**OpenFabrics Interfaces Working Group Face-to-Face**

**8/19, 8/20/2014**

**Rock Creek Country Club, Hillsboro, OR**

**Key Topics**

* Time line to release
  + What activities have to happen to achieve rel 1.0?
  + What is the release timeline for intermediate releases leading up to rel 1.0?
* Simple walkthrough – Intel (Frank Berry)
  + Simple illustrations showing how an activity is performed using verbs, then how it is performed using libfabrics. Some examples will come from existing IB test suites.
* Create pseudo-code
  + Objective is to think more deeply about the existing APIs as applied to well-known apps
  + Identify gaps
  + Break into small teams and tackle a range of issues (MPI, PGAS/SHMEM, sockets, etc)
* Test framework
  + Support testing without a requirement for a specific job launcher
  + Identify specific frameworks (Unit test, Functional test, etc) that will be needed
* Models for implementers – LANL (Howard, Susan)
  + Apps writing to ibverbs tended to rely on existing micro benchmarks (e.g. perftest) as a model for implementing certain functions over verbs
  + Libfabrics has a similar need, but should not be based on microbenchmarks.
* Verbs extensions – Rich Graham
* Management and Addressing
  + Discuss assumptions related to e.g. endpoint identification, assumptions related to how much information an end user app must maintain
* Detailed API review and walkthroughs. Highest priority is probably tag matching API
* Release requirements
  + Define the minimum API set required for rel 1.0

**Proposed Agenda**

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| Tuesday Morning – 8/19 | | | |
| **Start** | **Duration** | **Topic** | **Notes** |
| 8:00 | :30 | Gathering |  |
| 8:30 | :15 | Introductions, ground rules, agenda bashing |  |
| 8:45 | :45 | Timeline to 1st release | What has to happen before rel 1.0?  Intermediate releases leading to rel 1.0? |
| 9:30 | :60 | Simple walk through: verbs, libfabrics | Frank Berry |
| 10:30 | :15 | Break |  |
| 10:45 | :75 | Set-up a pseudo-code exercise | Assign small groups |
| 12:15 | :45 | lunch |  |

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| Tuesday Afternoon - 8/19 | | | |
| **Start** | **Duration** | **Topic** | **Notes** |
| 1:00 | :90 | Pseudo-code small group session | Break into small groups |
| 2:30 | :15 | break |  |
| 2:45 | :90 | Review pseudo-coding results | Full group |
| 4:15 | :90 | Verbs extensions | Rich Graham / Liran Liss |
| 5:45 |  | adjourn |  |
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| Wednesday Morning – 8/20 | | | |
| **Start** | **Duration** | **Topic** | **Notes** |
| 8:00 | :15 | Gathering |  |
| 8:15 | :45 | Test framework discussion | LANL – Howard Pritchard |
| 9:00 | :90 | Management and addressing assumptions | Sean |
| 10:30 | :90 | Models for implementation |  |
| 12:00 | :60 | lunch |  |
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| Wednesday Afternoon – 8/20 | | | |
| **Start** | **Duration** | **Topic** | **Notes** |
| 1:00 | :45 |  |  |
| *1:45* | *1:00* | *Continue detailed API reviews* |  |
| 2:45 | :15 | break |  |
| 2:00 | 2:00 | Requirements for release 1.0 | Group discussion |
| 4:00 |  | adjourn |  |
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Raw notes

* Timeline –
  + What are the characteristics of what is first released?
  + Potential release schedule? What are the intermediate steps that lead us to rev 1.0. Should include a “release candidate” that allows application-level experimentation and a final release.
  + When will applications be ready to deploy?
* Walk through simple example(s) of how an application (examples: SHMEM, PGAS, MPI) would actually use libfabrics relative to libibverbs.
  + Here’s how it works with verbs, here’s how it would work using libfabrics.
  + Not planned to be a detailed description e.g. of MVAPICH or Open MPI rather a simple ‘stage setting’ exercise.
  + Since its comparative, it won’t illuminate the use of libfabrics-unique features.
  + **AR Frank Berry** – pull together at least a simple example, even if not quality code.
* Define the set of requirements for a successful first release
  + which requirements can we hit, which will we miss?
  + May require voting
* Pseudo-code walk
  + Avoids the problem that there prototype providers don’t exist.
* Systematically go thru the APIs one-by-one. Parameters, sizes, functions, behaviors, etc.
* Review specific code and/or man pages, identify gaps
* Work on ideas that have been raised during these meetings including work on verbs extensions?
  + Most of the concepts so far map nicely onto verbs extensions
  + **AR Liran Liss** – work on agenda for verbs extensions discussions for the meeting in two weeks
* **F-2-F** **Date 8/19, 20, Location – Hillsboro, OR**
* Suggestion: Add a discussion of test frameworks to allow testing without having to rely on someone’s job launcher and to identify a specific framework (Unit test, Functional test, etc) that would need to be built.
* For existing verbs, testing is done as a proprietary function of vendors. In the case of ibverbs, people used the existing microbenchmarks (e.g. perftest does some basic verbs testing) as the model for writing their applications.
* We need both, example code implementations, and some sort of unit test or validation.
* AR – Howard to verify he can travel, if so he may be able to lead this.
* Susan Coulter has also volunteered to take up this topic.
* Frank Berry has an RCG who is digging into some examples, and will be able to provide some illustrations a) how this is done in verbs, and b) now this is how it’s done in libfabrics. The parallels are imperfect because verbs does not have some capabilities (e.g. RD) that are available in libfabrics.