

PGI Release Notes

Version 2016



PGI Compilers and Tools

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Chapter 1.

RELEASE OVERVIEW

Welcome to Release 2016 of PGI Workstation™, PGI Server™, and the PGI CDK® Cluster Development Kit®, a set of compilers and development tools for 32-bit and 64-bit x86-compatible processor-based workstations, servers, and clusters running versions of the Linux operating system. PGI Workstation and PGI Server are also available for the Apple OS X and Microsoft Windows operating systems.

This document describes changes between previous releases of the PGI compilers and tools as well as late-breaking information not included in the current version of the PGI Compiler User's Guide.



PGI Release 2016 version 16.4 and newer includes FlexNet license key daemons updated to version 11.13.1.3. This update addresses a [FlexNet security vulnerability](#). These new license daemons also work with older PGI releases. We recommend all users update their license daemons - see the [licensing FAQ](#) for more information. This FlexNet update also requires you to [update your PGI FlexNet license keys](#) to a new format. Older keys are incompatible.

1.1. Product Overview

PGI Workstation, PGI Server, and the PGI CDK include exactly the same PGI compilers and tools software. The difference is the manner in which the license keys enable the software.

1.1.1. Licensing Terminology

The PGI compilers and tools are license-managed. Before discussing licensing, it is useful to have common terminology.

- ▶ **License** - a legal agreement between NVIDIA and PGI end-users, to which users assent upon installation of any PGI product. The terms of the License are kept up-to-date in documents on [pgroup.com](#) and in the \$PGI/<platform>/<rel_number> directory of every PGI software installation.
- ▶ **License keys** - ASCII text strings that enable use of the PGI software and are intended to enforce the terms of the License. License keys are generated by each PGI end-user on [pgroup.com](#) using a unique hostid and are typically stored in a file called `license.dat` that is accessible to the systems for which the PGI software is licensed.

- ▶ **PIN** - Product Identification Number, a unique 6-digit number associated with a license. This PIN is included in your PGI order confirmation. The PIN can also be found in your PGI license file after **VENDOR_STRING=**.
- ▶ **License PIN code** - A unique 16-digit number associated with each PIN that enables users to "tie" that PIN to their pgroup.com user account. This code is provided by PIN owners to others whom they wish tied to their PIN(s).

1.1.2. Licensing Options

PGI offers licenses for either x64+accelerator or x64 only platforms. PGI Accelerator™ products, the x64+accelerator platform products, include support for the directive-based OpenACC programming model, CUDA Fortran and PGI CUDA-x86. PGI Accelerator compilers are supported on all Intel and AMD x64 processor-based systems with either CUDA-enabled NVIDIA GPUs or select AMD GPUs and APUs, running Linux, OS X, or Windows. OS X accelerator support is available only on NVIDIA GPUs.

1.1.3. PGI Workstation and PGI Server Comparison

- ▶ All PGI Workstation products include a node-locked single-user license, meaning one user at a time can compile on the one system on which the PGI Workstation compilers and tools are installed. The product and license server are on the same local machine.
- ▶ PGI Server products are offered in configurations identical to PGI Workstation, but include network-floating multi-user licenses. This means that two or more users can use the PGI compilers and tools concurrently on any compatible system networked to the license server, that is, the system on which the PGI Server license keys are installed. There can be multiple installations of the PGI Server compilers and tools on machines connected to the license server; and the users can use the product concurrently, provided they are issued a license seat by the license server.

1.1.4. PGI CDK Cluster Development Kit

A cluster is a collection of compatible computers connected by a network. The PGI CDK supports parallel computation on clusters of 64-bit x86-compatible Intel or AMD processor-based Linux workstations or servers with or without accelerators and interconnected by a TCP/IP-based network, such as Ethernet or InfiniBand.

Support for cluster programming does not extend to clusters combining 64-bit processor-based systems with 32-bit processor-based systems.

1.2. Release Components

Release 2016 includes the following components:

- ▶ PGFORTRAN™ native OpenMP and OpenACC Fortran 2003 compiler.
- ▶ PGCC® native OpenMP and OpenACC ANSI C11 and K&R C compiler.
- ▶ PGC++® native OpenMP and OpenACC ANSI C++14 compiler.
- ▶ PGPROF® OpenACC, CUDA, OpenMP, and multi-thread graphical profiler.
- ▶ PGDBG® MPI, OpenMP, and multi-thread graphical debugger.

- ▶ Open MPI libraries, version 1.10.1, for 64-bit Linux development environments with support for NVIDIA GPUDirect; requires CUDA 7 or later. Note that 64-bit linux86-64 MPI messages are limited to <2GB size each. InfiniBand support requires OFED 3.18 or later.
- ▶ MPICH libraries, version 3.2, for 64-bit OS X development environments.
- ▶ Microsoft HPC Pack 2012 MS-MPI Redistributable Pack (version 4.1) for 64-bit and 32-bit development environments (Windows only).
- ▶ BLAS and LAPACK library based on the customized OpenBLAS project source. This 64-bit library is provided for Intel 64 or AMD CPU-based installations running Linux, OS X, or Windows.
- ▶ ScaLAPACK 2.0.2 linear algebra math library for distributed-memory systems for use with MPICH, Open MPI, MVAPICH, and the PGI compilers on 64-bit Linux and OS X for Intel 64 or AMD64 CPU-based installations.
- ▶ A UNIX-like shell environment for 32-bit and 64-bit Windows platforms.
- ▶ FlexNet license utilities.
- ▶ Documentation in man page format and online PDFs.

1.2.1. Additional Components for PGI CDK

The PGI CDK for Linux includes additional components available for download from the PGI website, but not contained in the installation package:

- ▶ MVAPICH2 MPI libraries, version 2.0, available for 64-bit development environments.
- ▶ MPICH MPI libraries, version 3.2, available for 64-bit development environments.

1.2.2. MPI Support

You can use PGI products to develop and debug MPI applications. The PGDBG[®] MPI debugger included with PGI Workstation and PGI Server is limited to 16 local processes. The MPI debugger included with the PGI CDK supports up to 64 or 256 remote processes, depending on the purchased capabilities.

1.3. Terms and Definitions

This document contains a number of terms and definitions with which you may or may not be familiar. If you encounter an unfamiliar term in these notes, please refer to the online glossary at <http://www.pgroup.com/support/definitions.htm>

These two terms are used throughout the documentation to reflect groups of processors:

Intel 64

A 64-bit Intel Architecture processor with Extended Memory 64-bit Technology extensions designed to be binary compatible with AMD64 processors. This includes Intel Pentium 4, Intel Xeon, Intel Core 2, Intel Core 2 Duo (Penryn), Intel Core (i3, i5, i7), both first generation (Nehalem) and second generation (Sandy Bridge) processors, as well as Ivy Bridge and Haswell processors.

AMD64

A 64-bit processor from AMD™ designed to be binary compatible with 32-bit x86 processors, and incorporating new features such as additional registers and 64-bit addressing support for improved performance and greatly increased memory range. This term includes the AMD Athlon64™, AMD Opteron™, AMD Turion™, AMD Barcelona, AMD Shanghai, AMD Istanbul, AMD Bulldozer, and AMD Piledriver processors.

1.4. Supported Platforms

There are six platforms supported by the PGI Workstation and PGI Server compilers and tools. Currently, PGI CDK supports only 64-bit Linux clusters.



Support for 32-bit development is deprecated in PGI 2016 and will no longer be available as of the PGI 2017 release. PGI 2017 will only be available for 64-bit operating systems and will not include the ability to compile 32-bit applications for execution on either 32- or 64-bit operating systems.

- ▶ **32-bit Linux** — includes all features and capabilities of the 32-bit Linux operating systems running on an x64 compatible processor. 64-bit Linux compilers will not run on these systems.
- ▶ **64-bit Linux** — includes all features and capabilities of the 64-bit Linux operating systems running on an x64 compatible processor. Both 64-bit and 32-bit Linux compilers run on these systems.
- ▶ **32-bit Windows** — includes all features of the 32-bit Windows operating systems running on either a 32-bit x86 compatible or an x64 compatible processor. 64-bit Windows compilers will not run on these systems.
- ▶ **64-bit Windows** — includes all features and capabilities of the 64-bit Windows version running on an x64 compatible processor. Both 64-bit and 32-bit Windows compilers run on these systems.
- ▶ **32-bit OS X** — supported on 32-bit Apple operating systems running on either a 32-bit or 64-bit Intel-based Mac system. 64-bit OS X compilers will not run on these systems.
- ▶ **64-bit OS X** — supported on 64-bit Apple operating systems running on a 64-bit Intel-based Mac system. Both 64-bit and 32-bit OS X compilers run on these systems.

1.5. Supported Operating System Updates

This section describes updates and changes to PGI 2016 that are specific to Linux, OS X, and Windows.

1.5.1. Linux

Linux download packages are organized in PGI 2016 so that you can download a 64-bit Linux compiler package for installation on 64-bit Linux machines, and/or you can download a 32-bit package that installs on 32-bit and 64-bit Linux systems.

- ▶ CentOS 5+, including CentOS 7
- ▶ Fedora 6+, including Fedora 23

- ▶ RHEL 5+, including RHEL 7.2
- ▶ SLES 11+, including SLES 12 SP 1
- ▶ SuSE 11+, including openSuSE 13.2
- ▶ Ubuntu 12.04+, including Ubuntu 15.10

1.5.2. OS X

PGI 2016 for OS X supports most of the features of the 32-bit and 64-bit versions for Linux environments. Except where noted in these release notes or the user manuals, the PGI compilers and tools on OS X function identically to their Linux counterparts.

- ▶ Supported versions are OS X versions 10.7 (Lion) and newer, including 10.11 (El Capitan).

1.5.3. Windows

PGI products for Windows support most of the features of the 32-bit and 64-bit versions for Linux environments. PGI products on all Windows systems include the Microsoft Open Tools but also require that a Microsoft Windows Software Development Kit (SDK) be installed prior to installing the compilers.



PGI 2016 requires the Windows 10 SDK, even on Windows 7, 8 and 8.1.

These Windows operating systems are supported in PGI 2016:

- ▶ Windows Server 2008 R2
- ▶ Windows 7
- ▶ Windows 8
- ▶ Windows 8.1
- ▶ Windows 10
- ▶ Windows Server 2012



The PGI C++ compiler for Windows is no longer available as of the PGI 16.1 release.

1.6. Getting Started

By default, the PGI 2016 compilers generate code that is optimized for the type of processor on which compilation is performed, the compilation host. If you are unfamiliar with the PGI compilers and tools, a good option to use by default is `-fast` or `-fastsse`.

These aggregate options incorporate a generally optimal set of flags for targets that support SSE capability. These options incorporate optimization options to enable use of vector streaming SIMD instructions for 64-bit targets. They enable vectorization with SSE instructions, cache alignment, and flushz.



The contents of the `-fast` or `-fastsse` options are host-dependent.

The following table shows the typical `-fast` and `-fastsse` options.

Table 1 Typical `-fast` and `-fastsse` Options

Use this option...	To do this...
<code>-O2</code>	Specifies a code optimization level of 2.
<code>-Munroll=c:1</code>	Unrolls loops, executing multiple instances of the original loop during each iteration.
<code>-Mnoframe</code>	Indicates to not generate code to set up a stack frame. Note With this option, a stack trace does not work.
<code>-Mlre</code>	Indicates loop-carried redundancy elimination.
<code>-Mpre</code>	Indicates partial redundancy elimination

`-fast` for 64-bit targets and `-fastsse` for both 32-bit and 64-bit targets also typically include the options shown in the following table:

Table 2 Additional `-fast` and `-fastsse` Options

Use this option...	To do this...
<code>-Mvect=simd</code>	Generates packed SSE and AVX instructions.
<code>-Mcache_align</code>	Aligns long objects on cache-line boundaries. Note On 32-bit systems, if one file is compiled with the <code>-Mcache_align</code> option, then all files should be compiled with it. This is not necessary on 64-bit systems.
<code>-Mflushz</code>	Sets flush-to-zero mode.
<code>-M[no]vect</code>	Controls automatic vector pipelining.



For best performance on processors that support SSE and AVX instructions, use the PGFORTRAN compiler, even for FORTRAN 77 code, and the `-fastsse` option.

In addition to `-fast` and `-fastsse`, the `-Mipa=fast` option for interprocedural analysis and optimization can improve performance. You may also be able to obtain further performance improvements by experimenting with the individual `-Mpgflag` options that are described in the PGI Compiler Reference Manual, such as `-Mvect`, `-Munroll`, `-Minline`, `-Mconcur`, `-Mpfi`, `-Mpfo`, and so on. However, increased speeds using these options are typically application and system dependent. It is important to time your application carefully when using these options to ensure no performance degradations occur.

Chapter 2.

NEW AND MODIFIED FEATURES

This chapter provides information about the new or modified features of Release 2016 of the PGI compilers and tools.

2.1. What's New in Release 2016

16.4 Updates and Additions

Many user-requested fixes and updates are implemented in this release. Refer to http://www.pgroup.com/support/release_tprs.htm for a complete and up-to-date table of technical problem reports fixed in recent releases of PGI compilers and tools. This table contains a summary description of each problem as well as the version in which it was fixed.

- ▶ Licensing
 - ▶ Updated FlexNet license daemons to version 11.13.1.3 to address a FlexNet security vulnerability.
 - ▶ PGI license keys have changed format in version 16.4; all users will need to regenerate keys before using this release.

16.3 Updates and Additions

The 16.3 release was the first PGI release for Windows in 2016; all updates and additions listed for PGI 16.1 apply to 16.3 on Windows as well unless otherwise noted.

- ▶ PGI C++ Compiler

Dropped support for Windows C++ in PGI Workstation and PGI Server.
- ▶ Interprocedural Analysis (IPA)

Disabled support for Interprocedural Analysis, invoked using the `-Mipa` compiler option, on the Windows platform.
- ▶ PGI Accelerator OpenACC Compilers for NVIDIA GPUs

When compiling an OpenACC parallel construct containing a call to a procedure declared as 'routine gang' or 'worker' or 'vector', or when compiling a procedure declared as such, the compiler will limit the vector_length to 32, the length of one CUDA warp. When compiling an OpenACC kernels construct containing a call to such a procedure, the compiler will limit the length of the vector clause to 32. This is to address performance issues when synchronizing vector lanes after a 'loop vector.'

- ▶ Libraries

Dropped support for the Windows version of the IMSL Fortran Numerical Library.

16.1 Updates and Additions

PGI 16.1 was released for Linux/x86 and Mac OS X.

- ▶ PGI C++ Compiler

- ▶ Performance on a spectrum of C++ codes we use for internal performance benchmarking is improved by an average of over 10% in this release compared to PGI 15.1
- ▶ Comprehensive support for C++14; use of GCC version 5.0 or greater is required. Enable C++14 features with the PGC++ compiler option `--c++14`. PGC++ supports all C++14 features except:
 - ▶ generalized constexpr and constexpr member functions and implicit const
 - ▶ variable templates
 - ▶ clarifying memory allocation (merged allocation)
- ▶ Integrated EDG release 4.10.1 providing interoperability with GCC 5.1. To take full advantage of the new C++11 features supported by GCC 5.1, use the PGC++ compiler option `--c++11`.
- ▶ GNU changed the GCC STL header files in version 5.0. These changes may introduce compatibility issues with code compiled with earlier GCC versions. The GCC-supplied workaround to support compatibility with pre-GCC 5.0 compiled objects and libraries is to compile with `-D_GLIBCXX_USE_CXX11_ABI=0`. For more information, refer to https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/libstdc++/manual/using_dual_abi.html.

- ▶ PGI Fortran Compiler

- ▶ Improved AVX SIMD vectorization and other Fortran compiler optimizations have improved performance of some WRF workloads by 15% - 20%.
- ▶ Further optimizations of scalar/vector single precision pow, exp, log, and atan intrinsic functions for Intel Haswell processors.
- ▶ Improved support for the F2003 associate clause and derived types.

- ▶ PGI Accelerator OpenACC Compilers

- ▶ The following OpenACC 2.5 features are now supported:

- ▶ The profiler/trace tools interface specified in OpenACC 2.5 has replaced the previously supported interface.
- ▶ The default(present) clause is supported for C, C++ and Fortran compute constructs.
- ▶ Reference counting is now used to manage the correspondence and lifetime of device data.
- ▶ The copy, copyin, copyout and create data clauses now behave like present_or_copy, etc.
- ▶ The acc_copyin, acc_create, acc_copyout and acc_delete API routines now behave like acc_present_or_copyin, etc.
- ▶ The declare create directive with a Fortran allocatable has new behavior.
- ▶ Added the API routine acc_memcpy_device.
- ▶ Added asynchronous versions of the data API routines.
- ▶ Reductions on orphaned gang loops are now explicitly disallowed.
- ▶ Reductions on array and struct elements, and C++ class members, are now explicitly disallowed.
- ▶ The use of acc routine without gang/worker/vector/seq is now flagged as an error.
- ▶ Improved vectorization of inner loops with -ta=multicore.
- ▶ Added support for use of F90 pointers in OpenACC kernels regions.
- ▶ Replaced the compiler option -ta=tesla:pin with -ta=tesla:pinned. The pin suboption dynamically 'pinned' user data before using that in data movement to the GPU. The new pinned suboption changes a program's allocates to allocate (and free) pinned memory instead. The OpenACC runtime will then test whether the data memory is pinned, and if so, will do direct transfers to and from the pinned space. The functionality of the pinned suboption is much more stable than the previous pin.
- ▶ All kernel launches when using -ta=tesla:managed are now synchronous by default. In other words, the default setting of PGI_ACC_SYNCHRONOUS has been changed to 1 with -ta=tesla:managed. This behavior is safer but may impact performance; to change kernel launches to be asynchronous, set PGI_ACC_SYNCHRONOUS to 0.
- ▶ The ACC_BIND environment variable is now set by default with -ta=multicore; ACC_BIND has similar behavior to MP_BIND for OpenMP.
- ▶ PGI Debugger and Profiler
 - ▶ The all-new PGPROF profiler can profile CPU code or CPU+GPU code. PGPROF has both graphical and command-line modes. The new PGPROF is not compatible with previous versions and replaces the PGI optopgprof, pgcollect, pgevtofq, pgoprun and pgsampt profiling tools.
 - ▶ Added support for the disassembly of AVX3 instructions to the PGDBG debugger.
 - ▶ Enhanced the debugger's display of Fortran character types and named commons.
 - ▶ Improved support for debugging shared objects on OS X.
 - ▶ Significantly reduced the debugger load time of large applications on all platforms.
- ▶ Libraries

- ▶ All PGI products now include a BLAS and LAPACK library based on the customized OpenBLAS project source and built with PGI compilers. To link against this library, simply add the `-lblas` and `-llapack` options to the link line.
- ▶ The PGI Workstation, PGI Server and PGI CDK on Linux now ship with Open MPI 1.10.1 instead of MPICH.
- ▶ Users with PGI CDK licenses can access separate downloads of MVAPICH 2.1 and MPICH 3.2.
- ▶ PGI-built versions of NetCDF 4.3.3.1 and Parallel NetCDF 1.6.1 are available online.
- ▶ PGI-built versions of the Earth System Modeling Framework (ESMF) 6.3.0rp1, one per PGI-built MPI distribution, are available online.
- ▶ Other Features and Additions
 - ▶ PGI license keys have changed format in 2016; all users will need to regenerate keys before using this release.
 - ▶ PGI's new license key format allows combining multiple floating licenses of varying types and seat counts into a single license file.
 - ▶ New operating system support includes CentOS 7, Fedora23, RHEL 7.2, SLES 12, Ubuntu 15.10 and OS X El Capitan.
- ▶ Deprecations and Eliminations
 - ▶ The oldest version of glibc supported by PGI compilers on Linux is now 2.5.
 - ▶ With the 2016 release, support for PGI Accelerator features has been removed from PGI's 32-bit compilers on all platforms. The 32-bit compilers retain support for the `-ta` suboptions `host` and `multicore`.
 - ▶ The PGI C++ compiler compatible with the STLPort STL, and invoked via `pgcpp` or `pgCC`, is no longer provided in the PGI compiler suite on any platform. The GCC-compatible PGI C++ compiler invoked with `pgc++` has replaced the older version on Linux and OS X.
 - ▶ The PGI profiling tools `optopgprof`, `pgcollect`, `pgevtofq`, `pgoprun` and `pgsampt` have been removed; all sampling and profiling activities are now performed by the all-new PGPROF profiler.
 - ▶ Support for 32-bit development is deprecated in PGI 2016 and will no longer be available as of the PGI 2017 release. PGI 2017 will only be available for 64-bit operating systems and will not include the ability to compile 32-bit applications for execution on either 32- or 64-bit operating systems.
 - ▶ Support for PGI Accelerator features on OS X including CUDA Fortran, OpenACC and CUDA-x86 is deprecated in PGI 2016 and will no longer be available as of the PGI 2017 release.
 - ▶ Support for the CUDA 6.5 toolkit has been removed.
 - ▶ PGI products no longer bundle the AMD Core Math Library (ACML).
 - ▶ Support for RHEL 4 and SLES 10 have been dropped.

- ▶ All documentation for PGI compilers and tools is available online at <http://www.pgroup.com/resources/docs.htm> but the PDFs are no longer bundled with PGI installation packages.

2.2. New and Modified Compiler Options

Release 2016 supports new and updated command line options and keyword suboptions.

New compiler options include the following:

- ▶ `-rdynamic` — This GNU-compatibility switch for PGC++ passes `-export-dynamic` to the linker.

Modifications to the `-ta=tesla` suboptions include the replacement of `pin` with `pinned`:

- ▶ `pinned` — Use CUDA Pinned Memory; the previous `pin` suboption made pinning host memory the default behavior.

The all-new PGPROF profiler does not require recompilation to enable profiling. The `-Mprof` suboptions which are no longer necessary have been removed; these suboptions include: `func`, `lines`, `mpich`, `mpich1`, `mpich2`, `mvapich1`, `sgimpi` and `time`.

2.3. New and Modified Fortran Functionality

- ▶ Improved AVX SIMD vectorization and other Fortran compiler optimizations have improved performance of some WRF workloads by 15% - 20%.
- ▶ Further optimizations of scalar/vector single precision `pow`, `exp`, `log`, and `atan` intrinsic functions for Intel Haswell processors.
- ▶ Improved support for the F2003 associate clause and derived types.

2.4. New and Modified C/C++ Functionality

Comprehensive support for C++14 is included in the 2016 release:

- ▶ PGC++ supports all C++14 features except generalized `constexpr` and `constexpr` member functions and `implicit const`, variable templates, and clarifying memory allocation (merged allocation).
- ▶ Enable C++14 features with the PGC++ compiler option `--c++14`; use of GCC version 5.0 or greater is required.

The integrated EDG release 4.10.1 provides interoperability with GCC 5.1. To take full advantage of the new C++11 features supported by GCC 5.1, use the PGC++ compiler option `--c++11`.

GNU changed the GCC STL header files in GCC version 5.0. These changes may introduce compatibility issues with code compiled with earlier GCC versions. The GCC-supplied workaround to support compatibility with pre-GCC 5.0 compiled objects and libraries is to

compile with `-D_GLIBCXX_USE_CXX11_ABI=0`. For more information, refer to https://gcc.gnu.org/onlinedocs/libstdc++/manual/using_dual_abi.html.

OpenACC implicit deep copy using CUDA Unified Memory on NVIDIA GPUs is available as an optionally-installed evaluation package on Linux. To enable this preview feature, use the compiler option `-ta=tesla:managaed`.



The PGI C++ compiler compatible with the STLPort STL, and invoked via `pgc++` or `pgCC`, is no longer provided in the PGI compiler suite on any platform. The GCC-compatible PGI C++ compiler invoked with `pgc++` has replaced the older version on Linux and OS X.

2.5. New and Modified Tools Functionality

The 2016 release of the PGPROF profiler introduces a brand new profiler to the PGI suite. PGPROF now has the ability to profile CPU code or CPU plus GPU code, and profiling no longer requires recompilation. The all-new PGPROF provides both graphical and command-line modes. The new profiler is not compatible with previous releases of PGI's profiling tools.

Updates to the PGDBG debugger in this release include:

- ▶ Added support to PGDBG for the disassembly of AVX3 instructions.
- ▶ Enhanced the debugger's display of Fortran character types and named commons.
- ▶ Improved support for debugging shared objects on OS X.
- ▶ Significantly reduced debugger load time of large applications on all platforms.

2.6. Updates to CUDA Toolkit Support

As of PGI 16.1, both CUDA 7.0 and CUDA 7.5 are supported on Linux, OS X and Windows. CUDA 7.0 is the default.

With the 2016 release, support for PGI Accelerator features has been removed from PGI's 32-bit compilers on all platforms. The 32-bit compilers retain support for the `-ta` suboptions `host` and `multicore`.

Support for PGI Accelerator features for OS X including CUDA Fortran, OpenACC and CUDA-x86 is deprecated in PGI 2016 and will no longer be available as of the PGI 2017 release.

Targeting a CUDA Toolkit Version

- ▶ The CUDA 7.0 Toolkit is set as the default in PGI 16.4. To use the CUDA 7.0 Toolkit, first download the CUDA 7.0 driver from NVIDIA at www.nvidia.com/cuda.
- ▶ You can compile with the CUDA 7.5 Toolkit either by adding the option `-ta=tesla:cuda7.5` to the command line or by adding `set DEFCUDAVERSION=7.5` to the `siterc` file.
- ▶ `pgacclinfo` prints the driver version as the first line of output. For a 7.0 driver, it prints:

```
CUDA Driver Version 7000
```


2.7. New Features in PGI Accelerator OpenACC Compilers

Multicore Support

PGI 16.1 supports the option `-ta=multicore`, to set the target accelerator for OpenACC programs to the host multicore. This will compile OpenACC compute regions for parallel execution across the cores of the host X86 processor or processors. The host multicore will be treated as a shared-memory accelerator, so the data clauses (`copy`, `copyin`, `copyout`, `create`) will be ignored and no data copies will be executed.

By default, `-ta=multicore` will generate code that will use all the available cores of the processor. If the compute region specifies a value in the `num_gangs` clause, the minimum of the `num_gangs` value and the number of available cores will be used. At runtime, the number of cores can be limited by setting the environment variable `ACC_NUM_CORES` to a constant integer value. If an OpenACC compute construct appears lexically within an OpenMP parallel construct, the OpenACC compute region will generate sequential code. If an OpenACC compute region appears dynamically within an OpenMP region or another OpenACC compute region, the program may generate many more threads than there are cores, and may produce poor performance.

The `ACC_BIND` environment variable is set by default with `-ta=multicore`; `ACC_BIND` has similar behavior to `MP_BIND` for OpenMP.

The `-ta=multicore` option differs from the `-ta=host` option in that `-ta=host` generates sequential code for the OpenACC compute regions. In this release, `-ta=multicore` is not supported in conjunction with `-ta=tesla`, `-ta=radeon` or `-ta=host`.

Default Compute Capability

The default compute capability list for OpenACC and CUDA Fortran compilation for NVIDIA Tesla targets is `cc20, cc30, cc35, and cc50`. The generation of device code can be time consuming, so you may notice an increase in compile time. You can override the default by specifying one or more compute capabilities using either command-line options or an rcfile.

To change the default with a command-line option, provide a comma-separated list of compute capabilities to `-ta=tesla:` for OpenACC or `-Mcuda=` for CUDA Fortran.

To change the default with an rcfile, set the `DEFCOMPUTECAP` value to a blank-separated list of compute capabilities in the `siterc` file located in your installation's `bin` directory:

```
set DEFCOMPUTECAP=20 30 35 50;
```

Alternatively, if you don't have permissions to change the `siterc` file, you can add the `DEFCOMPUTECAP` definition to a separate `.mypgirc` file (`mypgi_rc` on Windows) in your home directory.

The PGI 2016 release contains support for the following OpenACC 2.5 features:

New OpenACC 2.5 Features

- ▶ The profiler/trace tools interface specified in OpenACC 2.5 has replaced the previously supported interface.
- ▶ The default(present) clause for C, C++ and Fortran compute constructs.
- ▶ Reference counting manages the correspondence and lifetime of device data.
- ▶ The copy, copyin, copyout and create data clauses behave like present_or_copy, etc.
- ▶ The acc_copyin, acc_create, acc_copyout and acc_delete API routines behave like acc_present_or_copyin, etc.
- ▶ The declare create directive with a Fortran allocatable has new behavior.
- ▶ Added the API routine acc_memcpy_device.
- ▶ Added asynchronous versions of the data API routines.
- ▶ Reductions on orphaned gang loops are not allowed.
- ▶ Reductions on array and struct elements, and C++ class members, are not allowed.
- ▶ Use of acc routine without gang/worker/vector/seq is an error.

OpenACC 2.0 Features Not Supported

- ▶ The declare link directive for global data is not implemented.
- ▶ Nested parallelism (parallel and kernels constructs within a parallel or kernels region) is not implemented.

Support for Profiler / Trace Tool Interface

This release implements the OpenACC 2.5 version of the OpenACC Profiler/Trace Tools Interface. This is the interface used by the PGI profiler to collect performance measurements of OpenACC programs.

2.8. C++ Compiler

The PGI C++ compiler compatible with the STLPort STL, and invoked via pgc++ or pgCC, is no longer provided in the PGI compiler suite on any platform. The GCC-compatible PGI C++ compiler invoked with pgc++ has replaced the older version on Linux and OS X.

2.8.1. C++ and OpenACC

This release includes support for OpenACC directives for the PGC++ compiler. There are limitations to the data that can appear in data constructs and compute regions:

- ▶ Variable-length arrays are not supported in OpenACC data clauses; VLAs are not part of the C++ standard.
- ▶ Variables of class type that require constructors and destructors do not behave properly when they appear in data clauses.
- ▶ Exceptions are not handled in compute regions.

- ▶ Any function call in a compute region must be inlined. This includes implicit functions such as for I/O operators, operators on class type, user-defined operators, STL functions, lambda operators, and so on.

2.8.2. C++ Compatibility

PGI 2016 C++ object code is incompatible with prior releases.

All C++ source files and libraries that were built with prior releases must be recompiled to link with PGI 2016 or higher object files.

Optional packages that provide a C++ interface—such as the MPI package included with all PGI products—now require the use of the `pgc++` compiler driver for compilation and linking.

These optional packages include:

- ▶ ESMF
- ▶ MPICH
- ▶ MVAPICH
- ▶ NetCDF
- ▶ Open MPI
- ▶ Parallel NetCDF
- ▶ ScaLAPACK

2.9. Runtime Library Routines

PGI 2016 supports runtime library routines associated with the PGI Accelerator compilers. For more information, refer to *Using an Accelerator* in the PGI Compiler User's Guide.

2.10. Library Interfaces

PGI provides access to a number of libraries that export C interfaces by using Fortran modules. These libraries and functions are described in the PGI Compiler User's Guide.

2.11. Environment Modules

On Linux, if you use the Environment Modules package (e.g., the **module load** command), then PGI 2016 includes a script to set up the appropriate module files.

Chapter 3.

DISTRIBUTION AND DEPLOYMENT

Once you have successfully built, debugged and tuned your application, you may want to distribute it to users who need to run it on a variety of systems. This section addresses how to effectively distribute applications built using PGI compilers and tools.

3.1. Application Deployment and Redistributables

Programs built with PGI compilers may depend on runtime library files. These library files must be distributed with such programs to enable them to execute on systems where the PGI compilers are not installed. There are PGI redistributable files for Linux and Windows. On Windows, PGI also supplies Microsoft redistributable files.

3.1.1. PGI Redistributables

The PGI 2016 Release includes these directories:

```
$PGI/linux86/16.4/REDIST  
$PGI/linux86-64/16.4/REDIST  
$PGI/win32/16.4/REDIST  
$PGI/win64/16.4/REDIST
```

These directories contain all of the PGI Linux runtime library shared object files or Windows dynamically linked libraries that can be re-distributed by PGI 2016 licensees under the terms of the PGI End-User License Agreement (EULA). For reference, a text-form copy of the PGI EULA is included in the 16.4 doc directory.

3.1.2. Linux Redistributables

The Linux REDIST directories contain the PGI runtime library shared objects for all supported targets. This enables users of the PGI compilers to create packages of executables and PGI runtime libraries that will execute successfully on almost any PGI-supported target system, subject to these requirements:

- ▶ End-users of the executable have properly initialized their environment.
- ▶ Users have set LD_LIBRARY_PATH to use the relevant version of the PGI shared objects.

3.1.3. Microsoft Redistributables

The PGI products on Windows include Microsoft Open Tools. The Microsoft Open Tools directory contains a subdirectory named `redist`. PGI 2016 licensees may redistribute the files contained in this directory in accordance with the terms of the PGI End-User License Agreement.

Microsoft supplies installation packages, `vcredist_x86.exe` and `vcredist_x64.exe`, containing these runtime files. These files are available in the `redist` directory.

Chapter 4.

TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS AND KNOWN LIMITATIONS

This section contains information about known limitations, documentation errors, and corrections. Wherever possible, a work-around is provided.

For up-to-date information about the state of the current release, visit the frequently asked questions (FAQ) section on [pgroup.com](http://www.pgroup.com) at www.pgroup.com/support/faq.htm

4.1. General Issues

Most issues in this section are related to specific uses of compiler options and suboptions.

- ▶ Object files created with prior releases of PGI compilers are incompatible with object files from PGI 2016 and should be recompiled.
- ▶ Using the `-g` option to generate debug information for CUDA Fortran has these limitations:
 - ▶ This feature is supported on Linux only.
 - ▶ Debug information is not generated for boundaries for Fortran automatic arrays, adjustable dummy arrays, or assumed-shape dummy arrays.
 - ▶ Debug information is not generated for GPU code after a `!CUFF` directive.
- ▶ Using `-Mipa=vestigial` in combination with `-Mipa=libopt` with PGCC, you may encounter unresolved references at link time. This problem is due to the erroneous removal of functions by the `vestigial` suboption to `-Mipa`. You can work around this problem by listing specific suboptions to `-Mipa`, not including `vestigial`.

4.2. Platform-specific Issues

4.2.1. Linux

The following are known issues on Linux:

- ▶ Programs that incorporate object files compiled using `-mmodel=medium` cannot be statically linked. This is a limitation of the linux86-64 environment, not a limitation of the PGI compilers and tools.

4.2.2. Apple OS X

The following are known issues on Apple OS X:

- ▶ The PGI 2016 compilers do not support static linking of binaries. For compatibility with future Apple updates, the compilers only support dynamic linking of binaries.

4.2.3. Microsoft Windows

The following are known issues on Windows:

- ▶ For the Cygwin `emacs` editor to function properly, you must set the environment variable `CYGWIN` to the value `"tty"` before invoking the shell in which `emacs` will run. However, this setting is incompatible with the PGDBG command line interface (`-text`), so you are not able to use `pgdbg -text` in shells using this setting.
- ▶ On Windows, the version of `vi` included in Cygwin can have problems when the `SHELL` variable is defined to something it does not expect. In this case, the following messages appear when `vi` is invoked:

```
E79: Cannot expand wildcards Hit ENTER or type command to continue
```

To work around this problem, set `SHELL` to refer to a shell in the cygwin bin directory, e.g. `/bin/bash`.

- ▶ On Windows, runtime libraries built for debugging (e.g. `msvcrtd` and `libcmttd`) are not included with PGI Workstation. When a program is linked with `-g`, for debugging, the standard non-debug versions of both the PGI runtime libraries and the Microsoft runtime libraries are always used. This limitation does not affect debugging of application code.
- ▶ If you are building a 32-bit Windows Fortran program that performs Input/Output (I/O) on a namelist with User-Defined Derived type I/O, then you need to compile and link with the `-Munix` option.

The following are known issues with PGDBG on Windows:

- ▶ In PGDBG on the Windows platform, Windows times out `stepi/nexti` operations when single stepping over blocked system calls. For more information on the work around for this issue, refer to the online FAQs at <http://www.pgroup.com/support/tools.htm>.

4.3. PGDBG-related Issues

The following are known issues in PGDBG:

- ▶ Debugging of PGI Unified Binaries, that is, 64-bit programs built with more than one `-tp` option, is not fully supported. The names of some subprograms are modified in compilation and PGDBG does not translate these names back to the names used in the application source code. For detailed information on how to debug a PGI Unified Binary, refer to <http://www.pgroup.com/support/tools.htm>.

- ▶ There is a known issue when debugging on OS X 10.11 (El Capitan); the debugger will generate warning messages when running to a breakpoint. These warning messages do not affect the ability of the debugger to debug your application and will be addressed in a future release.

4.4. PGPROF-related Issues

The 16.1 release of PGPROF introduces an all-new PGI profiling tool. User feedback will be tracked for reported issues.

4.5. OpenACC Issues

This section includes known limitations in PGI's support for OpenACC directives. PGI plans to support these features in a future release.

ACC routine directive limitations

- ▶ The `routine` directive has limited support on AMD Radeon. Separate compilation is not supported on Radeon, and selecting `-ta=radeon` disables `rdc` for `-ta=tesla`.
- ▶ The `bind` clause on the `routine` directive is not supported.
- ▶ Fortran assumed-shape arguments are not yet supported.

Clause Support Limitations

- ▶ Not all clauses are supported after the `device_type` clause.

OpenMP Limitations

- ▶ There are known problems when using OpenACC for GPU accelerators inside of OpenMP parallel regions. This problem will be fixed in the near future.

4.6. Corrections

A number of problems are corrected in this release. Refer to www.pgroup.com/support/release_tprs.htm for a complete and up-to-date table of technical problem reports, TPRs, fixed in recent releases of the PGI compilers and tools. This table contains a summary description of each problem as well as the version in which it was fixed.

Chapter 5.

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<http://www.pgroup.com/userforum/index.php>

Many questions and problems can be resolved by following instructions and the information available at our frequently asked questions (FAQ) site:

<http://www.pgroup.com/support/faq.htm>

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