

# Package ‘RcppParallel’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Parallel Programming Tools for 'Rcpp'

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**Description** High level functions for parallel programming with 'Rcpp'.

For example, the 'parallelFor()' function can be used to convert the work of a standard serial ``for'' loop into a parallel one and the 'parallelReduce()' function can be used for accumulating aggregate or other values.

**Depends** R (>= 3.0.2)

**Suggests** Rcpp, RUnit, knitr, rmarkdown

**SystemRequirements** GNU make, Windows: cmd.exe and cscript.exe,  
Solaris: g++ is required

**License** GPL-2

**URL** <http://rcppcore.github.io/RcppParallel>,  
<https://github.com/RcppCore/RcppParallel>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/RcppCore/RcppParallel/issues>

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RcppParallel-package    *Parallel programming tools for Rcpp*

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### Description

High level functions for doing parallel programming with Rcpp. For example, the `parallelFor` function can be used to convert the work of a standard serial "for" loop into a parallel one and the `parallelReduce` function can be used for accumulating aggregate or other values.

The high level interface enables safe and robust parallel programming without direct manipulation of operating system threads. On Windows, OS X, and Linux systems the underlying implementation is based on Intel TBB (Threading Building Blocks). On other platforms a less-performant fallback implementation based on the TinyThread library is used.

For additional documentation see the package website at: <http://rcppcore.github.io/RcppParallel>.

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RcppParallel.package.skeleton  
*Create a skeleton for a new package depending on RcppParallel*

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### Description

`RcppParallel.package.skeleton` automates the creation of a new source package that intends to use features of RcppParallel.

It is based on the [package.skeleton](#) function which it executes first.

### Usage

```
RcppParallel.package.skeleton(
  name = "anRpackage",
  example_code = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

name	The name of your R package.
example_code	If TRUE, example C++ code using RcppParallel is added to the package.
...	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">RcppParallel.package.skeleton</a> .

## Details

In addition to [RcppParallel.package.skeleton](#) :

The ‘DESCRIPTION’ file gains an Imports line requesting that the package depends on RcppParallel and a LinkingTo line so that the package finds RcppParallel header files.

The ‘NAMESPACE’ gains a useDynLib directive as well as an importFrom(RcppParallel,evalCpp to ensure instantiation of RcppParallel.

The ‘src’ directory is created if it does not exist and a ‘Makevars’ file is added setting the environment variables ‘PKG\_LIBS’ to accommodate the necessary flags to link with the RcppParallel library.

If the example\_code argument is set to TRUE, example files ‘vector-sum.cpp’ is created in the ‘src’ directory. Rcpp::compileAttributes() is then called to generate src/RcppExports.cpp and R/RcppExports.R. These files are given as an example and should eventually be removed from the generated package.

## Value

Nothing, used for its side effects

## References

Read the *Writing R Extensions* manual for more details.

Once you have created a *source* package you need to install it: see the *R Installation and Administration* manual, [INSTALL](#) and [install.packages](#).

## See Also

[package.skeleton](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
# simple package  
RcppParallel.package.skeleton( "foobar" )  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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RcppParallelFlags      *Compilation flags for RcppParallel*

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### Description

Output the compiler or linker flags required to build against RcppParallel.

### Usage

```
CxxFlags()
LdFlags()
RcppParallelLibs()
```

### Details

These functions are typically called from Makevars as follows:

```
PKG_LIBS += $(shell "${R_HOME}/bin/Rscript" -e "RcppParallel::LdFlags()")
```

### Value

Returns NULL invisibly. The function is not called for its return value rather for the side effect of outputting the flags.

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setThreadOptions      *Thread options for RcppParallel*

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### Description

Set thread options (number of threads to use for task scheduling and stack size per-thread) for RcppParallel.

### Usage

```
setThreadOptions(numThreads = "auto",
                 stackSize = "auto")
defaultNumThreads()
```

### Arguments

numThreads	Number of threads to use for task scheduling (call defaultNumThreads to determine the the default value used for "auto").
stackSize	Stack size (in bytes) to use for worker threads. The default used for "auto" is 2MB on 32-bit systems and 4MB on 64-bit systems (note that this parameter has no effect on Windows).

**Details**

RcppParallel is automatically initialized with the default number of threads and thread stack size when it loads. You can call `setThreadOptions` at any time to change the defaults.

**Value**

The `defaultNumThreads` returns the default number of threads that are used by RcppParallel if another value isn't specified using `setThreadOptions`.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
library(RcppParallel)  
setThreadOptions(numThreads = 4)  
defaultNumThreads()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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