



libNVVM API v4.0

API Reference Manual

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Chapter 1. Introduction

libNVM API v4.0 provides an interface for generating PTX code from both binary and text NVVM IR inputs. Compatible input can be generated by tools and libraries that produce LLVM 7.0 IR and bitcode. Support for reading the text NVVM IR representation is deprecated and may be removed in a later release.

Chapter 2. Thread Safety

Usage of libNVM, via the libNVM API, is intended to be thread-safe; however, users should expect serial execution performance.

Chapter 3. Modules

Here is a list of all modules:

- ▶ [Error Handling](#)
- ▶ [General Information Query](#)
- ▶ [Compilation](#)

3.1. Error Handling

enum nvvmResult

NVVM API call result code.

Values

```
NVVM_SUCCESS = 0  
NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY = 1  
NVVM_ERROR_PROGRAM_CREATION_FAILURE = 2  
NVVM_ERROR_IR_VERSION_MISMATCH = 3  
NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT = 4  
NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM = 5  
NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_IR = 6  
NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_OPTION = 7  
NVVM_ERROR_NO_MODULE_IN_PROGRAM = 8  
NVVM_ERROR_COMPILATION = 9
```

const char *nvvmGetErrorString (nvvmResult result)

Get the message string for the given nvvmResult code.

Parameters

result

NVVM API result code.

Returns

Message string for the given [nvvmResult](#) code.

3.2. General Information Query

`nvvmResult nvvmIRVersion (int *majorIR, int *minorIR, int *majorDbg, int *minorDbg)`

Get the NVVM IR version.

Parameters

majorIR

NVVM IR major version number.

minorIR

NVVM IR minor version number.

majorDbg

NVVM IR debug metadata major version number.

minorDbg

NVVM IR debug metadata minor version number.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`

`nvvmResult nvvmVersion (int *major, int *minor)`

Get the NVVM version.

Parameters

major

NVVM major version number.

minor

NVVM minor version number.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`

3.3. Compilation

```
typedef _nvmProgram *nvmProgram
```

NVVM Program.

An opaque handle for a program

```
nvmResult nvmAddModuleToProgram
(nvmProgram prog, const char *buffer, size_t size,
const char *name)
```

Add a module level NVVM IR to a program.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

buffer

NVVM IR module in the bitcode or text representation.

size

Size of the NVVM IR module.

name

Name of the NVVM IR module. If NULL, "<unnamed>" is used as the name.

Returns

- ▶ NVVM_SUCCESS
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM

Description

The buffer should contain an NVVM IR module. The module should have NVVM IR version 1.6 either in the LLVM 7.0.1 bitcode representation or in the LLVM 7.0.1 text representation. Support for reading the text representation of NVVM IR is deprecated and may be removed in a later version.

`nvvmResult nvvmCompileProgram (nvvmProgram prog, int numOptions, const char **options)`

Compile the NVVM program.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

numOptions

Number of compiler options passed.

options

Compiler options in the form of C string array.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_IR_VERSION_MISMATCH`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_OPTION`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_NO_MODULE_IN_PROGRAM`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_COMPILATION`

Description

The NVVM IR modules in the program will be linked at the IR level. The linked IR program is compiled to PTX.

The target datalayout in the linked IR program is used to determine the address size (32bit vs 64bit).

The valid compiler options are:

- ▶ `-g` (enable generation of debugging information, valid only with `-opt=0`)
- ▶ `-generate-line-info` (generate line number information)
- ▶ `-opt=`
 - ▶ `0` (disable optimizations)
 - ▶ `3` (default, enable optimizations)
- ▶ `-arch=`

- ▶ compute_35
- ▶ compute_37
- ▶ compute_50
- ▶ compute_52 (default)
- ▶ compute_53
- ▶ compute_60
- ▶ compute_61
- ▶ compute_62
- ▶ compute_70
- ▶ compute_72
- ▶ compute_75
- ▶ compute_80
- ▶ -ftz=
 - ▶ 0 (default, preserve denormal values, when performing single-precision floating-point operations)
 - ▶ 1 (flush denormal values to zero, when performing single-precision floating-point operations)
- ▶ -prec-sqrt=
 - ▶ 0 (use a faster approximation for single-precision floating-point square root)
 - ▶ 1 (default, use IEEE round-to-nearest mode for single-precision floating-point square root)
- ▶ -prec-div=
 - ▶ 0 (use a faster approximation for single-precision floating-point division and reciprocals)
 - ▶ 1 (default, use IEEE round-to-nearest mode for single-precision floating-point division and reciprocals)
- ▶ -fma=
 - ▶ 0 (disable FMA contraction)
 - ▶ 1 (default, enable FMA contraction)

`nvvmResult nvvmCreateProgram (nvvmProgram *prog)`

Create a program, and set the value of its handle to *prog.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

Description

See also:

[`nvvmDestroyProgram\(\)`](#)

`nvvmResult nvvmDestroyProgram (nvvmProgram *prog)`

Destroy a program.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

Description

See also:

[`nvvmCreateProgram\(\)`](#)

`nvvmResult nvvmGetCompiledResult (nvvmProgram prog, char *buffer)`

Get the compiled result.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

buffer

Compiled result.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

Description

The result is stored in the memory pointed by 'buffer'.

`nvvmResult nvvmGetCompiledResultSize (nvvmProgram prog, size_t *bufferSizeRet)`

Get the size of the compiled result.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

bufferSizeRet

Size of the compiled result (including the trailing NULL).

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

`nvvmResult nvvmGetProgramLog (nvvmProgram prog, char *buffer)`

Get the Compiler/Verifier Message.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program program.

buffer

Compilation/Verification log.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

Description

The NULL terminated message string is stored in the memory pointed by 'buffer' when the return value is `NVVM_SUCCESS`.

`nvvmResult nvvmGetProgramLogSize (nvvmProgram prog, size_t *bufferSizeRet)`

Get the Size of Compiler/Verifier Message.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

bufferSizeRet

Size of the compilation/verification log (including the trailing NULL).

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`

Description

The size of the message string (including the trailing NULL) is stored into 'buffer_size_ret' when the return value is `NVVM_SUCCESS`.

```
nvvmResult nvvmLazyAddModuleToProgram  
(nvvmProgram prog, const char *buffer, size_t size,  
const char *name)
```

Add a module level NVVM IR to a program.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

buffer

NVVM IR module in the bitcode representation.

size

Size of the NVVM IR module.

name

Name of the NVVM IR module. If NULL, "<unnamed>" is used as the name.

Returns

- ▶ NVVM_SUCCESS
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT
- ▶ NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM

Description

The buffer should contain an NVVM IR module. The module should have NVVM IR version 1.6 in LLVM 7.0.1 bitcode representation.

A module added using this API is lazily loaded - the only symbols loaded are those that are required by module(s) loaded using `nvvmAddModuleToProgram`. It is an error for a program to have all modules loaded using this API. Compiler may also optimize entities in this module by making them internal to the linked NVVM IR module, making them eligible for other optimizations. Due to these optimizations, this API to load a module is more efficient and should be used where possible.

`nvvmResult nvvmVerifyProgram (nvvmProgram prog, int numOptions, const char **options)`

Verify the NVVM program.

Parameters

prog

NVVM program.

numOptions

Number of compiler options passed.

options

Compiler options in the form of C string array.

Returns

- ▶ `NVVM_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_OUT_OF_MEMORY`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_IR_VERSION_MISMATCH`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_PROGRAM`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_IR`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_INVALID_OPTION`
- ▶ `NVVM_ERROR_NO_MODULE_IN_PROGRAM`

Description

The valid compiler options are:

Same as for [nvvmCompileProgram\(\)](#).

See also:

[nvvmCompileProgram\(\)](#)

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