

# **PyTorch**

Release Notes

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## Chapter 1. PyTorch Overview

The NVIDIA® Deep Learning SDK accelerates widely-used deep learning frameworks such as <u>PyTorch</u>.

PyTorch is a GPU-accelerated tensor computational framework with a Python front end. Functionality can be easily extended with common Python libraries such as NumPy, SciPy, and Cython. Automatic differentiation is done with a tape-based system at both a functional and neural network layer level. This functionality brings a high level of flexibility and speed as a deep learning framework and provides accelerated NumPy-like functionality.

PyTorch also includes standard defined neural network layers, deep learning optimizers, data loading utilities, and multi-gpu, and multi-node support. Functions are executed immediately instead of enqueued in a static graph, improving ease of use and provides a sophisticated debugging experience.

In the container, see /workspace/README.md for information about customizing your PyTorch image. For more information about PyTorch, including tutorials, documentation, and examples, see:

- PyTorch website
- PyTorch project

This document provides information about the key features, software enhancements and improvements, known issues, and how to run this container.

## Chapter 2. Pulling A Container

#### About this task

**Before** you can pull a container from the NGC container registry:

- Install Docker.
  - ► For NVIDIA DGX<sup>TM</sup> users, see <u>Preparing to use NVIDIA Containers Getting Started</u> Guide.
  - ► For non-DGX users, see NVIDIA® GPU Cloud® (NGC) container registry <u>installation</u> documentation based on your platform.
- Ensure that you have access and can log in to the NGC container registry.

Refer to NGC Getting Started Guide for more information.

The deep learning frameworks, the NGC Docker containers, and the deep learning framework containers are stored in the nvcr.io/nvidia repository.

## Chapter 3. Running PyTorch

#### Before you begin

Before you can run an NGC deep learning framework container, your Docker environment must support NVIDIA GPUs. To run a container, issue the appropriate command as explained in Running A Container and specify the registry, repository, and tags.

#### About this task

On a system with GPU support for NGC containers, when you run a container, the following occurs:

- The Docker engine loads the image into a container which runs the software.
- You define the runtime resources of the container by including additional flags and settings that are used with the command.
  - These flags and settings are described in Running A Container.
- The GPUs are explicitly defined for the Docker container (defaults to all GPUs, but can be specified by using the NVIDIA VISIBLE DEVICES environment variable).
  - For more information, refer to the nvidia-docker documentation.



Note: Starting in Docker 19.03, complete the steps below.

The method implemented in your system depends on the DGX OS version that you installed (for DGX systems), the NGC Cloud Image that was provided by a Cloud Service Provider, or the software that you installed to prepare to run NGC containers on TITAN PCs, Quadro PCs, or NVIDIA Virtual GPUs (vGPUs).

#### Procedure

1. Issue the command for the applicable release of the container that you want. The following command assumes that you want to pull the latest container.

docker pull nvcr.io/nvidia/pytorch:<xx.xx>-py3

2. Open a command prompt and paste the pull command.

Ensure that the pull successfully completes before you proceed to step 3.

3. To run the container image, select one of the following modes:

#### Interactive

If you have **Docker 19.03 or later**, a typical command to launch the container

```
docker run --gpus all -it --rm -v local_dir:container_dir nvcr.io/nvidia/
pytorch:<xx.xx>-py3
```

If you have **Docker 19.02 or earlier**, a typical command to launch the container

```
nvidia-docker run -it --rm -v local dir:container dir nvcr.io/nvidia/
pytorch:<xx.xx>-py3
```

#### Non-interactive

If you have Docker 19.03 or later, a typical command to launch the container

```
docker run --gpus all --rm -v local dir:container dir nvcr.io/nvidia/
pytorch:<xx.xx>-py3 <command>
```

If you have Docker 19.02 or earlier, a typical command to launch the container

nvidia-docker run --rm -v local\_dir:container\_dir nvcr.io/nvidia/pytorch:<xx.xx>py3 <command>



Note: If you use multiprocessing for multi-threaded data loaders, the default shared memory segment size with which the container runs might not be enough. Therefore, you should increase the shared memory size by issuing one of the following commands:

- --ipc=host
- --shm-size=<requested memory size>

in the command line to docker run --gpus all

To pull data and model descriptions from locations outside the container for use by PyTorch or save results to locations outside the container, mount one or more host directories as Docker<sup>®</sup> data volumes.

## Chapter 4. PyTorch Release 25.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.06 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.12/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

Please refer to CUDA release notes for the list of libraries inherited from CUDA container.

- Torch-TensorRT 2.8.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.50
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 4.3.6 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.29
- TransformerEngine 2.4
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 25.04
- NVIDIA cuBLASMp 0.4.0

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 25.06 is based on CUDA 12.9.1. For comprehensive and up-to-date driver compatibility information, please refer to the following documentation:

- NVIDIA CUDA Compatibility Guide Compati.bility information between CUDA versions and driver releases.
- CUDA Toolkit Release Notes Driver version requirements and compatibility matrices.
- NVIDIA Drivers Download Latest NVIDIA drivers.

#### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 25.06 is based on <u>2.8.0a0+5228986c39</u>.

- ▶ <u>torch.cuda.MemPool() API</u> is no longer experimental and is stable. It enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.
- Starting from the 25.03 release, the PyTorch container has implemented a pip constraints file at /etc/pip/constraint.txt. This file specifies the versions of all python packages used during the PyTorch container creation, and is included to prevent unintentional overwriting of any of the project's dependencies. To install a different version of one of the packages constrained here, the file /etc/pip/constraint.txt within the container must be modified. Simply remove the version constraints for any packages that you want to overwrite, keeping in mind that any other versions than those specified in the constraint file have not been fully tested in the container.

#### **Announcements**

- Starting from the 25.03 release, the PyTorch container has implemented a pip constraints file at /etc/pip/constraint.txt.
- Starting with the 25.01 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are optimized for Blackwell GPU architectures.
- Volta GPU compute architecture support is discontinued starting with the 25.01 release. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with TensorRT Model Optimizer, use pip list | grep modelopt to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cuSPARSELt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix for information regarding which iGPU hardware/ software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case

you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.06	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.9.1	2.8.0a0+5228986c	3 <u>PensorRT</u> 10.11.0.33
25.05		NVIDIA CUDA 12.9.0	2.8.0a0+5228986c	3 <u>PensorRT</u> 10.10.0.31
25.04		NVIDIA CUDA 12.9.0	2.7.0a0+79aa1748	9tensorRT 10.9.0.34
25.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.1.012	2.7.0a0+7c8ec84da	albensorRT 10.9.0.34
25.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0.38	2.7.0a0+6c54963f	75ensorRT 10.8.0.43
25.01		NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	DaTensorRT 10.8.0.40
24.12		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ac	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a5843TensorRT 10.4.0.26	
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4¶ensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b <u>5ensorRT</u> 10.2.0.19

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.06	Obunta	NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4	
24.00		12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+170bu71a4	10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04	_	12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	erensorRT 8.6.3
24.03	_	NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
		12.4.0.41		
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09	NVIDIA CUDA	NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08	-	12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07	_	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		<u>12.1.1</u>	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
<u>21.11</u>		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		<u>11.4.2</u> with		TensorRT 8.0.2.2
		cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		for Arm SBSA
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	Linux TensorRT 8.0.3
		11.4.2		
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
0.1.00		11.4.0	100000000000	T DT 7.00 /
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	<u>TensorRT 7.2.3.4</u>
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
<u>20.09</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
<u>20.08</u>		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>.
- APEX AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

### torch.cuda.MemPool() API

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Get a machine that has NVSwitch, e.g. a DGX H200, and run with upstream nightly
binaries.
# Note that we need at least 4 GPUs for NVLS reduction.
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 nvls reduction.py
# Note that NCCL ALGO=NVLS is to force the usage of NVLS for this demo. You will see
# "NCCL INFO rank 0 successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult_t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
íı II II
nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   build directory="./",
                             is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
```

```
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local_rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_mem_pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

None.

## Chapter 5. PyTorch Release 25.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.05 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.12/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

Please refer to CUDA release notes for the list of libraries inherited from CUDA container.

- Torch-TensorRT 2.8.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.49
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- ► MAGMA 2.6.2
- <u>JupyterLab 4.3.6</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.25
- TransformerEngine 2.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 25.04
- NVIDIA cuBLASMp 0.4.0

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 25.05 is based on <u>CUDA 12.9.0</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 575 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

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## Key Features and Enhancements

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Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.05	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.8.0a0+5228986c	31 <u>ensorRT</u>
		12.9.0		10.10.0.31
25.04		NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+79aa1748	9TensorRT
		12.9.0		10.9.0.34
25.03		NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+7c8ec84d	albensorRT
		12.8.1.012		10.9.0.34
25.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+6c54963f	75ensorRT
		12.8.0.38		10.8.0.43
25.01		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	DaTensorRT
		12.8.0		10.8.0.40
24.12		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+e000cf0a	d <u>9ensorRT</u>
		12.6.2		10.5.0.18
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT
		12.6.1		10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4TlensorRT
		12.6		10.3.0.26

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b5ensorRT 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	ersorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
<u>23.06</u>		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
<u>23.05</u>			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
<u>23.04</u>	20.04	20.04 <u>NVIDIA CUDA</u>	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		TensorRT 8.5.2.2
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.02
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- APEX AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

#### torch.cuda.MemPool() API

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Get a machine that has NVSwitch, e.g. a DGX H200, and run with upstream nightly
binaries.
# Note that we need at least 4 GPUs for NVLS reduction.
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 nvls reduction.py
# Note that NCCL ALGO=NVLS is to force the usage of NVLS for this demo. You will see
# "NCCL INFO rank 0 successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult_t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   build directory="./",
                             is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
```

```
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local_rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_mem_pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

None.

## Chapter 6. PyTorch Release 25.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.04 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.12/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

Please refer to CUDA release notes for the list of libraries inherited from CUDA container.

- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.7.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.48
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- <u>JupyterLab 4.3.6</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- ► TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.25
- ► TransformerEngine 2.2
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 25.02
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25.04	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+79aa1748	9TensorRT
		12.9.0		10.9.0.34
25.03		NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+7c8ec84dalbensorRT	
		12.8.1.012		10.9.0.34
25.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+6c54963f75ensorRT	
		12.8.0.38		10.8.0.43
25.01		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	D <u>aTensorRT</u>
		12.8.0		10.8.0.40
24.12		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ad9ensorRT	
		12.6.2		10.5.0.18
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+b465a5843TensorRT	
		12.6.1		10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4TlensorRT
		12.6		10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cddb5ensorRT	
		12.5.1		10.2.0.19

Container					
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4		
24.05		12.5.0.23	2.4.000.0700.6410	10.1.0.27	
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.1	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10.0.1.6		
24.04			2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85densorRT 8.6.3		
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u> </u>	
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.2	2.3.0a0+ebedce2		
24.01			2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>	
23.12					
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec		
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1		
23.09	-	NVIDIA CUDA			
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1		
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.1	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06			2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	TensorRT 8.6.1.2	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.0	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03			2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01	_	12.0.1		TensorRT 8.5.2.2	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.8.0	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930		
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12	
22.09					
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4	
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1	
22.06			1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5	
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a		

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22.04	Obditta	NVIDIA CUDA	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	
<u>LL.04</u>		11.6.2	1.12.080 100 13000	<u>16113011(1-0.2.4.2</u>
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	8 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09			1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- ▶ Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="https://examples.cuda.amp">here</a>.
- APEX AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

#### torch.cuda.MemPool() API

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Get a machine that has NVSwitch, e.g. a DGX H200, and run with upstream nightly
binaries.
# Note that we need at least 4 GPUs for NVLS reduction.
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 nvls reduction.py
# Note that NCCL ALGO=NVLS is to force the usage of NVLS for this demo. You will see
# "NCCL INFO rank 0 successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult_t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   build directory="./",
                             is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
```

```
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local_rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_mem_pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

None.

## Chapter 7. PyTorch Release 25.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.03 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.12/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 24.04</u> including <u>Python 3.12</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.1.012
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.8.4.1
- NVIDIA cuBLASMp 0.4.0
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.8.0.87
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.25.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 25.02
- rdma-core 50.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.21
- SHARP 3.9.0
- ▶ UCC 1.4.0
- ▶ UCX 1.18.0
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.4.1
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2025.1.1.2
- Nsight Systems 2025.1.1.110
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.9.0.34
- Torch-TensorRT 2.7.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.47
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7

- MAGMA 2.6.2
- ▶ <u>JupyterLab 4.3.5</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- TransformerEngine 2.1
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.23

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 25.03 is based on CUDA 12.8.1.012 which requires NVIDIA Driver release 570 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545, R555, and R560 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.8. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 25.03 is based on 2.7.0a0+7c8ec84dab.
- torch.cuda.MemPool() API is no longer experimental and is stable. It enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.
- ▶ Starting from the 25.03 release, the PyTorch container has implemented a pip constraints file at /etc/pip/constraint.txt. This file specifies the versions of all python packages used during the PyTorch container creation, and is included to prevent unintentional overwriting of any of the project's dependencies. To install a different version of one of the packages constrained here, the file /etc/pip/constraint.txt within the container must be modified. Simply remove the version constraints for any packages that you want to overwrite, keeping in mind that any other versions than those specified in the constraint file have not been fully tested in the container.

#### Announcements

- ▶ Starting from the 25.03 release, the PyTorch container has implemented a pip constraints file at /etc/pip/constraint.txt.
- Starting with the 25.01 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are optimized for Blackwell GPU architectures.
- Volta GPU compute architecture support is discontinued starting with the 25.01 release. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise.

- ► Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with <a href="TensorRT Model Optimizer">TensorRT Model Optimizer</a>, use pip list |grep modelopt to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cuSPARSELt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.03	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.1.012	2.7.0a0+7c8ec84da	<u>аБеnsorRT</u> 10.9.0.34
25.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0.38	2.7.0a0+6c54963f	75ensorRT 10.8.0.43

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.01		NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	
24.12		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ac	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	411ensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b <u>5ensorRT</u> 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10.0.1.6	
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	efensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	58
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	TensorRT 8.6.1.6
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3

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Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.02	_	NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01	_	12.0.1		TensorRT 8.5.2.2
22.12	_	NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02	_	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.04				
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
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binaries.
# Note that we need at least 4 GPUs for NVLS reduction.
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 nvls reduction.py
# Note that NCCL ALGO=NVLS is to force the usage of NVLS for this demo. You will see
\# "NCCL INFO ran\overline{k} O successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp_extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
  void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
}
```

```
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with_cuda=True,
    extra_ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    build directory="./",
                            is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl allocator libname}.so", "nccl alloc plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world size = int(os.getenv("WORLD SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
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# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register mem pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

None.

# Chapter 8. PyTorch Release 25.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.02 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.12/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 24.04</u> including <u>Python 3.12</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0.38
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.8.3.14
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.7.1.26
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.25.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.12
- rdma-core 50.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.21
- ▶ SHARP 3.9.0
- ▶ UCC 1.4.0
- OpenUCX 1.18.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.4.1
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2025.1.0.14
- Nsight Systems 2025.1.1.65
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.8.0.43
- Torch-TensorRT 2.6.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.46
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2

- ▶ <u>JupyterLab 4.3.5</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- TransformerEngine 2.0
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.23

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 25.02 is based on <u>CUDA 12.8.0.38</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 570 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545, R555, and R560 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.8. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

#### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 25.02 is based on 2.7.0a0+6c54963f75.
- ► <u>torch.cuda.MemPool() API</u> is no longer experimental and is stable. It enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### **Announcements**

- Starting with the 25.01 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are optimized for Blackwell GPU architectures.
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- Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
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## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.02	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.7.0a0+6c54963f	
	-	12.8.0.38		10.8.0.43
25.01		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	DaTensorRT_
		12.8.0		10.8.0.40
24.12		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u>
		12.6.3		10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+e000cf0a	d <b>9</b> ensorRT
		12.6.2		10.5.0.18
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT
		12.6.1		10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4TlensorRT
		12.6		10.3.0.26

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cddl	o <del>5</del> ensorRT 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5

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<u>22.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
		11.7.0		
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
<u>21.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.024
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

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#### torch.cuda.MemPool() API

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Get a machine that has NVSwitch, e.g. a DGX H200, and run with upstream nightly
binaries.
# Note that we need at least 4 GPUs for NVLS reduction.
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 nvls reduction.py
# Note that NCCL ALGO=NVLS is to force the usage of NVLS for this demo. You will see
# "NCCL INFO rank 0 successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult_t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   build directory="./",
                             is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
```

```
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local_rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_mem_pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

- cuSPARSELt version featured in 25.02 does not support Blackwell architecture.
- Nvfuser does not currently support sm\_120 architecture.

# Chapter 9. PyTorch Release 25.01

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 25.01 is available on NGC.

#### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 24.04</u> including <u>Python 3.12</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.8.0.038
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.8.3.14
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.7.0.66
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.25.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.10
- rdma-core 50.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.21
- ▶ SHARP 3.9.0
- ▶ UCC 1.4.0
- OpenUCX 1.18.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.4.1
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2025.1.0.14
- Nsight Systems 2024.6.2.225
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.8.0.40
- Torch-TensorRT 2.6.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.45
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2

- ▶ <u>JupyterLab 4.3.4</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.14
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.21

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 25.01 is based on <u>CUDA 12.8.0</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 570 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545, R555, and R560 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.8. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

#### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 25.01 is based on 2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40a.
- ► <u>torch.cuda.MemPool() API</u> is no longer experimental and is stable. It enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### **Announcements**

- Starting with the 25.01 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are optimized for Blackwell GPU architectures.
- Volta GPU compute architecture support is discontinued starting with the 25.01 release. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise.
- ► Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with <a href="TensorRT Model Optimizer">TensorRT Model Optimizer</a>, use pip list |grep modelopt to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cuSPARSELt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <a href="Frameworks Support Matrix">Frameworks Support Matrix</a> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.

- ▶ Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
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- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

#### **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
25.01	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+ecf3bae40	
24.12		12.8.0 NVIDIA CUDA	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	10.8.0.40 TensorRT
24.12		12.6.3	2.0.0a0+013bbc0	<u>10.7.0.23</u>
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ac	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4 <u>llensorRT</u> 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cddl	<u>05ensorRT</u> 10.2.0.19

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24.06	Obunta	NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4	
24.00		12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+170bu71a4	10.1.0.27
24.05	_	NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10.0.1.6	
24.04	_	12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	erensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
		12.4.0.41		
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
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23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09	-	NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08	-	12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
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# "NCCL INFO rank 0 successfully local-registered" in the nccl debug output. It
indicates that NVLS is being
# used. Without NCCL ALGO set, NCCL will use heuristics to decide whether to run
with NVLS or not.
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult_t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr, size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   build directory="./",
                             is python module=False,
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl free plug"
).allocator()
```

```
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local_rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator)
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_mem_pool(pool)
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor, del pool
```

#### **Known Issues**

cuSPARSELt version featured in 25.01 does not support Blackwell architecture.

# Chapter 10. PyTorch Release 24.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.12 is available on NGC.

#### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 24.04</u> including <u>Python 3.12</u>
- **NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3**
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.6.4.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.6.0.74
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.23.4
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.10
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.21
- ▶ SHARP 3.9.0
- ▶ UCC 1.4.0
- OpenUCX 1.18.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.4.1
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2024.3.2.3
- Nsight Systems 2024.6.1.90
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.7.0.23
- Torch-TensorRT 2.6.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.44
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2

- <u>JupyterLab 4.2.5</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- ► TransformerEngine 1.13
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.19.0

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.12 is based on <u>CUDA 12.6.3</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 560 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545 and R555 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.6. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

#### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 24.12 is based on <u>2.6.0a0+df5bbc09d1</u>.
- ▶ <u>torch.cuda.MemPool()</u> <u>experimental API</u> enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.10 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Volta GPU architectures. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise. Volta GPU compute architecture support will be discontinued by the 25.01 release.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with TensorRT Model Optimizer, use pip list | grep modelopt to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_lt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix for information regarding which iGPU hardware/ software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.

- ► Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.12	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.7.0.23
24.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ac	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	411ensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b5ensorRT 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.2	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01			2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06	-	12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	TensorRT 8.6.1.2
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.8.0	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.02	Obulitu	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+17540C5	
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA		<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0	1.11.000 0001043	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.000 - 0001 - 4-10	TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.02
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	

CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
	1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
	1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
10.1.243	1.2.0	
	1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up	TensorRT 5.1.5
	through commit	
	<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
	well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
		NVIDIA CUDA   1.3.0a0+24ae9b5   10.1.243   1.2.0   1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- APEX AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

### torch.cuda.MemPool() experimental API

This is an early preview of the API that NVIDIA is working on with the upstream PyTorch community. It is tracked through https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/issues/124807, and future release notes will include more details.

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 mempool example.py
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed_c10d import _get_default_group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl_alloc_plug(size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp_extension.load inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
   cpp_sources=nccl_allocator_source,
   with cuda=True,
   extra_ldflags=["-lnccl"],
   verbose=True,
   is_python_module=False,
   build_directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
   f"./{nccl allocator libname}.so", "nccl alloc plug", "nccl free plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL RANK"))
world size = int(os.getenv("WORLD SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set_device(local rank)
dist.init process group(backend="nccl")
device = torch.device(f"cuda:{local rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator.allocator())
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
  tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
```

```
print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")

# register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
backend.register_user_buffers(device)

# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
dist.all_reduce(tensor[0:4])
torch.cuda.synchronize()
print(tensor[0:4])

# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty_cache()
```

#### **Known Issues**

None.

# Chapter 11. PyTorch Release 24.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.11 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 24.04</u> including <u>Python 3.12</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.6.4.1
- ► NVIDIA cuDNN 9.5.1.17
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.22.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.10
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.21
- ▶ SHARP 3.9.0
- ▶ UCC 1.4.0
- ▶ OpenUCX 1.18.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.4.1
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2024.3.2.3
- Nsight Systems 2024.6.1.90
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.6.0.26
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.6.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.43
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2

- <u>JupyterLab 4.2.5</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- TransformerEngine 1.12
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.19.0

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.11 is based on <u>CUDA 12.6.3</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 560 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545 and R555 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.6. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

#### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 24.11 is based on <u>2.6.0a0+df5bbc09d1</u>.
- ▶ <u>torch.cuda.MemPool()</u> <u>experimental API</u> enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.10 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Volta GPU architectures. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise. Volta GPU compute architecture support will be discontinued by the 25.01 release.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with TensorRT Model Optimizer, use pip list | grep modelopt to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_lt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix for information regarding which iGPU hardware/ software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.

- ► Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPl, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.11	24.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.3	2.6.0a0+df5bbc0	<u>TensorRT</u> 10.6.0.26
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ad	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	41lensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b5ensorRT 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10	
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	58

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	TensorRT 8.6.1.6
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09	-	NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08	-	12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07	_	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.0	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03			2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.0.1	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01				<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12	NVIDIA CUDA	NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	<u>1.12.0a0+8a1a93a</u>	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	BTensorRT 8.2.2

Container	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	DyTarah	TopoorDT
Version	Obuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11 21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
<u>21.08</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
<u>21.03</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
<u>20.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

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- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
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For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

## torch.cuda.MemPool() experimental API

This is an early preview of the API that NVIDIA is working on with the upstream PyTorch community. It is tracked through https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/issues/124807, and future release notes will include more details.

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL\_DEBUG\_SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nprocper-node 4 mempool example.py

```
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp_extension
# create allocator
nccl_allocator_source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl alloc plug(size t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
  void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
....
nccl allocator libname = "nccl allocator"
nccl allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl_allocator_libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    is python module=False,
    build directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl_free_plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set_device(local_rank)
dist.init process group (backend="nccl")
device = torch.device(f"cuda:{local rank}")
default_pg = _get_default_group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator.allocator())
with torch.cuda.use mem pool(pool):
    \# tensor gets a\overline{1}loc\overline{a}ted with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data ptr())}")
    # register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
    backend.register user buffers(device)
```

```
# Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
  dist.all_reduce(tensor[0:4])
  torch.cuda.synchronize()
  print(tensor[0:4])

# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty_cache()
```

## **Known Issues**

None.

# Chapter 12. PyTorch Release 24.10

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.10 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- **NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2**
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.6.3.3
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.5.0.50
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.22.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.08
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.20
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2024.3.2.3
- Nsight Systems 2024.6.1.90
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.5.0.18
- Torch-TensorRT 2.5.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.42
- nvlmageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 4.2.5 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 1.11
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.15.1

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.10 is based on <u>CUDA 12.6.2</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 560 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545 and R555 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.6. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 24.10 is based on <u>2.5.0a0+e000cf0ad9</u>.
- ▶ torch.cuda.MemPool() experimental API enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.10 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Volta GPU architectures. For containers that are tested on Volta GPU please refer to NVIDIA AI Enterprise.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with TensorRT Model Optimizer, use pip list | grep modelopt to check version details.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_lt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix for information regarding which iGPU hardware/ software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular

- Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.2	2.5.0a0+e000cf0ad	<u>10.5.0.18</u>
24.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	4TlensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b5ensorRT 10.2.0.19
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8TensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eTensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	58
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
		12.2.2	_	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03	_	NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
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21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
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20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			commits up	
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

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```
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL DEBUG SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 mempool example.py
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp_extension
```

```
# create allocator
nccl allocator source = """
#include <nccl.h>
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl_alloc_plug(size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl allocator = torch.utils.cpp extension.load inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
    cpp_sources=nccl_allocator_source,
    with cuda=True,
    extra_ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    is python module=False,
    build directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl allocator libname}.so", "nccl alloc plug", "nccl free plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL RANK"))
world_size = int(os.getenv("WORLD_SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = Torch.device(f"cuda:{local rank}")
default pg = get default group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator.allocator())
with torch.cuda.use_mem_pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data_ptr())}")
    # register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
    backend.register_user_buffers(device)
    # Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
    dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
    torch.cuda.synchronize()
    print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty cache()
```

# **Known Issues**

None.

# Chapter 13. PyTorch Release 24.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.09 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.6.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.4.0.58
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.22.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.08
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.20
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2024.3.1.2
- Nsight Systems 2024.4.2.133
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.4.0.26
- Torch-TensorRT 2.5.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.41
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 4.2.5 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 1.10
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.15.1

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.09 is based on <u>CUDA 12.6.1</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 560 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545 and R555 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.6. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 24.09 is based on <u>2.5.0a0+b465a5843b</u>.
- ▶ <u>torch.cuda.MemPool()</u> <u>experimental API</u> enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with <a href="TensorRT Model Optimizer">TensorRT Model Optimizer</a>, use pip list |grep modelopt to check version details. At this point TensorRT Model Optimizer supports x86\_64 architecture only and support for other architectures (e.g. ARM64) is experimental.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_It turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
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- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.

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- Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

### **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.09	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.6.1	2.5.0a0+b465a584	3tensorRT 10.4.0.26
24.08		NVIDIA CUDA 12.6	2.5.0a0+872d972e	411ensorRT 10.3.0.26
24.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	<u>10.2.0.19</u>
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a4	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	

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23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06	_	12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05	-		2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06	11.7 Update 1 Preview	· ·	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02	-	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01	-	11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12	_	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6

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<u>21.07</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		<u>NVIDIA CUDA</u> <u>11.3.1</u>	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
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21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
<u>20.12</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08			1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as	TensorRT 5.1.5

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			well as a <u>cherry-</u> <u>picked</u>	

### **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- APEX AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep</u> <u>learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.
  - It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- SE-ResNext model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub.

<u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.

The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the codebase that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.

This model script is available on GitHub.

<u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.

The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

BERT model: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

Mask R-CNN model: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

- Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the *Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning* <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> Network for Speech Synthesis paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative *Filtering* paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the original ResNet50 v1. model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

▶ GNMT v2 model: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine <u>Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

## torch.cuda.MemPool() experimental API

This is an early preview of the API that NVIDIA is working on with the upstream PyTorch community. It is tracked through https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/issues/124807, and future release notes will include more details.

torch.cuda.MemPool() enables usage of multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program. Following is an example that enables NVLink Sharp (NVLS) reductions for part of a PyTorch program, by using ncclMemAlloc allocator, and user buffer registration using ncclCommRegister.

```
# Run with NCCL ALGO=NVLS NCCL DEBUG=INFO NCCL_DEBUG_SUBSYS=NVLS torchrun --nproc-
per-node 4 mempool example.py
import os
import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
from torch.cuda.memory import CUDAPluggableAllocator
from torch.distributed.distributed c10d import get default group
from torch.utils import cpp extension
# create allocator
nccl_allocator_source = """
#include <nccl.h>
```

```
#include <iostream>
extern "C" {
void* nccl_alloc_plug(size_t size, int device, void* stream) {
 std::cout << "Using ncclMemAlloc" << std::endl;</pre>
 void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp_extension.load_inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with_cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    is python module=False,
    build directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl_free_plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world size = int(os.getenv("WORLD SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
device = torch.device(f"cuda:{local rank}")
default pg = get default group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
# create pool
pool = torch.cuda.MemPool(allocator.allocator())
with torch.cuda.use mem pool(pool):
    # tensor gets allocated with ncclMemAlloc passed in the pool
    tensor = torch.arange(1024 * 1024 * 2, device=device)
    print(f"tensor ptr on rank {rank} is {hex(tensor.data ptr())}")
    # register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
    backend.register user buffers(device)
    # Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
    dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
    torch.cuda.synchronize()
    print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty cache()
```

### **Known Issues**

► The use of environment variable TORCH\_SHOW\_CPP\_STACKTRACES=1 might cause a stack overflow and a segmentation fault on ARM servers. See stock PyTorch <u>issue</u> for details. This issue has been mitigated via <u>PR134387</u>, pytorch versions later than <u>this</u> <u>commit</u> would no longer encounter this issue.

# Chapter 14. PyTorch Release 24.08

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.08 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- **NVIDIA CUDA 12.6**
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.6.0.22
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.3.0.75
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.22.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS™ 24.06
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.19
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.16.2
- Nsight Compute 2024.3.0.15
- Nsight Systems 2024.4.2.133
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.3.0.26
- Torch-TensorRT 2.5.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.40
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 4.2.4 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 1.9
- TensorRT Model Optimizer 0.15.0

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.08 is based on <u>CUDA 12.6</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 560 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520, R530, R545 and R555 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.6. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 24.08 is based on <u>2.5.0a0+872d972e41</u>.
- ▶ torch.cuda.MemPool() experimental API enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with TensorRT Model Optimizer, use pip list | grep modelopt to check version details. At this point TensorRT Model Optimizer supports x86 64 architecture only and support for other architectures (e.g. ARM64) is experimental.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_lt turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix for information regarding which iGPU hardware/ software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.

- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

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23.11		NVIDIA CUDA	2.2.0a0+6a974bec		
		12.3.0			
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+32f93b1		
		12.2.2			

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23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
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23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
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22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
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21.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
<u>21.04</u> <u>21.03</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
<u>20.12</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
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 void* ptr;
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemAlloc(&ptr, size);
 return ptr;
void nccl_free_plug(void* ptr) {
  std::cout << "Using ncclMemFree" << std::endl;</pre>
 ncclResult t err = ncclMemFree(ptr);
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp_extension.load_inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with_cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    is python module=False,
    build directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl_free_plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world size = int(os.getenv("WORLD SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
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default pg = get default group()
backend = default_pg._get_backend(device)
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    # register user buffers using ncclCommRegister (called under the hood)
    backend.register user buffers(device)
    # Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
    dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
    torch.cuda.synchronize()
    print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty cache()
```

## **Known Issues**

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# Chapter 15. PyTorch Release 24.07

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.07 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.5.3.2
- ► NVIDIA cuDNN 9.2.1.18
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.22.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS™ 24.04
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.19
- OpenMPI 4.1.7
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2024.2.1.2
- Nsight Systems 2024.4.2.133
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.2.0.19
- Torch-TensorRT 2.4.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.39
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- <u>JupyterLab 2.3.2</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.8
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### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.07 is based on <u>CUDA 12.5.1</u> which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 555 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, R520 and R545 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.5. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

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- ▶ <u>torch.cuda.MemPool()</u> <u>experimental API</u> enables mixing multiple CUDA system allocators in the same PyTorch program.

#### Announcements

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- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
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- ▶ A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
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Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
24.07	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.1	2.4.0a0+3bcc3cdd	b <u>5ensorRT</u> 10.2.0.19	
24.06		NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27	
24.05		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.1	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10.0.1.6		
24.04			2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85eTensorRT 8.6.3		
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	58	
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.2	2.3.0a0+ebedce2		
24.01			2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	TensorRT 8.6.1.6	
23.12					
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec		
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1		
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.1			
23.08			2.1.0a0+29c30b1		

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23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.0	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03			2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.0.1	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01				<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
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21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
				TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
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		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
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nccl_allocator_libname = "nccl_allocator"
nccl_allocator = torch.utils.cpp_extension.load_inline(
    name=nccl allocator libname,
    cpp sources=nccl allocator source,
    with_cuda=True,
    extra ldflags=["-lnccl"],
    verbose=True,
    is python module=False,
    build directory="./",
allocator = CUDAPluggableAllocator(
    f"./{nccl_allocator_libname}.so", "nccl_alloc_plug", "nccl_free_plug"
# setup distributed
rank = int(os.getenv("RANK"))
local_rank = int(os.getenv("LOCAL_RANK"))
world size = int(os.getenv("WORLD SIZE"))
torch.cuda.set device(local rank)
dist.init_process_group(backend="nccl")
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    backend.register user buffers(device)
    # Collective uses Zero Copy NVLS
    dist.all reduce(tensor[0:4])
    torch.cuda.synchronize()
    print(tensor[0:4])
# release memory to system
del tensor
pool.release()
pool.empty cache()
```

## **Known Issues**

Inference performance of BERT, Conformer, and ViT models regressed, fix is WIP.

# Chapter 16. PyTorch Release 24.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.06 is available on NGC.

### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.5.2.13
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.1.0.70
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.21.5
- NVIDIA RAPIDS™ 24.04
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.19
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2024.2.0.16
- Nsight Systems 2024.2.3.38
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.1.0.27
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.4.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.38
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.7
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.06 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 545 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.3. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 24.06 is based on <u>2.4.0a0+f70bd71a48</u>.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release ships with <u>TensorRT Model Optimizer</u>, use "pip list nvidia-modelopt" to check version details.
- Starting with the 24.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release builds pytorch with cusparse\_It turned-on, similar to stock PyTorch.
- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed

and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

▶ Starting with the 24.05 release, torchtext and torchdata have been removed in the NGC PyTorch container.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.06	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.5.0.23	2.4.0a0+f70bd71a	48ensorRT 10.1.0.27
24.05	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf416	8ensorRT 10.0.1.6
24.04		12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

### **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the

overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- APEX AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the Training With Mixed Precision Guide.

### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep</u> <u>learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> <u>Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.
  - It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.
  - This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.
  - The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.
  - This model script is available on GitHub.
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.

The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>Mask R-CNN model</u>: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <a href="https://necess.org/neces

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao,

Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

### **Known Issues**

▶ Inference performance of BERT, Conformer, and ViT models regressed, fix is <u>WIP</u>.

# Chapter 17. PyTorch Release 24.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch release 24.05 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

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- ► NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.4.5.8
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- NVIDIA NCCL 2.21.5
- NVIDIA RAPIDS™ 24.04
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.19
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2024.1.14
- Nsight Systems 2024.2.1.106
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 10.0.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.4.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.37
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.6
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.05 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 545 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

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### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 24.05 is based on <u>2.4.0a0+07cecf4168</u>.

#### **Announcements**

- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u> (/opt/pytorch/lightning-thunder).
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- ▶ Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
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- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
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- using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ► The deprecation process for torchtext and torchdata started with the 24.02 PyTorch NGC container and is now complete with this release.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

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24.05	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.4.0a0+07cecf4168ensorRT 10.0.1.6		
24.04		12.4.1		eensorRT 8.6.3	
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	<u>58</u>	
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2		
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>	
23.12					
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec		
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1		
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA			
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1		
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930		
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>	
22.09					

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22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
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22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
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22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
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21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
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		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
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20.10	_ , 5.5 .	11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	-
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19.12	_		1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
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This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

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### **Known Issues**

▶ Inference performance of BERT, Conformer, and ViT models regressed, fix is <u>WIP</u>.

# Chapter 18. PyTorch Release 24.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.04 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- **NVIDIA CUDA 12.4**
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.4.5.8
- NVIDIA cuDNN 9.1.0.70
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.21.5
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 24.02
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.18
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2024.1.0.13
- Nsight Systems 2024.2.1.38
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.3
- Torch-TensorRT 2.3.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.36
- nvImageCodec 0.2.0.7
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 1.5
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.04 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 545 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R450, R460, R510, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.3. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 24.04 is based on 2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85e.

### **Announcements**

- Starting with the 24.03 release, the NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch container release provides access to <u>lightning-thunder</u>.
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <a href="Frameworks Support Matrix">Frameworks Support Matrix</a> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
- ▶ Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0. Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example,

using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda. Starting with the 24.02 PyTorch NGC container, we have started the deprecation process on torchtext and torchdata. Both packages will be removed starting with release 24.05.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
24.04	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.1	2.3.0a0+6ddf5cf85	eensorRT 8.6.3	
24.03		NVIDIA CUDA 12.4.0.41	2.3.0a0+40ec155e	58	
24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2		
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	TensorRT 8.6.1.6	
23.12					
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA	2.2.0a0+6a974bec		
		12.3.0			
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1		
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA			
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1		
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	TensorRT 8.6.1.2	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930		
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12	
22.09					

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1	_	TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2

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20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
		11.0.194	_	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA		TensorRT 7.1.2
		11.0.167		
20.03	NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0	
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			<u>1.2.0a0</u> including	TensorRT 5.1.5
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			picked	

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>.
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### **Known Issues**

- ▶ Up to 95% performance regression for TFT inference on Volta GPUs if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.
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- ► UNet models running on A100 GPUs in distributed settings may have up to ~3x slowdown.

# Chapter 19. PyTorch Release 24.03

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## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

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- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2024.1.0.13
- Nsight Systems 2024.2.1.38
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.3.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.35
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.4
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

### **Driver Requirements**

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### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 24.03 is based on 2.3.0a0+40ec155e58.

#### Announcements

- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
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  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

- ➤ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
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## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

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24.02		NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
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22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	

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22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f		
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22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1	
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5	
<u>22.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a		
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2	
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3	
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3	
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2	
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>	
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA	
				Linux	
<u>21.09</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3	
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6	
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718		
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4	
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7		
<u>21.04</u>		11.3.0			
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3	
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20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
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# Chapter 20. PyTorch Release 24.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 24.02 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.2
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.3.4.1
- ► NVIDIA cuDNN 9.0.0.306
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.19.4
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.12
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.16rc4
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.3.1.1
- Nsight Systems 2023.4.1.97
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.2.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.34
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► <u>TransformerEngine</u> 1.3
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 24.02 is based on <u>CUDA 12.3.2</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 545 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 470.57 (or later R470), 525.85 (or later R525), 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

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## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 24.02 is based on 2.3.0a0+ebedce2.

### Announcements

- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA PyTorch containers supporting integrated GPU embedded systems will be published.
- ▶ Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

- ➤ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.
- ▶ Starting with the 24.02 PyTorch NGC container, we have started the deprecation process on torchtext and torchdata. Both packages will be removed starting with release 24.05.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
24.02	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.3.0a0+ebedce2	TensorRT 8.6.3
24.01		12.3.2	2.2.0a0+81ea7a4	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.12				
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10	_	NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07	NVIDIA CUDA		2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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# Chapter 21. PyTorch Release 24.01

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- rdma-core 39.0
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- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.3.1.1
- Nsight Systems 2023.4.1.97
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.2.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.33
- MAGMA 2.6.2
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- TransformerEngine v1.2.1
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## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

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23.12	_	12.3.2		
23.11		NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
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19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
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```
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# Chapter 22. PyTorch Release 23.12

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# Contents of the PyTorch container

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ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

## **Known Issues**

- ▶ Up to 95% performance regression for TFT inference on Volta GPUs if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.
- ▶ Up to 40% performance regression for BERT models on H100 GPUs may be observed if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.

# Chapter 23. PyTorch Release 23.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.11 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/ python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.3.2.9
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.6
- **NVIDIA NCCL 2.19.3**
- NVIDIA RAPIDS™ 23.08
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.15+
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.3.0.12
- Nsight Systems 2023.3.1.92
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.0.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.31.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 1.0.0+66d91d5
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.11 is based on <u>CUDA 12.3.0</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 545 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 525.85 (or later R525) 535.86 (or later R535), or 545.23 (or later R545).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.3. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.11 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>™</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ▶ <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 23.11 is based on <u>2.2.0a0+6a974be</u> torch.sparse now includes prototype support for semi-structured (2:4) sparsity on NVIDIA® GPUs.
- nvFuser for TorchScript is now deprecated
- Numpy is upgraded to 1.24.4 in lieu of <u>deprecation</u>

### **Announcements**

- ▶ Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA Optimized PyTorch containers supporting iGPU architectures are published, and able to run on Jetson devices. Please refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u> for information regarding which iGPU hardware/software is supported by which container.
- Starting with the 23.11 release, NVIDIA PyTorch containers supporting integrated GPU embedded systems will be published.
- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular

Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.

- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python. packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.11	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.3.0	2.2.0a0+6a974bec	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>
23.10		NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA		
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>

Container				
Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3

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Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
<u>21.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-	TensorRT 5.1.5
			picked	

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation (torch.cuda.amp). AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the

overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- APEX AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the Training With Mixed Precision Guide.

## **Tensor Core Examples**

The tenso<u>r core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup> tensor cores by using the latest deep learning example networks and model scripts for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper.
  - It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- SE-ResNext model: This ResNeXt101-32x4d model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> Networks paper.
  - This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ▶ <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.
  - The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the codebase that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.
  - This model script is available on GitHub.
- <u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.

The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>Mask R-CNN model</u>: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <a href="https://necess.org/neces

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao,

Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

### **Known Issues**

- ▶ Up to 95% performance regression for TFT inference on Volta GPUs if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.
- ▶ Up to 40% performance regression for BERT models on H100 GPUs may be observed if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.

# Chapter 24. PyTorch Release 23.10

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.10 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.2.2
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.2.5.6
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.19.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.08
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.15+
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.2.1.3
- Nsight Systems 2023.3.1.92
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.6
- Torch-TensorRT 2.0.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.30.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.12+170797
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.3

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.10 is based on <u>CUDA 12.2.2</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 535 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 525.85 (or later R525), or 535.86 (or later R535).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.2. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.10 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 23.10 is based on 2.1.0a0+32f93b1.
- Performance optimizations for Grace Hopper systems.
- nvFUSER is now available in /opt/pytorch
- Fixed iGPU OpenBLAS issues

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 23.10 release, NVIDIA PyTorch containers supporting integrated GPU embedded systems will be published.
- ▶ Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.

- Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.10/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
23.10	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.2	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	TensorRT 8.6.1.6	
23.09		NVIDIA CUDA			
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1		
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.1	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06			2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.0	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03			2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.0.1	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01				<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA  1.14.0a0+410ce96 TensorRT 8.5.2  1.13.0a0+936e930  1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f TensorRT 8.5.0	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930		
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12	
22.09					
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4	

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22.07	Obditta	NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	
<u>22.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
<u>22.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
<u>22.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	BTensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 1.11.0a0+b6df04	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> 21.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherrypicked	TensorRT 5.1.5

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

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APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

• Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.

▶ APEX AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

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## **Tensor Core Examples**

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The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

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SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

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Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

### **Known Issues**

▶ Up to 95% performance regression for TFT inference on Volta GPUs if TorchScript with nvFuser is enabled. Disable TorchScript or use an alternative backend to reduce the regression.

# Chapter 25. PyTorch Release 23.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.09 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.2.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.2.5.6
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.18.5
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.08
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.16
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.2.1.3
- Nsight Systems 2023.3.1.92
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.0.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.29.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- ▶ <u>JupyterLab 2.3.2</u> including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- TransformerEngine 0.12
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.09 is based on <u>CUDA 12.2.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 535 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 525.85 (or later R525), or 535.86 (or later R535).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.2. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.09 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 23.09 is based on 2.1.0a0+32f93b1.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
23.09	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+32f93b1	TensorRT 8.6.1.6	
23.08		12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1		
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	TensorRT 8.6.1.2	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	30	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>	
22.09					
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	<u>TensorRT 8.4.2.4</u>	
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1	
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5	
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a		
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
	Obuiltu			
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
<u>22.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with		TensorRT 8.0.2.2
		cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		for Arm SBSA
				Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
		11.4.2		
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
		11.4.1		
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
		11.4.0		
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
		11.3.1		
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
		11.2.1		
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
		11.1.1		
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
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		11.0.194		
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		11.0.167		

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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5
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		well as a <u>cherry-</u>		
			<u>picked</u>	

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
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### **Known Issues**

- ► The following CVEs might be flagged but were patched by backporting the fixes into the corresponding libraries in our release:
  - CVE-2022-45198 Pillow before 9.2.0 performs Improper Handling of Highly Compressed GIF Data (Data Amplification).
  - ► CVE-2022-45199 Pillow before 9.3.0 allows denial of service via SAMPLESPERPIXEL.
- ▶ Up to 20% performance regression for inference use cases on Volta GPUs.

# Chapter 26. PyTorch Release 23.08

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.08 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

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- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.06
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.15
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.2.1.3
- Nsight Systems 2023.2.3.1001
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 2.0.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.28.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.11.0++3f01b4f
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.08 is based on CUDA 12.2.1, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 535 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 525.85 (or later R525), or 535.86 (or later R535).

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## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.08 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>™</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning</u> Frameworks Support Matrix.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 23.08 is based on 2.1.0a0+29c30b1.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
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- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

➤ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
23.08	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.2.1	2.1.0a0+29c30b1	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.6</u>	
23.07		NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba		
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153		
23.05			2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>	
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1	
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3	
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51		
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>	
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1	
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930		
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>	
22.09					
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4	
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1	
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5	
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a		
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	Obuiltu			
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
<u>22.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with		TensorRT 8.0.2.2
		cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		for Arm SBSA
				Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
		11.4.2		
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
		11.4.1		
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
		11.4.0		
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
		11.3.1		
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
		11.2.1		
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
		11.1.1		
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
		11.0.194		
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA		TensorRT 7.1.2
		11.0.167		

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5 1.2.0	
19.09		10.1.243		
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherrypicked	TensorRT 5.1.5

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## **Tensor Core Examples**

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### **Known Issues**

- ► The following CVEs might be flagged but were patched by backporting the fixes into the corresponding libraries in our release:
  - CVE-2022-45198 Pillow before 9.2.0 performs Improper Handling of Highly Compressed GIF Data (Data Amplification).
  - ► CVE-2022-45199 Pillow before 9.3.0 allows denial of service via SAMPLESPERPIXEL.
- ▶ Up to 20% performance regression for inference use cases on Volta GPUs.

# Chapter 27. PyTorch Release 23.07

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.07 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.1.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.1.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.3
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.18.3
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.06
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.15
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.1.1.4
- Nsight Systems 2023.2.3.1001
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.5.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.27.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.10.0+96ed6fc
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.07 is based on <u>CUDA 12.1.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 530 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), 525.85 (or later R525), or 530.30 (or later R530).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.1. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

### **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.07 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 23.07 is based on 2.1.0a0+b5021ba.

#### Announcements

- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers are no longer tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

➤ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.07	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+b5021ba	TensorRT 8.6.1.6
23.06		12.1.1	2.1.0a0+4136153	
23.05			2.0.0	TensorRT 8.6.1.2
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.02	Obulitu	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+17540C5	
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	
21.11		11.5.0	1.11.000 0001043	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.000 - 0001 - 4-10	TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
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21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.02
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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	

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20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5
			commits up	
			through <u>commit</u> 9130ab38 from	
			July 31, 2019 as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

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### **Known Issues**

The following CVEs might be flagged but were patched by backporting the fixes into the corresponding libraries in our release:

- ► CVE-2022-45198 Pillow before 9.2.0 performs Improper Handling of Highly Compressed GIF Data (Data Amplification).
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# Chapter 28. PyTorch Release 23.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.06 is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

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- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.1.1
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- NVIDIA NCCL 2.18.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.04
- Apex
- rdma-core 39.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.15
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.1.1.4
- Nsight Systems 2023.2.3.1001
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.6
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.5.0.dev0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.26.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.9.0
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.06 is based on <u>CUDA 12.1.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 530 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), 525.85 (or later R525), or 530.30 (or later R530).

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Release 23.06 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 23.06 is based on <u>2.1.0a0+4136153</u>.
- ▶ 23.06 provides the experimental UCC process group for the distributed backend. Users can experiment with it by creating UCC as the default process group via: torch.distributed.init\_process\_group(backend="ucc", kwargs) or a side process group with any default via:

```
torch.distributed.init_process_group(backend=any_backend,
default_pg_kwargs)
ucc_pg = torch.distributed.new_group(backend="ucc", ucc_pg_kwargs)
```

#### Announcements

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- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.

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23.06	22.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+4136153	TensorRT 8.6.1.6
23.05		12.1.1	2.0.0	<u>TensorRT 8.6.1.2</u>
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5

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22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
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21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.02
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
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20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
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# Chapter 29. PyTorch Release 23.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.05 is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.10/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 22.04</u> including <u>Python 3.10</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.1.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.1.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.1.23
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.18.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.04
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.14
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
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- Nsight Systems 2023.2.1.89
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1.2
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.4.0.dev0
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## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.05 is based on <u>CUDA 12.1.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 530 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), 525.85 (or later R525), or 530.30 (or later R530).

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### **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.05 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 23.05 is based on <u>2.0.0</u> with a cherry-pick to fix potential performance regressions via <u>#97838</u>.
- ▶ The 23.05 container updates to Ubuntu 22.04 and Python to 3.10.6.

#### **Announcements**

- Starting with the 23.06 release, the NVIDIA Optimized Deep Learning Framework containers will no longer be tested on Pascal GPU architectures.
- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
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  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.

- Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
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  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
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  - ► CVE-2022-45199 Pillow before 9.3.0 allows denial of service via SAMPLESPERPIXEL.
- The following CVEs were detected in OpenCV: CVE-2023-2618, CVE-2023-2617, which will be addressed in future releases.
- Performance regression up to 35% for FastPitch on Volta GPUs.

# Chapter 30. PyTorch Release 23.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.04, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.1.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 12.1.3
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.9.0
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.17.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.02
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.13
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.1.0.15
- Nsight Systems 2023.1.1.127
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.6.1
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.4.0.dev0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.23.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.7
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.04 is based on <u>CUDA 12.1.0</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 530 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), 525.85 (or later R525), or 530.30 (or later R530).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.1. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 23.04 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 23.04 is based on 2.1.0a0+fe05266f.
- Configuration of NCCL communicators via: <a href="https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/pull/97394">https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/pytorch/pull/97394</a>

#### **Announcements**

- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.

- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
  - You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	2.1.0a0+fe05266f	TensorRT 8.6.1
23.03		12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA 12.0.1	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01				TensorRT 8.5.2.2
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1	_	TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	-
20.09	_	NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12	_		1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation and a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>.
- ► APEX AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the Training With Mixed Precision Guide.

## **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep</u> <u>learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> <u>Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.
  - It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.
  - This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.
  - The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.
  - This model script is available on GitHub.
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.
  - The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.
  - This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

Mask R-CNN model: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

#### Known Issues

- ► The following CVEs might be flaggted but were patched by backporting the fixes into the corresponding libraries in our release:
  - CVE-2022-45198 Pillow before 9.2.0 performs Improper Handling of Highly Compressed GIF Data (Data Amplification).
  - CVE-2022-45199 Pillow before 9.3.0 allows denial of service via SAMPLESPERPIXEL.

# Chapter 31. PyTorch Release 23.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.03, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.1.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS from CUDA 12.1.0
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.8.1.3
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.17.1
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 23.02
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.13
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2023.1.0.15
- Nsight Systems 2023.1.1.127
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.5.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.4.0dev0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.23.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- ► TransformerEngine 0.6.0
- PyTorch quantization wheel 2.1.2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.03 is based on <u>CUDA 12.1.0</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 530 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), 525.85 (or later R525), or 530.30 (or later R530).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.1. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 23.03 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 23.03 is based on 2.0.0a0+1767026.

#### Announcements

- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.4.0dev0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
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# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

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23.03	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.1.0	2.0.0a0+1767026	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
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22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	TensorRT 8.2.1.8
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
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21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
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20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	

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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
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This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

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  - CVE-2022-45199 Pillow before 9.3.0 allows denial of service via SAMPLESPERPIXEL.
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# Chapter 32. PyTorch Release 23.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.02, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 12.0.1
- NVIDIA cuBLAS from CUDA 12.0.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.7.0.84
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.16.5 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.12.0
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.13
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.4.1.6
- Nsight Systems 2022.5.1
- ► NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.5.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.4.0dev0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.22.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>
- ► TransformerEngine 0.5

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 23.02 is based on <u>CUDA 12.0.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 525 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), 515.65 (or later R515), or 525.85 (or later R525).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, R460, and R520 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 12.0. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.02 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 23.02 is based on 1.14.0a0+44dac51.

#### Announcements

- Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
  - You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.02	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+44dac51	TensorRT 8.5.3
23.01		12.0.1		<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.8.0	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
<u>21.03</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
<u>21.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
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20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
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20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e 1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
20.01				
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherrypicked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation and a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

• Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.

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- Known security vulnerabilities:
  - CVE-2022-32212, CVE-2022-43548, CVE-2023-0286, CVE-2022-32223,
     CVE-2023-0286, CVE-2022-25881, CVE-2022-35255 for nodejs and openssl

# Chapter 33. PyTorch Release 23.01

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 23.01, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

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- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.12.0 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.13
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.4.1.6
- Nsight Systems 2022.5.1
- NVIDI<u>A TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.5.2.2</u>
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- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
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## **Driver Requirements**

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## **GPU** Requirements

Release 23.01 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

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#### Announcements

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- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
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# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
23.01	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 12.0.1	1.14.0a0+44dac51	<u>TensorRT 8.5.2.2</u>
22.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.8.0	1.14.0a0+410ce96	
22.11			1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	<u>TensorRT 8.4.2.4</u>

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22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
<u>21.03</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
<u>21.02</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	

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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
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#### Known Issues

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- Known security vulnerabilities:
  - CVE-2022-25882 for ONNX<1.13.0</p>

# Chapter 34. PyTorch Release 22.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.12, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the default Python environment (/usr/local/lib/python3.8/dist-packages/torch) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.8.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.11.3.6
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.7.0.84
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.15.5 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.10.01 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.13
- OpenMPI 4.1.4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.3.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2022.4.2.1
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.5.1
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- ► NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.20.0
- ► MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 0.3.0

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.12 is based on <u>CUDA 11.8.0</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 520 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 515.65 (or later R515).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.8. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.12 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

▶ PyTorch container image version 22.12 is based on 1.14.0a0+410ce96.

#### Announcements

- ➤ Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
  - You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.12	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.14.0a0+410ce96	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.11		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+936e930	
22.10			1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
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### **Known Issues**

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# Chapter 35. PyTorch Release 22.11

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- Starting with the 22.11 PyTorch NGC container, miniforge is removed and all Python packages are installed in the default Python environment. In case you depend on Conda-specific packages, which might not be available on PyPI, we recommend building these packages from source. A workaround is to manually install a Conda package manager, and add the conda path to your PYTHONPATH for example, using export PYTHONPATH="/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages" if your Conda package manager was installed in /opt/conda.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

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22.11	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+936e930	TensorRT 8.5.1
22.10		11.8.0	1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	<u>TensorRT 8.5.0.12</u>
22.09				
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	TensorRT 8.4.2.4
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	

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22.04	Obditta	NVIDIA CUDA	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	
<u> </u>		11.6.2	1.12.040+0013000	<u>1011501 KT 0.2.4.2</u>
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	8 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	<u>TensorRT 7.2.2.3</u>
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	

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20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
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19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5 1.2.0	
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SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

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### **Known Issues**

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# **Security CVEs**

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# Chapter 36. PyTorch Release 22.10

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.10, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.8.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.11.3.6
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.6.0.163
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.15.5 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.08.01 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
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- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.12.2tp1
- OpenMPI 4.1.5a1
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- TensorBoard 2.10.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.3.0.22
- Nsight Systems 2022.4.2.1
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.5.0.12
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.18.0
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SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

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Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

#### Known Issues

None.

# Chapter 37. PyTorch Release 22.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.09, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.8.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.11.3.6
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.6.0.163
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.15.1 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.08.01 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.12.1a0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.3.0.22
- Nsight Systems 2022.3.1.43
- NVIDIA TensorRT 8.5.0.12
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.17.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- JupyterLab 2.3.2 including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- TransformerEngine 0.1.0

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.09 is based on <u>CUDA 11.8.0</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 520 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), 510.47 (or later R510), or 515.65 (or later R515).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.8. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.09 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Ampere architecture, and NVIDIA Hopper<sup>TM</sup> architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 22.09 is based on 1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f.
- ► CUDA lazy module loading is on by default. To disable it, use unset CUDA MODULE LOADING or set it to EAGER.
- ► The experimental cuDNN v8 API is enabled by default. To disable it, use `unset torch\_cudnn\_v8\_api\_enabled` or set it to `0`.
- TransformerEngine v0.1.0 to support FP8 on Hopper.

### **Announcements**

- ► Transformer Engine is a library for accelerating Transformer models on NVIDIA GPUs. It includes support for 8-bit floating point (FP8) precision on Hopper GPUs which provides better training and inference performance with lower memory utilization. Transformer Engine also includes a collection of highly optimized modules for popular Transformer architectures and an automatic mixed precision-like API that can be used seamlessly with your PyTorch code.
- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.

- Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
  - You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.09	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.8.0	1.13.0a0+d0d6b1f	TensorRT 8.5.0.12
22.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	<u>TensorRT 8.4.2.4</u>
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	<u>TensorRT 8.2.4.2</u>
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3

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Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0	1.11.0a0+17540c5	
22.01	-		1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.10	_	11.5.0 NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA
21.09	_	NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>	_	NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.02
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
<u>20.11</u>	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
<u>20.10</u>		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	

	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
		1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
		1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
	NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
	10.1.243	1.2.0	
		1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up	TensorRT 5.1.5
		through commit	
		<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
		well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			NVIDIA CUDA   1.3.0a0+24ae9b5   10.1.243   1.2.0   1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as

### **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

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APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

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For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>™</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing $^{TM}$ , so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores.

This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.
  - It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.
  - This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.
  - The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.
  - This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.
  - The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.
  - This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.
  - This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.
  - This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.
- ► <u>Mask R-CNN model</u>: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

- <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

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► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

#### **Known Issues**

▶ Up to 49% performance regression in DLRM on multi-GPU training runs.

► On H100 NVLink systems using 2 GPUs for training, certain communication patterns can trigger a corner-case bug that manifests either as a hang or as an "illegal instruction" exception. A workaround for this case is to set the environment variable NCCL\_PROTO=^LL128. This issue will be addressed in an upcoming release.

# Chapter 38. PyTorch Release 22.08

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.08, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.7.1
- ▶ NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.10.3.66
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.5.0.96
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.12 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.06 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.2.1
- Nsight Systems 2022.1.3.18
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.4.2.4
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.16.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.08 is based on <u>CUDA 11.7.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 515 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), or 510.47 (or later R510).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.7. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.08 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere Architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 22.08 is based on 1.13.0a0+d321be6.
- ► CUDA Module loading is set to LAZY starting with the 22.08 container. To enable the default eager loading behavior, use `export CUDA\_MODULE\_LOADING=EAGER` or `unset CUDA\_MODULE\_LOADING`. Refer to the <u>CUDA C++ Programming Guide</u> for more information about this environment variable.

#### **Announcements**

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.

- ▶ Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers understand improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).

You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.08	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.1	1.13.0a0+d321be6	<u>TensorRT 8.4.2.4</u>
22.07		NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	<u>TensorRT 8.2.4.2</u>
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.11	Obdited	CODA TOOMIC	1 y loreit	TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation and a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only three lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

APEX AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over APEX AMP.

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For more information about AMP, see the Training With Mixed Precision Guide.

## **Tensor Core Examples**

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Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> <u>Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.

It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.

► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub.

► <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.

The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.

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The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. The NVIDIA BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>Mask R-CNN model</u>: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>: This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of the following neural network models:
  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► GNMT v2 model: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

#### Known Issues

- Performance regression on Volta and NVIDIA Ampere Architecture for ResNet-like model inference use cases of up to 18%.
- Performance regression on Volta and NVIDIA Ampere Architecture for Tactron2+Waveglow inference use cases of up to 35%.
- The default `antialiasing` argument for resizing operations in DALI 1.16.0 was changed to `True`, which could result in performance regressions on CPU-limited use cases. Set this argument to `False` to restore the previous behavior.

# Chapter 39. PyTorch Release 22.07

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.07, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.7 Update 1 Preview
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.10.3.66
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.4.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.12 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.04 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.2.1
- Nsight Systems 2022.1.3.3
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.4.1
- Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.15.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.07 is based on <u>CUDA 11.7 Update 1 Preview</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 515 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), or 510.47 (or later R510).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.7. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.07 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 22.07 is based on 1.13.0a0+08820cb.

#### **Announcements**

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers underst and improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).

You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
22.07	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.13.0a0+08820cb	TensorRT 8.4.1	
22.06		11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5	
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a		
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2	
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3	
22.02		1160	1.11.0a0+17540c5cTensorRT 8.2.3		
22.01			1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28TensorRT 8.2.2		
<u>21.12</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>	
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4	
21.10			NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for Arm SBSA Linux

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
		11.4.2		
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
<u>21.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
<u>20.12</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
<u>20.07</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
<u> 20.01</u>			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			commits up	
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation and a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over Apex AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- Apex AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the Training With Mixed Precision Guide.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and  $\underline{NGC}$  focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep</u> <u>learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> <u>Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.

It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.

► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub.

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The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.

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This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

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This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

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- A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
- A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

#### Known Issues

None.

# Chapter 40. PyTorch Release 22.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.06, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.7 Update 1 Preview
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.10.3.66
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.4.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.10 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.04 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.2.1
- Nsight Systems 2022.1.3.3
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.2.5
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.14.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.06 is based on <u>CUDA 11.7 Update 1 Preview</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 515 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), or 510.47 (or later R510).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.7. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility topic</u>. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.06 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 22.06 is based on 1.13.0a0+340c412.
- ▶ The TF32 numerical format is enabled by default for cuBLAS and cuDNN operations starting with the 22.06 release. If you encounter training issues especially for regression, generative or higher-order models, or by using TF32 operations in pre- or post-processing steps, try to disable TF32 by setting `torch.set float32 matmul precision('highest')`.

#### **Announcements**

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.

- Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers underst and improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).
  - You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.06	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.7 Update 1 Preview	1.13.0a0+340c412	TensorRT 8.2.5
22.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	<u>TensorRT 8.2.4.2</u>
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.11	Obdited	CODA TOOMIC	1 y loreit	TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for Arm SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation and a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will select an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative and offers a number of advantages over Apex AMP.

- Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found here.
- Apex AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup> tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep</u> <u>learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper.

It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.

► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model: This <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model has an added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module that was introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper.

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► <u>TransformerXL</u> model: This transformer-based language model has a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding.

The enhancements that were introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> that was published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters, our modifications were made to achieve better hardware usage and to take advantage of Tensor Cores.

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▶ <u>Jasper</u> model: This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u> paper.

The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without external data.

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▶ <u>BERT model</u>: Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) is a new method of pretraining language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks.

This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's BERT implementation is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u> paper that leverages mixed-precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

► <u>Mask R-CNN model</u>: Mask R-CNN is a convolution-based neural network that is used for object instance segmentation.

The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, which leverages mixed precision arithmetic by using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

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  - A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
  - A flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative</u> <u>Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

SSD300 v1.1 model: This model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper.

The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model: This model focuses on providing recommendations, which is also known as collaborative filtering with implicit feedback.

The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative</u> <u>Filtering</u> paper.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>: This model is similar to the model that is discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> and <u>NGC</u>.

#### Known Issues

None.

# Chapter 41. PyTorch Release 22.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.05, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.7.0
- NVIDIA cuBLAS 11.10.1.25
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.4.0.27
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.10 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.04 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.9.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.2.0.13
- Nsight Systems 2022.1.3.3
- NVIDIA TensorRT 8.2.5.1
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.13.0
- MAGMA 2.6.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.05 is based on <u>CUDA 11.7</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 515 or later. However, if you are running on a data center GPU (for example, T4 or any other data center GPU), you can use NVIDIA driver release 450.51 (or later R450), 470.57 (or later R470), or 510.47 (or later R510).

The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. Thus, users should upgrade from all R418, R440, and R460 drivers, which are not forward-compatible with CUDA 11.7. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application</u> <u>Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

#### **GPU Requirements**

Release 22.05 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 22.05 is based on 1.12.0a0+8a1a93a.
- ► CUDA 11.7 introduces lazy module loading, which can save memory usage in your application. To enable it, use export CUDA MODULE LOADING="LAZY".

#### **Announcements**

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.

- ▶ Starting with the 22.05 release, the PyTorch container is available for the Arm SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers, and researchers underst and improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).

You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For earlier container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.05	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.7.0	1.12.0a0+8a1a93a	<u>TensorRT 8.2.5.1</u>
22.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	TensorRT 8.2.4.2
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		<u>11.4.2</u> with		<u>TensorRT 8.0.2.2</u>
		cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		for Arm SBSA
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Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> 21.04		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5

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## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

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# **Tensor Core Examples**

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Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Volta and NVIDIA Turing<sup>™</sup>, so you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

ResNeXt101-32x4d model: This model was introduced in the <u>Aggregated Residual</u> <u>Transformations for Deep Neural Networks</u> paper.

It is based on the regular ResNet model, which substitutes 3x3 convolutions in the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.

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- ► A modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning</u> <u>WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper
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The main difference between this model and the model described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and has been replaced by the ResNet50 model.

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This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

#### Known Issues

- Up to 30% inference and 21% training performance drop for EfficientDet-D0.
- ▶ Up to 20% inference and 17% training performance drop for NCF.
- Potential out-of-memory issues in Tacotron2 when modules are scripted in amp. Disable autocast in TorchScript by using `torch.\_C.\_jit\_set\_autocast\_mode(False)` if you encounter this issue.

# Chapter 42. PyTorch Release 22.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.04, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u>
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.6.2
- cuBLAS 11.9.3.115
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.4.0.27
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.10 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink®)
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.02 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.8.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.1.1.2
- Nsight Systems 2022.2.1.31-5fe97ab
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.2.4.2
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.12.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.04 is based on <u>CUDA 11.6.2</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 510 or later. However, if you are running on a Data Center GPU (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), 460.27 (or later R460), or 470.57 (or later R470). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports specific drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u>. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u> and <u>NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.04 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 22.04 is based on 1.12.0a0+bd13bc6.

#### Announcements

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Starting with the 21.10 release, a beta version of the PyTorch container is available for the ARM SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).

You can obtain the models from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> instead. Some Python packages that were included in previous containers to support these example models have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, you might need to add some packages that were previously preinstalled.

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Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT	
22.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.2	1.12.0a0+bd13bc6	<u>TensorRT 8.2.4.2</u>	
22.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3	
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0	1.11.0a0+17540c5cTensorRT 8.2.3		
22.01			1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2	
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0	TensorRT 8.0.3.4	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>	
21.11				TensorRT 8.0.3.4	
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for ARM SBSA	
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3	
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6	
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718		

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	<u>TensorRT 7.2.3.4</u>
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+df837d0	<u>TensorRT 7.2.2.3</u>
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	TensorRT 7.1.2
<u>20.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
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This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

ResNet50 v1.5 model: This model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1</u> model.

This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

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This model script is available on GitHub and NGC.

#### **Known Issues**

Up to an 18% performance regression in the NCF inference on Volta GPUs.

# Chapter 43. PyTorch Release 22.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.03, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is prebuilt and installed in the Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA® 11.6.1
- cuBLAS 11.8.1.74
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.3.3.40
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.12.9 (optimized for NVIDIA NVLink Office NVIDIA NVLink NV
- NVIDIA RAPIDS<sup>™</sup> 22.02 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- Apex
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10 with UCX 1.12.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.8.0
- Nsight Compute 2022.1.1.2
- Nsight Systems 2021.5.2.53
- NVIDIA TensorRT<sup>™</sup> 8.2.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- NVIDIA DALI<sup>®</sup> 1.11.1
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0

- Jupyter Core 4.6.1
- Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
- JupyterLab 2.3.2, including Jupyter-TensorBoard
- JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
- Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.03 is based on <u>CUDA 11.6.1</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 510 or later. However, if you are running on a Data Center GPU (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), 460.27 (or later R460), or 470.57 (or later R470). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports specific drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u>. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u> and <u>NVIDIA CUDA</u> and <u>Drivers Support</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.03 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and later. This corresponds to GPUs in the NVIDIA Pascal, NVIDIA Volta<sup>TM</sup>, NVIDIA Turing<sup>TM</sup>, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. For a list of GPUs to which this compute capability corresponds, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 22.03 is based on 1.12.0a0+2c916ef.

#### Announcements

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf) v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the final release of DLProf.
  - Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included, but it can still be manually installed by using a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- ► A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included.
  - Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch and brings the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- ▶ Starting with the 21.10 release, a beta version of the PyTorch container is available for the ARM SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container.
  To profile models in PyTorch, use DLProf.
  - DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization by using the DLProf Viewer in a web browser or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or through a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples).

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22.03	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.1	1.12.0a0+2c916ef	TensorRT 8.2.3
22.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		<u>TensorRT 8.0.3.4</u>
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for ARM SBSA Linux
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21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
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<u>21.05</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
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20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
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#### **Known Issues**

None

# Chapter 44. PyTorch Release 22.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.02, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0
- cuBLAS 11.8.1.74
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.3.2.44
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.11.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
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- APEX
- rdma-core 36.0
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10
- OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- OpenUCX 1.12.0
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorBoard 2.8.0
- TensorRT 8.2.3
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- ► SHARP 2.5
- APEX
- Nsight Compute 2022.1.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.5.2.53
- ► TensorBoard 2.8.0

- ▶ DALI 1.10.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.2
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

### **Driver Requirements**

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## **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.02 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 22.02 is based on 1.11.0a0+17540c5c.

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ DLProf v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the last release of DLProf. Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included. It can still be manually installed via a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch bringing the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
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- The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples). Instead they can be obtained from <a href="Github">Github</a> or the <a href="NVIDIA GPU Cloud">NVIDIA GPU Cloud</a> (NGC). Some python packages, included in previous containers to support these example models, have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, users may need to add some packages that were previously pre-installed.

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Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.02	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+17540c5	cTensorRT 8.2.3
22.01		11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3 TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux
		11.4.2 with		TensorRT 8.0.2.2
		cuBLAS 11.6.5.2		for ARM SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	

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21.04				
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
<u>20.10</u>		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
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19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	-
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

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For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

## Tensor Core Examples

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among

- end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### **Known Issues**

- Starting in 22.02 the PyTorch container does not build Caffe2 anymore. If scripted models were exported in the legacy format (using our 19.09 or previous NGC containers corresponding to PyTorch 1.2.0 or previous releases) you might need to reexport the model in order to be able to load it in 22.02.
- ► Torch-TensorRT vgg qat.ipynb notebook:
  - ► There is a missing field truncate\_long\_and\_double=True in torch\_tensorrt compilation of a CIFAR10 based QAT model demonstrated in vgg\_qat.ipynb (QAT notebook). Please add it to vgg\_qat.ipynb before you compile the model with torch\_tensorrt. The notebook can be found at /opt/pytorch/torch\_tensorrt/notebooks/vgg\_qat.ipynb.
  - The same field is also required for the post-training quantization sample to pass successfully. Please add truncate\_long\_and\_double=True to the compile spec during torch\_tensorrt compilation. Location:/opt/pytorch/torch\_tensorrt/examples/int8/ptq/main.cpp.

#### ARM

Passing external CUDA Streams to PyTorch via torch.cuda.streams.ExternalStream(stream\_v) might fail and is being debugged.

# Chapter 45. PyTorch Release 22.01

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 22.01, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0
- cuBLAS 11.8.1.74
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.3.2.44
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.11.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- ▶ RAPIDS 21.12 (For x86, only these libraries are included: cudf, xgboost, rmm, cuml, and cugraph.)
- rdma-core 36.0
- ▶ NVIDIA HPC-X 2.10
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.1.2rc4+
- OpenUCX 1.12.0
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- ► TensorRT 8.2.2
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- ▶ SHARP 2.5
- APEX
- Nsight Compute 2022.1.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.3.2.4
- TensorBoard 2.8.0
- ► DALI 1.9
- MAGMA 2.5.2

- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - ► Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - ► JupyterLab 2.3.2
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 22.01 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 510 or later. However, if you are running on a Data Center GPU (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), 460.27 (or later R460), or 470.57 (or later R470). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

### **GPU** Requirements

Release 22.01 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 22.01 is based on 1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28.
- The 22.01 container ships with a preview of the cuDNN v8 API with bfloat16 support and can be enabled using export CUDNN\_v8\_API\_ENABLED=1. To use the new neural network-based heuristics, use export USE\_HEURISTIC\_MODE\_B=1 in addition to export CUDNN\_v8\_API\_ENABLED=1. Please refer to the cuDNN API docs for more information about this heuristic mode (https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/cudnn/api/index.html).

#### **Announcements**

▶ DLProf v1.8, which was included in the 21.12 container, was the last release of DLProf. Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf is no longer included. It can still be manually installed via a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.

- ▶ A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch bringing the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 21.10 release, a beta version of the PyTorch container is available for the ARM SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container. To profile models in PyTorch, please use NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf). DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization via DLProf Viewer in the web browser, or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples). Instead they can be obtained from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>. Some python packages, included in previous containers to support these example models, have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, users may need to add some packages that were previously pre-installed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
22.01	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.6.0	1.11.0a0+bfe5ad28	3TensorRT 8.2.2
21.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for ARM SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		<u>TensorRT 8.0.1.6</u>

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Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
<u>21.07</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		<u>NVIDIA CUDA</u> <u>11.3.1</u>	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
<u>21.04</u> <u>21.03</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+df837d <u>0</u>	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
<u>21.03</u>		11.2.1	1.9.040+0103700	TELISULKT 1.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
<u>20.12</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe TensorR	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			well as a <u>cherry-</u> <u>picked</u>	

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Apex AMP examples can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

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Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time.

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#### Known Issues

- The version of OpenUCX included with PyTorch container image version 21.11 has known issues with RAPIDS UCX-Py. When using Dask with this container version, pass protocol="tcp" to LocalCUDACluster(), not protocol="ucx", to work around these issues. Additionally, LocalCUDACluster UCX-specific configurations must remain unspecified; they are: enable\_tcp\_over\_ucx, enable\_nvlink, enable\_infiniband, enable rdmacm and ucx net devices.
- ARM
  - Passing external CUDA Streams to PyTorch via `torch.cuda.streams.ExternalStream(stream\_v)` might fail and is being debugged.

# Chapter 46. PyTorch Release 21.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.12, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0
- cuBLAS 11.7.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.3.1.22
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.11.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- ► RAPIDS 21.10
- rdma-core 36.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2a1
- OpenUCX 1.11.0rc1
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.9
- ► TensorRT 8.2.1.8
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.1.0a0
- ► SHARP 2.5
- APEX
- Nsight Compute 2021.3.0.13
- Nsight Systems 2021.3.2.4
- TensorBoard 2.7.0
- ► DALI 1.8
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 1.8.0

- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.2
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.12 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 495 or later. However, if you are running on a Data Center GPU (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), 460.27 (or later R460), or 470.57 (or later R470). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

### **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.12 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

### Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.12 is based on 1.11.0a0+b6df043.
- The 21.12 container ships with a preview of the cuDNN v8 API and can be enabled via `export CUDNN\_v8\_API\_ENABLED=1`. To use the new neural network-based heuristics, use `export USE\_HEURISTIC\_MODE\_B=1` in addition to `export CUDNN\_v8\_API\_ENABLED=1`. Please refer to the cuDNN API docs for more information about this heuristic mode (<a href="https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/cudnn/api/index.html">https://docs.nvidia.com/deeplearning/cudnn/api/index.html</a>).

#### **Announcements**

▶ DLProf v1.8, which is included in the 21.12 container, will be the last release of DLProf. Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf will no longer be included. It can still be manually installed via a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.

- ▶ A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.1.0a0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch bringing the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.
- Starting with the 21.10 release, a beta version of the PyTorch container is available for the ARM SBSA platform.
- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container. To profile models in PyTorch, please use NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf). DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization via DLProf Viewer in the web browser, or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or a Python PIP wheel installation.
- ► The TensorCore example models are no longer provided in the core PyTorch container (previously shipped in /workspace/nvidia-examples). Instead they can be obtained from <u>Github</u> or the <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>. Some python packages, included in previous containers to support these example models, have also been removed. Depending on their specific use cases, users may need to add some packages that were previously pre-installed.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the Frameworks Support Matrix.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.12	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.11.0a0+b6df043	<u>TensorRT 8.2.1.8</u>
21.11		11.5.0		TensorRT 8.0.3.4
21.10		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2 with cuBLAS 11.6.5.2	1.10.0a0+0aef44c	for x64 Linux  TensorRT 8.0.2.2  for ARM SBSA Linux
21.09		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	<u>TensorRT 7.2.3.4</u>
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
<u>21.04</u>		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
<u>20.07</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
<u>20.06</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
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- ARM
  - Passing external CUDA Streams to PyTorch via
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# Chapter 47. PyTorch Release 21.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.11, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.5.0
- cuBLAS 11.7.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.3.0.96
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.11.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- ► RAPIDS 21.08
- rdma-core 36.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2a1
- OpenUCX 1.11.0rc1
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.3
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.9
- ► TensorRT 8.0.3.4 for x64 Linux
- TensorRT 8.0.2.2 for ARM SBSA Linux
- ► Torch-TensorRT 1.0.0a0
- ► SHARP 2.5
- APEX
- Nsight Compute 2021.3.0.13
- Nsight Systems 2021.3.2.4
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- ► DALI 1.7
- MAGMA 2.5.2

- ▶ DLProf 1.7.0
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  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
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  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

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# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.11 is based on 1.11.0a0+b6df043.
- Preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.0.0a0): The TensorRT integration for PyTorch.
- PyTorch container image version 21.11 introduces RAPIDS libraries cuDF, cuML, cuGraph, RMM, and XGBoost.

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ DLProf v1.8, which will be included in the 21.12 container, will be the last release of DLProf. Starting with the 22.01 container, DLProf will no longer be included. It can still be manually installed via a pip wheel on the nvidia-pyindex.
- A preview of Torch-TensorRT (1.0.0a0) is now included. Torch-TRT is the TensorRT integration for PyTorch bringing the capabilities of TensorRT directly to Torch in one line Python and C++ APIs.

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# Chapter 48. PyTorch Release 21.10

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# Contents of the PyTorch container

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### **Driver Requirements**

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## **GPU** Requirements

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# Key Features and Enhancements

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#### Announcements

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21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
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#### **Known Issues**

- ARM
  - Passing external CUDA Streams to PyTorch via `torch.cuda.streams.ExternalStream(stream\_v)` might fail and is being debugged.

# Chapter 49. PyTorch Release 21.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.09, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

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- NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2
- cuBLAS 11.6.1.51
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.2.4.15
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.11.4
- APEX
- rdma-core 36.0
- OpenMPI 4.1.2a1
- OpenUCX 1.11.0rc
- ► GDRCopy 2.3
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.9
- Nsight Compute 2021.2.2.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.3.1.57
- ► TensorRT 8.0.3
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21.09	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.2	1.10.0a0+3fd9dcf	TensorRT 8.0.3
21.08		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.1		TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
<u>21.05</u> <u>21.04</u>		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
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20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
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#### Known Issues

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# Chapter 50. PyTorch Release 21.08

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- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and

- is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: <u>Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### Known Issues

- ► Known performance regressions in 21.08 vs. 21.07:
  - ▶ Up to 20% performance drop for Tacotron inference due to missing fused kernels in the scripted model.

# Chapter 51. PyTorch Release 21.07

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.07, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0
- cuBLAS 11.5.2.43
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.2.2.26
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.10.3
- APEX
- rdma-core 32.1
- ► OpenMPI 4.1.1rc1
- OpenUCX 1.10.1
- GDRCopy 2.2
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.8.2rc3
- Nsight Compute 2021.2.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.2.4.12
- TensorRT 8.0.1.6
- ► TensorBoard 2.5.0
- ▶ DALI 1.3
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ <u>DL</u>Prof 1.3.0
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext

- TransformerXL
- Jasper
- BERT
- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - ► Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.1
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.07 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 470 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), or 460.27 (or later R460). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.07 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

PyTorch container image version 21.07 is based on 1.10.0a0+ecc3718

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container. To profile models in PyTorch, please use NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf). DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization via DLProf Viewer in the web browser, or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or a Python PIP wheel installation.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.07	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.4.0	1.10.0a0+ecc3718	TensorRT 8.0.1.6
21.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u>
		11.2.0		7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of Apex. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <u>here</u>.Apex AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# Tensor Core Examples

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► TransformerXL model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the codebase published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT</u>: <u>Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis</u> by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions

- paper and a flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### Known Issues

The 21.07 release includes libsystemd and libudev versions that have a known vulnerability that was discovered late in our QA process. See <a href="CVE-2021-33910">CVE-2021-33910</a> for details. This will be fixed in the next release.

# Chapter 52. PyTorch Release 21.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.06, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1
- ▶ cuBLAS 11.5.1.109
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.2.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.9.9 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- rdma-core 32.1
- OpenMPI 4.1.1rc1
- OpenUCX 1.10.1
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.2
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.8.2rc3
- Nsight Compute 2021.1.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.2.1.58
- TensorRT 7.2.3.4
- ► TensorBoard 1.15.5
- ► DALI 1.2
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 1.2.0
- ▶ <u>PyProf r21.06</u>
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d

- SE-ResNext
- TransformerXL
- <u>Jasper</u>
- ► BERT
- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.1
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.06 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 465.19.01 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), or 460.27 (or later R460). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.06 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.06 is based on 1.9.0a0+c3d40fd
- ▶ Ubuntu 20.04 with May 2021 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container. To profile models in PyTorch, please use NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf). DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization via DLProf Viewer in the web browser, or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or a Python PIP wheel installation.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.06	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.1	1.9.0a0+c3d40fd	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.05		NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cudall.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5
			commits up through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Apex AMP examples can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model

is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- TransformerXL model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on Github as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model</u>. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis</u> by <u>Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper and a flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based</u>

- Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the original ResNet50 v1 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► GNMT v2 model. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine <u>Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

### **Known Issues**

- Known performance regressions in 21.06 vs. 21.05:
  - On Turing and NVIDIA Ampere Architecture GPUs:
    - Up to 15% performance drop for GNMT training
  - On Volta:
    - Up to 20% performance drop for Tacotron training.
- Manual synchronization is required in CUDA graphs workloads between graph replays.
- ▶ The PyTorch container includes a version of Django with a known vulnerability that was discovered late in our QA process. See <a href="CVE-2021-31542">CVE-2021-31542</a> for details. This will be fixed in the next release.
- The PyTorch container includes a version of Pillow with known vulnerabilities discovered late in our QA process. See CVE-2021-25287, CVE-2021-28676, CVE-2021-28677, and CVE-2021-25288 for details. This will be fixed in the next release.

# Chapter 53. PyTorch Release 21.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.05, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0
- cuBLAS 11.5.1.101
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.2.0.51
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.9.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- rdma-core 32.1
- OpenMPI 4.1.1rc1
- OpenUCX 1.10.0
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.2
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.8.2rc3
- Nsight Compute 2021.1.0.0
- Nsight Systems 2021.1.3.14
- TensorRT 7.2.3.4
- ► TensorBoard 1.15.5
- ▶ DALI 1.0.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 1.1.0
- ► <u>PyProf r21.05</u>
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d

- SE-ResNext
- TransformerXL
- <u>Jasper</u>
- ► BERT
- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.1
  - ► <u>JupyterLab Server 1.0.6</u>
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.05 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 465.19.01 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), or 460.27 (or later R460). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.05 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.05 is based on 1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7
- ▶ Ubuntu 20.04 with April 2021 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Starting in 21.06, PyProf will no longer be included in the NVIDIA PyTorch container. To profile models in PyTorch, please use NVIDIA Deep Learning Profiler (DLProf). DLProf can help data scientists, engineers and researchers understand and improve performance of their models with visualization via DLProf Viewer in the web browser, or by analyzing text reports. DL Prof is available on NGC or a Python PIP wheel installation.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.05	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.04		11.3.0		
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
<u>19.11</u>				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>.Apex AMP examples can be found here.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# Tensor Core Examples

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- TransformerXL model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT</u>: <u>Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).

- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

- Known performance regressions in 21.05 vs. 21.04:
  - On NVIDIA Ampere Architecture GPUs:
    - Up to 17% performance drop for VGG16 training
- Manual synchronization is required in CUDA graphs workloads between graph replays.
- ► The DLProf TensorBoard plugin included with the 21.04 and 21.05 releases is an incorrect version with respect to the DLProf command line tool included in those releases. To correct this, use the following command:
  - \$ pip install --index-urlhttps://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/redist
    nvidia tensorboard plugin dlprof==1.1.0

# Chapter 54. PyTorch Release 21.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.04, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/ python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0
- cuBLAS 11.5.1.101
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.2.0.41
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.9.6 (optimized for NVLink )
- APEX
- rdma-core 32.1
- OpenMPI 4.1.1rc1
- OpenUCX 1.10.0
- ▶ GDRCopy 2.2
- NVIDIA HPC-X 2.8.2rc3
- Nsight Compute 2021.1.0.18
- Nsight Systems 2021.1.3.14
- TensorRT 7.2.3.4
- TensorBoard 1.15.5
- ▶ DALI 1.0.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 1.1.0
- ▶ <u>PyProf r21.04</u>
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d

- ▶ SE-ResNext
- TransformerXL
- Jasper
- ► BERT
- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 2.3.1
  - ► <u>JupyterLab Server 1.0.6</u>
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.04 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.3.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 465.19.01 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51 (or later R450), or 460.27 (or later R460). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.04 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.04 is based on 1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7
- Experimental release of the nvfuser backend for scripted models. Users can enable it using the context manager: with.torch.jit.fuser("fuser2"):

▶ Ubuntu 20.04 with March 2021 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Transformer has been removed.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.04	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.9.0a0+2ecb2c7	TensorRT 7.2.3.4
21.01	20.01	11.3.0	1.3.000 - ECONECT	TOTISOTIKE T.E.S. 1
21.03		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

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Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Apex AMP examples can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# Tensor Core Examples

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.

- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: <u>An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u>. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the original ResNet50 v1 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- GNMT v2 model. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine <u>Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### Known Issues

- Known performance regressions in 21.04 vs. 21.03:
  - On NVIDIA Ampere Architecture GPUs:
    - Up to 38% performance drop for FastPitch training
    - Up to 30% performance drop in MaskRCNN training
  - On Turing:
    - Up to 20% performance drop in MaskRCNN training
    - Up to 15% performance drop in VGG16 training
- Manual synchronization is required in CUDA graphs workloads between graph replays.
- ▶ The DLProf TensorBoard plugin included with the 21.04 release is an incorrect version with respect to the DLProf command line tool included in those releases. To correct this, use the following command:

\$ pip install --index-urlhttps://developer.download.nvidia.com/compute/redist nvidia tensorboard plugin dlprof==1.1.0

# Chapter 55. PyTorch Release 21.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.03, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1 including cuBLAS 11.4.1.1026
- ► NVIDIA cuDNN 8.1.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.8.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.0.5
- ► TensorBoard 1.15.5
- Nsight Compute 2020.3.1.0
- Nsight Systems 2020.4.3.7
- ► TensorRT 7.2.2.3
- ▶ DALI 0.31.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 1.0.0
- ► <u>PyProf r21.03</u>
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - <u>Jasper</u>
  - BERT

- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.2.0
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.03 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 460.32.03 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51(or later R450). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 21.03 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.03 is based on 1.9.0a0+df837d0
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1 including cuBLAS 11.4.1.1026
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.1.1
- ► The latest version of DALI 0.31.0
- ► The latest version of DLProf 1.0.0
- ► The latest version of PyProf r21.03
- ▶ Ubuntu 20.04 with February 2021 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Transformer has been removed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
21.03	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.1	1.9.0a0+df837d0	TensorRT 7.2.2.3
21.02		NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
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			picked	

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#### **Known Issues**

Known performance regressions in 21.03 vs. 21.02:

- on A102 (e.g. A40):
  - Up to 28% performance drop for BERT large inference and pre-training
  - ▶ Up to 33% performance drop for Transformer training
- on TU102 (e.g. RTX6000):
  - ▶ Up to 18% performance drop for inference on ResNet-like models
  - ▶ Up to 25% performance drop for SSD inference
  - Up to 15% performance drop for WaveGlow

# Chapter 56. PyTorch Release 21.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 21.02, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.8/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 20.04</u> including <u>Python 3.8</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0 including cuBLAS 11.3.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.1.0
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.8.4 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.0.5
- ► TensorBoard 1.15.5
- Nsight Compute 2020.3.0.18
- Nsight Systems 2020.4.3.7
- ► TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.024
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- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
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  - JupyterLab 1.2.0
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 21.02 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 460.27.04 or later. However, if you are running on Data Center GPUs (formerly Tesla), for example, T4, you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.40 (or later R418), 440.33 (or later R440), 450.51(or later R450). The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades and NVIDIA CUDA and Drivers Support.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 21.02 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 21.02 is based on 1.8.0a0+52ea372
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0 including cuBLAS 11.3.1
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.5
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.8.4
- ► The latest version of Nsight Compute 2020.3.0.18
- ▶ The latest version of Nsight Systems 2020.4.3.7
- The latest version of <u>TensorRT 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0.024</u>

- ► The latest version of DALI 0.29
- ► The latest version of DLProf 0.19.0
- ► The latest version of <u>PyProf r21.02</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 20.04 with January 2021 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
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21.02	20.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.2.0	1.8.0a0+52ea372	<u>TensorRT</u> 7.2.2.3+cuda11.1.0
20.12		NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.1	1.8.0a0+1606899	TensorRT 7.2.2
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
<u>19.10</u>		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	

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#### Known Issues

- ► Known performance regressions in 21.02 vs. 20.12 for:
  - SSD-Resnet-50 training on Ampere up to 8%
  - ResNext101 inference on Volta and Ampere up to 24%
  - ► Se-ResNeXt101 inference on Ampere up to 17%
  - SSD inference on Volta up to 17%

# Chapter 57. PyTorch Release 21.01

The NVIDIA container image release for PyTorch 21.01 has been canceled. The next release will be the 21.02 release which is expected to be released at the end of February.

# Chapter 58. PyTorch Release 20.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.12, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

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The container also includes the following:

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20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
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- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ► Known performance regressions in 20.12 vs. 20.11 for:
  - MaskR-CNN training up to 15%
  - ► Transformer-XL inference of approx. 10%
  - ► Tacotron2+Waveglow inference up to 50%
  - ► FastPitch inference and training up to 15%

# Chapter 59. PyTorch Release 20.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.11, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.0 including cuBLAS 11.2.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.4
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.8.2 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED 5.1
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.0.5
- TensorBoard 1.15.0+nv20.11
- Nsight Compute 2020.2.0.18
- Nsight Systems 2020.3.4.32
- ► TensorRT 7.2.1
- ▶ DALI 0.27.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 0.17.0
- PyProf r20.11
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - ► SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - <u>Jasper</u>
  - BERT

- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.2.0
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.11 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 455 or later. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.xx, 440.30, or 450.xx. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.11 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.11 is based on <u>1.8.0a0+17f8c32</u>
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.8.2
- The latest version of DALI 0.27
- ► The latest version of DLProf 0.17.0
- ► The latest version of PyProf r20.11
- Ubuntu 18.04 with October 2020 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- ► <u>Transformer</u> has been removed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.11	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.8.0a0+17f8c32	TensorRT 7.2.1
20.10		11.1.0	1.7.0a0+7036e91	
20.09		NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
<u>19.12</u>			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherrypicked	TensorRT 5.1.5

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Apex AMP examples can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

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## **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>

- Jasper model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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#### **Known Issues**

- ► The PyProf version string in the 20.11 container is truncated to `3.` and does not display the full version string as `3.6.0`.
- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ► Known performance regressions in 20.11 vs. 20.09 for:
  - MaskR-CNN training up to 9%
  - Transformer mixed-precision training up to 11%
  - Transformer-XL training and inference of approx. 10%
  - ResNet and ResNext inference up to 17%
- Known performance regressions in 20.11 vs. 2010 for:
  - GNMT mixed-precision training and inference up to 20%

# Chapter 60. PyTorch Release 20.10

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.10, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.0 including cuBLAS 11.2.1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.4
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 4.0.5
- TensorBoard 1.15.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 2020.2.0.18
- Nsight Systems 2020.3.4.32
- ► TensorRT 7.2.1
- ▶ DALI 0.26.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 0.16.0
- PyProf r20.10
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - ► SE-ResNext
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- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
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### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.10 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.0, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 455 or later. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.xx, 440.30, or 450.xx. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.10 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, Turing, and NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.10 is based on 1.7.0a0+7036e91
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 11.1.0 including cuBLAS 11.2.1
- The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.4
- ▶ The latest version of TensorRT 7.2.1
- ► The latest version of OpenMPI 4.0.5
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- ► The latest version of DALI 0.26
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#### **Announcements**

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The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

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20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167		TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

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- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- SE-ResNext model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a ResNeXt101-32x4d model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks paper. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by

- attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>SSD300 v1.1 model</u>. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- <u>Filtering paper</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

- ► The 20.10 container ships with libfreetype6 2.8.1-2ubuntu2.1, which is vulnerable to CVE-2020-15999. Use
  - \$ apt-get update
    \$ apt --only-upgrade install libfreetype6
  - to apply the patch to fix this issue, or alternatively, purge this package from the container.
- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ► Known performance regressions in 20.10 vs. 20.09 for:
  - Bert mixed-precision training up to 13%
  - MaskR-CNN training up to 9%
  - ► Transformer mixed-precision training up to 14%
  - Transformer-XL training and inference of approx. 10%
  - ResNet and ResNext inference up to 17%
  - FastPitch FP32 training up to 13%

# Chapter 61. PyTorch Release 20.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.09, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3 including cuBLAS 11.2.0
- ► NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.4
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.6
- TensorBoard 1.15.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 2020.1.2.4
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  - JupyterLab 1.2.0
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.09 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 450 or later. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.09 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.09 is based on <u>1.7.0a0+8deb4fe</u> with minor cherry-picked bug fixes
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.4
- ► The latest version of DALI 0.25.1
- ► The latest version of DLProf 0.15.0
- The latest version of <u>PyProf r20.09</u>
- Ubuntu 18.04 with August 2020 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- ► Transformer has been removed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.09	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA	1.7.0a0+8deb4fe	TensorRT 7.1.3
20.08		11.0.3	1.7.0a0+6392713	
20.07		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	
20.06		NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167	-	TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		10.1.243  1.2.  ups con thro 913  July well	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09			1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5
			commits up	
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try

mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <u>here</u>.Apex AMP examples can be found <u>here</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

#### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among

- end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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- ▶ <u>SSD300 v1.1 model</u>. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### **Known Issues**

- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ▶ Known performance regressions in 20.08 vs. 20.07 for ResNet- and ResNext-like models on all architectures due to a temporal workaround in the dispatching mechanism (commit 0494e0a) up to 21%.
- ► Known NVIDIA Ampere GPU architecture performance regressions for FastPitch training in FP32 in 20.09 vs. 20.08 up to 10%.

# Chapter 62. PyTorch Release 20.08

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.08, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3 including cuBLAS 11.2.0
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.2
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.6
- ► TensorBoard 1.15.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 2020.1.2.4
- Nsight Systems 2020.3.2.6
- ► TensorRT 7.1.3
- ▶ DALI 0.24
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 0.14.0
- PyProf r20.08
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - ► SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - <u>Jasper</u>
  - BERT

- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.2.0
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.08 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 450 or later. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.08 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.08 is based on <u>1.7.0a0+6392713</u> with minor cherry-picked bug fixes
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.3 including cuBLAS 11.2.0
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.8
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.2
- ▶ The latest version of Nsight Compute 2020.1.2.4
- The latest version of Nsight Systems 2020.3.2.6
- ► The latest version of DALI 0.24

- ► The latest version of DLProf 0.14.0
- ► The latest version of <u>PyProf r20.08</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with July 2020 updates

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
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# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

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20.03		NVIDIA CUDA	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02		10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA  1.3.0a0+24ae9b5  1.2.0  1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09				
19.08				TensorRT 5.1.5
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			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
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#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

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For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

## **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

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- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>

- <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### **Known Issues**

- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ▶ Known performance regressions in 20.08 vs. 20.07 for ResNet- and ResNext-like models on all architectures due to a temporal workaround in the dispatching mechanism (commit 0494e0a) up to 18%.
- ► Known Turing performance regressions for FastPitch and WaveGlow inference in 20.08 vs. 20.07 up to 75%.

# Chapter 63. PyTorch Release 20.07

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.07, is available on NGC.

#### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194 including cuBLAS 11.1.0
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
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#### **Driver Requirements**

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## **GPU Requirements**

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## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.07 is based on <u>1.6.0a0+9907a3e</u> with minor cherry-picked bug fixes
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.194 including cuBLAS 11.1.0
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- ► The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.1
- ▶ The latest version of Nsight Compute 2020.1.1.8
- The latest version of Nsight Systems 2020.3.2.6
- ► The latest version of TensorRT 7.1.3

- ► The latest version of <u>OpenMPI 3.1.6</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with June 2020 updates
- Latest version of <u>DALI 0.23</u>

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
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# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

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20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
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19.12		NVIDIA CUDA	1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
<u>19.11</u>				
19.10			1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
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- <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT</u>: <u>Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>SSD300 v1.1 model</u>. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>NCF model</u>. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).

<u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: <u>Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### Known Issues

▶ There is up to 5% performance drop on Transformer-XL mixed precision training in the 20.07 container compared to 19.11. Disabling the profiling executor at the beginning of your script might reduce this effect via:

```
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_executor(False)
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_mode(False)
```

- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- Known Turing performance regressions in 20.07 vs. 20.03 container:
  - Up to 10% performance drop on InceptionV3 for mixed precision training
  - Up to 10% performance drop on MaskNCF FP32 training
  - ▶ Up to 25% performance drop on MaskRCNN FP32 training
  - ▶ Up to 10% performance drop on ResNet50 for mixed precision training.
- Known Volta performance regressions in 20.07 vs. 20.03 container:
  - Up to 30% performance drop on WaveGlow for FP32 training
  - Up to 11% performance drop on ResNet101 and ResNet152 mixed precision training
  - ▶ Up to 10% performance drop on full FP16 VGG16 training
- ► Known Pascal performance regressions in 20.07 vs. 20.03 container:
  - ▶ Up to 19% performance drop on MaskRCNN for FP32 training
- ▶ When FFT Tiled algo are used with 3D convolution, an intermittent silent failure might happen due to dependency on the order of the stream execution. In some cases this might be manifested as NaNs in the output and we recommend to disable cuDNN via torch.backends.cudnn.enabled = False.
- Channels-last memory format is experimental in the 20.07 container. Potential convergence issues for ResNet variants are being investigated. On NVIDIA Ampere architecture based GPUs unexpected NaN values due to a race condition in a cuDNN kernel might be observed. We recommend to use the default memory format in case you run into these issues.

# Chapter 64. PyTorch Release 20.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.06, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167 including cuBLAS 11.1.0
- NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.1
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.5 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.6
- TensorBoard 1.15.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 2020.1.0.33
- Nsight Systems 2020.2.5.8
- TensorRT 7.1.2
- ▶ DALI 0.22
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ DLProf 0.12.0
- PyProf r20.06
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - <u>Jasper</u>
  - BERT

- Mask R-CNN
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ► ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.2.14
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.06 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 450 or later. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.06 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.06 is based on 1.6.0a0+9907a3e
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167 including cuBLAS 11.1.0
- ▶ The latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.7.5
- ► The latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 8.0.1
- ► The latest version of <u>Nsight Compute 2020.1.0.33</u>
- The latest version of <u>Nsight Systems 2020.2.5.8</u>
- ► The latest version of TensorRT 7.1.2

- ► The latest version of <u>OpenMPI 3.1.6</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with May 2020 updates
- Latest version of DALI 0.22
- Native Automatic Mixed Precision (torch.cuda.amp). See official <u>API documentation</u> and <u>examples</u>. torch.cuda.amp is intended as the future-proof replacement for Apex AMP, and offers <u>a number of advantages</u>.
- Integrated latest NVIDIA Deep Learning SDK to support NVIDIA A100 using CUDA 11 and cuDNN 8
- Various bug fixes for channels-last layout optimization. Note that this layout is still in experimental form. See Known Issues below.
- Performance improvements for various torch.distribution methods by switching to the TensorIterator implementation
- ▶ Default TF32 support for Ampere-based GPUs

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Transformer has been removed.

#### **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.06	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA 11.0.167	1.6.0a0+9907a3e	TensorRT 7.1.2
20.03		NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02			1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up	TensorRT 5.1.5

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through the native implementation as well as a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Apex AMP is included to support models that currently rely on it, but torch.cuda.amp is the future-proof alternative, and offers a <u>number of advantages</u> over Apex AMP.

Guidance and examples demonstrating torch.cuda.amp can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Apex AMP examples can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.

- ► TransformerXL model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the codebase published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT</u>: <u>Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on Github as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>NCF model</u>. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user

- interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

▶ There is up to 5% performance drop on Transformer-XL mixed precision training in the 20.01 container compared to 19.11. Disabling the profiling executor at the beginning of your script might reduce this effect via:

```
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_executor(False)
torch. C. jit set profiling mode(False)
```

- A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ► Known Turing performance regressions in 20.06 vs. 20.03 container:
  - ▶ Up to 10% performance drop on InceptionV3 for mixed precision training
  - Up to 10% performance drop on MaskNCF FP32 training
  - Up to 25% performance drop on MaskRCNN FP32 training
  - Up to 10% performance drop on ResNet50 for mixed precision training.
- Known Volta performance regressions in 20.06 vs. 20.03 container:
  - ▶ Up to 30% performance drop on WaveGlow for FP32 training
  - Up to 11% performance drop on ResNet101 and ResNet152 mixed precision training
- ► Known Pascal performance regressions in 20.06 vs. 20.03 container:
  - ▶ Up to 19% performance drop on MaskRCNN for FP32 training
- ▶ When FFT Tiled algo are used with 3D convolution, an intermittent silent failure might happen due to dependency on the order of the stream execution. In some cases this might be manifested as NaNs in the output and we recommend to disable cuDNN via torch.backends.cudnn.enabled = False.
- Channels-last memory format is experimental in the 20.06 container. Potential convergence issues for ResNet variants are being investigated. On NVIDIA Ampere architecture based GPUs unexpected NaN values due to a race condition in a cuDNN

kernel might be observed. We recommend to use the default memory format in case you run into these issues.

# Chapter 65. PyTorch Release 20.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.03, is available on NGC.

#### Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.6.3 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.1.0
- Nsight Compute 2019.5.0
- Nsight Systems 2020.1.1
- ► TensorRT 7.0.0
- ▶ DALI 0.19.0
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1

- SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - ► Jupyter Client 6.0.0
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.03 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 440.33.01. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+, 410, 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

# **GPU Requirements**

Release 20.03 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.03 is based on 1.5.0a0+8f84ded
- Latest version of DALI 0.19.0
- Performance improvements for elementwise operations
- Performance improvements for per-channel quantization
- Relaxation of cudnn batchnorm input shape requirements
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with February 2020 updates

#### Announcements

▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

Transformer has been removed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.03	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+8f84ded	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.02	16.04		1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	
20.01			1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09		10.1.243	1.2.0	
19.08		10.1.249	1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked	TensorRT 5.1.5

#### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the documentation.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

## **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
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- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### **Known Issues**

▶ There is up to 5% performance drop on Transformer-XL mixed precision training in the 20.01 container compared to 19.11. Disabling the profiling executor at the beginning of your script might reduce this effect via:

```
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_executor(False)
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_mode(False)
```

A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.

# Chapter 66. PyTorch Release 20.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.02, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.5.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.1.0
- Nsight Compute 2019.5.0
- Nsight Systems 2020.1.1
- ► TensorRT 7.0.0
- DALI 0.18.0 Beta
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1

- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.3.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 20.02 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 440.33.01. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+, 410, 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 20.02 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 20.02 is based on PyTorch 1.4.0a0+a5b4d78 with a fix for wrong results in LU factorization using MAGMA<=2.5.1.</p>
- ▶ Latest version of DALI 0.18.0 Beta
- Latest version of Nsight Systems 2020.1.1
- Latest version of <u>Jupyter Notebook 6.0.3</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with January 2020 updates
- Initial support for channel-last layout for convolutions
- Support for loop unrolling and vectorized loads and stores in TensorIterator
- Support for input activations with more than 2<sup>31</sup> values

#### **Announcements**

- ▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.
- Transformer has been removed.

## **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.02	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.5.0a0+3bbb36e	TensorRT 7.0.0
20.01	16.04		1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		10.1.243	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09			1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including	TensorRT 5.1.5
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			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			picked	

## Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the documentation.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

#### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor

- Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original</u> ResNet50 v1 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

▶ There is up to 5% performance drop on Transformer-XL mixed precision training in the 20.01 container compared to 19.11. Disabling the profiling executor at the beginning of your script might reduce this effect via:

torch.\_C.\_jit\_set\_profiling\_executor(False)

#### torch.\_C.\_jit\_set\_profiling\_mode(False)

A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.

# Chapter 67. PyTorch Release 20.01

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 20.01, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.5.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.1.0
- Nsight Compute 2019.5.0
- Nsight Systems 2019.6.1
- ► TensorRT 7.0.0
- DALI 0.17.0 Beta
- MAGMA 2.5.2
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1

- ► SSD300 v1.1
- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- Transformer
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.3.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.2
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

Release 20.01 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 440.33.01. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+, 410, 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

#### **GPU** Requirements

Release 20.01 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ► <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 20.01 is based on <u>PyTorch 1.4.0a0+a5b4d78</u> with a fix for wrong results in LU factorization using MAGMA<=2.5.1.
- Latest version of TensorRT 7.0.0
- Latest version of DALI 0.17.0 Beta
- ▶ Latest version of MAGMA 2.5.2
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with December 2019 updates

#### **Announcements**

▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

# **NVIDIA PyTorch Container Versions**

The following table shows what versions of Ubuntu, CUDA, PyTorch, and TensorRT are supported in each of the NVIDIA containers for PyTorch. For older container versions, refer to the <u>Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

Container Version	Ubuntu	CUDA Toolkit	PyTorch	TensorRT
20.01	18.04	NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89	1.4.0a0+a5b4d78	TensorRT 7.0.0
19.12			1.4.0a0+174e1ba	TensorRT 6.0.1
19.11				
19.10		NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243	1.3.0a0+24ae9b5	
19.09			1.2.0	
19.08			1.2.0a0 including upstream	TensorRT 5.1.5
			commits up	
			through <u>commit</u>	
			9130ab38 from	
			<u>July 31, 2019</u> as	
			well as a <u>cherry-</u>	
			<u>picked</u>	

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the <u>documentation</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub
- <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u>. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT</u>: <u>Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>SSD300 v1.1 model</u>. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- Transformer model. The Transformer model is based on the optimized implementation in <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>'s Fairseq NLP Toolkit and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB. This model script is available on <a href="GitHub">GitHub</a> as well as <a href="MVIDIA GPU Cloud">MVIDIA GPU Cloud</a> (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

▶ There is up to 5% performance drop on Transformer-XL mixed precision training in the 20.01 container compared to 19.11. Disabling the profiling executor at the beginning of your script might reduce this effect via:

```
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_executor(False)
torch._C._jit_set_profiling_mode(False)
```

- ► A workaround for the WaveGlow training regression from our past containers is to use a fake batch dimension when calculating the log determinant via torch.logdet(W.unsqueeze(0).float()).squeeze() as is done in this release.
- ► The mixed-precision recipe for Transformer training might create unexpectedly NaN outputs. We recommend using FP32 or AMP with opt\_level='00' with the 20.01 container.

# Chapter 68. PyTorch Release 19.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.12, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.5.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.1.0
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- Transformer
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- ▶ GNMT v2
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  - Jupyter Notebook 6.0.2
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

Release 19.12 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 440.30. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+, 410, 418.xx or 440.30. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.12 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.12 is based on PyTorch 1.4.0a0+a5b4d78.
- Latest version of TensorBoard 2.1.0
- ▶ Latest version of DALI 0.16.0 Beta
- Latest version of Nsight Systems 2019.6.1
- Latest version of <u>Jupyter Notebook 6.0.2</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with November 2019 updates

#### Announcements

▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the documentation.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

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- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► TransformerXL model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the codebase published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on GitHub

- Jasper model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the Neural Collaborative Filtering paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- Transformer model. The Transformer model is based on the optimized implementation in Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version

in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### Known Issues

- There is up to 70% performance drop on Waveglow training in the 19.12 container compared to 19.10; due to a magma-CUDA bug recreating cuBLAS handles. You can minimize this regression by setting the CUBLAS\_WORKSPACE\_CONFIG=:16:8 environment variable before running the Waveglow code.
- ► There is up to 20% performance drop for SSD training on Pascal GPUs in the 19.12 container compared to 19.11.
- There is up to 8% performance drop on BERT Large mixed-precision training in the 19.12 container compared to 19.10.
- ► The mixed-precision recipe for Transformer training might create unexpectedly NaN outputs. We recommend to use FP32 or AMP with opt\_level='00' with the 19.12 container.

# Chapter 69. PyTorch Release 19.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.11, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

- <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.5.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.0.1
- Nsight Compute 2019.5.0
- Nsight Systems 2019.5.2
- ► TensorRT 6.0.1
- ▶ DALI 0.15.0 Beta
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - TransformerXL
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
  - SSD300 v1.1

- Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
- Transformer
- ResNet50 v1.5
- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.3.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.6.1
  - Jupyter Notebook 5.7.8
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

Release 19.11 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 440.30. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+, 410 or 418.xx. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.11 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ► <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 19.11 is based on <u>PyTorch 1.4.0a0+174e1ba</u> with cherry-picked fixes for <u>TensorIterator</u>, <u>LayNerNorm</u> as well as NCCL 2.5.
- Latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 10.2.89 including cuBLAS 10.2.2.89
- Latest version of TensorBoard 2.0.1
- ▶ Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.5
- ▶ Latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.5.6
- Latest version of Nsight Compute 2019.5.0
- Latest version of Nsight Systems 2019.5.2
- Latest version of DALI 0.15.0 Beta
- Latest versions of <u>Jupyter Client 5.3.4</u> and <u>Jupyter Core 4.6.1</u>

- Added a <u>TransformerXL</u> Tensor Core optimized example
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with October 2019 updates

#### Announcements

▶ Deep learning framework containers 19.11 and later include experimental support for Singularity v3.0.

### **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the documentation.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# Tensor Core Examples

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> and <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta tensor cores by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta and Turing, therefore you can get results much faster than training without Tensor Cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ► <u>TransformerXL</u> model. Transformer-XL is a transformer-based language model with a segment-level recurrence and a novel relative positional encoding. Enhancements introduced in Transformer-XL help capture better long-term dependencies by

attending to tokens from multiple previous segments. Our implementation is based on the <u>codebase</u> published by the authors of the Transformer-XL paper. Our implementation uses modified model architecture hyperparameters. Our modifications were made to achieve better hardware utilization and to take advantage of Tensor Cores. his model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>

- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-the-art results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model is based on the <u>BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding</u> paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the <u>Hugging Face implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).
- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- NCF model. The Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao,

Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

- Transformer model. The Transformer model is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).
- <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u>. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).
- ► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).

#### **Known Issues**

- ▶ The performance of Mask R-CNN in FP32 precision is up to 14% slower in the 19.11 container compared to the 19.06 release. For best performance on Mask R-CNN, it is recommended to use automatic mixed precision training. This can easily be done using the float 16 option with the MaskRCNN example included in this container.
- ► There is up to 66% performance drop on WaveGlow training in the 19.11 container compared to 19.10.
- ► The mixed-precision recipe for Transformer training might create unexpectedly NaN outputs. We recommend to use FP32 or AMP with opt\_level='00' with the 19.11 container.
- ► There is a 3-15% performance drop on Tacotron2 inference in the 19.11 container compared to 19.09.

# Chapter 70. PyTorch Release 19.10

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.10, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

- <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243 including cuBLAS 10.2.1.243
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.4
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 2.0.0
- Nsight Compute 2019.4.0
- Nsight Systems 2019.5.1
- ► TensorRT 6.0.1
- ▶ DALI 0.14.0 Beta
- Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► ResNeXt101-32x4d
  - SE-ResNext
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
  - ► SSD300 v1.1
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- Transformer
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- ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.3.3
  - Jupyter Core 4.5.0
  - Jupyter Notebook 5.7.8
  - ► JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - Jupyter-TensorBoard

Release 19.10 is based on NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 418.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+ or 410. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the CUDA Application Compatibility topic. For more information, see CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades.

### **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.10 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.10 is based on PyTorch 1.3.0a0+24ae9b5.
- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.4
- Latest version of TensorBoard 2.0.0
- ▶ Latest version of DALI 0.14.0 Beta
- Latest version of Nsight Systems 2019.5.1
- Latest version of <u>Jupyter Client 5.3.3</u>
- ► Added the <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> and <u>SE-ResNext</u> Tensor Core optimized model examples.
- Ubuntu 18.04 with September 2019 updates

### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 3 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. Amp will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

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### **Tensor Core Examples**

The <u>tensor core examples provided in GitHub</u> focus on achieving the best performance and convergence by using the latest <u>deep learning example</u> networks and <u>model scripts</u> for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta, therefore you can get results much faster than training without tensor cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ ResNeXt101-32x4d model. The ResNeXt101-32x4d is a model introduced in the Aggregated Residual Transformations for Deep Neural Networks paper. It is based on regular ResNet model, substituting 3x3 convolutions inside the bottleneck block for 3x3 grouped convolutions. This model script is available on GitHub.
- ► <u>SE-ResNext</u> model. The SE-ResNeXt101-32x4d is a <u>ResNeXt101-32x4d</u> model with added Squeeze-and-Excitation (SE) module introduced in the <u>Squeeze-and-Excitation</u> <u>Networks</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u>.
- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ▶ <u>BERT model</u>. BERT, or Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers, is a new method of pre-training language representations which obtains state-of-theart results on a wide array of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tasks. This model

is based on the BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding paper. NVIDIA's implementation of BERT is an optimized version of the Hugging Face implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic and Tensor Cores on V100 GPUs for faster training times while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

- Mask R-CNN model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found here. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of Facebook's implementation, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
- SSD300 v1.1 model. The SSD300 v1.1 model is based on the SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- Transformer model. The Transformer model is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud</u> (NGC).
- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original</u> ResNet50 v1 model. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU</u> Cloud (NGC).

► <u>GNMT v2 model</u>. The GNMT v2 model is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.

#### Known Issues

- Performance of Mask R-CNN in FP32 precision is up to 20% slower in the 19.10 container compared to the 19.06 release. For best performance on Mask R-CNN, it is recommended to use automatic mixed precision training. This can easily be done using the float16 option with the MaskRCNN example included in this container.
- ▶ There is a 15-20% performance drop on WaveGlow inference in the 19.10 container compared to 19.08 using automatic mixed precision (AMP) with V100 compared to previous releases. To workaround this issue, install cuDNN 7.6.2 or use the 19.08 container.
- ► The mixed-precision recipe for Transformer training might create unexpectedly NaN outputs. We recommend to use FP32 or AMP with opt\_level='00' with the 19.10 container.
- ► There is a 3-15% performance drop on Tacotron2 inference in the 19.10 container compared to the previous release.

# Chapter 71. PyTorch Release 19.09

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.09, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243 including cuBLAS 10.2.1.243
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.3
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- APEX
- MLNX OFED
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 1.14.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 2019.4.0
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- ► DALI 0.12.0 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Jasper
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  - Transformer
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- ► GNMT v2
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  - Jupyter Core 4.5.0
  - Jupyter Notebook 5.7.8
  - JupyterLab 1.0.4
  - JupyterLab Server 1.0.6
  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

Release 19.09 is based on <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243</u>, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 418.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (for example, T4 or any other Tesla board), you may use NVIDIA driver release 396, 384.111+ or 410. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

### **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.09 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.09 is based on PyTorch 1.2.0.
- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.3
- Latest versions of Nsight Compute 2019.4.0 and Nsight Systems 2019.4.2
- Latest version of TensorRT 6.0.1
- Latest version of <u>JupyterLab Server 1.0.6</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with August 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Cores by using the latest deep learning example networks for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta, therefore you can get results much faster than training without tensor cores. This model is tested against

each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

- ▶ <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: <u>An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model</u>. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1 model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions paper and a flow-based neural network model from the WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis paper. This model script is available on GitHub as well as NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC).
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- ResNet50 v1.5 model. The ResNet50 v1.5 model is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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### Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)

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For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

#### Known Issues

- Performance of Mask R-CNN in FP32 precision is up to 20% slower in the 19.07 container compared to the previous release. For best performance on Mask R-CNN, it is recommended to use automatic mixed precision training. This can easily be done using the float16 option with the MaskRCNN example included in this container.
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```
def init_bn(module):
    if isinstance(module, torch.nn.modules.batchnorm._BatchNorm):
    if module.affine:
        module.weight.data.uniform_()
    for child in module.children():
        init_bn(child)
```

- ► There is a 34-60% performance drop on WaveGlow training in the 19.09 container on 16 GPU systems using mixed precision training compared to previous releases.
- ▶ There is a 15-20% performance drop on WaveGlow inference in the 19.09 container using automatic mixed precision (AMP) with V100 compared to previous releases. To workaround this issue, install cuDNN 7.6.2 or use the 19.08 container.
- Nsight Compute is currently located in /opt/nvidia/nsight-compute/2019.4.0, while Nsight Systems can be found in /usr/local/cuda-10.1/NsightSystems-cli-2019.4.2/bin/nsys.

# Chapter 72. PyTorch Release 19.08

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.08, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u> including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243 including cuBLAS 10.2.1.243
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.2
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.8 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- ► MLNX OFED +4.0
- ▶ OpenMPI 3.1.4
- ► TensorBoard 1.14.0+nv
- Nsight Compute 10.1.168
- Nsight Systems 2019.3.7.9
- ► TensorRT 5.1.5
- ► DALI 0.12.0 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Jasper
  - BERT
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v 1.1
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  - <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u>

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### **GPU** Requirements

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# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.08 is based on PyTorch 1.2.0a0 including upstream commits up through commit 9130ab38 from July 31, 2019 as well as a cherry-picked performance fix 9462ca29.
- Latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.243 including cuBLAS 10.2.1.243
- ► Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.2
- ► Latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.8
- Latest version of DALI 0.12.0 Beta
- Latest version of <a>OpenMPI 3.1.4</a>
- ► Latest version of Nsight Systems 2019.3.7.9
- ► Latest version of MLNX OFED +4.0
- Added a <u>Jasper</u> Tensor Core model script example
- ▶ Ubuntu 18.04 with July 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

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- <u>Jasper</u> model. This repository provides an implementation of the Jasper model in PyTorch from the paper <u>Jasper</u>: An End-to-End Convolutional Neural Acoustic Model. The Jasper model is an end-to-end neural acoustic model for automatic speech recognition (ASR) that provides near state-of-the-art results on LibriSpeech among end-to-end ASR models without any external data. This model script is available on <u>GitHub</u> as well as <u>NVIDIA GPU Cloud (NGC)</u>.
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    if isinstance(module, torch.nn.modules.batchnorm._BatchNorm):
        if module.affine:
            module.weight.data.uniform_()
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# Chapter 73. PyTorch Release 19.07

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# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

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- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.1
- ► Latest version of MLNX\_OFED +3.4
- ► Added TensorBoard 1.14.0+nv to the container.
- Latest versions of <u>Jupyter Client 5.3.1</u>, <u>Jupyter Core 4.5.0</u>, <u>JupyterLab 1.0.2</u> and <u>JupyterLab Server 1.0.0</u>, including <u>Jupyter-TensorBoard</u> integration.
- Latest version of <a href="DALI 0.11.0">DALI 0.11.0</a> Beta
- ▶ Latest version of Ubuntu 18.04

# Tensor Core Examples

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```
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        if module.affine:
            module.weight.data.uniform_()
        for child in module.children():
        init_bn(child)
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# Chapter 74. PyTorch Release 19.06

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.06, is available on NGC.

## Contents of the PyTorch container

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- Jupyter Notebook 5.7.8
- JupyterLab 0.35.6
- JupyterLab Server 0.2.0

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## **GPU Requirements**

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### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.06 is based on PyTorch 1.1.0commit 0885dd28 from May 28, 2019
- Added the <u>BERT</u> Tensor Core example
- Latest version of NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.168 including cuBLAS 10.2.0.168
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- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with May 2019 updates (see Announcements)

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#### Announcements

In the next release, we will no longer support <u>Ubuntu 16.04</u>. Release 19.07 will instead support <u>Ubuntu 18.04</u>.

#### Known Issues

► There is a known issue when running certain tests in PyTorch 19.06 on systems with Skylake CPUs, such as DGX-2, that is due to OpenBLAS version 0.3.6. If you are impacted, run:

/opt/conda/bin/conda install openblas!=0.3.6

# Chapter 75. PyTorch Release 19.05

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.05, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1 Update 1 including cuBLAS 10.1 Update 1
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.0
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- OpenMPI 3.1.3
- TensorRT 5.1.5
- ▶ DALI 0.9.1 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
  - SSD300 v1.1
  - Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
  - Transformer
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.2.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.4.0
  - JupyterLab 0.35.4

JupyterLab Server 0.2.0

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 19.05 is based on CUDA 10.1 Update 1, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 418.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384.111+ or 410. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

#### **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.05 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.05 is based on PyTorch 1.0.1 commit 828a6a3b from March 31, 2019
- Latest version of <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.1 Update 1</u> including <u>cuBLAS 10.1</u> Update 1
- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.6.0
- Latest version of TensorRT 5.1.5
- Latest version of DALI 0.9.1 Beta
- Ubuntu 16.04 with April 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Cores by using the latest deep learning example networks for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta, therefore you can get results much faster than training without tensor cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

An implementation of the <u>Mask R-CNN</u> model. Mask R-CNN is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found <u>here</u>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <u>Facebook's implementation</u>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

- An implementation of the <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1</u> model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper and a flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.
- An implementation of the SSD300 v1.1 model. The <u>SSD300 v1.1</u> model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model.
- An implementation of the Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model. The <u>NCF model</u> focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <u>Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</u>.
- An implementation of the Transformer model architecture. The <u>Transformer model</u> is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB.
- An implementation of the ResNet50 model. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a slightly modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u> that trains to a greater accuracy.
- An implementation of the GNMT v2 model. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 2 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the <u>documentation</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Known Issues**

Persistent batch normalization kernels are enabled by default in this build. This will provide a performance boost to many networks, but in rare cases may cause a network to fail to train properly. We expect to address this in the 19.06 container.

# Chapter 76. PyTorch Release 19.04

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.04, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.105 including cuBLAS 10.1.0.105
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.5.0
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.6 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- OpenMPI 3.1.3
- TensorRT 5.1.2
- ▶ DALI 0.8.1 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Mask R-CNN
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
  - SSD300 v1.1
  - Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
  - Transformer
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.2.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.4.0
  - JupyterLab 0.35.4

JupyterLab Server 0.2.0

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 19.04 is based on CUDA 10.1, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 418.xx.x +. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384.111+ or 410. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <u>CUDA Application Compatibility</u> topic. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility</u> and <u>Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU Requirements**

Release 19.04 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.04 is based on PyTorch 1.0.1 commit 9eb0f43 from March 28, 2019
- ► Latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.6
- Latest version of DALI 0.8.1 Beta
- Latest version of <u>cuBLAS 10.1.0.105</u>
- ► Added the <u>Mask R-CNN</u> Tensor Core example
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with March 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Cores by using the latest deep learning example networks for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta, therefore you can get results much faster than training without tensor cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

An implementation of the <a href="Mask R-CNN">Mask R-CNN</a> is a convolution based neural network for the task of object instance segmentation. The paper describing the model can be found <a href="here">here</a>. NVIDIA's Mask R-CNN model is an optimized version of <a href="Facebook's implementation">Facebook's implementation</a>, leveraging mixed precision arithmetic using Tensor Cores on NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs for 1.3x faster training time while maintaining target accuracy.

- An implementation of the <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1</u> model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper and a flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.
- An implementation of the SSD300 v1.1 model. The <u>SSD300 v1.1</u> model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model.
- An implementation of the Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model. The <a href="NCF model">NCF model</a> focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <a href="Neural Collaborative Filtering paper">Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</a>.
- An implementation of the Transformer model architecture. The <u>Transformer model</u> is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB.
- An implementation of the ResNet50 model. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a slightly modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u> that trains to a greater accuracy.
- An implementation of the GNMT v2 model. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

## **Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP)**

NVIDIA's Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) for PyTorch is available in this container through a preinstalled release of <u>Apex</u>. AMP enables users to try mixed precision training by adding only 2 lines of Python to an existing FP32 (default) script. AMP will choose an optimal set of operations to cast to FP16. FP16 operations require 2X reduced memory bandwidth (resulting in a 2X speedup for bandwidth-bound operations like most pointwise ops) and 2X reduced memory storage for intermediates (reducing the overall memory consumption of your model). Additionally, GEMMs and convolutions with FP16 inputs can run on Tensor Cores, which provide an 8X increase in computational throughput over FP32 arithmetic.

Comprehensive guidance and examples demonstrating AMP for PyTorch can be found in the <u>documentation</u>.

For more information about AMP, see the <u>Training With Mixed Precision Guide</u>.

# **Known Issues**

Persistent batch normalization kernels are enabled by default in this build. This will provide a performance boost to many networks, but in rare cases may cause a network to fail to train properly. We expect to address this in the 19.05 container.

# Chapter 77. PyTorch Release 19.03

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.03, is available on NGC.

# Contents of the PyTorch container

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.105 including cuBLAS 10.1.105
- NVIDIA cuDNN 7.5.0
- NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.3 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- OpenMPI 3.1.3
- ► TensorRT 5.1.2
- ► DALI 0.7 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - ► Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1
  - ► SSD300 v1.1
  - Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
  - Transformer
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.2.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.4.0
  - JupyterLab 0.35.4
  - JupyterLab Server 0.2.0

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 19.03 is based on CUDA 10.1, which requires <a href="NVIDIA Driver">NVIDIA Driver</a> release 418.xx+. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384.111+ or 410. The CUDA driver's compatibility package only supports particular drivers. For a complete list of supported drivers, see the <a href="CUDA Application Compatibility">CUDA Application Compatibility</a> topic. For more information, see <a href="CUDA Compatibility">CUDA Compatibility</a> and Upgrades.

## **GPU Requirements**

Release 19.03 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.03 is based on PyTorch commit 81e025d from March 9th, 2019
- ▶ Latest version of <u>NVIDIA CUDA 10.1.105</u> including <u>cuBLAS 10.1.105</u>
- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.5.0
- ► Latest version of NVIDIA NCCL 2.4.3
- ► Latest version of DALI 0.7 Beta
- Latest version of TensorRT 5.1.2
- Added the <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1</u> and <u>SSD300 v1.1</u> Tensor Core examples
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with February 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Cores by using the latest deep learning example networks for training.

Each example model trains with mixed precision Tensor Cores on Volta, therefore you can get results much faster than training without tensor cores. This model is tested against each NGC monthly container release to ensure consistent accuracy and performance over time. This container includes the following tensor core examples.

An implementation of the <u>Tacotron 2 and WaveGlow v1.1</u> model. This text-to-speech (TTS) system is a combination of two neural network models: a modified Tacotron 2 model from the <u>Natural TTS Synthesis by Conditioning WaveNet on Mel Spectrogram Predictions</u> paper and a flow-based neural network model from the <u>WaveGlow: A Flow-based Generative Network for Speech Synthesis</u> paper.

- An implementation of the SSD300 v1.1 model. The <u>SSD300 v1.1</u> model is based on the <u>SSD: Single Shot MultiBox Detector</u> paper. The main difference between this model and the one described in the paper is in the backbone. Specifically, the VGG model is obsolete and is replaced by the ResNet50 model.
- An implementation of the Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model. The <a href="NCF model">NCF model</a> focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <a href="Neural Collaborative Filtering paper">Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</a>.
- An implementation of the Transformer model architecture. The <u>Transformer model</u> is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB.
- An implementation of the ResNet50 model. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a slightly modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u> that trains to a greater accuracy.
- An implementation of the GNMT v2 model. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

#### Known Issues

- Persistent batch normalization kernels have been disabled due to a known <u>bug</u> during validation. Batch normalization provides correct results and work as expected from users, however, this may cause up to 10% regression in time to solution performance on networks using batch normalization.
- If using or upgrading to a 3-part-version driver, for example, a driver that takes the format of xxx.yy.zz, you will receive a Failed to detect NVIDIA driver version. message. This is due to a known bug in the entry point script's parsing of 3-part driver versions. This message is non-fatal and can be ignored. This will be fixed in the 19.04 release.

# Chapter 78. PyTorch Release 19.02

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.02, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in Conda default environment (/opt/conda/lib/python3.6/site-packages/torch/) in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library<sup>™</sup> (cuDNN) 7.4.2
- NVIDIA Collective Communications Library (NCCL) 2.3.7 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- APEX
- OpenMPI 3.1.3
- ► TensorRT 5.0.2
- ► DALI 0.6.1 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
  - Transformer
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2
- Jupyter and JupyterLab:
  - Jupyter Client 5.2.4
  - Jupyter Core 4.4.0
  - JupyterLab 0.35.4
  - JupyterLab Server 0.2.0

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 19.02 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

# **GPU Requirements**

Release 19.02 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.02 is based on PyTorch Version 1.1.0a0+c42431b.
- Latest version of <a href="DALI 0.6.1">DALI 0.6.1</a> Beta
- Added Jupyter and JupyterLab software in our packaged container.
- Latest version of <a href="mailto:jupyter\_client-5.2.4">jupyter\_client 5.2.4</a>
- Latest version of jupyter core 4.4.0
- Ubuntu 16.04 with January 2019 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Coress by using the latest deep learning example networks for training. This container includes the following Tensor Core examples.

- An implementation of the Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model. The <a href="NCF model">NCF model</a> focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <a href="Neural Collaborative Filtering paper">Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</a>.
- An implementation of the Transformer model architecture. The <u>Transformer model</u> is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB.

- An implementation of the ResNet50 model. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a slightly modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u> that trains to a greater accuracy.
- An implementation of the GNMT v2 model. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

### **Known Issues**

- Persistent batch normalization kernels have been disabled due to a known <u>bug</u> during validation. Batch normalization provides correct results and work as expected from users, however, this may cause up to 10% regression in time to solution performance on networks using batch normalization.
- If using or upgrading to a 3-part-version driver, for example, a driver that takes the format of xxx.yy.zz, you will receive a Failed to detect NVIDIA driver version. message. This is due to a known bug in the entry point script's parsing of 3-part driver versions. This message is non-fatal and can be ignored. This will be fixed in the 19.04 release.

# Chapter 79. PyTorch Release 19.01

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 19.01, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.4.2
- ► NCCL 2.3.7 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\underline{M}}$ )
- OpenMPI 3.1.3
- Caffe2
- ► TensorRT 5.0.2
- ▶ DALI 0.6 Beta
- ► Tensor Core optimized examples:
  - Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)
  - Transformer
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 19.01 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 19.01 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 19.01 is based on PyTorch v1.0.0 with up-to-date features.
- ► Latest version of DALI 0.6 Beta
- ► Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.4.2
- Latest version of OpenMPI 3.1.3
- Added the <u>Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF)</u> and <u>Transformer</u> Tensor Core examples.
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with December 2018 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

These examples focus on achieving the best performance and convergence from NVIDIA Volta Tensor Cores by using the latest deep learning example networks for training. This container includes the following Tensor Core examples.

- An implementation of the Neural Collaborative Filtering (NCF) model. The <a href="NCF model">NCF model</a> focuses on providing recommendations, also known as collaborative filtering; with implicit feedback. The training data for this model should contain binary information about whether a user interacted with a specific item. NCF was first described by Xiangnan He, Lizi Liao, Hanwang Zhang, Liqiang Nie, Xia Hu and Tat-Seng Chua in the <a href="Neural Collaborative Filtering paper">Neural Collaborative Filtering paper</a>.
- An implementation of the Transformer model architecture. The <u>Transformer model</u> is based on the optimized implementation in <u>Facebook's Fairseq NLP Toolkit</u> and is built on top of PyTorch. The original version in the Fairseq project was developed using Tensor Cores, which provides significant training speedup. Our implementation improves the performance and is tested on a DGX-1V 16GB.
- An implementation of the ResNet50 model. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>.
- An implementation of the GNMT v2 model. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

#### **Known Issues**

- Persistent batch normalization kernels have been disabled due to a known bug during validation. Batch normalization provides correct results and work as expected from users, however, this may cause up to 10% regression in time to solution performance on networks using batch normalization.
- If using or upgrading to a 3-part-version driver, for example, a driver that takes the format of xxx.yy.zz, you will receive a Failed to detect NVIDIA driver version. message. This is due to a known bug in the entry point script's parsing of 3-part driver versions. This message is non-fatal and can be ignored. This will be fixed in the 19.04 release.

# Chapter 80. PyTorch Release 18.12

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 18.12, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.4.1
- ► NCCL 2.3.7 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\underline{M}}$ )
- APEx
- OpenMPI 3.1.2
- Caffe2
- ► TensorRT 5.0.2
- ▶ DALI 0.5.0 Beta
- Tensor Core Optimized Examples:
  - ► ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.12 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

## **GPU** Requirements

Release 18.12 supports CUDA compute capability 6.0 and higher. This corresponds to GPUs in the Pascal, Volta, and Turing families. Specifically, for a list of GPUs that this compute capability corresponds to, see <u>CUDA GPUs</u>. For additional support details, see <u>Deep Learning Frameworks Support Matrix</u>.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 18.12 is based on PyTorch v0.4.1+ with up-to-date features from the PyTorch v1.0 preview (main branch up to PR <u>12303</u>). PyTorch 0.4.1+ is released and included with this container.
- Performance improvement for PyTorch's native batch normalization.
- Mixed precision SoftMax enabling FP16 inputs, FP32 computations and FP32 outputs.
- Latest version of DALI 0.5.0 Beta.
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with November 2018 updates

## **Tensor Core Examples**

- An implementation of ResNet50. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>.
- An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: <u>Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

#### **Known Issues**

Persistent batch normalization kernels have been disabled due to a known bug during validation. Batch normalization provides correct results and work as expected from users, however, this may cause up to 10% regression in time to solution performance on networks using batch normalization.

# Chapter 81. PyTorch Release 18.11

The NVIDIA container image for PyTorch, release 18.11, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.4.1
- ► NCCL 2.3.7 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\underline{M}}$ )
- APEx
- OpenMPI 3.1.2
- Caffe2
- ► TensorRT 5.0.2
- ► DALI 0.4.1 Beta
- ► Tensor Core Optimized Examples:
  - ► ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.11 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ▶ <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 18.11 is based on PyTorch v0.4.1+ with up-to-date features from the PyTorch v1.0 preview (main branch up to PR <u>11834</u>). PyTorch 0.4.1+ is released and included with this container.
- Latest version of NCCL 2.3.7.
- Latest version of NVIDIA cuDNN 7.4.1.
- Latest version of TensorRT 5.0.2
- Latest version of DALI 0.4.1 Beta.
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with October 2018 updates

# **Tensor Core Examples**

- An implementation of ResNet50. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>.
- An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: <u>Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

#### **Known Issues**

There is a known bug when using persistent batch normalization kernels. If you are experiencing a drop in predictive power during testing and validation, the recommended workaround is to not add the <code>.eval()</code> flag on your model when doing testing or validation.

# Chapter 82. PyTorch Release 18.10

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.10, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.4.0
- ► NCCL 2.3.6 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\underline{M}}$ )
- Caffe2
- APEx
- OpenMPI 3.1.2
- ► TensorRT 5.0.0 RC
- ▶ DALI 0.4 Beta
- Tensor Core Optimized Examples:
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.10 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

# **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.10 is based on PyTorch v0.4.1+ with up-to-date features from the PyTorch v1.0 preview (main branch up to PR <u>11834</u>). PyTorch 0.4.1+ is released and included with this container.
- When possible PyTorch will now automatically use cuDNN persistent RNN's providing improved speed for smaller RNN's.
- Improved multi-GPU performance in both PyTorch c10d and Apex's DDP.
- ► Faster weight norm with improved mixed-precision accuracy used through torch.nn.utils.weight norm.
- Improved functionality of the torch.jit.script and torch.jit.tracepreview features including better support for pointwise operations in fusion.
- ▶ Added support for a C++ only API (new PyTorch 1.0 preview feature).
- ▶ Dataloader may still throw a benign error when stopping iterations early, however, it is no longer preventing the process from ending.
- Latest version of DALI 0.4 Beta.
- Latest version of NCCL 2.3.6.
- Added support for <u>OpenMPI 3.1.2</u>
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with September 2018 updates

## **Tensor Core Examples**

- ► An implementation of ResNet50. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the original ResNet50 v1 model.
- An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation paper.</u>

#### Known Issues

There are no new issues in this release.

# Chapter 83. PyTorch Release 18.09

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.09, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 10.0.130 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 10.0.130
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.3.0
- ► NCCL 2.3.4 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\underline{M}}$ )
- ► Caffe2
- ► TensorRT 5.0.0 RC
- DALI 0.2 Beta
- ► Tensor Core Optimized Examples:
  - ResNet50 v1.5
  - ► GNMT v2

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.09 is based on CUDA 10, which requires <u>NVIDIA Driver</u> release 410.xx. However, if you are running on Tesla (Tesla V100, Tesla P4, Tesla P40, or Tesla P100), you may use NVIDIA driver release 384. For more information, see <u>CUDA Compatibility and Upgrades</u>.

# **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ▶ <u>PyTorch</u> container image version 18.09 is based on <u>PyTorch 0.4.1+</u>. PyTorch 0.4.1 is released and included with this container.
- Latest version of cuDNN 7.3.0.
- ► Latest version of <u>CUDA 10.0.130</u> which includes support for DGX-2, Turing, and Jetson Xavier.
- Latest version of cuBLAS 10.0.130.
- ▶ Latest version of NCCL 2.3.4.
- ▶ Latest version of TensorRT 5.0.0 RC.



**Note:** All 18.09 containers inherit TensorRT 5.0.0 RC from the base container, however, some containers may not use TensorRT if there is no support for TensorRT in the given framework.

- An implementation of ResNet50. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>.
- Stream pool: PyTorch now uses per GPU stream pools behind the scenes. This means that CUDA streams are created when first used on a GPU and destroyed on exit. As a result, networks that use multiple streams may see the same stream used repeatedly in their profiles, and networks that retain streams for long periods may accidentally schedule parallelizable work to the same stream. It's recommended that streams be acquired, used, and released as needed.
- Reliability: Some cases where a dataloader could hang if shutdown during its iteration has been fixed.
- Fusion: Tensor and constant scalar operations, like add(t, 1), and chunk operations are now fusable.
- Performance improvements: dropout, 1x1 convolutions for NCHW, and weightnorm should be faster in a majority of scenarios.
- Latest version of DALI 0.2 Beta
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with August 2018 updates

# Tensor Core Examples

- ► An implementation of ResNet50. The <u>ResNet50 v1.5 model</u> is a modified version of the <u>original ResNet50 v1 model</u>.
- An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System: Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation paper.</u>

### **Known Issues**

- ► The DALI integrated ResNet-50 samples in the 18.09 NGC TensorFlow and PyTorch containers may result in lower than expected performance results. We are working to address the issue in the next release.
- There is a chance that PyTorch will hang on exit when running multi-gpu training. This hang does not affect any results of the run; however, the process will have to be terminated manually.

# Chapter 84. PyTorch Release 18.08

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.08, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.425
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.2.1
- NCCL 2.2.13 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- ► Caffe2 0.8.1
- DALI 0.1.2 Beta
- ► Tensor Core Optimized Examples:
  - ► GNMT v2

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.08 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.08 is based on PyTorch 0.4.1. PyTorch 0.4.1 is released and included with this container. See the release notes at <a href="https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/releases">https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/releases</a> for significant changes from PyTorch 0.4.
- Apex is now entirely Python for improved compatibility. Previous versions of Apex will not work with PyTorch 0.4.1 or newer versions.

- New ops in 18.08: torch.pinverse, torch.unique, torch.erfc, torch.isinf, torch.isfinite, torch.reshape as.
- Support for cross-device gradient clipping.
- torch.svd and torch.eig in CUDA have been fixed, previously they could return incorrect results.
- An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: <u>Bridging the Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.
- Latest version of <u>cuDNN 7.2.1</u>.
- Latest version of DALI 0.1.2 Beta.
- Added support for the <u>Tensor Core Optimized Example: PyTorch GNMT</u> model
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with July 2018 updates

#### Usage

The PYTHONPATH environment variable in this container version has been updated to include all packages installed in the Conda environment and all PyTorch related packages. Users that rely on PYTHONPATH to point to local modules are advised to carefully check and set their PYTHONPATH variable in this container and moving forward.

#### **Tensor Core Examples**

An implementation of GNMT v2. The <u>GNMT v2 model</u> is similar to the one discussed in the <u>Google's Neural Machine Translation System</u>: Bridging the <u>Gap between Human and Machine Translation</u> paper.

#### **Known Issues**

The DALI integrated ResNet-50 samples in the 18.08 NGC TensorFlow and PyTorch containers may result in lower than expected performance results. We are working to address the issue in the next release.

# Chapter 85. PyTorch Release 18.07

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.07, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.425
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.1.4
- NCCL 2.2.13 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- Caffe2 0.8.1
- ▶ DALI 0.1 Beta

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.07 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.07 is based on PyTorch 0.4.0 upstream main branch post commit <u>cca2476</u>.
- Clip grads can be used on a single tensor directly.
- ▶ The precision of MSELoss with half inputs has been improved.
- PyTorch's JIT (still in Alpha) now supports FP16 inputs and outputs, comparisons, the exp operator, and ReLU gates.
- Added support for <u>DALI 0.1 Beta</u>.
- Latest version of CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.425.

▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with June 2018 updates

### **Known Issues**

When importing Caffe2 after importing Torch, there is an issue which causes GPU support for Caffe2 to be disabled. For users affected by this bug, it is recommended to either use the PyTorch 18.06 or 18.08 container.

# Chapter 86. PyTorch Release 18.06

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.06, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.333 (see section 2.3.1)
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.1.4
- NCCL 2.2.13 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- Caffe2 0.8.1

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.06 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.06 is based on PyTorch 0.4.0 upstream main branch post commit 0e9613c.
- ▶ Improved data loader pipeline in the ImageNet example, see /opt/pytorch/examples/imagenet within the container.
- ▶ Data loader pipeline now uses pillow-simd and jpeg-turbo.
- ▶ Improved FP16 support, specifically, reductions like sum() are now more accurate when using FP16.
- Improved distributed performance, specifically, gradient communication can now overlap with gradient computation in backwards ().
- Compatibility changes, specifically, Magma 1 is no longer supported.

▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with May 2018 updates

# **Known Issues**

There are no known issues in this release.

# Chapter 87. PyTorch Release 18.05

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.05, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup>™</sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.333 (see section 2.3.1)
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.1.2
- NCCL 2.1.15 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)
- Caffe2 0.8.1

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.05 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.05 is based on PyTorch 0.4.0.
- ▶ Includes <u>Caffe2 0.8.1</u>. For more information, see <u>PyTorch and Caffe2 repos getting</u> closer together.
- APEx, an extension providing utilities for FP16 and multi-gpu training. For more information, see APEx: A PyTorch Extension and APEx.
- Ubuntu 16.04 with April 2018 updates

### **Known Issues**

- Some mixed-precision models might encounter a crash due to a new FP16 overflow check added in PyTorch. We have an upstream fix submitted with <u>PR 7382</u> and should be resolved in a future container.
- There is a minor performance regression with the imagenet sample in /opt/pytorch/examples/imagnet for some network architectures on multi-gpu cases. This regression will be fixed in the next release.

# Chapter 88. PyTorch Release 18.04

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.04, is available.

### Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup>™</sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.333 (see section 2.3.1)
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library<sup>™</sup> (cuDNN) 7.1.1
- NCCL 2.1.15 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.04 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.04 is based on PyTorch 0.3.1.
- Incorporated all upstream changes from the PyTorch main branch, specifically up to and including commit 2f27c1b5.
- Latest version of NCCL 2.1.15
- Ubuntu 16.04 with March 2018 updates

#### **Known Issues**

Some mixed-precision models might encounter a crash due to a new FP16 overflow check added in PyTorch. We have an upstream fix submitted with <u>PR 7382</u> and should be resolved in a future container.

# Chapter 89. PyTorch Release 18.03

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.03, is available.

# Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 (see Errata section and 2.1) including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.333 (see section 2.3.1)
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.1.1
- NCCL 2.1.2 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.03 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- PyTorch container image version 18.03 is based on PyTorch 0.3.0.
- Incorporated all upstream changes from the PyTorch main branch, specifically, PR 5327.
- Latest version of cuBLAS 9.0.333
- Latest version of cuDNN 7.1.1
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with February 2018 updates

#### Known Issues

# Chapter 90. PyTorch Release 18.02

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.02, is available.

PyTorch container image version 18.02 is based on PyTorch 0.3.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 including:
  - CUDA<sup>®</sup> Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library<sup>™</sup> (cuBLAS) 9.0.282 Patch 2 which is installed by default
  - <u>cuBLAS</u> 9.0.234 Patch 1 as a debian file. Installing Patch 1 by issuing the dpkg i /opt/cuda-cublas-9-0\_9.0.234-1\_amd64.deb command is the workaround for the known issue described below.
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.0.5
- NCCL 2.1.2 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.02 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Improved multi-GPU performance on image networks shown in /opt/pytorch/ examples/imagenet. You can run this example for multi-GPU by issuing the python -m multiproc main.py command.
- Latest version of cuBLAS.
- Ubuntu 16.04 with January 2018 updates

## **Known Issues**

cuBLAS 9.0.282 regresses RNN seq2seq FP16 performance for a small subset of input sizes. This issue should be fixed in the next update. As a workaround, install cuBLAS 9.0.234 Patch 1 by issuing the  $dpkg = i / opt/cuda-cublas-9-0_9.0.234-1_amd64.deb$  command.

# Chapter 91. PyTorch Release 18.01

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 18.01, is available.

PyTorch container image version 18.01 is based on PyTorch 0.3.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py3.6 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04 including <u>Python 3.6</u> environment
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.282
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library<sup>™</sup> (cuDNN) 7.0.5
- ► NCCL 2.1.2 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\text{TM}}$ )

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 18.01 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Latest version of cuBLAS
- Latest version of cuDNN
- Latest version of NCCL
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with December 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

cuBLAS 9.0.282 regresses RNN seq2seq FP16 performance for a small subset of input sizes. As a workaround, revert back to the 11.12 container.

# Chapter 92. PyTorch Release 17.12

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.12, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.12 is based on PyTorch 0.2.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py35 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ► <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 including CUDA Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library (cuBLAS) 9.0.234
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.0.5
- ► NCCL 2.1.2 (optimized for  $\underline{NVLink}^{\text{TM}}$ )

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 17.12 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Latest version of CUDA
- Latest version of cuDNN
- Latest version of NCCL
- Ubuntu 16.04 with November 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

# Chapter 93. PyTorch Release 17.11

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.11, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.11 is based on PyTorch 0.2.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py35 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ► <u>Ubuntu</u> 16.04
- NVIDIA CUDA 9.0.176 including <u>CUDA<sup>®</sup> Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library</u> (cuBLAS) 9.0.234
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 7.0.4
- NCCL 2.1.2 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

# **Driver Requirements**

Release 17.11 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ► Tensor Op accelerated RNNs for Volta architecture
- Improved depthwise separable convolution performance
- Improved automatic differentiation engine latency
- Latest version of CUDA
- Latest version of cuDNN
- Latest version of NCCL
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with October 2017 updates

# **Known Issues**

# Chapter 94. PyTorch Release 17.10

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.10, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.10 is based on PyTorch 0.2.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py35 Conda<sup>™</sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- Ubuntu 16.04
- ► NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 9.0
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library<sup>™</sup> (cuDNN) 7.0.3
- NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> Collective Communications Library <sup>™</sup> (NCCL) 2.0.5 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

## **Driver Requirements**

Release 17.10 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Latest version of CUDA
- Latest version of cuDNN
- Latest version of NCCL
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with September 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

# Chapter 95. PyTorch Release 17.09

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.09, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.09 is based on PyTorch 0.2.0.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed in the pytorch-py35 Conda<sup> $^{\text{M}}$ </sup> environment in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04
- ► NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 9.0
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library<sup>™</sup> (cuDNN) 7.0.2
- ► NVIDIA Collective Communications Library (NCCL) 2.0.5 (optimized for NVLink)

#### **Driver Requirements**

Release 17.09 is based on CUDA 9, which requires NVIDIA Driver release 384.xx.

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Supports Tensor Core operations for convolutions and GEMMs on Volta hardware
- ► The examples directory contains examples of ImageNet and LSTM training scripts that use FP16 data, as well as show how to train with FP16
- Matrix multiplication on FP16 inputs uses Tensor Core math when available
- A custom batch normalization layer is implemented to use cuDNN for batch normalization with FP16 inputs
- Latest version of CUDA
- Latest version of cuDNN with support for Tensor Core math when available
- Latest version of NCCL
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with August 2017 updates

# **Known Issues**

# Chapter 96. PyTorch Release 17.07

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.07, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.07 is based on PyTorch 0.1.12.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed into the /usr/local/[bin,share,lib] directories in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 8.0.61.2 including CUDA<sup>®</sup> Basic Linear Algebra Subroutines library<sup>™</sup> (cuBLAS) Patch 2
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 6.0.21
- ► NVIDIA Collective Communications Library (NCCL) 2.0.3 (optimized for NVLink)

# Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Support for advanced tensor indexing
- Support multi-node or multi-process mode on the same node
- ▶ Support for double backward for most functions, including convolution
- Ubuntu 16.04 with June 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

# Chapter 97. PyTorch Release 17.06

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.06, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.06 is based on PyTorch 0.1.12.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed into the /usr/local/[bin,share,lib] directories in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 8.0.61
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 6.0.21
- NVIDIA Collective Communications Library (NCCL) 1.6.1 (optimized for NVLink 1.6.1)

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

Ubuntu 16.04 with May 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

The NCCL library version 1.6.1 included in this image, modifies the output buffers on all GPUs during in-place ncclReduce() operations, whereas normally only the "root" (target) device's output buffer should be modified. This is fixed in later versions of NCCL, as will be packaged in later versions of this image. As a workaround, either use ncclAllReduce(), which correctly modifies output buffers of all GPUs to the same values, or use out-of-place ncclReduce(), wherein the output buffer is distinct from the input buffer.

# Chapter 98. PyTorch Release 17.05

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.05, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.05 is based on PyTorch 0.1.12.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/pytorch. It is pre-built and installed into the /usr/local/[bin,share,lib] directories in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 8.0.61
- NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 6.0.21
- NVIDIA Collective Communications Library (NCCL) 1.6.1 (optimized for NVLink 1.6.1)

## Key Features and Enhancements

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- ► Latest cuDNN release
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with April 2017 updates

#### **Known Issues**

The NCCL library version 1.6.1 included in this image, modifies the output buffers on all GPUs during in-place <code>ncclReduce()</code> operations, whereas normally only the "root" (target) device's output buffer should be modified. This is fixed in later versions of NCCL, as will be packaged in later versions of this image. As a workaround, either use <code>ncclAllReduce()</code>, which correctly modifies output buffers of all GPUs to the same values, or use out-of-place <code>ncclReduce()</code>, wherein the output buffer is distinct from the input buffer.

# Chapter 99. PyTorch Release 17.04

The NVIDIA container image of PyTorch, release 17.04, is available.

PyTorch container image version 17.04 is based on PyTorch 0.1.10.

## Contents of PyTorch

This container image contains the complete source of the version of PyTorch in /opt/ pytorch. It is pre-built and installed into the /usr/local/[bin,share,lib] directories in the container image.

The container also includes the following:

- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04
- ► NVIDIA CUDA<sup>®</sup> 8.0.61
- NVIDIA CUDA Deep Neural Network library (cuDNN) 6.0.20
- NVIDIA<sup>®</sup> Collective Communications Library <sup>™</sup> (NCCL) 1.6.1 (optimized for NVLink<sup>™</sup>)

### **Key Features and Enhancements**

This PyTorch release includes the following key features and enhancements.

- Reduce DataParallel overhead on more than 4 GPUs
- cuDNN v6 integration
- Synced to upstream PyTorch version as of March 2017
- ▶ Ubuntu 16.04 with March 2017 updates

#### Known Issues

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