



NVIDIA Data Center GPU Driver version 450.203.03 (Linux) / 453.64 (Windows)

Release Notes

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Chapter 1. Version Highlights

This section provides highlights of the NVIDIA Data Center GPU 450 Driver (version 450.203.03 Linux and 453.64 Windows).

For changes related to the 450 release of the NVIDIA display driver, review the file "NVIDIA_Changelog" available in the .run installer packages.

- ▶ Linux driver release date: 08/2/2022
- ▶ Windows driver release date: 08/2/2022

1.1. Software Versions

For this release, the software versions are listed below.

- ▶ CUDA Toolkit 11: 11.0.3
Note that starting with CUDA 11, individual components of the toolkit are versioned independently. For a full list of the individual versioned components (e.g. nvcc, CUDA libraries etc.), see the [CUDA Toolkit Release Notes](#)
- ▶ NVIDIA Data Center GPU Driver: 450.203.03 (Linux) / 453.64 (Windows)
- ▶ Fabric Manager: 450.203.03 (Use `nv-fabricmanager -v`)
- ▶ GPU VBIOS:
 - ▶ 92.00.19.00.01 (NVIDIA A100 SKU200 with heatsink for HGX A100 8-way and 4-way)
 - ▶ 92.00.19.00.02 (NVIDIA A100 SKU202 w/o heatsink for HGX A100 4-way)
- ▶ NVSwitch VBIOS: 92.10.14.00.01
- ▶ NVFlash: 5.641

Due to a revision lock between the VBIOS and driver, VBIOS versions $\geq 92.00.18.00.00$ must use corresponding drivers $\geq 450.36.01$. Older VBIOS versions will work with newer drivers.

For more information on getting started with the NVIDIA Fabric Manager on NVSwitch-based systems (for example, HGX A100), refer to the [Fabric Manager User Guide](#).

1.2. Fixed Issues

- ▶ The unload sequence for the nvswitch driver resulted in a use after free when removing `procfs` directories. This issue is resolved.
- ▶ Pascal GPU page faults could hit a NULL pointer dereference in the UVM driver if there was not enough system memory available to handle the faults. This issue is resolved.
- ▶ During ongoing testing, NVIDIA identified that due to an algorithm error in a very small number of hardest-to-round cases (less than 0.000007% of tested combinations), the results of 64-bit floating-point division in default round-to-nearest-even mode can differ from the IEEE754 standard by 1 least-significant bit in default round-to-nearest-even mode.

Floating-point computations have many sources of error accumulation and most algorithms will not have encountered this discrepancy. NVIDIA recommends that all developers requiring strict IEEE754 compliance update to CUDA Toolkit 11.7 Update 1 or newer.

The affected algorithm is present in both offline compilation as well as just-in-time (JIT) compilation. As JIT compilation is handled by the driver, NVIDIA recommends updating to driver version 450.203.03 when IEEE754 compliance is required and when using JIT.

This is a software algorithm fix and is not tied to specific hardware.

1.3. Known Issues

General

- ▶ There is a known issue with installing the Linux driver where installing the driver interferes with the `ipmitool`.
- ▶ When installing a driver on SLES15 or openSUSE15 that previously had an R515 driver installed, users need to run the following command afterwards to finalize the installation:

```
sudo zypper install --force nvidia-gfxG05-kmp-default
```

Without doing this, users may see the kernel objects as missing.

- ▶ By default, Fabric Manager runs as a systemd service. If using `DAEMONIZE=0` in the Fabric Manager configuration file, then the following steps may be required.
 1. Disable FM service from auto starting. (`systemctl disable nvidia-fabricmanager`)
 2. Once the system is booted, manually start FM process. (`/usr/bin/nv-fabricmanager -c /usr/share/nvidia/nvswitch/fabricmanager.cfg`). Note, since the process

is not a daemon, the SSH/Shell prompt will not be returned (use another SSH shell for other activities or run FM as a background task).

- ▶ There is a known issue with cross-socket GPU to GPU memory consistency that is currently under investigation
- ▶ On NVSwitch systems with Windows Server 2019 in shared NVSwitch virtualization mode, the host may hang or crash when a GPU is disabled in the guest VM. This issue is under investigation.

GPU Performance Counters

The use of developer tools from NVIDIA that access various performance counters requires administrator privileges. See this [note](#) for more details. For example, reading NVLink utilization metrics from `nvidia-smi` (`nvidia-smi nvlink -g 0`) would require administrator privileges.

NoScanout Mode

NoScanout mode is no longer supported on NVIDIA Data Center GPU products. If NoScanout mode was previously used, then the following line in the “screen” section of `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` should be removed to ensure that X server starts on data center products:

```
Option          "UseDisplayDevice" "None"
```

NVIDIA Data Center GPU products now support one display of up to 4K resolution.

Unified Memory Support

Some Unified Memory APIs (for example, CPU page faults) are not supported on Windows in this version of the driver. Review the CUDA Programming Guide on the system requirements for Unified Memory

CUDA and unified memory is not supported when used with Linux power management states S3/S4.

IMPU FRU for Volta GPUs

The driver does not support the IPMI FRU multi-record information structure for NVLink. See the Design Guide for Tesla P100 and Tesla V100-SXM2 for more information.

Experimental OpenCL Features

Select features in OpenCL 2.0 are available in the driver for evaluation purposes only.

The following are the features as well as a description of known issues with these features in the driver:

Device side enqueue

- ▶ The current implementation is limited to 64-bit platforms only.

- ▶ OpenCL 2.0 allows kernels to be enqueued with `global_work_size` larger than the compute capability of the NVIDIA GPU. The current implementation supports only combinations of `global_work_size` and `local_work_size` that are within the compute capability of the NVIDIA GPU. The maximum supported CUDA grid and block size of NVIDIA GPUs is available at <http://docs.nvidia.com/cuda/cuda-c-programming-guide/index.html#computecapabilities>. For a given grid dimension, the `global_work_size` can be determined by CUDA grid size x CUDA block size.
- ▶ For executing kernels (whether from the host or the device), OpenCL 2.0 supports non-uniform ND-ranges where `global_work_size` does not need to be divisible by the `local_work_size`. This capability is not yet supported in the NVIDIA driver, and therefore not supported for device side kernel enqueues.

Shared virtual memory

- ▶ The current implementation of shared virtual memory is limited to 64-bit platforms only.

Chapter 2. Virtualization

To make use of GPU passthrough with virtual machines running Windows and Linux, the hardware platform must support the following features:

- ▶ A CPU with hardware-assisted instruction set virtualization: Intel VT-x or AMD-V.
- ▶ Platform support for I/O DMA remapping.
- ▶ On Intel platforms the DMA remapper technology is called Intel VT-d.
- ▶ On AMD platforms it is called AMD IOMMU.

Support for these features varies by processor family, product, and system, and should be verified at the manufacturer's website.

Supported Hypervisors

The following hypervisors are supported:

Hypervisor	Notes
Citrix XenServer	Version 6.0 and later
VMware vSphere (ESX / ESXi)	Version 5.1 and later.
Red Hat KVM	Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 with KVM
Microsoft Hyper-V	Windows Server 2016 Hyper-V Generation 2

Tesla products now support one display of up to 4K resolution.

Supported Graphics Cards

The following GPUs are supported for device passthrough:

GPU Family	Boards Supported
NVIDIA Ampere GPU Architecture	NVIDIA A100
Turing	NVIDIA T4
Volta	NVIDIA V100
Pascal	Tesla: P100, P40, P4

GPU Family	Boards Supported
Maxwell	Tesla: M60, M40, M6, M4
Kepler	Tesla: K520, K80

Chapter 3. Hardware and Software Support

Support for these features varies by processor family, product, and system, and should be verified at the manufacturer's website.

Supported Operating Systems for NVIDIA Data Center GPUs

The Release 450 driver is supported on the following operating systems:

- ▶ Windows x86_64 operating systems:
 - ▶ Microsoft Windows® Server 2019
 - ▶ Microsoft Windows® Server 2016
 - ▶ Microsoft Windows® 10
- ▶ The table below summarizes the supported Linux 64-bit distributions. For a complete list of distributions, kernel versions supported, see the [CUDA Linux System Requirements](#) documentation.

Distribution	x86_64	POWER	Arm64 Server
OpenSUSE Leap 15.x (where y <= 4)	Yes	No	No
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.y (where y <= 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Red Hat Enterprise Linux / CentOS 7.y (where y <= 9)	Yes	No	No
Rocky Linux 8.x (where x<=6)	Yes	No	No
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 15.x (where y <= 4)	Yes	No	Yes (see note)
Ubuntu 20.04.x LTS (where y <= 4)	Yes	No	No

Distribution	x86_64	POWER	Arm64 Server
Ubuntu 18.04.z LTS (where z <= 6)	Yes	Yes	Yes

Note that SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 15.3 is provided as a preview for Arm64 server since there are known issues when running some CUDA applications related to dependencies on `glibc 2.27`.

Supported Operating Systems and CPU Configurations for HGX A100

The Release 450 driver is validated with HGX A100 on the following operating systems and CPU configurations:

- ▶ Linux 64-bit distributions:
 - ▶ Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.5 (in 4/8/16-GPU configurations)
 - ▶ CentOS Linux 7.9 (in 4/8/16-GPU configurations)
 - ▶ Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS (in 4/8/16-GPU configurations)
 - ▶ SUSE SLES 15.3 (in 4/8/16-GPU configurations)
- ▶ Windows 64-bit distributions:
 - ▶ Windows Server 2019 (in 1/2/4/8-GPU configurations; 16-GPU configurations are currently not supported)

Windows is supported only in shared NVSwitch virtualization configurations.
- ▶ CPU Configurations:
 - ▶ AMD Rome in PCIe Gen4 mode
 - ▶ Intel Skylake/Cascade Lake (4-socket) in PCIe Gen3 mode

Supported Virtualization Configurations

The Release 450 driver is validated with HGX A100 on the following configurations:

- ▶ Passthrough (full visibility of GPUs and NVSwitches to guest VMs):
 - ▶ 8-GPU configurations with Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS
- ▶ Shared NVSwitch (guest VMs only have visibility of GPUs and full NVLink bandwidth between GPUs in the same guest VM):
 - ▶ 1/2/4/8/16-GPU configurations with Ubuntu 18.04.5 LTS
 - ▶ 1/2/4/8-GPU configurations with Windows Server 2019

API Support

This release supports the following APIs:

- ▶ NVIDIA® CUDA® 11.0 for NVIDIA® Kepler™, Maxwell™, Pascal™, Volta™, Turing™ and NVIDIA Ampere architecture GPUs
- ▶ OpenGL® 4.5
- ▶ Vulkan® 1.1
- ▶ DirectX 11
- ▶ DirectX 12 (Windows 10)
- ▶ Open Computing Language (OpenCL™ software) 1.2

Note that for using graphics APIs on Windows (i.e. OpenGL, Vulkan, DirectX 11 and DirectX 12) or any WDDM 2.0+ based functionality on Tesla GPUs, vGPU is required. See the [vGPU documentation](#) for more information.

Supported NVIDIA Data Center GPUs

The NVIDIA Data Center GPU driver package is designed for systems that have one or more Tesla products installed. This release of the driver supports CUDA C/C++ applications and libraries that rely on the CUDA C Runtime and/or CUDA Driver API.

NVIDIA Server Platforms	
Product	Architecture
NVIDIA HGX A100	A100 and NVSwitch
NVIDIA HGX-2	V100 and NVSwitch

RTX-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
Quadro RTX 8000	Turing
Quadro RTX 6000	Turing

A-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA A100	NVIDIA Ampere

T-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA T4	Turing

V-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA V100	Volta

Tesla P-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA Tesla P100	Pascal
NVIDIA Tesla P40	Pascal
NVIDIA Tesla P4	Pascal

Tesla K-Series Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA Tesla K520	Kepler
NVIDIA Tesla K80	Kepler

Tesla M-Class Products	
Product	GPU Architecture
NVIDIA Tesla M60	Maxwell
NVIDIA Tesla M40 24 GB	Maxwell
NVIDIA Tesla M40	Maxwell
NVIDIA Tesla M6	Maxwell
NVIDIA Tesla M4	Maxwell

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