

# GASPI proposal: Various Clarifications

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This is a collection of small bug reports and proposed changes to the standard. Changes are marked bold throughout the document.

## 1 Wrong `gaspi_group_add` signature

The group parameter of `gaspi_group_add` is a simple [in] parameter and it doesn't need to be passed to the function via a pointer

### Proposed Changes

In sec. 6.3.2 (`gaspi_group_add`) change the following item:

*(inout) group*: the group to which the rank is added

becomes:

*(in) group*: the group to which the rank is added

## 2 Safety of `gaspi_barrier` in multi-threaded applications not exactly stated

The following statement in sec. 11.2.1 intends to describe the safety of barrier calls in multi-threaded applications:

Starting a barrier operation in another thread before a previously invoked barrier is finished on all processes of the group is not allowed and yields undefined behavior.

This seems to imply, that the `gaspi_barrier` calls of all participating processes have to be finished (i.e. returned to their caller). This is not necessary. If a `gaspi_barrier` returns successfully, then all communication regarding that barrier should be completed anyway at the local process.

### Proposed Changes

Relax the above statement as follows:

Starting a barrier operation in another thread *of a process* before a previously invoked barrier *of the same group* is finished *at that process* is not allowed and yields undefined behavior.

## 3 gaspi\_error\_message undefined

The function `gaspi_error_message` is mentioned in sec. 3.11 and used in example A.1. Instead the function `gaspi_print_error` (defined in sec. 13.3.2) is meant.

### Proposed Changes

Replace all occurrences of `gaspi_error_message` with `gaspi_print_error`.

## 4 Sorting of ranks in a group

The description of `gaspi_group_add` in sec.6.3.2 states:

Whenever you add a rank the list of ranks is sorted in ascending order.

Whether ranks are stored sorted within a group, is an implementation detail. The intention is, that `gaspi_group_ranks` returns the ranks in sorted order.

### Proposed Changes

In sec. 6.3.2 remove the above quote. In sec. 6.5.3 change the description as follows:

After successful procedure completion, i. e. return value `GASPI_SUCCESS`, the list *group\_ranks* contains the ranks of the processes *in ascending order* that belong to the *group*.