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Chapter 1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of NVIDIA Nsight Compute is to design a profiling tool that can be easily extended and customized by expert users. While we provide useful defaults, this allows adapting the reports to a specific use case or to design new ways to investigate collected data. All the following is data driven and does not require the tools to be recompiled.

While working with section files or rules files it is recommended to open the *Metric Selection* tool window from the *Profile* menu item. This tool window lists all sections and rules that were loaded. Rules are grouped as children of their associated section or grouped in the [*Independent Rules*] entry. For files that failed to load, the table shows the error message. Use the *Reload* button to reload rule files from disk.

Chapter 2. METRIC SECTIONS

The Details page consists of sections that focus on a specific part of the kernel analysis each. Every section is defined by a corresponding section file that specifies the data to be collected as well as the visualization used in the UI or CLI output for this data. Simply modify a deployed section file to add or modify what is collected.

2.1. Section Files

The section files delivered with the tool are stored in the **sections** sub-folder of the NVIDIA Nsight Compute install directory. Each section is defined in a separate file with the .section file extension. At runtime, the installed stock sections (and rules) are deployed to a user-writable directory. This can be disabled with an environment variable. Section files from the deployment directory are loaded automatically at the time the UI connects to a target application or the command line profiler is launched. This way, any changes to section files become immediately available in the next profile run.

A section file is a text representation of a *Google Protocol Buffer* message. The full definition of all available fields of a section message is given in Section Definition. In short, each section consists of a unique *Identifier* (no spaces allowed), a *Display Name*, an optional *Order* value (for sorting the sections in the Details page), an optional *Description* providing guidance to the user, an optional header table, an optional list of metrics to be collected but not displayed, optional bodies with additional UI elements, and other elements. See **ProfilerSection.proto** for the exact list of available elements. A small example of a very simple section is:

```
Identifier: "SampleSection"
DisplayName: "Sample Section"
Description: "This sample section shows information on active warps and cycles."
Header {
    Metrics {
        Label: "Active Warps"
        Name: "smsp__active_warps_avg"
    }
    Metrics {
        Label: "Active Cycles"
        Name: "smsp__active_cycles_avg"
    }
}
```

On data collection, this section will cause the two PerfWorks metrics smsp_active warps avg and smsp_active cycles_avg to be collected.

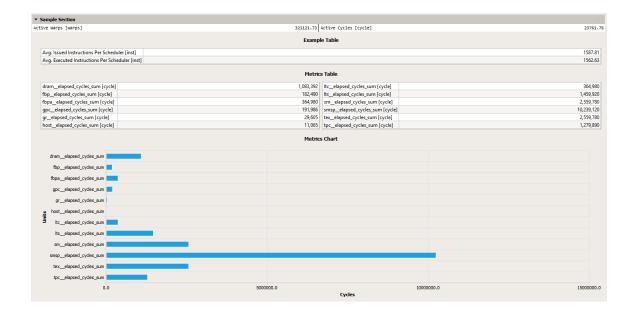
```
        Sample Section

        Active Warps
        15,590,870.75 Active Cycles
        1,189,536.17
```

More advanced elements can be used in the body of a section. See the **ProfilerSection.proto** file for which elements are available. The following example shows how to use these in a slightly more complex example. The usage of regexes is allowed in tables and charts in the section *Body* only and follows the format **regex**: followed by the actual regex to match *PerfWorks* metric names.

The supported list of metrics that can be used in sections can be queried using the command line interface with the **--query-metrics** option. Each of these metrics can be used in any section and will be automatically collected if they appear in any enabled section. Note that even if a metric is used in multiple sections, it will only be collected once. Look at all the shipping sections to see how they are implemented.

```
Identifier: "SampleSection"
DisplayName: "Sample Section"
Description: "This sample section shows various metrics."
Header {
  Metrics {
    Label: "Active Warps"
   Name: "smsp__active_warps_avg"
 Metrics {
   Label: "Active Cycles"
   Name: "smsp__active_cycles_avg"
Body {
 Items {
    Table {
      Label: "Example Table"
      Rows: 2
      Columns: 1
      Metrics {
        Label: "Avg. Issued Instructions Per Scheduler"
        Name: "smsp__inst_issued_avg"
      Metrics {
        Label: "Avg. Executed Instructions Per Scheduler"
        Name: "smsp inst executed avg"
      }
    }
  Items {
    Table {
     Label: "Metrics Table"
      Columns: 2
      Order: ColumnMajor
      Metrics {
        Name: "regex:.*__elapsed_cycles_sum"
    }
  Items {
    BarChart {
     Label: "Metrics Chart"
      CategoryAxis {
        Label: "Units"
      ValueAxis {
        Label: "Cycles"
      Metrics {
       Name: "regex:.*__elapsed_cycles_sum"
    }
  }
```



2.2. Section Definition

Protocol buffer definitions are in the NVIDIA Nsight Compute installation directory under extras/FileFormat. To understand section files, start with the definitions and documentation in ProfilerSection.proto.

To see the list of available *PerfWorks* metrics for any device or chip, use the **--query-metrics** option of the command line.

2.3. Metric Options and Filters

Sections allow the user to specify alternative *options* for metrics that have a different metric name on different GPU architectures. Metric options use a min-arch/max-arch range *filter*, replacing the base metric with the first metric option for which the current GPU architecture matches the filter. While not strictly enforced, options for a base metric are expected to share the same meaning and subsequently unit, etc., with the base metric.

In addition to its options, the base metric can be filtered by the same criteria. This is useful for metrics that are only available for certain architectures or in limited collection scopes. See **ProfilerMetricOptions.proto** for which filter options are available.

In the below example, the metric dram_cycles_elapsed.avg.per_second is collected on SM 7.0 and SM 7.5-8.6, but not on any in between. It uses the same metric name on these architectures.

```
Metrics {
    Label: "DRAM Frequency"
    Name: "dram__cycles_elapsed.avg.per_second"
    Filter {
        MaxArch: CC_70
    }
    Options {
        Name: "dram__cycles_elapsed.avg.per_second"
        Filter {
            MinArch: CC_75
            MaxArch: CC_86
        }
    }
}
```

In the next example, the metric in the section header is only collected for launch-based collection scopes (i.e. kernel- and application replay for CUDA kernels or CUDA Graph nodes), but not in range-based scopes.

```
Header {
   Metrics {
    Label: "Theoretical Occupancy"
    Name: "sm__maximum_warps_per_active_cycle_pct"
   Filter {
        CollectionFilter {
            CollectionScopes: CollectionScope_Launch
        }
    }
}
```

Filters can be applied to an entire section instead of or in addition to being set for individual metrics. If both types of filters are specified, they are combined.

2.4. Missing Sections

If new or updated section files are not used by NVIDIA Nsight Compute, it is most commonly one of two reasons:

The file is not found: Section files must have the .section extension. They must also be on the section search path. The default search path is the sections directory within the installation directory. In NVIDIA Nsight Compute CLI, the search paths can be overwritten using the --section-folder and --section-folder-recursive options. In NVIDIA Nsight Compute, the search path can be configured in the *Profile* options.

Syntax errors: If the file is found but has syntax errors, it will not be available for metric collection. However, error messages are reported for easier debugging. In NVIDIA Nsight Compute CLI, use the **--list-sections** option to get a list of error messages, if any. In NVIDIA Nsight Compute, error messages are reported in the *Metric Selection* tool window.

2.5. Derived Metrics

Derived Metrics allow you to define new metrics composed of constants or existing metrics directly in a section file. The new metrics are computed at collection time and added permanently to the profile result in the report. They can then subsequently be used for any tables, charts, rules, etc.

NVIDIA Nsight Compute currently supports the following syntax for defining derived metrics in section files:

```
MetricDefinitions {
    MetricDefinitions {
        Name: "derived_metric_name"
        Expression: "derived_metric_expr"
    }
    MetricDefinitions {
        ...
    }
    ...
}
```

The actual metric expression is defined as follows:

Operators are defined as follows:

```
For op in (+ | - | *): For each element in a metric it is applied to, the expression left-hand side op-combined with expression right-hand side.

For op in (/): For each element in a metric it is applied to, the expression left-hand side op-combined with expression right-hand side. If the right-hand side operand is of integer-type, and 0, the result is the left-hand side value.
```

Since metrics can contain regular values and/or instanced values, elements are combined as below. Constants are treated as metrics with only a regular value.

```
1. Regular values are operator-combined.
a + b
2. If both metrics have no correlation ids, the first N values are operator-
combined, where N is the minimum of the number of elements in both metrics.
a1 + b1
a2 + b2
a3
a4
3. Else if both metrics have correlation ids, the sets of correlation ids from
both metrics are joined and then operator-combined as applicable.
a1 + b1
a 2
b3
a4 + b4
b5
4. Else if only the left-hand side metric has correlation ids, the right-hand
side regular metric value is operator-combined with every element of the left-
hand side metric.
a1 + b
a2 + b
a3 + b
5. Else if only the right-hand side metric has correlation ids, the right-hand
side element values are operator-combined with the regular metric value of the
left-hand side metric.
a + b1 + b2 + b3
```

In all operations, the value kind of the left-hand side operand is used. If the right-hand side operand has a different value kind, it is converted. If the left-hand side operand is a string-kind, it is returned unchanged.

Examples for derived metrics are derived _avg_thread_executed, which provides a hint on the number of threads executed on average at each instruction, and derived _uncoalesced_12_transactions_global, which indicates the ratio of actual L2 transactions vs. ideal L2 transactions at each applicable instruction.

```
MetricDefinitions {
    MetricDefinitions {
        Name: "derived__avg_thread_executed"
        Expression: "thread_inst_executed_true / inst_executed"
    }
    MetricDefinitions {
        Name: "derived__uncoalesced_12_transactions_global"
        Expression: "memory_12_transactions_global /
        memory_ideal_12_transactions_global"
    }
    MetricDefinitions {
        Name: "sm__sass_thread_inst_executed_op_ffma_pred_on_x2"
        Expression:
    "sm__sass_thread_inst_executed_op_ffma_pred_on.sum.peak_sustained * 2"
    }
}
```

Chapter 3. RULE SYSTEM

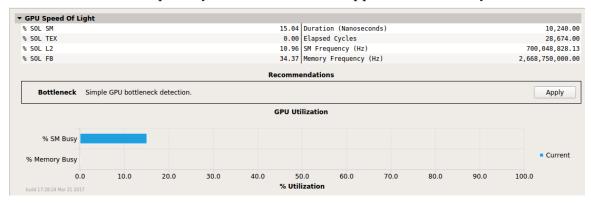
NVIDIA Nsight Compute features a new Python-based rule system. It is designed as the successor to the *Expert System* (un)guided analysis in NVIDIA Visual Profiler, but meant to be more flexible and more easily extensible to different use cases and APIs.

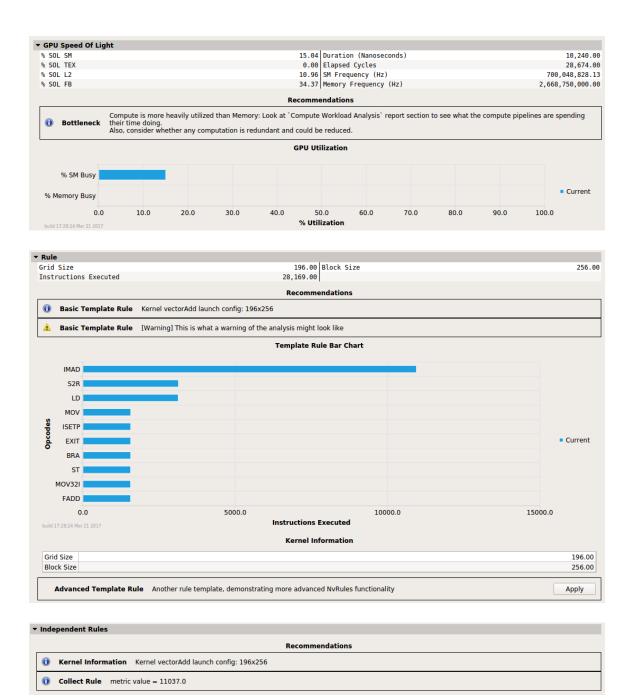
3.1. Writing Rules

To create a new rule, you need to create a new text file with the extension .py and place it at some location that is detectable by the tool (see Nsight Compute Integration on how to specify the search path for rules). At a minimum, the rule file must implement two functions, get_identifier and apply. See Rule File API for a description of all functions supported in rule files. See NvRules for details on the interface available in the rule's apply function.

3.2. Integration

The rule system is integrated into NVIDIA Nsight Compute as part of the profile report view. When you profile a kernel, available rules will be shown in the report's *Details* page. You can either select to apply all available rules at once by clicking *Apply Rules* at the top of the page, or apply rules individually. Once applied, the rule results will be added to the current report. By default, all rules are applied automatically.





3.3. Rule System Architecture

The rule system consists of the Python interpreter, the *NvRules C++ interface*, the *NvRules Python interface* (NvRules.py) and a set of rule files. Each rule file is valid Python code that imports the NvRules.py module, adheres to certain standards defined by the Rule File API and is called to from the tool.

When applying a rule, a handle to the rule *Context* is provided to its apply function. This context captures most of the functionality that is available to rules as part of the NvRules

API. In addition, some functionality is provided directly by the NvRules module, e.g. for global error reporting. Finally, since rules are valid Python code, they can use regular libraries and language functionality that ship with Python as well.

From the rule *Context*, multiple further objects can be accessed, e.g. the *Frontend*, *Ranges* and *Actions*. It should be noted that those are only interfaces, i.e. the actual implementation can vary from tool to tool that decides to implement this functionality.

Naming of these interfaces is chosen to be as API-independent as possible, i.e. not to imply CUDA-specific semantics. However, since many compute and graphics APIs map to similar concepts, it can easily be mapped to CUDA terminology, too. A *Range* refers to a CUDA stream, an Action refers to a single CUDA kernel instance. Each action references several *Metrics* that have been collected during profiling (e.g. instructions executed) or are statically available (e.g. the launch configuration). *Metrics* are accessed via their names from the *Action*.

Each CUDA stream can contain any number of kernel (or other device activity) instances and so each *Range* can reference one or more *Actions*. However, currently only a single *Action* per *Range* will be available, as only a single CUDA kernel can be profiled at once.

The Frontend provides an interface to manipulate the tool UI by adding messages, graphical elements such as line and bar charts or tables, as well as speedup estimations, focus metrics and source markers. The most common use case is for a rule to show at least one message, stating the result to the user, as illustrated in extras/RuleTemplates/BasicRuleTemplate.py This could be as simple as "No issues have been detected," or contain direct hints as to how the user could improve the code, e.g. "Memory is more heavily utilized than Compute. Consider whether it is possible for the kernel to do more compute work." For more advanced use cases, such as adding speedup estimates, key performance indicators (a.k.a. focus metrics) or source markers to annotate individual lines of code to your rule, see the templates in extras/RuleTemplates.

3.4. NvRules API

The *NvRules API* is defined as a C/C++ style interface, which is converted to the NvRules.py Python module to be consumable by the rules. As such, C++ class interfaces are directly converted to Python classes und functions. See the NvRules API documentation for the classes and functions available in this interface.

3.5. Rule File API

The *Rule File API* is the implicit contract between the rule Python file and the tool. It defines which functions (syntactically and semantically) the Python file must provide to properly work as a rule.

Mandatory Functions

get_identifier(): Return the unique rule identifier string.

- apply (handle): Apply this rule to the rule context provided by handle. Use NvRules.get context (handle) to obtain the Context interface from handle.
- **get_name()**: Return the user-consumable display name of this rule.
- **get_description()**: Return the user-consumable description of this rule.

Optional Functions

- ▶ get_section_identifier(): Return the unique section identifier that maps this rule to a section. Section-mapped rules will only be available if the corresponding section was collected. They implicitly assume that the metrics requested by the section are collected when the rule is applied.
- evaluate(handle):

Declare required metrics and rules that are necessary for this rule to be applied. Use **NvRules.require_metrics(handle, [...])** to declare the list of metrics that must be collected prior to applying this rule.

Use e.g. NvRules.require_rules (handle, [...]) to declare the list of other rules that must be available before applying this rule. Those are the only rules that can be safely proposed by the *Controller* interface.

3.6. Rule Examples

The following example rule determines on which major GPU architecture a kernel was running.

```
import NvRules

def get_identifier():
    return "GpuArch"

def apply(handle):
    ctx = NvRules.get_context(handle)
    action = ctx.range_by_idx(0).action_by_idx(0)
    ccMajor =
    action.metric_by_name("device__attribute_compute_capability_major").as_uint64()
    ctx.frontend().message("Running on major compute capability " + str(ccMajor))
```

Chapter 4. PYTHON REPORT INTERFACE

NVIDIA Nsight Compute features a Python-based interface to interact with exported report files.

The module is called **ncu_report** and works on any Python version from 3.4 ¹. It can be found in the **extras/python** directory of your NVIDIA Nsight Compute package.

In order to use the Python module, you need a report file generated by NVIDIA Nsight Compute. You can obtain such a file by saving it from the graphical interface or by using the --export flag of the command line tool.

The types and functions in the ncu_report module are a subset of the ones available in the NvRules API. The documentation in this section serves as a tutorial. For a more formal description of the exposed API, please refer to the the NvRules API documentation.

4.1. Basic Usage

In order to be able to import ncu_report you will either have to navigate to the extras/python directory, or add its absolute path to the PYTHONPATH environment variable. Then, the module can be imported like any Python module:

```
>>> import ncu_report
```

Importing a report

Once the module is imported, you can load a report file by calling the <code>load_report</code> function with the path to the file. This function returns an object of type <code>IContext</code> which holds all the information concerning that report.

```
>>> my_context = ncu_report.load_report("my_report.ncu-rep")
```

Querying ranges

¹ On Linux machines you will also need a GNU-compatible libc and libgcc_s.so.

When working with the Python module, kernel profiling results are grouped into ranges which are represented by IRange objects. You can inspect the number of ranges contained in the loaded report by calling the num_ranges() member function of an IContext object and retrieve a range by its index using range by idx(index).

```
>>> my_context.num_ranges()
1
>>> my_range = my_context.range_by_idx(0)
```

Querying actions

Inside a *range*, kernel profiling results are called *actions*. You can query the number of *actions* contained in a given *range* by using the **num_actions** method of an **IRange** object.

```
>>> my_range.num_actions()
2
```

In the same way ranges can be obtained from an **IContext** object by using the **range_by_idx(index)** method, individual actions can be obtained from **IRange** objects by using the **action_by_idx(index)** method. The resulting actions are represented by the **IAction** class.

```
>>> my_action = my_range.action_by_idx(0)
```

As mentioned previously, an *action* represents a single kernel profiling result. To query the kernel's name you can use the **name()** member function of the **IAction** class.

```
>>> my_action.name()
MyKernel
```

Querying metrics

To get a tuple of all metric names contained within an *action* you can use the metric_names() method. It is meant to be combined with the metric_by_name() method which returns an IMetric object. However, for the same task you may also use the [] operator, as explained in the High-Level Interface section below.

The metric names displayed here are the same as the ones you can use with the -metrics flag of NVIDIA Nsight Compute. Once you have extracted a *metric* from an *action*, you can obtain its value by using one of the following three methods:

- as string() to obtain its value as a Python str
- ▶ as uint64() to obtain its value as a Python int
- ▶ as double() to obtain its value as a Python float

For example, to print the display name of the GPU on which the kernel was profiled you can query the **device__attribute_display_name** metric.

```
>>> display_name_metric =
  my_action.metric_by_name('device__attribute_display_name')
>>> display_name_metric.as_string()
'NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3060 Ti'
```

Note that accessing a metric with the wrong type can lead to unexpected (conversion) results.

```
>>> display_name_metric.as_double()
0.0
```

Therefore, it is advisable to directly use the High-Level function **value()**, as explained below.

4.2. High-Level Interface

On top of the low-level NvRules API the Python Report Interface also implements part of the Python object model. By implementing special methods, the Python Report Interface's exposed classes can be used with built-in Python mechanisms such as iteration, string formatting and length querying.

This allows you to access *metrics* objects via the **self[key]** instance method of the **IAction** class:

```
>>> display_name_metric = my_action["device__attribute_display_name"]
```

There is also a convenience method **IMetric.value()** which allows you to query the value of a *metric* object without knowledge of its type:

```
>>> display_name_metric.value()
'NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3060 Ti'
```

All the available methods of a class, as well as their associated Python docstrings, can be looked up interactively via

```
>>> help(ncu_report.IMetric)
```

or similarly for other classes and methods. In your code, you can access the docstrings via the __doc__ attribute, i.e. ncu_report.IMetric.value.__doc__.

4.3. Metric attributes

Apart from the possibility to query the name() and value() of an IMetric object, you can also query the following additional metric attributes:

```
metric type()
```

- metric subtype()
- rollup operation()
- unit()
- description()

The first method metric_type() returns one out of three enum values (IMetric.MetricType_COUNTER, IMetric.MetricType_RATIO, IMetric.MetricType_THROUGHPUT) if the metric is a hardware metric, or IMetric.MetricType OTHER otherwise (e.g. for launch or device attributes).

The method metric_subtype() returns an enum value representing the subtype of a metric (e.g. IMetric.MetricSubtype_PEAK_SUSTAINED,
IMetric.MetricSubtype_PER_CYCLE_ACTIVE). In case a metric does not have a subtype, None is returned. All available values (without the necessary
IMetric.MetricSubtype_prefix) may be found in the NvRules API documentation, or may be looked up interactively by executing help(ncu_report.IMetric).

IMetric.rollup_operation() returns the operation which is used to accumulate
different values of the same metric and can be one of IMetric.RollupOperation_AVG,
IMetric.RollupOperation_MAX, IMetric.RollupOperation_MIN or
IMetric.RollupOperation_SUM for averaging, maximum, minimum or summation,
respectively. If the metric in question does not specify a rollup operation None will be
returned.

Lastly, unit() and description() return a (possibly empty) string of the metric's *unit* and a short textual *description* for hardware metrics, respectively.

The above methods can be combined to filter through all *metrics* of a report, given certain criteria:

```
for metric in metrics:
   if metric.metric_type() == IMetric.MetricType_COUNTER and \
        metric.metric_subtype() == IMetric.MetricSubtype_PER_SECOND and \
        metric.rollup_operation() == IMetric.RollupOperation_AVG:
        print(f"{metric.name()}: {metric.value()} {metric.unit()}")
```

4.4. NVTX Support

The ncu_report has support for the NVIDIA Tools Extension (NVTX). This comes through the INvtxState object which represents the NVTX state of a profiled kernel.

An INvtxState object can be obtained from an action by using its nvtx_state() method. It exposes the domains() method which returns a tuple of integers representing the domains this kernel has state in. These integers can be used with the domain_by_id(id) method to get an INvtxDomainInfo object which represents the state of a domain.

The INvtxDomainInfo can be used to obtain a tuple of *Push-Pop*, or *Start-End* ranges using the push_pop_ranges() and start_end_ranges() methods.

There is also a **actions_by_nvtx** member function in the **IRange** class which allows you to get a tuple of actions matching the NVTX state described in its parameter.

The parameters for the actions_by_nvtx function are two lists of strings representing the state for which we want to query the actions. The first parameter describes the NVTX states to include while the second one describes the NVTX states to exclude. These strings are in the same format as the ones used with the --nvtx-include and --nvtx-exclude options.

4.5. Sample Script

NVTX Push-Pop range filtering

This is a sample script which loads a report and prints the names of all the profiled kernels which were wrapped inside **BottomRange** and **TopRange** *Push-Pop ranges* of the default NVTX domain.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
import ncu_report
if len(sys.argv) != 2:
    print("usage: {} report_file".format(sys.argv[0]), file=sys.stderr)
    sys.exit(1)

report = ncu_report.load_report(sys.argv[1])

for range_idx in range(report.num_ranges()):
    current_range = report.range_by_idx(range_idx)
    for action_idx in current_range.actions_by_nvtx(["BottomRange/*/TopRange"],
    []):
        action = current_range.action_by_idx(action_idx)
        print(action.name())
```

Chapter 5. SOURCE COUNTERS

The *Source* page provides correlation of various metrics with CUDA-C, PTX and SASS source of the application, depending on availability.

Which *Source Counter* metrics are collected and the order in which they are displayed in this page is controlled using section files, specifically using the *ProfilerSectionMetrics* message type. Each *ProfilerSectionMetrics* defines one ordered group of metrics, and can be assigned an optional *Order* value. This value defines the ordering among those groups in the *Source* page. This allows, for example, you to define a group of memory-related source counters in one and a group of instruction-related counters in another section file.

```
Identifier: "SourceMetrics"
DisplayName: "Custom Source Metrics"
Metrics {
   Order: 2
   Metrics {
      Label: "Instructions Executed"
      Name: "inst_executed"
   }
   Metrics {
      Label: ""
      Name: "collected_but_not_shown"
   }
}
```

If a *Source Counter* metric is given an empty label attribute in the section file, it will be collected but not shown on the page.

	#	Address	Source	Sampling Data (All)	Sampling Data (No Issue)	Instructions Executed	Predicated-On Thread Instructions Executed
>	1	16ff2d80 @!PT	SHFL.IDX PT, RZ, RZ, RZ	45	1	65,536	2,097,152
	2	16ff2d90	IMAD.MOV.U32 R1, RZ, RZ, c[0x0][0x28]	18	0	65,536	2,097,152
	3	16ff2da0	S2R R2, SR_CTAID.Y	5	4	65,536	2,097,152
	4	16ff2db0	S2R R3, SR_CTAID.X	0	1	65,536	2,097,152
	5	16ff2dc0	S2R R5, SR_TID.Y	0	1	65,536	2,097,152
	6	16ff2dd0	S2R R0, SR_TID.X	1	2	65,536	2,097,152
	7	16ff2de0	IMAD R2, R2, c[0x0][0xc], R3 {0}	9	13	65,536	2,097,152
	8	16ff2df0	IMAD R2, R2, c[@x0][@x4], R5 {1}	3	2	65,536	2,097,152
	9	16ff2e00	IMAD R2, R2, c[0x0][0x0], R0 {2}	3	5	65,536	2,097,152
	10	16ff2e10	ISETP.GE.U32.AND P0, PT, R2, c[0x0][0x168], PT, !PT	8	8	65,536	2,097,152
	11	16ff2e20	BSSY B0, 0xb16ff2f20	0	2	65,536	2,097,152
	12	16ff2e30	PRMT R3, RZ, 0x7610, R3	0	1	65,536	2,097,152
	13	16ff2e40 @P0	BRA 0xb16ff2f10	2	6	65,536	2,097,152
	14	16ff2e50	LOP3.LUT R4, R2.reuse, 0x7f, RZ, 0xc0, !PT	0	3	65,536	2,097,152
	15	16ff2e60	LOP3.LUT R3, R2, 0xffffff80, RZ, 0xc0, !PT	0	0	65,536	2,097,152
	16	16ff2e70	IMAD.SHL.U32 R4, R4, 0x4, RZ	0	3	65,536	2,097,152
	17	16ff2e80	IMAD R3, R3, 0x330, R4	0	2	65,536	2,097,152
	18	16ff2e90	IADD3 R6, P0, R3, c[0x3][0x430], RZ	37	7	65,536	2,097,152
	19	16ff2ea0	IMAD.X R7, RZ, RZ, C[0X3][0X434], P0	2	0	65,536	2,097,152
	20	16ff2eb0	LDG.E.U8.STRONG.CTA R6, [R6+0x10003]	6	0	65,536	2,097,152
	21	16ff2ec0	IMAD.MOV.U32 R3, RZ, RZ, 0x1	0	0	65,536	2,097,152
	22	16ff2ed0	SHF.L.U32 R3, R3, R6, RZ {0}	519	165	65,536	2,097,152
	23	16ff2ee0	LOP3.LUT R3, R3, c[0x0][0x16c], RZ, 0xc0, !PT	2	6	65,536	2,097,152

Chapter 6. REPORT FILE FORMAT

This section documents the internals of the profiler report files (reports in the following) as created by NVIDIA Nsight Compute. The file format is subject to change in future releases without prior notice.

6.1. Version 7 Format

Reports of version 7 are a combination of raw binary data and serialized Google Protocol Buffer version 2 messages (proto). All binary entries are stored as little endian. Protocol buffer definitions are in the NVIDIA Nsight Compute installation directory under extras/FileFormat.

Table 1 Top-level report file format

Offset [bytes]	Entry	Туре	Value
0	Magic Number	Binary	NVR\0
4	Integer	Binary	sizeof(File Header)
8	File Header	Proto	Report version
8 + sizeof(File Header)	Block 0	Mixed	CUDA CUBIN source, profile results, session information
8 + sizeof(File Header) + sizeof(Block 0)	Block 1	Mixed	CUDA CUBIN source, profile results, session information

Table 2 Per-Block report file format

Offset [bytes]	Entry	Туре	Value
0	Integer	Binary	sizeof(Block Header)

Offset [bytes]	Entry	Туре	Value
4	Block Header	Proto	Number of entries per payload type, payload size
4 + sizeof(Block Header)	Block Payload	Mixed	Payload (CUDA CUBIN sources, profile results, session information, string table)

Table 3 Block payload report file format

Offset [bytes]	Entry	Туре	Value
0	Integer	Binary	sizeof(Payload type 1, entry 1)
4	Payload type 1, entry 1	Proto	
4 + sizeof(Payload type 1, entry 1)	Integer	Binary	sizeof(Payload type 1, entry 2)
8 + sizeof(Payload type 1, entry 1)	Payload type 1, entry 2	Proto	
	Integer	Binary	sizeof(Payload type 2, entry 1)
	Payload type 2, entry 1	Proto	

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