

# UPC Required Library Specifications Version 1.3

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## 7 Library

- 1 This section provides UPC parallel extensions of [ISO/IEC00 Sec 7.1.2]. Also see the UPC Optional Library Specifications.
- 2 The libraries specified in this document are required and shall be provided by all conforming implementations of the UPC language.

### 7.4 UPC Collective Utilities <upc\_collective.h>

- 1 Implementations that support this interface shall predefine the feature macro `__UPC_COLLECTIVE__` to the value 1.
- 2 The following requirements apply to all of the functions defined in Section 7.4.
- 3 All of the functions are collective.<sup>1</sup>
- 4 All collective function arguments are single-valued.
- 5 Collective functions may not be called between `upc_notify` and the corresponding `upc_wait`.

#### 7.4.1 Standard headers

- 1 The standard header is  
`<upc_collective.h>`
- 2 Unless otherwise noted, all of the functions, types and macros specified in Section 7.4 are declared by the header `<upc_collective.h>`.
- 3 Every inclusion of `<upc_collective.h>` has the effect of including `<upc_types.h>`.

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<sup>1</sup>Note that collective does not necessarily imply barrier synchronization. The synchronization behavior of the library functions is explicitly controlled by using the `upc_flag_t flags` argument. See UPC Language Specification, Section 7.3.3 for details.

## 7.4.2 Relocalization Operations

### 7.4.2.1 The `upc_all_broadcast` function

#### Synopsis

```

1   #include <upc_collective.h>
      void upc_all_broadcast(shared void * restrict dst,
                          shared const void * restrict src, size_t nbytes,
                          upc_flag_t flags);

```

#### Description

2 The `upc_all_broadcast` function copies a block of memory with affinity to a single thread to a block of shared memory on each thread. The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.

3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.

4 The `upc_all_broadcast` function treats the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area with the type:

```
shared [] char[nbytes]
```

5 The effect is equivalent to copying the entire array pointed to by `src` to each block of `nbytes` bytes of a shared array `dst` with the type:

```
shared [nbytes] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

6 The target of the `dst` pointer must have affinity to thread 0.

7 The `dst` pointer is treated as if it has phase 0.

8 If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is undefined.

9 EXAMPLE 1 shows `upc_all_broadcast`

```

#include <upc_collective.h>
shared int A[THREADS];
shared int B[THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_broadcast( B, &A[1], sizeof(int),
                  UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );

```

```
upc_barrier;
```

#### 10 EXAMPLE 2:

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [] int A[NELEMS];
shared [NELEMS] int B[NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_all_broadcast( B, A, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
                  UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );
```

#### 11 EXAMPLE 3 shows (A[3],A[4]) is broadcast to (B[0],B[1]), (B[10],B[11]), (B[20],B[21]), ..., (B[NELEMS\*(THREADS-1)],B[NELEMS\*(THREADS-1)+1]).

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [NELEMS] int B[NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_broadcast( B, &A[3], sizeof(int)*2,
                  UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

### 7.4.2.2 The upc\_all\_scatter function

#### Synopsis

```
1 #include <upc_collective.h>
  void upc_all_scatter(shared void * restrict dst,
                      shared const void * restrict src, size_t nbytes,
                      upc_flag_t flags);
```

#### Description

- 2 The `upc_all_scatter` function copies the *i*th block of an area of shared memory with affinity to a single thread to a block of shared memory with affinity to the *i*th thread. The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.
- 3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.
- 4 The `upc_all_scatter` function treats the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a

shared memory area with the type:

```
shared [] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

- 5 and it treats the `dst` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area with the type:

```
shared [nbytes] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

- 6 The target of the `dst` pointer must have affinity to thread 0.
- 7 The `dst` pointer is treated as if it has phase 0.
- 8 For each thread  $i$ , the effect is equivalent to copying the  $i$ th block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `src` to the block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `dst` that has affinity to thread  $i$ .
- 9 If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is undefined.
- 10 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_scatter` for the dynamic `THREADS` translation environment.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NUMELEMS 10
#define SRC_THREAD 1
shared int *A;
shared [] int *myA, *srcA;
shared [NUMELEMS] int B[NUMELEMS*THREADS];

// allocate and initialize an array distributed across all threads
A = upc_all_alloc(THREADS, THREADS*NUMELEMS*sizeof(int));
myA = (shared [] int *) &A[MYTHREAD];
for (i=0; i<NUMELEMS*THREADS; i++)
    myA[i] = i + NUMELEMS*THREADS*MYTHREAD; // (for example)
// scatter the SRC_THREAD's row of the array
srcA = (shared [] int *) &A[SRC_THREAD];
upc_barrier;
upc_all_scatter( B, srcA, sizeof(int)*NUMELEMS,
                UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC);
upc_barrier;
```

- 11 EXAMPLE 2 `upc_all_scatter` for the *static* `THREADS` translation envi-

ronment.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [NELEMS] int B[NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_all_scatter( B, A, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
                UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );
```

### 7.4.2.3 The `upc_all_gather` function

#### Synopsis

```
1 #include <upc_collective.h>
   void upc_all_gather(shared void * restrict dst,
                      shared const void * restrict src, size_t nbytes,
                      upc_flag_t flags);
```

#### Description

2 The `upc_all_gather` function copies a block of shared memory that has affinity to the  $i$ th thread to the  $i$ th block of a shared memory area that has affinity to a single thread. The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.

3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.

4 The `upc_all_gather` function treats the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area of `nbytes` bytes on each thread and therefore had type:

```
shared [nbytes] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

5 and it treats the `dst` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area with the type:

```
shared [] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

6 The target of the `src` pointer must have affinity to thread 0.

7 The `src` pointer is treated as if it has phase 0.

8 For each thread  $i$ , the effect is equivalent to copying the block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `src` that has affinity to thread  $i$  to the  $i$ th block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `dst`.

9 If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is unde-

fined.

- 10 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_gather` for the *static THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [] int B[NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_all_gather( B, A, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
               UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );
```

- 11 EXAMPLE 2 `upc_all_gather` for the *dynamic THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc.h>
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [] int *B;
B = (shared [] int *) upc_all_alloc(1,NELEMS*THREADS*sizeof(int));
// Initialize A.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_gather( B, A, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
               UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

#### 7.4.2.4 The `upc_all_gather_all` function

##### Synopsis

```
1 #include <upc_collective.h>
  void upc_all_gather_all(shared void * restrict dst,
                        shared const void * restrict src, size_t nbytes,
                        upc_flag_t flags);
```

##### Description

- 2 The `upc_all_gather_all` function copies a block of memory from one shared memory area with affinity to the *i*th thread to the *i*th block of a shared memory area on each thread. The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.

- 3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.
- 4 The `upc_all_gather_all` function treats the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area of `nbytes` bytes on each thread and therefore had type:

```
shared [nbytes] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

- 5 and it treats the `dst` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area with the type:

```
shared [nbytes * THREADS] char[nbytes * THREADS * THREADS]
```

- 6 The targets of the `src` and `dst` pointers must have affinity to thread 0.
- 7 The `src` and `dst` pointers are treated as if they have phase 0.
- 8 The effect is equivalent to copying the *i*th block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `src` to the *i*th block of `nbytes` bytes pointed to by `dst` that has affinity to each thread.
- 9 If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is undefined.
- 10 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_gather_all` for the *static THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [NELEMS*THREADS] int B[THREADS][NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_gather_all( B, A, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
                   UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

- 11 EXAMPLE 2 `upc_all_gather_all` for the *dynamic THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc.h>
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS];
```

```

shared int *Bdata;
shared [] int *myB;

Bdata = upc_all_alloc(THREADS*THREADS, NELEMS*sizeof(int));
myB = (shared [] int *)&Bdata[MYTHREAD];

// Bdata contains THREADS*THREADS*NELEMS elements.
// myB is MYTHREAD's row of Bdata.
// Initialize A.
upc_all_gather_all( Bdata, A, NELEMS*sizeof(int),
                   UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );

```

#### 7.4.2.5 The upc\_all\_exchange function

##### Synopsis

```

1 #include <upc_collective.h>
  void upc_all_exchange(shared void * restrict dst,
                        shared const void * restrict src, size_t nbytes,
                        upc_flag_t flags);

```

##### Description

- 2 The `upc_all_exchange` function copies the  $i$ th block of memory from a shared memory area that has affinity to thread  $j$  to the  $j$ th block of a shared memory area that has affinity to thread  $i$ . The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.
- 3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.
- 4 The `upc_all_exchange` function treats the `src` pointer and the `dst` pointer as if each pointed to a shared memory area of `nbytes*THREADS` bytes on each thread and therefore had type:
 

```
shared [nbytes * THREADS] char[nbytes * THREADS * THREADS]
```
- 5 The targets of the `src` and `dst` pointers must have affinity to thread 0.
- 6 The `src` and `dst` pointers are treated as if they have phase 0.
- 7 For each pair of threads  $i$  and  $j$ , the effect is equivalent to copying the  $i$ th block of `nbytes` bytes that has affinity to thread  $j$  pointed to by `src` to the  $j$ th block of `nbytes` bytes that has affinity to thread  $i$  pointed to by `dst`.

- 8 If copying takes place between objects that overlap, the behavior is undefined.
- 9 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_exchange` for the *static THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared [NELEMS*THREADS] int A[THREADS][NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [NELEMS*THREADS] int B[THREADS][NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_exchange( B, A, NELEMS*sizeof(int),
                 UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

- 10 EXAMPLE 2 `upc_all_exchange` for the *dynamic THREADS* translation environment.

```
#include <upc.h>
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define NELEMS 10
shared int *Adata, *Bdata;
shared [] int *myA, *myB;
int i;

Adata = upc_all_alloc(THREADS*THREADS, NELEMS*sizeof(int));
myA = (shared [] int *)&Adata[MYTHREAD];
Bdata = upc_all_alloc(THREADS*THREADS, NELEMS*sizeof(int));
myB = (shared [] int *)&Bdata[MYTHREAD];

// Adata and Bdata contain THREADS*THREADS*NELEMS elements.
// myA and myB are MYTHREAD's rows of Adata and Bdata, resp.

// Initialize MYTHREAD's row of A. For example,
for (i=0; i<NELEMS*THREADS; i++)
    myA[i] = MYTHREAD*10 + i;

upc_all_exchange( Bdata, Adata, NELEMS*sizeof(int),
                 UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );
```

### 7.4.2.6 The `upc_all_permute` function

#### Synopsis

```

1  #include <upc_collective.h>
   void upc_all_permute(shared void * restrict dst,
                       shared const void * restrict src,
                       shared const int * restrict perm,
                       size_t nbytes, upc_flag_t flags);

```

#### Description

2 The `upc_all_permute` function copies a block of memory from a shared memory area that has affinity to the  $i$ th thread to a block of a shared memory that has affinity to thread `perm[i]`. The number of bytes in each block is `nbytes`.

3 `nbytes` must be strictly greater than 0.

4 `perm[0..THREADS-1]` must contain `THREADS` distinct values: 0, 1, ..., `THREADS-1`.

5 The `upc_all_permute` function treats the `src` pointer and the `dst` pointer as if each pointed to a shared memory area of `nbytes` bytes on each thread and therefore had type:

```
shared [nbytes] char[nbytes * THREADS]
```

6 The targets of the `src`, `perm`, and `dst` pointers must have affinity to thread 0.

7 The `src` and `dst` pointers are treated as if they have phase 0.

8 The effect is equivalent to copying the block of `nbytes` bytes that has affinity to thread  $i$  pointed to by `src` to the block of `nbytes` bytes that has affinity to thread `perm[i]` pointed to by `dst`.

9 If any of the elements referenced by `dst` overlap any of the elements referenced by `src` or `perm`, the behavior is undefined.

10 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_permute`.

```

   #include <upc_collective.h>
   #define NELEMS 10
   shared [NELEMS] int A[NELEMS*THREADS], B[NELEMS*THREADS];

```

```
shared int P[THREADS];
// Initialize A and P.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_permute( B, A, P, sizeof(int)*NELEMS,
                UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

### 7.4.3 Computational Operations

- 1 Computational operations are specified using a value of type `upc_op_t`, which is specified in UPC Language Specification, Section 7.3.1. All of the operations defined in that section are supported for computational collectives.

In addition, the following `upc_op_t` value macros are defined in `<upc_collective.h>`:

`UPC_FUNC` Use the specified commutative function `func` to operate on the data in the `src` array at each step.

`UPC_NONCOMM_FUNC` Use the specified non-commutative function `func` to operate on the data in the `src` array at each step.

- 2 Bitwise operations shall not be specified for collective operations on floating-point types.
- 3 The operations represented by a variable of type `upc_op_t` (including user-provided operators) are assumed to be associative. A reduction or a prefix reduction whose result is dependent on the order of operator evaluation will have undefined results.<sup>2</sup>
- 4 The operations represented by a variable of type `upc_op_t` (except those provided using `UPC_NONCOMM_FUNC`) are assumed to be commutative. A reduction or a prefix reduction (using operators other than `UPC_NONCOMM_FUNC`) whose result is dependent on the order of the operands will have undefined results.

**Forward references:** reduction, prefix reduction ([7.4.3.1](#)).

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<sup>2</sup> Implementations are not obligated to prevent failures that might arise because of a lack of associativity of built-in functions due to floating-point roundoff or overflow.

### 7.4.3.1 The `upc_all_reduce` and `upc_all_prefix_reduce` functions

#### Synopsis

1

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
void upc_all_reduce<<T>>(
    shared void * restrict dst,
    shared const void * restrict src,
    upc_op_t op,
    size_t nelems,
    size_t blk_size,
    <<TYPE>>(*func)(<<TYPE>>, <<TYPE>>),
    upc_flag_t flags);
void upc_all_prefix_reduce<<T>>(
    shared void * restrict dst,
    shared const void * restrict src,
    upc_op_t op,
    size_t nelems,
    size_t blk_size,
    <<TYPE>>(*func)(<<TYPE>>, <<TYPE>>),
    upc_flag_t flags);
```

#### Description

- 2 The function prototypes above represents the 22 variations of the `upc_all_reduce $T$`  and `upc_all_prefix_reduce $T$`  functions where  $T$  and  $TYPE$  have the following correspondences: <sup>3</sup>

$T$	$TYPE$	$T$	$TYPE$
C	signed char	L	signed long
UC	unsigned char	UL	unsigned long
S	signed short	F	float
US	unsigned short	D	double
I	signed int	LD	long double
UI	unsigned int		

- 3 On completion of the `upc_all_reduce` variants, the value of the  $TYPE$  shared object referenced by `dst` is `src[0]  $\oplus$  src[1]  $\oplus$   $\dots$   $\oplus$  src[nelems-1]` where

<sup>3</sup>For example, if  $T$  is C, then  $TYPE$  must be signed char.

“ $\oplus$ ” is the operator specified by the variable `op`.

- 4 On completion of the `upc_all_prefix_reduce` variants, the value of the *TYPE* shared object referenced by `dst[i]` is `src[0]  $\oplus$  src[1]  $\oplus$   $\dots$   $\oplus$  src[i]` for  $0 \leq i \leq \text{nelems}-1$  and where “ $\oplus$ ” is the operator specified by the variable `op`.
- 5 If a floating-point variant of either function encounters an operand with a *NaN* value (as defined in [ISO/IEC00 Sec 5.2.4.2.2]), behavior is implementation-defined.
- 6 If the value of `blk_size` passed to these functions is greater than 0 then they treat the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area of `nelems` elements of type *TYPE* and blocking factor `blk_size`, and therefore had type:

```
shared [blk_size] TYPE [nelems]
```

- 7 If the value of `blk_size` passed to these functions is 0 then they treat the `src` pointer as if it pointed to a shared memory area of `nelems` elements of type *TYPE* with an indefinite layout qualifier, and therefore had type<sup>4</sup>:

```
shared [] TYPE[nelems]
```

- 8 The phase of the `src` pointer is respected when referencing array elements, as specified above.
- 9 `upc_all_prefix_reduceT` treats the `dst` pointer equivalently to the `src` pointer as described in the past 3 paragraphs.
- 10 `upc_all_prefix_reduceT` requires the affinity and phase of the `src` and `dst` pointers to match – ie. `upc_threadof(src) == upc_threadof(dst) && upc_phaseof(src) == upc_phaseof(dst)`.
- 11 `upc_all_reduceT` treats the `dst` pointer as having type:

```
shared TYPE *
```

- 12 If any of the elements referenced by `src` and `dst` overlap, the behavior is undefined.
- 13 EXAMPLE 1 `upc_all_reduce` of type `long` `UPC_ADD`.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
```

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<sup>4</sup>Note that `upc_blocksize(src) == 0` if `src` has this type, so the argument value 0 has a natural connection to the block size of `src`.

```
#define BLK_SIZE 3
#define NELEMS 10
shared [BLK_SIZE] long A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared long *B;
long result;
// Initialize A. The result below is defined only on thread 0.
upc_barrier;
upc_all_reduceL( B, A, UPC_ADD, NELEMS*THREADS, BLK_SIZE,
                NULL, UPC_IN_NOSYNC | UPC_OUT_NOSYNC );
upc_barrier;
```

- 14 EXAMPLE 2 `upc_all_prefix_reduce` of type `long UPC_ADD`.

```
#include <upc_collective.h>
#define BLK_SIZE 3
#define NELEMS 10
shared [BLK_SIZE] long A[NELEMS*THREADS];
shared [BLK_SIZE] long B[NELEMS*THREADS];
// Initialize A.
upc_all_prefix_reduceL( B, A, UPC_ADD, NELEMS*THREADS, BLK_SIZE,
                       NULL, UPC_IN_ALLSYNC | UPC_OUT_ALLSYNC );
```

## 7.5 High-Performance Wall-Clock Timers <upc\_tick.h>

- 1 This subsection provides extensions of [ISO/IEC00 Sec 7.23]. All the characteristics of library functions described in [ISO/IEC00 Sec 7.1.4] apply to these as well. Implementations that support this interface shall predefine the feature macro `__UPC_TICK__` to the value 1.

### Rationale

- 2 The `upc_tick_t` type and associated functions provide convenient and portable support for querying high-precision system timers for obtaining high-precision wall-clock timings of sections of code. Many hardware implementations offer access to high-performance timers with a handful of instructions, providing timer precision and overhead that can be several orders of magnitude better than can be obtained through the use of existing interfaces in [ISO/IEC00] or POSIX (e.g. the `gettimeofday()` system call).

### 7.5.1 Standard header

- 1 The standard header is  
`<upc_tick.h>`
- 2 Unless otherwise noted, all of the functions, types and macros specified in Section 7.5 are declared by the header `<upc_tick.h>`.

#### 7.5.1.1 `upc_tick_t` Type

- 1 The following type is defined in `upc_tick.h`:  
`upc_tick_t`
- 2 `upc_tick_t` is an unsigned integral type representing a quantity of abstract timer ticks, whose ratio to wall-clock time is implementation-dependent and thread-dependent.
- 3 `upc_tick_t` values are thread-specific quantities with a thread-specific interpretation (e.g. they might represent a hardware cycle count on a particular processor, starting at some arbitrary time in the past). More specifically, `upc_tick_t` values do *not* provide a globally-synchronized timer (i.e. the simultaneous absolute tick values may differ across threads), and furthermore

the tick-to-wall-clock conversion ratio might also differ across UPC threads (e.g. on a system with heterogeneous processor clock rates, the tick values may advance at different rates for different UPC threads).

- 4 As a rule of thumb, `upc_tick_t` values and intervals obtained by *different* threads should never be directly compared or arithmetically combined, without first converting the relevant tick intervals to wall time intervals (using `upc_ticks_to_ns`).

#### 7.5.1.2 UPC\_TICK\_MAX and UPC\_TICK\_MIN

- 1 The following macro values are defined in `upc_tick.h`:

```
UPC_TICK_MAX
UPC_TICK_MIN
```

- 2 `UPC_TICK_MAX` and `UPC_TICK_MIN` are constants of type `upc_tick_t`. They respectively provide the minimal and maximal values representable in a variable of type `upc_tick_t`.

### 7.5.2 upc\_tick\_t functions

#### 7.5.2.1 The upc\_ticks\_now function

##### Synopsis

```
1 #include <upc_tick.h>
   upc_tick_t upc_ticks_now(void);
```

##### Description

- 2 `upc_ticks_now` returns the current value of the tick timer for the calling thread, as measured from an arbitrary, thread-specific point of time in the past (which is fixed during any given program execution).
- 3 The function always succeeds.

### 7.5.2.2 The `upc_ticks_to_ns` function

#### Synopsis

```
1   #include <upc_tick.h>
   uint64_t upc_ticks_to_ns(upc_tick_t ticks);
```

#### Description

2 `upc_ticks_to_ns` converts a quantity of ticks obtained by the calling thread into wall-clock nanoseconds.

3 The function always succeeds.

4 EXAMPLE 1: an example of the `upc_tick` interface in use:

```
#include <upc_tick.h>
#include <stdio.h>

upc_tick_t start = upc_ticks_now();
  compute_foo(); /* do something that needs to be timed */
upc_tick_t end = upc_ticks_now();

printf("Time was: %f seconds\n", upc_ticks_to_ns(end-start)/1.0E-9);
```

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