

## **Global Memory Bandwidth**

### 1 Overview

- 1.1 Location \$(AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT)\samples\opencl\cl\app
- **1.2 How to Run** See the *Getting Started* guide for how to build samples. You first must compile the sample.

Use the command line to change to the directory where the executable is located. The default executables are placed in  $\$  (AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT) \samples\opencl\bin\x86 for 32-bit builds and  $\$  (AMDAPPSDKSAMPLESROOT) \samples\opencl\bin\x86\_64\ for 64-bit builds.

Type the following command(s).

- GlobalMemoryBandwidth
   Measures the peak bandwidth from a hardware-constant buffer using various access
   patterns.
- 2. GlobalMemoryBandwidth -h This prints the help message.

# 1.3 Command Line Options

Table 1 lists, and briefly describes, the command line options.

Table 1 Command Line Options

Short Form	Long Form	Description
-h	help	Shows all command options and their respective meaning.
	device	Devices on which the program is to be run. Acceptable values are cpu or gpu.
-q	quiet	Quiet mode. Suppresses all text output.
-e	verify	Verify results against reference implementation.
-t	timing	Print timing.
	dump	Dump binary image for all devices.
	load	Load binary image and execute on device.
	flags	Specify compiler flags to build the kernel.
-p	platformId	Select platformld to be used (0 to N-1, where N is the number of available platforms).
-d	deviceId	Select deviceld to be used (0 to N-1, where N is the number of available devices).
-A	version	AMD APP SDK version string.
-i	iterations	Number of iterations for kernel execution.
-c	components	Number of vector components.

### 2 Implementation Details

The sample measures peak-bandwidth from global buffer using following subtests.

- 1. Read Bandwidth (single access) All threads are read from a single memory location.
- Read Bandwidth (linear access) Threads read from global memory in a sequential access pattern.
- 3. Write Bandwidth (linear access) Threads write to global memory in a sequential access pattern.
- 4. Read bandwidth (linear access and uncached) Threads read from global memory in a sequential access pattern and ensure that the cache is not used.

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