel.package.skeleton automates the creation of a new source package that intends to use features of RcppParallel.

It is based on the package.skeleton function which it executes first.

Usage

RcppParallel.package.skeleton(
   name = "anRpackage",
   example_code = TRUE,
   ...
)

Arguments

name
example_code... Optional arguments passed to \texttt{Rcpp.package.skeleton}.

Details

In addition to \texttt{Rcpp.package.skeleton}:

The ‘DESCRIPTION’ file gains an Imports line requesting that the package depends on RcppParallel and a LinkingTo line so that the package finds RcppParallel header files.

The ‘NAMESPACE’ gains a useDynLib directive as well as an \texttt{importFrom(RcppParallel, evalCpp)} to ensure instantiation of RcppParallel.

The ‘src’ directory is created if it does not exists and a ‘Makevars’ file is added setting the environment variables ‘PKG_LIBS’ to accommodate the necessary flags to link with the RcppParallel library.

If the \texttt{example_code} argument is set to TRUE, example files ‘vector-sum.cpp’ is created in the ‘src’ directory. \texttt{Rcpp::compileAttributes()} is then called to generate src/RcppExports.cpp and R/RcppExports.R. These files are given as an example and should eventually by removed from the generated package.

Value

Nothing, used for its side effects

References

Read the \textit{Writing R Extensions} manual for more details.

Once you have created a source package you need to install it: see the \textit{R Installation and Administration} manual, \texttt{INSTALL} and \texttt{install.packages}.

See Also

\texttt{package.skeleton}

Examples

```r
## Not run:
# simple package
RcppParallel.package.skeleton( "foobar" )
```

## End(Not run)
setThreadOptions

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**RcppParallelFlags**

*Compilation flags for RcppParallel*

**Description**

Output the compiler or linker flags required to build against RcppParallel.

**Usage**

```r
CxxFlags()
LdFlags()
RcppParallelLibs()
```

**Details**

These functions are typically called from `Makevars` as follows:

```r
PKG_LIBS += $(shell "$(R_HOME)/bin/Rscript" -e "RcppParallel::LdFlags()")
```

**Value**

Returns NULL invisibly. The function is not called for it’s return value rather for the side effect of outputting the flags.

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**setThreadOptions**

*Thread options for RcppParallel*

**Description**

Set thread options (number of threads to use for task scheduling and stack size per-thread) for RcppParallel.

**Usage**

```r
setThreadOptions(numThreads = "auto",
                stackSize = "auto")
defaultNumThreads()
```

**Arguments**

- **numThreads**: Number of threads to use for task scheduling (call `defaultNumThreads` to determine the the default value used for "auto").
- **stackSize**: Stack size (in bytes) to use for worker threads. The default used for "auto" is 2MB on 32-bit systems and 4MB on 64-bit systems (note that this parameter has no effect on Windows).
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Details

RcppParallel is automatically initialized with the default number of threads and thread stack size when it loads. You can call setThreadOptions at any time to change the defaults.

Value

The defaultNumThreads returns the default number of threads that are used by RcppParallel if another value isn’t specified using setThreadOptions.

Examples

library(RcppParallel)

setThreadOptions(numThreads = 4)

defaultNumThreads()
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