PowerMAX OS hc C Version 4.3 Release Notes

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Scope

These notes provide an overview of release 4.3 of PowerMAX OS **hc**, the Concurrent ANSI C compiler. The compiler accepts the C language as defined by Kernighan and Ritchie, nearly all of the traditional UNIX extensions to this definition, and all of the features of the ANSI C standard. The **hc** compiler is also known as **cc**.

Audience

These notes are for the person installing the software, and for any user seeking a summary of new features, revised features, and known problems.

Using the notes

Release Notes are generally divided into several major sections; you should read all sections before attempting to install the software (note that not all sections listed here may be provided in your specific release notes).

- a checklist of the contents of the package;
- an overview of the package, describing in general terms its usage and capabilities. If this package is an update of an earlier version, the section also summarises the differences from that version;
- an explanation of how this package is related to other software;
- the installation process, described either explicitly or by reference to that manual where installation is handled;
- licensing of the software, if applicable;
- any known problems, limitations or incompatibilities of this release.

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What's in the package?

The PowerMAX OS hc C Version 4.3 package comprises both software and documentation.

Software

The software is supplied on DAT tape.

Documentation

There are three items of documentation:

- Concurrent C Reference Manual (0891019-110)
- These Release Notes (0891019-4.3)
- C: A Reference Manual (0890378-010)

Pre- and co-requisite software/hardware

Pre-requisites for PowerMAX OS hc C Version 4.3 are as follows:

Pre-requisite software

PowerMAX OS 4.3 or later.

Pre-requisite hardware

Any of the following hardware:

- Concurrent computer system using the PowerPCTM CPU.
- Motorola MCP750 Single Board Computer (SBC).

Installation

To install the software follow the sequence of steps below. The package name for this product is **hc**.

(Note: For more information on installing additional software packages, refer to manual pages pkgadd(1M) and putdev(1M).)

- 1 Check that any pre-requisite software/hardware is installed on the system.
- 2 Login as root.
- 3 Insert the installation media in the appropriate drive.
- 4 If the software is to be installed from DAT tape, type: # pkgadd -qld tape1

where -l specifies that error messages are logged to /var/sadm/install/logs/package.log, and -q selects quiet mode.

- 5 You are prompted to insert the distribution media; just type: go
- 6 You are shown a menu listing all the sets and packages on the distribution media. Enter the option numbers for the software you want to install (for example, type 1 or 2 to select the first, or second items listed), or type all to select all items.
- 7 Give appropriate answers to any questions asked by the installation process.
- 8 At the end of the installation process you are prompted to install further software. Unless you wish to do so, type: q (for quit)

Cautions

The extent to which the **hc** compiler accepts the C language as defined by the ANSI C standard or the first edition of Kernighan and Ritchie is controlled by command-line options. See the discussion of the -x[acto] option in the hc(1) manual page for an explanation of how hc treats specific C-language features in its different compilation modes. The *Concurrent C Reference Manual* contains more specifics on the differences between compilation modes.

Users are encouraged to retain the source for their applications. Major releases may provide new object-file formats which will require the re-compilation of programs.

Changes from Previous Release

The following options have changed:

-Qtarget=machine - select the target architecture for compilation. machine may be one of ppc, ppc604, ppc604e, or ppc750. The default is ppc604, which generates code specifically for the PowerPC 604 CPU, used in Series 6000 systems. ppc604e and ppc750 generate code for the PowerPC 604e and MCP750, respectively. The more general ppc target produces code that can run on any PowerPC system running PowerMAX OS and optimizes for the PowerPC 604. With the exception of some instructions that can only be generated by special intrinsics, the 604, 604e, and 750 have the same instruction sets. Thus, the selection of machine effects optimization only, that is, a program built with target=ppc750 will run faster on a MCP750 than the same program built with target=ppc604.

See the hc(1) manual page for more details.

Direct Software Support

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