**Building the High Performance Linpack (HPL) Benchmark with GotoBLAS**

**Note**: Things that you should type are in the **computer boldface** font.

1. Before doing this, you **MUST** have already installed GotoBLAS and know the directory that it’s in.
2. Open up a web browser.
3. Go to your favorite search engine (e.g., Google).
4. Search for:

“High Performance Linpack”

Be sure to include the double quotes around the phrase.

1. On the HPL benchmark webpage, scroll down and copy the URL of the HPL source code (that is, the URL of hpl-2.0.tar.gz).
2. Copy the location of that link.
3. Go into your NCSI2010 directory:

**cd ~/NCSI2010**

1. Create an HPL directory:

**mkdir HPL**

1. Go into that directory:

**cd HPL**

1. Create a directory named for the implementation of BLAS you’re using (in this case, GotoBLAS):

**mkdir GotoBLAS**

1. Go into that directory:

**cd GotoBLAS**

1. Create a directory named for the implementation of MPI that you’re going to use (in this case, OpenMPI):

**mkdir OpenMPI**

1. Go into that directory:

**cd OpenMPI**

1. Download the HPL source code using this command:

**wget http://www.netlib.org/benchmark/hpl/hpl-2.0.tar.gz**

1. Check to see that you now have the HPL source code:

**ls**

1. “Untar” the compressed tar file:

**tar zxvf hpl-2.0.tar.gz**

1. Go into the newly created HPL directory:

**cd hpl-2.0**

1. Determine your current working directory:

**pwd**

1. Read the file named **INSTALL**, which has instructions for how to install HPL:

**more INSTALL**

If you’re unfamiliar with the more command, ask someone for help.

1. Copy an appropriate Make.something from the subdirectory named setup into the current working directory, naming the new copy with the name of the machine you’re on:

**cp setup/Make.Linux\_PII\_CBLAS Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI**

1. Using your preferred text editor (for example, vi, emacs, nano), edit the new file Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI as follows:
   1. Change the value of ARCH to the part of this file’s name after the dot:

Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI

* 1. Change the value of TOPdir to the current working directory.
  2. Change the values of MPdir, MPinc and MPlib to be blank (after the equals sign).
  3. Change the value of LAdir to the directory containing the GotoBLAS libraries.
  4. Change the value of LAlib to:

**-L$(LAdir) –lgoto2**

We’ve had multiple of instances of that not working properly, usually because of trailing blanks and other subtle syntax errors, so you may need to use this:

**$(LAdir)/libgoto2.so**

* 1. Change the value of CC to mpicc.
  2. Change the value of LINKER to mpif77.
  3. Save the file and quit from your editor.

1. Set the environment variables for the compiler and interconnect driver software.

If the Unix shell that you’re using is tcsh, that’d be:

**setenv MPI\_COMPILER gnu**

**setenv MPI\_INTERCONNECT ib**

**setenv MPI\_VENDOR openmpi**

If the Unix shell you’re using is bash, that’d be:

**export MPI\_COMPILER=gnu**

**export MPI\_INTERCONNECT=ib**

**export MPI\_VENDOR=openmpi**

1. Do the build using the make command:

**nohup make arch=Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI >& make\_output.txt &**

This will take several minutes.

**NOTE**: nohup means “Even if I get logged out, keep going;” the >& means “redirect stdout and stderr to the following file;” the ampersand & at the end means “do this in background.”

**NOTE**: If anything goes wrong, do the following:

1. Copy your Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI file to your scratch directory:

**cp Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI /scratch/yourusername**

1. Go up to the parent directory:

**cd ..**

**NOTE**: The two periods (“dotdot”) at the end of the cd command mean “to the parent of this directory” and are **VERY IMPORTANT**.

1. Delete the entire HPL directory:

**rm –rf hpl-2.0**

1. Repeat steps 16 - 18, above.
2. Copy the Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI file back into that directory; for example:

**cp /scratch/yourusername/Make.Sooner\_GotoBLAS\_OpenMPI .**

**NOTE**: The period (“dot”) at the end of the cp command means “to the current working directory” and is **VERY IMPORTANT**.

1. Repeat steps 21-23 as needed.
2. Check that the output from the make command (in the file named make\_output.txt) shows that you built HPL properly.