

Using GetLogicalProcessorInformationEx to see the relationship between logical and physical processors

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Today's Little Program uses the `GetLogicalProcessorInformationEx` function to print the mapping of logical processors to physical processors, as well as the mapping of logical processors to packages. (A dual-core processor is a single package with two cores. If those cores are themselves dual-hyperthreaded, then you have four logical processors total.)

```
#define STRICT
#include <windows.h>
#include <stdio.h>
template<typename T>
T *AdvanceBytes(T *p, SIZE_T cb)
{
    return reinterpret_cast<T*>(reinterpret_cast<BYTE *>(p) + cb);
}
```

The `AdvanceBytes` helper function takes a typed pointer and adds a byte offset to it. This is just a typing-saver function.

```

class EnumLogicalProcessorInformation
{
public:
    EnumLogicalProcessorInformation(LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_RELATIONSHIP Relationship)
        : m_pinfoBase(nullptr), m_pinfoCurrent(nullptr), m_cbRemaining(0)
    {
        DWORD cb = 0;
        if (GetLogicalProcessorInformationEx(Relationship,
                                              nullptr, &cb)) return;
        if (GetLastError() != ERROR_INSUFFICIENT_BUFFER) return;
        m_pinfoBase =
            reinterpret_cast<SYSTEM_LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_INFORMATION_EX *>
                (LocalAlloc(LMEM_FIXED, cb));
        if (!m_pinfoBase) return;
        if (!GetLogicalProcessorInformationEx(Relationship,
                                              m_pinfoBase, &cb)) return;
        m_pinfoCurrent = m_pinfoBase;
        m_cbRemaining = cb;
    }
    ~EnumLogicalProcessorInformation() { LocalFree(m_pinfoBase); }
    void MoveNext()
    {
        if (m_pinfoCurrent) {
            m_cbRemaining -= m_pinfoCurrent->Size;
            if (m_cbRemaining) {
                m_pinfoCurrent = AdvanceBytes(m_pinfoCurrent,
                                              m_pinfoCurrent->Size);
            } else {
                m_pinfoCurrent = nullptr;
            }
        }
    }
    SYSTEM_LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_INFORMATION_EX *Current()
        { return m_pinfoCurrent; }
private:
    SYSTEM_LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_INFORMATION_EX *m_pinfoBase;
    SYSTEM_LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_INFORMATION_EX *m_pinfoCurrent;
    DWORD m_cbRemaining;
};

```

Enumerating logical processor information is complicated due to the variable-size structures, so I wrap it inside this helper enumerator class.

Construct it with the relationship you are interested in, then use `Current()` to see the current item and `MoveNext()` to move to the next item. When there are no more items, `Current()` returns `nullptr`.

The constructor does the standard two-step query we've seen before: Ask for the required buffer size, then allocate a buffer, then ask for the buffer to be filled in. There is a TOCTTOU race condition if a processor is added dynamically, but I'm going to ignore that case because

this is a Little Program.

Since the `SYSTEM_LOGICAL_PROCESSOR_INFORMATION_EX` structure is variable-sized, walking the packed array is not a simple array indexing operation. Instead, you have to bump the pointer by the `Size` of the current element to find the next element.

Next comes a helper function to print processor affinity bitmasks.

```
void PrintMask(KAFFINITY Mask)
{
    printf(" [");
    for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(Mask) * 8; i++) {
        if (Mask & (static_cast<KAFFINITY>(1) << i)) {
            printf(" %d", i);
        }
    }
    printf(" ]");
}
```

Nothing exciting there.

Finally, we wrap it up inside a sample program that enumerates the cores and then, just for fun, enumerates the packages.

```
int __cdecl main(int argc, char **argv)
{
    for (EnumLogicalProcessorInformation enumInfo(RelationProcessorCore);
         auto pinfo = enumInfo.Current(); enumInfo.MoveNext()) {
        PrintMask(pinfo->Processor.GroupMask[0].Mask);
        printf("\n");
    }
    for (EnumLogicalProcessorInformation enumInfo(RelationProcessorPackage);
         auto pinfo = enumInfo.Current(); enumInfo.MoveNext()) {
        printf("[");
        for (UINT GroupIndex = 0; GroupIndex < pinfo->Processor.GroupCount; GroupIndex++)
        {
            PrintMask(pinfo->Processor.GroupMask[GroupIndex].Mask);
        }
        printf(" ]\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Enumerating processor cores produces a bunch of `PROCESSOR_RELATIONSHIP` structures, each with a single group that describes the logical processors assigned to the core.

Enumerating processor packages produces a bunch of `PROCESSOR_RELATIONSHIP` structures, and each one contains as many groups as there are cores in the package.

Bonus chatter: The [CoreInfo](#) utility from Sysinternals is a command-line tool that is a fancier version of this Little Program.

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