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NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Release Notes

The Release Notes for the CUDA Toolkit.

The release notes for the NVIDIA® CUDA® Toolkit can be found online at https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-toolkit-release-notes/index.html.

**Note:** The release notes have been reorganized into two major sections: the general CUDA release notes, and the CUDA libraries release notes including historical information for 12.x releases.
Chapter 1. CUDA Toolkit Major Component Versions

CUDA Components  Starting with CUDA 11, the various components in the toolkit are versioned independently.
For CUDA 12.1, the table below indicates the versions:

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**CUDA Driver** Running a CUDA application requires the system with at least one CUDA capable GPU and a driver that is compatible with the CUDA Toolkit. See Table 3. For more information various GPU products that are CUDA capable, visit [https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-gpus](https://developer.nvidia.com/cuda-gpus).

Each release of the CUDA Toolkit requires a minimum version of the CUDA driver. The CUDA driver is backward compatible, meaning that applications compiled against a particular version of the CUDA will continue to work on subsequent (later) driver releases.


**Note:** Starting with CUDA 11.0, the toolkit components are individually versioned, and the toolkit itself is versioned as shown in the table below.

The minimum required driver version for CUDA minor version compatibility is shown below. CUDA minor version compatibility is described in detail in [https://docs.nvidia.com/deploy/cuda-compatibility/index.html](https://docs.nvidia.com/deploy/cuda-compatibility/index.html)

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¹ Only available on select Linux distros
Table 2: CUDA Toolkit and Minimum Required Driver Version for CUDA Minor Version Compatibility

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* Using a Minimum Required Version that is **different** from Toolkit Driver Version could be allowed in compatibility mode – please read the CUDA Compatibility Guide for details.

** CUDA 11.0 was released with an earlier driver version, but by upgrading to Tesla Recommended Drivers 450.80.02 (Linux) / 452.39 (Windows), minor version compatibility is possible across the CUDA 11.x family of toolkits.

The version of the development NVIDIA GPU Driver packaged in each CUDA Toolkit release is shown below.

Table 3: CUDA Toolkit and Corresponding Driver Versions

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For convenience, the NVIDIA driver is installed as part of the CUDA Toolkit installation. Note that this driver is for development purposes and is not recommended for use in production with Tesla GPUs.

For running CUDA applications in production with Tesla GPUs, it is recommended to download the latest driver for Tesla GPUs from the NVIDIA driver downloads site at [https://www.nvidia.com/drivers](https://www.nvidia.com/drivers).
During the installation of the CUDA Toolkit, the installation of the NVIDIA driver may be skipped on Windows (when using the interactive or silent installation) or on Linux (by using meta packages).

For more information on customizing the install process on Windows, see https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-installation-guide-microsoft-windows/index.html#install-cuda-software.

Chapter 2. New Features

This section lists new general CUDA and CUDA compilers features.

2.1. General CUDA

▶ New meta-packages for Linux installation.
  ▶ cuda-toolkit
    ▶ Installs all CUDA Toolkit packages required to develop CUDA applications.
    ▶ Handles upgrading to the latest version of CUDA when it’s released.
    ▶ Does not include the driver.
  ▶ cuda-toolkit-12
    ▶ Installs all CUDA Toolkit packages required to develop CUDA applications.
    ▶ Handles upgrading to the next 12.x version of CUDA when it’s released.
    ▶ Does not include the driver.
▶ New CUDA API to enable mini core dump programmatically is now available. Refer to https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-gdb/index.html#gpu-core-dump-support and https://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-driver-api/group__CUDA__COREDUMP.html#group__CUDA__COREDUMP for more information.

2.2. CUDA Compilers

▶ NVCC has added support for host compiler: GCC 12.2, NVC++ 22.11, Clang 15.0, VS2022 17.4
▶ Breakpoint and single stepping behavior for a multi-line statement in device code has been improved, when code is compiled with nvcc using gcc/clang host compiler compiler or when compiled with NVRTC on non-Windows platforms. The debugger will now correctly breakpoint and single-step on each source line of the multiline source code statement.
▶ PTX has exposed a new special register in the public ISA, which can be used to query total size of shared memory which includes user shared memory and SW reserved shared memory.
▶ NVCC and NVRTC now show preprocessed source line and column info in a diagnostic to help users to understand the message and identify the issue causing the diagnostic. The source line and column info can be turned off with --brief-diagnostics=true.
2.3. CUDA Developer Tools

► For changes to nvprof and Visual Profiler, see the changelog.
► For new features, improvements, and bug fixes in CUPTI, see the changelog.
► For new features, improvements, and bug fixes in Nsight Compute, see the changelog.
► For new features, improvements, and bug fixes in Compute Sanitizer, see the changelog.
► For new features, improvements, and bug fixes in CUDA-GDB, see the changelog.
Chapter 3. Deprecated or Dropped Features

Features deprecated in the current release of the CUDA software still work in the current release, but their documentation may have been removed, and they will become officially unsupported in a future release. We recommend that developers employ alternative solutions to these features in their software.

General CUDA

▶ None.

CUDA Tools

▶ None.

CUDA Compiler

▶ None.
Chapter 4. Known Issues

4.1. General CUDA Known Issues

▶ For a cross-compile toolkit (such as linux64 host, aarch64 target), we are missing the host-side stub library for libnvJitLink. As a workaround, you can copy the libnvJitlink.so from the target install (for example, /usr/local/cuda-12.1/targets/aarch64-linux/lib/libnvJitLink.so) to the host install (/usr/local/cuda-12.1/targets/aarch64-linux/lib/stubs/libnvJitLink.so). Similarly if you are using the static library version (/usr/local/cuda-12.1/targets/aarch64-linux/lib/libnvJitLink_static.a), can copy it from the target install (i.e. install on the device) to the same path on the host install. For a sbsa cross-compile replace aarch64 with sbsa in the above copies.

▶ Due to an issue in the way CUDA processes memory attachment for NVLink multicast allocations, memory must be aligned to 512MB. Alignments below this will result in a failure to attach and an error issued by the driver.

4.2. CUDA Compiler Known Issues

▶ There is an issue regarding the handling of --split-compile=0 in nvcc and nvlink. In nvcc, split compilation will be disabled when given the value of '0', whereas in nvlink, '0' is the default value for split compilation when invoked for Link Time Optimization (LTO). This issue will be addressed in a subsequent update.

▶ nvJitLink static and stub library for dynamic linking are not part of the cross-compilation builds of Aarch64-Jetson and arm64-sbsa. This will be resolved in a future release.
Chapter 5. CUDA Libraries

This section covers CUDA Libraries release notes for 12.x releases.

- CUDA Math Libraries toolchain uses C++11 features, and a C++11-compatible standard library (libstdc++ >= 20150422) is required on the host.

- Support for the following compute capabilities is removed for all libraries:
  - sm_35 (Kepler)
  - sm_37 (Kepler)

5.1. cuBLAS Library

5.1.1. cuBLAS: Release 12.0 Update 1

- **New Features**
  - Improve performance on NVIDIA H100 SXM and NVIDIA H100 PCIe GPUs.

- **Known Issues**
  - For optimal performance on NVIDIA Hopper architecture, cuBLAS needs to allocate a bigger internal workspace (64 MiB) than on the previous architectures (8 MiB). In the current and previous releases, cuBLAS allocates 256 MiB. This will be addressed in a future release. A possible workaround is to set the `CUBLAS_WORKSPACE_CONFIG` environment variable to `:32768:2` when running cuBLAS on NVIDIA Hopper architecture.

- **Resolved Issues**
  - Reduced cuBLAS host-side overheads caused by not using the cublasLt heuristics cache. This began in the CUDA Toolkit 12.0 release.
  - Added forward compatible single precision complex GEMM that does not require workspace.
5.1.2. cuBLAS: Release 12.0

► New Features
  ► `cublasLtMatmul` now supports FP8 with a non-zero beta.
  ► Added int64 APIs to enable larger problem sizes; refer to 64-bit integer interface.
  ► Added more Hopper-specific kernels for `cublasLtMatmul` with epilogues:
    ◆ `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_BGRAD{A,B}`
    ◆ `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_{RELU,GELU}_AUX`
    ◆ `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_D{RELU,GELU}`
  ► Improved Hopper performance on arm64-sbsa by adding Hopper kernels that were previously supported only on the x86_64 architecture for Windows and Linux.

► Known Issues
  ► There are no forward compatible kernels for single precision complex gemms that do not require workspace. Support will be added in a later release.

► Resolved Issues
  ► Fixed an issue on NVIDIA Ampere architecture and newer GPUs where `cublasLtMatmul` with epilogue `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_BGRAD{A,B}` and a nontrivial reduction scheme (that is, not `CUBLASLT_REDUCTION_SCHEME_NONE`) could return incorrect results for the bias gradient.
  ► `cublasLtMatmul` for gemv-like cases (that is, m or n equals 1) might ignore bias with the `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_RELU_BIAS` and `CUBLASLT_EPILOGUE_BIAS` epilogues.

Deprecations
  ► Disallow including `cublas.h` and `cublas_v2.h` in the same translation unit.
  ► Removed:
    ◆ `CUBLAS_MATMUL_STAGES_16x80` and `CUBLAS_MATMUL_STAGES_64x80` from `cublasLtMatmulStages_t`. No kernels utilize these stages anymore.
    ◆ `cublasLt3mMode_t`, `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_MATH_MODE_MASK`, and `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_GAUSSIAN_MODE_MASK` from `cublasLtMatmulPreferenceAttributes_t`. Instead, use the corresponding flags from `cublasLtNumericalImplFlags_t`.
    ◆ `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_POINTER_MODE_MASK`, `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_EPILOGUE_MASK`, and `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_SM_COUNT_TARGET` from `cublasLtMatmulPreferenceAttributes_t`. The corresponding parameters are taken directly from `cublasLtMatmulDesc_t`.
    ◆ `CUBLASLT_POINTER_MODE_MASK_NO_FILTERING` from `cublasLtPointerModeMask_t`. This mask was only applicable to `CUBLASLT_MATMUL_PREF_MATH_MODE_MASK` which was removed.
5.2. cuFFT Library

5.2.1. cuFFT: Release 12.1

► New Features
  ► Improved performance on Hopper GPUs for hundreds of FFTs of sizes ranging from 14 to 28800. The improved performance spans over 542 cases across single and double precision for FFTs with contiguous data layout.

► Known Issues
  ► Starting from CUDA 11.8, CUDA Graphs are no longer supported for callback routines that load data in out-of-place mode transforms. An upcoming release will update the cuFFT callback implementation, removing this limitation. cuFFT deprecated callback functionality based on separate compiled device code in cuFFT 11.4.

► Resolved Issues
  ► cuFFT no longer produces errors with compute-sanitizer at program exit if the CUDA context used at plan creation was destroyed prior to program exit.

5.2.2. cuFFT: Release 12.0 Update 1

► Resolved Issues
  ► Scratch space requirements for multi-GPU, single-batch, 1D FFTs were reduced.

5.2.3. cuFFT: Release 12.0

► New Features
  ► PTX JIT kernel compilation allowed the addition of many new accelerated cases for Maxwell, Pascal, Volta and Turing architectures.

► Known Issues
  ► cuFFT plan generation time increases due to PTX JIT compiling. Refer to Plan Initialization Time.

► Resolved Issues
  ► cuFFT plans had an unintentional small memory overhead (of a few kB) per plan. This is resolved.
5.3. cuSPARSE Library

5.3.1. cuSPARSE: Release 12.0

▶ New Features
  ▶ JIT LTO functionalities (cusparseSpMMOp()) switched from driver to nvJitLto library. Starting from CUDA 12.0 the user needs to link to libnvJitLto.so, see cuSPARSE documentation. JIT LTO performance has also been improved for cusparseSpMMOpPlan().
  ▶ Introduced const descriptors for the Generic APIs, for example, cusparseConstSpVecGet(). Now the Generic APIs interface clearly declares when a descriptor and its data are modified by the cuSPARSE functions.
  ▶ Added two new algorithms to cusparseSpGEMM() with lower memory utilization. The first algorithm computes a strict bound on the number of intermediate product, while the second one allows partitioning the computation in chunks.
  ▶ Added int8_t support to cusparseGather(), cusparseScatter(), and cusparseCsr2cscEx2().
  ▶ Improved cusparseSpSV() performance for both the analysis and the solving phases.
  ▶ Improved cusparseSpSM() performance for both the analysis and the solving phases.
  ▶ Improved cusparseSDDMM() performance and added support for batch computation.
  ▶ Improved cusparseCsr2cscEx2() performance.

▶ Resolved Issues
  ▶ cusparseSpSV() and cusparseSpSM() could produce wrong results.
  ▶ cusparseDnMatGetStridedBatch() did not accept batchStride == 0.

▶ Deprecations
  ▶ Removed deprecated CUDA 11.x APIs, enumerators, and descriptors.
5.4. Math Library

5.4.1. CUDA Math: Release 12.1

▶ New Features

▶ Performance and accuracy improvements in atanf, acosf, asinf, sinpif, cospif, powf, erff, and tgammaf.

5.4.2. CUDA Math: Release 12.0

▶ New Features


Known Issues

▶ Double precision inputs that cause the double precision division algorithm in the default 'round to nearest even mode' produce spurious overflow: an infinite result is delivered where DBL_MAX \(0x7FEFFFFFFFFFFFFFF\) is expected. Affected CUDA Math APIs: __ddiv_rn(). Affected CUDA language operation: double precision / operation in the device code.

▶ Deprecations

▶ All previously deprecated undocumented APIs are removed from CUDA 12.0.

5.5. NVIDIA Performance Primitives (NPP)

5.5.1. NPP: Release 12.0

▶ Deprecations

▶ Deprecating non-CTX API support from next release.

▶ Resolved Issues

▶ A performance issue with the NPP ResizeSqrPixel API is now fixed and shows improved performance.
5.6. nvJPEG Library

5.6.1. nvJPEG: Release 12.0

- **New Features**
  - Improved the GPU Memory optimisation for the nvJPEG codec.

- **Resolved Issues**
  - An issue that causes runtime failures when `nvJPEGDecMultipleInstances` was tested with a large number of threads is resolved.
  - An issue with CMYK four component color conversion is now resolved.

- **Known Issues**
  - Backend `NVJPEG_BACKEND_GPU_HYBRID` - Unable to handle bistreams with extra scans lengths.

- **Deprecations**
  - The reuse of Huffman table in Encoder (`nvjpegEncoderParamsCopyHuffmanTables`).
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