

# Core MPI C syntax

All routines return an int error code, not shown here, except MPI\_Wtime and MPI\_Wtick. For more documentation and tutorials, see: [MPI forum](#), [IBM](#), [Argonne](#), [OpenMPI](#), [NCSA](#), [LLNL](#)

## Header file, startup, shutdown, timer

```
#include <mpi.h>

MPI_Init( &argc, &argv );
MPI_Comm_size( comm, &size );
MPI_Comm_rank( comm, &rank );
MPI_Finalize();
double time = MPI_Wtime();
```

## Send and Receive

```
MPI_Send      ( sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, dest, sendtag, comm );
MPI_Isend     ( sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, dest, sendtag, comm, &request );
MPI_Sendrecv( sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype, dest, sendtag,
              recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, source, recvtag, comm, &status );
MPI_Recv      ( recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, source, recvtag, comm, &status );
MPI_Irecv     ( recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, source, recvtag, comm, &request );
```

## Non-blocking completion

```
MPI_Wait      ( &request, &status );
MPI_Test     ( &request, &flag, &status );
MPI_Waitall  ( count, requests_array, statuses_array );
MPI_Testall  ( count, requests_array, &flag, statuses_array );
MPI_Waitsome( count, requests_array, &outcnt, indices_array, statuses_array );
MPI_Testsome( count, requests_array, &outcnt, indices_array, statuses_array );
```

## Collective

```
MPI_Barrier    ( comm );
MPI_Bcast      ( buf, count, datatype, root, comm );
MPI_Scatter    ( sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype,
                 recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, root, comm );
MPI_Alltoall   ( sendbuf, sendcount, sendtype,
                 recvbuf, recvcount, recvtype, comm );
MPI_Reduce     ( sendbuf, recvbuf, count, datatype, op, root, comm );
MPI_Allreduce   ( sendbuf, recvbuf, count, datatype, op, comm );
MPI_Reduce_scatter( sendbuf, recvbuf, recvcounts, datatype, op, comm );
```

## Datatypes

```
void *buf, *sendbuf, *recvbuf;
int count, outcnt, sendcount, recvcount, recvcounts[N];
int dest, source, root, rank, size, indices_array[N];
int tag, sendtag, recvtag, flag;
MPI_Comm comm, newcomm;
MPI_Request request, requests_array[N];
MPI_Status status, statuses_array[N];
MPI_Datatype datatype, sendtype, recvtype;
MPI_Op op;
```

## Constants

```
// Communicators          // Datatypes, selected          // Reduction operations
MPI_COMM_WORLD           MPI_CHAR                         MPI_MAX
MPI_COMM_SELF            MPI_SIGNED_CHAR           MPI_MIN
                                         MPI_INT                         MPI_SUM
                                         MPI_LONG                        MPI_PROD
                                         MPI_UNSIGNED_CHAR           MPI_BAND (bitwise and);
                                         MPI_UNSIGNED           MPI_BOR  (bitwise or );
                                         MPI_UNSIGNED_LONG          MPI_BXOR (bitwise xor);
                                         MPI_FLOAT                         MPI_LAND (logical and);
                                         MPI_DOUBLE                        MPI_LOR  (logical or );
                                         MPI_BYTE                          MPI_LXOR (logical xor);
                                         MPI_PACKED                       MPI_MAXLOC
                                         MPI_IN_PLACE                     MPI_MINLOC
```

## MPI\_Status

```
stat.MPI_SOURCE
stat.MPI_TAG
MPI_Get_count  ( &status, datatype, &count );
```

## Cartesian grid

```
MPI_Dims_create ( nnodes, ndims, dims );
MPI_Cart_create ( comm,      ndims, dims, periods, reorder, comm_cart );
MPI_Cart_coords ( comm_cart, rank, maxdims, coords ); // map rank to coords
MPI_Cart_rank   ( comm_cart, coords, &rank );           // map coords to rank
MPI_Cart_shift  ( comm_cart, direction, disp, source, dest );
```

## User-defined Types

```
MPI_Type_vector ( count, blocklength, stride, oldtype, &newtype );
MPI_Type_commit ( datatype );
MPI_Type_free   ( datatype );
```

## Datatypes, in addition to first page

```
int nnodes, ndims, maxdims, reorder;
int dims[ndims], periods[ndims], coords[ndims];
MPI_Communicator comm_cart;
MPI_Datatype oldtype, newtype;
```

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