

1. The zip folder contains 4 files: “test-cnmem.cu”, “output_stats_non_cont_free.txt”, “output_stats_cont_free.txt” and “read_me.pdf”.
2. cnmem provides a function “**cnmemPrintMemoryState(FILE *filename, Stream Number/Id)**” which prints the stats of “free list” and “used list” belonging to a particular “stream” to a file passed as the parameter to the function.
3. The output of the function has the following format:

```
>> [root] device=0, stream=0x0000000000000000, used=2048B, free=2147317760B
| list="used", size=2048
| | node=0x0000000001edff10, data=0x0000000503e40800, size=512, next=0x0000000001ee0c80, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001ee0c80, data=0x0000000503e40600, size=512, next=0x0000000001ee0c50, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001ee0c50, data=0x0000000503e40400, size=512, next=0x0000000001e6c7b0, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001e6c7b0, data=0x0000000503e40200, size=512, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
| list="free", size=2147317760
| | node=0x0000000001e6c780, data=0x0000000503e40000, size=512, next=0x0000000001edff40, head= 1
| | node=0x0000000001edff40, data=0x0000000503e40a00, size=2147317248, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
```

The first line provides information about the stream for which we are printing the information, memory used and free memory .The above output has two lists “used” and “free” . Each stream has these two lists. For each list the function provides the following information:

- (a) **list:** Can have the value “used” or “free” depending upon the type of list. These lists are stored as a tree/linked list.
- (b) **size:** Size of the list in bytes.
- (c) Information about each node of the list:
 1. **node:** CPU memory address of the list-node.
 2. **data:** The GPU memory address that the corresponding node points to.
 3. **Size:** Size of the GPU memory this node points to.
 4. **next:** Pointer to the next node in the list.
 5. **head:** Whether this node is head of the list or not. 1 if it is head, 0 otherwise.

4. The file “test-cnmem.cu” contains a sample program that performs some sequence of allocation and de-allocation using *cnmem* function and prints the stats to *.txt* files.
5. The “*device_array[i]*” array is used for series of allocation and de-allocation.
6. “*output_stats_cont_free.txt*” contains the information about the free list when “*device_array[i]*” is allocated five times and de-allocated in the same order. It can be seen in the file, when contiguous memory variable are de-allocated, cnmem merges them and forms a single node.

****List before the de-allocation of *node=0x0000000001e6c7b0***

```
>> [root] device=0, stream=0x0000000000000000, used=2048B, free=2147317760B
| list="used", size=2048
| | node=0x0000000001edff10, data=0x0000000503e40800, size=512, next=0x0000000001ee0c80, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001ee0c80, data=0x0000000503e40600, size=512, next=0x0000000001ee0c50, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001ee0c50, data=0x0000000503e40400, size=512, next=0x0000000001e6c7b0, head= 0
| | node=0x0000000001e6c7b0, data=0x0000000503e40200, size=512, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
| list="free", size=2147317760
| | node=0x0000000001e6c780, data=0x0000000503e40000, size=512, next=0x0000000001edff40, head= 1
| | node=0x0000000001edff40, data=0x0000000503e40a00, size=2147317248, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
```

****List after the de-allocation of `node=0x000000001e6c7b0`.** It can be seen that `node=0x000000001e6c780`, `size=512` is merged with `node=0x000000001e6c7b0`, `size=512` to form a node of `size=1024`.

```
>> [root] device=0, stream=0x0000000000000000, used=1536B, free=2147318272B
| list="used", size=1536
| | node=0x000000001edff10, data=0x0000000503e40800, size=512, next=0x000000001ee0c80, head= 0
| | node=0x000000001ee0c80, data=0x0000000503e40600, size=512, next=0x000000001ee0c50, head= 0
| | node=0x000000001ee0c50, data=0x0000000503e40400, size=512, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
| list="free", size=2147318272
| | node=0x000000001e6c780, data=0x0000000503e40000, size=1024, next=0x000000001edff40, head= 1
| | node=0x000000001edff40, data=0x0000000503e40a00, size=2147317248, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
```

7. “`output_stats_non_cont_free.txt`” contains the information about the free list when “`device_array[i]`” is allocated five times and de-allocated in the non-contiguous order (deallocate `device_array[1]`, then `device_array[3]` without deallocating `device_array[0]` and `device_array[2]`). It can be seen in the file, when non-contagious memory variable are de-allocated, `cnmem` is not able to merge them and hence leads to fragmentation.

****List before the de-allocation of `node=0x000000000ee5a10`.**

```
>> [root] device=0, stream=0x0000000000000000, used=2048B, free=2147317760B
| list="used", size=2048
| | node=0x000000000ee4cd0, data=0x0000000503e40800, size=512, next=0x000000000ee5a40, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000ee5a40, data=0x0000000503e40600, size=512, next=0x000000000ee5a10, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000ee5a10, data=0x0000000503e40400, size=512, next=0x000000000e71570, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000e71570, data=0x0000000503e40200, size=512, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
| list="free", size=2147317760
| | node=0x000000000e71540, data=0x0000000503e40000, size=512, next=0x000000000ee4d00, head= 1
| | node=0x000000000ee4d00, data=0x0000000503e40a00, size=2147317248, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
```

****List after the de-allocation of `node=0x000000000ee5a10`.** It can be seen that `node=0x000000000ee5a10`, `size=512` is not merged with any node because there is no contiguous node in the free list. This proves the reason for fragmentation.

```
>> [root] device=0, stream=0x0000000000000000, used=1536B, free=2147318272B
| list="used", size=1536
| | node=0x000000000ee4cd0, data=0x0000000503e40800, size=512, next=0x000000000ee5a40, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000ee5a40, data=0x0000000503e40600, size=512, next=0x000000000e71570, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000e71570, data=0x0000000503e40200, size=512, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
| list="free", size=2147318272
| | node=0x000000000e71540, data=0x0000000503e40000, size=512, next=0x000000000ee5a10, head= 1
| | node=0x000000000ee5a10, data=0x0000000503e40400, size=512, next=0x000000000ee4d00, head= 0
| | node=0x000000000ee4d00, data=0x0000000503e40a00, size=2147317248, next=0x0000000000000000, head= 0
|
```

8. You can change “`test-cnmem.cu`” to obtain more such cases.
9. Note that if the “`test-cnmem.cu`” is not generating output the you might need to create the output file “`output_stats.txt`” before running the program or change the flag to the `open(...)` function in the file to the flag which create a file if it doesn’t exists.