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# **ONE-DAY CHAPEL TUTORIAL**

## **SESSION 2: CHAPEL BASICS**



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# ONE DAY CHAPEL TUTORIAL

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- 9-10:30: Getting started using Chapel for parallel programming
- 10:30-10:45: break
- 10:45-12:15: Chapel basics in the context of the n-body example code
- 12:15-1:15: lunch
- 1:15-2:45: Distributed and shared-memory parallelism especially w/arrays (data parallelism)
- 2:45-3:00: break
- 3:00-4:30: More parallelism including for asynchronous parallelism (task parallelism)
- 4:30-5:00: Wrap-up including gathering further questions from attendees



## OUTLINE: CHAPEL BASICS

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- Where might we parallelize the n-body computation? (Hands On)



**RUNNING EXAMPLE: N-BODY COMPUTATION (HANDS ON)**

# **N-BODY IN CHAPEL (WHERE N == 5)**

- A serial computation
- From the Computer Language Benchmarks Game
  - Chapel implementation in release under `examples/benchmarks/shootout/nbody.chpl`
- Computes the influence of 5 bodies on one another
  - The Sun, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune
- Executes for a user-specifiable number of timesteps

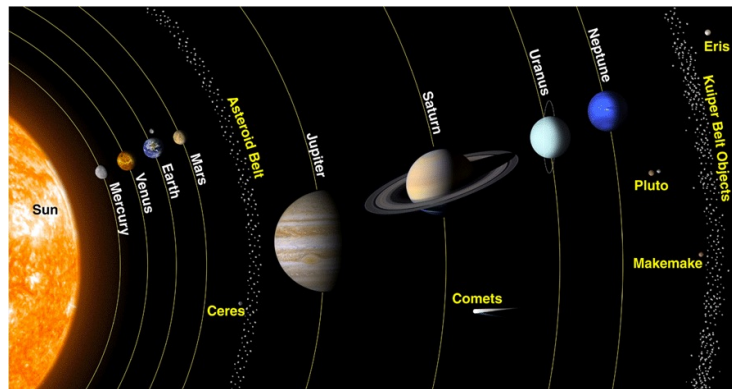


Image source: <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/review/ice-dwarf/solar-system-lrg.png>



# HANDS ON: COMPILING AND RUNNING N-BODY



nbody.chpl

## Things to try

```
chpl nbody.chpl
time ./nbody -nl 1
time ./nbody -nl 1 -n=100000

chpl --fast nbody.chpl
time ./nbody -nl 1
time ./nbody -nl 1 -n=100000
```

```
// number of timesteps to simulate
config const n = 10000;
...
```

## Key concepts

- \*nix 'time' command is an easy way to see how long a program takes to run
- Compile with '--fast' to have 'chpl' compiler generate faster code



# **VARIABLES, CONSTANTS, AND OPERATORS**

# 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: VARIABLE AND RECORD DECLARATIONS



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Variable declarations

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  var v: 3*real;  
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...





# VARIABLES, CONSTANTS, AND PARAMETERS

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## Basic syntax

```
declaration:  
var   identifier [: type] [= init-expr];  
const identifier [: type] [= init-expr];  
param identifier [: type] [= init-expr];
```

## Examples

```
const pi: real = 3.14159;  
var count: int;           // initialized to 0  
param debug = true;      // inferred to be bool
```

## Meaning

- var/const: execution-time variable/constant
- param: compile-time constant
- No init-expr  $\Rightarrow$  initial value is the type's default
- No type  $\Rightarrow$  type is taken from init-expr



# PRIMITIVE TYPES

## Syntax

Type	Description	Default Value	Currently-Supported Bit Widths	Default Bit Width
bool	logical value	false		impl. dep.
int	signed integer	0	8, 16, 32, 64	64
uint	unsigned integer	0	8, 16, 32, 64	64
real	real floating point	0.0	32, 64	64
imag	imaginary floating point	0.0i	32, 64	64
complex	complex floating points	0.0 + 0.0i	64, 128	128
string	character string	""	N/A	N/A

## Examples

```
primitive-type:  
type-name [( bit-width )]
```

```
int(16) // 16-bit int  
real(32) // 32-bit real  
uint // 64-bit uint
```

# CHAPEL'S STATIC TYPE INFERENCE



nbody.chpl

```
const pi = 3.14,           // pi is a real
      coord = 1.2 + 3.4i,  // coord is a complex...
      coord2 = pi*coord,  // ...as is coord2
      name = "brad",      // name is a string
      verbose = false;    // verbose is boolean

proc addem(x, y) {        // addem() has generic arguments
  return x + y;          // and an inferred return type
}

var sum = addem(1, pi),    // sum is a real
    fullname = addem(name, "ford"); // fullname is a string

writeln((sum, fullname));
```

**(4.14, bradford)**

# BASIC OPERATORS AND PRECEDENCE

Operator	Description	Associativity	Overloadable
:	cast	left	yes
**	exponentiation	right	yes
!~	logical and bitwise negation	right	yes
* / %	multiplication, division and modulus	left	yes
(unary) + -	positive identity and negation	right	yes
<< >>	shift left and shift right	left	yes
&	bitwise/logical and	left	yes
^	bitwise/logical xor	left	yes
	bitwise/logical or	left	yes
+ -	addition and subtraction	left	yes
<= >= < >	ordered comparison	left	yes
== !=	equality comparison	left	yes
&&	short-circuiting logical and	left	via isTrue
	short-circuiting logical or	left	via isTrue

# 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: DECLARATIONS



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}
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...

Configuration Variable

```
$ ./nbody --numsteps=100
```

# CONFIGS

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 02-configs.chpl

```
param intSize = 32;  
type elementType = real(32);  
const epsilon = 0.01:elementType;  
var start = 1:int(intSize);
```



# CONFIGS

 02-configs.chpl

```
config param intSize = 32;  
config type elementType = real(32);  
config const epsilon = 0.01:elementType;  
config var start = 1:int(intSize);
```

```
$ chpl 02-configs.chpl -sintSize=64 -selementType=real  
$ ./02-configs-start=2 -nl 1 --epsilon=0.00001
```

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Record declaration



# **RECORDS AND CLASSES**

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## Chapel's object types

- Contain variable definitions (fields)
- Contain procedure & iterator definitions (methods)
- Records: value-based (e.g., assignment copies fields)
- Classes: reference-based (e.g., assignment aliases object)

## Example

```
use Math;
record circle {
  var radius: real;
  proc area() {
    return pi*radius**2;
  }
}
```

```
var c1 = new circle(radius=1.0);
var c2 = c1;    // copies c1
c1.radius = 5.0;
writeln(c2.radius); // prints 1.0
```

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```
use Math;
class Circle {
  var radius: real;
  proc area() {
    return pi*radius**2;
  }
}
```

```
// c1 is a nilable class
var c1: Circle? = new shared Circle(radius=1.0);
var c2 = c1;           // aliases c1's circle
c1!.radius = 5.0;
writeln(c2!.radius); // prints 5.0
```

# CLASSES VS. RECORDS

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## Classes

- heap-allocated
  - Variables point to objects
  - Support mem. mgmt. policies
- 'reference' semantics
  - compiler will only copy pointers
- support inheritance
- support dynamic dispatch
- identity matters most
- similar to Java classes

## Records

- allocated in-place
  - Variables are the objects
  - Always freed at end of scope
- 'value' semantics
  - compiler may introduce copies
- no inheritance
- no dynamic dispatch
- value matters most
- similar to C++ structs
  - (sans pointers)



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**TUPLES (HANDS ON)**

# TUPLES

## Use

- support lightweight grouping of values
  - e.g., passing/returning multiple procedure arguments at once
  - short vectors
  - multidimensional array indices
- support heterogeneous data types

## Examples

```
var coord: (int, int, int) = (1, 2, 3);  
var coordCopy: 3*int = coord;  
var (i1, i2, i3) = coord;  
var triple: (int, string, real) = (7, "eight", 9.0);
```

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Record declaration

```
}
```

Tuple type

```
...
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# 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: THE BODIES



```
var bodies =
  [ /* sun */
    new body(mass = solarMass),

    /* jupiter */
    new body(pos = ( 4.84143144246472090e+00,
                    -1.16032004402742839e+00,
                    -1.03622044471123109e-01),
              v = ( 1.66007664274403694e-03 * daysPerYear,
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              mass = 9.54791938424326609e-04 * solarMass),

    /* saturn */
    new body(...),

    /* uranus */
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    /* neptune */
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  ];
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Create a record object



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```

Array  
value



# ARRAYS

# ARRAY TYPES

## Syntax

```
array-type:  
  [ domain-expr ] elt-type  
array-value:  
  [elt1, elt2, elt3, ... eltn]
```

## Meaning

- array-type: stores an element of elt-type for each index
- array-value: represent the array with these values

## Examples

```
var A: [1..3] int,           // A stores 0, 0, 0  
    B = [5, 3, 9],         // B stores 5, 3, 9  
    C: [1..m, 1..n] real,  // 2D m by n array of reals  
    D: [1..m][1..n] real;  // array of arrays of reals
```

More on arrays in data parallelism section later...



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nbody.chpl

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  ];
```

Create a record object

Tuple values

Array  
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# HANDS ON: WRITING TUPLES, RECORDS, AND ARRAYS



nbody.chpl

Put a `writeln("bodies = ", bodies);` into program

```
chpl nbody.chpl
./nbody -nl 1
bodies =(pos = (0.0, 0.0, 0.0), vel = (0.0, 0.0, 0.0),
mass = 39.4784) (pos = (4.84143, -1.16032, -0.103622), vel
= (0.606326, 2.81199, -0.0252184), mass = 0.0376937) (pos
= (8.34337, 4.1248, -0.403523), vel = (-1.01077, 1.82566,
0.00841576), mass = 0.0112863) (pos = (12.8944, -15.1112,
-0.223308), vel = (1.08279, 0.868713, -0.0108326), mass =
0.00172372) (pos = (15.3797, -25.9193, 0.179259), vel =
(0.979091, 0.594699, -0.034756), mass = 0.00203369)
-0.169075164
-0.169016441
```

**MAIN() PROCEDURE**

## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: MAIN()



nbody.chpl

...

```
proc main() {  
    initSun();  
  
    writef("%.9r\n", energy());  
    for 1..numsteps do  
        advance(0.01);  
    writef("%.9r\n", energy());  
}
```

...

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Procedure Definition



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Procedure Call



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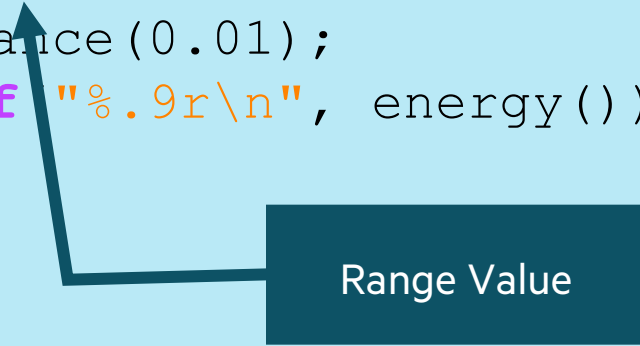
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...
```



Range Value

**RANGES: INTEGER SEQUENCES**

# RANGE VALUES: INTEGER SEQUENCES

## Syntax

```
range-expr:  
  [low] .. [high]
```

## Definition

- Regular sequence of integers
  - low  $\leq$  high: low, low+1, low+2, ..., high
  - low  $>$  high: degenerate (an empty range)
  - low or high unspecified: unbounded in that direction

## Examples

```
1..6           // 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  
6..1           // empty  
3..            // 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...
```

# RANGE OPERATORS

```
const r = 1..10;

printVals(r);
printVals(r # 3);
printVals(r by 2);
printVals(r by -2);
printVals(r by 2 # 3);
printVals(r # 3 by 2);
printVals(0.. #n);

proc printVals(r) {
  for i in r do
    write(i, " ");
  writeln();
}
```

```
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
1 2 3
1 3 5 7 9
10 8 6 4 2
1 3 5
1 3
0 1 2 3 4 ... n-1
```

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```

Serial for loop

# **BASIC SERIAL CONTROL FLOW**

# FOR LOOPS

## Syntax

```
for-loop:  
for [index-expr in] iteratable-expr { stmt-list }
```

## Meaning

- Executes loop body serially, once per loop iteration
- Declares new variables for identifiers in *index-expr*
  - type and const-ness determined by *iteratable-expr*
  - *iteratable-expr* could be a range, array, iterator, iterable object, ...

## Examples

```
var A: [1..3] string = [" DO", " RE", " MI"];  
  
for i in 1..3 { write(A[i]); } // DO RE MI  
for a in A { a += "LA"; } write(A); // DOLA RELA MILA
```



# CONTROL FLOW: OTHER FORMS

- Conditional statements

```
if cond { computeA(); } else { computeB(); }
```

- While loops

```
while cond {  
  compute();  
}
```

- For loops

```
for indices in iterable-expr {  
  compute();  
}
```

- Select statements

```
select key {  
  when value1 { compute1(); }  
  when value2 { compute2(); }  
  otherwise   { compute3(); }  
}
```

# CONTROL FLOW: BRACES VS. KEYWORDS

Control flow statements specify bodies using curly brackets (compound statements)

- Conditional statements

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```

- While loops

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# CONTROL FLOW: BRACES VS. KEYWORDS

They also support keyword-based forms for single-statement cases

- Conditional statements

```
if cond then computeA(); else computeB();
```

- While loops

```
while cond do  
  compute();
```

- For loops

```
for indices in iteratable-expr do  
  compute();
```

- Select statements

```
select key {  
  when value1 do compute1();  
  when value2 do compute2();  
  otherwise do compute3();  
}
```

# CONTROL FLOW: BRACES VS. KEYWORDS

Of course, since compound statements are single statements, the two forms can be mixed...

- Conditional statements

```
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```

- While loops

```
while cond do {  
  compute();  
}
```

- For loops

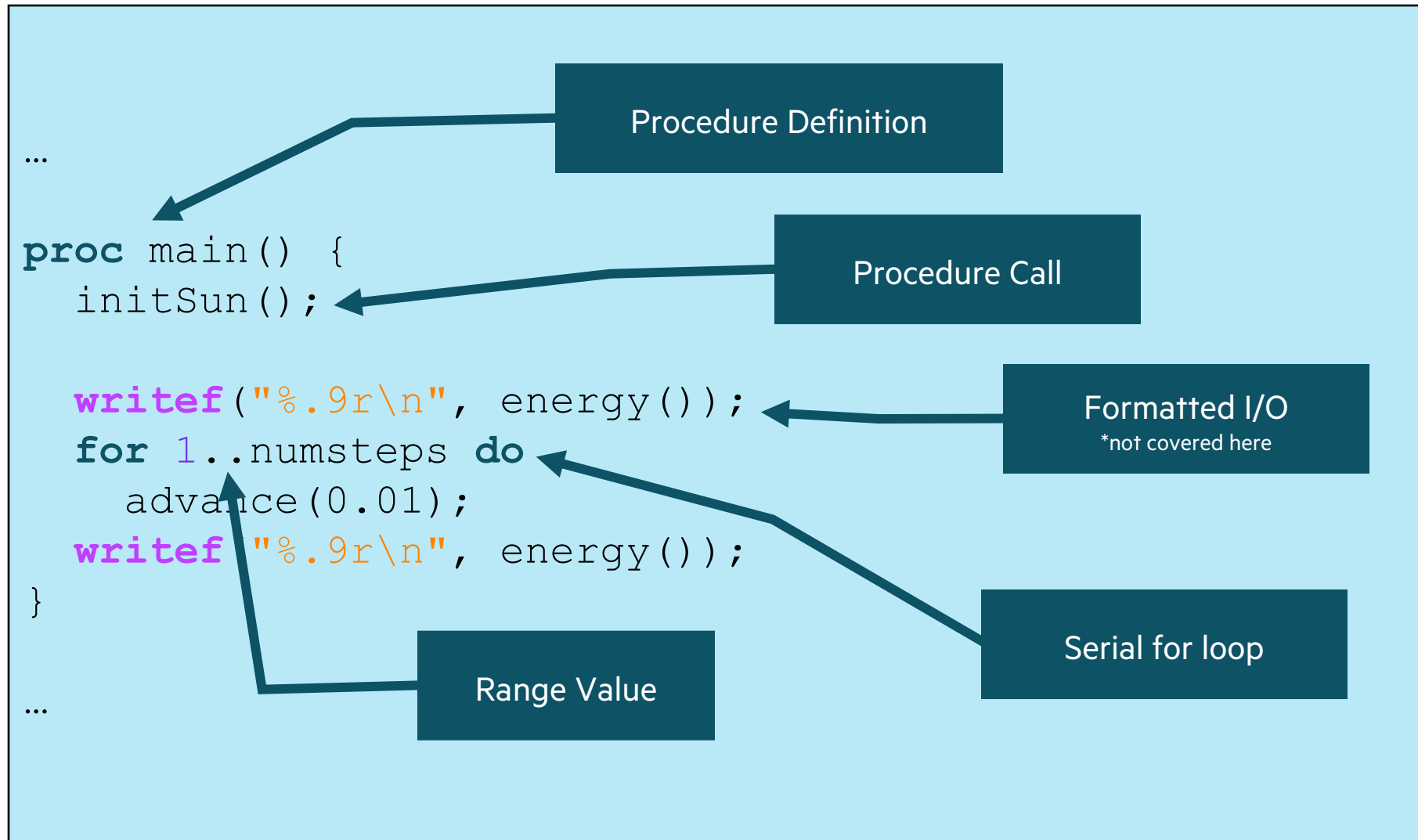
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}
```

- Select statements

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```

# **PROCEDURES AND ITERATORS**

# 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: MAIN()



## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ADVANCE()



nbody.chpl

```
advance(0.01);
...
proc advance(dt) {
  for i in 1..numbodies {
    for j in i+1..numbodies {
      const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,
            mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;

      bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;
      bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;
    }
  }

  for b in bodies do
    b.pos += dt * b.v;
}
```

## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ADVANCE()



```
advance(0.01);
```

```
...
```

```
proc advance(dt) {
```

```
  for i in 1..numbodies {
```

```
    for j in i+1..numbodies {
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      const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,
```

```
      mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;
```

```
      bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;
```

```
      bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;
```

```
    }
```

```
  }
```

```
  for b in bodies do
```

```
    b.pos += dt * b.v;
```

```
}
```

$$m_1 \mathbf{a}_1 = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r_{12}^3} (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) \quad \text{Sun-Earth}$$

$$m_2 \mathbf{a}_2 = \frac{Gm_1 m_2}{r_{21}^3} (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2) \quad \text{Earth-Sun}$$



## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ADVANCE()



nbody.chpl

```
advance(0.01); ← Procedure call
...
proc advance(dt) { ← Procedure definition
  for i in 1..numbodies {
    for j in i+1..numbodies {
      const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,
            mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;

      bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;
      bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;
    }
  }

  for b in bodies do
    b.pos += dt * b.v;
}
```

# PROCEDURES, BY EXAMPLE

- Example to compute the area of a circle

```
proc area(radius: real): real {  
  return 3.14 * radius**2;  
}  
  
writeln(area(2.0)); // 12.56
```

```
proc area(radius) {  
  return 3.14 * radius**2;  
}
```

Argument and return types can be omitted

- Example of argument default values, naming

```
proc writeCoord(x: real = 0.0, y: real = 0.0) {  
  writeln((x,y));  
}  
  
writeCoord(2.0); // (2.0, 0.0)  
writeCoord(y=2.0); // (0.0, 2.0)  
writeCoord(y=2.0, 3.0); // (3.0, 2.0)
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS

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Arguments can optionally be given intents

- (blank): varies with type; follows principle of least surprise
  - most types: **const in** or **const ref**
  - sync/single vars, atomics: **ref**
- **ref**: formal is a reference back to the actual
- **const [ref | in]**: disallows modification of the formal
- **param/type**: actual must be a param/type
- **in**: initializes formal using actual; permits formal to be modified
- **out**: copies formal into actual at procedure return
- **inout**: does both of the above



# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- For some types, argument intents are needed so as to avoid inadvertent races

```
proc foo(x: real, y: [] real) {  
    // x = 1.2; // illegal: scalars are passed 'const in' by default  
    // y = 3.4; // illegal: 'ref' by default for arrays is deprecated  
}  
  
var r: real,  
    A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(r, A);  
  
writeln((r, A));
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- Arguments can optionally be given intents.
- 'ref' intent means the actual being passed in will be modified

```
proc foo(ref x: real, ref y: [] real) {  
  x = 1.2; // OK: actual is modified  
  y = 3.4; // OK: actual is modified  
}  
  
var r: real,  
    A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(r, A);  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (1.2, [3.4, 3.4, 3.4])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- Can't pass a 'const' to a 'ref' intent

```
proc foo(ref x: real, ref y: [] real) {
  x = 1.2; // OK: actual is modified
  y = 3.4; // OK: actual is modified
}

const r: real,
      A: [1..3] real;

// foo(r, A); // illegal, can't pass a constant to a 'ref' intent

writeln((r, A)); // writes (0.0, [0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- Can pass a 'const' to a 'const ref' intent
- However, can't write to a formal coming in as 'const' intent

```
proc foo(const ref x: real, const ref y: [] real) {  
  // x = 1.2; // illegal: can't modify constant arguments  
  // y = 3.4; // illegal: can't modify constant arguments  
}  
  
const r: real,  
      A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(r, A); // OK to create constant references to constants  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (0.0, [0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- Can't pass 'const' and 'var' into 'param' intents

```
proc foo(param x: real, type t) {  
    ...  
    ...  
}  
  
const r: real,  
      A: [1..3] real;  
  
// foo(r, A); // illegal: can't pass vars and consts to params and types  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (0.0, [0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
```



# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- Can pass a literal, param, or a type into 'param' intent

```
proc foo(param x: real, type t) {  
    ...  
    ...  
}  
  
const r: real,  
       A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(1.2, r.type); // OK: passing a literal/param and a type  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (0.0, [0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- 'in' intents cause the actual argument value to be copied into the formal

```
proc foo(in x: real, in y: [] real) {  
  x = 1.2; // OK: local copy is modified  
  y = 3.4; // OK: local copy is modified  
}  
  
var r: real,  
    A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(r, A);  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (0.0, [0.0, 0.0, 0.0])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- 'out' intents cause the formal value to be copied into actual argument upon return from procedure

```
proc foo(out x: real, out y: [] real) {  
  x = 1.2; // OK: local copy is modified  
  y = [3.4, 3.4, 3.4]; // OK: local copy is modified  
}  
  
var r: real,  
    A: [1..3] real;  
  
foo(r, A);  
  
writeln((r, A)); // writes (1.2, [3.4, 3.4, 3.4])
```

# ARGUMENT INTENTS, BY EXAMPLE

- 'inout' intent is a combination of 'in' and 'out' intent

```
proc foo(inout x: real, inout y: [] real) {
  x = 1.2; // OK: local copy is modified
  y = 3.4; // OK: local copy is modified
}

var r: real,
    A: [1..3] real;

foo(r, A);

writeln((r, A)); // writes (1.2, [3.4, 3.4, 3.4])
```

## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ADVANCE()



nbody.chpl

```
proc advance(dt) {
  for i in 1..numbodies {
    for j in i+1..numbodies {
      const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,
            mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;

      bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;
      bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;
    }
  }

  for b in bodies do
    b.pos += dt * b.v;
}
```

# 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ALTERNATIVE USING ITERATORS



nbody.chpl

```
proc advance(dt) {  
  for (i,j) in triangle(numbodies) {  
    const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,  
          mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;  
    ...  
  }  
  ...  
}  
...  
  
iter triangle(n) {  
  for i in 1..n do  
    for j in i+1..n do  
      yield (i,j);  
    }  
}
```

Use of iterator

Definition of iterator

## 5-BODY IN CHAPEL: ADVANCE() USING ITERATORS



```
proc advance(dt) {
  for (i,j) in triangle(numbodies) {

    const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,
          mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos))**3;

    bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;
    bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;
  }

  for b in bodies do
    b.pos += dt * b.v;
}
```

# HANDS ON: WHERE MIGHT WE CONSIDER PARALLELIZING N-BODY



nbody.chpl

## Look at 'nbody.chpl' and identify...

- 'for' loops that can be parallelized
- 'for' loops that need to stay serial to keep meaning
- 'for' loops that are "mostly" parallel but have something like +=

Can be parallelized

```
for b in bodies do  
  b.pos += dt * b.v;
```

Inherently serial loop

```
for 1..numsteps do  
  advance(0.01);
```

Can be parallelized but  
have to avoid races when  
adding into velocity field

```
for i in 1..numbodies {  
  for j in i+1..numbodies {  
    const dpos = bodies[i].pos - bodies[j].pos,  
          mag = dt / sqrt(sumOfSquares(dpos)) ** 3;  
    bodies[i].v -= dpos * bodies[j].mass * mag;  
    bodies[j].v += dpos * bodies[i].mass * mag;  
  }  
}
```



## OUTLINE: CHAPEL BASICS

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- Running Example: n-body computation (Hands On)
- Variables, Constants, and Operators
- Records and Classes
- Tuples
- Arrays
- Writing out Tuples, Records, and Arrays (Hands On)
- Main( ) Procedure
- Ranges and basic control flow
- Procedures and iterators
- Where might we parallelize the n-body computation? (Hands On)



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR TODAY'S CHAPEL TUTORIAL

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- Familiarity with the Chapel execution model including how to run codes in parallel on a single node, across nodes, and both
- Learn Chapel concepts by compiling and running provided code examples
  - ✓ Serial code using map/dictionary, (k-mer counting from bioinformatics)
  - ✓ Parallelism and locality in Chapel
  - ✓ Distributed parallelism and 1D arrays, (processing files in parallel)
  - ✓ Chapel basics in the context of an n-body code
    - Distributed parallelism and 2D arrays, (heat diffusion problem)
    - How to parallelize histogram
    - Using CommDiagnostics for counting remote reads and writes
    - Chapel and Arkouda best practices including avoiding races and performance gotchas
- Where to get help and how you can participate in the Chapel community



# ONE DAY CHAPEL TUTORIAL

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- 9-10:30: Getting started using Chapel for parallel programming
- 10:30-10:45: break
- 10:45-12:15: Chapel basics in the context of the n-body example code
- 12:15-1:15: lunch
- 1:15-2:45: Distributed and shared-memory parallelism especially w/arrays (data parallelism)
- 2:45-3:00: break
- 3:00-4:30: More parallelism including for asynchronous parallelism (task parallelism)
- 4:30-5:00: Wrap-up including gathering further questions from attendees



# CHAPEL RESOURCES

Chapel homepage: <https://chapel-lang.org>

- (points to all other resources)

## Social Media:

- Twitter: [@ChapelLanguage](https://twitter.com/ChapelLanguage)
- Facebook: [@ChapelLanguage](https://www.facebook.com/ChapelLanguage)
- YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/c/ChapelParallelProgrammingLanguage>

## Community Discussion / Support:

- Discourse: <https://chapel.discourse.group/>
- Gitter: <https://gitter.im/chapel-lang/chapel>
- Stack Overflow: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/chapel>
- GitHub Issues: <https://github.com/chapel-lang/chapel/issues>

### The Chapel Parallel Programming Language

#### What is Chapel?

Chapel is a programming language designed for productive parallel computing at scale.

#### Why Chapel?

Because it simplifies parallel programming through elegant support for:

- **distributed arrays** that can leverage thousands of nodes' memories and cores
- a **global namespace** supporting direct access to local or remote variables
- **data parallelism** to trivially use the cores of a laptop, cluster, or supercomputer
- **task parallelism** to create concurrency within a node or across the system

#### Chapel Characteristics

- **productive**: code tends to be similarly readable/writable as Python
- **scalable**: runs on laptops, clusters, the cloud, and HPC systems
- **fast**: performance *competes with or beats* C/C++ & MPI & OpenMP
- **portable**: compiles and runs in virtually any \*nix environment
- **open-source**: hosted on GitHub, permissively licensed

#### New to Chapel?

As an introduction to Chapel, you may want to...

- watch an [overview talk](#) or browse its [slides](#)
- read a [blog-length](#) or [chapter-length](#) introduction to Chapel
- learn about [projects powered by Chapel](#)
- check out [performance highlights](#) like these:

PRK Stencil Performance (Gflop/s)

Locales (x 36 cores / locale)	OpenMP	Chapel
16	~1000	~1000
32	~2000	~2000
64	~4000	~4000
128	~8000	~8000
256	~12000	~12000

NPB-FT Performance (Gop/s)

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- browse [sample programs](#) or [learn](#) how to write distributed programs like this one:

```
use CyclicDist; // use the Cyclic distribution library
config const n = 100; // use --n=<val> when executing to override this default

forall i in {1..n} dmapped Cyclic(startIdx=1) do
  writeln("Hello from iteration ", i, " of ", n, " running on node ", here.id);
```