

# Package ‘RcppParallel’

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**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, Intel TBB, Windows: cmd.exe and cscript.exe, Solaris: g++ is required

**License** GPL (>= 3)

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

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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.

### Details

The high level interface enables safe and robust parallel programming without direct manipulation of operating system threads. On Windows, macOS, 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:

<https://rcppcore.github.io/RcppParallel/>

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flags                                    *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()")
```

On Windows, the flags ensure that the package links with the built-in TBB library. On Linux and macOS, the output is empty, because TBB is loaded dynamically on load by RcppParallel.

R packages using RcppParallel should also add the following to their NAMESPACE file:

```
importFrom(RcppParallel, RcppParallelLibs)
```

This is necessary to ensure that **RcppParallel** (and so, TBB) is loaded and available.

**Value**

Returns NULL, invisibly. These functions are called for their side effects (writing the associated flags to stdout).

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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.

**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="#">Rcpp.package.skeleton</a> .

**Details**

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

In addition to [Rcpp.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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<code>setThreadOptions</code>	<i>Thread options for RcppParallel</i>
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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.

The parallelFor() and parallelReduce() also accept numThreads as an argument, if you'd like to control the number of threads specifically to be made available for a particular parallel function call. Note that this value is advisory, and TBB may choose a smaller number of threads if the number of requested threads cannot be honored on the system.

**Value**

defaultNumThreads() returns the default number of threads used by RcppParallel, if another value isn't specified either via setThreadOptions() or explicitly in calls to parallelFor() and parallelReduce().

**Examples**

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

## End(Not run)
```

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tbbLibraryPath

*Get the Path to a TBB Library*


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**Description**

Retrieve the path to a TBB library. This can be useful for R packages using RcppParallel that wish to use, or re-use, the version of TBB that RcppParallel has been configured to use.

**Usage**

```
tbbLibraryPath(name = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

name            The name of the TBB library to be resolved. Normally, this is one of `tbb`, `tbbmalloc`, or `tbbmalloc_proxy`. When `NULL`, the library path containing the TBB libraries is returned instead.

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