

The Future of Parallel Computing

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Abstract: Solving the biggest challenges in science, industry, and society requires dramatic increases in computing efficiency. Parallel architectures are now ubiquitous, so programming and parallel programming can no longer be treated as separate topics. Today's applications must be parallelized to unlock the benefits of current and future hardware. Consequently, new programmers must be taught how to exploit parallelism as early as possible. They must also be taught how to use programming tools to increase application efficiency as well as their own productivity. This is particularly important because as heterogeneous parallelism becomes more common, the gap between domain experts and tuning experts widens. Effective use of programming tools helps narrow the gap between domain experts and tuning experts. As programming complexity increases, domain experts expect higher levels of abstraction in the form of productivity languages and domain-specific frameworks. Programming tools will allow the next generation of tuning experts to deliver the necessary high-performance frameworks.

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