



Virtual GPU Software R570 for XenServer

Release Notes

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Chapter 1. Release Notes

These *Release Notes* summarize current status, information on validated platforms, and known issues with NVIDIA vGPU software and associated hardware on XenServer.



Note: The most current version of the documentation for this release of NVIDIA vGPU software can be found online at [NVIDIA Virtual GPU Software Documentation](#).

1.1. NVIDIA vGPU Software Driver Versions

Each release in this release family of NVIDIA vGPU software includes a specific version of the NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager, NVIDIA Windows driver, and NVIDIA Linux driver.

NVIDIA vGPU Software Version	NVIDIA Virtual GPU Manager Version	NVIDIA Windows Driver Version	NVIDIA Linux Driver Version
18.2	570.148.06	573.07	570.148.08
18.1	570.133.10	572.83	570.133.20
18.0	570.124.03	572.60	570.124.06

For details of which XenServer releases are supported, see [Hypervisor Software Releases](#).

1.2. Compatibility Requirements for the NVIDIA vGPU Manager and Guest VM Driver

The releases of the NVIDIA vGPU Manager and guest VM drivers that you install must be compatible. If you install an incompatible guest VM driver release for the release of the vGPU Manager that you are using, the NVIDIA vGPU fails to load.

See [VM running an incompatible NVIDIA vGPU guest driver fails to initialize vGPU when booted](#).



Note: You must use [NVIDIA License System](#) with every release in this release family of NVIDIA vGPU software. All releases in this release family of NVIDIA vGPU software are **incompatible** with all releases of the NVIDIA vGPU software license server.

Compatible NVIDIA vGPU Manager and Guest VM Driver Releases

The following combinations of NVIDIA vGPU Manager and guest VM driver releases are compatible with each other.

- ▶ NVIDIA vGPU Manager with guest VM drivers from the same release
- ▶ NVIDIA vGPU Manager with guest VM drivers from different releases within the same major release branch
- ▶ NVIDIA vGPU Manager from a later major release branch with guest VM drivers from the previous branch



Note:

When NVIDIA vGPU Manager is used with guest VM drivers from a different release within the same branch or from the previous branch, the combination supports **only** the features, hardware, and software (including guest OSes) that are supported on both releases.

For example, if vGPU Manager from release 18.2 is used with guest drivers from release 16.4, the combination does **not** support Windows Server 2019 because NVIDIA vGPU software release 18.2 does not support Windows Server 2019.

The following table lists the specific software releases that are compatible with the components in the NVIDIA vGPU software 18 major release branch.

NVIDIA vGPU Software Component	Releases	Compatible Software Releases
NVIDIA vGPU Manager	18.0 through 18.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Guest VM driver releases 18.0 through 18.2 ▶ All guest VM driver 17.x releases
Guest VM drivers	18.0 through 18.2	NVIDIA vGPU Manager releases 18.0 through 18.2

Incompatible NVIDIA vGPU Manager and Guest VM Driver Releases

The following combinations of NVIDIA vGPU Manager and guest VM driver releases are incompatible with each other.

- ▶ NVIDIA vGPU Manager from a later major release branch with guest VM drivers from a production branch two or more major releases before the release of the vGPU Manager
- ▶ NVIDIA vGPU Manager from an earlier major release branch with guest VM drivers from a later branch

The following table lists the specific software releases that are incompatible with the components in the NVIDIA vGPU software 18 major release branch.

NVIDIA vGPU Software Component	Releases	Incompatible Software Releases
NVIDIA vGPU Manager	18.0 through 18.2	All guest VM driver releases 16.x and earlier
Guest VM drivers	18.0 through 18.2	All NVIDIA vGPU Manager releases 17.x and earlier

1.3. Updates in Release 18.2

New Features in Release 18.2

- ▶ Miscellaneous bug fixes

1.4. Updates in Release 18.1

New Features in Release 18.1

- ▶ Security updates - see *Security Bulletin: NVIDIA GPU Display Driver - April 2025*, which is posted shortly after the release date of this software and is listed on the [NVIDIA Product Security](#) page
- ▶ Miscellaneous bug fixes

1.5. Updates in Release 18.0

New Features in Release 18.0

- ▶ Support for manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode
- ▶ NVIDIA NSight Systems video hardware profiling
- ▶ Miscellaneous bug fixes

Newly Supported Hardware and Software in Release 18.0

- ▶ Newly supported guest OSes:
 - ▶ Microsoft Windows Server 2025

Feature Support Withdrawn in Release 18.0

- ▶ Releases of the Delegated License Service (DLS) virtual appliance earlier than 3.4 are no longer supported.

If you are using a DLS instance to serve licenses, ensure that you are using at minimum release 3.4 of the DLS virtual appliance.

For more information about the prerequisites for licensing this release of NVIDIA vGPU software, refer to [NVIDIA License System User Guide](#). These requirements are met automatically for Cloud License Service (CLS) instances, which are hosted on the NVIDIA Licensing Portal.

Chapter 2. Validated Platforms

This release family of NVIDIA vGPU software provides support for several NVIDIA GPUs on validated server hardware platforms, XenServer hypervisor software versions, and guest operating systems. It also supports the version of NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit that is compatible with R570 drivers.

2.1. Supported NVIDIA GPUs and Validated Server Platforms

This release of NVIDIA vGPU software on XenServer provides support for several NVIDIA GPUs running on validated server hardware platforms.

For a list of validated server platforms, refer to [NVIDIA GRID Certified Servers](#).

The supported products for each type of NVIDIA vGPU software deployment depend on the GPU.

GPUs Based on the NVIDIA Ada Lovelace Architecture



Note: The manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode is **not** supported on GPUs based on the NVIDIA Ada Lovelace architecture.

GPU	SR-IOV - XenServer Releases	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
		Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
NVIDIA L40S	XenServer 8.4	N/A	XenServer 8.4	▶ vWS	▶ vWS
	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vApps

GPU	SR-IOV - XenServer Releases	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
		Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
NVIDIA L40	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA L20	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA L20 liquid cooled	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA L4	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA L2	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA RTX 5880 Ada	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA RTX 5000 Ada	XenServer 8.4	N/A	XenServer 8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPU	SR-IOV - XenServer Releases	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
		Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		

GPUs Based on the NVIDIA Ampere Architecture



Note: The manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode is not supported on GPUs based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture.

GPU	SR-IOV - XenServer Releases	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
		Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
NVIDIA A40 ⁴	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA A16	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA A10	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA A2	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
NVIDIA RTX A6000 ⁴	XenServer 8.4	N/A	XenServer 8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPU	SR-IOV - XenServer Releases	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
		Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vApps	
NVIDIA RTX A5500 ⁴	XenServer 8.4	N/A	XenServer 8.4	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		
NVIDIA RTX A5000 ⁴	XenServer 8.4	N/A	XenServer 8.4	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2		

GPUs Based on the NVIDIA Turing Architecture



Note: SR-IOV and the manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode are **not** supported on GPUs based on the NVIDIA Turing™ architecture.

GPU	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1,2,3}	
	Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
Tesla T4	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Quadro RTX 6000 ⁴	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Quadro RTX 6000 passive ⁴	N/A	XenServer 8.4	▶ vWS ▶ vPC	▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPU	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1, 2, 3}	
	Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
		Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vApps	
Quadro RTX 8000 ⁴	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Quadro RTX 8000 passive ⁴	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPUs Based on the NVIDIA Volta Architecture



Note: SR-IOV and the manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode are **not** supported on GPUs based on the NVIDIA Volta architecture.

GPU	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1, 2, 3}	
	Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
Tesla V100 SXM2	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Tesla V100 PCIe	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps	▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPU	Mixed vGPU Configuration - XenServer Releases		Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1, 2, 3}	
	Frame Buffer Size (Mixed-Size Mode)	Series	NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps
Tesla V100 FHHL	N/A	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps

GPUs Based on the NVIDIA Maxwell Graphic Architecture



Note:

The following NVIDIA vGPU software features are **not** supported on GPUs based on the NVIDIA NVIDIA Maxwell™ graphic architecture:

- ▶ SR-IOV
- ▶ Configuration of vGPUs with different amounts of frame buffer on the same physical GPU (mixed-size mode)
- ▶ Manual placement of vGPUs on GPUs in equal-size mode

GPU	Mixed vGPU Series Configuration - XenServer Releases	Supported NVIDIA vGPU Software Products ^{1, 2, 3}	
		NVIDIA vGPU	GPU Pass Through
Tesla M10	XenServer 8.4 Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vPC ▶ vApps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ vWS ▶ vApps

¹ The supported products are as follows:

2.1.1. Support for a Mixture of Time-Sliced vGPU Types on the Same GPU

XenServer supports a mixture of time-sliced vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer from different virtual GPU series on the same physical GPU. A-series, B-series, and Q-series vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer, for example, A40-2B and A40-2Q, can reside on the same physical GPU simultaneously. However, vGPUs with different amounts of frame buffer are not supported on the same GPU.

For example, the following combinations of vGPUs are **not** supported on the same GPU:

- ▶ A40-2Q and A40-4Q
- ▶ A40-2B and A40-4Q

2.1.2. Switching the Mode of a GPU that Supports Multiple Display Modes

Some GPUs support display-off and display-enabled modes but must be used in NVIDIA vGPU software deployments in display-off mode.

The GPUs listed in the following table support multiple display modes. As shown in the table, some GPUs are supplied from the factory in display-off mode, but other GPUs are supplied in a display-enabled mode.

GPU	Mode as Supplied from the Factory
NVIDIA A40	Display-off
NVIDIA L40	Display-off
NVIDIA L40S	Display-off
NVIDIA L20	Display-off
NVIDIA L20 liquid cooled	Display-off
NVIDIA RTX 5000 Ada	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX A5000	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX A5500	Display enabled
NVIDIA RTX A6000	Display enabled

A GPU that is supplied from the factory in display-off mode, such as the NVIDIA A40 GPU, might be in a display-enabled mode if its mode has previously been changed.

- ▶ vWS: NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation
- ▶ vPC: NVIDIA Virtual PC
- ▶ vApps: NVIDIA Virtual Applications

² N/A indicates that the deployment is not supported.

³ vApps is supported only on Windows operating systems.

⁴ This GPU is supported only in displayless mode. In displayless mode, local physical display connectors are disabled.

To change the mode of a GPU that supports multiple display modes, use the `displaymodeselector` tool, which you can request from the [NVIDIA Display Mode Selector Tool](#) page on the NVIDIA Developer website.



Note: Only the GPUs listed in the table support the `displaymodeselector` tool. Other GPUs that support NVIDIA vGPU software do not support the `displaymodeselector` tool and, unless otherwise stated, do not require display mode switching.

2.2. Hypervisor Software Releases

Reversion to the XenServer Name for Hypervisor Software

Citrix has reverted the name of its hypervisor software for releases after Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 to XenServer.

For more information, visit the [XenServer](#) website.



Note: The name of the Citrix virtual desktop software product and the format of its release numbers remain unchanged.

Supported XenServer Releases

This release family of NVIDIA vGPU software is supported on the XenServer releases listed in the table.



Note:

Support for Citrix Hypervisor requires the Premium Edition (previously Enterprise Edition) of Citrix Hypervisor. For details, see [Licensing](#) in the Citrix documentation.

Cumulative update releases for a base release of XenServer are compatible with the base release and can also be used with this version of NVIDIA vGPU software unless expressly stated otherwise.

Software	Releases Supported	Notes
XenServer 8.4	XenServer 8.4 and all updates to XenServer 8.4.	This release supports XenMotion with vGPU on suitable GPUs as listed in XenMotion with vGPU Support .
Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	RTM build and compatible cumulative update releases	This release supports XenMotion with vGPU on suitable GPUs as listed in XenMotion with vGPU Support .

Supported Virtual Desktop Software Releases

This release supports **only** the virtual desktop software releases listed in the table. Except where otherwise stated, HDX 3D Pro mode is supported but not required.

Software	Releases Supported
Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops	<div data-bbox="597 470 1424 569">  Note: All versions supported by earlier NVIDIA vGPU software 18 releases are also supported. </div> <p>Versions 7 2411, 7 2407, 7 2402, 7 2311, 7 2308 7 2305, 7 2303, 7 2212, 7 2209, 7 2206, 7 2203, 7 2112, 7 2109, 7 2106, 7 2103, 7 2012, 7 2009, 7 2006, 7 2003, 7 1912, 7 1909, 7 1906, and 7 1903</p>
XenApp/XenDesktop	<p>Version 7.15</p> <div data-bbox="597 806 1424 947">  Note: Version 7.15 is supported only in HDX 3D Pro mode. HDX 3D Pro mode is required to ensure that the NVIDIA GPU can be used unrestricted. </div>

2.3. Guest OS Support

NVIDIA vGPU software supports several Windows releases and Linux distributions as a guest OS. The supported guest operating systems depend on the hypervisor software version.



Note:

Use only a guest OS release that is listed as supported by NVIDIA vGPU software with your virtualization software. To be listed as supported, a guest OS release must be supported not only by NVIDIA vGPU software, but also by your virtualization software. NVIDIA **cannot** support guest OS releases that your virtualization software does not support.

NVIDIA vGPU software supports **only** 64-bit guest operating systems. No 32-bit guest operating systems are supported.

2.3.1. Windows Guest OS Support

NVIDIA vGPU software supports **only** the 64-bit Windows releases listed as a guest OS on XenServer. The releases of XenServer for which a Windows release is supported depend on whether NVIDIA vGPU or pass-through GPU is used.



Note:

If a specific release, even an update release, is not listed, it's **not** supported.

Windows Enterprise multi-session is **not** supported.

XenMotion with vGPU is supported on supported Windows guest OS releases.

2.3.1.1. Windows Guest OS Support in Release 18.2

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Windows Server 2022	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4
Windows 11 24H2 and all Windows 11 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release	XenServer 8.4	XenServer 8.4
Windows 10 2022 Update (22H2) and all Windows 10 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release See Note (1)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4



Note:

1. The hardware-accelerated GPU scheduling feature introduced in Windows 10 May 2020 Update (2004) is **not** supported on GPUs based on the Maxwell architecture and is supported only in pass-through mode on GPUs based on later architectures.

2.3.1.2. Windows Guest OS Support in Release 18.1

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Windows Server 2022	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Windows 11 24H2 and all Windows 11 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release	XenServer 8	XenServer 8
Windows 10 2022 Update (22H2) and all Windows 10 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release See Note (1)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8



Note:

1. The hardware-accelerated GPU scheduling feature introduced in Windows 10 May 2020 Update (2004) is **not** supported on GPUs based on the Maxwell architecture and is supported only in pass-through mode on GPUs based on later architectures.

2.3.1.3. Windows Guest OS Support in Release 18.0

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Windows Server 2022	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Windows 11 24H2 and all Windows 11 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release	XenServer 8	XenServer 8
Windows 10 2022 Update (22H2) and all Windows 10 releases supported by Microsoft up to and including this release See Note (1)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8



Note:

1. The hardware-accelerated GPU scheduling feature introduced in Windows 10 May 2020 Update (2004) is **not** supported on GPUs based on the Maxwell architecture and is supported only in pass-through mode on GPUs based on later architectures.

2.3.2. Linux Guest OS Support

NVIDIA vGPU software supports **only** the Linux distributions listed as a guest OS on XenServer. The releases of XenServer for which a Linux release is supported depend on whether NVIDIA vGPU or pass-through GPU is used.



Note:

If a specific release, even an update release, is not listed, it's **not** supported.
XenMotion with vGPU is **not** supported on any Linux guest OS release.
Rocky Linux releases that are compatible with supported Red Hat Enterprise Linux releases are also supported as a guest OS.

2.3.2.1. Linux Guest OS Support in Release 18.2

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.10	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4
Deprecated: CentOS Linux 8 (2105)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
	XenServer 8.4	XenServer 8.4
Ubuntu 20.04 LTS	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8.4

2.3.2.2. Linux Guest OS Support in Release 18.1

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.10	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Deprecated: CentOS Linux 8 (2105)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Ubuntu 20.04 LTS	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8

2.3.2.3. Linux Guest OS Support in Release 18.0

Guest OS	NVIDIA vGPU - XenServer Releases	Pass-Through GPU - XenServer Releases
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.10	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 8.8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Deprecated: CentOS Linux 8 (2105)	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8
Ubuntu 20.04 LTS	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8	Citrix Hypervisor 8.2 XenServer 8

2.4. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit Version Support

The releases in this release family of NVIDIA vGPU software support NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit 12.8.

To build a CUDA application, the system must have the NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit and the libraries required for linking. For details of the components of NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit, refer to [NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit 12.8 Release Notes](#).

To run a CUDA application, the system must have a CUDA-enabled GPU and an NVIDIA display driver that is compatible with the NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit release that was used to build the application. If the application relies on dynamic linking for libraries, the system must also have the correct version of these libraries.

For more information about NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit, refer to [CUDA Toolkit Documentation 12.8](#).



Note:

If you are using NVIDIA vGPU software with CUDA on Linux, avoid conflicting installation methods by installing CUDA from a distribution-independent runfile package. Do not install CUDA from a distribution-specific RPM or Deb package.

To ensure that the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is not overwritten when CUDA is installed, deselect the CUDA driver when selecting the CUDA components to install.

For more information, see [NVIDIA CUDA Installation Guide for Linux](#).

2.5. XenMotion with vGPU Support

XenMotion with vGPU is supported on all supported GPUs, but only on a subset of supported XenServer releases and guest operating systems.

Limitations with XenMotion with vGPU Support

vGPU migration is disabled for a VM for which any of the following NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit features is enabled:

- ▶ Unified memory
- ▶ Debuggers
- ▶ Profilers

Supported Hypervisor Software Releases

XenServer 8.4

Citrix Hypervisor 8.2

Supported Guest OS Releases

Windows only. XenMotion with vGPU is **not** supported on Linux.

Known Issues with XenMotion with vGPU Support

Use Case	Affected GPUs	Issue
Simultaneous migration of multiple VMs	All GPUs that support XenMotion with vGPU	Hypervisor host reboots when multiple cloned VMs are simultaneously powered on or migrated
Migration between hosts with different ECC memory configuration	All GPUs that support XenMotion with vGPU	Migration of VMs configured with vGPU stops before the migration is complete

2.6. Multiple vGPU Support

To support applications and workloads that are compute or graphics intensive, multiple vGPUs can be added to a single VM. The assignment of more than one vGPU to a VM is supported only on a subset of vGPUs and hypervisor software releases.

2.6.1. vGPUs that Support Multiple vGPUs Assigned to a VM

Only Q-series vGPUs that are allocated all of the physical GPU's frame buffer are supported.

Multiple vGPU Support on the NVIDIA Ada Lovelace Architecture

Board	vGPU
NVIDIA L40S	L40S-48Q
NVIDIA L40	L40-48Q
NVIDIA L20	L20-48Q
NVIDIA L20 liquid cooled	
NVIDIA L4	L4-24Q
NVIDIA L2	L2-24Q
NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada	RTX 6000 Ada-48Q
NVIDIA RTX 5880 Ada	RTX 5880 Ada-48Q
NVIDIA RTX 5000 Ada	RTX 5000 Ada-32Q

Multiple vGPU Support on the NVIDIA Ampere GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
NVIDIA A40	A40-48Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA A16	A16-16Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA A10	A10-24Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA A2	A2-16Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA RTX A6000	A6000-48Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA RTX A5500	A5500-24Q See Note (1).
NVIDIA RTX A5000	A5000-24Q See Note (1).

Multiple vGPU Support on the NVIDIA Turing GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
Tesla T4	T4-16Q
Quadro RTX 6000	RTX6000-24Q
Quadro RTX 6000 passive	RTX6000P-24Q
Quadro RTX 8000	RTX8000-48Q
Quadro RTX 8000 passive	RTX8000P-48Q

Multiple vGPU Support on the NVIDIA Volta GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB	V100DX-32Q
Tesla V100 PCIe 32GB	V100D-32Q
Tesla V100S PCIe 32GB	V100S-32Q
Tesla V100 SXM2	V100X-16Q
Tesla V100 PCIe	V100-16Q
Tesla V100 FHHL	V100L-16Q

Multiple vGPU Support on the NVIDIA Maxwell GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
Tesla M10	M10-8Q



Note:

1. This type of vGPU cannot be assigned with other types of vGPU to the same VM.

2.6.2. Maximum Number of vGPUs Supported per VM

NVIDIA vGPU software supports up to a maximum of 16 vGPUs per VM.

2.6.3. Hypervisor Releases that Support Multiple vGPUs Assigned to a VM

All hypervisor releases that support NVIDIA vGPU software are supported.

2.7. Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfers over NVLink Support

Peer-to-peer CUDA transfers enable device memory between vGPUs on different GPUs that are assigned to the same VM to be accessed from within the CUDA kernels. NVLink is a high-bandwidth interconnect that enables fast communication between such vGPUs. Peer-to-Peer CUDA transfers over NVLink are supported only on a subset of vGPUs, XenServer releases, and guest OS releases.

2.7.1. vGPUs that Support Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfers

Only Q-series vGPUs that are allocated all of the physical GPU's frame buffer on physical GPUs that support NVLink are supported.

Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfer Support on the NVIDIA Ampere GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
NVIDIA A40	A40-48Q
NVIDIA A10	A10-24Q
NVIDIA RTX A6000	A6000-48Q
NVIDIA RTX A5500	A5500-24Q
NVIDIA RTX A5000	A5000-24Q

Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfer Support on the NVIDIA Turing GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
Quadro RTX 6000	RTX6000-24Q
Quadro RTX 6000 passive	RTX6000P-24Q
Quadro RTX 8000	RTX8000-48Q
Quadro RTX 8000 passive	RTX8000P-48Q

Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfer Support on the NVIDIA Volta GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
Tesla V100 SXM2 32GB	V100DX-32Q
Tesla V100 SXM2	V100X-16Q

2.7.2. Hypervisor Releases that Support Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfers

Peer-to-Peer CUDA transfers over NVLink are supported on all hypervisor releases that support the assignment of more than one vGPU to a VM. For details, see [Multiple vGPU Support](#).

2.7.3. Guest OS Releases that Support Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfers

Linux only. Peer-to-Peer CUDA transfers over NVLink are **not** supported on Windows.

2.7.4. Limitations on Support for Peer-to-Peer CUDA Transfers

- ▶ NVSwitch is not supported. Only direct connections are supported.
- ▶ PCIe is not supported.
- ▶ SLI is not supported.

2.8. Unified Memory Support

Unified memory is a single memory address space that is accessible from any CPU or GPU in a system. It creates a pool of managed memory that is shared between the CPU and GPU to provide a simple way to allocate and access data that can be used by code

running on any CPU or GPU in the system. Unified memory is supported only on a subset of vGPUs and guest OS releases.



Note: Unified memory is disabled by default. If used, you must enable unified memory individually for each vGPU that requires it by setting a vGPU plugin parameter. NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers are supported and can be enabled on a VM for which unified memory is enabled.

2.8.1. vGPUs that Support Unified Memory

Only Q-series vGPUs that are allocated all of the physical GPU's frame buffer on physical GPUs that support unified memory are supported.

Unified Memory Support on the NVIDIA Ada Lovelace GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
NVIDIA L40	L40-48Q
NVIDIA L40S	L40S-48Q
NVIDIA L20	L20-48Q
NVIDIA L20 liquid cooled	
NVIDIA L4	L4-24Q
NVIDIA L2	L2-24Q
NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada	RTX 6000 Ada-48Q
NVIDIA RTX 5880 Ada	RTX 5880 Ada-48Q
NVIDIA RTX 5000 Ada	RTX 5000 Ada-32Q

Unified Memory Support on the NVIDIA Ampere GPU Architecture

Board	vGPU
NVIDIA A40	A40-48Q
NVIDIA A16	A16-16Q
NVIDIA A10	A10-24Q
NVIDIA A2	A2-16Q
NVIDIA RTX A6000	A6000-48Q
NVIDIA RTX A5500	A5500-24Q
NVIDIA RTX A5000	A5000-24Q

2.8.2. Guest OS Releases that Support Unified Memory

Linux only. Unified memory is **not** supported on Windows.

2.8.3. Limitations on Support for Unified Memory

- ▶ Only Q-series vGPUs that are allocated all of the physical GPU's frame buffer on physical GPUs that support unified memory are supported. Fractional time-sliced vGPUs are **not** supported.
- ▶ When unified memory is enabled for a VM, XenMotion with vGPU is disabled for the VM.

2.9. NVIDIA Deep Learning Super Sampling (DLSS) Support

NVIDIA vGPU software supports NVIDIA DLSS on NVIDIA RTX Virtual Workstation.

Supported DLSS versions: 2.0. Version 1.0 is **not** supported.

Supported GPUs:

- ▶ NVIDIA L40
- ▶ NVIDIA L40S
- ▶ NVIDIA L20
- ▶ NVIDIA L20 liquid cooled
- ▶ NVIDIA L4
- ▶ NVIDIA L2
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX 6000 Ada
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX 5880 Ada
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX 5000 Ada
- ▶ NVIDIA A40
- ▶ NVIDIA A16
- ▶ NVIDIA A2
- ▶ NVIDIA A10
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX A6000
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX A5500
- ▶ NVIDIA RTX A5000
- ▶ Tesla T4

- ▶ Quadro RTX 8000
- ▶ Quadro RTX 8000 passive
- ▶ Quadro RTX 6000
- ▶ Quadro RTX 6000 passive



Note: NVIDIA graphics driver components that DLSS requires are installed only if a supported GPU is detected during installation of the driver. Therefore, if the creation of VM templates includes driver installation, the template should be created from a VM that is configured with a supported GPU while the driver is being installed.

Supported applications: only applications that use `nvngx_d1ss.dll` version 2.0.18 or newer

Chapter 3. Known Product Limitations

Known product limitations for this release of NVIDIA vGPU software are described in the following sections.

3.1. vGPUs of different sizes on the same GPU are not supported

XenServer supports a mixture of time-sliced vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer from different virtual GPU series on the same physical GPU. A-series, B-series, and Q-series vGPUs with the same amount of frame buffer, for example, A40-2B and A40-2Q, can reside on the same physical GPU simultaneously. However, vGPUs with different amounts of frame buffer are not supported on the same GPU.

3.2. NVENC does not support resolutions greater than 4096×4096

Description

The NVIDIA hardware-based H.264 video encoder (NVENC) does not support resolutions greater than 4096×4096. This restriction applies to all NVIDIA GPU architectures and is imposed by the GPU encoder hardware itself, not by NVIDIA vGPU software. The maximum supported resolution for each encoding scheme is listed in the documentation for [NVIDIA Video Codec SDK](#). This limitation affects any remoting tool where H.264 encoding is used with a resolution greater than 4096×4096. Most supported remoting tools fall back to software encoding in such scenarios.

Workaround

If your GPU is based on a GPU architecture later than the NVIDIA Maxwell[®] architecture, use H.265 encoding. H.265 is more efficient than H.264 encoding and has a maximum resolution of 8192×8192. On GPUs based on the NVIDIA Maxwell architecture, H.265 has the same maximum resolution as H.264, namely 4096×4096.



Note: Resolutions greater than 4096×4096 are supported only by the H.265 decoder that 64-bit client applications use. The H.265 decoder that 32-bit applications use supports a maximum resolution of 4096×4096.

Because the client-side Workspace App on Windows is a 32-bit application, resolutions greater than 4096×4096 are not supported for Windows clients of Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops. Therefore, if you are using a Windows client with Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, ensure that you are using H.264 hardware encoding with the default [Use video codec for compression](#) Citrix graphics policy setting, namely **Actively Changing Regions**. This policy setting encodes only actively changing regions of the screen (for example, a window in which a video is playing). Provided that the number of pixels along any edge of the actively changing region does not exceed 4096, H.264 encoding is offloaded to the NVENC hardware encoder.

3.3. Nested Virtualization Is Not Supported by NVIDIA vGPU

NVIDIA vGPU deployments do not support nested virtualization, that is, running a hypervisor in a guest VM. For example, enabling the Hyper-V role in a guest VM running the Windows Server OS is **not** supported because it entails enabling nested virtualization. Similarly, enabling Windows Hypervisor Platform is not supported because it requires the Hyper-V role to be enabled.

3.4. Issues occur when the channels allocated to a vGPU are exhausted

Description

Issues occur when the channels allocated to a vGPU are exhausted and the guest VM to which the vGPU is assigned fails to allocate a channel to the vGPU. A physical GPU has a fixed number of channels and the number of channels allocated to each vGPU is inversely proportional to the maximum number of vGPUs allowed on the physical GPU.

When the channels allocated to a vGPU are exhausted and the guest VM fails to allocate a channel, the following errors are reported on the hypervisor host or in an NVIDIA bug report:

```
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0): Guest attempted to
allocate channel above its max channel limit 0xfb
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0): VGPU message 6
failed, result code: 0x1a
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0):
0xc1d004a1, 0xff0e0000, 0xff0400fb, 0xc36f,
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0):          0x1,
0xff1fe314, 0xff1fe038, 0x100b6f000, 0x1000,
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0):
0x80000000, 0xff0e0200, 0x0, 0x0, (Not logged),
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0):          0x1, 0x0
Jun 26 08:01:25 srvxen06f vgpu-3[14276]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0): , 0x0
```

Workaround

Use a vGPU type with more frame buffer, thereby reducing the maximum number of vGPUs allowed on the physical GPU. As a result, the number of channels allocated to each vGPU is increased.

3.5. Total frame buffer for vGPUs is less than the total frame buffer on the physical GPU

Some of the physical GPU's frame buffer is used by the hypervisor on behalf of the VM for allocations that the guest OS would otherwise have made in its own frame buffer. The frame buffer used by the hypervisor is not available for vGPUs on the physical GPU. In NVIDIA vGPU deployments, frame buffer for the guest OS is reserved in advance, whereas in bare-metal deployments, frame buffer for the guest OS is reserved on the basis of the runtime needs of applications.

If error-correcting code (ECC) memory is enabled on a physical GPU that does not have HBM2 memory, the amount of frame buffer that is usable by vGPUs is further reduced. All types of vGPU are affected, not just vGPUs that support ECC memory.

On all GPUs that support ECC memory and, therefore, dynamic page retirement, additional frame buffer is allocated for dynamic page retirement. The amount that is allocated is inversely proportional to the maximum number of vGPUs per physical GPU. All GPUs that support ECC memory are affected, even GPUs that have HBM2 memory or for which ECC memory is disabled.

The approximate amount of frame buffer that NVIDIA vGPU software reserves can be calculated from the following formula:

$$\text{max-reserved-fb} = \text{vgpu-profile-size-in-mb} \div 16 + 16 + \text{ecc-adjustments} + \text{page-retirement-allocation} + \text{compression-adjustment}$$

max-reserved-fb

The maximum total amount of reserved frame buffer in Mbytes that is not available for vGPUs.

vgpu-profile-size-in-mb

The amount of frame buffer in Mbytes allocated to a single vGPU. This amount depends on the vGPU type. For example, for the T4-16Q vGPU type, *vgpu-profile-size-in-mb* is 16384.

ecc-adjustments

The amount of frame buffer in Mbytes that is not usable by vGPUs when ECC is enabled on a physical GPU that does not have HBM2 memory.

- ▶ If ECC is enabled on a physical GPU that does not have HBM2 memory *ecc-adjustments* is $fb-without-ecc/16$, which is equivalent to 64 Mbytes for every Gbyte of frame buffer assigned to the vGPU. *fb-without-ecc* is total amount of frame buffer with ECC disabled.
- ▶ If ECC is disabled or the GPU has HBM2 memory, *ecc-adjustments* is 0.

page-retirement-allocation

The amount of frame buffer in Mbytes that is reserved for dynamic page retirement.

- ▶ On GPUs based on the NVIDIA Maxwell GPU architecture, *page-retirement-allocation* = $4 \div max-vgpus-per-gpu$.
- ▶ On GPUs based on NVIDIA GPU architectures **after** the Maxwell architecture, *page-retirement-allocation* = $128 \div max-vgpus-per-gpu$

max-vgpus-per-gpu

The maximum number of vGPUs that can be created simultaneously on a physical GPU. This number varies according to the vGPU type. For example, for the T4-16Q vGPU type, *max-vgpus-per-gpu* is 1.

compression-adjustment

The amount of frame buffer in Mbytes that is reserved for the higher compression overhead in vGPU types with 12 Gbytes or more of frame buffer on GPUs based on the Turing architecture.

compression-adjustment depends on the vGPU type as shown in the following table.

vGPU Type	Compression Adjustment (MB)
T4-16Q T4-16C T4-16A	28
RTX6000-12Q RTX6000-12C RTX6000-12A	32
RTX6000-24Q RTX6000-24C RTX6000-24A	104

vGPU Type	Compression Adjustment (MB)
RTX6000P-12Q RTX6000P-12C RTX6000P-12A	32
RTX6000P-24Q RTX6000P-24C RTX6000P-24A	104
RTX8000-12Q RTX8000-12C RTX8000-12A	32
RTX8000-16Q RTX8000-16C RTX8000-16A	64
RTX8000-24Q RTX8000-24C RTX8000-24A	96
RTX8000-48Q RTX8000-48C RTX8000-48A	238
RTX8000P-12Q RTX8000P-12C RTX8000P-12A	32
RTX8000P-16Q RTX8000P-16C RTX8000P-16A	64
RTX8000P-24Q RTX8000P-24C RTX8000P-24A	96
RTX8000P-48Q RTX8000P-48C RTX8000P-48A	238

For all other vGPU types, *compression-adjustment* is 0.



Note: In VMs running Windows Server 2012 R2, which supports Windows Display Driver Model (WDDM) 1.x, an additional 48 Mbytes of frame buffer are reserved and not available for vGPUs.

3.6. Issues may occur with graphics-intensive OpenCL applications on vGPU types with limited frame buffer

Description

Issues may occur when graphics-intensive OpenCL applications are used with vGPU types that have limited frame buffer. These issues occur when the applications demand more frame buffer than is allocated to the vGPU.

For example, these issues may occur with the Adobe Photoshop and LuxMark OpenCL Benchmark applications:

- ▶ When the image resolution and size are changed in Adobe Photoshop, a program error may occur or Photoshop may display a message about a problem with the graphics hardware and a suggestion to disable OpenCL.
- ▶ When the LuxMark OpenCL Benchmark application is run, XID error 31 may occur.

Workaround

For graphics-intensive OpenCL applications, use a vGPU type with more frame buffer.

3.7. In pass through mode, all GPUs connected to each other through NVLink must be assigned to the same VM

Description

In pass through mode, all GPUs connected to each other through NVLink must be assigned to the same VM. If a subset of GPUs connected to each other through NVLink is passed through to a VM, unrecoverable error XID 74 occurs when the VM is booted. This

error corrupts the NVLink state on the physical GPUs and, as a result, the NVLink bridge between the GPUs is unusable.

Workaround

Restore the NVLink state on the physical GPUs by resetting the GPUs or rebooting the hypervisor host.

3.8. vGPU profiles with 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer support only 1 virtual display head on Windows 10

Description

To reduce the possibility of memory exhaustion, vGPU profiles with 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer support only 1 virtual display head on a Windows 10 guest OS.

The following vGPU profiles have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer:

- ▶ Tesla M10-0B
- ▶ Tesla M10-0Q

Workaround

Use a profile that supports more than 1 virtual display head and has at least 1 Gbyte of frame buffer.

3.9. NVENC requires at least 1 Gbyte of frame buffer

Description

Using the frame buffer for the NVIDIA hardware-based H.264/HEVC video encoder (NVENC) may cause memory exhaustion with vGPU profiles that have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer. To reduce the possibility of memory exhaustion, NVENC is disabled on profiles that have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer. Application GPU acceleration remains fully supported and available for all profiles, including profiles with 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer. NVENC support from both Citrix and VMware is a recent feature and, if you are using an older version, you should experience no change in functionality.

The following vGPU profiles have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer:

- ▶ Tesla M10-0B

- ▶ Tesla M10-0Q

Workaround

If you require NVENC to be enabled, use a profile that has at least 1 Gbyte of frame buffer.

3.10. VM running an incompatible NVIDIA vGPU guest driver fails to initialize vGPU when booted

Description

A VM running a version of the NVIDIA guest VM driver that is incompatible with the current release of Virtual GPU Manager will fail to initialize vGPU when booted on a XenServer platform running that release of Virtual GPU Manager.

A guest VM driver is incompatible with the current release of Virtual GPU Manager in either of the following situations:

- ▶ The guest driver is from a release in a branch two or more major releases before the current release, for example release 9.4.

In this situation, the XenServer VM's `/var/log/messages` log file reports the following error:

```
vmiop_log: (0x0): Incompatible Guest/Host drivers: Guest VGX version is older than the minimum version supported by the Host. Disabling vGPU.
```

- ▶ The guest driver is from a later release than the Virtual GPU Manager.

In this situation, the XenServer VM's `/var/log/messages` log file reports the following error:

```
vmiop_log: (0x0): Incompatible Guest/Host drivers: Guest VGX version is newer than the maximum version supported by the Host. Disabling vGPU.
```

In either situation, the VM boots in standard VGA mode with reduced resolution and color depth. The NVIDIA virtual GPU is present in **Windows Device Manager** but displays a warning sign, and the following device status:

```
Windows has stopped this device because it has reported problems. (Code 43)
```

Resolution

Install a release of the NVIDIA guest VM driver that is compatible with current release of Virtual GPU Manager.

3.1.1. Single vGPU benchmark scores are lower than pass-through GPU

Description

A single vGPU configured on a physical GPU produces lower benchmark scores than the physical GPU run in pass-through mode.

Aside from performance differences that may be attributed to a vGPU's smaller frame buffer size, vGPU incorporates a performance balancing feature known as Frame Rate Limiter (FRL). On vGPUs that use the best-effort scheduler, FRL is enabled. On vGPUs that use the fixed share or equal share scheduler, FRL is disabled.

FRL is used to ensure balanced performance across multiple vGPUs that are resident on the same physical GPU. The FRL setting is designed to give good interactive remote graphics experience but may reduce scores in benchmarks that depend on measuring frame rendering rates, as compared to the same benchmarks running on a pass-through GPU.

Resolution

FRL is controlled by an internal vGPU setting. On vGPUs that use the best-effort scheduler, NVIDIA does not validate vGPU with FRL disabled, but for validation of benchmark performance, FRL can be temporarily disabled by specifying `frame_rate_limiter=0` in the vGPU's plugin parameters.

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:** Specify `frame_rate_limiter=0` in the `extra_args` parameter for the group to which the vGPU belongs:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args=frame_rate_limiter=0
```

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:** Specify `frame_rate_limiter=0` in the VM's `platform:vgpu_extra_args` parameter:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid platform:vgpu_extra_args="frame_rate_limiter=0"
```

The setting takes effect the next time the VM is started or rebooted.

With this setting in place, the VM's vGPU will run without any frame rate limit. The FRL can be reverted back to its default setting in one of the following ways:

- ▶ Removing the vGPU plugin's parameters:
 - ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:** Removing the `extra_args` key the from group to which the vGPU belongs
 - ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:** Removing the `vgpu_extra_args` key from the `platform` parameter

- ▶ Removing `frame_rate_limiter=0` from the `extra_args` or `vgpu_extra_args` key
- ▶ Setting `frame_rate_limiter=1`. For example:

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:**

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid
extra_args=frame_rate_limiter=1
```

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:**

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid
platform:vgpu_extra_args="frame_rate_limiter=1"
```

3.12. `nvidia-smi` fails to operate when all GPUs are assigned to GPU pass-through mode

Description

If all GPUs in the platform are assigned to VMs in pass-through mode, `nvidia-smi` will return an error:

```
[root@xenserver-vgx-test ~]# nvidia-smi
Failed to initialize NVML: Unknown Error
```

This is because GPUs operating in pass-through mode are not visible to `nvidia-smi` and the NVIDIA kernel driver operating in the XenServer dom0.

To confirm that all GPUs are operating in pass-through mode, use XenCenter's GPU tab to review current GPU assignment:

xenserver-vgx-test (VM IPs 10.31.223.0-49, dom0 .96, OOB .97) Logged in as: Local root account

Search General Memory Storage Networking NICs GPU Console Performance Users Logs

GPU

Placement policy: Maximum density: put as many VMs as possible on the same GPU Edit...

 GK104GL [GRID K2]

- Test VM passthrough
- Test VM passthrough
- vgx-base-image-win7-64 passthrough
- Test VM passthrough
- Test VM passthrough
- Test VM passthrough

Select All Clear All

Allowed vGPU types:

- Pass-through whole GPU
- GRID K260Q vGPU (2 per GPU)
- GRID K240Q vGPU (4 per GPU)
- GRID K220Q vGPU (8 per GPU)
- GRID K200 vGPU (8 per GPU)

Edit Selected GPUs...

Resolution

N/A

3.13. Windows Aero is disabled on Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session using 3 or 4 monitors in 2560×1600 resolution

Description

Windows Aero may be disabled when Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops is connected to a VM with a vGPU or passthrough GPU, with 3 or 4 monitors at 2560×1600 resolution.

This limitation is a limitation of Windows 7. For details, see the Microsoft knowledge base article [Desktop background disappears with very large extended desktop on Windows 7](#).

3.14. VMs configured with large memory fail to initialize vGPU when booted

Description

When starting multiple VMs configured with large amounts of RAM (typically more than 32GB per VM), a VM may fail to initialize vGPU. In this scenario, the VM boots in standard VGA mode with reduced resolution and color depth. The NVIDIA vGPU software GPU is present in **Windows Device Manager** but displays a warning sign, and the following device status:

```
Windows has stopped this device because it has reported problems. (Code 43)
```

When this error occurs, vGPU message failed messages and XID error messages are written to the XenServer VM's `/var/log/messages` log file.

Resolution

vGPU reserves a portion of the VM's framebuffer for use in GPU mapping of VM system memory. The reservation is sufficient to support up to 32GB of system memory, and may be increased to accommodate up to 64GB by specifying `enable_large_sys_mem=1` in the vGPU's plugin parameters:

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:** Specify `enable_large_sys_mem=1` in the `extra_args` parameter for the group to which the vGPU belongs:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args=enable_large_sys_mem=1
```

- ▶ **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:** Specify `enable_large_sys_mem=1` in the VM's `platform:vgpu_extra_args` parameter:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid
platform:vgpu_extra_args="enable_large_sys_mem=1"
```

The setting takes effect the next time the VM is started or rebooted. With this setting in place, less GPU FB is available to applications running in the VM. To accommodate system memory larger than 64GB, the reservation can be further increased by specifying `extra_fb_reservation` in the VM's `platform:vgpu_extra_args` parameter, and setting its value to the desired reservation size in megabytes. The default value of 64M is sufficient to support 64GB of RAM. We recommend adding 2M of reservation for each additional 1GB of system memory. For example, to support 96GB of RAM, set `extra_fb_reservation` to 128:

► **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:**

```
extra_args="enable_large_sys_mem=1,extra_fb_reservation=128"
```

► **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:**

```
platform:vgpu_extra_args="enable_large_sys_mem=1, extra_fb_reservation=128"
```

The reservation can be reverted back to its default setting in one of the following ways:

- Removing the vGPU plugin's parameters:
 - **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:** Removing the `extra_args` key the from group to which the vGPU belongs
 - **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:** Removing the `vgpu_extra_args` key from the `platform` parameter
- Removing `enable_large_sys_mem` from the `extra_args` or `vgpu_extra_args` key
- Setting `enable_large_sys_mem=0`

3.15. vGPU host driver RPM upgrade fails

Description

Upgrading vGPU host driver RPM fails with an error message about failed dependencies on the console.

```
[root@xenserver ~]# rpm -U NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-6.5-352.46.x86_64.rpm
error: Failed dependencies:
    NVIDIA-vgx-xenserver conflicts with NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-6.5-352.46.x86_64
[root@xenserver ~]#
```

Resolution

Uninstall the older vGPU RPM before installing the latest driver.

Use the following command to uninstall the older vGPU RPM:

```
[root@xenserver ~]# rpm -e NVIDIA-vgx-xenserver
```

Chapter 4. Resolved Issues

Only resolved issues that have been previously noted as known issues or had a noticeable user impact are listed. The summary and description for each resolved issue indicate the effect of the issue on NVIDIA vGPU software **before the issue was resolved**.

4.1. Issues Resolved in Release 18.2

Bug ID	Summary and Description
4664109	<p><u>18.0, 18.1 Only: vGPU message 95 failed error</u></p> <p>The error message <code>vGPU message 95 failed, result code: 0x80</code> from the vGPU plugin component is written to the log files on the hypervisor host.</p>

4.2. Issues Resolved in Release 18.1

No resolved issues are reported in this release for XenServer.

4.3. Issues Resolved in Release 18.0

Bug ID	Summary and Description
4480745	<p>CATIA performance is degraded with large assembly visualization</p> <p>On Windows VMs configured with NVIDIA vGPU, the performance of the CATIA application is degraded if the Optimize CGR for large assembly visualization setting is enabled.</p>

Chapter 5. Known Issues

5.1. 18.0, 18.1 Only: vGPU message 95 failed error

Description

The error message `vGPU message 95 failed, result code: 0x80` from the vGPU plugin component is written to the log files on the hypervisor host.

Status

Resolved in NVIDIA vGPU software 18.2

Ref.

4664109

5.2. GPU device is unavailable on Windows 11 VMs with more than 1 TB of memory

Description

On Windows 11 VMs with more than 1 TB of system memory, GPU device unavailable errors (Error 43) occur. This issue affects NVIDIA vGPU and GPU pass through deployments.

Version

This issue affects Windows 11 guest VMS.

Workaround

Limit the amount of system memory assigned to the VM to less than 1 TB.

Status

Open

Ref.

5115698

5.3. Default client configuration token folder missing on Windows client VMs

Description

In air-gapped environments where root certificates are not available on the host machine, timestamps cannot be verified. As a result, the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver fails to create the default client configuration token folder on Windows (%SystemDrive%\Program Files\NVIDIA Corporation\vGPU Licensing\ClientConfigToken). If the folder is created manually and the client configuration token is copied there, the client fails to obtain a license. Typically, root certificates are imported by Windows updates from the Microsoft Trusted Root Program.

Workaround

Determine whether the NVIDIA Authenticode signature certificate and the timestamp signature certificate are installed and, if not, install them.

To determine whether the root NVIDIA Authenticode signature certificate is installed:

1. Context-click the file and click the **Digital Signatures** tab.
2. In the **Signature list**, select the NVIDIA certificate and click **Details**.
3. Click **View Certificate**, then click **Certification Path**.

The root certificate that is needed appears at the top of the certification path.

4. Run the `certmgr.msc` command and in the **certmgr** window that opens, expand **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** and click **Certificates** to see whether the certificate that you identified in the previous step is installed.

To determine whether the root timestamp signature certificate is installed:

1. Context-click the file and click the **Digital Signatures** tab.
2. In the **Signature list**, select the NVIDIA certificate and click **Details**.
3. In the **Countersignatures** section, click the timestamp authority, for example, Digicert or Entrust, then click **Details** below the countersignature section.
4. Click **View Certificate**, then click **Certification Path**.

The root certificate that is needed appears at the top of the certification path.

5. Run the `certmgr.msc` command and in the **certmgr** window that opens, expand **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** and click **Certificates** to see whether the certificate that you identified in the previous step is installed.

Root certificates for both Digicert and Entrust are required for timestamping and can be downloaded from the following websites:

- ▶ [DigiCert Trusted Root Authority Certificates](#)
- ▶ [Entrust Téléchargements de certificats racine](#)

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

4684895

5.4. 17.0-17.3 Only: Blue screen crash occurs with Tesla M10 after only the vGPU Manager is upgraded

Description

If the NVIDIA vGPU Manager on a hypervisor host with a Tesla M10 GPU is upgraded but the Windows guest VM driver is not upgraded, a blue screen crash occurs.

Version

This issue affects any Windows VM running a guest VM driver 16.x release on a hypervisor host running an NVIDIA vGPU Manager 17.x release.

Workaround

Upgrade the guest VM driver to the driver from the same NVIDIA vGPU software release as the NVIDIA vGPU Manager.

Status

Resolved in NVIDIA vGPU software 17.4

Ref.

4631262

5.5. NVIDIA Control Panel is not available in multiuser environments

Description

After the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Windows is installed, the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app might be missing from the system. This issue typically occurs in the following situations:

- ▶ Multiple users connect to virtual machines by using remote desktop applications such as Microsoft RDP, Omnissa Horizon, and Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops.
- ▶ VM instances are created by using Citrix Machine Creation Services (MCS) or VMware Instant Clone technology.
- ▶ Roaming user desktop profiles are deployed.

This issue occurs because the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is now distributed through the **Microsoft Store**. The **NVIDIA Control Panel** app might fail to be installed when the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Windows is installed if the **Microsoft Store** app is disabled, the system is not connected to the Internet, or installation of apps from the **Microsoft Store** is blocked by your system settings.

To determine whether the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is installed on your system, use the **Windows Settings** app or the `Get-AppxPackage` Windows PowerShell command.

- ▶ To use the **Windows Settings** app:
 1. From the Windows **Start** menu, choose **Settings > Apps > Apps & features**.
 2. In the **Apps & features** window, type **nvidia control panel** in the search box and confirm that the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is found.
- ▶ To use the `Get-AppxPackage` Windows PowerShell command:
 1. Run **Windows PowerShell** as Administrator.
 2. Determine whether the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is installed for the current user.


```
PS C:\> Get-AppxPackage -Name NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel
```
 3. Determine whether the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is installed for all users.


```
PS C:\> Get-AppxPackage -AllUsers -Name NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel
```

This example shows that the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is installed for the users Administrator, pliny, and trajan.

```
PS C:\> Get-AppxPackage -AllUsers -Name NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel

Name                : NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel
Publisher           : CN=D6816951-877F-493B-B4EE-41AB9419C326
Architecture       : X64
ResourceId          :
Version            : 8.1.964.0
PackageFullName    :
  NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel_8.1.964.0_x64__56jybvy8sckqj
InstallLocation    : C:\Program Files\WindowsApps
  \NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel_8.1.964.0_x64__56jybvy8sckqj
IsFramework        : False
PackageFamilyName  : NVIDIACorp.NVIDIAControlPanel_56jybvy8sckqj
PublisherId        : 56jybvy8sckqj
PackageUserInformation :
  {S-1-12-1-530092550-1307989247-1105462437-500 [Administrator]: Installed,
  S-1-12-1-530092550-1307989247-1105462437-1002 [pliny]: Installed,
  S-1-12-1-530092550-1307989247-1105462437-1003 [trajan]: Installed}
IsResourcePackage  : False
IsBundle           : False
IsDevelopmentMode  : False
NonRemovable       : False
IsPartiallyStaged  : False
SignatureKind      : Store
Status             : Ok
```

Preventing this Issue

If your system does not allow the installation apps from the **Microsoft Store**, download and run the standalone **NVIDIA Control Panel** installer that is available from NVIDIA Licensing Portal. For instructions, refer to [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

If your system can allow the installation apps from the **Microsoft Store**, ensure that:

- ▶ The Microsoft Store app is enabled.
- ▶ Installation of Microsoft Store apps is not blocked by your system settings.
- ▶ No local or group policies are set to block Microsoft Store apps.

Workaround

If the **NVIDIA Control Panel** app is missing, install it separately from the graphics driver by downloading and running the standalone **NVIDIA Control Panel** installer that is available from NVIDIA Licensing Portal. For instructions, refer to [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

If the issue persists, contact NVIDIA Enterprise Support for further assistance.

Status

Open

Ref. #

3999308

5.6. NVIDIA Control Panel crashes if a user session is disconnected and reconnected

Description

On all supported Windows Server guest OS releases, **NVIDIA Control Panel** crashes if a user session is disconnected and then reconnected while **NVIDIA Control Panel** is open.

Version

This issue affects all supported Windows Server guest OS releases.

Status

Open

Ref. #

4086605

5.7. CUDA profilers cannot gather hardware metrics on NVIDIA vGPU

Description

NVIDIA CUDA Toolkit profilers cannot gather hardware metrics on NVIDIA vGPU. This issue affects only traces that gather hardware metrics. Other traces are not affected by this issue and work normally.

Version

This issue affects NVIDIA vGPU software releases starting with 15.2.

Status

Open

Ref. #

4041169

5.8. NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Windows sends a remote call to `ngx.download.nvidia.com`

Description

After the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics for windows has been installed in the guest VM, the driver sends a remote call to `ngx.download.nvidia.com` to download and install additional components. Such a remote call might be a security issue.

Workaround

Before running the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver installer, disable the remote call to `ngx.download.nvidia.com` by setting the following Windows registry key:

```
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\NVIDIA Corporation\Global\NGXCore]
"EnableOTA"=dword:00000000
```



Note: If this Windows registry key is set to 1 or deleted, the remote call to `ngx.download.nvidia.com` is enabled again.

Status

Open

Ref. #

4031840

5.9. Multiple RDP session reconnections on Windows Server 2022 can consume all frame buffer

Description

Multiple RDP session reconnections in a Windows Server 2022 guest VM can consume all the frame buffer of a vGPU or physical GPU. When this issue occurs, users' screens

becomes black, their sessions are disconnected but left intact, and they cannot log on again. The following error message is written to the event log on the hypervisor host:

```
The Desktop Window Manager process has exited.  
(Process exit code: 0xe0464645, Restart count: 1, Primary display device ID: )
```

Version

This issue affects only the Windows Server 2022 guest OS.

Workaround

Periodically restart the Windows Server 2022 guest VM to prevent all frame buffer from being consumed.

Status

Open

Ref.

3583766

5.10. NLS client fails to acquire a license with the error `The allowed time to process response has expired`

Description

A licensed client of NVIDIA License System (NLS) fails to acquire a license with the error `The allowed time to process response has expired`. This error can affect clients of a Cloud License Service (CLS) instance or a Delegated License Service (DLS) instance.

This error occurs when the time difference between the system clocks on the client and the server that hosts the CLS or DLS instance is greater than 10 minutes. A common cause of this error is the failure of either the client or the server to adjust its system clock when daylight savings time begins or ends. The failure to acquire a license is expected to prevent clock windback from causing licensing errors.

Workaround

Ensure that system clock time of the client and any server that hosts a DLS instance match the current time in the time zone where they are located.

To prevent this error from occurring when daylight savings time begins or ends, enable the option to automatically adjust the system clock for daylight savings time:

- ▶ **Windows:** Set the **Adjust for daylight saving time automatically** option.
- ▶ **Linux:** Use the `hwclock` command.

Status

Not a bug

Ref.

3859889

5.11. With multiple active sessions, NVIDIA Control Panel incorrectly shows that the system is unlicensed

Description

In an environment with multiple active desktop sessions, the **Manage License** page of **NVIDIA Control Panel** shows that a licensed system is unlicensed. However, the `nvidia-smi` command and the management interface of the NVIDIA vGPU software license server correctly show that the system is licensed. When an active session is disconnected and reconnected, the **NVIDIA Display Container** service crashes.

The **Manage License** page incorrectly shows that the system is unlicensed because of stale data in **NVIDIA Control Panel** in an environment with multiple sessions. The data is stale because **NVIDIA Control Panel** fails to get and update the settings for remote sessions when multiple sessions or no sessions are active in the VM. The **NVIDIA Display Container** service crashes when a session is reconnected because the session is not active at the moment of reconnection.

Status

Open

Ref.

3761243

5.12. VP9 and AV1 decoding with web browsers are not supported on Microsoft Windows Server 2019

Description

VP9 and AV1 decoding with web browsers are not supported on Microsoft Windows Server 2019 and later supported releases. This issue occurs because starting with Windows Server 2019, the required codecs are not included with the OS and are not available through the **Microsoft Store** app. As a result, hardware decoding is not available for viewing YouTube videos or using collaboration tools such as Google Meet in a web browser.

Version

This issue affects Microsoft Windows Server releases starting with Windows Server 2019.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200756564

5.13. Ubuntu guest driver initialization fails with vGPUs and GPUs that support SR-IOV

Description

Initialization of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver fails for Ubuntu guest VMs configured with NVIDIA vGPUs or pass-through GPUs that support SR-IOV. An NVIDIA vGPU that supports SR-IOV resides on a physical GPU that supports SR-IOV with NVIDIA vGPU software, such as a GPU based on the NVIDIA Ampere architecture. This issue affects only guest VMs running a version of the Ubuntu OS with kernel version 5.13 or later, such as Ubuntu 20.04.

The failure of the driver to initialize is caused by an issue with extended Message Signaled Interrupts (MSI-X). When this issue occurs, the following error message is written to the kernel log file `/var/log/kern.log` in the guest VM:

```
RmInitAdapter failed!
```

Status

Open

Ref.

3660894

5.14. `nvidia-smi` ignores the second NVIDIA vGPU device added to a Microsoft Windows Server 2016 VM

Description

After a second NVIDIA vGPU device is added to a Microsoft Windows Server 2016 VM, the device does not appear in the output from the `nvidia-smi` command. This issue occurs only if the VM is already running NVIDIA vGPU software for the existing NVIDIA vGPU device when the second device is added to the VM.

The `nvidia-smi` command cannot retrieve the guest driver version, license status, and accounting mode of the second NVIDIA vGPU device.

```
nvidia-smi vgpu --query
GPU 00000000:37:00.0
  Active vGPUs           : 1
  vGPU ID                : 3251695793
  VM ID                  : 3575923
  VM Name                 : SVR-Reg-W(P)-KuIn
  vGPU Name              : GRID V100D-32Q
  vGPU Type              : 185
  vGPU UUID              : 29097249-2359-11b2-8a5b-8e896866496b
  Guest Driver Version   : 572.83
  License Status       : Licensed
  Accounting Mode     : Disabled
...
GPU 00000000:86:00.0
  Active vGPUs           : 1
  vGPU ID                : 3251695797
  VM ID                  : 3575923
  VM Name                 : SVR-Reg-W(P)-KuIn
  vGPU Name              : GRID V100D-32Q
  vGPU Type              : 185
  vGPU UUID              : 2926dd83-2359-11b2-8b13-5f22f0f74801
  Guest Driver Version   : Not Available
  License Status       : N/A
```

Accounting Mode : N/A

Version

This issue affects only VMs that are running Microsoft Windows Server 2016 as a guest OS.

Workaround

To avoid this issue, configure the guest VM with both NVIDIA vGPU devices **before** installing the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver.

If you encounter this issue after the VM is configured, use one of the following workarounds:

- ▶ Reinstall the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver.
- ▶ Forcibly uninstall the Microsoft Basic Display Adapter and reboot the VM.
- ▶ Upgrade the guest OS on the VM to Microsoft Windows Server 2019.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

3562801

5.15. After an upgrade of the Linux graphics driver from an RPM package in a licensed VM, licensing fails

Description

After the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux is upgraded from an RPM package in a licensed VM, licensing fails. The `nvidia-smi vgpu -q` command shows the driver version and license status as N/A. Restarting the `nvidia-gridd` service fails with a `Unit not found error`.

Workaround

Perform a clean installation of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux from an RPM package.

1. Remove the currently installed driver.

2. Install the new version of the driver.

```
$ rpm -iv nvidia-linux-grid-570_570.148.08_amd64.rpm
```

Status

Open

Ref.

3512766

5.16. After an upgrade of the Linux graphics driver from a Debian package, the driver is not loaded into the VM

Description

After the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver for Linux is upgraded from a Debian package, the driver is not loaded into the VM.

Workaround

Use one of the following workarounds to load the driver into the VM:

- ▶ Reboot the VM.
- ▶ Remove the `nvidia` module from the Linux kernel and reinsert it into the kernel.
 1. Remove the `nvidia` module from the Linux kernel.

```
$ sudo rmmmod nvidia
```

2. Reinsert the `nvidia` module into the Linux kernel.

```
$ sudo modprobe nvidia
```

Status

Not a bug

Ref.

200748806

5.17. Desktop session freezes when a VM is migrated to or from a host running an NVIDIA vGPU software 14 release

Description

When a VM configured with a Tesla V100 or Tesla T4 vGPU is migrated between a host running an NVIDIA vGPU software 14 release and a host running a an NVIDIA vGPU software 13 release, the remote desktop session freezes. After the session freezes, the VM must be rebooted to recover the session. This issue occurs only when the NVIDIA hardware-based H.264/HEVC video encoder (NVENC) is enabled.

Version

The issue affects migrations between a host running an NVIDIA vGPU software 14 release and a host running an NVIDIA vGPU software 13 release.

Workaround

Disable NVENC.

Status

Open

Ref.

3512790

5.18. The reported NVENC frame rate is double the actual frame rate

Description

The frame rate in frames per second (FPS) for the NVIDIA hardware-based H.264/HEVC video encoder (NVENC) reported by the `nvidia-smi encodersessions` command and NVWMI is double the actual frame rate. Only the reported frame rate is incorrect. The actual encoding of frames is **not** affected.

This issue affects only Windows VMs that are configured with NVIDIA vGPU.

Status

Open

Ref.

2997564

5.19. Hypervisor host reboots when multiple cloned VMs are simultaneously powered on or migrated

Description

When multiple cloned VMs are simultaneously powered on or migrated, the hypervisor host reboots. No crash dump is generated and no error messages related to the reboot are written to the log files `daemon.log` or `kern.log`.

Version

This issue affects only Citrix Hypervisor 8.2.

Status

Open

Ref.

200726850

5.20. NVENC does not work with Teradici Cloud Access Software on Windows

Description

The NVIDIA hardware-based H.264/HEVC video encoder (NVENC) does not work with Teradici Cloud Access Software on Windows. This issue affects NVIDIA vGPU and GPU pass through deployments.

This issue occurs because the check that Teradici Cloud Access Software performs on the DLL signer name is case sensitive and NVIDIA recently changed the case of the company name in the signature certificate.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

This issue is resolved in the latest 21.07 and 21.03 Teradici Cloud Access Software releases.

Ref.

200749065

5.21. A licensed client might fail to acquire a license if a proxy is set

Description

If a proxy is set with a system environment variable such as `HTTP_PROXY` or `HTTPS_PROXY`, a licensed client might fail to acquire a license.

Workaround

Perform this workaround on each affected licensed client.

1. Add the address of the NVIDIA vGPU software license server to the system environment variable `NO_PROXY`.

The address must be specified exactly as it is specified in the client's license server settings either as a fully-qualified domain name or an IP address. If the `NO_PROXY` environment variable contains multiple entries, separate the entries with a comma (,).

If high availability is configured for the license server, add the addresses of the primary license server and the secondary license server to the system environment variable `NO_PROXY`.

2. Restart the NVIDIA driver service that runs the core NVIDIA vGPU software logic.
 - ▶ On Windows, restart the **NVIDIA Display Container** service.
 - ▶ On Linux, restart the `nvidia-gridd` service.

Status

Closed

Ref.

200704733

5.22. Session connection fails with four 4K displays and NVENC enabled on a 2Q, 3Q, or 4Q vGPU

Description

Desktop session connections fail for a 2Q, 3Q, or 4Q vGPU that is configured with four 4K displays and for which the NVIDIA hardware-based H.264/HEVC video encoder (NVENC) is enabled. This issue affects only Teradici Cloud Access Software sessions on Linux guest VMs.

This issue is accompanied by the following error message:

```
This Desktop has no resources available or it has timed out
```

This issue is caused by insufficient frame buffer.

Workaround

Ensure that sufficient frame buffer is available for all the virtual displays that are connected to a vGPU by changing the configuration in one of the following ways:

- ▶ Reducing the number of virtual displays. The number of 4K displays supported with NVENC enabled depends on the vGPU.

vGPU	4K Displays Supported with NVENC Enabled
2Q	1
3Q	2
4Q	3

- ▶ Disabling NVENC. The number of 4K displays supported with NVENC disabled depends on the vGPU.

vGPU	4K Displays Supported with NVENC Disabled
2Q	2
3Q	2
4Q	4

- ▶ Using a vGPU type with more frame buffer. Four 4K displays with NVENC enabled on any Q-series vGPU with at least 6144 MB of frame buffer are supported.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200701959

5.23. Disconnected sessions cannot be reconnected or might be reconnected very slowly with NVWMI installed

Description

Disconnected sessions cannot be reconnected or might be reconnected very slowly when the NVIDIA Enterprise Management Toolkit (NVWMI) is installed. This issue affects Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops and Omnicast Horizon sessions on Windows guest VMs.

Workaround

Ensure that the NVWMI service is disabled.



Note: By default, NVWMI is disabled in the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver.

Status

Not a bug

Ref.

3262923

5.24. Linux VM hangs after vGPU migration to a host running a newer vGPU manager version

Description

When a Linux VM configured with a Tesla V100 or Tesla T4 vGPU is migrated from a host that is running a vGPU manager 11 release before 11.6 to a host that is running a vGPU manager 13 release, the VM hangs. After the migration, the destination host and VM become unstable. When this issue occurs, XID error 31 is written to the log files on the destination hypervisor host.

Version

This issue affects migration from a host that is running a vGPU manager 11 release before 11.6 to a host that is running a vGPU manager 13 release.

Workaround

If the VM is configured with a Tesla T4 vGPU, perform the following sequence of steps before attempting the migration:

1. Upgrade the host that is running a vGPU manager 11 release to release 11.6 or a later vGPU manager 11 release.
2. Disconnect any remoting tool that is using NVENC.



Note: You cannot use this workaround for a VM that is configured with a Tesla V100 vGPU.

Status

Open

Ref.

200691445

5.25. Idle Teradici Cloud Access Software session disconnects from Linux VM

Description

After a Teradici Cloud Access Software session has been idle for a short period of time, the session disconnects from the VM. When this issue occurs, the error messages `NVOS status 0x19` and `vGPU Message 21 failed` are written to the log files on the hypervisor host. This issue affects only Linux guest VMs.

Status

Open

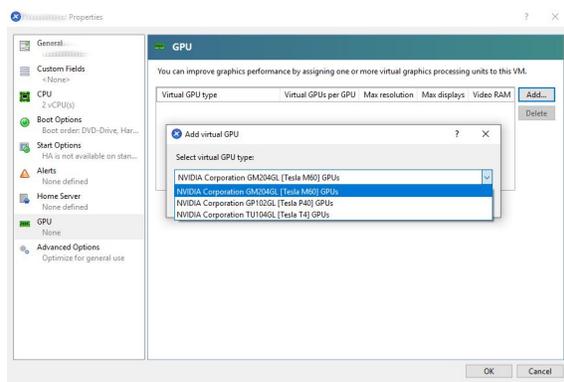
Ref.

200689126

5.26. No virtual GPU types are listed in Citrix XenCenter

Description

No virtual GPU (vGPU) types are listed on the **Select virtual GPU type** drop-down list in **Citrix XenCenter**. However, the command `nvidia-smi vgpu -s` lists all supported vGPU types. This issue occurs because the driver version number of the Virtual GPU Manager contains multiple decimal points and is misinterpreted by Citrix XenCenter.



Version

Citrix Hypervisor 8.2

Resolution

Apply [Hotfix XS82E002 - For Citrix Hypervisor 8.2](#) from Citrix.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug. Resolved by Citrix in hotfix XS82E002 for Citrix Hypervisor 8.2

Ref.

200653755

5.27. NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver fails to load after upgrade on XenServer

Description

NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver fails to load after an upgrade of NVIDIA vGPU software from an 11.x release to a 12.x release on XenServer. This issue occurs because the hypervisor name in the RPM package name has changed from `xenserver` to `CitrixHypervisor`.

The attempted upgrade fails its dependency checks as follows:

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -Uvh NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-570.148.06.x86_64.rpm
error: Failed dependencies:
        NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver conflicts with NVIDIA-vGPU-
CitrixHypervisor-1:8.2-570.148.06.x86_64
```

Workaround

1. Determine the full name of the installed RPM package for the Virtual GPU Manager.

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -qa | grep NV
NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-8.2-550.163.02.x86_64
```

2. Remove the installed RPM package for the Virtual GPU Manager.

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -ev NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-8.2-550.163.02.x86_64
Preparing packages...
NVIDIA-vGPU-xenserver-1:8.2-550.163.02.x86_64
```

3. Perform a fresh installation of the latest RPM package for the Virtual GPU Manager.

```
[root@localhost ~]# rpm -ivh NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-8.2-570.148.06.x86_64.rpm
Preparing... ##### [100%]
Updating / installing...
 1:NVIDIA-vGPU-CitrixHypervisor-1:8.##### [100%]
```

4. Reboot the hypervisor host.

```
[root@localhost ~]# reboot
```

Status

Open

Ref.

200682984

5.28. Windows guest VMs with vGPUs or GPUs with large BAR memory settings fail to boot to the desktop in UEFI mode

Description

Windows guest VMs configured with vGPUs or physical GPUs that have large BAR memory settings fail to boot to the desktop in UEFI mode. The VM can be reached through its IP address but the desktop session is blank after the connection to the VM is established.

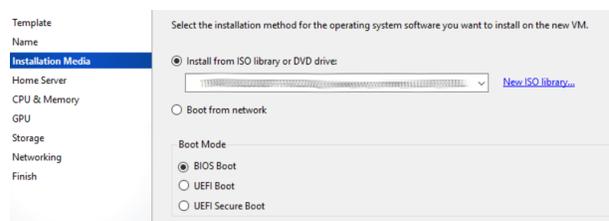
By default, Citrix Hypervisor creates a VM in UEFI boot mode and the boot mode of a VM cannot be changed after the VM is created.

Version

Citrix Hypervisor 8.2

Workaround

Delete the VM and re-create it, selecting **BIOS Boot** mode when you specify the installation method for the OS software on the new VM.



Status

Open

Ref.

200676622

5.29. Migrated VM with more than two vGPUs crashes on destination host

Description

When a VM that is configured with more than two vGPUs is migrated, the VM crashes on the destination host. When this issue occurs, the log file on the hypervisor host is flooded with NVOS status messages 0x23, 0x33, 0x5, and 0x21 and vGPU failure messages 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 19, 21, 23, 26, 32, 43, 54, and 56.

Status

Open

Ref.

200660221

5.30. Driver upgrade in a Linux guest VM with multiple vGPUs might fail

Description

Upgrading the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver in a Linux guest VM with multiple vGPUs might fail. This issue occurs if the driver is upgraded by overinstalling the new release of the driver on the current release of the driver while the `nvidia-gridd` service is running in the VM.

Workaround

1. Stop the `nvidia-gridd` service.
2. Try again to upgrade the driver.

Status

Open

Ref.

200633548

5.31. NVIDIA Control Panel fails to start if launched too soon from a VM without licensing information

Description

If NVIDIA licensing information is not configured on the system, any attempt to start **NVIDIA Control Panel** by right-clicking on the desktop within 30 seconds of the VM being started fails.

Workaround

Restart the VM and wait at least 30 seconds before trying to launch **NVIDIA Control Panel**.

Status

Open

Ref.

200623179

5.32. VNC client session goes blank and console VNC is corrupted when the guest driver is uninstalled

Description

When the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver is uninstalled from a Windows 10 guest VM for which the boot mode is UEFI, the VNC client session goes blank and console VNC is corrupted.

This issue affects only Windows 10 guest VMs for which the boot mode is UEFI. It does **not** affect Windows 10 guest VMs for which the boot mode is BIOS.

Workaround

Reboot the VM by using Citrix XenCenter.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200609669

5.33. Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session corruption occurs in the form of residual window borders

Description

When a window is dragged across the desktop in a Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session, corruption of the session in the form of residual window borders occurs.

Version

This issue affects only Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops version 7 2003

Workaround

Use Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops version 7 1912 or 2006.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200608675

5.34. Suspend and resume between hosts running different versions of the vGPU manager fails

Description

Suspending a VM configured with vGPU on a host running one version of the vGPU manager and resuming the VM on a host running a version from an older main release branch fails. For example, suspending a VM on a host that is running the vGPU manager from release 18.2 and resuming the VM on a host running the vGPU manager from release 17.6 fails. When this issue occurs, the error `There were no servers available to complete the specified operation` is reported on Citrix XenCenter.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200602087

5.35. On Linux, the frame rate might drop to 1 after several minutes

Description

On Linux, the frame rate might drop to 1 frame per second (FPS) after NVIDIA vGPU software has been running for several minutes. Only some applications are affected, for example, `glxgears`. Other applications, such as Unigine Heaven, are not affected. This behavior occurs because Display Power Management Signaling (DPMS) for the Xorg server is enabled by default and the display is detected to be inactive even when the application is running. When DPMS is enabled, it enables power saving behavior of the display after several minutes of inactivity by setting the frame rate to 1 FPS.

Workaround

1. If necessary, stop the Xorg server.

```
# /etc/init.d/xorg stop
```

2. In a plain text editor, edit the `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` file to set the options to disable DPMS and disable the screen saver.

- a). In the `Monitor` section, set the `DPMS` option to `false`.

```
Option "DPMS" "false"
```

- b). At the end of the file, add a `ServerFlags` section that contains option to disable the screen saver.

```
Section "ServerFlags"
    Option "BlankTime" "0"
EndSection
```

- c). Save your changes to `/etc/X11/xorg.conf` file and quit the editor.

3. Start the Xorg server.

```
# etc/init.d/xorg start
```

Status

Open

Ref.

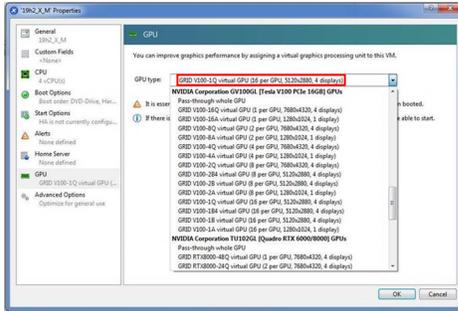
200605900

5.36. Citrix XenCenter displays misleading information about vGPU types

Description

The **GPU type** drop-down list in the Citrix XenCenter management GUI displays misleading information about the maximum combined resolution supported by Q-series and B-series vGPU types. The GUI lists the maximum number of displays supported and the highest resolution supported in a manner that implies a maximum combined resolution higher than is actually supported. These vGPU types support the number of displays listed only at resolutions lower than the resolution listed and support the resolution listed only with fewer displays than the number listed.

For example, as shown in the following screen capture, the GUI lists a resolution of 5120×2880 and four displays for the V100-1Q vGPU type. However, this vGPU type supports only one display at a resolution of 5120×2880 and supports a maximum of four displays only at resolutions of 2560×1600 and lower.



Version

All supported XenServer versions.

Workaround

For information about display configurations supported by Q-series and B-series vGPU types, see [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200556224

5.37. Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops connection freezes initially

Description

When -0B and -0Q vGPU types are used with Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops version 7 1903 and later versions, the session freezes or a black screen is seen when the connection is first made. When this issue occurs, the error message `DXGI_ERROR_DEVICE_REMOVED` is displayed. The affected versions of Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops use Microsoft DDAPI.

Version

Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops version 7 1903 and later versions

Workaround

Disable the **use hardware encoding for video codec** Citrix policy, which is enabled by default.

Status

Open

Ref.

200494400

5.38. DWM crashes randomly occur in Windows VMs

Description

Desktop Windows Manager (DWM) crashes randomly occur in Windows VMs, causing a blue-screen crash and the bug check `CRITICAL_PROCESS_DIED`. Computer Management shows problems with the primary display device.

Version

This issue affects Windows 10 1809, 1903 and 1909 VMs.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

2730037

5.39. NVIDIA Control Panel fails to launch in a platform layer or published image

Description

When NVIDIA vGPU software is used with Citrix App Layering and a platform layer for a vGPU is being configured, **NVIDIA Control Panel** might fail to launch. The driver might be working normally or it might fail with code 31 or code 43.

For more information and a workaround for this issue, see [NVIDIA Control Panel fails to launch in platform layer or published image](#) in the Citrix Support Knowledge Center.

5.40. Remote desktop session freezes with assertion failure and XID error 43 after migration

Description

After multiple VMs configured with vGPU on a single hypervisor host are migrated simultaneously, the remote desktop session freezes with an assertion failure and XID error 43. This issue affects only GPUs that are based on the Volta GPU architecture. It does not occur if only a single VM is migrated.

When this error occurs, the following error messages are logged to the XenServer log file `/var/log/messages`:

```
Jan  3 14:35:48 ch81-m1 vgpu-12[8050]: error: vmiop_log: NVOS status 0x1f
Jan  3 14:35:48 ch81-m1 vgpu-12[8050]: error: vmiop_log: Assertion Failed at
0x4b8cacf6:286
...
Jan  3 14:35:59 ch81-m1 vgpu-12[8050]: error: vmiop_log: (0x0): XID 43 detected on
physical_chid:0x174, guest_chid:0x14
```

Status

Open

Ref.

200581703

5.41. Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session freezes when the desktop is unlocked

Description

When a Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session that is locked is unlocked by pressing **Ctrl+Alt+Del**, the session freezes. This issue affects only VMs that are running Microsoft Windows 10 1809 as a guest OS.

Version

Microsoft Windows 10 1809 guest OS

Workaround

Restart the VM.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

2767012

5.42. NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver fails after Linux kernel upgrade with DKMS enabled

Description

After the Linux kernel is upgraded (for example by running `sudo apt full-upgrade`) with Dynamic Kernel Module Support (DKMS) enabled, the `nvidia-smi` command fails to run. If DKMS is enabled, an upgrade to the Linux kernel triggers a rebuild of the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver. The rebuild of the driver fails because the compiler version is incorrect. Any attempt to reinstall the driver fails because the kernel fails to build.

When the failure occurs, the following messages are displayed:

```
-> Installing DKMS kernel module:
```

```

ERROR: Failed to run `/usr/sbin/dkms build -m nvidia -v 570.124.06 -k
5.3.0-28-generic`:
Kernel preparation unnecessary for this kernel. Skipping...
Building module:
  cleaning build area...
  'make' -j8 NV_EXCLUDE_BUILD_MODULES='' KERNEL_UNAME=5.3.0-28-generic
IGNORE_CC_MISMATCH='' modules...(bad exit status: 2)
ERROR (dkms apport): binary package for nvidia: 570.124.06 not found
Error! Bad return status for module build on kernel: 5.3.0-28-generic
(x86_64)
Consult /var/lib/dkms/nvidia/ 570.124.06/build/make.log for more
information.
-> error.
ERROR: Failed to install the kernel module through DKMS. No kernel module
was installed;
please try installing again without DKMS, or check the DKMS logs for more
information.
ERROR: Installation has failed. Please see the file '/var/log/nvidia-
installer.log' for details.
You may find suggestions on fixing installation problems in the README
available on the Linux driver download page at www.nvidia.com.

```

Workaround

When installing the NVIDIA vGPU software graphics driver with DKMS enabled, use one of the following workarounds:

- ▶ Before running the driver installer, install the `dkms` package, then run the driver installer with the `-dkms` option.
- ▶ Run the driver installer with the `--no-cc-version-check` option.

Status

Not a bug.

Ref.

2836271

5.43. On XenServer, all vGPUs in a VM must be of the same type

Description

When a VM on XenServer is configured with multiple vGPUs, all vGPUs must be of the same type. XenServer does **not** support the assignment multiple vGPUs of different types to a single VM.

What happens when you try to assign a different type of vGPU than the vGPUs already assigned to a VM depends on the Citrix utility that you are using.

- ▶ If you are using Citrix XenCenter, only vGPUs of the same type as the vGPUs already assigned are available for selection.
- ▶ If you are using the `xe` command, the command fails and the following error message is displayed:

```
Cannot create a virtual GPU that is incompatible with the existing types on the VM.
```

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug.

Ref.

200568154

5.44. Console VGA cannot be disabled

Description

In Citrix Hypervisor releases since 8.1, a VM's console VGA interface cannot be disabled by using the command `xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid platform:vgpu_extra_args="disable_vnc=1"`.

This behavior is the result of the following changes that Citrix introduced in XenServer release 8.1:

- ▶ The command `xe vm-param-set` for assigning plugin configuration parameters has been withdrawn.
- ▶ Plugin parameters can no longer be set for vGPUs that were created by using Citrix XenCenter. They can be set only for vGPUs that were created from the command line by using the `xe` command.

Version

Since Citrix Hypervisor release 8.1

Workaround

Create the vGPU by using the `xe` command and specify plugin parameters for the group to which the vGPU belongs as explained in [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

Status

Not a bug

Ref.

200569785

5.45. Console VNC is unusable with Xorg on multiple vGPUs in a VM

Description

If a Linux VM is configured with multiple vGPUs and the Xorg display server is running on more than one vGPU in the VM, severe corruption in console VNC is observed.

Workaround

Ensure that the Xorg display server is running on only one vGPU in the VM.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug.

Ref.

200568261

5.46. Migration of VMs configured with vGPU stops before the migration is complete

Description

When a VM configured with vGPU is migrated to another host, the migration stops before it is complete. When this issue occurs, the message `The vGPU is not compatible with any pGPU in the destination.` appears in the Citrix XenCenter management GUI.

This issue occurs if the ECC memory configuration (enabled or disabled) on the source and destination hosts are different. The ECC memory configuration on both the source and destination hosts must be identical.

Workaround

Before attempting to migrate the VM again, ensure that the ECC memory configuration on both the source and destination hosts are identical.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200520027

5.47. ECC memory settings for a vGPU cannot be changed by using **NVIDIA X Server Settings**

Description

The ECC memory settings for a vGPU cannot be changed from a Linux guest VM by using **NVIDIA X Server Settings**. After the ECC memory state has been changed on the **ECC Settings** page and the VM has been rebooted, the ECC memory state remains unchanged.

Workaround

Use the `nvidia-smi` command in the guest VM to enable or disable ECC memory for the vGPU as explained in [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

If the ECC memory state remains unchanged even after you use the `nvidia-smi` command to change it, use the workaround in [Changes to ECC memory settings for a Linux vGPU VM by nvidia-smi might be ignored](#).

Status

Open

Ref.

200523086

5.48. Changes to ECC memory settings for a Linux vGPU VM by `nvidia-smi` might be ignored

Description

After the ECC memory state for a Linux vGPU VM has been changed by using the `nvidia-smi` command and the VM has been rebooted, the ECC memory state might remain unchanged.

This issue occurs when multiple NVIDIA configuration files in the system cause the kernel module option for setting the ECC memory state `RMGuestECCState` in `/etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf` to be ignored.

When the `nvidia-smi` command is used to enable ECC memory, the file `/etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf` is created or updated to set the kernel module option `RMGuestECCState`. Another configuration file in `/etc/modprobe.d/` that contains the keyword `NVreg_RegistryDwordsPerDevice` might cause the kernel module option `RMGuestECCState` to be ignored.

Workaround

This workaround requires administrator privileges.

1. Move the entry containing the keyword `NVreg_RegistryDwordsPerDevice` from the other configuration file to `/etc/modprobe.d/nvidia.conf`.
2. Reboot the VM.

Status

Open

Ref.

200505777

5.49. Incorrect GPU type shown for Quadro RTX 8000 GPUs in Citrix XenCenter

Description

On the **GPU** tab in **Citrix XenCenter**, Quadro RTX 8000 GPUs are incorrectly shown as [QUADRO RTX 6000].

However, the virtual GPU types for a Quadro RTX 8000 GPU are listed correctly.

NVIDIA vGPU software does not support systems with a mixture of GPU types. Therefore, you can assume that any GPU in a system that you know to contain Quadro RTX 8000 GPUs that is shown as [QUADRO RTX 6000] is, in fact, a Quadro RTX 8000 GPU.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200492607

5.50. NVIDIA Notification Icon prevents log off of Citrix Published Application user sessions

Description

By default on Windows Server operating systems, the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application is started with every Citrix Published Application user session. This application might prevent the Citrix Published Application user session from being logged off even after the user has quit all other applications.

Resolution

Disable the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application for Citrix Published Application user sessions as explained in [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#).

Status

Resolved by the provision of Windows registry keys for disabling the **NVIDIA Notification Icon** application for Citrix Published Application user sessions.

Ref.

2206368

5.51. Host core CPU utilization is higher than expected for moderate workloads

Description

When GPU performance is being monitored, host core CPU utilization is higher than expected for moderate workloads. For example, host CPU utilization when only a small number of VMs are running is as high as when several times as many VMs are running.

Workaround

Disable monitoring of the following GPU performance statistics:

- ▶ vGPU engine usage by applications across multiple vGPUs
- ▶ Encoder session statistics
- ▶ Frame buffer capture (FBC) session statistics
- ▶ Statistics gathered by performance counters in guest VMs

Status

Open

Ref.

2414897

5.52. Frame capture while the interactive logon message is displayed returns blank screen

Description

Because of a known limitation with NvFBC, a frame capture while the interactive logon message is displayed returns a blank screen.

An NvFBC session can capture screen updates that occur after the session is created. Before the logon message appears, there is no screen update after the message is shown and, therefore, a black screen is returned instead. If the NvFBC session is created after this update has occurred, NvFBC cannot get a frame to capture.

Workaround

See [Black Screen at Logon with Nvidia HDX 3D Pro enabled](#) in the Citrix knowledge base.

Status

Not a bug

Ref.

2115733

5.53. RDS sessions do not use the GPU with Microsoft Windows Server as guest OS

Description

When Windows Server is used as a guest OS, Remote Desktop Services (RDS) sessions do not use the GPU. By default, the RDS sessions use the Microsoft Basic Render Driver instead of the GPU. This default setting enables 2D DirectX applications such as Microsoft Office to use software rendering, which can be more efficient than using the GPU for rendering. However, as a result, 3D applications that use DirectX are prevented from using the GPU.

Version

This issue affects all Windows Server releases that are supported as a guest OS.

Solution

Change the local computer policy to use the hardware graphics adapter for all RDS sessions.

1. Choose **Local Computer Policy > Computer Configuration > Administrative Templates > Windows Components > Remote Desktop Services > Remote Desktop Session Host > Remote Session Environment** .
2. Set the **Use the hardware default graphics adapter for all Remote Desktop Services sessions** option.

5.54. When the scheduling policy is fixed share, GPU utilization is reported as higher than expected

Description

When the scheduling policy is fixed share, GPU engine utilization can be reported as higher than expected for a vGPU.

For example, GPU engine usage for six P40-4Q vGPUs on a Tesla P40 GPU might be reported as follows:

```
[root@localhost:~] nvidia-smi vgpu
Mon Aug 20 10:33:18 2018
```

NVIDIA-SMI 390.42		Driver Version: 390.42	
GPU	Name	Bus-Id	GPU-Util
vGPU ID	Name	VM ID	vGPU-Util
0	Tesla P40	00000000:81:00.0	99%
	85109 GRID P40-4Q	85110 win7-xmpl-146048-1	32%
	87195 GRID P40-4Q	87196 win7-xmpl-146048-2	39%
	88095 GRID P40-4Q	88096 win7-xmpl-146048-3	26%
	89170 GRID P40-4Q	89171 win7-xmpl-146048-4	0%
	90475 GRID P40-4Q	90476 win7-xmpl-146048-5	0%
	93363 GRID P40-4Q	93364 win7-xmpl-146048-6	0%
1	Tesla P40	00000000:85:00.0	0%

The vGPU utilization of vGPU 85109 is reported as 32%. For vGPU 87195, vGPU utilization is reported as 39%. And for 88095, it is reported as 26%. However, the expected vGPU utilization of any vGPU should not exceed approximately 16.7%.

This behavior is a result of the mechanism that is used to measure GPU engine utilization.

Status

Open

Ref.

2227591

5.55. `nvidia-smi` reports that vGPU migration is supported on all hypervisors

Description

The command `nvidia-smi vgpu -m` shows that vGPU migration is supported on all hypervisors, even hypervisors or hypervisor versions that do not support vGPU migration.

Status

Closed

Ref.

200407230

5.56. NVIDIA Control Panel Crashes in a VM connected to two 4K displays

Description

When **NVIDIA Control Panel** is started in a VM connected through a pass-through GPU to two 4K displays, a **Citrix HDX 3D Pro Warning** pop-up window opens containing the following error message:

```
Full screen applications are not supported on Citrix HDX 3D Pro. Press Ok to exit
```

NVIDIA Control Panel then crashes.

After the VM is rebooted, **NVIDIA Control Panel** is available again.

Version

Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops 7.16

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200393766

5.57. vGPU guest VM driver not properly loaded on servers with more than 512 GB or 1 TB or more of system memory

Description

If PV IOMMU is enabled, support for vGPU is limited to servers with a maximum of 512 GB of system memory. On servers with more than 512 GB of system memory and PV IOMMU enabled, the guest VM driver is not properly loaded. **Device Manager** marks the vGPU with a yellow exclamation point.

If PV IOMMU is disabled, support for vGPU is limited to servers with less than 1 TB of system memory. This limitation applies only to systems with supported GPUs based on the Maxwell architecture, namely, Tesla M10. On servers with 1 TB or more of system memory, VMs configured with vGPU fail to power on. However, support for GPU pass through is not affected by this limitation.

Resolution

1. If PV IOMMU is enabled, disable it.

```
[root@xenserver ~]# /opt/xensource/libexec/xen-cmdline --set-xen iommu=dom0-passthrough
```
2. If the server has 1 TB or more of system memory, limit the amount of system memory on the server to 1 TB minus 16 GB.
If the server has less than 1 TB or more of system memory, omit this step.
3. Reboot the server.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

1799582

5.58. Luxmark causes a segmentation fault on an unlicensed Linux client

Description

If the Luxmark application is run on a Linux guest VM configured with NVIDIA vGPU that is booted without acquiring a license, a segmentation fault occurs and the application core dumps. The fault occurs when the application cannot allocate a CUDA object on NVIDIA vGPUs where CUDA is disabled. On NVIDIA vGPUs that can support CUDA, CUDA is disabled in unlicensed mode.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug.

Ref.

200330956

5.59. A segmentation fault in DBus code causes `nvidia-gridd` to exit on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS

Description

On Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.8 and 6.9, and CentOS 6.8 and 6.9, a segmentation fault in DBus code causes the `nvidia-gridd` service to exit.

The `nvidia-gridd` service uses DBus for communication with **NVIDIA X Server Settings** to display licensing information through the **Manage License** page. Disabling the GUI for licensing resolves this issue.

To prevent this issue, the GUI for licensing is disabled by default. You might encounter this issue if you have enabled the GUI for licensing and are using Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.8 or 6.9, or CentOS 6.8 and 6.9.

Version

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.8 and 6.9

CentOS 6.8 and 6.9

Status

Open

Ref.

- ▶ 200358191
- ▶ 200319854
- ▶ 1895945

5.60. No Manage License option available in NVIDIA X Server Settings by default

Description

By default, the **Manage License** option is not available in **NVIDIA X Server Settings**. This option is missing because the GUI for licensing on Linux is disabled by default to work around the issue that is described in [A segmentation fault in Dbus code causes nvidia-gridd to exit on Red Hat Enterprise Linux and CentOS](#).

Workaround

This workaround requires `sudo` privileges.



Note: Do **not** use this workaround with Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6.8 and 6.9 or CentOS 6.8 and 6.9. To prevent a segmentation fault in Dbus code from causing the `nvidia-gridd` service from exiting, the GUI for licensing must be disabled with these OS versions.

If you are licensing a physical GPU for vCS, you **must** use the configuration file `/etc/nvidia/gridd.conf`.

1. If **NVIDIA X Server Settings** is running, shut it down.
2. If the `/etc/nvidia/gridd.conf` file does not already exist, create it by copying the supplied template file `/etc/nvidia/gridd.conf.template`.
3. As root, edit the `/etc/nvidia/gridd.conf` file to set the `EnableUI` option to `TRUE`.
4. Start the `nvidia-gridd` service.

```
# sudo service nvidia-gridd start
```

When **NVIDIA X Server Settings** is restarted, the **Manage License** option is now available.

Status

Open

5.61. Licenses remain checked out when VMs are forcibly powered off

Description

NVIDIA vGPU software licenses remain checked out on the license server when non-persistent VMs are forcibly powered off.

The NVIDIA service running in a VM returns checked out licenses when the VM is shut down. In environments where non-persistent licensed VMs are not cleanly shut down, licenses on the license server can become exhausted. For example, this issue can occur in automated test environments where VMs are frequently changing and are not guaranteed to be cleanly shut down. The licenses from such VMs remain checked out against their MAC address for seven days before they time out and become available to other VMs.

Resolution

If VMs are routinely being powered off without clean shutdown in your environment, you can avoid this issue by shortening the license borrow period. To shorten the license borrow period, set the `LicenseInterval` configuration setting in your VM image. For details, refer to [Virtual GPU Client Licensing User Guide](#).

Status

Closed

Ref.

1694975

5.62. Memory exhaustion can occur with vGPU profiles that have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer

Description

Memory exhaustion can occur with vGPU profiles that have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer.

This issue typically occurs in the following situations:

- ▶ Full screen 1080p video content is playing in a browser. In this situation, the session hangs and session reconnection fails.
- ▶ Multiple display heads are used with Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops or Omnissa Horizon on a Windows 10 guest VM.
- ▶ Higher resolution monitors are used.
- ▶ Applications that are frame-buffer intensive are used.
- ▶ NVENC is in use.

To reduce the possibility of memory exhaustion, NVENC is disabled on profiles that have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer.

When memory exhaustion occurs, the NVIDIA host driver reports Xid error 31 and Xid error 43 in the XenServer `/var/log/messages` file.

The following vGPU profiles have 512 Mbytes or less of frame buffer:

- ▶ Tesla M6-0B, M6-0Q
- ▶ Tesla M10-0B, M10-0Q
- ▶ Tesla M60-0B, M60-0Q

The root cause is a known issue associated with changes to the way that recent Microsoft operating systems handle and allow access to overprovisioning messages and errors. If your systems are provisioned with enough frame buffer to support your use cases, you should not encounter these issues.

Workaround

- ▶ Use an appropriately sized vGPU to ensure that the frame buffer supplied to a VM through the vGPU is adequate for your workloads.
- ▶ Monitor your frame buffer usage.
- ▶ If you are using Windows 10, consider these workarounds and solutions:

- ▶ Use a profile that has 1 Gbyte of frame buffer.
- ▶ Optimize your Windows 10 resource usage.

To obtain information about best practices for improved user experience using Windows 10 in virtual environments, complete the [NVIDIA GRID vGPU Profile Sizing Guide for Windows 10 download request form](#).

For more information, see also [Windows 10 Optimization for XenDesktop](#) on the Citrix blog.

Status

Open

Ref.

- ▶ 200130864
- ▶ 1803861

5.63. VM bug checks after the guest VM driver for Windows 10 RS2 is installed

Description

When the VM is rebooted after the guest VM driver for Windows 10 RS2 is installed, the VM bug checks. When Windows boots, it selects one of the standard supported video modes. If Windows is booted directly with a display that is driven by an NVIDIA driver, for example a vGPU on XenServer, a blue screen crash occurs.

This issue occurs when the screen resolution is switched from VGA mode to a resolution that is higher than 1920×1200.

Fix

Download and install [Microsoft Windows Update KB4020102](#) from the Microsoft Update Catalog.

Workaround

If you have applied the fix, ignore this workaround.

Otherwise, you can work around this issue until you are able to apply the fix by not using resolutions higher than 1920×1200.

1. Choose a GPU profile in Citrix XenCenter that does not allow resolutions higher than 1920×1200.
2. Before rebooting the VM, set the display resolution to 1920×1200 or lower.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200310861

5.64. On XenServer 7.0, VMs unexpectedly reboot and XenServer crashes or freezes

Description

On XenServer 7.0, VMs to which a vGPU is attached unexpectedly reboot and XenServer crashes or freezes.

The event log in the XenServer `/var/log/crash/xen.log` file lists the following errors:

- ▶ A fatal bus error on a component at the slot where the GPU card is installed
- ▶ A fatal error on a component at bus 0, device 2, function 0

This issue occurs when page-modification logging (PML) is enabled on Intel Broadwell CPUs running XenServer 7.0. Citrix is aware of this issue and is working on a permanent fix.

Workaround

Disable page-modification logging (PML) as explained in [XenServer 7 host crash while starting multiple virtual machines](#) in the Citrix Support Knowledge Center.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

1853248

5.65. With no NVIDIA driver installed, XenServer misidentifies Tesla M10 cards

Description

An erroneous entry in the `pci.ids` database causes XenServer to identify Tesla M10 cards as GRID M40 when no NVIDIA driver is installed.

Version

XenServer 6.5 and 7.0

Workaround

None

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

NVIDIA-420/1792341

5.66. GNOME Display Manager (GDM) fails to start on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2 and CentOS 7.0

Description

GDM fails to start on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.2 and CentOS 7.0 with the following error:

```
Oh no! Something has gone wrong!
```

Workaround

Permanently enable permissive mode for Security Enhanced Linux (SELinux).

1. As root, edit the `/etc/selinux/config` file to set `SELINUX` to `permissive`.

```
SELINUX=permissive
```

2. Reboot the system.

```
~]# reboot
```

For more information, see [Permissive Mode](#) in *Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7 SELinux User's and Administrator's Guide*.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

200167868

5.67. Video goes blank when run in loop in Windows Media Player

Description

When connected to a vGPU-enabled VM using Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops, a video played back in looping mode on Windows Media Player goes blank or freezes after a few iterations.

Workaround

None

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

1306623

5.68. Local VGA console is momentarily unblanked when Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops changes resolution of the VM desktop

Description

When Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops establishes a remote connection to a VM using vGPU, the VM's local VGA console display in XenCenter is blanked (assuming the VM local console has not been disabled by setting `disable_vnc=1` in the vGPU plugin's parameters). If the Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session changes resolution of the VM's desktop, the local VGA console momentarily unblanks, allowing a XenCenter user to briefly view the desktop.

Workaround

Disable the VM's local VGA console.

► **Citrix Hypervisor 8.1 or later:**

```
[root@xenserver ~]# xe vgpu-param-set uuid=vgpu-uuid extra_args=disable_vnc=1
```

► **Citrix Hypervisor earlier than 8.1:**

```
xe vm-param-set uuid=vm-uuid platform:vgpu_extra_args="disable_vnc=1"
```

Status

Open

Ref.

NVIDIA-145/1375164

5.69. VM bugchecks on shutdown/restart when Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops is installed and NVIDIA driver is uninstalled or upgraded.

Description

If the Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops agent is installed in a VM before any NVIDIA GPU driver is installed, the VM will bugcheck (bluescreen) when the NVIDIA driver is subsequently upgraded or uninstalled. The bugcheck code is 0x7E, `SYSTEM_THREAD_EXCEPTION_NOT_HANDLED`.

Workaround

Use one of the following workarounds:

- ▶ Do a force shutdown of the VM and restart it.
- ▶ Install the NVIDIA driver in guest VMs before installing Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops.

Status

Open

Ref.

NVIDIA-295/200018125

5.70. Application frame rate may drop when running Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops at 2560×1600 resolution.

Description

An application's rendering frame rate may drop when running Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops at 2560×1600 resolution, relative to the frame rate obtained at lower resolutions.

Fix

Using the Windows `regedit` utility within the VM, open the `HKLM\SOFTWARE\Citrix\Graphics` registry key and create a new `DWORD` value, `EncodeSpeed`, with a value of 2. Reboot the VM. This setting may improve the delivered frame rate at the expense of a reduction in image quality.

Status

Open

Ref.

NVIDIA-190/1416336

5.71. Windows VM BSOD

Description

Windows VM bugchecks on XenServer when running a large number of vGPU based VMs.

The XenServer `/var/log/messages` file contains these error messages:

```
NVRM: Xid (PCI:0000:08:00): 31, Ch 0000001e, engmask 00000111, intr 10000000
NVRM: Xid (PCI:0000:08:00): 31, Ch 00000016, engmask 00000111, intr 10000000
...
vmiop_log: error: Assertion Failed at 0xb5b898d8:4184
vmiop_log: error: 8 frames returned by backtrace
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/libnvidia-vgx.so(_nv000793vgx+0x69d) [0xb5b8064d]
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/libnvidia-vgx.so(_nv000479vgx+0x118) [0xb5b898d8]
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/libnvidia-vgx.so(_nv000782vgx+0x59) [0xb5b85f49]
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/libnvidia-vgx.so(_nv000347vgx+0x3db) [0xb5b932db]
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/libnvidia-vgx.so [0xb5b78e4a]
vmiop_log: error: /usr/lib/xen/bin/vgpu [0x80554be]
vmiop_log: error: /lib/libpthread.so.0 [0xb7612912]
vmiop_log: error: /lib/libc.so.6(clone+0x5e) [0xb76fc5ee]
vmiop_log: error: failed to initialize guest PTE entries
vmiop_log: error: failed to fill up guest PTE entries 3
vmiop_log: error: VGPU message 27 failed, result code: 0xff000003
vmiop_log: error:          0xc1d00001, 0xff010000, 0x1a77ba000, 0x0, 0x1,
vmiop_log: error:          0x1, 0x1000, 0x10202, 0xc1d00001, 0xff010000,
vmiop_log: error:          0xcaf00004, 0x0
vmiop_log: error: Timeout occurred, reset initiated.
```

Version

XenServer 6.2

Fix

Ensure that you are running the latest OEM firmware for your NVIDIA vGPU software boards.

Status

Closed

Ref.

NVIDIA-327/1632120

5.72. Windows VM BSOD when upgrading NVIDIA drivers over a Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session

Description

Windows VM bugchecks when NVIDIA guest drivers are upgraded over a Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops session.

If the VM is restarted after the bugcheck, the upgraded driver loads correctly and full functionality is available.

Fix

Upgrade Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops to 7.6 Feature Pack 3

Status

Closed

Ref.

NVIDIA-370/200130780

5.73. XenCenter does not allow vGPUs to be selected as a GPU type for Linux VMs

Description

When creating a new Linux VM or editing the properties of an existing Linux VM, XenCenter does not allow vGPUs to be selected as a GPU type.

vGPU on Linux VMs is supported as a technical preview on XenServer 6.5, and does not include XenCenter integration.

Version

Affects the XenCenter integration with XenServer 6.5 only.

Resolved in the XenCenter integration with XenServer 7.0.

Workaround

Refer to XenServer vGPU Management in [Virtual GPU Software User Guide](#) for how to configure vGPU by using the `xe` CLI.

Status

Closed

Ref.

NVIDIA-360

5.74. If X server is killed on a RHEL7 VM running vGPU, XenCenter console may not automatically switch to text console

Description

If X server is killed on a RHEL7 VM running vGPU, XenCenter console may display a corrupted image and fail to switchover to text console.

The failure to switchover to text console is due to a bug in RHEL7, which causes X server to not start correctly under certain configurations.

Workaround

Use **CTRL+ALT+F1**, **F2**, or **F3** to switch between Linux terminals.

Status

Closed

Ref.

NVIDIA-350/200123378

5.75. Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops shows only a black screen when connected to a vGPU VM

Description

Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops sometimes displays only a black screen when it is connected to an NVIDIA vGPU VM. The probable cause is that the display that is connected to the NVIDIA vGPU is entering a lower power state.

Fix

Disable all display-related power management settings.

For detailed instructions, visit [Microsoft power plans frequently asked questions](#) and from the list, select your OS version.

Status

Not an NVIDIA bug

Ref.

1719877

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