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## nvJitLink

The User guide to nvJitLink library.

The JIT Link APIs are a set of APIs which can be used at runtime to link together GPU device code.

The APIs accept inputs in multiple formats, either host objects, host libraries, fatbins, device cubins, PTX, or LTO-IR. The output is a linked cubin that can be loaded by `cuModuleLoadData` and `cuModuleLoadDataEx` of the CUDA Driver API.

Link Time Optimization can also be performed when given LTO-IR or higher level formats that include LTO-IR.

If an input does not contain GPU assembly code, it is first compiled and then linked.

The functionality in this library is similar to the `cuLink*` APIs in the CUDA Driver, with the following advantages:

- ▶ Support for Link Time Optimization
- ▶ Allow users to use runtime linking with the latest Toolkit version that is supported as part of CUDA Toolkit release. This support may not be available in the CUDA Driver APIs if the application is running with an older driver installed in the system. Refer to [CUDA Compatibility](#) for more details.
- ▶ The clients get fine grain control and can specify low-level compiler options during linking.



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# Chapter 1. Getting Started

## 1.1. System Requirements

The JIT Link library requires the following system configuration:

- ▶ POSIX threads support for non-Windows platform.
- ▶ GPU: Any GPU with CUDA Compute Capability 3.5 or higher.
- ▶ CUDA Toolkit and Driver.

## 1.2. Installation

The JIT Link library is part of the CUDA Toolkit release and the components are organized as follows in the CUDA toolkit installation directory:

- ▶ On Windows:
  - ▶ `include\nvJitLink.h`
  - ▶ `lib\x64\nvJitLink.dll`
  - ▶ `lib\x64\nvJitLink_static.lib`
  - ▶ `doc\pdf\nvJitLink_User_Guide.pdf`
- ▶ On Linux:
  - ▶ `include/nvJitLink.h`
  - ▶ `lib64/libnvJitLink.so`
  - ▶ `lib64/libnvJitLink_static.a`
  - ▶ `doc/pdf/nvJitLink_User_Guide.pdf`





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# Chapter 2. User Interface

This chapter presents the JIT Link APIs. Basic usage of the API is explained in [Basic Usage](#).

- ▶ [Error codes](#)
- ▶ [Linking](#)
- ▶ [Supported Link Options](#)

## 2.1. Error codes

### Enumerations

#### *nvJitLinkResult*

The enumerated type `nvJitLinkResult` defines API call result codes.

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#### enum `nvJitLinkResult`

The enumerated type `nvJitLinkResult` defines API call result codes.

`nvJitLink` APIs return `nvJitLinkResult` codes to indicate the result.

*Values:*

enumerator `NVJITLINK_SUCCESS`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_UNRECOGNIZED_OPTION`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_MISSING_ARCH`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_PTX_COMPILE`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_NVVM_COMPILE`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INTERNAL`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_THREADPOOL`

enumerator `NVJITLINK_ERROR_UNRECOGNIZED_INPUT`

## 2.2. Linking

### Enumerations

#### *nvJitLinkInputType*

The enumerated type `nvJitLinkInputType` defines the kind of inputs that can be passed to `nvJitLinkAdd*` APIs.

### Functions

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkAddData`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `nvJitLinkInputType inputType`, `const void *data`, `size_t size`, `const char *name`)  
`nvJitLinkAddData` adds data image to the link.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkAddFile`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `nvJitLinkInputType inputType`, `const char *fileName`)  
`nvJitLinkAddFile` reads data from file and links it in.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkComplete`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`)  
`nvJitLinkComplete` does the actual link.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkCreate`**(`nvJitLinkHandle *handle`, `uint32_t numOptions`, `const char **options`)  
`nvJitLinkCreate` creates an instance of `nvJitLinkHandle` with the given input options, and sets the output parameter `handle`.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkDestroy`**(`nvJitLinkHandle *handle`)  
`nvJitLinkDestroy` frees the memory associated with the given handle and sets it to NULL.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetErrorLog`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `char *log`)  
`nvJitLinkGetErrorLog` puts any error messages in the log.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `size_t *size`)  
`nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize` gets the size of the error log.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetInfoLog`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `char *log`)  
`nvJitLinkGetInfoLog` puts any info messages in the log.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetInfoLogSize`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `size_t *size`)  
`nvJitLinkGetInfoLogSize` gets the size of the info log.

**`nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin`**(`nvJitLinkHandle handle`, `void *cubin`)  
`nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin` gets the linked cubin.

**nvJitLinkResult** *nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize*(nvJitLinkHandle handle, size\_t \*size)

nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize gets the size of the linked cubin.

**nvJitLinkResult** *nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtx*(nvJitLinkHandle handle, char \*ptx)

nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtx gets the linked ptx.

**nvJitLinkResult** *nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtxSize*(nvJitLinkHandle handle, size\_t \*size)

nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtxSize gets the size of the linked ptx.

**nvJitLinkResult** *nvJitLinkVersion*(unsigned int \*major, unsigned int \*minor)

nvJitLinkVersion returns the current version of nvJitLink.

## Typedefs

### *nvJitLinkHandle*

nvJitLinkHandle is the unit of linking, and an opaque handle for a program.

## 2.2.1. Enumerations

enum **nvJitLinkInputType**

The enumerated type nvJitLinkInputType defines the kind of inputs that can be passed to nvJitLinkAdd\* APIs.

*Values:*

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_NONE**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_CUBIN**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_PTX**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_LTOIR**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_FATBIN**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_OBJECT**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_LIBRARY**

enumerator **NVJITLINK\_INPUT\_ANY**

## 2.2.2. Functions

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkAddData(nvJitLinkHandle handle, nvJitLinkInputType  
inputType, const void *data, size_t size, const char  
*name)
```

`nvJitLinkAddData` adds data image to the link.

### Parameters

- ▶ **handle** – [in] `nvJitLink` handle.
- ▶ **inputType** – [in] kind of input.
- ▶ **data** – [in] pointer to data image in memory.
- ▶ **size** – [in] size of the data.
- ▶ **name** – [in] name of input object.

### Returns

- ▶ `NVJITLINK_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INTERNAL`

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkAddFile(nvJitLinkHandle handle, nvJitLinkInputType  
inputType, const char *fileName)
```

`nvJitLinkAddFile` reads data from file and links it in.

### Parameters

- ▶ **handle** – [in] `nvJitLink` handle.
- ▶ **inputType** – [in] kind of input.
- ▶ **fileName** – [in] name of file.

### Returns

- ▶ `NVJITLINK_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INTERNAL`

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkComplete(nvJitLinkHandle handle)
```

`nvJitLinkComplete` does the actual link.

### Parameters

- handle** – [in] `nvJitLink` handle.

### Returns

- ▶ `NVJITLINK_SUCCESS`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INVALID_INPUT`
- ▶ `NVJITLINK_ERROR_INTERNAL`

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkCreate(nvJitLinkHandle *handle, uint32_t numOptions,
                                             const char **options)
```

nvJitLinkCreate creates an instance of nvJitLinkHandle with the given input options, and sets the output parameter handle.

It supports options listed in [Supported Link Options](#).

**See also:**

nvJitLinkDestroy

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – [out] Address of nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **numOptions** – [in] Number of options passed.
- ▶ **options** – [in] Array of size numOptions of option strings.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_UNRECOGNIZED\_OPTION*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_MISSING\_ARCH*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkDestroy(nvJitLinkHandle *handle)
```

nvJitLinkDestroy frees the memory associated with the given handle and sets it to NULL.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkCreate

**Parameters**

**handle** – [in] Address of nvJitLink handle.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

```
static inline nvJitLinkResult nvJitLinkGetErrorLog(nvJitLinkHandle handle, char *log)
```

nvJitLinkGetErrorLog puts any error messages in the log.

User is responsible for allocating enough space to hold the log.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **log** – **[out]** The error log.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, size\_t \*size)  
nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize gets the size of the error log.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetErrorLog

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **size** – **[out]** Size of the error log.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetInfoLog**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, char \*log)  
nvJitLinkGetInfoLog puts any info messages in the log.

User is responsible for allocating enough space to hold the log.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetInfoLogSize

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **log** – **[out]** The info log.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetInfoLogSize**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, size\_t \*size)  
 nvJitLinkGetInfoLogSize gets the size of the info log.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetInfoLog

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – [in] nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **size** – [out] Size of the info log.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, void \*cubin)  
 nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin gets the linked cubin.

User is responsible for allocating enough space to hold the cubin.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – [in] nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **cubin** – [out] The linked cubin.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, size\_t \*size)  
 nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize gets the size of the linked cubin.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **size** – **[out]** Size of the linked cubin.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtx**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, char \*ptx)  
nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtx gets the linked ptx.

Linked PTX is only available when using the `-lto` option. User is responsible for allocating enough space to hold the ptx.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtxSize

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **ptx** – **[out]** The linked PTX.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

static inline *nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtxSize**(*nvJitLinkHandle* handle, size\_t \*size)  
nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtxSize gets the size of the linked ptx.

Linked PTX is only available when using the `-lto` option.

**See also:**

nvJitLinkGetLinkedPtx

**Parameters**

- ▶ **handle** – **[in]** nvJitLink handle.
- ▶ **size** – **[out]** Size of the linked PTX.



**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

*nvJitLinkResult* **nvJitLinkVersion**(unsigned int \*major, unsigned int \*minor)

nvJitLinkVersion returns the current version of nvJitLink.

**Parameters**

- ▶ **major** – **[out]** The major version.
- ▶ **minor** – **[out]** The minor version.

**Returns**

- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_SUCCESS*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INVALID\_INPUT*
- ▶ *NVJITLINK\_ERROR\_INTERNAL*

## 2.2.3. Typedefs

typedef struct nvJitLink **\*nvJitLinkHandle**

nvJitLinkHandle is the unit of linking, and an opaque handle for a program.

To link inputs, an instance of nvJitLinkHandle must be created first with nvJitLinkCreate().

## 2.3. Supported Link Options

nvJitLink supports the link options below.

Option names are prefixed with a single dash (-). Options that take a value have an assignment operator (=) followed by the option value, with no spaces, e.g. "-arch=sm\_90".

The supported options are:

- ▶ -arch=sm\_<N> Pass SM architecture value. See nvcc for valid values of <N>. Can use compute\_<N> value instead if only generating PTX. This is a required option.
- ▶ -maxrregcount=<N> Maximum register count.
- ▶ -time Print timing information to InfoLog.
- ▶ -verbose Print verbose messages to InfoLog.
- ▶ -lto Do link time optimization.
- ▶ -ptx Emit ptx after linking instead of cubin; only supported with -lto
- ▶ -O<N> Optimization level. Only 0 and 3 are accepted.

- ▶ `-g` Generate debug information.
- ▶ `-lineinfo` Generate line information.
- ▶ `-ftz=<n>` Flush to zero.
- ▶ `-prec-div=<n>` Precise divide.
- ▶ `-prec-sqrt=<n>` Precise square root.
- ▶ `-fma=<n>` Fast multiply add.
- ▶ `-kernels-used=<name>` Pass list of kernels that are used; any not in the list can be removed. This option can be specified multiple times.
- ▶ `-variables-used=<name>` Pass list of variables that are used; any not in the list can be removed. This option can be specified multiple times.
- ▶ `-optimize-unused-variables` Normally device code optimization is limited by not knowing what the host code references. With this option it can assume that if a variable is not referenced in device code then it can be removed.
- ▶ `-Xptxas=<opt>` Pass `<opt>` to `ptxas`. This option can be called multiple times.
- ▶ `-split-compile=<N>` Split compilation maximum thread count. Use 0 to use all available processors. Value of 1 disables split compilation (default).
- ▶ `-split-compile-extended=<N>` [Experimental] A more aggressive form of split compilation. Accepts a maximum thread count value. Use 0 to use all available processors. Value of 1 disables extended split compilation (default).
- ▶ `-jump-table-density=<N>` When doing LTO, specify the case density percentage in switch statements, and use it as a minimal threshold to determine whether jump table(`brx.idx` instruction) will be used to implement a switch statement. Default value is 101. The percentage ranges from 0 to 101 inclusively.
- ▶ `-no-cache` Don't cache the intermediate steps of `nvJitLink`.

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## Chapter 3. Basic Usage

This section of the document uses a simple example to explain how to use the JIT Link APIs to link a program. For brevity and readability, error checks on the API return values are not shown.

This example assumes we want to link for sm\_80, but whatever arch is installed on the system should be used. We can create the linker and obtain a handle to it as shown in [Figure 1](#).

Figure 1. Linker creation and initialization of a program

```
nvJitLink_t linker;  
const char* link_options[] = { "-arch=sm_80" };  
nvJitLinkCreate(&linker, 1, link_options);
```

Assume that we already have two relocatable input files (a.o and b.o), which could be created with the `nvcc -dc` command. We can add the input files as show in [Figure 2](#).

Figure 2. Inputs to linker

```
nvJitLinkAddFile(linker, NVJITLINK_INPUT_OBJECT, "a.o");  
nvJitLinkAddFile(linker, NVJITLINK_INPUT_OBJECT, "b.o");
```

Now the actual link can be done as shown in [Figure 3](#).

Figure 3. Linking of the PTX program

```
nvJitLinkComplete(linker);
```

The linked GPU assembly code can now be obtained. To obtain this we first allocate memory for it. And to allocate memory, we need to query the size of the image of the linked GPU assembly code which is done as shown in [Figure 4](#).

Figure 4. Query size of the linked assembly image

```
nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize(linker, &cubinSize);
```

The image of the linked GPU assembly code can now be queried as shown in [Figure 5](#). This image can then be executed on the GPU by passing this image to the CUDA Driver APIs.

Figure 5. Query the linked assembly image

```
elf = (char*) malloc(cubinSize);  
nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin(linker, (void*)elf);
```

When the linker is not needed anymore, it can be destroyed as shown in [Figure 6](#).

Figure 6. Destroy the linker

```
nvJitLinkDestroy(&linker);
```

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## Chapter 4. Compatibility

The nvJitLink library is compatible across minor versions in a release, but may not be compatible across major versions. The library version itself must be  $\geq$  the maximum version of the inputs, and the shared library version must be  $\geq$  the version that was linked with.

For example, you can link an object created with 12.0 and one with 12.1 if your nvJitLink library is version 12.x where  $x \geq 1$ . If it was linked with 12.1, then you can replace and use the nvJitLink shared library with any version 12.x where  $x \geq 1$ . On the flip side, you cannot use 12.0 to link 12.1 objects, nor use 12.0 nvJitLink library to run 12.1 code.

Linking across major versions (like 11.x with 12.x) works for ELF and PTX inputs, but does not work with LTOIR inputs. If using LTO, then compatibility is only guaranteed within a major release.



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## Chapter 5. Example: Device LTO (link time optimization)

This section demonstrates device link time optimization (LTO). There are two units of LTO IR. The first unit is generated offline using `nvcc`, by specifying the architecture as `-arch lto_XX` (see `offline.cu`). The generated LTO IR is packaged in a fatbinary.

The second unit is generated online using `NVRTC`, by specifying the flag `-dlto` (see `online.cpp`).

These two units are then passed to `libnvJitLink*` API functions, which link together the LTO IR, run the optimizer on the linked IR, and generate a cubin (see `online.cpp`). The cubin is then loaded on the GPU and executed.

### 5.1. Code (`offline.cu`)

```
__device__ float compute(float a, float x, float y) {  
    return a * x + y;  
}
```

### 5.2. Code (`online.cpp`)

```
#include <nVRTC.h>  
#include <cuda.h>  
#include <nvJitLink.h>  
#include <nVRTC.h>  
#include <iostream>  
  
#define NUM_THREADS 128  
#define NUM_BLOCKS 32  
  
#define NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(x) \  
do { \  
    nVRTCResult result = x; \  
    if (result != NVRTC_SUCCESS) { \  
        std::cerr << "\nerror: " #x " failed with error " \  
                << nVRTCGetErrorString(result) << '\n'; \  
        exit(1); \
```

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```

    }
  } while(0)
#define CUDA_SAFE_CALL(x)
do {
    CUresult result = x;
    if (result != CUDA_SUCCESS) {
        const char *msg;
        cuGetErrorName(result, &msg);
        std::cerr << "\nerror: " #x " failed with error "
                    << msg << '\n';
        exit(1);
    }
} while(0)
#define NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(h,x)
do {
    nvJitLinkResult result = x;
    if (result != NVJITLINK_SUCCESS) {
        std::cerr << "\nerror: " #x " failed with error "
                    << result << '\n';
        size_t lsize;
        result = nvJitLinkGetErrorLogSize(h, &lsize);
        if (result == NVJITLINK_SUCCESS && lsize > 0) {
            char *log = (char*)malloc(lsize);
            result = nvJitLinkGetErrorLog(h, log);
            if (result == NVJITLINK_SUCCESS) {
                std::cerr << "error: " << log << '\n';
                free(log);
            }
        }
        exit(1);
    }
} while(0)

const char *lto_saxpy = "
extern __device__ float compute(float a, float x, float y);

extern \"C\" __global__
void saxpy(float a, float *x, float *y, float *out, size_t n)
{
    size_t tid = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
    if (tid < n) {
        out[tid] = compute(a, x[tid], y[tid]);
    }
}
";

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    size_t numBlocks = 32;
    size_t numThreads = 128;
    // Create an instance of nVRTCProgram with the code string.
    nVRTCProgram prog;
    NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(
        nVRTCCreateProgram(&prog,           // prog
                          lto_saxpy,      // buffer
                          "lto_saxpy.cu", // name
                          0,               // numHeaders

```

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        NULL, // headers
        NULL)); // includeNames

// specify that LTO IR should be generated for LTO operation
const char *opts[] = {"-dlto",
                     "--relocatable-device-code=true"};
nVRTCResult compileResult = nVRTCCompileProgram(prog, // prog
        2, // numOptions
        opts); // options

// Obtain compilation log from the program.
size_t logSize;
NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(nVRTCGetProgramLogSize(prog, &logSize));
char *log = new char[logSize];
NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(nVRTCGetProgramLog(prog, log));
std::cout << log << '\n';
delete[] log;
if (compileResult != NVRTC_SUCCESS) {
    exit(1);
}

// Obtain generated LTO IR from the program.
size_t LTOIRSize;
NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(nVRTCGetLTOIRSize(prog, &LTOIRSize));
char *LTOIR = new char[LTOIRSize];
NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(nVRTCGetLTOIR(prog, LTOIR));
// Destroy the program.
NVRTC_SAFE_CALL(nVRTCDestroyProgram(&prog));

CUdevice cuDevice;
CUcontext context;
CUmodule module;
CUfunction kernel;
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuInit(0));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuDeviceGet(&cuDevice, 0));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuCtxCreate(&context, 0, cuDevice));

// Load the generated LTO IR and the LTO IR generated offline
// and link them together.
nvJitLinkHandle handle;
// Dynamically determine the arch to link for
int major = 0;
int minor = 0;
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuDeviceGetAttribute(&major,
        CU_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_COMPUTE_CAPABILITY_MAJOR, cuDevice));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuDeviceGetAttribute(&minor,
        CU_DEVICE_ATTRIBUTE_COMPUTE_CAPABILITY_MINOR, cuDevice));
int arch = major*10 + minor;
char sdbuf[16];
sprintf(sdbuf, "-arch=sm_%d", arch);
const char *lopts[] = {"-lto", sdbuf};
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkCreate(&handle, 2, lopts));

// NOTE: assumes "offline.fatbin" is in the current directory
// The fatbinary contains LTO IR generated offline using nvcc
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkAddFile(handle, NVJITLINK_INPUT_FATBIN,
        "offline.fatbin"));
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkAddData(handle, NVJITLINK_INPUT_LTOIR,

```

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```

        (void *)LTOIR, LTOIRSize, "lto_online"));

// The call to nvJitLinkComplete causes linker to link together the two
// LTO IR modules (offline and online), do optimization on the linked LTO IR,
// and generate cubin from it.
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkComplete(handle));
size_t cubinSize;
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubinSize(handle, &cubinSize));
void *cubin = malloc(cubinSize);
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkGetLinkedCubin(handle, cubin));
NVJITLINK_SAFE_CALL(handle, nvJitLinkDestroy(&handle));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuModuleLoadData(&module, cubin));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuModuleGetFunction(&kernel, module, "saxpy"));

// Generate input for execution, and create output buffers.
size_t n = NUM_THREADS * NUM_BLOCKS;
size_t bufferSize = n * sizeof(float);
float a = 5.1f;
float *hX = new float[n], *hY = new float[n], *hOut = new float[n];
for (size_t i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    hX[i] = static_cast<float>(i);
    hY[i] = static_cast<float>(i * 2);
}
CUdeviceptr dX, dY, dOut;
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemAlloc(&dX, bufferSize));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemAlloc(&dY, bufferSize));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemAlloc(&dOut, bufferSize));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemcpyHtoD(dX, hX, bufferSize));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemcpyHtoD(dY, hY, bufferSize));
// Execute SAXPY.
void *args[] = { &a, &dX, &dY, &dOut, &n };
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(
    cuLaunchKernel(kernel,
        NUM_BLOCKS, 1, 1, // grid dim
        NUM_THREADS, 1, 1, // block dim
        0, NULL, // shared mem and stream
        args, 0)); // arguments
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuCtxSynchronize());
// Retrieve and print output.
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemcpyDtoH(hOut, dOut, bufferSize));

for (size_t i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
    std::cout << a << " * " << hX[i] << " + " << hY[i]
        << " = " << hOut[i] << '\n';
}
// Release resources.
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemFree(dX));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemFree(dY));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuMemFree(dOut));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuModuleUnload(module));
CUDA_SAFE_CALL(cuCtxDestroy(context));
free(cubin);
delete[] hX;
delete[] hY;
delete[] hOut;
delete[] LTOIR;

```

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```
return 0;
}
```

## 5.3. Build Instructions

Assuming the environment variable `CUDA_PATH` points to CUDA Toolkit installation directory, build this example as:

- ▶ Compile `offline.cu` to fatbinary containing LTO IR (change `lto_52` to a different `lto_XX` architecture as appropriate).

```
nvcc -arch lto_52 -rdc=true -fatbin offline.cu
```

- ▶ With nvJitLink shared library (note that if test didn't use `nVRTC` then it would not need to link with `nVRTC`):

- ▶ Windows:

```
cl.exe online.cpp /Feonline ^
  /I "%CUDA_PATH%\include" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nVRTC.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nvJitLink.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\cuda.lib
```

- ▶ Linux:

```
g++ online.cpp -o online \
  -I $CUDA_PATH/include \
  -L $CUDA_PATH/lib64 \
  -lnVRTC -lnvJitLink -lcuda \
  -Wl,-rpath,$CUDA_PATH/lib64
```

- ▶ With nvJitLink static library (when linking with static library then need to also link with `nvptx-compiler_static`, but with is implicitly included):

- ▶ Windows:

```
cl.exe online.cpp /Feonline ^
  /I "%CUDA_PATH%\include" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nVRTC_static.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nVRTC-builtins_static.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nvJitLink_static.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\nvptxcompiler_static.lib" ^
  "%CUDA_PATH%\lib\x64\cuda.lib user32.lib Ws2_32.lib
```

- ▶ Linux:

```
g++ online.cpp -o online \
  -I $CUDA_PATH/include \
  -L $CUDA_PATH/lib64 \
  -lnVRTC_static -lnVRTC-builtins_static -lnvJitLink_static -
  ↪lnvptxcompiler_static -lcuda \
  -lpthread
```

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