# SGMINER-MK 1.0.8 - CONFIGURATION MANUAL FOR MONERO (CRYPTONIGHT V7) COINS:

V. 1.0

A preview of the miner in action

The Monero.bat file contains this command line:

sgminer.exe -k cryptonight -monero -o stratum+tcp://europe.cryptonight-hub.miningpoolhub.com:20580 -u giovannicastelli.MadKernel -p x --gpu-platform=0 -d 1 -g 2 -w 4 --rawintensity 672 --worksizes 224

This command was used by me to launch and test the miner. It contains optimal working parameters if you have a card like R9390x (and to mine to my address!).

Now you have to check/modify and the configuration options in order your miner works fine in your windows environment.

## **BASIC PARAMETERS**

## -k cryptonight

Kernel algorithm (do not modify if you want to mine monero)

#### --monero

Switch used to support the monero fork of 03/2018 (autodetect and switch to v7 algo)

## <u>-o</u> [pool]

Monero (or other cryptonight v7) mining pool address.

#### -u [pool\_username]

Username or wallet address, required to log in, depending of your mining pool.

#### -p [pool pasword]

Password of your mining worker.

## --gpu-platform=[n]

OpenCL GPU platform ID of your AMD cards. Normally this parameter defaults to 0. Maybe you have to change it if you have other OpenCL available environments in you machine (Es: Nvidia, Intel).

## <u>-d</u> [n,..]

List of GPU cards device(s) the miner uses. If this parameter is omitted all cards will be used.

# **KERNEL PARAMETERS**

# -g [num gpu threads]

Number of threads for each GPU (recomended 2)

# <u>-w</u> [general GPU threads worksize]

Sets the number of threads for each CU(compute unit) of your GPU the kernel involved in the mining process.

Recommended values 4,8,16.

NOTE: for R9390 4 seems to be optimal. For newer recommended values maybe 8 or 16.

## --rawintensity [total GPU threads]

Number of GPU threads launched per kernel.

This number must be carefully selected because it affects performances of the mining process and the GPU memory allocated and used by.

For rawintensity I found best results are obtained using the formula : rawintensity = (GPU ComputeUnits-2) \* 16

#### OPTIMAL RAW INTENSITY REFERENCE TABLE:

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R9 390 (44 cu) = 42 * 16 = 672

Rx 470 (32 cu) = 30 * 16 = 480

Rx 480 (36 cu) = 34 * 16 = 544

Rx 570 (32 cu) = 30 * 16 = 480

Rx 580 (36 cu) = 34 * 16 = 544

Vega 56 (56 cu?) = 54 * 16 = 896

Vega 64 (64 cu) = 62 * 16 = 992
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#### NOTE:

For fine tuning you can also try adding or subtracting 16 to the above values. Use only values multiples of 16.

Some Vega 56 card model maybe will have more of 56 CU, use GPUZ or other utility to check it.

If you use only one thread per GPU (-g 1) you have to double the values.

# **FINE TUNING PARAMETERS**

# --worksizes [nnn]

This parameters permits you to partially override the -w (GPU kernels threads for computer unit) forcing the CU to use for each one of the three main kernels used in the mining process (cn0 / cn1 / cn2 kernels in criptonight.cl file) the requested number of thread.

The value of this parameter has a fixed length of 3 characters.

The characters must be in range 2-5.

Each character specify the power of 2 the worksize of the kernel.

Example: --worksizes 324

Specify worksizes of 8,4,16 so the CN0 kernel will be launched with a worksize of 8, the CN1 for a worksize of 4 and the third uses 16 threads.

## --benchmark

This option, without args, used for cryptonight algo is useful for display the kernels execution time and the total time of each mining iteration. The time is displayed in microseconds.

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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
 gminer-MK 1.0.8 - Started: [2018-07-30 16:14:29] - [0 days 00:01:21]
(5s):1.034K (avg):883.5h/s | A:40000 R:0
                                                   HW:0 WU:0.781/m
ST: 1 SS: 0 NB: 1 LW: 95 GF: 0 RF: 0
Connected to europe.cryptonight-hub.miningpoolhub.com (stratum) diff 40K as user
Block: 4e9cb4d2... Diff: Started: [16:14:03] Best share: 19.9M
[P]ool management [G]PU management [S]ettings [D]isplay options [Q]uit
                              0.000h/s
884.0/ 883.5h/s
         44.0C 1567RPM
                                                         0.0% HW:0 WU:0.000/m rI:672
                                                  R:
         67.0C
                                                        0.0% HW:0 WU:1.562/m rI:672
GPU 1:
                    ORPM
                                                 R:
16:15:41 CN0:78201 CN1:1344944
16:15:42 CN0:78170 CN1:1342766
16:15:43 CN0:78330 CN1:1346030
                                         CN2:83527
                                                       CN4:4348
                                                                   TOT: 1511020
                                                                    TOT: 1509010
                                         CN2:83351
                                                       CN4:4723
                                                       CN4:4154
                                         CN2:83405
                                                                   TOT:1511919
16:15:43
          CN0:78241
                        CN1:1167394
                                         CN2:83383
                                                       CN4:3903
                                                                   TOT: 1332921
16:15:44 CN0:78257
                                         CN2:83354
                        CN1:1322736
                                                       CN4:4465
                                                                   TOT: 1488812
          CN0:78266
CN0:78223
CN0:78242
CN0:78277
                                                       CN4:4213
16:15:45
                       CN1:1366378
                                         CN2:83238
                                                                   TOT: 1532095
16:15:46
16:15:46
16:15:47
                                         CN2:83367
CN2:83382
                        CN1:1325655
                                                       CN4:3887
                                                                    TOT: 1491132
                        CN1:1362189
                                                                    TOT: 1527874
                                                       CN4:4061
                                         CN2:83348
                                                       CN4:4498
                                                                    TOT: 1491924
                        CN1:1325801
16:15:48 CN0:78313
                        CN1:1362388
                                         CN2:83302
                                                       CN4:4028
                                                                    TOT: 1528031
16:15:48 Accepted d792e86c Diff
                                      19.9M/40K GPU
16:15:49 CNO:78270
                                                                   TOT: 1492944
                       CN1:1327193
                                         CN2:83366
                                                       CN4:4115
                        CN1:1360147
16:15:49 CN0:78219
                                         CN2:83408
                                                       CN4:3987
                                                                    TOT: 1525761
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Image showing the effect of the -benchmark switch. For each line is displayed the execution time of the three staged kernel(CN0,CN1,CN2), the execution time of the kernels used to evaluate the target (CN4) and the total time of the process.

This option give a very useful insight how the **-w** and **-worksizes** parameter affects the behavior and the performance of the mining process.

Once you think to have found the best configuration for performance is better to disable this option because the mining process in 'benchmark' mode is a little slower than normal 'mining' mode.