# **SEARCHING**

## GLOBAL MEMORY: Searching

- The search we have two options: a binary search.
- A binary search takes advantage of the fact we have a sorted list of samples from the previous step.
- It works by dividing the list into two halves and asking whether the value it seeks is in the top or bottom half of the dataset.
- It then divides the list again and again until such time as it finds the value.
- The worst case sort time for a binary search is log2(N).



```
#include <iostream>
#include <cstdio>

// Kernel function for binary search
__global___ void binarySearchKernel(int *arr, int target, int left, int right, int *result) {
   int tid = blockIdx.x * blockDim.x + threadIdx.x;
```



```
while (left <= right) {
    int mid = left + (right - left) / 2;
    if (arr[mid] == target) {
       atomicExch(result, mid); // Store the result in a thread-safe manner
       return;
    } else if (arr[mid] < target) {
       left = mid + 1;
    } else {
       right = mid - 1;
```



```
int main() {
  const int arraySize = 1024;
  const int target = 42;
  int *hostArray, *deviceArray, *deviceResult;
  // Allocate memory on host and device
  hostArray = new int[arraySize];
  cudaMalloc(&deviceArray, arraySize * sizeof(int));
  cudaMalloc(&deviceResult, sizeof(int));
```



```
Parallel Searching
  // Initialize the sorted array on the host
  for (int i = 0; i < arraySize; ++i) {
    hostArray[i] = i * 2;
// Copy data from host to device
  cudaMemcpy(deviceArray, hostArray, arraySize * sizeof(int),
cudaMemcpyHostToDevice);
  // Set up grid and block dimensions
  int threadsPerBlock = 256;
  int blocksPerGrid = (arraySize + threadsPerBlock - 1) /
threadsPerBlock;
```



```
// Launch kernel
  binarySearchKernel<<<br/>blocksPerGrid, threadsPerBlock>>>(deviceArray, target, 0,
arraySize - 1, deviceResult);
// Copy result from device to host
  int result;
  cudaMemcpy(&result, deviceResult, sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost);
if (result != -1) {
    std::cout << "Element " << target << " found at index " << result <<
std::endl;
  } else {
    std::cout << "Element " << target << " not found in the array." <<
std::endl;
```



```
// Clean up
delete[] hostArray;
cudaFree(deviceArray);
cudaFree(deviceResult);
return 0;
```

